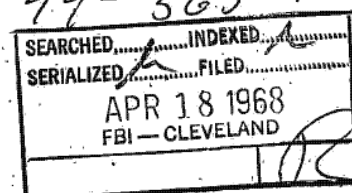


Complaint Form
FD-71 (Rev. 7-21-67)

NOTE: Hand print names legibly; handwriting satisfactory for remainder.

Indices: ☐ Negative ☐ See below

Subject's name and aliases <i>MURKIN.</i>				Character of case <i>44-565</i>		
				Complainant <i>Marcella Page</i>		
				Complaint received ☐ Personal ☒ Telephonic Date <i>4-18-68</i> Time <i>1:00 PM</i>		
Address of subject				Complainant's address and telephone number <i>13419 4th Ave, East CV. (951-7775)</i>		
Subject's Description	Race	Sex ☐ Male ☐ Female	Height	Hair	Build	Birth date and Birthplace
	Age		Weight	Eyes	Complexion	
	Scars, marks or other data					
Facts of complaint <i>Compl. stated she believes that suby. GALT has been seen by her on the re-runs of KING's last speech which was in Memphis. She could not state in what part of speech, as TV camera roamed crowd.</i>						
<i>Harold B. Latukho</i>						
Action Recommended (Agent)						



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PLAIN TEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN.

ILLINOIS BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY, LONG DISTANCE OPERATOR, ADVISED THAT ON APRIL FIFTEEN LAST, HAD OVERHEARD CONVERSATION OF A WHITE MALE TALKING TO PERSON IN MEMPHIS ASKING FOR PERSON NAMED BILL. CALLER STATED WAS BILL'S DRIVER, WOULD NOT LEAVE NAME, INSTRUCTED OTHER PARTY TO ADVISE BILL THAT HE WOULD BE IN TOLEDO, OHIO, AND FOR BILL NOT TO DIVULGE HIS LOCATION SHOULD HE BE CONTACTED BY ANYONE LOOKING FOR HIM. MEMPHIS TELEPHONE NUMBER CALLED WAS SIX EIGHT THREE - ZERO EIGHT FOUR ZERO. NO CHICAGO NUMBER OBTAINED. MEMPHIS PROTECT IBT IDENTITY. OBTAIN IDENTITY OF SUBSCRIBER TO ABOVE NUMBER, INTERVIEW BILL RE CALLER'S IDENTITY AND SET OUT APPROPRIATE LEADS FOR INTERVIEW. AND IDENTIFICATION.
AM COPY TO CLEVELAND.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CLEVELAND

DATE: 4-18-68

FROM : HAROLD A. LATUKKA

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 8:15AM this date, ISAAC CHAPPELL, employed Department of Community Development, 1101 Lakeside Ave., CV, (694-2042), telephonically advised he had seen subject GALT on East 9th St. ramp, as both were coming off of the East Shoreway.

CHAPPELL stated subject driving a new green Torino, was wearing dark lens' in glasses and had been driving wildly on shoreway.

This occurred 4-17-68, at about 7:55AM.

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TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

MURKIN.

CONTACTS SHOULD BE MAINTAINED WITH ALL MASS COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA IN YOUR TERRITORIES TO INSURE THAT THERE IS FREQUENT REFERENCE TO PHOTOGRAPH OF GALT AND HIS CONNECTION WITH THIS CASE. IF NOT ALREADY DONE, PHOTOGRAPHS SHOULD BE SHOWN OR DISTRIBUTED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AND OTHER APPROPRIATE AGENCIES IN YOUR AREAS TO INSURE THE BROADEST POSSIBLE PUBLICATION OF SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAPH AND BACKGROUND.

OFFICES COVERING POINTS OF ENTRY OR EXIT FROM COUNTRY INSURE THAT SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAPH AND BACKGROUND HAVE BEEN WIDELY DISTRIBUTED AND/OR APPROPRIATELY DISPLAYED AND THAT STOPS ARE BEING MAINTAINED.

OFFICES COVERING DEPARTURE OR ARRIVAL OF OVERSEAS FLIGHTS SHOULD ALSO RENEW STOPS AND DISPLAY PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECT APPROPRIATELY. SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Date: 4-17-68

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To: SAC, Cleveland (44-565)
From: Director, FBI (44-38861)
MURKIN

ReCVtel 4-16-68.

Unidentified latent prints this case are not identical with fingerprints of one JOHN W. WILLARD, born [redacted] Wister, Oklahoma, Army serial [redacted].

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This person may or may not be the John W. Willard named urtel. No palm prints here for this individual.

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TO: Director, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, Cleveland (44-565)
MURKIN

ReButel to Cleveland, 4/18/68.

Re: JOHN WARNER WILLARD, Jr.
POSSIBLE SUSPECT

JOHN WARNER WILLARD, Jr., was previously investigated with regard to captioned matter as a result of information furnished this office that an individual named JOHN WILLARD lived in the Lorain, Ohio, area.

On 4/9/68, SA ROBERT H. WILSON ascertained that JOHN W. WILLARD, Jr., was employed at Concrete Masonry Corp., Elyria, Ohio, and resided in Vermilion, Ohio.

On 4/9/68, Mrs. ARLENE SYKORA, Payroll Records, Concrete Masonry Corp., Elyria, advised that JOHN W. WILLARD, Jr., had been employed as a laborer by that company since 2/13/68. She stated records indicate he was born [redacted] with no city listed. Mrs. SYKORA reviewed time records and ascertained WILLARD worked 6:30 AM to 3:30 PM, 3/29/68, and worked the same time every day during the week of 4/1-5/68, and was not absent from work.

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In view of the above, no further investigation is being conducted with regard to JOHN W. WILLARD, Jr.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565)

FROM : SA JOHN DAVIS ROBERSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4-19-68

The following individuals were contacted in connection with today's press release in above captioned matter:

3:40 p.m.

WERE

Mr. H. CAMPBELL

SA FRANK A. SASS

3:35 p.m.

WKYC - News Room

MARK GOODWIN

" "

3:34 p.m.

WHK - News Room

Mr. JIM TAYLOR

" "

WJW

MARTY ROSS

SA JOHN DAVIS ROBERSON

WGAR

CHARLES DAY

" " "

WJMO - 4:00 p.m.

JOHN SLADE

" " "

WDOK - WIXY

BOB MONTGOMERY

" " "

3:42 p.m., BILL KEYZIAK
Akron "Beacon Journal"

SA JAMES F. KELLY

3:55 p.m.

PAUL MILLER

" "

"Plain Dealer" - City Desk

SA MARTIN P. MC CANN, JR.

"Press" - AL THOMPSON

" "

JDR:ral

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Youngstown, O.
April 15 - 1968.

Mr J. Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: Please do not think me a crank. But in looking at the large picture - who is peeking from the drape.

I am also enclosing sketch (from our local paper) that very much resembles a man that was on TV in a showing of The American Alcoholic over WFMJ - 21 between 10:00 PM & 11 P.M. It was made at an Alcoholic Clinic in Atlanta, Gorgia. It showed this man in jail - also before the judge (being released) also showed him crossing street and entering a bar with another man (looked like other one had blond hair - about 1/2 head shorter than the man I am mentioning. Also showed them coming out of bar & drinking from bottle. When Judge called his name he mentioned the name Rudolph 3 or 4 times. I could not quite get the last name - sounded like Helon or Hallon. Judge was quite plump. Do not know who he was either. Man is classified as an alcoholic. I could be very wrong but I could not help noticing the resemblance to description of dress, heighth etc. that has been in our paper.

Please do not mention this letter to anyone as we are already living in fear all over America of the violence going on.

Yours Truly

Miss Sylvia Irving
4055 South Ave
Youngstown, O 44512

P.S. I did investigation work years ago. That is what makes me very observing. This man seems to be a Flop house patron.

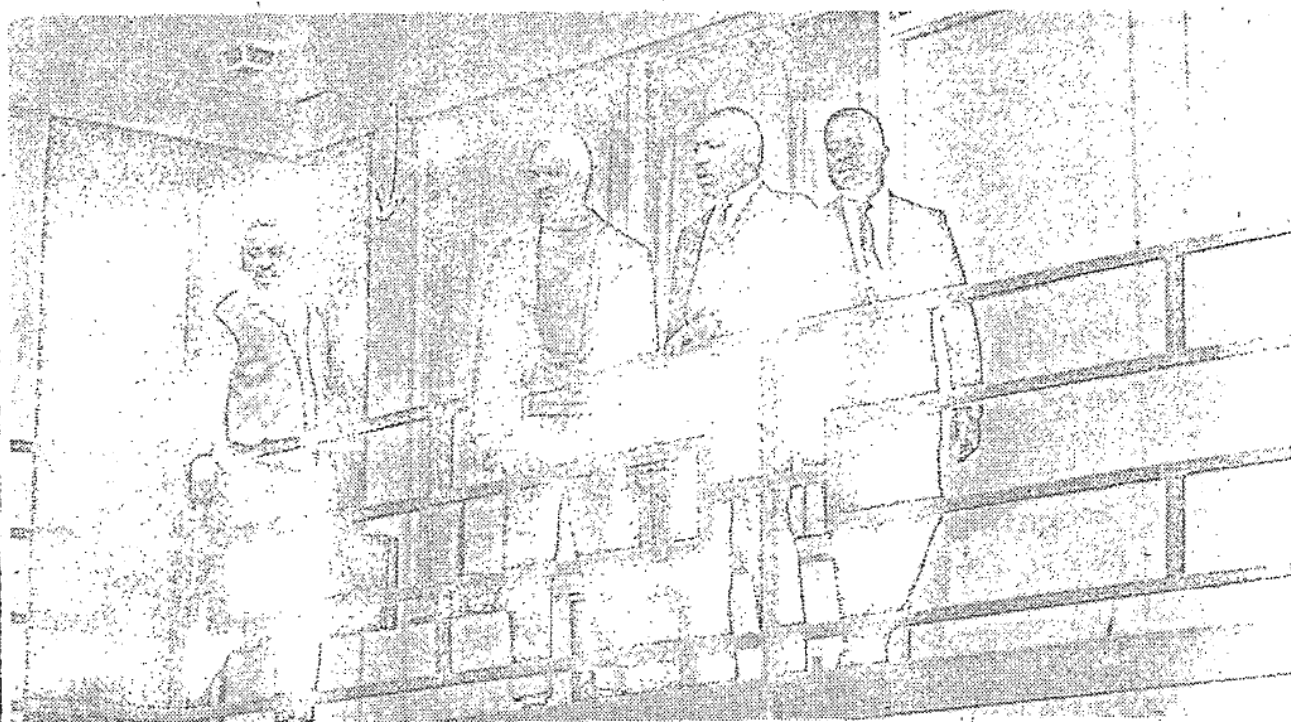
Will you let me know if you receive this.

Thank you.

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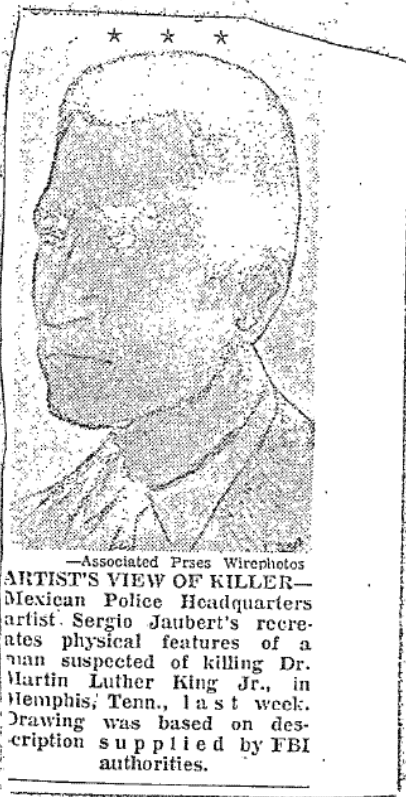
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KING ON THE BALCONY WHERE HE WAS SHOT—Rev. Martin Luther King stands on the balcony of the Memphis motel at approximately the spot where he was shot by an assassin Thursday night. This picture was made Wednesday, shortly after King arrived in Memphis. Standing next to King, tieless, is Jesse Jackson, an associate, to whom King was talking the instant he was shot Thursday. At right is Rev. Ralph Abernathy. Man at left is not identified.





—Associated Press Wirephotos
ARTIST'S VIEW OF KILLER—
Mexican Police Headquarters
artist Sergio Jaubert's recre-
ates physical features of a
man suspected of killing Dr.
Martin Luther King Jr., in
Memphis, Tenn., last week.
Drawing was based on des-
cription supplied by FBI
authorities.

April 18, 1968

Miss Sylvia Irving
4055 South Avenue
Youngstown, Ohio 44512

Dear Miss Irving:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated
April 15, 1968, with enclosures.

Thank you for your interest in bringing this matter
to my attention.

Sincerely yours,

L. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

- 2 - SAC, Atlanta - Enclosures (6)
- ② - SAC, Cleveland - Enclosures (6)
- 1 - SAC, Memphis - Enclosures (3) - For Information

NOTE TO SACS: Cleveland, at Youngstown, Ohio, will determine
specific television program correspondent refers to and, if feasible,
the identity of the Alcoholic Clinic in Atlanta, Georgia, so that
Atlanta may attempt to identify Rudolph Eelon or Rudolph Hallon.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565)

DATE: 4/17/68

FROM : SA HOMER K MILLER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

(Re check of Dancing Schools)

At. Celina, Ohio

On 4/17/68 MRS. CLETUS SIEGRIST, Carousel Club, U.S. Route 127 South, advised that the names ERIE STARVO GALT, JEROME WALLIS VERNON, JOHN WILLARD and HARVEY LOWMEYER meant absolutely nothing to her. She checked the records of all persons who had taken dancing lessons such lessons sponsored by the Club with negative results. In addition she stated that the persons who had taken lessons were local area citizens and she knew just about all of them.

At New Bremen, Ohio

On 4/17/68 MRS. TED WAGNER, 416 E Front St, advised she gave dancing lessons in numerous surrounding communities and ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ she maintained a alphabetical file index of all her students. She stated a check of this file reflected no record in any of the above names. In addition she stated that she had couples only and knew practically all of the persons whom she had given lessons. She stated only couples attended and all were from the surrounding area.

At St, Marys, Ohio

On 4/17/68 MR and MRS. WILLIAM JAMES, 710 S Wayne St, advised they had sponsored dancing lessons for couple on behalf of the American Legion. They stated she knew all of the people who had taken lessons and none of the above names were familiar to them. In addition they knew of no one resembling Galt. They also stated that only couples attended and all were from the area.



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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-565) P
Attention - SA MARTIN P. MC CANN, JR.

DATE: 4/17/68

FROM : SA LARRY HUGH PAUL

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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RE: DONALD LEROY WILLARD - SUSPECT

Re St. Louis teletype to Director and Cleveland, 4/13/68.

On 4/16/68 the following investigation was conducted at Toledo, Ohio, concerning suspect WILLARD:

Officer JERRY KLEWER, Identification Bureau Toledo P.D., advised his records reflect one DONALD LEROY WILLARD, dob [redacted] address - PII 4639 Holland-Sylvania Rd., Toledo, cited 7/1/67 for "one-way street" violation. No disposition shown.

Mrs. KATHRYN PRATT, Credit Bureau of Toledo, made available for review by SA PAUL the credit file concerning one DONALD LEROY WILLARD, wife MARCIA. On record since 7/59, WILLARD's last known residence is carried as 3641 Holland-Sylvania Rd., Toledo (1965). His employment at that time was listed at R. E. STICKELS Plumbing, 5936 Jackman, Toledo. Credit satisfactory.

A review of the current Toledo telephone directory disclosed a listing of a DONALD L. WILLARD, 3649 Holland-Sylvania Rd., telephone 841-3608. The current City Directory reflects no DONALD L. (or DONALD LEON) WILLARD. This latter directory does, however, list one WALTER WILLARD, wife HELEN, at 553 Everett, Toledo, possibly the parents of suspect WILLARD.

A spot check of the residence at 3649 ^{an individual} Holland-Sylvania Rd., by SAs PAUL and JOSEPH W. WEBER revealed a matching the description of suspect WILLARD (as provided in retel) mowing the lawn. This person was not approached by the agents.

Mrs. ROBERT E. STICKELS, 5936 Jackman, advised SAs PAUL and WEBER that she maintains the records in connection with her husband's plumbing business and further advised that one DONALD LEROY WILLARD is presently employed as a plumber by her husband and has been since 1965. WILLARD, she noted, resides at 3649 Holland-Sylvania Rd., Toledo, and has been on

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the job every day, 6 days per week, since he began working, with the exception of this date and yesterday (4/15 & 4/16/68), as he had told Mr. STICKEL he was ill with a bad tooth.

In view of the above no additional investigation is considered necessary concerning suspect WILLARD.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565) (P)

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : SA JOSEPH P. DALY, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

LT. JAMES MC BRIDE, Youngstown, Ohio Police Department advised this date he had received a telephone call from a friend of his who might have some information regarding the instant matter. He furnished the name and address of this individual who was interviewed as follows.

JAMES QUINN DAILEY, Owner, Emerald Bar, 2719 Market Street, Youngstown, Ohio advised this date the following: On Friday morning, 4/5/68, at about 10:45 AM, shortly after opening his bar, three white males and one white female came into his place of business. Mr. Joseph REAGAN, a regular before noon patron, was sitting at the bar at this time. One of the males and the female went directly to the rest rooms. The other two men sat at one of the tables. The television set was turned on and the news was mostly concerned with the MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. murder. Almost immediately, one of the men started complaining about the news coverage on the killing.

These people were in the bar from approximately 10:45 AM to 11:30 AM. They appeared to be dead tired, probably from both drinking and driving. This one male continued to complain about the news coverage indicating he was not sympathetic to the victim or his race.

The four individuals are described as follows:

1. White, male, 5' 11", 185, age 30, well built, short light brown crew cut hair, appeared to be a recently discharged military man. This is the individual DAILEY believes might have been the subject of this file.
2. White, male, tall, thin, long black wavy hair, appeared to be married or going with the female.
3. White, male, average size.
4. White, female, 5'6", 140, small chest, large hips, black shoulder length uncombed hair, wearing light colored, large print dress.

All of the above individuals were about 30 years of age, all dressed inexpensively, appeared to be long time friends, all looked seedy and messy, and talked with a farmer/hillbilly accent. One of the above asked for directions to Fort Wayne, Indiana. These individuals left the bar area by automobile, model and license are not known. A Plain Dealer photograph of subject GALT (4/18/68 issue) was shown to DAILEY who indicated there was a resemblance between the two individuals.

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this matter does
not appear to be fully
resolved - consider
neighborhood area of bar
other customers + if not
possible have Ft. Wayne
authorities alerted.
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*Assign
lead
to - J. Daly*

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9:28 PM URGENT 4-19-68 DHV

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, CLEVELAND, INDIANAPOLIS, LOS ANGELES, NEW
YORK, NEWARK, AND ST. LOUIS.
FROM CINCINNATI (157-1893)

MURKIN CR. OO: ME

RE CINCINNATI TELEPHONE CALL TO ST. LOUIS, APRIL NINETEEN INSTANT.

GARY S. GOODMAN, THIRTY-FIVE, BIRKENDENE ROAD, CALDWELL, NEW
JERSEY, TELEPHONE TWO TWO SIX - EIGHT FIVE THREE NINE, AND RONALD
WEISZ, THREE ZERO ONE EAST MAIN STREET, SMITHOWN, LONG ISLAND NEW
YORK, PHONE A N FIVE - THREE SEVEN FIVE EIGHT, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED
CINCINNATI FBI OFFICE THEY HAD ENCOUNTERED UNKNOWN MALE, PORT COLUMBUS
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, COLUMBUS, OHIO, WHO RESEMBLED NEWSPAPER
PHOTOGRAPH OF ERIC STARVO GALT, EARL MORNING INSTANT DATE. THEY
TO UNKNOWN MALE, PORT COLUMBUS, APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR. UNKNOWN MALE
PURCHASED BROWN SHIRT FROM THEM, AND GOODMAN HAS WHITE SHIRT FORMERLY
WORN BY UNKNOWN MALE IN HIS POSSESSION. THAT SHIRT IS MANHATTEN,
SIZE FIFTEEN AND ONE-HALF, WITH NAME N. FRANCIS KUH AND H. GRAY
INSIDE COLLAR BAND. UNKNOWN MALE HAD BEEN DRINKING, AND WANTED TO
LEAVE COLUMBUS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR LOS ANGELES. UNKNOWN MALE IN
POSSESSION LARGE AMOUNT OF PAPER MONEY AND ROLLS OF COINS. GOODMAN
AND WEISZ DEPARTED PORT COLUMBUS FOR RETURN TO THEIR HOMES PRIOR
TO INTERVIEW BY BUAGENTS.
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PASSENGER AGENT, EASTERN AIRLINES, PORT COLUMBUS, ADVISED SAME UNKNOWN MALE INQUIRED REGARDING FLIGHTS TO LOS ANGELES ABOUT FOUR AM TODAY, AND SEEMED IN A HURRY TO LEAVE COLUMBUS, AREA. PASSENGER AGENT DESCRIBED UNKNOWN MALE AS WHITE, TWENTY-EIGHT TO THIRTY YEARS, FIVE FEET EIGHT, ONE FIFTY POUNDS, UNRULY BROWNISH - BLOND HAIR, SMALL THIN MUSTACHE, AND DRESSED IN A GRAY SPORT COAT, NO HAT, TOPCOAT AND LUGGAGE. UNKNOWN MALE HAD BEEN DRINKING BUT HAD NO NOTICEABLE ACCENT OR SCARS. UNKNOWN MALE INDICATED NO FAMILIAR WITH COLUMBUS AREA.

INVESTIGATION, COLUMBUS, REVEALED UNKNOWN MALE LEFT PORT COLUMBUS FOUR ZERO FIVE AM TODAY AND TRAVELED BY TAXI CAB TO GREYHOUND BUS STATION, COLUMBUS, TAXI CAB DRIVER DESCRIBED HIM AS WHITE, MALE, ABOUT THIRTY YEARS, FIVE FEET EIGHT, ONE SIXTY POUNDS, LIGHT HAIR COMBED BACK, MEDIUM BUILDS, SMALL MUSTACHE, AND NEEDING SHAVE.

UNKNOWN MALE DESCRIBED BY TAXI DRIVER DRESSED IN GRAY TO BARK SUIT, DIRTY AND UNPRESSED, WITH BROWN SHIRT HAVING SQUARE CHECKS. THAT MALE HAD NO HAT, TOPCOAT, OR LUGGAGE, UNKNOWN MALE SAID HE HAD COME TO COLUMBUS EVENING OF APRIL EIGHTEEN, LAST AND HAD TO CATCH THE FOUR THIRTY AM BUS FOR LOS ANGELES. UNKNOWN MALE HAD ROLLS OF COINS, AND PAID TAXI CAB FARE WITH FIVE DOLLAR ROLL OF DICES.

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TAXI CAB DRIVER FELT UNKNOWN MALE RESEMBLED PHOTOGRAPH OF GALT.

TAXI DRIVER HAD DETERMINED UNKNOWN MALE BOARDED GREYHOUND BUS
NUMBER FOUR FOUR SEVEN TWO, DEPARTING COLUMBUS FOUR THIRTY AM TODAY.

INVESTIGATION, GREYHOUND, COLUMBUS, OHIO DETERMINED WHITE MALE,
PURCHASED ONE WAY TICKET TO LOS ANGELES, TICKET NUMBER SIX THREE THREE
SEVEN SIX FIVE, APPROXIMATELY FOUR THIRTY AM TODAY. TICKET AGENT
HAD NO RECOLLECTION THAT MALE RESEMBLED PHOTOGRAPH OF GALT BUT RECALLED
TICKET PURCHASED BY CASH.

GREYHOUND GUS TRIP NUMBER FIVE THREE FIVE DEPARTED COLUMBUS FOUR
THIRTY AM TODAY DRIVER WAS PAUL FISHER WHO TERMINATED INDIANAPOLIS, AND
CAN BE LOCATED THROUGH GREYHOUND, INDIANAPOLIS. IDENTITY OF DRIVER
OF BUS INDIANAPOLIS TO ST. LOUIS NOT KNOWN, BUT AVAILABLE INDIANAPOLIS.

GREYHOUND BUS NUMBER FOUR FOUR SEVEN TWO SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, TWO TWENTY PM LOCAL TIME TODAY, SCHEDULED TO
ARRIVE LOS ANGELES NINE AM, PCT, APRIL TWENTY, NEXT.

NEWARK INTERVIEW GARY S. GOODMAN FOR FULL DETAILS AND OBTAIN
SHIRT WHICH UNKNOWN MALE HAD WORN.

NEW YORK INTERVIEW RONALD WEISZ IN DETAIL.

INDIANAPOLIS LOCATE AND INTERVIEW PAUL FISHER, DRIVER, GREYHOUND
BUS, AND EXHIBIT PHOTOGRAPHS OF GALT.

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ST. LOUIS IS ALERTED TO CHECK UNKNOWN MALE UPON ARRIVAL BY
GREYHOUND BUS THAT CITY.

CLEVELAND BE ALERTED FOR POSSIBILITY UNKNOWN MALE INVOLVED IN
BANK ROBBERY OR OTHER CRIME, CLEVELAND TERRITORY.

LOS ANGELES AND MEMPHIS ADVISED FOR INFORMATION.

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GDS

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955PM IMMEDIATE 4-19-68 LLD

TO ALL SACSEXCEPT KANSAS CITY, ANCHORAGE, HONOLULU AND SAN JUAN

MESSAGE RELAY PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR 5P

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

JAMES EARL RAY, AKA. EARL JAMES RAY, W. C. HERRON, EARL JAMES,
JAMES MC BRIDE, JAMES O'CONNER, JAMES WALTON, JAMES WALYON, JIM
- FUGITIVE; UFAC - ROBBERY FIRST, BUFILE 88-41730. OO: KANSAS
CITY, KC FILE 88-9449; DETERMINED TODAY BY BUREAU TO BE IDENTICAL
WITH ERIC STARVO GALT, AGAINST WHOM FEDERAL COMPLAINT FILED APRIL
SEVENTEEN LAST IN CONNECTION WITH FATAL SHOOTING OF DR. MARTIN
LUTHER KING, JR.

JAMES EARL RAY, INMATE, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, JEFFERSON
CITY, MO., ESCAPED PEN APRIL TWO THREE, SIXTY-SEVEN. INVESTIGATION
INDICATED RAY CONCEALED HIMSELF IN A BREAD BOX AND ESCAPED FROM
TRUCK MAKING DELIVERY TO AN AUXILIARY FARM. RAY WAS SERVING TWENTY
YEARS ON CHARGE OF ARMED ROBBERY - FIRST DEGREE AND FOR OPERATING A
VEHICLE WITHOUT OWNER'S CONSENT. ON JULY TWENTY, SIXTY-SEVEN,
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FEDERAL COMPLAINT AUTHORIZED BY AUSA WILLIAM A. KITCHEN, WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI, KANSAS CITY, MO., FILED BEFORE USC, JEFFERSON CITY, MO., CHARGING RAY WITH VIOLATION TITLE EIGHTEEN, SECTION ONE ZERO SEVEN THREE, USC. WARRANT ISSUED.

INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN CONDUCTED BY CHICAGO, SPRINGFIELD, ST. LOUIS, AND KANSAS CITY OFFICES IN UNPRODUCTIVE EFFORT TO LOCATE THIS FUGITIVE. KANSAS CITY IS INSTITUTING A FULL AND COMPLETE REINVESTIGATION IN AN EFFORT TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND DATA, RELATIVES, AND ASSOCIATES OF SUBJECT, WHO MIGHT BE IN A POSITION TO ASSIST IN HIS LOCATION.

IN THIS CONNECTION, JAMES EARL RAY AND ~~WALTER TERRY RIFE~~ ON MARCH SEVEN, FIFTY-FIVE, BURGLARIZED THE U. S. POST OFFICE AT KELLERVILLE, ILL., AND STOLE SIXTY-SIX BLANK U. S. POSTAL MONEY ORDERS WHICH THEY PASSED DURING MARCH, FIFTY-FIVE, IN NUMEROUS STATES, WITH THE RESAULT THAT BOTH WERE SENTENCED IN U.S.D.C., KANSAS CITY, MO., ON JULY ONE, FIFTY-FIVE, TO USP, LEAVENWORTH, END PAGE TWO

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KANSAS. SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS A LONER AND RIFE APPARENTLY IS ONE OF HIS FEW CLOSE ASSOCIATES, SUGGESTING POSSIBILITY THEY COULD HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATES IN MURDER OF DR. KING, AND INVESTIGATION ALSO INSTITUTED IN KANSAS CITY AIRTEL TO SPRINGFIELD MARCH ELEVEN LAST TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND INFO RE RIFE AND TO LOCATE HIM FOR INTERVIEW. THIS INVESTIGATION SHOULD ALSO BE RECOVERED AND EXPEDITED TODAY, IT BEING NOTED RIFE AND RAY HAVE BACKGROUND HISTORY IN THE QUINCY, ILL., AREA.

PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND WALTER TERRY RIFE ARE BEING FORWARDED AMSD TO BUREAU AND ALL OFFICES.

FOLLOWING IS DESCRIPTION OF JAMES EARL RAY AS FURNISHED BY FBI IDENTIFICATION DIVISION UNDER FBI NO. THREE ZERO SIX FOUR FOUR THREE A: WHITE MALE, DOB AT P11
DECATUR, QUINCY OR ALTON, ILL.; APPROXIMATELY FIVE FEET TEN; ONE SEVEN FOUR LBS., IN SEPTEMBER SIXTY-SIX; RUDDY COMPLEXION; BLUE EYES; BROWN HAIR; MEDIUM BUILD; OCCUPATIONS LABORER AND BAKER; SCARS AND MARKS--SMALL SCAR ON CENTER OF FOREHEAD AND SCAR IN PALM OF RIGHT HAND. ADDRESSES--ST. LOUIS, MO., MARCH SIXTY, TWO ZERO ONE FIVE PARK, ST. LOUIS, MO., OCTOBER FIFTY-NINE; QUINCY, ILL., JULY FIFTY-FIVE, MARCH FIFTY-FIVE, AND APRIL FIFTY; HOTEL QUINCY, QUINCY,
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ILL., MARCH FIFTY-FIVE; VICTOR HOTEL, QUINCY, ILL., MARCH FIFTY-FIVE;
EIGHT FIVE THREE WEST FULLERTON, CHICAGO, ILL., MAY FIFTY-TWO; EIGHT
ZERO FIVE ALBY STREET, ALTON, ILL., JULY FIFTY-ONE. FPC--SIXTEEN,
M OVER M, NINE OVER FOUR, U OVER W, OOO OVER IOI, TWELVE, REF NINE
OVER TWELVE. NCIC FPC--ONE SIX ONE THREE ONE ONE ZERO ZERO ONE TWO
ONE TWO I I ONE TWO I I ONE SEVEN. MILITARY RECORD--JAMES EARL RAY,
SN ONE SIX ONE SIX THREE ONE TWO NINE, ENLISTED U. S. ARMY FEBRUARY
FORTY-SIX, AT EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL., AND SERVED ON ACTIVE DUTY UNTIL
DECEMBER TWENTY-THREE, FORTY-EIGHT, AT WHICH TIME GIVEN GENERAL
DISCHARGE AS PRIVATE FIRST CLASS AT CAMP KILMER, N. J., BY REASON
OF INEPTNESS AND LACK OF ADAPTABILITY FOR MILITARY SERVICE. RECORDS
ALSO INDICATE HE RECEIVED TREATMENT FOR GONORRHEA AND SYPHILIS WHILE
A MEMBER OF THE MILITARY.

FOLLOWING IS A DESCRIPTION OF WALTER TERRY RIFE, FBI NO.
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FOUR FIVE FIVE EIGHT SEVEN SIX SIX, AS OBTAINED FROM FILES OF USP,
LEAVENWORTH: WHITE MALE, AGE FORTY-FOUR, DOB [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] FIVE FEET NINE AND ONE HALF, ONE SIX ONE LBS., BROWN
HAIR, EYES BLUE GRAY.

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KANSAS CITY IS SETTING OUT ALL PERTINENT LEADS TODAY BY
TELETYPE AND TELEPHONE FOLLOWED UP BY TELETYPE CONFIRMATION.
ALL LEADS MUST BE COVERED WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS WITH BUREAU,
KANSAS CITY, AND MEMPHIS BEING KEPT ADVISED BY APPROPRIATE
COMMUNICATION OF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

SUGGEST BUREAU MAKE IMMEDIATE COMPARISON OF ANY LATENT
FINGERPRINTS DEVELOPED DURING KING INVESTIGATION WITH THOSE
OF WALTER TERRY RIFE TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL.

AIR MAIL COPIES SENT ANCHORAGE, HONOLULU AND SAN JUAN.

LEGAT MEXICO CITY AND OTTAWA ADVISED.

SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF ROBBERY WITH DEADLY
WEAPON, HAS BEEN CONFINED IN STATE HOSPITAL, FULTON, MO., IN
SIXTY-SIX, AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Complaint Form
FD-71 (Rev. 7-21-67)

NOTE: Hand print names legibly; handwriting satisfactory for remainder.

Indices: ☐ Negative ☐ See below

Subject's name and aliases

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Character of case

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Complainant

MARGARET GRAIR

Complaint received

☐ Personal

☒ Telephonic

Date

4-19-68 12:10 PM

Time

Address of subject

Complainant's address and telephone number

MILLER DRUG STORE, 13112 SHAKER BLVD, CV (SK 1-1881)

Subject's Description

Race

W

Sex

☒ Male

☐ Female

Height

Hair

Build

Birth date and Birthplace

Age

Weight

Eyes

Complexion

Scars, marks or other data

Nervous.

Facts of complaint

Compl. stated GALT (or person resembling) has started to patronize above drug store. Compl. is employed there.

Compl. stated this male started to come into the store last week, the first time spending 3 hrs. in store, and came in for 3-4 days in a row.

Male stated he was from Calif. and was visiting his sister in CV, but she was now in NY and left him her apartment key.

Compl. states other employees also think he resembles GALT, but are afraid to talk.

Male has not been in store today or yesterday.

Action Recommended

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Re Cleveland teletype April 18.

Latent fingerprints this case not identical finger-
prints John Warner Willard, Jr., FBI #887351E. No palm
prints for Willard in Bufiles.



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TO DIRECTOR, FBI, WFO, PITTSBURGH, AND MEMPHIS
FROM CLEVELAND (44-565) 4P

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MR. STANFORD KOBLENTZ, MANAGER, AKERS FOLKMAN TRAVEL
AGENCY, ONE NINE ZERO THREE EAST NINTH STREET, CLEVELAND,
OHIO, PHONE MA ONE - NINE THREE TWO THREE, AND MISS LINDA
WANTZ, ONE THREE THREE ZERO WEST BOULEVARD, APARTMENT
FIVE ZERO THREE - C, CLERK, TRAVEL AGENCY, STATED A MAN, WHO
APPEARED TO BE IDENTICAL WITH JAMES EARL RAY, WAS IN THEIR
OFFICE APRIL EIGHTEENTH, LAST, AT NINE:FORTY FIVE A.M.
USING THE NAME CHARLES MOATS. THEY STATED PHOTOGRAPHS IN
NEWSPAPER AND PHOTOGRAPHS EXHIBITED TO THEM BY AGENTS OF RAY
APPEARED TO BE IDENTICAL WITH THE INDIVIDUAL USING THE NAME
CHARLES MOATS. THEY STATED MOATS STATED HE WANTED TO GO TO
CLARKSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA, IN A HURRY, AND DID NOT CARE HOW
MANY STOPS THE PLANE MADE EN ROUTE.

MOATS WAS GIVEN A TICKET FOR NORTHWEST FLIGHT NUMBER
THREE TWO SIX, WHICH FLIES NON-STOP TO NATIONAL AIRPORT,
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WASHINGTON, D.C., LEAVING AT ELEVEN:TEN A.M. ON APRIL EIGHTEENTH, SIXTYEIGHT, AND WAS GIVEN A TICKET FOR TRANSFER OUT OF WASHINGTON ON LAKE CENTRAL AIRLINES FLIGHT NUMBER FIVE THREE FOUR FROM D.C. NATIONAL AIRPORT AT ONE:FIFTY-FIVE P.M., ARRIVING CLARKSBURG THREE:TWELVE P.M.

WANTZ STATED MOATS INDICATED HE ARRIVED IN CLEVELAND, OHIO, VIA BUS ON THAT AM. AND HIS LUGGAGE WAS AT SOME UNKNOWN TERMINAL. WANTZ AND KOBLENTZ DESCRIBED MOATS AS FOLLOWS:

HEIGHT:	FIVE FEET, ELEVEN INCHES
WEIGHT:	ONE SIXTY-FIVE TO ONE SEVENTY POUNDS
HAIR:	DARK BROWN
BUILD:	MEDIUM
AGE:	MID-THIRTIES
CHARACTERISTICS:	CLEAN SHAVEN
SCARS:	ONE-HALF INCH SCAR IN MIDDLE OF FOREHEAD CURVED TOWARDS LEFT EYE STOPPING APPROXIMATELY ONE INCH ABOVE EYE

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THEY STATED HE WAS ATTIRED IN A DARK TWEED SPORTS JACKET WITH SPORT SHIRT OPEN AT NECK, AND NOT HAT. THEY STATED SPORTS JACKET LOOKED LIKE HE MAY HAVE SLEPT IN IT AND WAS IN NEED OF CLEANING AND PRESSING. THEY STATED HE TALKED WITH A HILLBILLY ACCENT, BUT USED GOOD ENGLISH. BOTH STATED SUBJECT APPEARED TO BE EXTREMELY NERVOUS.

CHECK WITH NORTHWEST AIRLINES SERVICE SUPERVISOR, MISS SHIRLEY ERRIES, CLEVELAND, OHIO, REFLECTS RESERVATION MADE BY CHARLES MOATS FOR FLIGHT NUMBER THREE TWO SIX EN ROUTE NATIONAL AIRPORT, WASHINGTON, D.C., NON-STOP.

WFO, AT NATIONAL AIRPORT, WILL ASCERTAIN IF MOATS CONTINUED TO CLARKSBURG AND WILL ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL WITH RAY BY CONTACTING LAKE CENTRAL AIRLINES.

PITTSBURGH, AT CLARKSBURG, WILL CONTINUE INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY AND LOCATE CHARLES MOATS TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL WITH RAY.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING AT CLEVELAND.

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TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, CLEVELAND, INDIANAPOLIS, LOS
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FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

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RE CINCINNATI TEL TO DIRECTOR, APR. NINETEEN LAST, AND
ST. LOUIS TELEPHONE CALLS TO INDIANAPOLIS AND LOS ANGELES
APR. NINETEEN LAST.

SAS DISPATCHED APR. NINETEEN LAST, GREYHOUND BUS DEPOT,
ST. LOUIS, MO., FOR CHECK OF PASSENGERS ABOARD BUS FOUR FOUR
SEVEN TWO, ARRIVING FROM COLUMBUS, OHIO, TWO TWENTY P.M. NO
PERSON IDENTIFIABLE AS INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED RE TEL OBSERVED
DEPARTING BUS. EMPTY BUS SEARCHED FOR PERONS REMAINING ON
VEHICLE, WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. BUS TERMINAL CHECKED BEFORE
AND AFTER DEPARTURE OF VEHICLE FOR LOS ANGELES WITHOUT SUCCESS.
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ONLY MALE PERSON ON BUS REMOTELY SUGGESTING SUBJECT'S
APPEARANCE IDENTIFIED AS CHARLES WARREN HALE, DATE OF BIRTH
[REDACTED] ANSON, TEXAS, EN ROUTE FROM
HOLYOKE, MASS., TO A VETERANS HOSPITAL NEAR ABILENE, TEXAS.
HALE DEFINITELY NOT IDENTICAL TO SUBJECT.

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DRIVER WAYNE LESTER WILLIAMS, GREYHOUND BUS LINES, EIGHT
ZERO ONE N. BROADWAY, RESIDENCE FOUR FIVE ZERO EIGHT NORTH-
EASTERN AVE., WANAMAKER, INDIANA, ADVISED APR. NINETEEN SIXTY
EIGHT, HE DROVE NUMBER FOUR FOUR SEVEN TWO FROM INDIANAPOLIS TO
ST. LOUIS ARRIVING TWO TWENTY P.M., APR. NINETEEN LAST. STATED
HE HAD TWELVE PASSENGERS FROM INDIANAPOLIS TO ST. LOUIS,
SEVERAL OF WHOM WERE NEGROES AND FEMALES, BUT DOES NOT KNOW
DESTINATION OF ANY PASSENGER, NOR WOULD HE HAVE CHECKED TICKETS.
WILLIAMS VIEWED PHOTO OF SUBJECT, STATED NO ONE OF DESCRIPTION
AMONG PASSENGERS. HE DID RECALL ONE INDIVIDUAL WHO SAT RIGHT
FRONT SEAT, THIRTY YEARS OF AGE, FIVE FEET, EIGHT TO NINE
INCHES, ONE FIVE ZERO LBS., INTOXICATED, AND EN ROUTE MASS. TO
TEXAS. HE COULD RECALL NO OTHER PERSON MEETING THE DESCRIPTION
IN QUESTION, AND DID NOT BELIEVE THIS PERSON WAS IDENTICAL.

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JAMES T. BOND, AKA JAMES SNYDER - W/M, DOB [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PRESENTLY IN CUYAHOGA COUNTY JAIL CLEVELAND, OHIO, ON CHARGE
CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON. ADVISED THIS DATE THAT HE KNEW SUBJECT AT
MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI FROM OCT.
NINETEEN SIXTYTWO UNTIL DECEMBER NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE.

BOND STATED THAT HE WAS INCARCERATED, K HALL, CELL ONE EIGHT
SEVEN AND RAY'S CELL WAS ONLY FOUR AWAY. HE STATED RAY WAS A "BREAD
MAN" WHOSE DUTIES CONSISTED OF SLICING BREAD FOR MEALS.

BOND STATED THAT HE WAS CONSIDERED A FRIEND OF RAY'S BUT ONLY
BECAUSE WHEN BOTH HAD FREETIME THEY WOULD TALK ABOUT VARIOUS MATTERS.

BOND STATED THAT RAY HAD NO CLOSE FRIENDS BUT DESCRIBED HIM AS
A "FRIEND" ON AMPHETAMINE POWDERS. HE STATED THAT RAY ALWAYS HAD AN
"OUTFIT" IN HIS CELL STATING THAT AN OUTFIT WAS A "NOSE DROPPER
WITH NEEDLE" TO SHOOT A SOLUTION MADE UP OF AMPHETAMINE POWDER

BOND STATED THAT RAY WOULD PURCHASE A SPOONFUL FOR FROM FIFTY
DOLLARS TO ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND THEN WOULD BREAK IT UP AND SELL
IN SMALLER PACKAGES. BOND FURTHER STATED THAT RAY WAS A MAIN LINE

SHOOTER FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS AND BECAUSE OF THIS WAS HIGHLY NERVOUS

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AND DID NOT EAT MUCH. HE STATED THAT RAY IF AT ALL SMOKED AND DRANK VERY LITTLE.

BOND STATED THAT RAY IF AMPHETAMINE POWDER WAS NOT AVAILABLE WOULD BREAK UP "BENNIES".

BOND ADVISED THAT RAY WAS STRICTLY A LONE WOLF AND NEVER DISCUSSED HIS OWN PERSONAL BACK GROUND. HE STATED THAT HE WAS AN AVID READER OF SEX BOOKS AND GIRLIE MAGAZINES AND THAT HE HAD NEVER KNOWN HIM TO ENGAGE IN ANY HOMOSEXUAL ACTS.

BOND STATED THAT AT TIMES PERHAPS ONCE OR TWICE A MONTH WOULD GET MONEY FROM THE OUTSIDE TO BUY THE AMPHETAMINE. BOND STATED THAT RAY WOULD GET A LETTER SMUGGLED OUT AND THE PERSON WOULD SEND A CHECK DIRECTLY TO THE INMATE RAY WAS PURCHASING THE DRUG FROM AND AS SOON AS THE CHECK CLEARED BOND WOULD GET THE AMPHETAMINE.

BOND CONFIDED AFTER BEING ASSURED HIS NAME WOULD NOT BE MENTIONED THAT THE INDIVIDUAL RAY MADE HIS DRUG PURCHASES WAS FROM JIM BRADLEY WHO HE DESCRIBED AS THE TOP CON.

BOND STATED RAY ON MANY OCCASIONS MADE ANTI NEGRO STATEMENTS AND WOULD CONSIDER HIM A RACIST.

KANSAS CITY AT JEFFERSON CITY WILL REVIEW MISSOURI SP MAILING RECORDS OF JIM BRADLEY AND CONSIDER INTERVIEW OF BRADLEY TO DETERMINE

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WHO SENT CHECKS TO COVER SUBJECTS PURCHASE OF AMPHETAMINES.
GIVE NO INDICATION OF BOND'S COOPERATION IN THIS MATTER SINCE A
RETAINER BY MISSOURI IS OUTSTANDING AND HE FEARS RETALIATION
SHOULD IT BE KNOWN INFORMATION FURNISHED BY HIM.
SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.
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LOS ANGELES VIA WASH,DC.
FROM NEWARK 44-854

MURKIN,CR, OO-ME.

RE CI TEL TO DIRECTOR WITH COPY TO NEWARK.

GARY S. GOODMAN, AGE SEVENTEEN, THREE FIVE BIRKENDENE
RD., CALDWELL, NJ, WAS INTERVIEWED TODAY. HE ADVISED
THAT WILE AWAITING A FLIGHT FROM PORT COLUMBUS INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORT, COLUMBUS, OHIO, AT ABOUT THREE AM ON APRIL NINETEEN
LAST, HE ENCOUNTERED UNKNOWN MALE INDIVIDUAL WHO VERY
CLOSELY RESEMBLED NEWSPAPER PHOTOGRAPH OF ERIC STARVO GALT.
ALSO PRESENT IN ADDITION TO INDIVIDUALS SET FORTH
IN REFERENCED TEL, WAS LLEONARD DRIBINSKY, ONE THIRTY PELHAM
RD., NEW ROCHELLE, N.Y., AREA CODE NINE ONE FOUR, # SIX
THREE SIX - EIGHT ONE SIX ONE. GOODMAN ADVISED THAT AT ABOUT
THREE AM, A TAXI DRIVER ENTERED AIRPORT AND INQUIRED AT EAL
COUNTER CONCERNING NEXT DEPARTING FLIGHT. THE DRIVER LEFT
AND WITHIN MINUTES THE UNKNOWN MALE ENTERED, WALKING BRISKLY
AND MADE SAME INQUIRY. GOODMAN DOES NOT KNOW HOW UNKNOWN MALE
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ARRIVED AT AIRPORT. HE GAVE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION OF UNKNOWN MALE - WMA, FIVE FEET EIGHT, HEAVY BUILD, ONE EIGHTY LBS., AGE APPROXIMATELY THIRTY SEVEN OR THIRTY EIGHT, BLOND BROWN HAIR, WITH REDDISH APPEARANCE, COLOR APPEARED SOMEWHAT UNNATURAL AND MAY HAVE BEEN DYED HAIR WAS LONG TO TOP AT EARS, WEARING THIN MUSTACHE HAVING APPEARANCE OF TWO WEEK GROWTH, OTHERWISE CLEAN SHAVEN. WEARING SOLID BLACK SPORTS JACKET, WHITE SHIRT NO TIE, BLACK LACE TYPE SHOES IN NEED OF REPAIR, WHITE SOXES. CLOTHES APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN WORN FOR SEVERAL DAYS. NOTICIBLE ODOR OF ALCOHOL BUT DID NOT APPEAR INTOXICATED AND SPOKE COHERENTLY. GOODMAN DID NOT NOTICE AN ACCENT,, UNUSUAL MANNERISMS, HABITS, SCARS, MARKS, TATTOOS, OR JEWELRY.

GOODMAN WAS EXHIBITED PHOTOS OF ERIC STARVO GALT. HE ADVISED THAT PHOTOGRAPH SHOWING EYES DRAWN IN, BORE VERY CLOSE RESEMBLANCE TO THE UNKNOWN MALE WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS: UNKNOWN MALE WEARING THIN MUSTACHE, EYES MORE PROMINENT, HAIR LONGER OVER EARS. GOODMAN
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ADVISED THE PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY, FURNISHED BY THE BUREAU ON FOUR NINETEEN LAST, NOT AS CLOSE RESEMBLANCE AS ABOVE DESCRIBED PHOTOGRAPH AND IN ADDITION CITED THE FOLLOWING: DIFFERENCES: UNKNOWN MALE'S SLIGHTLY WIDER AND NOT AS POINTED LIPS SLIGHTLY LARGER.

UNKNOWN MALE INDICATED THAT HE COULD NOT WAIT UNTIL FIVE TEN AM TO DEPART COLUMBUS, AND THEN TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THE RAIL AND BUS LINES INQUIRING ABOUT DEPARTURES TO LOS ANGELES. UNKNOWN MALE PURCHASED A BROWN, YELLOW AND ORANGE PLAID SHIRT FOR ONE DOLLAR FROM RONALD WEISZ, A COMPANION OF GOODMAN. UNKNOWN MALE CHANGED SHIRT AT AIRPORT AND DISCARDED HIS WHITE SHIRT IN LOCKER, WHICH GOODMAN LATER OBTAINED AND HAS FURNISHED TO NEWARK DIVISION. UNKNOWN MALE IN AIRPORT APPROXIMATELY THIRTY MINUTES TO HOUR, DURING WHICH TIME HE HAD CONVERSATIONS WITH GOODMAN AND OTHERS. UNKNOWN MALE OBSERVED IN POSSESSION OF LARGE ROLL OF CURRENCY AND THREE ROLLS OF DICES WHICH BORE PRINTED NAME OF CINCINNATI, OHIO, ON WRAPPERS. UNKNOWN MALE INDICATED

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HE HAD BEEN IN COLUMBUS, OHIO FOR SEVERAL DAYS AND PREVIOUSLY IN CINCINNATI. ONLY REFERENCE TO PRIOR ACTIVITIES WERE THAT HE HAD BEEN DRINKING. HE MADE NO REFERENCE TO ASSOCIATES, INTERESTS, MEANS OF LIVLIHOOD OR HOME AND APPARENTLY HAD NO LUGGAGE. HE APPEARED RATHER HAPPY-GO-LUCKY BUT MAINTAINED AN APPARENT URGENCY TO LEAVE COLUMBUS. HE LEFT AIRPORT AT APPROXIMATELY FOUR TEN AM. LATER THE TAXI DRIVER, WHO SAID HE HAD DRIVEN UNKNOWN MALE TO BUS STATION, RETURNED TO AIRPORT AND REMARKED CONCERNING THE RESEMBLANCE OF UNKNOWN MALE WITH THE NEWSPAPER PHOTO OF ERIC STARVO GALT. GOODMAN AND COMPANIONS CONCURRED IN THE CLOSE RESEMBLANCE AND DETERMINED THAT IN VIEW OF HIS ACTIONS AT THE AIRPORT, THAT THIS INCIDENT SHOULD BE REPORTED TO THE FBI.

NEW YORK FURNISHED INFO RE LEONARD DRIBINSKY BY PHONE THIS DATE.

UACB, NEWARK SUBMITTING SHIRT OBTAINED FROM UNSUB TO FBI LAB, FOUR TWENTY-TWO NEXT. SUGGEST CINCINNATI CHECK
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LOCAL AUTHORITIES FOR B&E OR BR WHEREIN ROLLS OF COINS
TAKEN.

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(88-9449), MEMPHIS (44-1987), AND CLEVELAND. AND CINCINNATI.

FROM: CLEVELAND (44-565).

JAMES EARL RAY, AKA- FUGITIVE. MURKIN. CR; UFAC- ROBBERY. OO:MEMPHIS.

RE CINCINNATI TEL FOUR TWENTY SIXTYEIGHT.

MRS. GERALD LOCKER, NEE CORNETTE, TOLEDO, OHIO, MOTHER OF MILLIE MARIE HUFF STATES SUBJECT NOT RELATED TO HER FAMILY BY BLOOD OR MARRIAGE AND SUBJECTS PHOTO NOT FAMILAR TO HER OR HER PRESENT HUSBAND, GERALD LOCKER.

MILLIE MARIE HUFF AND BROTHER PETE HUFF, ON FISHING TRIP AT UNKNOWN LOCATION TODAY BUT SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FOUR TWENTYTWO, NEXT.

AUGIE HUFF NOW RESIDING AT UNKNOWN LOCATION IN KINGSPORT, TENN. STEWART HUFF, FATHER OF MILLIE MARIE HUFF DIED IN NINETEEN FIFTYTWO. MRS. LOCKER BELIEVES MANCEL VERNON PAYNE, FORMER HUSBAND OF MILLIE MARIE HUFF, IS REFERRING TO JAMES EARL HARRIS WHO WAS IN TOLEDO DURING NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT- FIFTYNINE AND POSSIBLY KNOWN TO PAYNE. HARRIS W/M, ABOUT TWENTYSIX YRS. OLD, IS NOT RELATED TO HUFF FAMILY BUT WAS FRIENDLY WITH THEM IN THE PAST. HARRIS NOW RESIDES UNKNOWN

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ADDRESS IN PINE MOUNTAIN, KY.

CLEVELAND WILL INTERVIEW MILLIE MARIE HUFF WHEN AVAILABLE.

CINCINNATI AT SPRINGFIELD, OHIO, REINTERVIEW PAYNE TO DETERMINE
IF HE WAS REFERRING TO JAMES EARL HARRIS RATHER THAN JAMES EARL
RAY.

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CITY (88-9449), MEMPHIS (44-1987)
F AND CLEVELAND
FROM CINCINNATI (157-1893) 2P

JAMES EARL RAY, AKA - FUGITIVE. MURKIN. CR; UFAC - ROBBERY.
OO; MEMPHIS

TODAY MANCEL VERNON PAYNE, SPRINGFIELD, OHIO, ADVISED HE HAD
KNOWN SUBJECT AT TOLEDO, OHIO, NINETEEN FIFTY-EIGHT TO FIFTY-NINE
WHEN PAYNE MARRIED TO MILLIE MARIE HUFF, WHITE FEMALE, PRESENTLY
AGE THIRTY-THREE, BORN IN BIG ROCK, KY. PAYNE ADVISED SUBJECT
COUSIN OF MILLIE MARIE HUFF, WHOM PAYNE MARRIED OCTOBER, FIFTY-
EIGHT IN TOLEDO, OHIO.

PAYNE ADVISED SUBJECT KNOWN AT BIG ROCK, KY. WHICH IS
LOCATED ON CUTHEN CREEK AND ASSOCIATED WITH MILLIE'S BROTHERS,
AUGGIE AND PETE HUFF. AUGGIE BELIEVED ARRESTED FOR B&E DURING
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EARLY NINETEEN SIXTY'S AT TOLEDO, WHERE HE WAS LAST KNOWN TO HAVE WORKED AS LANDSCAPER DURING NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE. AUGGIE IS W/M, AGE THIRTY-ONE. PETE HUFF, W/M, TWENTY-NINE TO THIRTY, ARRESTED SHOPLIFTING AT TOLEDO, OHIO, UNKNOWN DATE, AND PREVIOUSLY WANTED BY KENTUCKY AUTHORITIES FOR STORE B&E AT LEATHERWOOD, KY.

PAYNE ADVISED WILLIE CORNETTE, W/M, AGE FORTY-THREE, AND HIS WIFE, VIVIAN, RESIDING BIG ROCK, KY., PERSONALLY FAMILIAR WITH SUBJECT AND NO EXACT FAMILY RELATIONSHIP TO PAYNE'S FORMER WIFE, MILLIE MARIE HUFF, WHOSE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN TO PAYNE.

MILLIE'S FATHER, STEWART (PH) HUFF, DEAD, AND HER MOTHER, NOW MRS. GERALD LOCKER, LIVING NEAR TOLEDO, OHIO.

LOUISVILLE AT BIG ROCK, KY., WILL INTERVIEW WILLIE CORNETTE RE SUBJECT.

CLEVELAND, AT TOLEDO, ATTEMPT LOCATE AND INTERVIEW MILLIE MARIE HUFF OR HER BROTHERS, AUGGIE AND PETE.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565)

FROM : SPC STEPHEN L. OLEXA

SUBJECT: MURKIN.

DATE: 4-21-68

On 4-21-68, writer was telephonically contacted by a Mr. EDWARD E. HAWKINS, 525 POLAND AVENUE, STRUTHERS, OHIO. Telephone number 755-1745. Mr. HAWKINS stated that early Sunday morning, this date, he had picked up a hitchhiker who gave him the following story:

The hitchhiker was commuting between Cleveland and Youngstown. The individual stated that he had car trouble and was forced to hitchhike. The individual stated to Mr. HAWKINS, that he was working in a recruiting office in Cleveland. But that he hadn't mentioned which one.

Mr. HAWKINS gave him a ride to the corner of Mc Cartney and Hubbard Road, Route 422.

Mr. HAWKINS gave the following description of the hitchhiker: 5' 10", 170-80 pounds. Dark green shirt, hung out over slacks, and light green slacks.

Cleveland Indices negative re EDWARD HAWKINS.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565)

DATE: 4-21-68

FROM : SPC BRICE A. WESTHOVEN

SUBJECT: MURKIN;

At approximately 7:55 am above date a AARON STARBOIN 1223 East Glenbrook Rd. Bayside, Wisconsin telephone number 351-0037 who also is an attorney ~~xxxx~~ with his office located 1212 West Wisconsin Ave. Milwaukee, Wisconsin telephone number 272-5866 telephonically contacted this office and relayed the following information.

STARBOIN advised that on 4-19-68 he and his family stopped at ARTHURS GRILL which is located on the main street in Charlottesville, Virginia the name of the street possibly being BROAD ST.

STARBOIN advised that the counter man in ARTHURS GRILLE very strongly resembles the photo of ERIC STARVO GAULT now identified as JAMES EARL RAY.

STARBOIN advised that subject had grey hair crew cut style was about 5ft. 10 inches and weighed about 170 to 175 lbs. STARBOIN advised that neither he nor his family noticed any distinguishing characteristics or marks on the subject.

STARBOIN advised that he will be in Wisconsin by 4-22 next as he has to appear in court that date.

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U 12:05AM URGENT 4-20-68 RPD
TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, CLEVELAND AND CINCINNATI.
FROM NEW YORK 44-1609 2P

MURKIN

RE CINCINNATI RELETYPE TO BUREAU FOUR NINETEEN LAST, RE
UNKNOWN MALE AT PORT COLUMBUS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

LEONARD DRIBINSKY, ONE THREE ZERO PELHAM ROAD, NEW ROCHELLE,
NEW YORK, FURNISHED FOLLOWING:

HE IS EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE, HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR, WAS
VISITING FRIENDS ATHENS COLLEGE OHIO AND EARLY AM FOUR
NINETEEN LAST MET GARY GOODMAN AND RONALD WEISS COLUMBUS OHIO AIRPORT.
STATED HE FELL ASLEEP WAITING ROOM, AWOKE AROUND FOUR AM, OBSERVED
UNKNOWN MALE TALKING TO RONALD AND GARY. UNKNOWN MALE ASKED TO BUY
SHIRT AND RONALD SOLD SHIRT FOR ONE DOLLAR, UNKNOWN MALE TOOK
BIG ROLL BILLS FROM POCKET TO PAY. MALE THEN ASKED FOR DIME
TO MAKE PHONE CALL AND THEN STATED "WHAT AM I DOING" WHERE
UPON REMOVED ROLL OF DIMES FROM POCKET. MALE WENT TO PHONE BOOTH AND
MADE PHONE CALL.

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RONALD AND GARY WENT TO PHONE BOOTH AND TOLD DRIBINSKY THAT THEY HEARD UNKNOWN MALE MAKING INQUIRY ABOUT BUS TO LOS ANGELES OR SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

DRIBINSKY DESCRIBED UNKNOWN MALE AS WHITE; AROUND THIRTY, FIVE FEET EIGHT, ONE SEVENTY POUNDS, STOCKY BUILD, FAIR COMPLEXION, LIGHT BROWN HAIR, NEED OF HAIR CUT, GROWING NEW MOUSTACHE, RAGGED IN APPEARANCE AND HAD NO SUIT CASE OR OTHER TYPE OF BELONGINGS.

DRIBINSKY STATES WENT BACK TO SLEEP AND LATER HEARD AIRPORT CAB DRIVER TELL RONALD AND GARY HIS FARE, ASSUMED TO BE UNKNOWN MALE, RESEMBLED MAN WANTED BY FBI, AS A RESULT DRIBINSKY THINKS GARY CALLED FBI FROM AIRPORT.

DRIBINSKY STATES SAW PHOTO SUBJECT COLUMBUS NEWSPAPER AND WAS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY PHOTO AS MALE HE SAW AT AIRPORT, ALTHOUGH THERE WAS SLIGHT RESEMBLANCE. MISSOURI STATE PRISION PHOTOS RAY AND PHOTO GALT S APPEARED NY PAPER EXHIBITED TO DRIBIBSKY AND NO IDENT MADE, ALTHOUGH CLAIMS SLIGHT RESEMBLANCE TO UNKNOWN MALE AT AIRPORT.

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