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TO BUREAU 44-38861; BIRMINGHAM 44-1740; MEMPHIS 44-1987; AND
LOS ANGELES.

FROM SALT LAKE CITY 44-253 1P

MURKIN. OO-MEMPHIS.

RE OMAHA TELETYPE SEVEN FIFTEEN PM APRIL NINETEEN, LAST. PAGE
THREE DESCRIBES JAMES EARL RAY'S ASSOCIATION WITH ONE BILL HOLLAND
WHO ALLEGEDLY RESIDED SALT LAKE CITY IN NINETEEN FIFTY.

INVESTIGATION INDICATES THREE WILLIAM H. HOLLANDS RESIDING
SALT LAKE CITY THAT TIME. TWO LOCATED AND ELIMINATED. THE THIRD,
NAME WILLIAM HENRY HOLLAND, AGE FORTYEIGHT IN NINETEEN FIFTYFOUR, WIFE
NAME ALICE; MOVED TO LOS ANGELES IN ABOUT NINETEEN FIFTYSEVEN AND
RESIDED EIGHT FIVE SEVEN CRENSHAW BLVD. THERE. HE APPARENTLY HAS
SON WILLIAM R. HOLLAND, AGE TWENTYSIX IN NINETEEN FIFTYSIX WHO
RESIDED WITH PARENTS IN LOS ANGELES.

LOS ANGELES ATTEMPT TO LOCATE WILLIAM HENRY HOLLAND AND
WILLIAM R. HOLLAND WHO RESIDED EIGHT FIVE SEVEN, CRENSHAW BLVD.
IN NINETEEN FIFTYSEVEN TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL BILL HOLLAND
MENTIONED RETEL.

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4:54PM 4-20-68 URGENT MXG

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)

MURKIN, OO: MEMPHIS.

REBU PHONE CALL THIS DATE REQUESTED INVESTIGATION CONCERNING
RICHARD G. VIDOTTI, BOX ONE ONE TWO, SAN LUCAS, CALIFORNIA.

INVESTIGATION AT SAN LUCAS, CALIFORNIA THIS DATE DETERMINED THAT
THIS IS A TOWN OF NINETY FIVE PERSONS, THE LARGEST ENTERPRISE BEING
JOE'S STEAK HOUSE, BOX ONE ONE TWO, SAN LUCAS. IT WAS DETERMINED
THAT RICHARD G. GUIDOTTI AND FATHER JOSEPH GUIDOTTI ARE PROPRIETORS
OF JOE'S STEAK HOUSE. RICHARD, AGE TWENTY FIVE, A WHITE MALE,
STARTED IN BUSINESS A YEAR AGO WITH HIS FATHER AGE FORTY FIVE TO
FIFTY, DESCRIBED AS HAVING BLACK HAIR, SHORT PUDGY BUILD AND WEARING
GLASSES. AS OF THIS DATE BOTH RICHARD AND JOSEPH WERE ON THE
PREMISES OF THE STEAK HOUSE. SAN FRANCISCO INDICES ARE NEGATIVE
FOR BOTH VIDOTTI AND GUIDOTTI.

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THE NINETEEN SIXTY SIX PONTIAC COUPE BEARING CALIFORNIA
LICENSE ECP SEVEN NINE FIVE, IN FRONT OF THE STEAK HOUSE WAS

DETERMINED TO BE REGISTERED THROUGH RECORDS OF DMV, SACRAMENTO,
TO JOE'S STEAK HOUSE, BOX ONE ONE TWO, SAN LUCAS.

NO ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION SAN LUCAS BEING CONDUCTED.

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7:41PM URGENT 4/20/68 JXR

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)

MURKIN, OO: MEMPHIS.

RE SAN FRANCISCO TELETYPE TO BUREAU THIS DATE AND SAN FRANCISCO
PHONE CALL TO BUREAU RE INVESTIGATION CONCERNING JOE'S STEAK HOUSE,
SAN LUCAS, CALIFORNIA. ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED AT SAN
LUCAS INDICATES ORIGINAL SOURCE OF INFORMATION, A NEIGHBOR, WAS IN
ERROR AS TO LOCATION OF RICHARD GUIDOTTI. RICHARD FLEW FROM
CALIFORNIA TO MEXICO SEVERAL DAYS AGO ACCORDING TO HIS FATHER JOSEPH
GUIDOTTI. PURPOSE OF THE TRIP WAS TO VISIT FRIENDS AND HIS FATHER
DOES NOT KNOW RICHARD'S EXACT LOCATION IN MEXICO. RICHARD IS SCHEDULED
TO RETURN TO SAN LUCAS MONDAY NEXT. RICHARD GUIDOTTI DESCRIBED AS
CAUCASIAN MALE OF SWISS EXTRACTION BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, SIX FOOT, ONE SIX ZERO
POUNDS, BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES. REC 17 44-38861-1596

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FBI LOS ANG

5:55 PM URGENT 4/20/68 VLB

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), PHOENIX, MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM - *Long*

FROM: LOS ANGELES (44-1574) 2P

MURKIN

RE OMAHA TEL TO BUREAU, APRIL NINETEEN LAST, AND SALT LAKE CITY TEL TO BUREAU, APRIL TWENTY INSTANT.

ASSOCIATES OF SUBJECT: REFERENCED OMAHA TEL SET FORTH INFORMATION GIVEN BY SUBJECT IN APRIL NINETEEN FIFTY, WHEN ARRESTED IN MARION, IOWA. HE CLAIMED HE GAMBLLED WITH ONE BILL HOLLAND IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, PRIOR TO ARREST IN APRIL NINETEEN FIFTY. REFERENCED SALT LAKE CITY TEL ADVISES ONE WILLIAM HENRY HOLLAND MOVED TO LOS ANGELES ABOUT NINETEEN FIFTY SEVEN. NO INFORMATION DEVELOPED INDICATING HOLLAND PRESENTLY IN LOS ANGELES AREA; HOWEVER, REPORT OF SA DANIEL E. KELLY, PHOENIX, JULY TWENTY EIGHT, NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE, BUREAU FILE TWENTY SIX - THREE FIVE ZERO NINE ONE NINE, PHOENIX FILE TWENTY SIX - TWO FOUR
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ONE ONE TWO, STATES WILLIAM HENRY HOLLAND, FBI NUMBER SIX SIX THREE FOUR FIVE, SENTENCED IN U. S. DISTRICT COURT, PHOENIX, ON JULY TWENTY SEVEN, NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE, FOR PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS. IT IS NOTED HOLLAND WAS IN USP ^ALEVENWORTH_^, SAME TIME AS SUBJECT.

PHOENIX REQUESTED TO DETERMINE THE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF HOLLAND AND INTERVIEW HOLLAND FOR ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION LEADING TO WHEREABOUTS OF SUBJECT.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO OMAHA AND SALT LAKE CITY.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK
SUBJECT: [Illegible]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: April 20, 1968

FROM : C. L. McGowan

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Bates

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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At 7:05 a.m., 4-20-68, Mr. James H. Williams, 137 Adams Street, Rochester, New York, contacted Extra-Duty Supervisor Richard F. Bates from a pay phone in Maryland. Williams advised that at 11:20 p.m., 4-19-68, he stopped at an American Oil Company station on Route I-85 North just before reaching Durham, North Carolina. While there, a 1960 Chevrolet, grey with rust red top, North Carolina license YT 1618, drove in and Williams felt the driver of this car was James Earl Ray based on newspaper photographs he had seen of Ray. The driver of the car was alone and appeared to be in such a hurry that he attracted Williams' attention. Williams had no other pertinent information.

ACTION:

At 7:15 a.m., 4-20-68, Special Agent Crawford Williams, Charlotte Division, who is handling the MURKIN case in that office, was furnished the information supplied by James H. Williams and was instructed to check it out.

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TO DIRECTOR, CINCINNATI, CLEVELAND, INDIANAPOLIS, LOS ANGELES,
MEMPHIS, NEW YORK, AND ST. LOUIS ---PLAINTEXT---

LOS ANGELES VIA WASHINGTON

FROM NEWARK 44-854

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TO: CINCINNATI (157-1893), LOS ANGELES (44-15714),
CC BUREAU (MAIL) (44-38861), CC MEMPHIS (MAIL).
FROM: *Routing slip sent to field*
SAN FRANCISCO (173-65).

JAMES EARL RAY, AKA. - FUGITIVE.

MURKIN, CR; UFAC - ARMED ROBBERY, OO: MEMPHIS.

RE CINCINNATI TEL APRIL TWENTY INSTANT.

James T Sellers
JAMES SHIRL SELLERS, ONE EIGHTY BUCKINGHAM AVENUE, APART-
MENT TWENTY SEVEN REDWOOD CITY, CALIFORNIA ADVISED

BROTHER, BILLIE RAY SELLERS, FLEW TO GARDENA, CALIFORNIA

FROM FAIRBORN, OHIO IN OCTOBER NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN. A

Billie T Sellers
JOHN WILLARD CAME WITH HIM. ALL THREE RESIDED GARDENA

MOTEL, GARDENA FOR ONE WEEK WHILE JAMES FINISHED HIS JOB

AND AS JAMES' PRIOR RESIDENCE NOT LARGE ENOUGH. ON OCTOBER

FOURTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN JAMES AND BILLIE WENT TO

REDWOOD CITY. WILLARD STAYED IN GARDENA POSSIBLY GOING TO

LOS ANGELES AND HASN'T SEEN OR HEARD FROM HIM SINCE.

DESCRIBED WILLARD AS WHITE MALE, AGE NINETEEN TO TWENTY ONE,

FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, OVER TWO HUNDRED POUNDS, HAIR DARK

BROWN TO BLACK, BUTCH CUT. BELIEVES BROTHER BILLIE, EITHER

WENT TO SCHOOL WITH WILLARD OR THEY MIGHT HAVE WORKED

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TOGETHER AT WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, OHIO, BILLIE RAY SELLERS
PRESENTLY C/O PARENTS AT FIFTEEN EIGHTY MONTGOMERY,
FAIRBORN, OHIO. JAMES SAID WILLARD POSITIVELY NOT IDENTICAL
TO SUBJECT.

CINCINNATI AT FAIRBORN, OHIO. INTERVIEW BILLIE RAY
SELLERS AND/OR HIS PARENTS TO DETERMINE IF JOHN WILLARD
IDENTICAL TO SUBJECT, FUGITIVE.

BUREAU, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM AND KANSAS CITY, SHOULD
BE ADVISED OF ANY POSITIVE INFORMATION.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CINCINNATI (157-1893) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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On 4/20/68, EDWIN ADAMS, former Cincinnati Police Officer, advised that on evening of 4/8/68, a white male, driving a late model Pontiac, GTO, color black or blue, with South Dakota registration 30-1777, stopped at a local Cincinnati grill at which time this person appeared to be quite nervous and lost. He was directed by complainant to U. S. Route 50, heading west and mentioned he might proceed to St. Louis. ADAMS added that he later observed photo of suspect wanted in connection with instant matter in local newspaper and that unsub bore a resemblance to this photo. ADAMS added that this person was traveling alone and he did not know if above license plate was a 1967 or 1968 number.

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11-32 PM URGENT 4/19/68 VLB

TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, MINNEAPOLIS AND
SAN FRANCISCO

FROM: LOS ANGELES (44-1574) 2P

MURKIN

RE: MOTOR DRIVER JAMES EARL RAY, GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA.

RE MINNEAPOLIS TEL TO BUREAU, APRIL NINETEEN INSTANT.

FOR INFORMATION SAN FRANCISCO REFERENCED TEL RECEIVED FROM
MINNEAPOLIS STATES THAT JAMES EARL RAY, EMPLOYEE OF INSURED DRIVEAWAY
SYSTEM, ONE TWO FIVE SEVEN ONE, GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD, GARDEN
GROVE, CALIFORNIA, POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT OF CAPTIONED
CASE.

THIS INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM INSURED DRIVEAWAY SYSTEM AGENT
IN MINNEAPOLIS.

LARRY PETERS, INSURED DRIVEAWAY SYSTEM, GARDEN GROVE, CALIF.,
CONTACTED THIS DATE AND ADVISED THAT JAMES EARL RAY CAME TO SOUTHERN
CALIFORNIA APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR AGO FROM ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA,
AREA.

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RAY REPORTEDLY WORKED FOR SEVERAL YEARS PRIOR TO SIXTY SEVEN
FOR LOUISE M. BARRON, AGENT FOR INSURED DRIVEAWAY, ST. PETERSBURG.
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PETERS STATES THAT DURING FIRST WEEK OF APRIL, SIXTY SEVEN, RAY WAS DRIVING AND WORKING FOR COMPANY IN AND AROUND ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, AREA; HOWEVER, PETERS WAS UNABLE TO SUBSTANTIATE THIS THROUGH RECORDS.

PETERS STATES THAT HE DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT THE RAY THAT IS EMPLOYED BY HIS COMPANY IS IDENTICAL WITH CAPTIONED SUBJECT, BUT IS NOT POSITIVE.

PETERS DOES NOT HAVE EMPLOYMENT RECORDS FOR RAY AND STATES APPLICATION AND FINGERPRINT CARD ON RAY CAN BE OBTAINED THROUGH JACK WIGHOLM, INSURED TRANSPORTERS, INC., ONE NINE FOUR FOUR WILLIAMS STREET, SAN LEANDRO, CALIFORNIA.

PETERS STATES THAT AT PRESENT TIME RAY IS MAKING TRIP FOR COMPANY TO SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, AND FROM THERE WILL BE TRAVELLING EAST INTO IDAHO.

PER BUREAU TEL TO ALL SACS THIS DATE, STATES THAT SUBJECT OF INSTANT CASE WAS IN PRISON IN MISSOURI SIXTY UNTIL APRIL OF SIXTY SEVEN.

SAN FRANCISCO, AT SAN LEANDRO, CALIFORNIA, CONTACT JACK WIGHOLM OF INSURED TRANSPORTERS, INC., AND DETERMINE IF RAY IS IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT OF CAPTIONED CASE FROM THE ORIGINAL APPLICATION SUBMITTED TO COMPANY, NOTING THAT PRIOR TO APRIL, SIXTY SEVEN, SUBJECT OF INSTANT CASE WAS INCARCERATED.

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TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM AND ATLANTA

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THIS MORNING, ROBERT DWYER, FIRST ASST. ATTORNEY GENERAL COVERING THE STATE DISTRICT IN WHICH MEMPHIS IS LOCATED, CALLED AT OFFICE. DWYER STATED THAT HE CAME NOT TO MAKE ANY REQUEST OF THE FBI BUT ONLY TO MAKE FORMAL NOTICE THAT AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PROSECUTOR IN THIS DISTRICT, THEIR OFFICE WAS MOST INTERESTED IN THE CASE INVOLVING THE MURDER OF DR. KING. HE OFFERED THE COOPERATION OF HIS OFFICE AND SAID IF THERE IS ANYTHING POSSIBLE THAT THEY COULD DO TO OFFER ASSISTANCE IN ANY WAY, THEY WERE READY AT ANY TIME.

MEMPHIS DIVISION INDICES CONTAIN NO INFORMATION REGARDING JAMES EARL RAY. PHOTOGRAPH OF GALT WAS DISPLAYED TO LOGICAL SOURCES THIS DATE WITH NO POSITIVE INFORMATION DEVELOPED. MEMPHIS PD HAS NO RECORD CONCERNING JAMES EARL RAY.

INVESTIGATION AT MEMPHIS THIS DATE FAILED TO SHOW THAT ANYONE USING THE NAME GALT OR ANY OF HIS ALIASES HAS EVER BEEN MEMBER OF EITHER BAKERS OR BARTENDERS UNIONS IN MEMPHIS. UNION
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TO THE DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM THE SAC, NEW YORK
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OFFICIALS ADVISE THERE ARE NO SCHOOLS IN MEMPHIS FOR EITHER BAKERS OR BARTENDERS.

CHARLES HARTZELL, WHO WAS MANAGER OF THE CONTINENTAL DANCE CLUB, NEW ORLEANS, FROM ITS INCEPTION UNTIL TWO OR THREE MONTHS BEFORE ITS CLOSING IN NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE, ADVISED HE HAD NO RECOLLECTION OF A STUDENT UNDER THE NAME OF GALT OR ANY OF HIS ALIASES, INCLUDING THE NAME JAMES EARL RAY. HARTZELL STILL HAD IN HIS POSSESSION A LIST OF STUDENTS WHO ATTENDED THE CONTINENTAL DANCE CLUB IN NEW ORLEANS FOR PERIOD JAN. SIXTY FIVE THROUGH AUG., NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE. THESE RECORDS WERE NEGATIVE CONCERNING RAY, GALT OR ANY OF THE ALIASES USED BY GALT.

PRESS RELEASE AS AUTHORIZED BY BUREAU FURNISHED TO NEWSPAPERS AND TV IN AREA. FAVORABLE RESPONSE TO PUBLICITY FURNISHED BY BUREAU.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING, MEMPHIS DIVISION. P.

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TO: DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS, AND SPRINGFIELD
FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775) 1P

MURKIN OO: MEMPHIS

RE BUTEL TODAY IDENTIFYING JAMES EARL RAY, FBI THREE
ZERO SIX FOUR FOUR THREE A AS ERIC STARVO GALT.

MJR. JOHN DOUGHERTY, CHIEF OF DETECTIVES, ST. LOUIS PD
ADVISED THIS DATE THAT AN INFORMANT, RELIABILITY UNKNOWN,
STATED SUBJECT HAD A BROTHER, J. RAY, RESIDING IN EAST
ST. LOUIS, ILL., TELEPHONE UPTON ONE THREE THREE THREE SIX
OR UPTON FOUR THREE THREE THREE SIX, FORMERLY RESIDED ONE
FIVE ONE TWO COLLEGE, EAST ST. LOUIS, BUT HAD MOVED.

SPRINGFIELD AT EAST ST. LOUIS, INTERVIEW RAY TO DETER-
MINE IF HE IS BROTHER OF SUBJECT FOR ALL BACKGROUND RE SUBJECT
AND KNOWLEDGE OF PRESENT WHEREABOUTS. CONSIDER POSSIBILITY
THAT SUBJECT MAY BE WITH A BROTHER OF LOCATED.

CONSIDER ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO DIRECTOR, WASHINGTON FIELD, RICHMOND AND MEMPHIS
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (1P)

MURKIN.

Mr. Hoffman
Lobby

RE SACRAMENTO TEL FOUR NINETEEN LAST RE JOSEPH A. BENDERAVAGE.

DONIS KNOX, TWO FIVE ZERO ZERO CULVER BOULEVARD, LOS ANGELES, ADVISED JOSEPH A. BENDERAVAGE MOVED FROM ONE TWO FIVE ZERO FOUR CULVER BOULEVARD, LOS ANGELES, EARLY FEBRUARY NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT, LEAVING NO FORWARDING. DESCRIBED BENDERAVAGE AS WHITE MALE AMERICAN, APPROXIMATELY TWENTY SEVEN YEARS, SIX FEET FIVE INCHES, ONE HUNDRED FORTY FIVE POUNDS, LIGHT COMPLEXION, SANDY HAIR AND MUSTACHE, AND BEARING NO RESEMBLANCE TO GALT PHOTOS. GALT PHOTOS UNFAMILIAR TO KNOX. USPO, CULVER CITY, ADVISED BENDERAVAGE FURNISHED FORWARDING OF GENERAL DELIVERY, PLACITAS, NEW MEXICO, ON FEBRUARY EIGHT LAST.

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TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, CLEVELAND, INDIANAPOLIS, LOS
ANGELES

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 BY TEL OBSERVED
DEPARTING BUS. EMPTY BUS SEARCHED FOR PERSONS 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.

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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TO DIRECTOR, CINCINNATI (157-1893) & MEMPHIS
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN: CR.

RE CI TEL TO DIRECTOR APRIL NINETEEN LAST.

NINE AM GREYHOUND BUS ARRIVING IN LOS ANGELES FROM
ST. LOUIS MET. BUS WAS NUMBER FOUR FOUR SIX SEVEN. NO
BUS NUMBER FOUR FOUR SEVEN TWO ARRIVED LOS ANGELES THIS DATE
OR DUE TO ARRIVE IN LOS ANGELES THIS DATE. TICKETS ALL
PASSENGERS BUS NUMBER FOUR FOUR SIX SEVEN CHECKED AND
NEGATIVE ON TICKET NUMBER SIX THREE THREE SEVEN SIX FIVE.

BUS DRIVER HANK HOFFMAN ADVISED ONLY ONE PASSENGER.
A NEGRO MALE, DEPARTED BUS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL IN LOS ANGELES.
HOFFMAN VIEWED PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT AND ADVISED POSITIVE
NO PASSENGER RESEMBLED SUBJECT. LIEUTENANT JAY TURNER,
GREYHOUND SECURITY, FURNISHED PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT TO
BE DISPLAYED TO ALL SECURITY PERSONNEL AND ADVISED ALL
PERSONNEL WOULD BE ALERTED TO BE ON LOOK OUT FOR ANYONE
RESEMBLING SUBJECT.

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