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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

3 8861-33 3 April 25, 1968

Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35401

Dear Mr. Elliott:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your communication of April 17th.

Your courtesy and interest in bringing this information to my attention are indeed appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

ED:dkw

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Dear Mr. Officer:

4/17/, 68



If my concepts are true (and I think in this particular case) they are and its terribly dangerous for an individual to possess, but I wish you can solve this late assassanation at Memphis.

I'm giving to give you my view on this page and charging our Government 1 million dollars for it (if you use it) & my name must never be told publicly. If you care to use my theory, please do so within a mo., also pay me within that time.

Of the 6,000,000 Jews in this country, there are about 1 and 2/5 million of them who will never assimulate here with Christians, but intend to teach all Christians that they were created to serve Hebrews as slaves, financially.

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If they want a murder committed, it only cost them \$1,000 and a 1 way jet ticket to a communist country. You can see that, if that is true, you will, probably, never know what individual who pulled the trigger-- Do you know who shot the Hungarian who had a \$17,000 a yr. job with the U.N. and was ready to testify.?

Thank you, S. N. Elliott, 2419 Herman Ave., Tuscaloosa, Ala. 35401

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FBI, Momphis (44-1987)

May 17, 1968

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FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

May 17, 1968

FBI File No. 44-38861

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Re: MURKIN CR

5/15/68

Specimens received **3/15/6**

- K271 Three pieces of paper each bearing three sample laundry tapes, Serial No. 33607, obtained from Colesville Cleaners. Silver Spring. Maryland
- K272 Yellow piece of paper bearing two sample laundry tapes obtained from Waldorf Laundry, Waldorf, Maryland
- K273 White card bearing three sample laundry tapes obtained from Lustre Cleaners, Suitland, Maryland
- K274 White card bearing three sample laundry tapes obtained from Morningside Laundry, Hyattsville, Maryland

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the machines used to prepare specimens K271 through K274 were not employed to prepare the laundry tapes appearing on Q69 and Q70 and that the machines designated K272, K273 and K274 were not used to prepare the laundry tapes appearing on Q97 and Q99. Differences were noted between the laundry tapes represented by K271 and those appearing on Q97 and Q99 but the lack of identifying features precluded a definite opinion from being reached.

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John J.	Enclosed for the Laboratory are seven samples of Thermo Seal Laundry Tapes with the codes O2B-6 and 2OR-3 which were obtained from Textile Marking Machines. The Laboratory is requested to compare the enclosed tapes bearing the code O2B-6 with specimens previously	
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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY WASHINGTON, D.C. 20310

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3 May 1968

Director Federal Bureau of Investigation Department of Justice Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Sir:

Inclosures

Karrouf, 5015 Lansing The attached correspondence from Miss Mary of Drive, Austin, Texas 78745, dated 22 April 1968, is matter of primary interest to your agency.

A copy of the letter advising Miss Karrouf of this referral is also inclosed.

Sincerely,

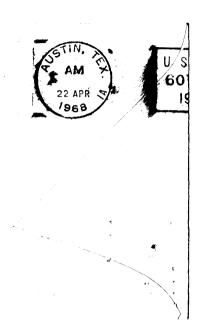
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M. Kassouf 5015 Lancing Drive & Austin, Tepas 78743 Department of The army Washington, District



SEEE-17188E-HA SC April 22, 1968 37

Department of The Army Brig. Deneral Alefander, D. S. Washington, District of Columbus

Honorable div:

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When I left Detroit last June, 22, 67,
I did not know where to contact you.

L. seived as a private under your

command at I. H. M. R., Pa, in 43044.

At the time I was Print Mary Kesser Brown,
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DEPT. OF ARMY, TAGO STAFF SUPPORT DIV. is below.

as I write this letter & am moved to enclose a clifping from our local paper and add to it that Saturday, about 2:00 PM at the Chicken Shack in at least four by Olthop and do Congress where fried chuken is sold of hund three men talking and one answered Ray discription. This one said he would not real and what was the peper raying. I am not going to the F. B. L., for here I am telling you, and I know you are well quelited to judge this for me.

Respectfully, Mary S. Kassouf 5015 Lansing Drive Austin, Tepes 78745 DEPT. AUPPORT DIV.

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Office of The Adjutant General Washington, D. C. 20310

3 May 1968

Miss Mary S. Harrorf 5015 Lensing Brive Austin, Thoma 78745

Dear Mas Exercuf:

This is in reply to your recent letter regarding the possibility of having sighted James Carl May.

The request that your letter be forwarded to Brigadier General Alexander has been noted. However, this matter is related to functions delegated to the Federal Bureau of Envestigation rather than to military authorities.

For this remain, I am forwarding your correspondence to the Birector, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Repartment of Justice, Washington, D. C. 20535, for any action deemed appropriate.

Your interest in this anther is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Major General, USA The Adjubunt General

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Austin, Texas, Sunday, April 21, 1968

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On 'Most Wanted' List

FBI Pushes Search For Ray-Galt

WASHINGTON (AP) — What | Reportedly a native of Illinois, may be the nation's most inten- Ray is described as about 5 feet, sive manhunt gained fresh pres- 10 inches tall, weighing from 163 sure Saturday when the FBI to inches tan, weighing from 135 placed on its "most wanted" list to 174 pounds. He has blue eyes a fugitive convict accused of and brown hair usually worn murder in the assassination of short. Forehead and right palm Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

James Earl Ray, a 40-year-old narrow and straight, teeth even. leader from Atlanta.

The FBI always has limited Saturday as "massive and inits list of most wanted criminals tensive", Ray is reported to to 10 names but Saturday it speak in a "rural" manner and lengthened this roll of dishonor in a fashion indicating limited to 11 by adding Ray, a white education. He is described as loner known also by the name of neat in dress and as an avid Eric Starvo Galt and by six oth-dancer with a taste for vodka and beer.

In addition to a state first-degree murder warrant issued in Ray has been convicted of bur-Memphis, Ray is wanted on fed-glary, forgery of a postal money eral charges of conspiracy to order and unauthorized use of a deny Dr. King his civil rights motor vehicle. He has been conand of flight to escape confine-fined in the Los Angeles County ment. The latter traces to his jail, two state prisons in Illinois 1- April 1967 escape from Missouri and the U.S. penitentiary at g prison at Jefferson City where Leavenworth, Kan. he was starting his eighth year on a 20-year sentence for armed the Army he received a three-

month sentence for drunkenness In announcing the unprece-and breaking arrest. He was dented step of adding an 11th discharged in December 1948 e name to the "10 most wanted" for ineptness and lack of adaptlist, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoo-ability to military service. ver announced it was done "to insure the widest possible disand description to help effect

his earliest possible location." On Thursday, when Ray still was being sought under the name of Galt, the FBI filled a vacancy on the list with another name. When asked why Galt wasn't the nominee at that time a spokesman explained the main purpose of the listings is "to attract publicity for a guy a you're looking for-and in this t case there's been plenty of pub-d

But Hoover obviously decided W more public attention was in or- $|\mathbf{m}|$

As usual, the FBI is appealing "ne to the public for help in spotting its man and—as usual—gives ougl implied warning against any ef-Bell fort by a plain citizen to appre-day hend the criminal unaided. agre

The official language puts it Jos

"Ray should be considered armed and extremely danger- a is ous. Anyone with information concerning this fugitive is requested to immediately contact

bear small scars. His nose is

habitual criminal, is being hunt- And he has a noticeably proed by police from border to bor-truding left ear, the lobe of der and beyond for the April 4 which he reportedly tugs at sniper slaying in Memphis, when nervous. Tenn., of the Negro civil rights search which the FBI described

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TO:

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Be Miss Mary S. Karrouf.

Enclosed for San Antonio are two copies of a letter directed to the Department of Army by the above named individual dated 4/22/68. One copy of the letter is enclosed for Monphis.

San Antonio should immediately interview Miss Karrouf for any knowledge she may have in her possession relating to this case.

For San Antonio's information, a newspaper clipping enclosed with the letter was taken from the April 21, 1968, issue of the "Austin American Statesman" which was related to the subject being added to the list of the Bureau's Ten Most Wanted Fugitives.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM/MEMPHIS

IN CONNECTION WITH INFORMATION SET FORTH IN RETEL REGARDING PRODESTA, BURBAN ATTRACTOR STREETED TO STRILLAR COMMENTS RE RHODESIA AS REPORTED BY BROTHER JOHN LARRY RAY IN ST. LOUIS TEL OF MAY BINE PART!

BUREAU REQUESTED TO ABVISE LEGAT CANADAL OF POSSIBILITY SUBJECT JAMES FARL RAY MAY HAVE SECURED CANDICAN PAPERS IN ORDER TO DEPERT CAMADA POR RHODESTA. BE INSTRUCTED DECREOK APPROPRIATE CARE INFORMATION RE ISSUANCE OF PASSPORT OF OTHER RECESSA FOR ALLERED CANADIAN CITIZEN TO DEPART CANADA FOR RHODESI

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THIS WOULD INCLUDE CHECK TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER OR NOT SUBJECT UNDER HIS OWN NAME OR ANY KNOWN ALIASES MAY HAVE SECURED CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP. IN ADDITION, LEGAT, CANADA, SHOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO DETERMINE WHAT FLIGHTS ARE AVAILABLE, IF ANY, WHEREBY PERSON DEPARTING FROM MONTREAL OR TORONTO MIGHT GET TO RHODESIA.

IN CONNECTION WITH INQUIRIES BUREAU WILL RAISE WITH RHODESIA REPRESENTATIVES, SUGGEST THAT BUREAU DETERMINE IF POSSIBLE NUMBER AND IDENTITY OF ALL ENGLISH SPEAKING IMMIGRANTS TO RHODESIA IN PERIOD FROM ARPIL FIVE LAST TO DATE. ENGLISH SPEAKING IMMIGRANTS SHOULD BE RESTRICTED TO U.S. AND CANADA AT THIS TIME.

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Latent fingerprints previously reported this case not identical fingerprints of Henry Ewell Hartford, Army service #35808367, FBI #3611525. No palm prints Identification Division files for Hartford.

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

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

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Re Bureau airtel to Memphis 4/30/68 making inquiry concerning HENRY EWELL HARTFORD, WILLIAM BUDDING and J. CONRAD MORGAN.

HENRY EWELL HARTFORD is a white male, born 5/29/25, $5'7\frac{1}{2}$ ", 140 lbs., was in the U. S. Army from 10/25/43 to 4/21/46, under SN 35808367, He has been employed by the U. S. Post Office Department, Highland Street Branch, since 4/6/68. He was eliminated based on physical description.

Investigation determined that WILLIAM E. BIRDSONG, 3656 Dunn Avenue, is apparently identical with WILLIAM BUDDING referred to in Birmingham teletype to Bureau 4/9/68. BIRDSONG has been interviewed and he is described as a white male, born 3/11/44 at New Orleans, La., and weighs 210 lbs. He has no prior arrest record or military service. He admits being in the Avon Motel, Birmingham, on 4/1-2/63 with his wife and 2 children. The reason for his presence in Brimingham was to substitute for an employee who was absent at the Raiford Shoe Company in Birmingham. BIRDSONG was traveling in a 1968 white Chevrolet bearing Tennessee License JP-8387. BIRDSONG was eliminated based on physical description.

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JAMES CONRAD MORGAN, 2097 Imogene Apartment 4, Memphis, is identical with the J. CONRAD MORGAN mentioned in Miami teletype to Bureau 4/9/68. MORGAN is a white male born 5'11", 264 lbs., and was a member of the Tennessee National Guard under Serial Number 25353828. MORGAN was eliminated based on interview and physical description.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU

The Identification Division is requested to compare the fingerprints for HENRY EWELL HARTFORD, ASN 35808367, with latent fingerprints of an evidentiary nature previously furnished the Bureau in this matter.

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FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

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RE BIRMINGHAM TEL TO BUREAU, MAY TEN, LAST.

JOHN PAUL VELANTI, ONE SIX THREE TWO SOUTH EIGHTEENTH

STREET, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, INTERVIEWED MAY FOUR, LAST. DENIED KNOWING OR ASSOCIATING WITH SUBJECT RAY AT MISSOURI STATE

PENITENTIARY OR ANY OTHER TIME. DID NOT RECALL EVER HAVING

SPOKEN TO RAY.

VELANTI EMPLOYED AS NEWSCASTER AND STATES HE BROADCAST INFORMATION CONCERNING RAY FOR SOMETIME. DID NOT RECOGNIZE NAME OR PHOTOGRAPH AS FELLOW INMATE, MSP, UNTIL RECENTLY ASSOCIATES FACE WITH INMATE AT MSP, BUT NO PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF RAY.

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VELANTI RE-INTERVIEWED TODAY IN REGARD TO INFORMATION

FURNISHED BY JAMES W. BROWN, BIRMINGHAM. DESCRIBES BROWN AS

GOOD FRIEND WITH WHOM HE "CELLED" AND "TOOK CARE OF". ALTHOUGH

VELANTI UNAWARE OF BROWN INTERVIEW OR SUBSTANCE THEREOF, HE

STATES BROWN IS A FRIEND AND WOULD HAVE NO REASON TO LIE ABOUT

HIM.

WAS WITH BROWN KANSAS CITY JAIL, BUT DIFFERENT TANKS AND DID NOT KNOW BROWN THERE. ALSO WITH BROWN MSP, JEFFERSON CITY AND MOBERLY.

VELANTI DENIES ANY AND ALL CONVERSATION WITH RAY AS
ATTRIBUTED TO HIM BY BROWN. STILL INSISTS HE DID NOT KNOW RAY.

ADMITS HE RAN POKER GAME AND LOTTERY AT MSP. HAD NUMBEROUS INMATES WORKING FOR HIM IN VARIOUS HALLS IN CONNECTION WITH THIS OPERATION, BUT KNEW ALL OF THEM PERSONALLY AND RECALLS THEIR NAMES. SUBJECT RAY NEVER WORKED FOR HIM. RECALLS NO INMATE MSP, FIRST OR LAST NAME RAY, WITH WHOM HE ASSOCIATED OR CONVERSED AT LENGTH.

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COMPANY OR ANYTHING ELSE IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA. ADVISED IF HE DID PLAN SUCH A JOB, HE WOULD DO IT ALONE.

WIFE, BETTYE, NEE PRITCHARD, MARRIED NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE,

JUAREZ, MEXICO, LAST KNOWN TO BE RESIDING ONE TWO SEVEN ZERO

CHANEY DRIVE, BOSIER CITY, LOUISIANA. NO IDEA OF PRESENT WHEREABOUTS. VELANTI DENIES EVER HAVING RESIDED IN ATLANTA. HIS

SON, JAMES, BY PREVIOUS MARRIAGE TO SHIRLEY HOLSTIEN, WAS

KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT, ATLANTA, NINETEEN SIXTYTWO, AT AGE

FIFTEEN. SON JAMES DID NOT LIVE WITH BETTYE, NEE PRITCHARD.

ADVISES HE, VELANTI, HAS ONLY PASSED THROUGH ATLANTA STAYING

OVER NIGHT.

DENIED BEING QUESTIONED RE KANSAS CITY GANGSTER WHEN ARRESTED KANSAS CITY. ADVISED HE WAS QUESTIONED BY DETECTIVE HATFIELD, KANSAS CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT, ONLY IN REGARD TO OFFENSE FOR WHICH HE WAS CONVICTED WHICH WAS ARMED ROBBERY OF JOHN RINGO. OPERATOR OF DRAKE HOTEL. KANSAS CITY.

HOWEVER, VELANTI ADVISED HE TOOK "BUM RAP" OF ROBBERY OF RINGO IN ORDER TO AVOID DIVULGING HIS WHEREABOUTS AND PERSON END PAGE THREE

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ACCOMPANYING HIM AT TIME OF RINGO ROBBERY. STATED EITHER WAY
HE HAD TO GO TO PRISON IN EITHER MISSOURI OR KANSAS. WOULD
HAVE GOTTEN MORE TIME IN KANSAS.

REFUSED TO DISCUSS WHEREABOUTS, OFFENSE, OR ASSOCIATES

ACCOMPANYING HIM ON THAT DATE BECAUSE OF NATURE OF OFFENSE

AND PERSON OR PERSONS INVOLVED. ADVISED THAT ANY INVESTIGATION

INTO THIS MATTER MATTER COULD JEOPARDIZE HIS PRESENT PAROLE STATUS

EVEN THOUGH STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS HAS RUN ON THAT CRIME.

DENIES HAVING RELATIVES BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA. DENIES KNOWLEDGE OF ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN NEW ORLEANS GANGSTERS AD GANGSTERS IN KANSAS CITY.

IN PREVIOUS INTERVIEW, VELANTI ADVISED "NOONEY" EDEN IS JAMES EDEN. EDEN IS TONGUE-TIED AND NICKNAMED NOONEY BECAUSE OF HIS INABILITY TO PRONOUNCE BOLONEY.

ADMITS HAVING PLANNED ESCAPES FROM MSP, BUT NEVER WITH ACCOMPLICE. NEVER HEARD OF PRISONERS PLAN TO ESCAPE TO LIBERIA OR HIDE OUT IN A VIRGINIA CAVE.

SUBSEQUENT TO ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY, VELANTI
ADMITS FIGHTING WITH FELLOW PRISONER OUTSIDE CATHOLIC CHAPEL
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MSP BECAUSE OF DEROGATORY STATEMENT MADE BY PRISONER CONCERNING PRESIDENT KENNEDY AS A CATHOLIC. DOES NOT RECALL NAME OF PRISONER, AND NO CHARGES FILED.

RECALLS MANY PRISONERS DEGRADING NEGROES, BUT STATES THAT DEROGATORY STATEMENT CONCERNING CATHOLICS NOT MADE IN HIS PRESENCE, INASMUCH AS HE IS CATHOLIC.

IN BOTH INTERVIEWS VELANTI DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF "COOLEY" (PHONETIC), BUT ASSOCIATES NAME AND NEGRO INMATE MSP. NEVER HEARD OF MONEY OFFERED FOR DEATH OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

NEW ORLEANS, AT BOSIER CITY, LOUISIANA, ATTEMPT TO LOCATE
AND INTERVIEW BETTYE VELANTI, NEE PRITCHARD, LAST KNOWN ADDRESS
ONE TWO SEVEN ZERO CHANEY DRIVE, REGARDING ASSOCIATION BETWEEN:
VELANTI AND SUBJECT RAY; AND IF THEY WERE INVOLVED IN OIL
COMPANY ROBBERY IN ATLANT PRIOR TO VELANTI'S IMPRISONMENT
MSP. ADVISE BIRMINGHAM RESULTS, AS NEEDED TO EVALUATE CREDIBILITY
OF BROWN, WHO HAS BEEN INTERVIEWED AND MADE ALLEGATIONS OF RAY, VELANTI
ASSOCIATION AND OIL ROBBERY.

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SUSPECT RICHARD L. BREY.

JOSEPHINE JONES, CLERK, ONE HOUR MARTINIZING CLEANERS,
FIVE SIX THREE ONE DELMAR, SLMO, TODAY ADVISED AN INDIVIDUAL
NAMED BREY, WHO LOOKED LIKE SUBJECT, ENTERED SHOP. SHE NOTED
HE DROVE A SIXTYFOUR CHEVROLET, BEARING CURRENT MO. LIC.
P S ZERO DASH THREE TWO SIX. CHECK REVEALS LICENSE ISSUED TO:
RICHARD L. BREY, ONE FIVE ZERO FIVE WEST WORLEY, COLUMBIA, MO.

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TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS, MOBILE

FROM RICHMOND (44-657) 3P

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RE BIRMINGHAM TEL MAY NINE LAST.

C AND P TELCO, HOPEWELL, VA., RECORDS INDICATE NUMBER FOUR FIVE EIGHT DASH FOUR SIX ONE FIVE SUBSCRIBED TO BY CHARLES W. CLARK, ESPOSITO PLACE. HOPEWELL. VA. RICHMOND INDICES INDICATE ON JANUARY NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN, C. W. CLARK, THREE ZERO FIVE BROWN AVENUE. HOPEWELL. SIGNED LEASE WITH ONE J.J. UNGER. THEN A MEMBER OF UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA (UKA), KKK, HOPEWELL, LEASE FOR UKA UNIT THIRTY-SIX, INDICES FURTHER REFLECT ON JANUARY NINE, NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN CLARK AND WIFE APPEARED HOPEWELL SCHOOLBOARD TOGETHER WITH OTHER NON-SCHOOLBOARD MEMBERS, NUMEROUS KNOWN KLANSM

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RH THREE FOUR ZERO DASH R ADVISED CONVERSATION HEARD IN UNIT TWELVE OF UKA HOPEWELL ABOUT FOUR MONTHS AGO RELATING ONE DOT CLARK, FOMERLY A MEMBER OF INSTANT UNIT. HOWEVER. SHE QUIT AT LEAST A YEAR AGO.

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CREDIT CONDUCTED PETERSBURG AND HOPEWELL REFLECT CLARK RESIDING GREATER PETERSBURG DASH HOPEWELL AREA SINCE APRIL, NINETEEN THIRTY-NINE. UNTIL NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, CLARK RESIDED BROWN AVENUE, HOPEWELL, VA.

ARREST CHECKS CONDUCTED GREATER HOPEWELL DASH PETERSBURG AREA REFLECT FOUR TRAFFIC CITATIONS. CREDIT CHECK INDICATES CHARLES WASHINGTON CLARK, AND WIFE DOROTHY GILLIAM HAVE SATISFACTORY CREDIT RATING. CLARK EMPLOYED AS A CARPENTER FOR PERRIN DASH ESPOSITO BROTHERS, HOPEWELL, VA. AS FOREMAN. PD RECORDS HOPEWELL INDICATE CLARK PAGE FORTYFIVE IN NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT. PLACE OF BIRTH ESSEY, KING AND QUEEN COUNTY, VA. DISCREET NEIGHBORHOOD INQUIRY REFLECTS CLARK, WIFE, AND TWO TEENAGE DAUGHTERS MOVED TO ESPOSITO PLACE ADDRESS OCTOBER, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN. CLARK'S STEPSON SONNY (LNU) AND STEPSON'S WIFE, UNKNOWN. NEIGHBOR INDICATES WIFE OF SONNY (LNU) FROM ALABAMA CITY PRIOR TO MOVING TO HOPEWELL THREE TO FOUR MONTHS AGO. NEIGHBOR INDICATES WIFE OF SONNY RECENTLY QUIT EMPLOYMENT END PAGE TWO

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DRUG FAIR, HOPEWELL. MANAGER DRUG FAIR HOPEWELL INDICATES ONLY
ALABAMA NATIVE WHO RECENTLY QUIT EMPLOYMENT IS ONE D. E. CATLETT,
ADDRESS UNKNOWN, PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY, VIRGINIA. CREDIT RE
CATLETT NEGATIVE AT HOPEWELL AND PETERSBURG.

UAC NO FURTHER INQUIRIES BEING MADE.

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