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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: 5/14/68

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) -P-

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1. RE YOUR MEMO WITH ATTACHMENTS DATED MAY 3, 1968 SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY. MEMO RECEIVED HERE MAY 10. ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, C.I.D., JAMAICA CONSTABULARY FORCE, CONTACTED BY EMBASSY ON MAY 10, PERSONALLY CONDUCTED INVESTIGATION. INQUIRIES REVEALED THAT A MR. HEINRICH VOSSEN, DOB SEPTEMBER 15, 1945, DUSSELDORF, GERMANY, BEARER OF GERMAN PASSPORT NO C.O. 36958-J ISSUED AT DUSSELDORF ON NOVEMBER 17, 1967 WAS A MEMBER OF A TOURING PARTY COMPOSED OF GERMAN NATIONALS. PARTY STOPPED FIRST AT FLAMINGO HOTEL, KINGSTON, THEN PROCEEDED TO GOLDEN HEAD BEACH HOTEL, ORACABESSA AND DEPARTED ISLAND APRIL 24. VOSSEN REGISTERED AS A RESIDENT OF DUSSELDORF, GERMANY. WHILE AT THE GOLDEN HEAD BEACH HOTEL HE SHARED A ROOM WITH ANOTHER GERMAN NATIONAL, A MR. LAND. BOTH LEFT TOGETHER. VOSSEN STATED HE WAS GOING TO FRANKFURT-AM-MAIN, GERMANY

2. TWO MEMBERS HOTEL STAFF STATED VOSSEN MIGHT HAVE RESEMBLED ONE OF THE PICTURES OF RAY SHOWN ON THE FBI FLIER, BUT VOSSEN APPEARED SUBSTANTIALLY OLDER THAN PERSON SHOWN IN THESE PHOTOS.

3. COPIES OF HOTEL REGISTER CARD MADE OUT BY VOSSEN IN LETTER TOGETHER WITH HIS SIGNATURE IN SCRIPT ON SOME OF THE SERVICE CHITS WILL BE SUBMITTED UNDER SEPARATE COVER.

4. POLICE INVESTIGATION CONTINUING IN EFFORT DETERMINE

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WHETHER IDENTIFYING DATA ON VOSSEN CONTAINED IN IMMIGRATION RECORDS AS WELL AS WHAT HIS PLANNED ITINERARY UPON HIS DEPARTURE WAS.

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RE ST. FRANCIS HOTEL.

RE PHOENIX TEL FIVE THIRTEEN, LAST.

MRS. BETTY MORGAN, AUDITOR, CHITTENDEN HOTEL, COLUMBUS, OHIO, ADVISED TODAY HOTEL REGISTRATION CARD SHOWS ROBERT THERIEN, ONE TWO THREE OR SEVEN TWO THREE SOUTH BROADWAY, PHONEY, (APPARENTLY MEANT PHOENIX) ARIZONA, CHECKED INTO ROOM ONE TWO TWO CHITTENDEN HOTEL TWELVE ZERO NINE AM, FIVE TEN, LAST. THERIEN WAS ALONE AND PAID FOR ONE DAY. THERIEN CHECKED OUT FIVE TWELVE LAST LEAVING NO FORWARDING ADDRESS AND PAID ADDITIONAL EIGHT DOLLARS AND THIRTY TWO CENTS. MRS. MORGAN HAD NO RECORD OF LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALLS OR AUTO FOR THERIEN.

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NO RECORD HARRY LUNSFORD AT CHITTENDEN HOTEL.

WALTER HEARN, BELL CAPTAIN, CHITTENDEN HOTEL, RECALLED THERIEN PICKED UP TWO SUITCASES AFTERNOON FIVE TWELVE, LAST, BUT DID NOT DISCLOSE DESTINATION OR MEANS OF TRAVEL. THERIEN WAS ALONE. MEANS OF DEPARTURE CHITTENDEN HOTEL NOT NOTED. HEARN DESCRIBED THERIEN AS IN FORTIES, ABOUT FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, THIN BUILD, WEARING HAT.

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cc - Long

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HEARN UNABLE TO RECALL CLOTHES WORN BY THERIEN.

FORT HAYES HOTEL, COLUMBUS, OHIO, LOCATED NEAR CHITTENDEN HOTEL,
NEGATIVE RE ROBERT THERIEN, BOB THORIN AND HARRY LUNSFORD.

AM COPIES TO SAN FRANCISCO, LOS ANGELES, AND MEMPHIS. ARMED
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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987),
LOS ANGELES (44-1574), LAS VEGAS, DENVER (157-203)
AND ALBUQUERQUE
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN.

RE CHICAGO TEL TO DIRECTOR MAY NINE LAST.

RE LOOK ALIKE JAMES EARL RAY, LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORT MAY THREE LAST.

REMAINING FLIGHTS UNITED AIR LINES (UAL) EIGHT FIVE
SEVEN MAY ONE; THREE FIVE NINE MAY TWO; AND FIVE SEVEN ONE,
MAY TWO CHECKED MAY THIRTEEN LAST WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS FOR
CARL RAY.

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TO DIRECTOR /44-38861/ ST. LOUIS /44-775/ SPRINGFIELD /44-561/
FROM 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 FIFTYNINE, 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 BUT HEAVIER THAN HE RECALLS.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI
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CLAIMS NEVER MET SUBJECT'S BROTHERS. STATES IF HE EVER SEE 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 SIXTYNINE 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.

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FROM SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

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RE: Calls made by subject en route from LA to NO.

RE Dallas teletype 5/1/68 and El Paso airtel 4/30/68;
Houston airtel 5/3/68.

Dallas tel 5/1/68 lists 12/15/67, 9:19 p.m. call made
to 3472382, Ramsey, Indiana; and December 15, 1967, 9:14
p.m. call made to 6334609, Milltown, Indiana.

Telephone Directory Ramsey, Indiana, reflects number
347 2382 issued to RUSSELL STEPH, DePauw, Indiana. On 5/3/68
Mrs. RUSSELL STEPH advised call made by boy known to her as
PAUL DIAZ or DIEZ, who used to date her daughter. PAUL is
Mexican and had returned home to Texas.

Photos of RAY exhibited; not identical to DIAZ.

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Telephone Number 633-4609, Milltown, Indiana, is assigned to EDNA GREEN.

EDNA GREEN advised on 5/3/68 call received from PAUL GUADARRAMA, Box 295, Sanderson, Texas. He returned to Texas to go to school. Photo of RAY exhibited; Mrs. GREEN stated no resemblance. Mr. DAN SMITH, Irby Construction Company, advised GUADARRAMA worked for company. He advised no resemblance between RAY and GUADARRAMA.

Tell City Number 547-3141 assigned to J. ROBERT CLARK, 1339 14th Street, Tell City, Indiana. On 5/3/68, CLARK interviewed; advised his son DON KEITH CLARK might have made call. DON KEITH CLARK on 5/3/68 advised he made one collect call from Weatherford, Texas, and another from Pecos or Midland, Texas. He explained he drove to California on 12/15/67 and called home every night.

Telephone Number 317-288-0107 is assigned to TRUMAN G. POPE, Burlington Pike, Muncie, Indiana.

On 5/3/68, Mrs. GEORGIA POPE advised she had relatives visting her, ALICE and DAVE VAUGHT, sister and brother-in-law. They ran into a snowstorm in Texas and had to stay overnight and called to advise them of this.

Telephone Number 872-4551, Mexico, Indiana, is assigned MARVIN L. JONES, Vice-President, Bank of Peru, Peru, Indiana. JONES interviewed on 5/7/68 and cannot recall receiving call from Texas on 12/16/67. His wife cannot recall receiving call either. Both have excellent reputation in community.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: May 15, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

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- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
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- 1 - Mr. McDonough
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This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Marie Martin, also known as Marie Deninno, who traded television sets with Ray on about 2/14/68 when Ray was living at the St. Francis Hotel in Los Angeles, has been reinterviewed.

Martin stated that from the time the television sets were traded until Ray checked out of the St. Francis on 3/17/68 he appeared to be in need of money and said he was waiting for money from his brother. Martin believed Ray needed this money before he could drive to New Orleans where he delivered a package for her on about 3/21/68.

Ray told Martin he had lived in Mexico where he had used marijuana on one occasion but did not like it because it did nothing for him. He also said he had attended cock fights in Mexico but was repulsed by their barbaric nature.

Marie Martin has received a \$50 check from Louis Lomax for information she provided when he was writing his series of news articles. She believes the check is worthless.

Anonymous letters from Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, have alleged Ray is at the Cuicuilco Ruins in Mexico. These ruins are about twelve miles south of Mexico City and consist of a small pyramid, 1,400 years old, surrounded by lava beds that are thirty feet thick. It is near the site being prepared for the Olympic Games this summer. Extensive investigation has been conducted throughout this area with negative results.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

James H. Carpenter, ex-convict who previously alleged he saw Ray three times in St. Louis between 5/10/67 and 5/17/67, claims that when Ray escaped from Missouri State Penitentiary he did so by walking out with visitors. The official version of his escape is that he hid in a box of bread being delivered from the penitentiary to a prison farm. It has previously been alleged by other prisoners that he walked out the front door and that he wore a guard's uniform when he escaped.

It has also been alleged that another ex-convict saw Ray in St. Louis two weeks after his escape from Missouri State Penitentiary.

John Paul Valenti, ex-convict, and James H. Carpenter, visited John Eugene Gawron on the night of 5/13/68. Gawron is an old man who lived with Ray's mother from 1954 to 1961 and who has stated he taught Ray to be a burglar. Valenti has advised that although Gawron did not admit it in so many words, both Valenti and Carpenter gained the impression Gawron had harbored Ray after his escape in April, 1967.

Gawron has been exhaustively reinterviewed. 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 this could have occurred in July, 1967, instead of June and was in a city on the East bank of the Mississippi River. When confronted with discrepancies in his stories, Gawron stated, "As I've told you, my brain don't work right." Continuing efforts are being made to determine if such a robbery occurred.

James Laoma Owens was arrested with Ray for armed robbery in 1959. James D. Wallace, an inmate at Missouri State Penitentiary, was free on parole from 1965 to March, 1968. Wallace has advised that in the summer of 1967 he was coming out of Jefferson-Gravois Bank, St. Louis, when he met Ray and Owens who were entering the bank. Wallace told them he was glad he had gotten his money out before their arrival and they replied, "We're putting money in."

Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

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All aspects of this investigation are being vigorously pursued.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM LEGAT MEXICO CITY NO. 238

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UNKNOWN DECEASED AT ACAPULCO, GUERRERO:

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AS BUREAU WAS DIRECTLY ADVISED ON MAY ONE THREE LAST, EXPERT FROM IDENTIFICATION DIVISION ESTABLISHED THROUGH EXAMINATION OF BODY AT ACAPULCO THAT VICTIM NOT IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT RAY. UNDER SEPARATE CAPTION, AS MATTER OF COOPERATION WITH MEXICAN POLICE, BUREAU BEING REQUESTED TO HANDLE LEADS IN THE UNITED STATES WHICH MAY SERVE TO IDENTIFY VICTIM WHO APPEARS FROM ITEMS FOUND NEAR BODY TO BE YOUNG WHITE AMERICAN RECENTLY DISCHARGED FROM MILITARY SERVICE, POSSIBLY FROM MINNEAPOLIS - SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA AREA. ONLY APPARENT MOTIVE IS ROBBERY.

ALLEGED SUSPECT AT MEXICAN - GUATEMALAN BORDER:

EX-115 REC-40 44-38861-3031

GENERAL RAMON JIMENEZ DELGADO, CHIEF OF FEDERAL JUDICIAL POLICE, HAS COOPERATED FULLY IN FURNISHING COMPLETE TEXT OF REPORTS FROM HIS AGENT AT TAPACHULA, CHIAPAS.

10 MAY 17 1968

Walt ME
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TAXI DRIVER MIGUEL ANGEL CONSTANTINO LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED EXHAUSTIVELY RE ALLEGATION. HE STATES HE TOOK AN AMERICAN AT ABOUT NINE P.M., MAY THREE LAST, FROM TAPACHULA TO CIUDAD HIDALGO, A VILLAGE ON SUCHIATE RIVER WHICH FORMS FRONTIER WITH GUATEMALA AT THIS POINT. PASSENGER DESCRIBED AS WHITE, THREE FIVE YEARS OLD, FIVE FEET SEVEN INCHES, CLOSE TO ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY POUNDS, DARK COMPLEXION, WEARING A BEARD, SCAR SLIGHTLY OVER ONE INCH NEAR RIGHT EYEBROW. NEITHER SCAR NOR BEARD APPEARED TO BE OF RECENT ORIGIN. THIS INDIVIDUAL CARRIED A GREEN KNAPSACK AND A PISTOL BUT DRIVER DENIES PISTOL USED TO THREATEN HIM. ALSO CONTRARY TO PRESS REPORTS, DRIVER DID NOT SEE MAN CROSS RIVER INTO GUATEMALA. DRIVER LOOKED AT PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY AND STATED THIS SUSPECT DEFINITELY NOT IDENTICAL.

NEW ALLEGATION FROM HONDURAS:

EMBASSY AT TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS, REPORTED MAY ONE FOUR INSTANT THAT ONE LEWIS WEIR (PHONETIC) IS REPORTEDLY OWNER OF A FARM AT PENABLANCA, NEAR LAKE YOJOA, DEPARTMENT OF CORTES. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED PRIOR TO KING ASSASSINATION, THIS INDIVIDUAL HAD

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BRAGGED THAT MURDERERS OF CIVIL RIGHTS WORKERS IN MISSISSIPPI HAD STAYED WITH HIM AND THAT ANYONE ELSE IN SIMILAR DIFFICULTIES WOULD ALSO FIND REFUGE AT HIS FARM. WEIR CLAIMS TO BE AMERICAN CITIZEN BUT EMBASSY HAS NO RECORD OF HIM.

NO RECORD OF WEIR IN MEXICO CITY FILES UNDER THIS NAME OR POSSIBLE VARIATIONS. EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO OBTAIN FULL TRUE NAME AND OTHER IDENTIFYING DATA AFTER WHICH REQUEST WILL BE FORWARDED FOR CHECK OF BUREAU FILES AND LOGICAL STEPS TAKEN TO DETERMINE WHETHER HE HAS ANY CONNECTION WITH THIS CASE.

REMAINING LEADS RECEIVING PRIORITY HANDLING AND RESULTS WILL BE PROMPTLY FORWARDED FOR BENEFIT OF BUREAU AND INTERESTED DOMESTIC OFFICES.

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TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM ST. Louis

MURKIN - SUMMARY

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RE JAMES D. WALLACE, MSP INMATE WHO ALLEGEDLY SAW RAY AND JAMES LAOMA OWENS ENTER JEFFERSON-GRAVOIS BANK SL SUMMER SIXTYSEVEN.

CURSORY CHECK OF ALL CHECKING SAVINGS AND INSTALLMENT LOAN ACCOUNTS UNDER RAY NAME AND ALIASES AND JAMES LOAMA OWENS AT JEFFERSON-GRAVOIS BANK SL BY BANK VICE PRESIDENT TODAY UNPRODUCTIVE. CHECK IN DEPTH OF ALL BANK RECORDS, INCLUDING SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES, WILL BE MADE TOMORROW.

RE EX CONS JOHN PAUL VELANTI AND JAMES H. CARPENTER.

VELANTI TODAY ADVISED HE AND CARPENTER VISITED JOHN EUGENE GAWRON LAST NIGHT. ALLEGED GAWRON TOLD OF FBI INTERVIEW. BOTH VELANTI AND CARPENTER GAINED DEFINITE IMPRESSION GAWRON HAD HARBORED RAY AFTER ESCAPE, THO GAWRON DID NOT ADMIT TO SUCH IN SO MANY WORDS.

RE JOHN EUGENE GAWRON. GAWRON RINTERVIEWED EXHAUSTIVELY. AGAIN DECLINED TO FURNISH SPECIFIC INFO RE DEEP SOUTH BANK ALLEGEDLY ROBBED BY UN-NAMED MAN AND RAY, JUNE JULY SIXTYSEVEN, ON GROUND WANTED FEW MORE DAYS TO DETERMINE IF SOMEONE ELSE AWARE OF SAME, SO HE WILL NOT BE FINGERED AS SOURCE. INSISTED SAW ACCOUNT OF ROBBERY IN CHICAGO

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TRIBUNE, BUT NOW PLACES TIME AS MUCH AS MONTH FOLLOWING HIS RELEASE JUNE TWENTY THIRD. NOTE CG CHECK OF TRIBUNE WAS TO END JULY SIXTY-SEVEN. PLACES VISIT OF UN-NAMED MAN FEW DAYS OR WEEKS AFTER TRIBUNE ARTICLE. NOW CLAIMS MAN TOLD HIM ON FIRST VISIT RAY WAS ACCOMPLICE. PLACES SECOND VISIT WITHIN THREE OR FOUR WEEKS OF FIRST, INSTEAD OF SIX WEEKS AGO, AS ORIGINALLY STATED. NOW SAYS MAN JUST CAME FOR CUP OF COFFEE, SECOND VISIT, AND THAT RAY OR TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLAR LOAN MADE ON PREVIOUS VISIT NOT MENTIONED. WHEN CONFRONTED WITH DISCREPANCIES STATED "AS I'VE TOLD YOU, MY BRAIN DON'T WORK RIGHT". STATED MAN MUST HAVE OBTAINED GAWRON ADDRESS FROM RAY AND RAY PROBABLY GOT FROM RELATIVES. NOW SAYS STATE LINE RIVER WAS MISSISSIPPI AND CITY WHERE BANK ROBBED ON EAST SIDE OF RIVER.

TOLD OF VISIT BY CARPENTER, WHO HE KNOWS AS JIM CRAWFORD AND ANOTHER MAN LAST NIGHT. SAID CRAWFORD ASKED FOR FOOD MONEY. GAWRON GAVE HIM THREE OR FOUR DOLLARS. THEY TALKED OF RAY BEING RED HOT NOW AND BOTH MEN LEFT.

GAWRON EMPHATICALLY DENIED HARBORING RAY, OR KNOWING WHEREABOUTS SINCE ESCAPE. WHEN ADVISED OF REPORT RECEIVED RAY SEEN NEAR HIS RESIDENCE HE STATED IF HE WAS, HE NEVER CAME INSIDE OR CONTACTED HIM IN ANY WAY.

GAWRON CLOSED AS PCI AS UNRELIABLE. BEING CONSIDERED POSSIBLE HARBORER.

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RE CAROL PEPPER SISTER.

CAROL PEPPER RE-INTERVIEWED TODAY. SPECIFICALLY DENIED CONTACT BY OR KNOWLEDGE OF RAY WHEREABOUT SINCE ESCAPE, OTHER THAN WHAT READ IN PAPERS AFTER START OF THIS CASE. SAYS BROTHER JERRY IS ONLY MEMBER OF FAMILY WHO HAS NOT MOVED SINCE ESCAPE, AND IS ONLY ONE WHOSE PRESENT MAILING ADDRESS KNOWN TO RAY. SAYS GRAPEVINE TAVERN BARELY MAKING ESPENSES AND MAY NOT CONTINUE.

RE JOHN LARRY RAY, BROTHER.

JOHN RAY ONLY PERSON OPERATING GRAPEVINE TAVERN TODAY AND COULD NOT BE INTERVIEWED BECAUSE OF CUSTOMERS.

RE JERRY RAYNES, FATHER.

SOURCES AND SPOT CHECK DISCLOSED NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY.

FELLOW PRISONER INTERVIEWS AND LOOK ALIKE RESOLUTIONS CONTINUING.

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TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BUTTE AND SALT LAKE CITY
FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

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WALTER ELLSWORTH NOLAN, SIX EIGHT, CLAIMS TO BE SUBJECT!S
CLOSEST ASSOCIATE AT MSP PRIOR TO SUBJECT!S ESCAPE.

SW BELL TELE. CO. (PROTECT), ADVISED FOLLOWING CALL CHARGED
TO PHONE OF CARMEN PATTON, FIVE TWO ZERO SIX WASH., SLMO, NOLAN!S
LANDLADY: OCT. TWENTYNIVE, SIXTYSEVEN, PHONE TWO SEVEN FIVE DASH
FOUR FOUR SEVEN EIGHT, LEAMINGTON, ILL. POSTAL DIRECTORY LISTS
LEAMINGTON, UTAH AS ONLY LEAMINGTON IN U. S.

BUTTE ADVISED LEAMINGTON, UTAH TELEPHONE SERVICE PROVIDED BY
PHONE CO. IN SALT LAKE CITY.

SALT LAKE IDENTIFY LEAMINGTON SUBSCRIBER, ADVISE BUTTE.
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FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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The Identification Division is requested to expeditiously forward to Chicago a copy of the Identification Record for JERRY WILLIAM RAY, aka JERRY WILLIAM RYAN, FBI #862 651 A.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) (P)
RE: MURKIN
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Re Houston airtel to Bureau, 5/3/68, re telephone calls from public telephones on Interstate 10.

Referenced airtel set forth five long distance calls made from the Houston area to points in Arkansas. Subscribers to these five telephones were contacted and all calls were from relatives, friends or associates and none of the subscribers had any information concerning JAMES EARL RAY.

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FROM SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Re Los Angeles teletype 5/3/68.

"Local Swinger Correspondence Club"

San Francisco was requested to interview the following individuals:

RUTH SPENCER
P. O. Box 764
Union City

DORIS ANDREOTTI
460 Rico
Salinas

Occupant
P. O. Box 431
El Cerrito

ANNETTE LE PRELLE
Apt. 29 - 533 Leavenworth
San Francisco

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On 5/6/68, Mrs. MARY B. GEORGE (protect identity), Post Mistress, Union City Post Office, advised that RUTH SPENCER had moved from Union City and left a forwarding address to General Delivery, Bethel Island, Calif., on 9/16/66.

On 5/8/68, Miss MELBA NANCE (protect identity), Bethel Island, advised there is no RUTH SPENCER known to her as a resident of Bethel Island. She did state a RUTH LOCHMAN is presently believed to reside with a WAYNE SPENCER at the Bethel Island Trailer Park.

On 5/13/68, RUTH LOCHMAN, a resident of Bethel Island Trailer Park, Bethel Island, advised she is the former holder of P. O. Box 764 at Union City, California. She stated that her maiden name was RUTH REESE and denied having ever used another name.

RUTH LOCHMAN stated that she is not a member of a correspondence club and has never heard of the Swinger Correspondence Club of Los Angeles and has never received literature from them.

She stated that she has with in the past few months received some mailings from the Los Angeles area containing advertising for material which she considered to be of a pornographic nature. However, she stated she could only presume that through some mailing list her name had been listed with the Swinger Correspondence Club (SCC). She advised the names JAMES EARL RAY, ERIC STARVO GALT and the other aliases of RAY were unknown to her and after viewing photographs, stated she did not recognize RAY.

On 5/4/68, DORIS ANDREOTTI, 460 Rico, Salinas, Calif., advised that a couple of years ago she joined a correspondence club out of Chicago, Illinois and ever since then has gotten pamphlets and free offer type sales literature from several other companies. She advised that she does not remember ever getting any correspondence from a Local SCC.

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She advised that she is presently writing to a man named GAY RAN~~DAE~~ from San Francisco, California. She stated that she started writing him through the correspondence club

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out of Chicago. She advised she has no idea how the SCC could have obtained her address unless the correspondence club in Chicago gave it to them.

On 5/4/68, GEORGE PHELPS (protect), Postmaster, El Cerrito, Calif., advised that P. O. Box 431 has been in use since 12/20/67 by SHIRLEY K. WALSH, home address 51 Rudgear Drive, Walnut Creek, Calif., phone 939-3448.

On 5/5/68, Mrs. SHIRLEY WALSH, 51 Rudgear Drive, Walnut Creek, Calif., advised she has never been a member of or credited in any way with the SCC. She related that she has in the past as of November, 1967, corresponded with the "Worldwide Group", P. O. Box 5075, Berkeley and with the Computer Dating Company, Inc., 681 Market Street, San Francisco.

She advised that she was unable to explain how the SCC had obtained her address of P. O. Box 431, El Cerrito, California. She stated she is an employee of the Contra Costa County Social Service Dept. and advised she had obtained P. O. Box 431, El Cerrito for the sole purpose of receiving therein the "Berkeley Barb", a newspaper which she did not desire to have people know that she subscribed to. She stated this was the only reason for obtaining this box.

Mrs. WALSH stated that she has never received any photographs from the SCC and after viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, aka. advised that this person was completely unknown to her.

On 5/4/68, Miss ANNETTE LA PRELLE, Apt. 29, 535 Leavenworth, advised she had at no time joined the "Club Swinger", but had received communications from the club after sending for a Self-hypnosis book some time ago. She stated because she has received so much advertising mail that she has been destroying some of this mail without even opening it if the return address is unfamiliar to her. Mrs. LA PRELLE advised that she has not received any correspondence from JAMES EARL RAY or ERIC STARVO GALT and that she does not know him and has never seen him. Mrs. LA PRELLE, after viewing photographs of RAY, stated that the man was completely unknown to her.

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FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

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ReWFOtel dated 5/9/68.

On 5/14/68, Mr. KEN H. TOWSEY, Information Officer, Rhodesian Government, Washington, D.C. (PROTECT IDENTITY) telephonically contacted SA ROBERT W. DAWSON of this office to determine if a formal request is being directed to the Rhodesian Government concerning JAMES EARL RAY. He was advised this matter is being discussed with the U.S. Department of State.

Mr. TOWSEY again offered all assistance possible on behalf of his government. He was extremely gracious and cordial and indicated he was disappointed that such a request had not been forthcoming to this date but stated that he understood the possible reluctance on the part of the U. S. Government to address a formal request to a government with which it does not have diplomatic relations and does not recognize. Mr. TOWSEY stated that he was writing his government concerning the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING and was furnishing his government with a newspaper clipping from "The Evening Star" dated

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5/9/68, and captioned "Holed Up-Or Buried?" "The Ray Mystery Deepens" by JEREMIAH O'LEARY, Star Staff Writer, in order that his government might be apprised of this matter in the event a formal request is made by the U. S. Government in the future.

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TO DIRECTOR, ST. LOUIS, AND BUTTE.

FROM SALT LAKE CITY (44-253)

MURKIN. OO-MEMPHIS.

RE ST. LOUIS TELETYPE TO BUREAU, SALT LAKE CITY, BUTTE AND MEMPHIS, MAY FIFTEEN INSTANT.

INQUIRY AT LEAMINGTON, UTAH REFLECTS NO TELEPHONE SUBSCRIBER FOR NUMBER TWO SEVEN FIVE DASH FOUR FOUR SEVEN EIGHT. THE TELEPHONE PREFIX FOR LEAMINGTON, UTAH IS EIGHT FIVE SEVEN. MOUNTAIN STATES TEL AND TEL CO., SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH ADVISED PREFIX TWO SEVEN FIVE IS NOT A UTAH NUMBER.

NO FURTHER INQUIRY BEING MADE BY SALT LAKE CITY RE THIS MATTER, PENDING RECHECK OF TELEPHONE NUMBER AT S. W. BELL, ST. LOUIS.

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MEMPHIS, AND LOS ANGELES (PLAINTEXT)
MEMPHIS, AND LOS ANGELES VIA WASHINGTON
FROM SAN JUAN (157-61) 4P

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Long

MURKING.

RE NEW HAVEN TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND SAN JUAN MAY FIFTEEN
INSTANT.

FOR INFO LOS ANGELES LUZ E. GOMEZ, AGE ONE NINE, AND
CARMEN ANA MALDONADO, AGE ONE SIX, ADVISED AGENTS OF NEW HAVEN
INSTANT DATE THEY OBSERVED UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL AT SAN JUAN
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, SIX THIRTY AM, MAY FOURTEEN LAST, WHO
THEY FEEL IDENTICAL WITH JAMES EARL RAY. INDIVIDUAL TRIED TO
PURCHASE TICKET AT PAN AMERICAN COUNTER TO JAMAICA OR ARUBA.
BOTH DESCRIBED UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL AS HIGHLY NERVOUS, MOVING LIPS
CONSTANTLY AND PULLING LOBE OF RIGHT EAR, THIRTY-FIVE, FIVE NINE
OR FIVE TEN, SLENDER BUT STRONG BUILD, NO HAT, BROWN HAIR TINTED
REDDISH BLOND, TEETH NORMAL BUT UPPER CENTER APPEARED TO PROTRUDE
SLIGHTLY AS LIPS WERE MOVED OVER THEM, EARS PROTRUDED SLIGHTLY
RIGHT MORE THAN LEFT, EYES BLUE, ROUND, AND PIERCING, COMPLEXION
MEDIUM, NO SCARS NOTED, WORE MEDIUM-BROWN SUIT, LIGHT BLUE SHIRT,
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TIE AND PLAIN BLACK SHOES, AMERICAN IN APPEARANCE. CARRIED LIGHT TAN SUITCASE WITH LARGE HANDLE. IO FOUR ONE EIGHT TWO EXHIBITED GIRLS WHO FEEL CERTAIN ALL FEATURES OF SUBJECT RESEMBLE THOSE OF UNKNOWN WITH EXCEPTION OF HAIR OF LATTER WHICH IS LONGER.

JOSE RUIZ, PAN-AM RESERVATIONS AGENT, SAN JUAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ADVISED MAY FIFTEEN INSTANT THAT HE RECALLS PERSON BEING FIRST IN LINE AT RESERVATIONS BOOTH AT SIX FIFTEEN AM, APRIL FOURTEEN LAST WHO TRIED TO PURCHASE TICKET FOR MONTEGO BAY, JAMAICA, BUT BECAUSE HE DID NOT HAVE BIRTH CERTIFICATE OR PROOF OF AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP TICKET WAS NOT SOLD, THIS PERSON STATED HE WOULD STAY AT AIRPORT AT JAMAICA AND NOT LEAVE PLANE BECAUSE HE WANTED TO CONTINUE ON TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. UNKNOWN HAD MISCELLANEOUS CHARGE ORDER FROM PAN-AM, NEW YORK AND WAS TOLD HE COULD PURCHASE DIRECT FLIGHT TO LOS ANGELES ON DELTA AIRLINES. RUIZ DESCRIBED UNKNOWN AS FORTY TO FORTY FIVE YEARS, FIVE EIGHT, ONE SEVENTY TO ONE SEVENTY FIVE POUNDS, THIN FACE, BROWN HAIR, NO GREY, ACTED CRAZY, KEPT LAUGHING, HAIR LONG CREW CUT. WEARING TAN PANTS, BROWN-MAROON SPORT COAT. PHOTO TAKEN LATE JANUARY OR EARLY FEBRUARY ONE NINE SIXTY EIGHT OF RAY EXHIBITED TO RUIZ, WHO STATED THERE

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IS RESEMBLANCE, HOWEVER HE IS NOT POSITIVE OF IDENTIFICATION. RUIZ ADVISED HE IS POSITIVE THAT INDEX FINGER AND MIDDLE FINGER LEFT HAND ARE MISSING. STATED SCARS APPEAR TO BE OLD AND NOT NEW SCARS. RUIZ STATED THAT UNKNOWN EXHIBITED DRIVERS LICENSE WITH PHOTO, BUT DOES NOT RECALL NAME. PHOTO ON DRIVERS LICENSE HAD EYES CLOSED AND HE RECALLED WANTED FLYER OF PERSON BEING SOUGHT BY FBI WITH EYES CLOSED AND LATER HE LOOKED AT WANTED FLYER AND FEELS PERSON RESEMBLES PHOTO OF RAY.

ABRAHAM BREN, TICKET AGENT, DELTA AIRLINES, SJ INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, SAN JUAN ADVISED MAY FIFTEEN INSTANT THAT HE RECALLS SELLING TICKET TO PERSON WITH PAN-AM MISCELLANEOUS CHARGE ORDER AND LOCATED TICKET IN NAME OF ROGER SODERHOLM. SODERHOLM PURCHASED DELTA TICKET NUMBER ZERO ZERO SIX DASH ONE ZERO ONE DASH ONE FOUR SIX DASH ZERO THREE SIX, WITH PAN-AM MISCELLANEOUS CHARGE ORDER NUMBER ZERO TWO SIX DASH ZERO ZERO ONE DASH ONE TWO SIX DASH SIX THREE FIVE DATED MAY THIRTEEN LAST AT NEW YORK IN THE AMOUNT OF FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY EIGHT DOLLARS AND EIGHTY EIGHT CENTS. DELTA TICKET ISSUED AND ALSO ISSUED WAS DELTA MISC CHARGE ORDER NUMBER ZERO ZERO SIX DASH ZERO NINE ONE DASH ZERO ZERO ZERO DASH ZERO ZERO ONE IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY FOUR DOLLARS AND EIGHTY THREE CENTS.

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