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CABLEGRAM 44-38861-3131 URGENT

TO LEGAT, MEXICO CITY

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

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DALLAS OFFICE ADVISED MAY TWENTYONE, SIXTYEIGHT, DONALD BRUCE LIVELY, INVESTMENTS, ONE SIX ZERO ZERO LTV TOWER, RESIDING SEVEN TWO ONE FIVE PALADO ST., PHONE AD NINE - FIVE FOUR FOUR SEVEN, DALLAS, RELATED ONLY PERSON HE RECALLS RECEIVING PHONE CALLS FROM IN PUERTO VALLARTA, MEXICO, IS RAY CARSON. SAID HE VACATIONED IN PUERTO VALLARTA FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS IN ABOUT OCTOBER, SIXTYSEVEN, AND FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS IN EARLY FEBRUARY, SIXTYEIGHT. WHILE VACATIONING THERE HE MET CARSON, WHO WAS FREE LANCE REAL ESTATE BROKER. SUBSEQUENT TO HIS FIRST VISIT TO MEXICO HE RECEIVED ABOUT FIVE OR SIX PHONE CALLS FROM CARSON RE POSSIBILITY OF LIVELY BUYING A HOUSE IN PUERTO VALLARTA. THE PURCHASE WAS NOT CONSUMMATED AND HE LATER LEARNED THAT CARSON HAD BEEN DEPORTED FROM MEXICO FOR SOME REASON. THE LAST HE HEARD OF CARSON HE WAS IN COSTA RICA. DURING FIRST VACATION HE TOOK IN PUERTO VALLARTA, LIVELY RENTED A HOUSE KNOWN AS CASA

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454PM URGENT 5-20-68 LMB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM DALLAS (44-2649) 2P

MURKIN

RE LEGAT MEXICO TELCALL TO DALLAS CONCERNING TELEPHONE CALLS MADE FROM PUERTO VALLARTA, MEXICO IN NOVEMBER, SIXTYSEVEN.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND ATLANTA (44-1811)

FROM DALLAS (44-2645) 2P

WHITE.

RE LEWIS MERTON FERRELL TO ATLANTA CONCERNING THE ANTICIPATED FREE FREE RIGHTS INFLUXTA. MEETING IN NOVEMBER. CONTINUED.

ENTERED WITH TWO OTHER FREE RIDERS ET. PROBE BY MINE - FIVE LONE TREE. VALLEY. ROLLETT CHAY FURNISH IN REPORTS REGARDING BEHAVIOR OF FREE RIDERS. ON THE FIRST DAY THEY ARRIVED IN BUTTE VALLEY, MONTCO. IN LAW CHURCH. THEY WERE ARRESTED IN BUTTE VALLEY AND ABOUT THE ABOUT THE BEING IN BUTTE VALLEY. MONTCO. IN LAW CHURCH. THEY WERE ARRESTED. SIXTEEN WERE FOR ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO CAUSE BODILY HARM. THEY WERE FREED ON BOND. THE WAS FREE. THEY WERE ARRESTED. CHARGED IN THE FIRST WEEK TO HAVE BEEN ARRESTED. ABOUT HALF OF THE FREE RIDERS HAVE BEEN CHARGED IN FEDERAL OR STATE COURTS. THE FIRST TO HAVE BEEN ARRESTED WERE THE ONES WHO WERE FIRST TO ARRIVE. CHARGED IN THE FIRST WEEK TO HAVE BEEN ARRESTED. THE FIRST TO HAVE BEEN ARRESTED WERE THE ONES WHO WERE FIRST TO ARRIVE

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BUREAU MAY DESIRE TO FURNISH ABOVE INFO TO LEGAT, MEXICO CITY. P

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SAVANNAH (44-1768)(P)

MURKIN

Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau, 5/9/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA SYDNEY J. SMITH:

AT GLENNVILLE, GA.

On 5/20/68, Deputy Sheriff FLOYD N. BAXTER, Sheriff's Office, Tattnall County, Ga., advised the following:

GEORGE B. FRANKS, 707 Virginia Avenue, Glennville, was known by the name of BASIL FRANKS while living here. FRANKS was a salesman for Mascot Pecan Co., Glennville, and before that he was with the Western Auto Store. He was terminated from his sales position with Mascot Pecan Co. about Christmas 1967. FRANKS now lives in Ashburn, Ga., and is in the candy sales business there.

Deputy Sheriff BAXTER scanned the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and then stated that FRANKS was not identical to RAY.

On 5/20/68, Mr. HUBERT L. WALKER, 709 Virginia Avenue, advised the following:

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1 - Memphis (44-193)
2 - Savannah

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He knew BASIL FRANKS, 707 Virginia Avenue, Glennville, Ga., when FRANKS lived in the house next to him for about three years. FRANKS left Glennville at about Christmastime, 1967, and is now living and working out of Ashburn, Ga., as a candy salesman.

Mr. WALKER closely inspected the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and declared that FRANKS was not identical to RAY.

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ATLANTA DIVISION

AT ASHBURN, GA.

Will locate BASIL FRANKS (or GEORGE B. FRANKS) and ascertain if he is identical with JAMES EARL RAY.



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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: May 21, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach
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1 - Mr. Malley
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(SEE BUFILE 62-117290)

This is the case involving the death of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Kenneth Lee Wade, San Quentin Penitentiary, was in Missouri State Penitentiary from 1958 through 1965. He states he knew Ray from 1962 until 1965 and they sold amphetamines and other stimulants to prisoners. Inmates Ray Pruitt, Bobby Burns and Glen Shurnick (phonetic) were partners with Ray and Wade.

Wade estimates that the amphetamine operation cleared $1,000 a month. He gambled with his share of the profits but Ray was conservative in handling his money and Wade believes Ray had substantial savings, perhaps as much as $5,000, when he escaped. He does not know where or how Ray maintained his savings but Ray could have bribed a guard to take money out of the prison. Wade added that a Lieutenant Dickson or Dixon, who was fired from the penitentiary in 1965, had been used by Wade and Ray to bring items of value in and out of the prison.

In November, 1961, Ray made an unsuccessful effort to escape from Missouri State Penitentiary. He attempted to scale the wall with pipe taken from clothing racks in the dry cleaning plant and was injured when the pipe broke. He was subsequently examined by a prison psychologist who made the following comments:

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> "The subject appears to be a rather simple, inadequate, unspontaneous individual of a rather passive sort. His abortive attempt to scale the walls is characteristic of the kind of judgment (one perhaps should say misjudgment) which may be expected from this individual. He smiles in an inappropriate and embarrassing manner at times and gives one the feeling that they are communicating with a rather simple sort of soul."

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

In a report dated 10/21/66 the psychologist reviewed extensive testing and interviews conducted with Ray and concluded:

> "According to all the test results I have on the man he is nothing more nor less than a severe neurotic apparently seeking to repress out of awareness, or to keep concealed, something he seems to be afraid someone else is going to find out.
>
> "The import of this at this time is to urge you to communicate with the Warden that this man might well be considered 'escape-prone' -- a runner (psychologically, anyway) -- and suggest that the Warden, in accordance with a 'gentlemen's agreement' we have with the Hospital authorities, notify the Hospital authorities that this man should be considered as an escape-prone neurotic type individual, according to our information on him."

While at Missouri State Penitentiary Ray was consistently rated as an efficient and cooperative worker. A work and training report dated 10/1/62 describes him as an experienced baker and a very good one.

Arrangements are being made with the State Department to provide all U. S. diplomatic establishments abroad with information concerning Ray's fugitive status. There are approximately 290 such establishments throughout the world.

In the allegations previously made to the Los Angeles "Times," Bob claimed Ray had charged telephone calls made from Memphis to a telephone company credit card issued to Riddell Catering, U. S. Rubber, Detroit, and that the card was in the name of Riddell or a Robert Brinkley.

Riddell Industrial Caterers has the concession at the U. S. Rubber Company plant in Detroit. The company is owned by H. V. Brinker and his son, Robertson "Robert" Brinker. The catering company does not have a telephone or a telephone company credit card.



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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

Robertson Brinker does have a telephone company credit card. He denied that any Memphis calls have been charged to this card and was unable to explain how such an allegation might have originated. He denied that his credit card had ever been lost or used by any other person.

H. V. Brinker recalled that he was in Boca Raton, Florida, from 3/1/68 to 4/1/68 and traded at a Sunoco service station at the intersection of U. S. One and Palm Aire. He was impressed with the efficiency of one of the employees and told the service station employee to call him or his son if he ever wanted a job. He gave this man one of his business cards. He cannot recall if he wrote Robert's name on the card but he told him Robert's name and said that they catered for U. S. Rubber. We are checking out this service station employee to determine if he is identical with Bob.

ACTION:

This case is continuing to receive vigorous attention.



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**TO:** **DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)**

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

**SUBJECT:** **MURKIN**

**Re Kansas City airtel to Bureau 5/17/68 enclosing an insert reflecting interview with CECIL CLAYTON LILLIBRIDGE.**

**Kansas City suggested that the Bureau might desire to disseminate this to Legats, Canada and Mexico. Memphis requests that the Bureau consider such dissemination in view of the fact that there appears to be a consistent thread of information in this investigation indicating that the subject had very definite plans to flee this country. It would appear at the moment that investigation in countries outside the United States is at least as important as any investigation we are conducting within this country, and it is suggested that the Bureau consider every possible avenue for the purpose of determining whether or not the subject may have gone to a foreign country.**

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C. C. - Bishop

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38681)

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

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629PM URGENT 5-22-68 ENT

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS CHICAGO ST. LOUIS

FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 2P

MURKIN.

DAILY SUMMARY.

RE KANSAS CITY DAILY SUMMARY TEL MAY TWO ONE LAST, AIR MAIL COPIES CHICAGO AND ST. LOUIS.

RE INTERVIEW OF ATTORNEY PHILLIP BAKER, INDEPENDENCE, MO. RECORDS MSP, JEFFERSON CITY, MO., REFLECT THAT FORMER INMATE, JOHN WILLIAM, AKA. JOHN WILLIAM MYERS, MSP NO. ZERO THREE EIGHT FOUR EIGHT, WAS DISCHARGED FROM MSP, APRIL FIVE, SIXTY-EIGHT, PROBABLE RESIDENCE NOT GIVEN, BUT WHEREABOUTS CAN PROBABLY BE DETERMINED THROUGH EITHER HIS MOTHER, LILLIAN MEYER, NUMBER ONE FOUR ZERO ON ONE HUNDRED THIRTY AVE., GULFPORT, MISS., OR FRIEND, MRS. IRENE COLLINS, FIVE FOUR FOUR SEVEN WEST CHICAGO AVE., CHICAGO. FORMER INMATE NATHAN J. MURPHY, MSP NO. ZERO FOUR SEVEN TWO FIVE, WAS PAROLED JULY TWO EIGHT, SIXTY-FOUR, FROM MSP, TO RESIDE WITH HIS WIFE, NAME NOT LISTED, TWO EIGHT THREE SIX EADS AVE., ST. LOUIS., AND WAS DISCHARGED FROM PAROLE JAN. FOUR, SIXTY-SEVEN, AT WHICH

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TIME HE COULD BE REACHED THROUGH JOHN A. ZITZENZANICH, THREE ONE SEVEN SEVEN A OREGON ST., ST. LOUIS.

CHICAGO AND ST. LOUIS, INTERVIEW ABOVE ASSOCIATES OF MEYER AND MURPHY TO LOCATE THEM FOR INTERVIEW RE SUBJECT.

SEPARATE TEL TO JACKSON WITH INFO IN REFERENCED TEL.

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702 PM 5/22/68 URGENT RAY

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND MEMPHIS 44-1987 AIR MAIL (CHICAGO, ATLANTA AND MOBILE.)

FROM KNOXVILLE 44-696

MORKIN.

RE CHICAGO TEL TO DIRECTOR, KNOXVILLE, MEMPHIS AND MOBILE, MAY TWENTYTWO INSTANT, RE REVIEW OF TICKETS FOR UAL FLIGHTS FROM ATLANTA APRIL FIVE TO TWELVE LAST. REFERENCE IS ALSO MADE TO TO KNOXVILLE TEL TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, ATLANTA AND CHARLOTT MAY NINE LAST REGARDING EAL FLIGHT FROM ATLANTA APRIL FIVE TO APRIL TWELVE LAST.

RESERVATION SET FORTH IN REFERENCED CHICAGO TEL PREVIOUSLY INVESTIGATED AND ELIMINATED. RESULTS SET FORTH IN REFERENCED KNOXVILLE TELETYPE.

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FBI DETROIT

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND SACS ATLANTA AND MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (44-989)

MURKIN.

RE ATLANTA TEL TO DIRECTOR, DETROIT AND MEMPHIS MAY THREE LAST.

RE HAROLD G. ANDERSON.

CONTACT WITH ALL BRICKLAYERS AND MASONS UNION LOCALS, EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES, FORD MOTOR CO., CHRYSLER CORP., GENERAL MOTORS CORP. INDICATES NO ONE EMPLOYED UNDER NAME HAROLD ANDERSON, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [redacted] IN METROPOLITAN DETROIT AND SURROUNDING TOWNS.

DETROIT WILL CONTINUE TO ATTEMPT TO LOCATE ANDERSON UACB.

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640PM URGENT 5-22-68 LCS

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED MAY TWENTYTWO INSTANT.

POSTAL INSPECTOR ATLANTA, GA., ADVISED THIS DATE THERE ARE STILL REMNANTS OF LONELY HEART CLUBS OPERATING IN ATLANTA MAINLY IN OBSCENE LITERATURE TYPE BOOKS, WHICH ORIGINALLY OPERATED AS LONELY HEART CLUBS. THE MAIN CLUB IS THE PENDULUM BOOKS. THERE ARE NO CLUBS IN THE AREA KNOWN AS THE LOCAL SWINGER OR SIMILAR NAME. THE MOST RECENT CLUB TO OPERATE THIS AREA WAS THE REBEL, WHICH CLUB WAS RAIDED APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR AGO AND FORCED TO DISCONTINUE OPERATIONS. MEMBERS, APD VICE SQUAD, ADVISED RECORDS OF REBEL CLUB SEIZED BY THEM WERE NEGATIVE RE RAY AND ALIASES. FORMER OPERATOR OF THE REBEL CLUB ADVISED RAY UNKNOWN TO HIM.

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CHECK OF HOSPITALS AND SAFE DEPOSIT BOXES OVER PERTINENT PERIOD CONTINUING.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAN DIEGO (44-387)

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WILLIAM J. MISSETT, CITY EDITOR, BLADE TRIBUNE, AN OCEANSIDE, CALIFORNIA, NEWSPAPER, TONIGHT REQUESTED AN APPOINTMENT FOR TWO P.M. MAY TWENTYTWO, NEXT, TO DISCUSS RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION BY HIS NEWSPAPER TO SHOW THAT EARL JACK NORMAN, AKA ROBERT MELVIN OWENS, FBI NUMBER FOUR EIGHT TWO SIX NINE FIVE NINE, CII NUMBER ONE THREE SIX TWO SIX TWO ZERO, WHO DIED FROM AN OVERDOSE OF BARBITUATE POISENING, IN AN OCEANSIDE MOTEL ON MARCH FIVE LAST IS IDENTICAL WITH JAMES OWENS, FBI NUMBER ONE THREE NINE SEVEN SEVEN ZERO SEVEN, THE PERSON WHO KANSAS CITY OFFICE HAS IDENTIFIED AS PERSON INVOLVED IN PAST IN ROBBERY OF ST. LOUIS SUPERMARKET WITH JAMES EARL RAY.

NORMAN REC 3 44-3864-383 OWENS

THE IDENTIFICATION DIVISION IS ASKED TO COMPARE FBI RECORDS FOUR EIGHT TWO SIX NINE FIVE NINE AND ONE THREE NINE SEVEN SEVEN ZERO SEVEN AND FURNISH SUITABLE DATA ESTABLISHING THESE PERSONS ARE NOT IDENTICAL, WHICH CAN BE FURNISHED MISSETT PRIOR TO TWO P.M. MAY TWENTYTWO, NEXT. NORMAN'S FBI NUMBER FOUR EIGHT TWO SIX NINE FIVE NINE WAS OBTAINED FROM CORNORS OFFICE

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SAN DIEGO AS SHOWN IN HIS CII RECORD NUMBER ONE THREE SIX TWO SIX TWO ZERO.

MISSETT HAS CONDUCTED INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION CONCERNING NORMAN AND HE SPEAKS IN A MANNOR INDICATING HE WILL LIKLY WRITE AN EXTENSIVE STORY IN HIS PAPER WHICH IT IS BELIEVED WILL BE MISLEADING AND WILL LIKELY CREATE AN UNNECESSARLY MISLEADING STORY IN NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY, UNLESS INFORMATION CAN BE BROUGHT TO HIS ATTENTION SHOWING THAT THESE PERSONS ARE NOT IDENTICAL.

MISSETT IS THE YOUNG SON OF THE OWNER OF THIS NEWSPAPER, WHICH WAS PURCHASED ABOUT SIX MONTHS AGO FROM THE PREVIOUS OWNER.

BUREAU IS ASKED TO SUTEL RESULTS OF EXAMINATION OF THESE IDENT RECORDS BY TWO P.M. MAY TWENTYTWO, NEXT.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN.

RE CHICAGO TEL MAY TWENTY ONE LAST.

RE ALLEGED ASSOCIATE ANDREW WILSON DE CORE.

DE CORE INTERVIEWED, ADVISED WAS ACQUAINTED WITH SUBJECT WHILE BOTH INCARCERATED MENARD PRISON. FRIENDSHIP ON CASUAL BASIS AND AT NO TIME DID THEY ENGAGE IN LONG CONVERSATIONS.

HAS NOT ASSOCIATED WITH RAY SINCE LAST SEEING HIM IN MENARD. PICKED SIXTY PHOTOGRAPH AS BEST LIKENESS AS HE RECALLS HIM. CANNOT FURNISH ANY IDENTITIES OF FELLOW INMATES WHO WERE CLOSE TO RAY IN MENARD. SPECIFICALLY COULD NOT RECALL ANYONE NAMED JAMES LOAMA OWENS.

STATES SHOULD HE EVER DEVELOP ANY INFO CONCERNING SUBJECT'S PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OR RECALL ANY CLOSE ASSOCIATES WILL IMMEDIATELY CONTACT FBI.

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FBI ST LOUIS

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TO: DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775) 3P

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RE JOHN LARRY RAY.

ARTICLE APPEARED, FRONT PAGE, SL GLOBE DEMOCRAT, DAILY METRO SL NEWSPAPER, INTERVIEW WITH JOHN, QUOTING HIM SAYING FAMILY CLOSE, COULD BORROW FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS ANY TIME FROM FATHER, BROTHER SISTER, FIRST NAMES ONLY GIVEN. INDICATES SISTER OWNS TAVERN HE OPERATES, AND THAT HE ALSO OWNS TRUCKING BUSINESS. BELIEF SUBJECT FALL GUY.

ON INTERVIEW BY SAS, SAID REPORTER EXHIBITED A P STORY BY LA TIMES REPORTER HE REFUSED TO TALK TO, STATING HE HATED SUBJECT, AND CONNED HIM INTO CORRECTING SAME. HAS BEEN DODGING REPORTERS AND TV SINCE. EXTREMELY FEARFUL OF NEGRO REPRISALS IF RELATIONSHIP TO SUBJECT BECOMES GENERALLY KNOWN. MAY CLOSE GRAPEVINE.

DENIED TRUCKING INTEREST. FRIEND CLARENCE HAYNES HAS TRUCK

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AND THEY HAVE CONTEMPLATED ENTERING MOVING BUSINESS. HAYNES MAY HAVE HAD BUSINESS CARDS PRINTED.

FATHER, JERRY AND HE HAVE FREQUENTLY SENT CAROL PEPPER MONEY TO PLACE IN HER ACCOUNT. OBTAIN MONEY FROM HER WHEN NEEDED. NO IDEA WHO OWES WHO WHAT OR WHETHER RETURN OF MONEY OR LOAN. JOHN USUALLY CARRIES FIVE OR SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS ON PERSON. OBTAINED THOUSAND DOLLARS OF FATHERS MONEY FROM CAROL PRIOR TO SAN FRANCISCO TRIP AUGUST SIXTY SEVEN. GAVE SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT VERSION OF TRIP.

FURNISHED INFO RE OWN TRAVELS SIXTY AND SIXTY TWO. CLAIMS KNOWS NO FRIENDS OF SUBJECT IN ANY PART OF COUNTRY. DENIES CONTACT WITH SUBJECT OR KNOWLEDGE OF WHEREABOUTS SINCE ESCAPE.

RE JERRY RAYNES AND CAROL PEPPER. SOURCES AND SPOT CHECKS DISCLOSED NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY TODAY.

RE JOHN EUGENE GAWRON.

REINTERVIEW CURRENTLY IN PROGRESS. RESULTS WILL BE FURNISHED TOMORROW.

RE FELLOW PRISONER WALTER E. NOLAN

NOTE NOLAN APPEARED COOPERATIVE LAST INTERVIEW.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), AND ATLANTA, AND MEMPHIS

FROM DETROIT (44-989) 2P

MURKIN.

RE EASTERN AIRLINES (EAL) FLIGHTS OUT OF ATLANTA APRIL FIVE THROUGH TWELVE LAST.

RE MIAMI TEL TO BUREAU MAY EIGHT LAST.

DETROIT TELEPHONE EIGHT SEVEN THREE-THREE ZERO ZERO ZERO, EXTENSION SEVEN, ROOM THREE TWO FOUR, WHICH WAS CONTACT POINT FOR RESERVATION MADE BY ONE RAYE FOR EAL FLIGHT ONE TWO FOUR Y ON APRIL FIVE LAST FROM ATLANTA TO PHILADELPHIA AS SET OUT IN RE TEL, IS PHONE NUMBER OF ST. REGIS HOTEL, DETROIT.

ON APRIL TWO LAST, DATE ABOVE RESERVATION MADE, ROOM THREE TWO FOUR WAS OCCUPIED BY MR. MELVIN SCHULTZ, XEROX CORP., SOUTHFIELD, MICH.

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MR. SCHULTZ ADVISES ROOM THREE TWO FOUR, ST. REGIS HOTEL, USED APRIL TWO LAST FOR BUSINESS LUNCHEON AT WHICH HE AND TWO OTHER EMPLOYEES OF XEROX WERE PRESENT ALONG WITH THREE EMPLOYEES OF BENDIX CORP., ONE OF WHOM WAS KENNETH CRUISE. TO KNOWLEDGE OF MR. SCHULTZ NO ONE MADE RESERVATIONS FOR EAL FLIGHT FROM ATLANTA. HE WAS CONTACTED

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OTHER TWO EMPLOYEES OF XEROX AND THAT NEITHER MADE NOR CONFIRMED ANY RESERVATIONS FOR ONE RAYE.

KENNETH CRUISE, BENDIX CORP., ADVISES THAT NEITHER HE NOR THE OTHER TWO EMPLOYEES OF BENDIX PRESENT AT THE BUSINESS LUNCHEON WITH XEROX APRIL TWO LAST, MADE OR CONFIRMED ANY AIRLINES RESERVATIONS FOR ONE RAYE.

MR. MARASCO, RESERVATIONS MANAGER, ST. REGIS HOTEL, ADVISED THE HOTEL HAS NO WAY TO ASCERTAIN WHO MIGHT HAVE MADE RESERVATIONS WITH EAL UNDER NAME OF RAYE.

GARTH PEARSALL, SUPERVISOR, DELTA AIRLINES, CONFIRMED THAT RESERVATIONS WERE MADE THROUGH DELTA AIRLINES ON APRIL TWO LAST FOR EAL FLIGHT ONE TWO FOUR Y ON APRIL FIVE LAST FROM ATLANTA TO PHILADELPHIA IN NAME RAYE. ANY FURTHER INFO RE RAYE MUST BE OBTAINED FROM DELTA HEADQUARTERS, ATLANTA.

ATLANTA CONTACT DELTA MAIN OFFICE AND ASCERTAIN ANY FURTHER INFO RE RAYE.

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TO; DIRECTOR

FROM; MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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ONLY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IN CLARKSVILLE RA TERRITORY IN MEMPHIS THAT MAINTAINS FINGERPTINTS CARDS ON FILE IS CLARKSVILLE PD. ALL UNIDENTIFIED LATENTS OF CLARKSVILLE PD HAVE BEEN CHECKED AGAINST PRINTS OF JAMES EARL RAY WITH NO IDENTIFICATION.

LITTLE ROCK DIVISION ADVISED LOOK ALIKE SEEN DRIVING LATE MODEL MERCURY TWO TONE IN COLOR WITH BLACK TOP. BEARING SIXTYEIGHT ARK. LICENSE A V W SEVEN THREE TWO, WITH FT. CAMPBELL , KY. STICKER ON WINDSHIELD NEAR ARKADELPHIA, ARK., MAY ELEVEN LAST. MEMPHIS INVESTIGATION DISCLOSED OWNER OF AUTOMOBILE, CAPTAIN GEORGE C. INGRAM, NOT IN RESIDENCE MEMPHIS AND CURRENTLY ASSIGNED OPTOMETRY CLINIC, U.S. ARMY HOSPITAL, FT. CAMBELL, KY. LOUISVILLE DIVISION INTERVIEWED CAPT. GEORGE CONWAY INGRAM, JR., SN ZERO TWO THREE THREE ZERO EIGHT FOUR TWO, OPTOMETRRIST ASSIGNED U.S. ARMY HOSPITAL FT. CAMBELL, INGRAM, WHO ADVISED HE IS OWNER SIXTYSEVEN MERCURY

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BLACK VINYL TOP, WITH SIXTYEIGHT ARKANSAS LICENSE A V W SEVEN THREE TWO, ADVISED ON MAY ELEVEN LAST HE WAS EN ROUTE FROM FT. CAMPBELL , KY. TO HOT SPRINGS ARK. TO ATTEND OPTOMETRY CONVENTION DOES NOT RECALL HAVING TRAVELED THROUGH ARKADELPHIA, BUT INDICATED HE MAY HAVE. STATED HE TRAVELED ALONE. CAPTAIN INGRAM DESCRIBED AS WM, SIX FEET, TWO THIRTYSEVEN LBS., REDDISH BROWN HAIR, BROWN EYES, WEARS HORN RIM GLASSES. CAPTAIN INGRAM SAID WHEN DRIVING HE DOES WEAR MILITARY PRESCRIPTION SUNGLASSES. LOUISVILLE STATES INGRAM NOT IDENTICAL WITH SUB

LUTHER EDWARD WILBURN, FOUR FOUR FIVE EAST MADISON STREET PULASKI, TENN., OWNS AND OPERATES THE BUS STATION RESTAURANT IN PULASKI AND ALSO DAILY DRIVES A GILES COUNTY SCHOOLBUS. WILBURN HAS LIVED IN PULASKI, TENN., SINCE JUNE OF NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, HAVING COME TO PULASKI FROM HUNTSVILLE, ALA. IN HUNTSVILLE HE WAS MANAGER OF THE SHOCKLEY PANCAKE HOUSE, A RESTAURANT LOCATED AT ONE THREE ZERO FOUR NORTH MEMORIAL PARKWAY, HUNTSVILLE, ALA. HE CURRENTLY OWNS TWO AUTOMOBILES, A VOLKSWAGEN AND A SIXTYFIVE OLDSMOBILE JET STAR EIGHTEIGHT,, WHICH IS RED IN COLOR. HE HAS OWNED BOTH VEHICLES FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS AND BOTH HAVE BEEN LICENSED IN THE STATE OF TENNESSEE IN NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN AND NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT. HE HAS OWNED NO OTHER VEHICLES DURING THIS TIME

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HE RECALLS THE DAY THAT MARTIN LUTHER KING WAS KILLED AND REMEMBERS THAT ON THIS DAY HE WORKED AS USUAL AT HIS RESTAURANT AND DROVE THE SCHOOL BUS.

WILBURN KNOWS NO ONE BY THE NAME OF WILLIAM PIERCE OR FRANK WILLIAM BRICKLEY. THE ONLY PERSON BY THE NAME OF LEWIS THAT HE KNOWS IS SAM LEWIS, AN ATTORNEY, PULASKI, TENN. WHO IS KNOWN TO ENJOY AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION IN THE COMMUNITY WILBURN SAID HE HAS NOT BEEN IN MEMPHIS, TENN., FOR TWELVE OF FOURTEEN YEARS.

MR. MARLIN GOODMAN, SUPERINTENDENT, GILES COUNTY SCHOOLS, PULASKI, TENN., CONFIRMED THE FACT THAT WILBURN IS EMPLOYED BY THE GILES COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AS A BUS DRIVER. CONTRACTS ARE ON AN ANNUAL BASIS AND NO DAILY RECORDS ARE KEPT. IT IS THE BUS DRIVER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO OBTAIN A SUBSTITUTE AND PAY HIM IF THE DRIVER IS UNABLE TO MAKE THE ROUNDS.

ROLAND HARRIS, POLICE OFFICER, PULASKI, TENN., P
SERVES AS A SUBSTITUTE.

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RECORDS OF GAS RECEIPTS MAINTAINED BY THE GILES COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION GARAGE REFLECTS THAT WILBURN OBTAINED GASOLINE FOR THE VEHICLES ON APRIL THREE AND ON APRIL FIVE, SIXTYEIGHT, IT BEING HIS USUAL PRACTICE TO OBTAIN GASOLINE ABOUT EVERY OTHER DAY THAT THE BUS IS USED.

ROLAND HARRIS, PULASKI, TENN., PD, STATED HE HAS SERVED AS A SUBSTITUTE DRIVER FOR THREE COUNTY SCHOOLS BUS DRIVERS BUT HE HAS NEVER SUBSTITUTED FOR WILBURN.

AIR MAIL COPY TO BIRMINGHAM.

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