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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS 44-1987

FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 1P

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DAILY SUMMARY.

EFFORTS TO LOCATE RALPH RENFRO IN JOPLIN, MO., NEGATIVE.

LEADS SET, OUT FOR LOUISVILLE AND OMAHA.

CECIL ELLYBRIDGE, FORMER CELLMATE OF SUBJECT, ADVISED
THE ONLY MGAZINE HE OBSERVED RAY READING WAS "TIME".

ORIGINAL RECORDS BELSAW LOCKSMITHING INSTITUTE, KANSAS
CITY, MO., BEING OBTAINED AND FORWARDED TO LAB FOR HANDWRITING
EXAMINATION. THESE RECORDS FROM APRIL ONE, LAST, TO THE
PRESENT TIME. INCLUDING ABOUT ONE HUNDRED TWENTYFIVE APPLICATIONS.

DRIVER'S LICENSE EXAMINATION OFFICES FOR ENTIRE STATE OF MISSOURI BEING CIRCULATED WITH IDENTIFICATION ORDERS THROUGH DRIVER'S LICENSE HEADQUARTERS AT JEFFERSON CITY, MO. 44-38-4-37

ALL LOCAL LEADS CONTINUE TO BE HANDLED INMEDIATELY 15 MAY 27 1968

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3:40PM 5-24-68 MO URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861), SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (LOO: 427)

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RESFIEL TO DIRECTOR MAY TWENTY-THREE, SIXTY-EIGHT.

RE: MICHAEL KEY CLARK.

RECORDS OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE PAROLE OFFICE CHECKED THIS DATE AND CONTAINED NO INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE WITH MICHAEL KEY CLARK.

AIRMAIL COPY TO SAN FRANCISCO.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 DANG LITTLE ROCK

FROM DENVER 157-203 2P

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REMYTEL AND LITTLE ROCK TELETYPE TO DENVER INSTANT DATE.

RESTAURANT, FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS, REVEALED THEY DO NOT KNOW EDGAR
EUGENE BRADLEY AND NO ONE BY THAT NAME HAS WORKED OR BEEN TAKING
MEALS AT THE RESTAURANT. THE THOMPSONS AND OTHER RELATIVES OF
REX BASINGER ADVISE BASSINGER IS MENTAL CASE AND TENDS TO ASSOCIATE
HIMSELF WITH CRIMINAL CASES RECEIVING NATIONWIDE ATTENTION. THEY
ADVISED LITTLE ROCK OFFICE THE BASINGER LAST IN FORT SMITH ABOUT

THREE YEARS AGO, AT WHICH TIME HE CLAIMED HE HAD BEEN IN A CELL WITH JACK RUBY IN DALLAS, TEXAS. INVESTIGATION REVEALED THIS WAS 1968

FALSE STATEMENT AND A DOCTOR AT PARKLAND HOSPITAL, DALLAS, EXAMINED BASINGER AND FOUND PROBABLE PSYCHOSIS AND POSSIBLE BRAIN SYNDROME.

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RECORDS. FORT SMITH CREDIT BUREAU. POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND

SHERIFF'S OFFICE, NEGATIVE REGARDING BRADLEY. FILES OF DENVER
OFFICE BEAR OUT MENTAL INSTABILITY OF BASINGER, BUT IS BELIEVED
THAT WHEREABOUTS OF BRADLEY SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED IF POSSIBLE.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE WHETHER BUREAU FILES CONTAIN ANY INFORMATION REGARDING THIS BRADLEY.

LITTLE ROCK REQUESTED TO ATTEMPT TO LOCATE MRS. JOE "JAKE"
FINE, ALLEGEDLY THE MOTHER OF BRADLEY, IN RUDY, ARKANSAS AND
DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS OF BRADLEY.

DENVER STILL INTERESTED IN CHECKING TELEPHONE RECORDS OF BASINGER'S TELEPHONE FOR ALLEGED CALL FROM BRADLEY WHILE IN TULSA.

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RE ST. LOUIS SUMMARY TELETYPE MAY TWENTY THREE LAST.

SINCE JAMES H. CARPENTER, FBI NO. TWO THREE ZERO TWO

FOUR THREE, WAS IN ST. LOUIS CITY JAIN FROM JUNE FIVE, SIXTY

SEVEN TO MARCH ONE LAST HE COULD NOT POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN

INVOLVED IN BANK ROBBERY AT ALTON, ILL., REFERRED TO BY

JOHN EUGENE GAWRON; HOWEVER, IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT GAWRON

POSSIBLY INTENDED TO IDENTIFY JOHN PAUL VELANTI AS PERSON

PERPETRATING THE ROBBERY AT A ALTON WITH SUBJECT RAY.

IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, UNLESS RECORDS IN POSSESSION OF

ST. LOUIS INDICATE THAT VELANTI WAS IN JAIL DURING THE PERIOD

OF THE ALTON BANK ROBBERY ON JULY THIRTEEN, SIXTY SEVEN,

VELANTI SHOULD BE REINTERVIEWED REGARDING HIS POSSIBLE

PARTICIPATION IN THIS ROBBERY WITH PEOPLE RAY 14, 38861-316

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TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

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RE CIRCUIT JUDGE JOHN C. CASEY, AND BUTEL MAY TWENTY THREE AND TWENTY FOUR.

HEARING ON MOTION DID NOT DEVELOP IN MANNER ANTICIPATED BY CASEY.

RAY ATTORNEY STATED IN OPEN COURT HE HAD BEEN APPOINTED SUBSEQUENT TO ESCAPE AND HAS NEVER SEEN OR BEEN CONTACTED BY RAY. OBJECTED TO ATTEMPTED STATE INTRODUCTION OF ESCAPE NOTATION ON MSP RECORD AS INSUFFICIENT EVIDENE OF ESCAPE. TOOK POSITION PRESENCE OF RAY UNNECESSARY 20 HEARING ON MOTION TO VACATE AS SAME BASED SOLELY ON RECORD WHICH IS AVAILABLE. CASEY TOOK UNDER ADVISEMENT. NO PUBLICITY DEVELOPED AS OF NOW. SL GUIDED BY BUTEL THIS DATE.

RE CAROL PEPPER. REINTERVIEWED. NO ADDITIONAL PRESS HARASSMENT OF PEPPERS RESULTED FROM GLOBE DEMOCRAT INTERVIEW OF JOHN LARRY RAY.

HE TOLD HER SAME STORY PREVIOUSLY GIVEN SL AS TO HIS GIVING INTERVIEW

TO REFUTE UNTRUTHFUL PUBLICITY THAT HE HATED SUBJECT. SHE VOLUN**E**ERED

BELIEF NO MEMBER OF FAMILY HAD BEEN CONTACTED BY OR WAS AWARE OF RAY.

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WHEREABOUTS FOLLOWING ESCAPE, AS SHE FELT SURE THEY WOULD HAVE TOLD HER.

RE JERRY RAYNES AND JOHN LARRY RAY.

SOURCES AND SPOT CHECKS DISCLOSED NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY.

RE JOHN EUGENE GAWRON. AND MEMPHIS TEL THIS DATE.

DETAILS OF GAWRON INTERVIEW IN WHICH HE IDENTIFIED JIMMIE (LNU) AS PERSON WHO TOLD HIM RAY PARTICIPATED WITH HIM IN ROBBERY OF ALTON BANK DISCLOSE HE SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFIED JIMMIE AS THE MAN. GAVE INFO AS TO WHERE FIRST MET JIMMIE AND HIS DESCRIPTION WHICH FITS THAT OF JAMES H. CARPENTER. STATED SPECIFICALLY HAD NEVER SEEN JOHNNIE (LNU) BEFORE AND GAVE DESCRIPTION OF JOHNNIE WHICH FITS JOHN PAUL VELANTI. NOTE THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT UNMISTAKEABLE DIFFERENCES IN AGES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF CARPENTER AND VELANTI WHICH NEGATE ANY REASONABLE POSSIBILITY THAT HE MIGHT HAVE INTENDED TO IDENTIFY VELANTI INSTEAD OF CARPENTER. NOTE VELANTI AND CARPENTER VISITED GAWRON TOGETHER. SL ANTICIPATES RE INTERVIEWING BOTH. HOWEVER.

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| | SUBJECT: MURKIN |
| | OO: MEMPHIS |
| | Re Knoxville teletype to the Director dated 5/18/68. |
| | RE: FRANK BRICKLEY OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE |
| | On May 21, 1968, Mr. G. A. LICON, Operations Supervisor, Greyhound Bus Lines, El Paso, Texas, was furnished a photograph of FRANK WILLIAM BRICKLEY, Aka., FBI #197786C, at which time he advised that he would see that the photograph was displayed to the employees of the hus lines in El Paso in an effort to determine if any of the employees recalled seeing this individual at the bus station in El Paso on about April 8 or 9, 1968. |
| | On May 22, 1968, Mr. L. I. DAVIS, Cashier, Greyhound Bus Lines, El Paso, advised that the photograph in question had been displayed to the employees on the various shifts at the bus depot and that no one recalled having seen FRANK WILLIAM ERICKLEY at any time in the past. |
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TO SACS MEMPHIS (44-1987) CHICAGO (44-1114) SPRINGFIELD ST. ASQUIS (44-775)

1 - Mr. Long

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

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RE ST. LOUIS TEL INSTANT DATE.

BUREAU OFFICES ARE TO MAKE NO COMMENT WHATSOEVER
REGARDING ANY ORDER ISSUED BY JUDGE CASEY AND TO MAKE NO
PRESS RELEASE OR URGE ANY PRESS RELEASE CONCERNING
ORDER ISSUED BY JUDGE CASEY.

NO PROMISES ARE TO BE MADE TO SUBJECT'S RELATIVES
THAT SUBJECT MAY HAVE CONVICTION REVERSED OR THAT HE
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NOTE:

Judge John C. Casey sentenced Ray in 1959 to 20 years on armed robbery charge. Prior to his escape Ray filed motion to set aside the conviction. Judge Casey advised Bureau he planned to issue order on 5/24/68 for Ray to appear by 6/8/68 or his action would be dismissed. Judge Casey had asked Bureau advice as to whether he should delay until after the Poor Peoples Campaign as publicity of his order could cause widespread disorder. Casey was advised that the Bureau could not counsel him on what action he should take but that if he felt publicizing his order could cause disturbances he should take the necessary steps to alert appropriate law enforcement agencies after the order is entered and before it is publicized.

SAC Gearty, St. Louis, telephonically advised.

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mello TO DIRECTOR MEMPHIS SPRINGFIELD AND CHICAGO.

FROM ST . LOUIS

FOR REVIEW AT FBIHQ AND/OR DELIVERY TO HSCA RE NEQUEST DATED . 3.3.38. (SEE BUFILE 62-117290)

FOR INFO OF CHICAGO AND SPRINGFIELD. PRIOR TO ESCAPE. SUBJECT FILED MOTION TO VACATE JUDGMENT AND SENTENCE IN FIVE NINE KROGER ARMED ROBBERY WHICH RESULTED IN MSP IMPRISONMENT. MOTION STILL PENDING MEFORE SL CIRCUIT JUDGE JOHN C. CASEY. WHO. SHORTLY AFTER ONE ZERO AM THIS DATE INTENDS TO ENTER PUBLIC ORDER DIRECTING SUBJECT TO APPEAR AND PROSECUTE MOTION BY JUNE THREE OR FACE DISMISSAL. WILL STATE FROM BENCH MOTION APPEARS GOOD. IF PROPERLY PRESENTED AND PURSUED. MAS CONFIDENTIALLY ADVISED CONVICTION WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE VACATED IN LIGHT OF MIRANDA AND RECENT DECISIONS.

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SL files disclose BANK OF ALTON, Alton, Ill., was robbed by two unknown subjects on 7-13-67 (Bufile 91-27494) (SIfile 91-3699) (SLfile 91-3877). Description of number two man could fit RAY. Number two man description does not fit CARPENTER, who is 5'8", 140 #, slender build.

St. Louis City Jail records establish ed CARPENTER was in City Jail from 6-5-67 to 3-1-68, and therefore could not have participated in the Alton BR, or met GAWRON during 1967 as alleged.

In view of foregoing, GAWRON is being considered as being of known unreliability.

Subject should STILL be considered as a possible suspect in all unsolved bank and other robberies subsequent to 4-23-67.

Subject A & D.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

Legat, Mexico

May 22, 1968 Date:



John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. Lab. No.

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Legat, Mexico Examinati Personally delivered by Eastern Airlines pilot, Captain George Cleveland, to a Special Agent from Washington Field Reference Office, on 5/11/68 Chemical Analyses

Examination requested:

You have been separately advised as to the results/ Remarks: the fingerprint examination and the disposition of the evidence listed as "Also Submitted."

Specimen Q341 is being returned to you herewith.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To:

Legat, Mexico

Re:

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FBI File No. 44-38861

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Pebbles

Also Submitted: Fingerprints of unknown deceased

Results of examination:

Human blood too limited in amount for grouping purposes was found on Q341.

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Laboratory Work Sheet

Re:

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File # PC-A6377 IS

EXPEDITE

Examination requested by: Legat, Mexico

Examination requested:

Chem Anal (Bioch)

Date received:

5-11-68

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Result of Examination:

Examination by: MC WRIGHT

Per del by Eastern Airlines pilot, Captain George Cleveland, to ω Special Agent from Washington Field Office, on 5-11-68

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Also Submitted: Fingerprints of unknown deceased

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Mr. Rosen

May 12, 1968

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With regard to the body of the unidentified man discovered by Mexican Police, Mr. Ferris, Legat, Mexico, telephonically advised at 2:40 p.m., 5-11-68, he is unable to make comparison of fingerprints taken by local police with prints of Ray on wanted flyer due to very poor impressions obtained by local police and deteriorated condition of body when prints taken. The body has been reburied and another set of prints cannot be secured; therefore, the fingerprints will be sent to Washington, D.C., in order that an effort can be made by the Identification Division to identify or eliminate the prints with those in the fingerprint dacket of Ray.

Mr. Ferris telephonically advised at 6:50 p.m., 5-11-68, the fingerprints noted above were being sent on Eastern Airlines Flight #910. scheduled to arrive at Dulles Airport at 10:04 p.m., and would be in possession of the pilot, Captain George Cleveland. Also enclosed with these prints will be an envelope containing a blood specimen imbedded in sand which was furnished by Mexican Police.

Mr. Ferris informed the local newspapers on 5-11-68, contained an article about the possibility the unknown body may be Ray and stated Mexican Police authorities and furnished fingerprints of the body to the United States Embassy for forwarding to the FBI. Mr. Adnesk was furnished this information.

Special Agent William Haynes, Washington Field Office: was instructed to have a Bureau Agent most the mentioned flight at Dulles Airport and deliver the prints to Room \$136, Identification Division Building. Mr. Latona of Montification Division was requested to arrange to have the fingerprints received from Legat, Mexico compared with prints of Ray and advise of the results.

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Memorandum to Mr. Rosen RE: MURKIN

Mr. Bonebrake of identification Division advised at 11:55 p.m., 5-11-68, it was not possible to make a determination whether the prints were or were not identical with those of Ray.

Mr. Ferris telephonically advised at 13:10 a.m., 5-12-68, the only other data available as to identification of the body in Mexico are photographs taken by local police and these photographs are not considered very good, especially in view of deteriorated condition of the body. Mr. Ferris suggested the possibility be explored to have one of our expects come down to Mexico to act as a "consultant" in connection with obtaining a better set of prints, provided arrangements might be made to have the body exhaused again.

On 5-12-68, efforts are being initiated by Serology in the Laboratory to examine the blood samples to determine the possibility of any identification of the body.

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This case involves the nurder of Martin Lather King, Jr.

On 1/19/68 Manisha authorities discovered a body buried on the beach at Acapules. Police described it as that of a wid by male, about thirty years old and believed to be an American. Police also said the body was decomposing and had apparently been both beaten and shot with death occurring about three days before the body was found.

Mexican police fingeryrinted the body and buried it. The local press speculated that the body is that of James Rayl Ray. The fingerprints taken by the police have been compared with Ray's fingerprints by the Moutification Division but they are so lacking in detail that it is not possible to determine whether or not they are identical. As FMI lingerprint expert is an reate to Assystee to attempt to reach a positive finding as to whether this body is identical with Ray.

Circuit Judge John C. Casey, St. Louis, has advised the St. Louis Office he sentenced Ray to twenty years for arms in 1950. This is the sentence Ray was serving when he es State Peuttentiary in April, 1967.

A motion was filed to vacate the above judgment because alleged improper introduction of histograd statement, fulfure to affird a sandty hearing, perjured testimony on behalf of the State, faulty instructions to the jury, and influre to farmish the nevice and assistance of an attorney at all stages of the proceedings. The motion was everywhed but on 4/12/67 the Magazia Supreme Court reversed the order everything the motion and the case was restored to the decist, 4/15/67.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach RE: MURKIN

Judge Casey further advised that John D. Schneider, a court appelated atteracy, filed a document with the court, \$/1/66, stating that no court action is possible at this time in view of Ray's escape. This was published in the daily record of court activity, \$/8/66, but has not been picked up by the press.

Judge Casey believes that under recent Supreme Court decisions. Ray would have an excellent chance of reversing his conviction and vacating his sentence for armed rebbary. Judge Casey also believes he can dismiss Ray's action quietly and without attracting publicity but he is considering the advisability of entering and publiciting an order that unless Ray course forward by 6/2/68 his action will be dismissed. If this were publicated the judge feels Ray might recognize the possibility of reversing the armed rebbary conviction and give himself up in the belief he could beat the King marder charge before a Southern jury.

Judge Casey prefers publicining that Ray's action will be dismissed if he does not appear by 4/3/66 but he is willing to go either way. He stated that he did not want to take any action that could projudice the Dureau's investigation and asked for the Dureau's advice as to hew the matter should be handled.

The United States is not a party to the case pending before Judge Casey. It is a matter filed by or on behalf of Ray to everture what is strictly a State conviction. The Bureau should not be put in a position where it could be criticized for attempting to interfere with the due process of funtion before a State court. Judge Casey is being advised that the action he takes in this matter is entirely within his own discretion and that the FBI is not in a position to advise him or to make any recommendation.

The original motion and supporting argument filed before Judge Casey were purportedly prepared by Ray. They have been described as being done in a very able manner and on a par with the work of practicing atterneys.

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ACTION:

Every possible effort is being undo to locate and approhend Ray as quickly as possible. FBI WASH DC

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Mr. Felt. Mr. Gale.

Mr. Rosen Mr. Sullivan Mr. Tavel

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Miss Holmes. Miss Gandy_

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8:38PM URGENT 5-10-68 DPK
TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS, PHOENIX, AND BIRMINGHAM
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

RE FUTURA BOOKS INC. AND CANADIAN MONEY ORDER:

LOCATED COPY OF ORDER BLANK RECEIVED BY THIS CONCERN FROM ERIC

S. GALT, TWO FIVE EIGHT FOUR NOTRE DAME EST, MONTREAL, CANADA
ON JULY TWENTY SIX, SIXTY SEVEN. ORDER WAS FOR THREE BOOKS
ENTITLED QUOTE SEXUAL ANATOMY END QUOTE, QUOTE UNUSUAL FEMALE SEX
PRACTICES END QUOTE AND QUOTE SEX FEELING IN MEN AND WOMEN END
QUOTE. EACH BOOK PRICED AT THREE DOLLARS. GALT ALSO REQUESTED
FREE ILLUSTRATED CATALOG. APPLICATION SYMBOL REVEALED ORDER BLANK
TAKEN FROM AD PLACED IN QUOTE MEN'S REAL ADVENTURE END QUOTE
MAGAZINE. ORDER FILLED AND SENT GALT AT CANADIAN ADDRESS ON JULY TWENTY
SIX SIXTY SEVEN.

RE AD TAKEN BY GALT IN FREE PRESS AND THE LOCAL SWINGER

U.S. POSTAL INSPECTOR, LOS ANGELES FURNISHED POSTAL FORM ONE FIVE EIGHT THREE EXECUTED BY EMIC S. GALT, ON FEPRUARY ONE SIXTY EIGHT DESIGNATING C.M. HEDEPETH, MUHAMBRA, CALIFORNIA AS END PAGE ONE

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RECEIVING AGENT FOR MAIL ADDRESSED TO ERIC S. GALT, ERIC S. OR E.S.G., FOUR ZERO SIX SOUTH SECOND STREET, ALHAMBRA. FORM SUBMITTED TO FBI LAB FOR EXAMINATION TODAY.

RE EATING PLACES

DON M. MURPHY, OWNER QUOTE PAMPERED PUP END QUOTE WALK-UP EATING STANDS LOCATED AT ONE SIX ZERO SEVEN VINE STEET AND ONE SEVEN ONE FIVE NORTH WESTERN AVENUE AND QUOTE THE FOLIC ROOM END QUOTE SIX TWO FOUR FIVE HOLLYWOOD BLVD, ALL LOS ANGELES WAS SHOWN PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL RAY. STATED HE RECALLS RAY AS CUSTOMER OF THE RABBIT'S FOOT, SULTAN ROOM AND PAMPERED PUP. MURPHY SAID HE HIMSELF FREQUENTS THESE SAME BARS ON OCCASION. HE RELATED HE HAD SPOKEN WITH RAY IN MANNER OF IDLE BAR CHATTER. SAID HE CANNOT REMEMBER SPECIFIC NATURE OF CONVERSATION. MURPHY HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF RAY'S ASSOCIATES AND DID NOT KNOW RAY BY NAME.

RE ST. FRANCIS HOTEL

PERSON TO PERSON PREPAID TELEPHONE CALL AT ST. FRANCIS HOTEL,
NUMBER FOUR SIX FOUR DASH ONE ONE THREE ONE, FROM UNKNOWN PERSON
ALLEGEDLY CALLING FROM PHOENIX, ARIZONA DURING EVENING OF MAY NINE
LAST OR FARLY MORNING MAY TEN INSTANT. CALLER ASKED QUOTE
HOW'S THE MURDER COMING AT THE ST. FRANCIS END QUOTE AND THEN HUNG
UP.

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PHOENIX DETERMINE FEASIBILITY OF DETERMINING IDENTITY OF CALLER. CONSIDER POSSIBILITY OF WOODY LUNSFORD MAKING CALL.

NEIGHBORHOOD OF ST. FRANCIS HOTEL

CONTACT WITH NUMEROUS BARTENDERS VICINITY OF ST. FRANCIS
HOTEL ESTABLISH RAY, ALTHOUGH NOT NOTICEABLY IN POSSESSION OF
LARGE AMOUNTS OF MONEY, ALWAYS SEEMED TO HAVE SUFFICIENT
FUNDS. CONTACTS WITH INDIVIDUALS AND INFORMANTS HAVING KNOWLEDGE OF
NARCOTICS, PROSTITUTION, BOCKMAKING, GAMBLING IN AND ABOUT THE
VICINITY OF HOLLYWOOD AND WESTERN AVE. AREA HAVE NOT ESTABLISHED
RAY TO HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN ANY OF THESE ACTIVITIES AS A SOURCE
OF FUNDS.

RE PHONE CALLS BETWEEN LOS ANGELES AND NEW ORLEANS.

ARNOLD P. THOMAS, JR., ONE FIVE ZERO EAST ONE ONE SIX PLACE,
LOS ANGELES, LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED THIS DATE. THOMAS ADVISED
WHILE EN ROUTE TO NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, FOR BURIAL OF BROTHER,
LESTER THOMAS, HE ENCOUNTERED SNOW STORMS ON MOST OF ROUTE FROM
LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS. THOMAS ADVISED HIS WIFE MADE TELEPHONE
CALLS TO THE RESIDENCE OF HIS PARENTS WHO RESIDE IN NEW ORLEANS,
TELEPHONE NUMBER TWO EIGHT TWO SEVEN FIVE NINE ONE, FROM TUCSON,
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ARIZONA AND EL PASO, TEXAS. THE CALL FROM EL PASO, TEXAS TO THE BEST OF MR. THOMAS' RECOLLECTION, WAS MADE ON TWELVE SIXTEEN LAST FROM A PAY TELEPHONE BOOTH LOCATED NEAR MC DONALD HAMBURGER STAND.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL RAY EXHIBITED TO ARNOLD P. THOMAS, JR., WHO ADVISED HE WAS NOT ACQUAINTED WITH THE INDIVIDUAL DEPICTED IN THE PHOTOGRAPHS AND TO THE BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE HAS NEVER SEEN THIS INDIVIDUAL ON ANY PREVIOUS OCCASIONS.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUES AT LOS ANGELES.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO NEW ORLEANS AND EL PASO.

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DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM:

ST. LOUIS (44-775)

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RE SL TELS NINE TWO SEVEN AM AND TWO ZERO EIGHT PM MAY ELEVEN. STILOUIS AND BUTEL TEN SEVENTEEN AM MAY THIRTEEN LAST. RE &1 CIRCUIT JUDGE JOHN E. CASEY.

JUDGE CASEY TODAY ADVISED CIRCUIT ATTORNEY FILED NOTICE MAY FIFTEET TO TAKE UP STATE MOTION TO DISMISS RAY MOTION TO VACATE. ON MAY ON THAT DATE RAY ATTORNEY, WHO HAS NEVER SEEN RAY AS SEVENTEEN. WAS APPOINTED BY COURT SUBSEQUENT TO ESCAPE. FILED MEMO FOR CLERK ALLEGING INSUFFICENT NOTICE, CITING MO. FIVE DAY RULE. COURT SUSTAINED. NEW NOTICE ISSUED THAT DATE TO TAKE UP MOTION ON MAY TWENTY FOUR ₹**PC- 19**`

CASEY INTENDS THAT DATE TO ISSUE PUBLIC ORDER FORSUBJEC APPEAR PERSONALLY AND PROSECUTE MOTION WITH ATTORNEY BY JUNE IS CONSIDERING STATEMENT FROM BENCH THAT THIRD OR FACE DISMISSAL. RAY MOTION APPEARS TO BE GOOD ONE IF PROPERLY PRESENTED AND PURSUED.

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BELIEVES THIS WILL RESULT IN PUBLICITY AND THATMAXIMUM PUBLICITY DESIREABLE ON REMOTE CHANCE RAY MIGHT GIVE SELF UP.

IS MINDFUL OF FACT OF POOR CONTINUING THRU END OF MAY, AND IS CONCERNED LEAST ACTION BE SEIZED UPON BY MASS OF NEGROES THERE AS EVIDENCE OF ESTABLISHMENT INTENTION TO WHITEWASH KING KILLING, VIZ COME HOME ALL IS FORGIVEN, WHICH MIGHT RESULT IN CIVIL INSURRECTION.

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CASEY SINCERELY BELIEVES GREATER THE PUBLICITY, THE GREATER THE POOR Peoples Charged Possibility of Ray Surrender as well as possible pocam distrubance, which he does not desire to precipitate. Expressed urgent desire for more informed confidential opinion as to whether possible pocam disturbance risk might be as great as appears to him.

HE WAS ADVISED BUREAU WOULD PROBABLY NOT PRESUME TO ADVISE HIM AS TO PROPRIETY OF POSTPONEMENT, OR OTHER ACTION IN MATTER, AS SAME ENTIRELY WITHIN HIS OWN DISCRETION, BUT AT HIS INSISTENCE IT WAS AGREED THAT MATTER WOULD BE BROUGHT TO BUREAU ATTENTION FOR WHATEVER OBSERVATIONS IT MIGHT CARE TO MAKE.

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NOTE CASEY APPEARS DESIROUS OF COOPERATING FULLY WITH BUREAU IN ANY MANNER POSSIBLE, AND IS MINDFUL OF URGENT NECESSITY FOR EARLIEST POSSIBLE APPREHENSION OF SUBJECT.

ST. LOUIS
SK NOT IN POSSESSION OF SUFFICIENT OVERALL INFORMATION RE
POCE Peoples Carriered
POCEM OR INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED, TO MAKE INTELLIGENT RECOMMENDATION,
POCE Peoples Carriered
BUT SINCE POSTPONEMENT TO AFTER POCAM DISPERSAL WOULD INVOLVE NO
HARDSHIP, AND SINCE PUBLICITY AT ANY TIME WOULD APPEAR HIGHLY
TENUOUS MEANS OF SECURING APPREHENSION, SL IS INCLINED TO

RECOMMEND CONFIDENTIAL SUGGESTION OF POSTPONEMENT IF ANY RISK
POOR Peoples Carriered
OF POSSIBLE POCAM DIFFICULTY APPEARS.

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