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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-330400)
FROM: SAC, ALBANY (100-10001)
MURKIN

RE IDENTITYING SUBJECT

Re Albany letter to SAC, dated 5/2/68.

Dr. GEORGE T. MANN, Chief Medical Examiner,
State of Vermont, was advised that the
state of Vermont has received information
from the FBI (100-330400) that the
name of the individual in question is
"NANCY" and that she was born in
Albany, Vermont, in 1917. It is noted
that the Vermont State Police has
been advised that the individual in
question is a female and that she
was born in Albany, Vermont, in 1917.

Dr. MANN advised that a dental record
for the individual in question was
located in Albany, Vermont, and that
the individual in question is the
same as the individual in question.
The individual in question is
NANCY.

The Bureau is requested to conduct an
investigation of the individual in
question and to advise the Albany
Office of the results of the
investigation. It is noted that
the Albany Office is currently
conducting an investigation of the
individual in question and that the
Bureau is requested to conduct an
investigation of the individual in
question and to advise the Albany
Office of the results of the
investigation.

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Date: 5/29/68

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242) (P)
RE: MURKIN

Re my telephone call to the Bureau, 5/27/68, and my tel to the Bureau and Memphis on 5/27/68, relating to the information furnished in this airtel.

On 5/27/68, EDUARDO JOSE MOLINA, Avenida Colon 505C, Merida, Yucatan, Republic of Mexico, contacted SRA CLAY ZACHRY, JR., at Brownsville, Texas. He said that he had mentioned the subject he wanted to discuss with Inspector L.M. HATENBACH of INS in Brownsville and that HATTENBACH had referred him to SA ZACHRY.

MOLINA said that on the Isla Mujeres, an island off the Gulf Coast of the Yucatan Peninsula and in the Territory of Quintana Roo and about a 20-minute flight from Merida, there is a hotel called the Sadzil Ha. This is a first-class hotel owned and operated by a man named LIMA. MOLINA said that LIMA is not honest or reliable and should not be trusted for a contact by the FBI or anyone representing the FBI. About four days prior to 5/27/68, MOLINA said that LIMA's son, first name unknown, was heard to say that JAMES EARL RAY is working in the kitchen of the Sadzil Ha Hotel on the Isla Mujeres.

The following information regarding the source, MOLINA, was obtained by SA ZACHRY from observation and interview. He is a very dignified and well-dressed Mexican male who remarked that he is 65 years old. He speaks excellent

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English with a slight Spanish accent and states that he went to school in England when very young and has his degree from Boston College in Boston. He is bald with some gray hair at the temples, has brown eyes, light complexion, is about 5'8" tall and slender in build. He claims to own the property at 54 Jacaranda Street in Brownsville and says that he paid \$30,000 for the dwelling to be used by his daughter whose husband is with Pepsi-Cola in Mexico and was formerly stationed in Matamoros, Tamps. He flew to Brownsville, from Mexico City via Aeronaves from Mexico to Matamoros. He owns a 1966 Pontiac GTO with 1967 Texas license DIPL0-2 that is being driven from Merida to Brownsville by one of his children. MOLINA said that he is staying at the Ft. Brown Motor Hotel but thinks that he will move to the Valley Inn and Country Club and expects to be in Brownsville four or five days. He stated that he is a retired business man and made his money in hemp and that he has been active in politics in Yucatan but in PAN rather than the official party PRI.

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AIRMAIL

Via _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)
SUBJ: MURKIN
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(OO: Memphis)

Re Bureau airtel to Jacksonville, 5/7/68, and Philadelphia letter to the Bureau, 5/9/68; Jacksonville airtel to the Bureau, dated 5/22/68.

RE: E. RAYMOND
RD 2, Coudersport, Pennsylvania
Complainant

Information copies are furnished to Philadelphia and Memphis due to their interest in this matter.

On 5/17/68, Mrs. DOROTHY FERRELL, Route 1, Box 259, Oklawaha, Fla., advised that she has been married to JOHN FERRELL for 12 years and that she knew him 3 years prior to their marriage in Pennsylvania. Mrs. FERRELL was advised of the nature of this investigation and she stated that to her knowledge her husband has never been active as a member of any hate group and she does not know him to be a racist of any kind.

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Mrs. FERRELL advised that her husband used to be known by the name of JAY FERGUSON and that he has a sister

- 3 - Bureau
 - 1 - Memphis (Info)
 - 1 - Philadelphia (Info)
 - 2 - Jacksonville
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Approved: C. C. Bishop Special Agent in Charge Sent _____ M Per [Signature]

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DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-789) (P)

MURKIN

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(OO: Memphis)

Re Bureau airtel to Jacksonville, 5/27/68, and Philadelphia letter to the Bureau, 5/28/68; Jacksonville airtel to the Bureau dated 5/28/68.

RE: E. TAYLOR

67-2, Goodenboro, Pennsylvania
Good Friend

Information copies are furnished to Philadelphia and Memphis due to their interest in this matter.

On 5/28/68, Mrs. HOROBY THORNTON, Route 1, near Skaneateles, N.Y., advised that she has been married to E. TAYLOR for 12 years and that she knew him 2 years prior to their marriage in Pennsylvania. Mrs. THORNTON was advised the nature of this investigation and she stated that she and her husband have never been active as a member of any labor union and she does not know who he worked for.

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Mrs. THORNTON advised that her husband was known to her as E. TAYLOR and that he was a member of the FBI.

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named DELANCY FERGUSON who residing in Verona, a suburb of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mrs. FERRELL advised that FERGUSON was her husband's original name and he changed this to the name of his step-father, JOHN FERRELL.

Mrs. FERRELL advised that her husband works for Scottie Craft out of North Miami Beach, Fla., and he delivers boats for this company. She advised that he is expected home soon from one of these trips.

She stated that she does not know of anyone by the name of E. RAYMOND and that to her knowledge neither she nor her husband have ever been in Coudersport, Pa.

Mrs. FERRELL advised that she has been married previously and her husband has been married 3 times previous to their current marriage. She stated that they each have relatives in Pa., and that some of these relatives may be envious of her husband in that he inherited the modest estate of his aunt, whom he had been caring for when she passed away.

Mrs. FERRELL was furnished photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and she advised that she has never seen an individual bearing a resemblance to these photographs.

On 5/27/68, JOHN FERRELL voluntarily appeared at the Ocala, Fla., RA, FBI, and advised that he currently resides at Rt. 1, Box 259, Oklawaha, Fla., with his wife, DOROTHY. FERRELL advised that he has been married three times before and that he has been married to his current wife for twelve years. He advised that he has resided in the Oklawaha, Fla., area for six years and that he changed his name from JAY FERGUSON to JOHN FERRELL to assume the name of his stepfather when he was a child.

FERRELL advised that as a youth, he was arrested in Pa., for auto theft and that this was his only criminal arrest record. He furnished the following information concerning himself:

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Name	JOHN CARTER FERRELL, aka Jay Ferguson
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'8"
Weight	155 lbs.
Eyes	Gray
Hair	Black
DOB	<input type="text"/>
Other DOBs used	6/13/15; 6/13/16

FERRELL presented Florida Driver's License Chauffeur's License G-156213 which expires in 1969. He advised that prior to residing in Oklawaha, Fla., he resided in Miami, Fla. FERRELL advised that he travels throughout the Southeastern United States delivering pleasure craft for Scottie Craft Boat Co., which has its home offices in North Miami Beach, Fla. FERRELL stated that his travels have not taken him into Tennessee, but that he does go to Louisiana, Texas, and through Alabama in his normal run.

FERRELL advised that he was well aware of the FBI's interest in locating the slayer of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and that he would assist in all ways possible if he could offer any positive information. He had no idea who might have offered any information that he was in any way connected with such a crime.

FERRELL was furnished photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and he advised that he did not recognize these photographs as being identical to anyone he has met or known in the past.

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) - P -
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re St. Louis teletype 5/27/68.

On 5/28/68, BETTY COYLE (protect identity), Manager, General Telephone Company, Equality, Illinois, advised SA JIMMIE C. WHITAKER that telephone number 618-275-4478 was listed to LEROY BAKER, R.R. #2, Equality, Illinois. She further advised that this phone has been in service since March of 1964.

Mr. LEROY BAKER, age 53, R.R. #2, Equality, Illinois, advised SA JIMMIE C. WHITAKER on May 28, 1968, that the name WALTER ELSWORTH NOLAN was unknown to him. Mrs. BAKER advised that this name is unfamiliar to her.

Mr. and Mrs. BAKER viewed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that this individual is unknown to them.

The BAKER's telephone number was observed to be 275-4478, area code 618.

Mr. BAKER advised that all of his neighbors have telephones and that they are on a party line. He further advised that no one has ever made a telephone call from his telephone other than members of his family, to the best of his knowledge.

Springfield indices negative re BAKER.

- 3 - Bureau (44-38861)
- 2 - St. Louis (44-775)
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 2 - Springfield (44-561)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-501)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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(NY: MURKIN)

Re St. Louis teletype 5/25/68.

On 5/25/68, BERTY COLE (arrested identity), manager,
General Telephone Company, Quincy, Illinois, advised SA
JIMMIE O. WITKAMP that telephone number 632-2754-4178 was listed
to LARRY HARRIS, R.R. 2, Quincy, Illinois. The latter advised
that this phone has been in service since March of 1961.

LARRY HARRIS, age 33, R.R. 2, Quincy, Illinois,
advised SA JIMMIE O. WITKAMP on May 28, 1968, that the name
LARRY HARRIS was unknown to him. WITKAMP advised
that this was an individual to whom.

SA and SA BARRY viewed a photograph of LARRY HARRIS
and advised that this individual is unknown to them.

The BARRY's telephone number was observed to be
275-4178, area code 618.

SA advised that all of his neighbors have
telephones and that they are on a party line. He further
advised that he has never made a telephone call from his
telephone other than numbers of his party, to the best of
his knowledge.

Enclosed indices relative to BARRY.

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Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
OO: MEMPHIS

Re Atlanta airtel to the Bureau, dated 5/23/68, captioned "MURKIN."

LOUIS CRISPI, Assistant Manager, Portola District Branch, Bank of America, 2485 San Bruno Avenue, San Francisco, California, on May 28, 1968, advised he recalled opening a checking account for a person using the name S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN on April 22, 1968. He advised the following information was furnished by SCHNEIDERMAN on the signature card for account Number [redacted]:

Name	S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN
Social Security Number	[redacted]
Residence	245 South Airport (no city shown)
Business or Occupation	Electronics technician
Employer	Equipment Engineers
Place of Birth	Chicago, Illinois
Mother's Maiden Name	FLORENCE

Handwritten signatures and initials: "SHNEIDERMAN (P 3)"

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- 3 - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - Atlanta (RM)
(1 - 44-2386)
(1 - 26-43489)
- 1 - Chicago (44-1114)(INFO)(AM)(RM)
- 1 - Jacksonville (INFO)(AM)(RM)
- 1 - Knoxville (INFO)(AM)(RM)
- 2 - Los Angeles (44-1574)(Enc. 1)(AM)(RM)
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987)(INFO)(AM)(RM)
- 1 - Tampa (INFO)(AM)(RM)
- 2 - San Francisco (1 - 173-65)(1 - 87-29695)

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CRISPI stated SCHNEIDERMAN opened a checking account on April 22, 1968, with a deposit of \$5 and stated he expected to receive at this branch of the Bank of America a wire of transfer of funds from Chicago, Illinois. He exhibited to CRISPI as means of identification Eastern Airlines Credit Card and Millionaire Club Credit Card. CRISPI stated he did not obtain the numbers of these cards. CRISPI described SCHNEIDERMAN as a white male, 5'7", 130 pounds, dark hair neatly trimmed, neatly dressed, shirt and tie, dark coat, no hat, 25 to 30 years of age. SCHNEIDERMAN indicated he was staying at the Holiday Inn in South San Francisco, California.

Mr. CRISPI advised he had one check dated April 24, 1968, paid to the order of the Holiday Inn in the amount of \$10, signed S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN. On the back of this check was the following identification information:

"Room #108, Eastern Airlines Number 0-350-168M, Illinois DL S536-7934-1248, paid to the order of First Ruskin Bank, MAC-T.D., Inc., D/B/a Holiday Inn, Appolo Beach, Acct [REDACTED], for deposit only."

Mr. CRISPI advised his file indicates SCHNEIDERMAN passed checks in the amounts listed below and he has no additional data as these checks have been returned:

\$15.00, \$24.32, \$45.22, \$100.00 to National Car Rental;
\$20.00, \$25.00, \$10.00, \$20.00, \$25.00 to Holiday Inn;
\$12.55 to Travelodge;
\$15.00 to Jacksonville Travelodge;
\$15.00 to Jewish Family Service.

BRUCE LYON, Desk Manager, Holiday Inn, 245 South Airport, South San Francisco, California, on May 28, 1968, advised his records indicate one S. SCHNEIDERMAN checked into this motel on April 20, 1968, and skipped out sometime on April 22, 1968, owing a bill of \$60.48. The registration card gave his residence address as 715 Hope, Los Angeles, California, and firm as Equipment Engineers at 715 Hope, Los Angeles, California, automobile license VRG 245 (California).

Mr. LYON furnished a description of SCHNEIDERMAN which is the same as that furnished by Mr. CRISPI.

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The Department of Motor Vehicles, Sacramento, California, telephonically advised that California license VRG 245 is registered for a 1968 Ford sedan, VIN 8R01C108167, to Consolidated Leasing Corporation, 507 South Flower, Los Angeles, California.

An ITSP investigation has been initiated concerning a \$100 check given to National Car Rental; therefore, leads to further identify checks passed by SCHNEIDERMAN are not being set out.

The city and telephone directories of the San Francisco Bay Area were reviewed without locating any listing for Equipment Engineers.

Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were exhibited to LYON and CRISPI and both advised that although there was some similarity they did not believe SCHNEIDERMAN could be identical with RAY as he was shorter and several years younger.

Enclosed for the assistance of the Los Angeles Office is a xeroxed copy of referenced Atlanta airtel.

LEAD

THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Conduct appropriate investigation at Consolidated Leasing Corporation, 507 South Flower, concerning possible rental of 1968 Ford bearing California license VRG 245.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : FBI - Mr. Bernard G. Bachner ^{6/4}

DATE: May 31/68

FROM : SY/L - L. E. Gruza

SUBJECT: James Earl RAY

The following telegram was received from the American Consulate, Curacao (Tel.# 254) dated May 30, 1968:

Two individuals in late April observed individual resembling Subject at restaurant. Named not seen since. No one using Subject name or aliases entered or departed Curacao during pertinent period. CM follows.

The foregoing information was furnished in response to a memorandum dated May 15, 1968.

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Via **AIRTEL** _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReBuairtel to Charlotte 5/22/68, re HERBERT H. EATON,
and CE airtel to Bureau 5/28/68.

On 5/28/68, MELVIN PUCKETT, Puckett's Grocery Store,
Stovall, N. C., advised that he and his brother, ULYSSES,
operate a combination drug store and grocery store in the
Stovall Community, of Granville County, N. C. PUCKETT
stated that he cannot recall any conversation in which he
was alleged to have participated on 4/3/68, concerning the
announced candidacy of BOBBY KENNEDY nor could he recall
making any statement to the effect that "That man won't
live to carry out what he aims to do, we have a man on the
way to get him." PUCKETT advised that he often discusses
current events with customers and that he would be unable to
even guess the identity of the farmer with whom he was
speaking on 4/3/68. PUCKETT advised that the statement as
described above, does not sound familiar to him and that he
could not imagine any conversation where he would have made or
even recall hearing such a statement.

- ③ - Bureau
- 1 - Memphis (Info.) (44-1987)
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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1382) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Rebairtel to Charlotte 5/22/68, re HERBERT H. WATSON,
and of airtel to Bureau 5/28/68.

On 5/29/68, MELVIN BUCKETT, Buckett's Grocery Store,
Stovall, N. C., advised that he and his brother, ULYSSES,
operate a combination drug store and grocery store in the
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PUCKETT stated that the only group that he is a member of is the Stovall Baptist Church. He stated he had no further information which could shed any light on the conversations in referenced Bureau airtel.

On 5/28/68, ROBERT HYLER, Grocery store owner, Bullock, N. C., advised he is acquainted with the PARHAM Brothers who own and operate the Bullock Garage. HYLER advised that the PARHAM brothers have operated this garage since 2/68; to the best of his knowledge are law-abiding citizens. He advised he believes there are three brothers, D. A. PARHAM, LEWIS PARHAM and GRAHAM PARHAM. HYLER advised that all three brothers reside in Granville County, N. C.

On 5/28/68, DAVID A. PARHAM, JR. was contacted at his place of employment, the Bullock Garage, Bullock, N. C., and he advised that he and his brothers have been operating the garage since early in 1968, and that he is the mechanic, LEWIS is employed by IBM Corporation in Durham, N.C., and his brother, GRAHAM is a farmer in Granville County, N.C.

PARHAM advised he does not nor ever has owned a Mustang of any color; however, he was driving a red Camaro, Chevrolet, around the beginning of April, 1968, for a couple of days. He advised that he did not leave Granville County, N. C., during April, 1968, until he was called up as a member of the N. C. National Guard on 4/5/68, as a result of the racial disturbances at that time.

The following description was obtained from interview and observation:

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Name	DAVID ALGER PARHAM, JR.
Race	White
Sex	Male
DOB	<input type="text"/>
POB	Granville Co., N.C.
Height	5'9"
Weight	180 lbs.
Eyes	Hazel
Hair	Sandy blond
Build	Husky
Marital Status	Married
Occupation	Mechanic

In view of the foregoing information, the Charlotte Division is conducting no further investigation regarding this matter.

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Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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DeLoach	_____
Mohr	_____
Bishop	_____
Casper	_____
Callahan	_____
Conrad	_____
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Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Holmes	_____
Gandy	_____

TO : Mr. DeLoach *DL*

DATE: May 29, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen *AR*

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| 1 - Mr. DeLoach | 1 - Mr. Mohr |
| 1 - Mr. Rosen | 1 - Mr. Bishop |
| 1 - Mr. Malley | 1 - Mr. Conrad |
| 1 - Mr. McGowan | 1 - Mr. Gale |
| 1 - Mr. Long | 1 - Mr. Sullivan |
| 1 - Mr. McDonough | 1 - Mr. Trotter |
| 1 - Mr. Martindale | |

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Mrs. Homer Lane Bigelow has advised our Denver Office that about a year ago she fell in love with and cohabitated with one Robert Edward Byrne, a Denver oil promoter who claims to be involved in a conspiracy to kill Martin Luther King, Jr. She said she would not have furnished this information except Byrne, who is a heavy drinker, recently told her he was going to marry another woman.

In about October of 1967, Byrne began telling her he was in some type of organized crime syndicate but never was specific as to members or activities. He claimed to have killed many men, but she was never sure that the killings were while he was in the Armed Forces or in connection with a syndicate.

Byrne spent a lot of time out of town and on 5/14/68, he was at her place and was "very drunk." Before they retired for the evening, she told him she was scared and asked him if he had a hand in King's death. He replied "What do you think? Of course." She then asked Byrne if James Earl Ray did the shooting and he replied asking her what made her think Ray did it. *AR* She indicated that Ray was probably dead and Byrne said he was *not*.

On 5/22/68, James Hyer, who had been representing Byrne in court matter involving the adoption of his children by Byrne's ex-wife and her present husband, telephoned Mrs. Bigelow and asked her to locate Byrne as it was an emergency. She was to tell Byrne the following message: "Emergency Tea Cup" and Byrne would know what it meant. *4 1968* Later on Byrne called at which time she gave him the message and he had her repeat it three times, swore and commented "I wonder if mine will be as big as the other." This message frightened her and she has not heard or seen from him since.

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Memo Rosen to DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

Although the information as related by Mrs. Bigelow appears to be rambling and highly imaginative and she appears to be the victim of a love affair, we are attempting to locate and interview Byrne to completely determine the veracity of the facts as related.

Our Dallas Office advised that a potential criminal informant of their office had been in contact with a former gambler, whose identity the informant would not disclose, who had just returned from Monterrey, Mexico. According to the informant this gambler made the statement that James Earl Ray is currently working as a bartender in a bar located near the Chevrolet dealership near Monterrey, Mexico. Legat, Mexico City has advised that their investigative informant has checked the only bar closely fitting the description in this allegation. It is the bar known as "El Rancho" located about thirty yards from the Chevrolet dealership in Monterrey, Mexico. The investigative informant completed a canvass of management personnel and employees of the bar and determined that there are no North Americans employed there in any capacity and no employee resembling description of photograph of subject. Investigation is continuing in nearby restaurants where bar service is available and this is being afforded most expeditious attention.

A person by the name of Eduardo Jose Molina contacted our Brownsville, Texas, Resident Agency and advised that he had received information that about four days ago James Earl Ray was working in a kitchen of a hotel located on Isla Mujeres, off the coast of the State of Quintana Roo, Mexico. Molina who is apparently a mature, intelligent person and who owns property in Brownsville, Texas, gave his permanent address as Yucatan, Mexico. His source of information is the son of the man who owns the hotel. This is presently being checked out.

The Taipel, Taiwan, newspaper is carrying a story of the possibility of James Earl Ray en route to Taiwan. Although there is no apparent basis for this allegation and it appears that Korea National Police, Seoul, Korea, gave a press release asking all to be alert for subject in event he travels to Korea, this matter is being checked out.

ACTION: We are affording this case top priority attention.

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1 - Mr. McGowan
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**To: SACs, Atlanta (44-2386)
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Los Angeles (44-1574)
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From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Reasonable efforts should be continued to locate and interview Packett and Frank Backley to completely resolve this matter.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND DALLAS

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 1 P

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RE LA TEL TO BUREAU MAY TWENTYTWO LAST AND ATTEL TO BUREAU AND DALLAS MAY TWENTYEIGHT LAST.

RE LA TIMES INFORMANT "BOB" (LNU).

RELATEL RELATES THAT INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY LOS ANGELES REVEALS THAT "BOB" IS UNDOUBTEDLY LESTER EDWARD PACKETT, FBI EIGHT TWO SEVEN ONE SEVEN ZERO A, AND NOT FRANK WILLIAM BRICKLEY, AS PREVIOUSLY SUSPECTED. OTHER THAN SHOWING PHOTO TO AN INDIVIDUAL IN MASSENA, N. Y., LOS ANGELES SUGGESTED NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BE CONDUCTED RE "BOB" (LNU).

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IN VIEW OF FACT INVESTIGATION HAS REVEALED THAT STORY FURNISHED LA TIMES BY "BOB" (LNU) WAS COMPLETELY FABRICATED, OFFICES RECEIVING THIS TEL ARE REQUESTED TO DISCONTINUE INVESTIGATION RE LA TIMES INFORMANT ASPECT IN THIS CASE, UACB.

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P. END.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND DALLAS

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 1 P

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PACKETT, FBI EIGHT TWO SEVEN ONE SEVEN ZERO A, AND NOT
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THAT SHOWING PHOTO TO AN INDIVIDUAL IN WASHINGTON, D. C.,

LOS ANGELES REQUESTED NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BE CONDUCTED

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INVESTIGATION RE LA TIMES INFORMANT ASPECT IN THIS CASE. WAG.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA (44-2386),
LOS ANGELES (44-1574), MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) 5P

MURKIN

McDonald
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RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR MAY TWENTYEIGHT,
SIXTYEIGHT.

RE JAMES C. HARDIN.

DAVID SIMMONS (PROTECT), SECURITY OFFICER, SOUTHERN BELL
TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY, NEW ORLEANS, ADVISED
THIS DATE THAT THE RECORDS OF HIS COMPANY CONTAIN
NO LISTING FOR A NEW ORLEANS SUBSCRIBER UNDER THE NAMES OF
JAMES C. ~~HARDIN~~, J.C. ~~HARDIN~~, OR JAMES ~~HARDIN~~.

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A REVIEW OF THE NEW ORLEANS CITY AND SUBURBAN DIRECTORIES
FOR THE YEARS OF SIXTYSIX, SIXTYSEVEN AND SIXTYEIGHT FAILED
TO REVEAL A LISTING FOR ANYONE BY THE NAME OF JAMES C. HARDIN,
J. C. HARDIN OR JAMES HARDIN.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA (44-1987),
LOS ANGELES (44-1574), MEMPHIS (44-1977)
FROM NEW ORLEANS (157-1088) 5P

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RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO BUREAU MAY TWENTY NINE,
SIXTYEIGHT.

RE JAMES C. HADDIX.

HADDIX (PHONIC), OWNER, HADDIX COMPANY, HADDIX
INDUSTRIAL AND TRADING COMPANY, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA.
THIS DATE THAT THE RECORD OF HIS COMPANY CONTAINS
NO LISTING FOR A NEW ORLEANS BRANCH OFFICE UNDER THE NAME OF
JAMES C. HADDIX, J.C. HADDIX, OR JAMES HADDIX.

A REVIEW OF THE NEW ORLEANS CITY AND PARISH DIRECTORIES FOR
FOR THE YEARS OF SIXTYEIGHT, SIXTYSEVEN AND SIXTYEIGHT FAILED
TO REVEAL A LISTING FOR ANYONE BY THE NAME OF HADDIX.

J.C. HADDIX OR JAMES HADDIX.
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RECORDS OF NEW ORLEANS POLICE DEPARTMENT CONTAIN NO IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION WITH JAMES C. HARDIN, J.C. HARDIN OR JAMES HARDIN.

NEW ORLEANS CREDIT BUREAU RECORDS REVEAL ONE JAMES E. HARDIN, WIFE NORMA, WERE RESIDING AT SIX TWO FOUR KENNON ROAD, HUNTSVILLE ALA., AS OF NOVEMBER SEVENTEEN, SIXTYFIVE. PREVIOUS ADDRESS LISTED AS TWO NINE ZERO SEVEN PLAZA DRIVE, NEW ORLEANS. HARDIN'S EMPLOYMENT LISTED AS GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY WITH PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT WITH CHRYSLER CORPORATION.
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NEW ORLEANS INDICES CONTAIN NO RECORD OF ANYONE BY THE NAME OF JAMES C. HARDIN.

INDICES REVEALED REFERENCE FOR ON JAMES HARDIN, NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED, NO FILE ONE FIVE SEVEN - TWO TWO ONE, BUFILE ONE FIVE SEVEN - FOUR ZERO ONE, JACKSON FILE ONE FIVE SEVEN - TWENTY. THIS CASE CAPTIONED DESEGREGATION OF UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI; RM 00J, AFO, CONSPIRACY. THIS REFERENCE COULD NOT BE REVIEWED AS INTIRE FILE SENT JACKSON IN AUGUST, SITYFOUR, AT TIME JACKSON OFFICE OPENED.

NEW ORLEANS INDICES ALSO CONTAINS REFERENCE FOR THE NAME JIM HARDIN, WHICH WAS AN ALIAS USED BY JAMES WILBOURN ASHMORE, FBI NUMBER FOUR EIGHT SIX NINE FIVE TWO NINE. BUFILE EIGHT SEVEN - SIX ZERO TWO ZERO EIGHT, NEW ORLEANS FILE EIGHT SEVEN - EIGHT EIGHT EIGHT SEVEN. THIS WAS AN ITSP INVESTIGATION IN WHICH MEMPHIS WAS ORIGIN, MEMPHIS FILE EIGHT SEVEN - SIX FIVE FIVE TWO. IN JUNE, SIXTYONE, ASHMORE WAS ARRESTED AT PEARSALL, TEXAS, AND SUBSEQUENTLY SENTENCED IN LOCAL COURT ON
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FORGERY CHARGES; DESCRIBED AS WMA, BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AT TMEPLE, TEXAS, HEIGHT SIX FEET, WEIGHT ONE HUNDRED SIXTY, SLENDER BUILD, GRADUATED MARSTON, MISSOURI, HIGH SCHOOL FORTYFOUR, U.S. NAVY FOUR FOUR - FORTYEIGHT, SN THREE THREE NINE TWO SEVEN EIGHT ZERO, TATTOOS, SCROLL ON RIGHT FOREARM, TWO INTERLOCKED HEARTS AND SCROLL ON CHEST.

NEW ORLEANS INDICES ALSO CONTAIN REFERENCE ON ONE J. C. HARDIN, NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED, IN THE CASE INVOLVING THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND; IS - C, BUFILE ONE ZERO ZERO - ONE ZERO THREE FIVE FIVE, NEW ORLEANS FILE ONE ZERO ZERO - SEVEN FIVE NINE. THIS NAME APPEARED ON EIGHT TWNETYFIVE FOOT ROOLS OF PHOTO RECORD FILM CONTAINING PHOTOGRAPHS OF CARDS BEARING NAMES OF PERSONS ON FINANCIAL RECORDS, MAILING LISTS OF SCEF, AS WELL AS LISTS OF SUBSCRIBERS TO SOUTHERN PATRIOT. THIS FILM NOT AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW, BUT SENT LOUISVILLE ON AUGUST EIGHT, SIXTYSIX , WHEN LOUISVILLE MADE ORIGIN IN INVESTIGATION OF SCEF.

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JACKSON AND LOUISVILLE BEING ADVISED BY SEPARATE
COMMUNICATION TO REVIEW INDICES RE JAMES HARDIN AND J. C. HARDIN
RESPECTIVELY.

MEMPHIS REVIEW YOUR FILE EIGHT SEVEN - SIX FIVE FIVE (6W)
AND OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPH OF ASHMORE AND SENT PHOTO AND BACKGROUND
INFO TO LOS ANGELES.

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JACKSON AND LOUISVILLE BEING ADVISED BY SEPARATE
COMMUNICATION TO REVIEW MATTER RE JAMES HARDIN AND L. G. HARDIN
RESPECTIVELY.

REPHOTOGRAPHED YOUR FILE WITH SEVEN - SIX FIVE FIVE
AND OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPH OF ARMORE AND SENT PHOTO AND BACKGROUND

INFO TO LOS ANGELES.

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: Director, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, Indianapolis (44-563)

MURKIN

Re Chicago airtel to Bureau dated 5/23/68.

Investigation Richmond, Indiana through city directory, telephone directory, local post office, Police Department, Sheriff's Office, fails to reveal address of 6535 Noad Road, Richmond, Indiana,

Above records fail to reveal name SAMUEL SCHNEIDERMAN.

LEAD:

KANSAS CITY

At Kansas City, Missouri

Ascertain correct address of SCHNEIDERMAN from Police Department records.

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Approved: 70 JUN 10 1968 Special Agent in Charge Sent _____ M Per *[Signature]*

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-371000)

FROM: SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (100-1000)

MURKIN

Re Chicago airtel to Bureau dated 5/23/68.

Investigation conducted in Chicago, Indiana through the
Laboratory, Police Department, local post office,
of 1111 West 10th, Chicago, Illinois, failed to reveal a
hit on the name of the individual.

Chicago airtel to Bureau dated 5/23/68.

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Assistant Chief of Police, Chicago Police Department records.

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO DIRECTOR (MAIL), SAC'S, JACKSON AND LOUISVILLE
FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE DIRECTOR MAY TWENTYEIGHT,
SIXTYEIGHT, AND NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR MAY TWENTYNINE,
SIXTYEIGHT.

RE JAMES C. HARDIN.

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RBC/SS RE M.C. King, Jr.
FOR REVIEW AT FBIHQ AND/OR DELIVERY
TO HSCA RE REQUEST DATED 5/31/78
(SEE BUFILE 62-117230)

FOR INFORMATION JACKSON AND LOUISVILLE, WHO HAVE NOT
PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED COPIES OF RE TELETYPES, THE FOLLOWING
BACKGROUND SET FORTH:

REFERENCED LOS ANGELES TELETYPE ADVISED ACCORDING TO
ALLAN O. THOMPSON, MANAGER, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES,
HE HAD CONVERSATION WITH CAUCASIAN MALE, WHOM HE REFUSES
TO IDENTIFY, WHICH PROMPTED HIS RECOLLECTION OF CERTAIN EVENTS
AS CONCERNS JAMES EARL RAY NOT EARLIER RECALLED. THOMPSON

- ① - Bureau (44-38861)
- 1 - New Orleans
- 1 - Atlanta (44-2386)
- 1 - Los Angeles (44-1574)
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987)

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SAID THIS UNNAMED INDIVIDUAL INQUIRED ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN JAMES EARL RAY, AKA ERIC STARVO GALT, AND A CAUCASIAN MALE BY THE NAME OF JAMES HARDIN. THOMPSON SAID THIS UNNAMED INDIVIDUAL APPROACHED HIM IN EFFORT TO QUOTE GET A PIECE OF THE ACTION UNQUOTE CONCERNING THE REWARD MONEY. THOMPSON SAID THAT AS RESULT THIS CONVERSATION, HE NOW RECALLS DURING PERIOD MARCH ONE LAST TO MARCH SEVENTEEN LAST HE RECEIVED CALL FOR ERIC GALT WHILE OPERATING HOTEL SWITCHBOARD. THOMPSON SAID WHEN HE ADVISED THE CALLER ERIC GALT HAD NO TELEPHONE IN HIS ROOM, THE MAN REQUESTED HIM TO LEAVE MESSAGE FOR ERIC GALT TO CALL JAMES C. HARDIN COLLECT. THIS CALLER PROVIDED THE CITY AND OPERATOR NUMBER, AS WELL AS NAME JAMES C. HARDIN. THOMPSON SAID HE RELAYED THIS INFORMATION TO GALT. THOMPSON ADVISED HE WAS QUITE SURE AS TO SPELLING OF NAME.

THOMPSON ADVISED THAT SUBSEQUENT TO INITIAL TELEPHONE CALL THERE WAS ONE OTHER, POSSIBLY TWO, CALLS BY THIS SAME INDIVIDUAL. HE ADVISED THESE CALLS CAME FROM BOTH ATLANTA AND NEW ORLEANS.

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HE SAID SUBSEQUENT TO THESE TELEPHONE CALLS A PERSON WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS JAMES C. HARDIN CAME TO ST. FRANCIS HOTEL SOMETIME DURING PERIOD OF MARCH ONE TO SEVENTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT. HE ADVISED THIS INDIVIDUAL DID NOT RESIDE AT ST. FRANCIS HOTEL. THOMPSON DESCRIBED THIS INDIVIDUAL AS MALE CAUCASIAN, THIRTY FIVE TO FORTY, FIVE SEVEN TO FIVE EIGHT IN HEIGHT, ONE FORTY TO ONE FIFTY POUNDS, DARK HAIR COMBED BACK, NEAT, EYES POSSIBLY DARK, SLENDER BUILD, DARK COMPLEXION, SLIGHTLY ACNE SCARRED, SPOKE WITH SLIGHT SOUTHERN ACCENT.

THOMPSON SAID THE INDIVIDUAL WHO BROUGHT HARDIN TO HIS ATTENTION DOES NOT WISH TO IDENTIFY HIMSELF. HE SAID HE BELIEVES THIS INDIVIDUAL IS SUBJECT OF OUTSTANDING WARRANT FOR SOME UNKNOWN OFFENSE. THOMPSON WAS ADVISED OF IMPORTANCE OF THIS MATTER AND, FURTHER, THAT HE COULD POSSIBLY BE SUBPOENAED TO PROVIDE ABOVE INFORMATION. THOMPSON SAID HE MADE PROMISE TO THIS INDIVIDUAL WHICH HE FULLY INTENDS TO KEEP. HE STATED IT WOULD TAKE COURT ACTION TO INDUCT HIM TO IDENTIFY THIS INDIVIDUAL.

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THOMPSON SAID THE INDIVIDUAL WHOM HE REFUSED TO IDENTIFY SAID HE SAT NEXT TO JAMES EARL RAY, AKA ERIC STARVO GALT, AND HARDIN. THOMPSON SAID THIS INDIVIDUAL MAINTAINED HE OVERHEARD GALT CALL THE OTHER "J. C."

NEW ORLEANS INDICES CONTAINED NO RECORD OF ANYONE BY THE NAME OF JAMES C. HARDIN.

INDICES REVEALED REFERENCE FOR ONE JAMES HARDIN, NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED, NO FILE ONE FIVE SEVEN - TWO TWO ONE, BUFILE ONE FIVE SEVEN - FOUR ZERO ONE, JACKSON FILE ONE FIVE SEVEN - TWO ZERO. THIS CASE CAPTIONED DESEGREGATION OF UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI; RM, OOJ, AFO, CONSPIRACY. HIS REFERENCE COULD NOT BE REVIEWED AS ENTIRE FILE SENT JACKSON IN AUGUST, SIXTYFOUR, AT TIME JACKSON OFFICE OPENED.

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ONE ZERO ZERO - SEVEN FIVE NINE. THIS NAME APPEARED ON EIGHT TWENTYFIVE FOOT ROLLS OF PHOTO RECORD FILM CONTAINING PHOTOGRAPHS OF CARDS BEARING NAMES OF PERSONS ON FINANCIAL RECORDS, MAILING LISTS OF SCEF, AS WELL AS LISTS OF SUBSCRIBERS TO SOUTHERN PATRIOT. THIS FILM NOT AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW, BUT SENT LOUISVILLE ON AUGUST EIGHT, SIXTYSIX, WHEN LOUISVILLE MADE ORIGIN IN INVESTIGATION OF SCEF.

JACKSON SHOULD REVIEW INDICES FOR ANY INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE WITH JAMES C. HARDIN, JAMES HARDIN OR J. C. HARDIN. IN PARTICULAR, REVIEW REFERENCE CONTAINED IN YOUR FILE ONE FIVE SEVEN - TWO ZERO, RE JAMES HARDIN. FOR POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE, THE NEW ORLEANS REFERENCE FOR JAMES HARDIN IS ONE FIVE SEVEN - TWO TWO ONE - TWO ZERO THREE SIX, PAGE EIGHTYFOUR.

LOUISVILLE SHOULD REVIEW INDICES FOR ANY INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE WITH JAMES C. HARDIN, J. C. HARDIN AND JAMES HARDIN AND, IN PARTICULAR, REVIEW THE REFERENCE ON J. C. HARDIN

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MENTIONED ABOVE, WHICH IS CONTAINED IN THE SCEF FILE. FOR
POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE OF LOUISVILLE, THE NEW ORLEANS REFERENCE
IS ONE ZERO ZERO - SEVEN FIVE NINE - ONE B NINE.

JACKSON AND LOUISVILLE SHOULD ADVISE BUREAU AND APPROPRIATE
OFFICES OF RESULTS OF THIS INVESTIGATION.

ATLANTA, LOS ANGELES AND MEMPHIS ADVISED AIRMAIL.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, LAS VEGAS (157-133) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
OO: Memphis

Re Jacksonville airtel to the Bureau dated 5/22/68, regarding alleged offer of \$100,000.00 by White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (WKKKK), Jackson, Mississippi, to anyone who kills MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Enclosed for Little Rock is one copy each of Dallas airtel to the Bureau, 6/6/67; Kansas City airtel to the Bureau, 7/21/67; Dallas airtel to the Bureau, 5/1/68, and Jacksonville airtel to the Bureau, 5/22/68, which are background information.

On 5/27/68, EDWARD J. PRESTON, 1565 Sharon Way, Reno, Nevada, advised SA NORMAN M. STONE he is a partner in Safety Auto Control, Inc., which recently moved to 855 Marrietta Way, Sparks, Nevada. He said DONALD JAMES NISSEN, is unknown to him and has never been employed by that company which has only been in existence about one year.

PRESTON states his company manufactures an auto safety product which is sold nationally. He said his company does not handle any of the sales of this product, noting all sales are handled exclusively by Allstate Safety Control, Inc., Room 201, Tanglewood Office Building, 7509 Cantrell Road, Little Rock Arkansas. He said if NISSEN was selling this auto safety part, he would be employed by Allstate Safety Control, Inc. He suggested ROBERT SPEARS, manager, of _____ company be contacted.

- ③ - Bureau (44-38861)
- 1 - Jackson
- 1 - Jacksonville (44-769)
- 2 - Little Rock (enc. 4)
- 2 - Memphis (44-1986)
- 2 - Las Vegas

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LEAD:

LITTLE ROCK

AT LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

Contact ROBERT SPEARS, Manager, Allstate Safety Control, Inc., Tanglewood Office Building, Room 201, 7509 Cantrell Road, in an effort to locate DONALD JAMES NISSEN.

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11-06 AM URGENT 5-29-68 BID
TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND KANSAS CITY
FROM DENVER (157-203) 3P

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RE OMAHA TELETYPE TO BUREAU, DENVER AND OKLAHOMA CITY DATED
MAY TWENTY-EIGHT, LAST.

ROBERT DALE PORTER, WHITE MALE, DOB [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] INTERVIEWED THIS DATE AT SHERIDAN COUNTY JAIL,
SHERIDAN, WYOMING. ADVISES WAS IN MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY
WITH RAY ON TWO OCCASIONS, FROM JULY, NINETEEN SIXTY-ONE TO
SEPTEMBER OF NINETEEN SIXTY-TWO AND FROM MARCH TWO, NINETEEN SIXTY-
FOUR UNTIL RAY-S ESCAPE IN APRIL OF NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN.

HE STATED THAT EX-GUARD JOHN STOUT SUPPLIED AMPHETAMINES FOR
MANY OF THE CONVICTS AND THAT HE, PORTER, RAN A DELIVERY SERVICE
FOR STOUT. HE STATED STOUT WAS FIRED IN ABOUT MARCH OR APRIL OF
NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN.

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PORTER SAID THE RUMOR AT TIME OF RAY-S ESCAPE WAS THAT HE
WALKED OUT THE FRONT GATE. HOWEVER, HE DOES NOT KNOW IF THIS WAS

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SUPPOSEDLY IN A GUARD-S UNIFORM OR CIVILIAN CLOTHES. HE DOUBTS VERY SERIOUSLY IF STOUT COULD HAVE PROVIDED A UNIFORM FOR RAY AS STOUT WAS A GUARD AT THE HONOR FARM AND RAY WAS CONFINED IN PRISON PROPER. HE HAS NO IDEA WHO MIGHT HAVE SUPPLIED A UNIFORM FOR RAY BUT POINTED OUT THE PRISON LAUNDRY CONTAINS MANY UNIFORMS AND SUITS AND IS STAFFED ENTIRELY BY CONVICTS. HE SAID IT WOULD, THEREFORE, BE NO PROBLEM FOR A CONVICT TO OBTAIN A UNIFORM OR SUIT OF CLOTHES FROM THIS LAUNDRY. PORTER STATED THAT ALTHOUGH HE DOES NOT FEEL STOUT PROVIDED ANY ASSISTANCE IN RAY-S ACTUAL ESCAPE, THAT HE FELT CERTAIN RAY WOULD HAVE CONTACTED STOUT FOR ASSISTANCE AFTER LEAVING THE PRISON.

PORTER STATED THAT TWO FORMER CIVILIAN KITCHEN WORKERS AT THE MISSOURI STATE PEN ALSO RAN AMPHETAMINES FOR THE CONVICTS AND WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE BEEN WELL KNOWN BY RAY. THEY ARE FIRST NAME UNKNOWN WHITE, A NEGRO, AND FIRST NAME UNKNOWN SHEPPARD.

PORTER CONTINUED THAT RAY WAS A VERY QUIET MAN, DID NOT ASSOCIATE WITH MANY INDIVIDUALS, AND THAT UNDOUBTEDLY HIS BEST FRIEND AT THE MISSOURI STATE PEN WAS NEIL AEBY. PORTER BELIEVES AEBY HAS BEEN RELEASED FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PEN BUT IS CURRENTLY

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IN THE COLE COUNTY JAIL AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, FIGHTING
EXTRADITION TO TEXAS.

KANSAS CITY, AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, IMMEDIATELY ATTEMPT
TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW JOHN STOUT, FNU WHITE, FNU SHEPPARD, AND
NEIL AEBY.

FD THREE ZERO TWO FOLLOWS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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