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SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED MAY TWENTYNINE INSTANT.

BILLY MACK WISDOM INTERVIEWED AT USP, ATLANTA, AT HIS REQUEST THIS DATE. STATED PERSON HE BELIEVED CLOSELY RESEMBLED SUBJECT IN ATLANTA SEPTEMBER DASH OCTOBER SIXTYSEVEN, AND SEEN AT REGENCY HYATT HOUSE BY WISDOM AND ONE BOB JONES, WHITE MALE, ABOUT THIRTY, NOW REPORTEDLY OPERATING NIGHT CLUB IN DAYTONA BEACH, FLA. STATES ONE "CHUCK" (LNU) ATTEMPTED TO SELL THIS PERSON A RIFLE IN ATLANTA EARLY DECEMBER SIXTYSEVEN. COULD NOT FURTHER IDENTIFY "CHUCK" OTHER THAN DRIVES SIXTYSIX RED MUSTANG CONVERTIBLE, WHITE MALE, BLOND, VETERAN, TWENTY TO TWENTYONE YEARS, NO KNOWN EMPLOYMENT. FIXED TIME AS BEFORE HE, WISDOM, WAS ARRESTED IN DECEMBER, VERIFIED FROM APD RECORDS AS DEC. ELEVEN SIXTYSEVEN AND RELEASED DEC. THIRTY SIXTYSEVEN. ALSO STATED TWO HIPPIES "WEASEL" AND "JOHN" WOULD KNOW "CHUCK", AND FURNISHED DIRECTIONS AS TO THEIR RESIDENCE. LANDLORD STATED TWO HIPPIES HAD RESIDED AT EIGHT SIX NINE ST. CHARLES, ATLANTA, FOR TWO WEEKS.

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LEAVING JAN. TWENTYEIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT, GIVING NAMES AS MR. AND MRS. W. T. JONES. THIS IS IN CONFLICT WITH DATES FURNISHED BY WISDOM AND IT IS NOTED MEMPHIS HAS ESTABLISHED SUBJECT IN LOS ANGELES NOV. SEVENTEEN SIXTYSEVEN TO JAN. SIXTYEIGHT.

JAMES P. THORNTON, CURRENTLY RESIDING ATLANTA WITH JERRY Q. DUTTON, INTERVIEWED AND STATED HE ARRIVED ATLANTA MAY FOUR LAST FROM LOS ANGELES. PRESENTLY WORKING FOR PACIFIC FINANCE CO. THORNTON STATED HE RESIDED WITH PARENTS, MR. AND MRS. THOMAS A. RALEY, AT ONE TWO SEVEN THREE FIVE CARDINAL AVE., GARDEN GROVE, CALIF., FROM DATE OF DISCHARGE FROM U. S. ARMY ON JUNE FIFTEEN LAST TILL DEPARTURE TO COME TO ATLANTA. WORKED FOR TRANS-AMERICA CORP., LA PALMA AVE., ANAHEIM, CALIF., FROM TIME OF DISCHARGE TILL LEAVING CALIF. TRANS-AMERICA IS BRANCH OF PACIFIC FINANCE. STATED HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO ATLANTA AT OWN REQUEST BECAUSE HE LIKES THE SOUTH.

THORNTON STATED THAT PRIOR TO ENTERING U. S. ARMY JUNE FIFTEEN NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE, HE LIVED WITH PARENTS, HAVING MOVED TO LOS ANGELES FROM BIRMINGHAM OCTOBER NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR. FROM APRIL SIXTYFOUR TO OCTOBER SIXTYFOUR RESIDED WITH JAMES MC DANIELS, FORMERLY ASSOCIATED WITH NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY, BIRMINGHAM. FROM JAN. SIXTYFOUR TO APR. SIXTYFOUR,

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LIVED AT NSRP HEADQUARTERS ON SOUTH BESSEMER RD. , BIRMINGHAM.

THORNTON ADMITTED PAST AFFILIATION WITH NSRP AND LATER WITH AMERICAN STATES RIGHTS PARTY AFTER HIS AND DUTTON'S SPLIT WITH NSRP. STATED HE GAVE UP ALL QUOTE POLITICAL ACTIVITY UNQUOTE WHEN ENTERING MILITARY SERVICE. ADMITTED HIS FEELINGS REMAIN ABOUT THE SAME AS PLATFORMS OF NSRP AND ASRP BUT STATED SUCH PHILOSOPHIES HAVE NO CHANCE IN U. S. TODAY. DEFINED SUCH PRINCIPLES AS QUOTE CONSERVATIVE UNQUOTE AND REPATRIATION OF JEWS AND NEGROES TO OTHER COUNTRIES. DENIED HE EVER HAD OR WOULD CONDONE VIOLENCE OR MURDER. DENIED DUTTON OR OTHER ASSOCIATES WOULD CONDONE VIOLENCE. STATED THAT JESSE B. STONER AND DR. EDWARD R. FIELDS, PAST AND PRESENT LEADERS IN NSRP WOULD NOT PERPETRATE VIOLENCE DIRECTLY BUT MIGHT MASTER-MIND OR PLAN VIOLENCE. DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF ANY VIOLENCE IN WHICH THEY WERE INVOLVED.

WHILE LIVING IN LOS ANGELES JUNE TO MAY ONE LAST, THORNTON WORKED PART TIME AT WALLACE FOR PRESIDENT HEADQUARTERS. WHEN FIRST WORKED THERE, THE HEADQUARTERS WERE LOCATED ON LINCOLN BOULEVARD, ANAHEIM. THE HEADQUARTERS CLOSED ABOUT JANUARY LAST AND A NEW HEADQUARTERS OPENED ON CHAPMAN BOULEVARD, ORANGE, CALIF., ABOUT ONE MONTH AGO. STATED HE HELPED BY DISTRIBUTING LITERATURE IN BEHALF OF WALLACE AND WORKED FOR A TIME AS A DEPUTY REGISTRAR. STATED JOHN ORTMANN, YORBA LINDA, CALIF.,

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WAS CHAIRMAN AND MRS. DERRY (PHONETIC) ELLISON, ORANGE CO., WAS ALSO EMPLOYED IN WALLACE HEADQUARTERS. DENIED KNOWING NAMES OF OTHER WORKERS.

THORNTON WAS SHOWN PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY AND DENIED SEEING OR KNOWING HIM. HAS SEEN RAY'S PHOTO IN NEWSPAPERS. DENIED KNOWING OR HEARING OF ERIC GALT OR JAMES EARL RAY AT WALLACE HEADQUARTERS OR ANY OTHER PLACE OTHER THAN IN CONNECTION WITH INSTANT MATTER.

JACKSONVILLE, AT DAYTONA BEACH, FLA. DETERMINE IF ANY CLUB IN THAT AREA OPERATED BY ONE BOB JONES, AND IF SO, INTERVIEW.

LOS ANGELES CONTACT JOHN ORTMANN AND MRS. DERRY ELLISON IF NOT ALREADY DONE. DETERMINE IF THEY KNOW SUBJECT. ASCERTAIN IDENTITIES OF OTHER WORKERS AT WALLACE HEADQUARTERS DURING TIME SUBJECT RESIDED LOS ANGELES AND INTERVIEW. VERIFY THORNTON'S RESIDENCE, EMPLOYMENT, AND EXHIBIT SUBJECT'S PHOTO TO PARENTS, FELLOW EMPLOYEES, AND ANY OTHER ASSOCIATES OF THORNTON'S.

ATLANTA WILL CONTINUE TO ATTEMPT TO CHECK OUT STORY OF WISDOM.

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FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 2P

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DAILY SUMMARY.

RE MEMPHIS TELS MAY SEVENTEEN AND TWENTY-EIGHT LAST.

NO SUCH ADDRESSES AS TWO EIGHT THREE TWO OR TWO FIVE THREE TWO
POLK OR FOUR FOUR NINE STEINER LOCATED IN KANSAS CITY AREA.

MRS. PAUL F. COLLEY, SIX THREE ZERO ONE POLK, KANSAS CITY
NORTH, MO., ADVISED SHE HAS RESIDED AT THIS ADDRESS FOR ABOUT
EIGHTEEN YEARS AND THE ONLY OTHER RESIDENCE ON THIS STREET IS
NEXT DOOR TO HER AND HAS BEEN OCCUPIED FOR YEARS BY MR. AND MRS.
CLARENCE E. JONES. MRS. COLLEY ADVISED THE NAMES, ALIASES AND
DESCRIPTIONS OF LAWRENCE RAND AND VINCENT WALKER ARE NOT
FAMILIAR TO HER.

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KANSAS CITY DIRECTORIES SHOW ONE LAWRENCE B. RAND, THREE FIVE ZERO EIGHT ST. JOHN AVE., KANSAS CITY, MO. RAND, UPON INTERVIEW, ADVISED HE IS AGE SIXTY-NINE AND RETIRED AND HAS NOT BEEN TO MEMPHIS, TENN. HE STATED HE DOES NOT KNOW ANOTHER LAWRENCE RAND OR REND AND THE NAME VINCENT WALKER IS NOT FAMILIAR TO HIM.

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TO: DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS
FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775) 2P

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RE JERRY RAYNES:

REINTERVIEWED. NO WORD FROM OR OF SUBJECT OR WHEREABOUTS.
RECALLED RAY WENT TO LIVE WITH GRANDMOTHER WHEN FAMILY LEFT
EWING, MO. WORKED AT SHOE CO TANNERY IN ILLINOIS UNTIL ENTERED
ARMY. SAVED MONEY, HAD FOURTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS AT ARMY ENTRANCE.
GRANDMOTHER KEPT FOR HIM, NEVER USED BANK. RAY SHY, COUNTRYFIED.
HAD GOOD TEETH THEN, WHICH MAY HAVE TURNED BAD SINCE. RAYNES BELIEVES
RAY NOT SMART ENOUGH TO PLAN KING KILLING. CONJECTURES SOMEONE
ELSE MUST HAVE PLANNED AND LATER KILLED HIM.

RE CAROL PEPPER - JOHN LARRY RAY. REC 109

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SOURCES AND SPOT CHECKS REVEALED NO SIGNIFICANT ~~ACTIVITY.~~

RE FELLOW PRISONER JOHN PAUL VELANTI:

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REITERATED MAY HAVE SEEN RAY AT MSP BUT NEVER ~~ASSOCIATED~~

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OR HAD ANY CONNECTION WITH. HAS NO INFO CONCERNING HIM. NO INFO AS TO WHO ROBBED BANK OF ALTON, ILL., JULY THIRTEEN LAST. CLAIMED WORKING THAT DATE. RECORDS OF BARGETTE PRINTING CO., SL, BY WHOM VELANTI THEN EMPLOYED CONFIRM HE WAS WORKING AT TIME OF BR.

RE JOHN EUGENE GAWRON:

UNABLE TO LOCATE GAWRON TODAY. WILL INTERVIEW AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY.

INTENSIFIED EFFORT TO LOCATE ROBERT LYNN POWELL CONTINUING.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO DIRECTOR
FROM SAC, NEW YORK
RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MAY TWENTY EIGHT LAST.
ADVISE THAT THE ABOVE NAMED SUBJECT IS CURRENTLY
EMPLOYED AS A SECURITY GUARD AT THE NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.
THE SUBJECT IS A NATURAL BORN AMERICAN AND IS
A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY.
HE WAS RECALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY IN THE
MAY TWENTY SEVEN LAST.
HE IS CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO THE
NEW YORK OFFICE OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.
HE IS A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY.
HE WAS RECALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY IN THE
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REVIEW OF MEMPHIS FILES IDENTIFIES JAMES WILBOURN ASHMORE, FBI NO. FOUR EIGHT SIX NINE FIVE TWO NINE, AS HAVING USED ALIAS JAMES C. HARDIN. INDICES OF MEMPHIS DIVISION CONTAIN REFERENCES TO JAMES HARDIN, NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED, IN CONNECTION WITH CASE ENTITLED DES^EEGREGATION, UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI, RM, BUFILE ONE FIVE SEVEN - FOUR ZERO ONE, MEMPHIS FILE ONE FIVE SEVEN - ONE FOUR SEVEN, WHICH FILE TRANSFERRED IN ENTIRETY TO JACKSON OFFICE UPON OPENING THAT FIELD DIVISION. JACKSON DIVISION HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO REVIEW ALL INFO CONTAINED IN THE FILE TO IDENTIFY JAMES HARDIN.

THE IDENTIFICATION DIVISION HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO FURNISH LATEST ARREST RECORD OF JAMES WILBOURN ASHMORE AND PROVIDE MOST RECENT PHOTO FOR VIEWING BY MANAGER AT ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES.

RE BANK LOCK BOXES.

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Abused
SUFFICIENT AMOUNT OF CASH SUBSEQUENT TO HIS ESCAPE FROM PRISON AND THE FACT THAT IT IS NOT KNOWN THAT HE MAINTAINED A CHECKING OR SAVING ACCOUNT, IT IS BELIEVED THAT HE HAS RENTED BANK SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES OTHER THAN THE ONE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN RENTED BY HIM IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA. SAN ANTONIO HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CHECK BANKS IN THE LAREDO, TEXAS, BORDER AREA TO DETERMINE IF RAY RENTED A BANK SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX PRIOR TO HIS TRIP INTO MEXICO IN OCTOBER LAST.

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IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE BUREAU CONSIDER REQUESTING LEGAT, MEXICO, ASCERTAIN IF AMERICANS ARE PERMITTED TO RENT BANK SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES WHILE RESIDING IN MEXICO ON A TEMPORARY BASIS. IF AMERICANS ARE PERMITTED TO RENT SUCH BOXES, LEGAT, MEXICO, SHOULD BE REQUESTED TO DETERMINE IF THE SUBJECT UNDER HIS TRUE NAME OR KNOWN ALIASES RENTED A BANK OR OTHER SAVINGS INSTITUTION TYPE OF SAFE DEPOSIT BOX DURING THE PERIOD HE WAS IN MEXICO FROM OCTOBER SEVEN LAST THROUGH NOVEMBER LAST.

IN THIS SAME REGARD SINCE INVESTIGATION INDICATED SUBJECT MAY HAVE POSSESSED A LARGE SUM OF MONEY AT THE TIME OF HIS ESCAPE DUE TO ALLEGED NARCOTICS SALE ACTIVITY ON HIS PART WHILE CONFINED IN PRISON AND THE FACT INFO HAS BEEN RECEIVED THAT HE MAY HAVE PARTICIPATE IN
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A LARGE ROBBERY OF SOME TYPE SUBSEQUENT TO HIS ESCAPE^A, IT IS BELIEVED THAT HE WOULD AGAIN HAVE UTILIZED A BANK SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX FROM THE TIME OF HIS ESCAPE FROM PRISON AND THE DATE THAT HE RENTED THE SAFE DEPOSIT BOX IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE BUREAU REQUEST LEGAT, OTTAWA, IF FEASIBLE, DETERMINE IF THE SUBJECT UNDER HIS TRUE NAME OR KNOWN ALIASES RENTED A BANK SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX IN MONTREAL, CANADA, OR ANY PORTS OF ENTRY INTO CANADA FROM THE UNITED STATES.

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RE JAMES C. HARDIN

AN AGGRESSIVE, PENETRATING, LENGTHY INTERVIEW WAS CONDUCTED
THIS DATE WITH ALLAN O. THOMPSON, MANAGER, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL.
THOMPSON ADVISED HE KNOWS THE INDIVIDUAL, WHOM HE PREVIOUSLY
REFUSED TO IDENTIFY, BY THE NAME OF "FITZ". HE ADVISED HE WAS
APPROACHED BY THIS INDIVIDUAL AT THE RABBIT'S FOOT BAR A FEW DAYS
AGO BUT COULD NOT RECALL SPECIFIC DATE. HE SAID THIS INDIVIDUAL
SAID, "YOUR MR. THOMPSON, AREN'T YOU?" AND THEN
PROCEEDED TO ASK IF THOMPSON WAS INTERESTED IN SPLITTING THE
REWARD MONEY OFFERED IN THE DR. MARTIN KING, JR. MURDER.
THOMPSON SAID HE TOLD THIS INDIVIDUAL HE WAS NOT INTERESTED. DURING
THE COURSE OF SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION, THOMPSON SAID "FITZ"
TOLD HIM HE HAD OBSERVED JAMES EARL RAY, AKA ERIC GALT, AND
ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL SITTING TOGETHER, ENGAGED IN CONVERSATION AT
A LOCAL BAR, THE NAME OF WHICH WAS NOT MENTIONED. THOMPSON

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SAID THAT "FITZ" TOLD HIM RAY CALLED THIS INDIVIDUAL "J. C." THOMPSON SAID THE NAME "J. C." PROMPTED HIS RECOLLECTION OF EVENTS AS SET OUT IN LA TEL OF FIVE TWENTY EIGHT SIXTY EIGHT, THAT IS, RAY BEING CALLED TWICE, POSSIBLE THREE TIMES, BY JAMES C. HARDIN FROM NEW ORLEANS AND ATLANTA.

THOMPSON SAID THAT HE HAS SEEN "FITZ" ON AN INFREQUENT BASIS VICINITY OF THE HOLLYWOOD AND WESTERN AREA, LOS ANGELES, DURING THE PAST SIX MONTHS. HE ADVISED HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF ASSOCIATES OF "FITZ", HIS RESIDENCE, PAST OR PRIOR, HIS AUTOMOBILE, OR HIS EMPLOYMENT, IF ANY. THOMPSON SAID AT SOME TIME AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR, HE BELIEVES HE EXPELLED "FITZ" AND ANOTHER CAUCASIAN MALE FROM THE PARKING LOT OF THE ST. FRANCIS WHERE THEY WERE SLEEPING IN AN AUTOMOBILE. THOMPSON SAID IT WAS ON THIS OCCASION THAT HE LEARNED OF THIS INDIVIDUALS NAME IN THAT THE PERSON WITH WHOM HE WAS SLEEPING CALLED HIM "FITZ". THOMPSON ADVISED HE BELIEVED THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS THE SUBJECT OF A WARRANT FOR HIS ARREST BECAUSE WHEN THOMPSON TOLD HIM TO CONTACT THE FBI, "FITZ" TOLD HIM THAT HE COULDN'T. HE DESCRIBED "FITZ" AS CAUCASIAN MALE, THIRTY SEVEN - FORTY TWO, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE POUNDS, BROWN HAIR WORN SHORT AS IN CREW CUT, HABITUALLY WEARS SPORT SHIRT WITH CHEAP SLACKS.

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THOMPSON SAID WHENEVER AND WHEREVER HE OBSERVES "FITZ", HE WILL IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE FBI.

THOMPSON REITERATED THE INFORMATION AS SET OUT IN LA TELETYPE. HE ADDED ONLY THAT HE BELIEVES THE VOICE OF THE PERSON CALLING ON THE TELEPHONE WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS JAMES C. HARDIN, AND THE VOICE OF THE PERSON WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS MR. HARDIN AT THE ST. FRANCIS HOTEL AFTER THE TELEPHONE CALLS, TO BE IDENTICAL. HE SAID THAT ON ONE OCCASION HE HEARD THE OPERATOR AND A PERSON WHOM SHE CALLED "MR. HARDIN" CONVERSE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT HE WOULD LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR GALT.

AN THOMPSON VIEWED THE FBI FACIAL IDENTIFICATION CATALOG IN EFFORT TO OBTAIN AN ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF HARDIN.

THOMPSON DESCRIBED HIMSELF AS CAUCASIAN MALE, BORN [REDACTED] [REDACTED] AT ARIZONA, FIVE FOOT ELEVEN INCHES, ONE SIXTY POUNDS, BROWN GREYING HAIR, PARTIALLY BALD, HAZEL EYES, USMC NINETEEN FORTY TWO - NINETEEN FORTY SIX.

THOMPSON CLAIMS HE HAS FURNISHED ALL INFORMATION IN THIS MATTER CONCERNING BOTH "FITZ" AND JAMES C. HARDIN. HE STATES THAT HE BELIEVES THAT HE COULD IDENTIFY A PHOTOGRAPH OF JAMES C. HARDIN. EFFORTS TO LOCATE "FITZ" ARE CONTINUING. — *press this JK*

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RESULTS OF IDENTIFICATION CATALOG REGARDING JAMES C. HARDIN
ARE AS FOLLOWS.

- A. K A FOUR - TWELVE
- B. K B ONE - ONE
- C. K C ONE - FIVE
- D. K D ONE - TWO
- E. K E THREE - FOURTEEN
- F. K F ONE - ONE
- G. K G ONE - SEVEN
- H. K H TWO - ONE
- J. K J FIVE - THREE
- K. K K FOUR - SEVEN
- L. ZERO
- M. ZERO
- N. O N ONE - TEN

GENERAL ^CDESCRIPTION IS SEX- MALE, AGE THIRTY FIVE- FORTY
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RACE CAUCASIAN, COMPLEXION- COARSE SKIN, DARK, HEIGHT FIVE FT.
SEVEN INCHES - FIVE FT. EIGHT INCHES, WEIGHT ONE FORTY - ONE FIFTY,
SLENDER BUILD, COLOR OF EYES DARK, COLOR OF HAIR DARK.

FURNISH RESULT TO LOS ANGELS ^E AND INTERESTED OFFICES.
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RE MAIL FORWARDING SERVICE (FEBRUARY ONE TO MARCH ONE LAST.)

LETTER ADDRESSED TO ERIC S. GALT RECEIVED MAY TWENTY EIGHT LAST, BY C. M. HEDGPETH AT FOUR ZERO SIX SOUTH SECOND, ALHAMBRA, CALIFORNIA, OPERATOR OF CONFIDENTIAL MAIL FORWARDING SERVICE CONTRACTED FOR DURING FEBRUARY, SIXTY EIGHT, BY JAMES EARL RAY. LETTER READ QUOTE SHOW ME FIRST YOU MEAN BUSINESS UNQUOTE. LETTER SIGNED TONI, INITIAL C, INITIAL A, RETURN ADDRESS POST OFFICE BOX SIX FOUR THREE, BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA. (APPARENTLY IN RESPONSE TO GALT AD IN FREE PRESS.)

*What's date of Postmark?
- who had box before 4/11?*

KENT ABRAMS INTERVIEWED MAY TWENTY NINE INSTANT, AND ADVISED HE RENTED POST OFFICE BOX ON OR ABOUT APRIL ONE LAST FOR FRIEND PLANNING TO OPERATE BUSINESS UTILIZING COMPUTER ANALYSIS TO LOCATE COMPATIBLE MARRIAGE PARTNERS. ABRAMS CLAIMS BUSINESS NEVER ACTIVATED AND NO MAIL RECEIVED AT POST OFFICE BOX, OR SENT WITH THAT RETURN ADDRESS. ABRAMS ADVISED HE DOES NOT KNOW RAY AND DOES NOT BELIEVE ANYONE CONNECTED WITH THE COMPUTER BUSINESS HAS ANY KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING HIM. COMPUTER BUSINESS ORGANIZED BY BOU A. GLENN AND THREE OF HIS FELLOW EMPLOYEES, ALL EMPLOYED AT THE ROCKETDYNE DIVISION OF NORTH AMERICAN AVIATION, CANOGA PARK, CALIFORNIA. GLENN AND ASSOCIATES IN COMPUTER BUSINESS BEING INTERVIEWED.

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RE SPRINGFIELD TEL TO LOS ANGELES, MAY TWENTY NINE,
CAPTIONED FRANCES E. RAY.

ON MAY TWENTY EIGHT LAST, FEMALE, USING NAME FRANCES E.
RAY, ADDRESS SIX ONE FOUR NINE RUGBY, HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA,
TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED LOS ANGELES FBI AND QUINCY, ILLINOIS,
PD. CONCERNING WHEREABOUTS OF JERRY RAY.

FRANCES E. RAY WHO CLAIMS SHE IS A SECOND COUSIN TO JAMES
EARL RAY INTERVIEWED THIS DATE. STATED RELATED TO JAMES EARL
RAY BUT DISCLAIMED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECT'S WHEREABOUTS OR
ACTIVITIES OR THAT SHE HAS EVER MET HIM.

*Vendy
relationship
Does she know Ray
when did she see
him last?*

SHE IS A SELF DASH PROFESSED ALCOHOLIC, AND ADVISED
TELEPHONIC CONTACT MADE WITH FBI, LOS ANGELES, AND POLICE OF
QUINCY, ILLINOIS, BECAUSE SHE FELT VERY DEPRESSED FOR SUBJECT RAY.

FRANCES RAY ADVISED SHE IS DIVORCED AND HAS RESIDED IN LOS
ANGELES SINCE NINETEEN THIRTY THREE AND IS PRESENTLY RECEIVING
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

NORMA JEAN DOUGLAS, SIX THREE ONE NINE RUGBY, HUNTINGTON PARK,
DAUGHTER OF FRANCES E. RAY, INTERVIEWED THIS DATE, DISCLAIMED ANY
KNOWLEDGE OF RAY'S WHEREABOUTS OR ACTIVITIES AND ADVISES FRANCES E.
RAY IS A CHRONIC ALCOHOLIC AND PRONE TO FREQUENT CRANK TELEPHONE
CALLS.

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RE: WILLIAM A. MARSHALL (CONSIDER AS ARMED AND DANGEROUS)
COVINA PD FURNISHED FIVE CARDS BEARING PARTIAL LATENT PRINTS
TAKEN FROM SIXTY SEVEN GOLD COLOR BLACK TOP PLYMOUTH BEARING
CALIFORNIA LICENSE U T W ZERO ONE TWO RECOVERED AT COVINA. ALSO
FURNISHED CHECK IN AMOUNT OF FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS SIGNED W. L. DE
LUCA, WHICH WAS GIVEN TO ALLEN A. KRAUSE. KRAUSE HAD ACCEPTED
THIS CHECK TO COMPENSATE HIM FOR COLLISION DAMAGES AFTER ACCIDENT
IN COVINA, MAY FIFTEEN LAST. PRINTS AND CHECK BEING FORWARDED FOR
LABORATORY EXAMINATION. ALSO FURNISHED GULF OIL COMPANY GASOLINE
INVOICE DATES MAY FIFTEEN LAST FOUND IN PLYMOUTH RECOVERED AT
COVINA REFLECTING PURCHASE AT HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA, UNDER
NAME OF WILLIAM L. DE LUCA, CALIFORNIA LICENSE U T W ONE ZERO
TWO ALSO FORWARDED FOR EXAMINATION.

ALLEN KRAUSE DESCRIBED DRIVER OF PLYMOUTH AS WMA, AGE THIRTY
FIVE TO FORTY, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES OR SIX FEET, ONE HUNDRED
SEVENTY TO SEVENTY FIVE POUNDS, STOCKY BUILD, BLACK STRAIGHT HAIR,
WELL SHAVEN, BUT EVIDENCE OF HEAVY BEARD AND AT TIME OF ACCIDENT
WAS ACCOMPANIED BY YOUTH DESCRIBED AS WHITE, AGE FOURTEEN TO
SIXTEEN YEARS, TALL, BLOND CURLY HAIR, ALLEGEDLY HIS NEPHEW, NO
NAME GIVEN. "DE LUCA" CLAIMED ON WAY TO LAS VEGAS. KRAUSE REPORTED
ACCIDENT AND FACT THAT CHECK WAS FRAUDULENT AFTER CHECK RETURNED
TO HIM BY BANK.
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MARSHALL WHEN OBTAINING CAR AT CHULA VISTA WAS DESCRIBED AS WMA, AGE FORTY TO FORTY FIVE, FIVE FEET NINE INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE TO EIGHTY POUNDS, DARK HAIR, FAIR TO MEDIUM COMPLEXION.

ACCORDING TO COVINA PD, CHULA VISTA PD SUSPECTS THAT WILLIAM H. MARSHALL IS RESPONSIBLE FOR FIVE ARMED ROBBERIES OF REAL ESTATE AGENTS IN CHULA VISTA AREA. PERSON OF MARSHALL'S DESCRIPTION HAD CONTACTED REAL ESTATE AGENTS ABOUT HOME PURCHASE AS PRETEXT BEFORE ROBBING THEM. ALSO FOUND IN CAR WAS KEY OF S. S. WHEELER APTS, BALBOA, CALIFORNIA WITH NUMBER FOUR ON IT.

ON MAY TWENTY NINE LAST, DARLENE E. DE LUCA, MRS. WILLIAM LAWRENCE DE LUCA, EIGHT FOUR TWO TWO ALVARDO DRIVE, HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED THAT AT TWO PM ON MAY FIFTEEN LAST, A MAN SHE DESCRIBED AS WHM, EARLY THIRTIES, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY POUNDS, BLACK HAIR, DRIVING A GOLD AND BLACK CAR CAME TO HER HOME IN RESPONSE TO A SIGN IN FRONT INDICATING IT WAS FOR SALE BY OWNER. THE MAN INDICATED HE WAS INTERESTED IN BUYING THE HOME AND MRS. DE LUCA LEFT HIM IN HER LIVING ROOM AND WENT TO MAKE TELEPHONE CALL TO ARRANGE FOR A LATER APPOINTMENT.

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TO HANDLE DETAILS OF SALE. WAS GONE FOR APPROXIMATELY TEN MINUTES AND WHEN RETURNED MAN INDICATED HE WOULD OBTAIN FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS IN CASH AND RETURN FOLLOWING DAY TO HANDLE DETAILS. AFTER MAN LEFT, MRS. DE LUCA DISCOVERED HER CHECK BOOK AND NUMEROUS CREDIT AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS AND HER DRIVERS LICENSE HAD BEEN TAKEN FROM HER PURSE WHICH HAD BEEN IN THE LIVING ROOM.

MRS. DE LUCA REPORTED THEFT TO HUNTINGTON BEACH PD. MRS. DE LUCA CONTACTED BY DETECTIVE WOODRUM, VICTORVILLE, CALIFORNIA, PD, ON MAY TWENTY LAST, INDICATING A MAN ATTEMPTED TO PASS A CHECK FOR TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS AT SECURITY FIRST NATIONAL BANK, VICTORVILLE, AND WHILE TELLER VERIFYING ACCOUNT MAN LEFT THE BANK. DETECTIVE WOODRUM HAS CHECK DRAWN ON ACCOUNT OF W. L. DE LUCA AT SECURITY FIRST NATIONAL BANK, LAKEWOOD PLAZA BRANCH, LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA.

ON MAY TWENTY NINE, MRS. DE LUCA RECEIVED LETTER FROM PERRY'S COUNTRY STORE AND RESTAURANT, P. O. BOX FORTY FIVE BONSALL (SAN DIEGO COUNTY), CALIFORNIA, WHICH LETTER ENCLOSED ALL HER SUPERMARKET IDENTIFICATION CARDS AND PERSONAL PHOTOGRAPHS, WHICH HAD BEEN AMONG ITEMS STOLEN.

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SHE STATED SHE CALLED MR. PERRY THIS DATE WHO ADVISED HER THE IDENTIFICATION CARD AND PHOTOGRAPHS WERE LEFT ON A TABLE IN HIS RESTAURANT BY A LONE WOMAN CUSTOMER.

MRS. DE LUCA ADVISED HER MONTGOMERY WARD, J. C. PENNEY'S ATLANTIC DASH RICHFIELD, SHELL, MOBIL, AND GULF CREDIT CARDS STILL MISSING.

*PLACE
STOPS
JK*

MRS. DE LUCA EXAMINED PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY AND INDICATED PHOTO SOMEWHAT RESEMBLED MAN WHO STOLE HER IDENTIFICATION BUT COULD NOT MAKE ANY IDENTIFICATION.

INQUIRY AT VICTORVILLE PD ASCERTAINED THAT WOODRUM HAS TAKEN LEAVE UNTIL MONDAY NEXT AND IS UNAVAILABLE. EFFORTS TO LOCATE CHECK IN PD RECORDS NEGATIVE. BANK PERSONNEL NOT AVAILABLE AT VICTORVILLE UNTIL FRIDAY NEXT.

WALTER DE PRIEST MAINTENANCE MAN, SS WHEELER APARTMENTS, ONE ONE ONE FIVE EAST BALBOA BOULEVARD, BALBOA, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED MAY TWENTY NINE LAST THAT A REVIEW OF RECORDS OF ABOVE APARTMENTS REVEALS THAT ONE J. A. WARREN ATTEMPTED TO RENT APARTMENT FOUR, WHEELER APARTMENTS APPROXIMATELY FIVE TWENTY LAST AT ABOUT TEN AM TO ELEVEN AM, ACCOMPAINED BY INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFIED AS HIS NEPHEW. WARREN STAYED ONLY APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS WITHOUT

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PAYING RENT AND THEN DEPARTED MAKING EXCUSES HE WAS GOING TO BANK TO SECURE FUNDS FOR RENT. HE TOOK KEY TO APARTMENT FOUR AND DID NOT RETURN IT. AT TIME OF REGISTRATION WARREN INDICATED RESIDENCE OF ONE TWO ONE EAST "G" STREET, CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA, AND WAS DRIVING LATE MODEL PLYMOUTH FURY, BEARING CALIFORNIA LICENSE UTW ONE ZERO TWO. DE PRIEST HAS RECOLLECTION VEHICLE WAS TWO TONED GOLD IN COLOR. WARREN ADVISED IN CONVERSATION HE WAS EMPLOYED BY INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER COMPANY AND WAS BEING SENT TO AFRICA BY THAT COMPANY.

WARREN DESCRIBED AS WMA, FORTY FIVE TO FIFTY, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE POUNDS, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, TO NINE INCHES, DARK BROWN GRAYING HAIR, RUDDY COMPLEXION, WORE TROUSERS AND SHIRT. HAD NO LUGGAGE IN POSSESSION.

INDIVIDUAL ACCOMPANYING WARREN, NAME NOT GIVEN, DESCRIBED AS WMA, APPROXIMATELY TWENTY, SIX FEET, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY POUNDS, LIGHT COMPLEXION, WORE SPORT CLOTHES.

PHOTO OF RAY EXHIBITED TO DE PRIEST AND STATES NOT IDENTICAL WITH WARREN. PHOTO OF RAY ALSO EXHIBITED MRS. LAVERNE WHEELER, OWNER ABOVE APARTMENTS, WHO STATED THIS INDIVIDUAL NOT RECOGNIZED BY HER AS RESIDING WHEELER APARTMENTS.

LOS ANGELES WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE INDIVIDUAL
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WHO STOLE ONE NINE SIX SEVEN PLYMOUTH AND WILL SECURE
AND FORWARD CHECK FROM VICTORVILLE TO LABORATORY.

SAN DIEGO AT BONSALL ASCERTAIN FULL FACTS CONCERNING
RETURN OF MRS. DE LUCA'S IDENTIFICATION MATERIAL FROM PERRY'S
COUNTRY STORE ALSO NOTE ADDRESS AT CHULA VISTA AS GIVEN AT
BALBOA WHEN INDIVIDUAL UTILIZED NAME WARREN.

SPRINGFIELD THROUGH JERRY RAY ASCERTAIN HOW WELL KNOWN A
RELATIVE FRANCES RAY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA MIGHT BE.
ALSO NOTE SAME USE OF NAME OF INTERNATIONAL HARVESTOR COMPANY AT
BALBOA BY THE WM. MARSHALL INDIVIDUAL UTILIZING NAME WARREN
AS WAS USED FIVE FOURTEEN LAST AT CHULA VISTA IN SAN DIEGO
TEL FIVE SIXTEEN SIXTYEIGHT, COPY YOUR OFFICE.

LAS VEGAS CONTACT SO AND LAS VEGAS PD CONCERNING
WILLIAM A. MARSHALL WITH ALIASES TO DETERMINE IF SIMILAR M.O.
AS DESCRIBED BY CHULA VISTA PD IS BEING NOW USED AT LAS VEGAS.
SAN DIEGO TEL FIVE SIXTEEN SIXTY EIGHT FURNISHED LAS VEGAS.

COPIES OF THIS TEL FURNISHED OTHER OFFICES IN VIEW OF INFO
RE JAMES C. HARDIN.

INVESTIGATION ALL PHASES CONTINUING AT LOS ANGELES.

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cc - Mr. Conrad

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634PM URGENT 5-30-68 JJR

TO: DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS
FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775) 1P

Mc Hogan
Jerry

MURKIN - SUMMARY

RE JERRY RAYNES, CAROL PEPPER, JOHN LARRY RAY.

SOURCES AND SPOT CHECKS INDICATE NO SIGNI^{RECANT} ACTIVITY.

RE JOHN EUGENE GAWRON . DRUNK.

NO PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS OTHER PHASES OF INVESTIGATION TODAY.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI SANDIEGO

10:45PM URGENT 5-29-68 JLN

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM SAN DIEGO (44-387)

Mr. Hoover
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MURKIN

RE WILLIAM A. MARSHALL.

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO BUREAU, SPRINGFIELD,
MEMPHIS, AND WESTERN DIVISION OFFICES MAY TWENTY EIGHT LAST.

IT IS SUGGESTED SINCE BUREAU ENTERED CAR IN NCIC THAT THEY
MAY DESIRE TO CANCEL.

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10:45 AM URGENT 5-29-68 JLN

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM SAN DIEGO (44-377)

MURKIN

RE: WILLIAM A. WARDEN

RE: SAN DIEGO TELETYPE TO BUREAU, APRIL TWENTY

SEVEN, AND BUREAU TELETYPE TO SAN DIEGO, MAY TWENTY

IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU ADVISE BUREAU OF ANY

DEVELOPMENTS.

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2:00 PM DST URGENT 5/30/68 VEU

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), AND ATLANTA.

FROM: JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

MURKIN CR OO: MEMPHIS

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MAY TWENTY NINE LAST.

DAYTONA BEACH, FLA. PD RECORDS REFLECT NOTHING IDENTIFIABLE WITH BOB JONES MENTIONED IN RETEL.

RECORDS, FLORIDA STATE BEVERAGE COMMISSION REVIEWED TODAY FOR ALL VOLUSIA COUNTY BEVERAGE PLACES, MANAGEMENT OR EMPLOYEES AND ONLY POSSIBILITY DETECTED WAS ROBERT LEE JONES,

W/M, DOB [REDACTED] WHO WAS

FINGERPRINTED BY BEVERAGE COMMISSION, MAY TWENTY FIVE,

NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN. THIS ROBERT LEE JONES INTERVIEWED

TODAY AND DETERMINED TO BE FULL TIME U.S. POST OFFICE CARRIER FOR SEVENTEEN YEARS, WHO HOLDS PART TIME BARTENDER

EMPLOYMENT. ROBERT LEE JONES STATES NO ACQUAINTANCESHIP WITH

BILLY WISDOM AND UNABLE TO IDENTIFY PHOTOS JAMES EARL RAY

AS PERSON EVER SEEN BY HIM OUTSIDE OF NEWSPAPER PUBLICITY. 2 JUN 4 1968

ROBERT LEE JONES HAS NEVER STAYED IN ATLANTA AND U.S. POST

OFFICE EMPLOYMENT DURING NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN WAS

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-100000) (P)
SUBJECT: [REDACTED] (NY 100-100000)

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UNINTERRUPTED EXCEPT FOR VACATION JUNE - JULY, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN WHEN ATTENDED POSTAL WORKERS CONVENTION IN FLORIDA.

NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION THIS ASPECT OF CAPTIONED MATTER AS INDICATED FROM RETEL.

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Jerry Ray

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Via Airtel
(Priority)

TO - DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM - SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)
RE: MURKIN

Re: Springfield Teletype to Los Angeles 5/29/68;
Los Angeles Teletype to Bureau 5/30/68;
Springfield Telephone Call to Chicago 5/30/68.

Enclosed for Chicago Division are two copies each of referenced teletypes.

For the information of Los Angeles, JERRY RAY is presently residing in Chicago, Illinois and in contact with Chicago Division, therefore any further leads concerning him should be directed to the Chicago Division.

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Approved: 70 JUN 10 1968 Special Agent in Charge Sent _____ M Per _____

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MEMORANDUM

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TO - DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM - SAC, ALBANY (44-101)
RE - MURKIN

Re: Albany file 44-101-1000. Albany file 44-101-1000. Albany file 44-101-1000.

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For the information of the Bureau, Albany file 44-101-1000 is being maintained in Albany, Albany file 44-101-1000 is being maintained in Albany, Albany file 44-101-1000 is being maintained in Albany.

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7:12PM URGENT 5/31/68 REF
TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND BALTIMORE
BALTIMORE VIA WASHINGTON (PLAINTEXT)
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) 2P

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MURKIN

RELATEL TO BUREAU MAY TWENTY NINE LAST.

FOR INFORMATION OF BALTIMORE, LETTER ADDRESSED TO ERIC S. GALT RECEIVED MAY TWENTY EIGHT LAST BY C. M. HEDGPETH AT FXUR ZERO SIX SOUTH SECOND AVENUE, ALHAMBRA, CALIFORNIA, OPERATOR OF CONFIDENTIAL MAIL FORWARDING SERVICE. LETTER READ QUOTE SHOW ME FIRST YOU MEAN BUSINESS UNQUOTE. LETTER SIGNED TONI WITH INITIALS C AND A AFTER NAME. RETURN ADDRESS SHOWN AS POST OFFICE BOX SIX FOUR THREE, BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA.

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KENT ABRAMS ADVISED HE RENTED P O BOX SIX FOUR THREE ABOUT APRIL ONE LAST FOR FRIEND PLANNING TO OPERATE BUSINESS TO LOCATE SUITABLE MARRIAGE PARTNERS THROUGH COMPUTER ANALYSIS. BUSINESS COMPOSED OF FOUR PARTNERS AND KNOWN AS TRANS DASH COMPUTER ASSOCIATES.

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TO DIRECTOR
FROM SAC, NEW YORK
SUBJECT: [Illegible]

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TO DIRECTOR (44-1574) AND SAC, NEW YORK (44-1574) FROM SAC, NEW YORK (44-1574) (P)

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THEODORE FINKELSTEIN, JOSEPH FRIEDMAN, SIMON DESOTO AND LEWIS A. GLENN, PARTNERS, TRANS DASH COMPUTER ASSOCIATES ALL OBSERVED PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND DENY KNOWING HIM OR CORRESPONDING WITH HIM. ALL ON OWN INITIATIVE VOLUNTEERED TO SUBMIT TO POLYGRAPH EXAMINATIONS CONCERNING MATTER.

FINKELSTEIN ADVISED WHEN CHECKING ^{PO} FIRST OFFICE BOX ON OR ABOUT MAY TWENTY TWO LAST, CONTAINED LETTER ADDRESSED TO OWEN D. NEIGHBOUR FROM STUDIO PRESS, COOPER STATION, NEW YORK. LETTER CONTAINED BROCHURE ADVERTISING NUDE TYPE PHOTOGRAPHS.

POST OFFICE OFFICIALS ADVISE NEIGHBOUR RENTED P O BOX SIX FOUR THRU ^{EE} FROM NINETEEN SIXTY ONE TO MARCH THIRTY ONE LAST. NEIGHBOUR LEFT FORWARDING ADDRESS CARE OF PAUL NEWLIN, FOUR ONE SEVEN ACADEMY STREET, NEWARK, DELAWARE, UNTIL MAY THIRTY LAST, WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO DISCONTINUE FORWARDING AFTER THAT DATE.

BALTIMORE INTERVIEW NEIGHBOUR CONCERNING LETTER AND HIS KNOWLEDGE OF RAY. DISPLAY PHOTOS OF RAY. COPIES OF LETTER AND ENVELOPE BEING FORWARDED BY AIRTEL.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM: SAC, SAVANNAH (44-1768) (P)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: JAMES H. ANDERSON

Re Bureau telephone call, 5/31/68.

HARRY E. ANDERSON, President, L&A Supermarket #2, 800 Pennsylvania Ave., Savannah, Ga., advised his son, JAMES H. ANDERSON, was recently in Mexico but has been back in Savannah for about two weeks. He said his son, who is 33 years of age, left him to take care of the store without saying he was going and then after being in Mexico had to call back for money because some hotel down there refused to accept his credit card. He said his son has not been back in the store since his return to Savannah because of their differences.

Mr. ANDERSON advised that he and his son were in the store at the time MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. was killed and that thereafter they went to a local restaurant with other employees in the store for a steak. J. C. DAVIS, a clerk in the L&A Supermarket, verified this matter without any prompting.

JAMES H. ANDERSON was interviewed by SAs WILLIAM J. ROEMER and CLAUDE M. O'HARA. He said he departed Savannah by Delta Airlines on about 4/30/68, and took Delta to Dallas where he was to take Braniff to Mexico City. He was just a few minutes late at Dallas and had to take a later flight on Pan American Air Ways to Mexico City. At Mexico City he registered at the Marie Isabella Hotel where he stayed

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until Sunday, 5/5/68. He had to leave the hotel because of a convention. He then went to the Alfer (PH) Hotel where he stayed until about Wednesday. He left Mexico City on Wednesday via Mexicana Airlines at Madrias (PH) in the Yucatan Peninsula and spent one night at the Madrias Hotel. The next day he flew from Madrias to the Island of Iznio (PH) where he stayed for a week in the best hotel on the island. There is no telephone service on this island. When he got ready to leave, the hotel declined to accept his American Express or Diners Club credit cards. He had to go back to Madrias where he wired home for money to pay his expenses back to the states. He took a plane out of Madrias back to New Orleans and then back to Savannah arriving in Savannah either Wednesday or Thursday night, 5/15 or 16/68.

The following description was obtained from observation and interview:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	33
DOB	
POB	Savannah, Georgia
Height	5' 11"
Weight	195 - 200
Hair	Brown, died blond
Scars and marks	Thin scar from right temple across top of right eye and nose; his left leg was broken in seven places and the ankle smashed in an automobile accident two years ago making it necessary to use a cane at all times.

ANDERSON said he was talking to a Negro policeman in the store at 800 Pennsylvania Avenue when the news came over the radio that MARTIN LUTHER KING was killed. He said thereafter he went with his father and some other employees to a local restaurant for a steak. He said he also attended a memorial service for Dr. KING the following Sunday in Savannah. He denied having a pistol in his possession at any time.

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FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

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RE BUREAU AIRTEL MAY TWENTY NINE, LAST.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY AND KNOWN ASSOCIATES DISPLAYED TO WITNESSES AT BANK OF ALTON. NO IDENTIFICATION EFFECTED.

WALTER BLACK, BLACK'S SPORTING GOODS, ALTON, ADVISED MAN'S CAP WITH FISHING EMBLEM IS COMMON ITEM SOLD IN COUNTLESS STORES, INCLUDING SPORTING GOODS, VARIETY AND DEPARTMENT STORES; THAT TRACING ORIGIN OF ONE PARTICULAR CAP WOULD THEREFORE BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT WITHOUT SOME DISTINGUISHING MARK OR LABEL.

WILLIAM MAHER, RAY'S UNCLE, ALTON, ILLINOIS, REITERATED HE HAS NOT SEEN OR HEARD FROM RAY SINCE NINETEEN FIFTY NINE; THAT RAY NEVER MENTIONED PLANNING OR CONTEMPLATING ANY BANK ROBBERY IN HIS PRESENCE.

BY COMMUNICATION TODAY, BOSTON, LOUISVILLE AND KANSAS CITY INSTRUCTED TO CONTACT REQUESTED INVESTIGATION OUTLINED REAIRTEL. AIRMAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS.

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