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FM KNOXVILLE (88-7223) (P)

TO DIRECTOR AND ALL SACS VIA WASHINGTON PRIORITY

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DONALD RAY CAYLOR - FUGITIVE; LARRY EDWARD HACKER -
FUGITIVE; EARL HILL, JR. - FUGITIVE; DAVID LEE POWELL -
FUGITIVE; JAMES EARL RAY - FUGITIVE; DOUGLAS SHELTON -
FUGITIVE. CONSPIRACY TO VIOLATE UFAC - ESCAPE. OO:
KNOXVILLE.

RE KNOXVILLE TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR AND ALL SACS
DATED JUNE 11, 1977.

DISCONTINUE ON SUBJECT POWELL. POWELL APPREHENDED
IN EXHAUSTED CONDITION WHEN OBSERVED BY THP HELICOPTER.
HELICOPTER LANDED AND POWELL ARRESTED.

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LARRY EDWARD HACKER, AKA - FUGITIVE; CONSPIRACY TO VIOLATE

IFAC - ESCAPE. OO KX.

RE MEMPHIS TEL JUNE 11, 1977 AND INDIANAPOLIS AIRTEL
TO MEMPHIS APRIL 12, 1977 CAPTIONED LARRY EDWARD HACKER ETAL -
FUGITIVE (ME 76-4234 CI 76-5490) OO KX.

FOR INFORMATION OF CINCINNATI BUAGENTS CONTACTED MR. AND
MRS. CHESTER PICKETT, US 52 METAMORA, INDIANA ON JUNE 10, 1977
REGARDING LOCATION OF SANDRA (WILLIS) HACKER AND [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], EX-WIFE AND DAUGHTER OF LARRY EDWARD HACKER. THE

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PICKETT'S ADVISED THAT WITHIN THE LAST TWO WEEKS A TRAILER HAS BEEN PARKED ON THE WILLIS FARM, WHICH IS LOCATED DIRECTLY ACROSS FROM THEIR HOME, BUT THEY HAD NOT OBSERVED ANY INDIVIDUALS NEAR THIS TRAILER. THEY BELIEVE WILLIS AND HER DAUGHTER, [REDACTED], ARE RESIDING IN THE HAMILTON, OHIO AREA, OCCASIONALLY VISITING METAMORA, INDIANA.

CINCINNATI AT HAMILTON, OHIO WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW SANDRA WILLIS THROUGH HOMER WILLIS, OWNER OF A BAR AND POOL HALL, FIVE POINTS, HAMILTON, OH. OR THROUGH MRS. LOPRAINE RAMSEY, 1805 PARKAMORE, HAMILTON, OH.

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TO DIRECTOR AND ALL SAC'S PRIORITY

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LARRY EDWARD HACKER, AKA - FUGITIVE, CONSPIRACY; UFAC - ESCAPE.

OO KNOXVILLE.

RE KNOXVILLE TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR AND ALL SAC'S DATED
JUNE 11, 1977.

DISCONTINUE ON SUBJECT HACKER. HACKER APPREHENDED ABOUT
2 A M, JUNE 12, 1977, BY BUREAU AGENTS AND ANDERSON COUNTY S O,
NEAR BEACH GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH, HIGHWAY 116, ANDERSON COUNTY
APPROXIMATELY 4 MILES FROM BRUSHY MOUNTAIN STATE PRISON.

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TO DIRECTOR AND ALL CONTINENTAL SACS PRIORITY

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JAMES EARL RAY, AKA - FUGITIVE, "TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVE";

IFAC - ESCAPE; CONSPIRACY; CO: KNOXVILLE

PAUL NENNINGER, SECRET SERVICE, KNOXVILLE, ADVISED
TODAY CHARLES GOODWIN, DUTY PRESS AIDE, WHITE HOUSE,
WASHINGTON, D. C., ADVISED HE RECEIVED ANONYMOUS CALL
WHICH STATED "JAMES EARL RAY CAN BE REACHED AT 574-7327
PPT 574-7327".

ALL OFFICES, DETERMINE IF EXCHANGE 574 IS WITHIN
YOUR DIVISION. IDENTIFY SUBSCRIBER AND IF RAY IS AT
THAT LOCATION.

KNOXVILLE HAS DETERMINED THAT EXCHANGE 574 IS NOT
A TENNESSEE EXCHANGE.

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THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION
CONDUCTED JUNE 12, 1977.

DAVID LEE POWELL INTERVIEWED BY NEGRO SPECIAL AGENT
AND ADVISED THAT HE WAS RUNNING AROUND THE TRACK AT THE
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PAY - FUGITIVE; DOUGLAS SHELTON - FUGITIVE; CONSPIRACY

TO VIOLATE UFAC - ESCAPE. OO: KNOXVILLE.

TITLE CHANGED TO DELETE FUGITIVE FROM SUBJECTS
HACKER AND POWELL.

RE KNOXVILLE TELETYPES JUNE 11 AND JUNE 12, 1977.

THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION

CONDUCTED BY BOWLING GREEN, INQUIRY BY NEGRO SPECIAL AGENT

AND ADVISED THAT HE WAS RUNNING AROUND THE TRACK AT THE

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LARRY EDWARD HACKER ARRESTED APPROXIMATELY 2:00 A.M., JUNE 12, 1977, BY BUREAU AGENTS AND LOCAL DEPUTY SHERIFF WHO WERE PATROLLING THE BACK ROADS AND HEARD WHAT THEY THOUGHT WAS AN UNUSUAL NOISE IN THE WOODS. AGENTS AND DEPUTY CHECKED THE AREA AND CAME ACROSS A SMALL CHURCH, THE DOOR WHICH APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN SLIGHTLY FORCED OPEN. THEY THEN ENTERED THE CHURCH AND DISCOVERED HACKER SLEEPING IN THE CHURCH. THEY WOKE HACKER UP, INFORMED HIM HE WAS UNDER ARREST. HACKER RESISTED SLIGHTLY AND HAD TO BE FORCIBLY SUBDUED. HACKER SUFFERED A SLIGHT WOUND TO THE HEAD WHICH WAS CAUSED BY HIS FALLING AGAINST A CHURCH PEW. THIS WOUND WAS TREATED BY AN INMATE ORDERLY AND NOTHING FURTHER HAS OCCURRED CONCERNING THIS.

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SAC MADE A COMPLETE TERRAIN ANALYSIS OF AREA SURROUNDING BRUSHY MOUNTAIN PRISON BY HELICOPTER. SAC DETERMINED TERRAIN VERY ROUGH AND MOUNTAINOUS AND CONCLUDED THAT A TERRAIN SEARCH IMPOSSIBLE.

NUMEROUS SITINGS OCCURRED NECESSITATING THE EMPLOYMENT OF SWAT TEAMS AND REACTION FORCES, HOWEVER, NO SUBJECTS LOCATED. ROVING PATROLS, AIR PATROL, AND DOG TEAMS CONTINUE TO BE UTILIZED.

TENNESSEE GOVERNOR BLANTON VISITED BRUSHY MOUNTAIN STATE PENITENTIARY AT APPROXIMATELY 5:00 P.M., THIS DATE, AND HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE PRISON GROUNDS. BLANTON REPORTEDLY STATED TO THE PRESS THAT THIS WAS A STATE AFFAIR DESPITE ITS NATIONAL IMPLICATIONS. PRESS REPORTS FURTHER INDICATED BLANTON IS TO ACTIVATE 300 NATIONAL GUARDSMEN TO ASSIST IN THE SEARCH.

FOLLOWING GOVERNOR BLANTON'S DEPARTURE, IT APPEARED THAT MANY MORE PERSONNEL WERE ARRIVING AND PLANS WERE BEING MADE FOR STEPPED UP OPERATIONS. IN A CONFERENCE AT 9:45 P.M., SAFETY COMMISSIONER WILLIAM PLUMMER ADVISED

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SUBJECT EARL KILL, JR. APPREHENDED BY CORRECTION AUTHORITIES SOUTH OF OLIVER SPRINGS, TENNESSEE, AT ABOUT 11:00 P.M.

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

AS THE BUREAU IS AWARE, THE MEMPHIS DIVISION CURRENTLY HAS A RICO AND HOBBS ACT INVESTIGATION AGAINST

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SOME MEMBERS OF GOVERNOR BLANTON'S STAFF. HE HAS PUBLICLY STATED THAT HE FELT THESE INVESTIGATIONS WERE POLITICALLY MOTIVATED AND AT FIRST PUBLICLY CRITICIZED THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY AT NASHVILLE AND THEN EXPANDED THIS TO PUBLIC CRITICISM OF THE FBI. IN ADDITION, NEWSPAPERS, TELEVISION NEWSCASTS, AND RADIO NEWS BROADCASTS HAVE FOR THE PAST TWO DAYS INDICATED THAT THE PRESIDENT AND/OR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS ORDERED THE FBI TO ASSUME CONTROL OF THE SEARCH AND THE INVESTIGATION. SAC SWANSON HAS ASSURED OFFICIALS ON THE SCENE THAT THE BUREAU HAS RECEIVED NO INSTRUCTIONS TO ATTEMPT TO DO THIS, IN FACT, HE HAS FROM THE OUTSET ADVISED ALL WITH WHOM WE ARE IN CONTACT THAT OUR OBJECTIVE IS TO WORK HARMONIOUSLY WITH OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICES IN OBTAINING THE OBJECTIVE OF LOCATING THESE DANGEROUS FUGITIVES.

TELEPHONE SERVICE AT THE PRISON HAS BEEN EXTREMELY SPASMODIC THIS DATE DUE TO SEVERE THUNDERSTORMS IN AREA. ELECTRICITY INTERRUPTED, HOWEVER, PRISON OPERATED

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JAMES EARL RAY, AKA - FUGITIVE. "TEN MOST WANTED
FUGITIVE". EARL HILL, JR., AKA - FUGITIVE. CONSPIRACY
TO COMMIT UFAC - ESCAPE. OO: KNOXVILLE.

REMYTEL JUNE 11, 1977.

SUBJECT WILL APPREHENDED BY PRISON GUARDS APPROXIMATELY
FOUR MILES FROM PRISON.

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TO DIRECTOR AND ALL SACS. PRIORITY

DONALD RAY CAYLOR - FUGITIVE. CONSPIRACY TO VIOLATE
UFAC - ESCAPE. OO: KNOXVILLE.

SUBJECT CAYLOR ARRESTED BY OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE,
POLICE DEPARTMENT, THAT CITY, JUNE 13, 1977.

ALL OFFICES DISCONTINUE.

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JAMES EARL RAY, AKA - FUGITIVE; ET AL. CONSPIRACY
TO VIOLATE UFAC - ESCAPE. (OO: KNOXVILLE).

JAMES EARL RAY APPREHENDED ABOUT 2:15 AM, JUNE 13,
1977, APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN MILES FROM BRUSHY MOUNTAIN
STATE PRISON BY CORRECTION AUTHORITIES. ALL OFFICES
DISCONTINUE INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE RAY.

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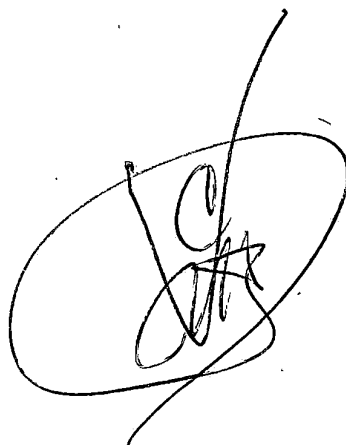
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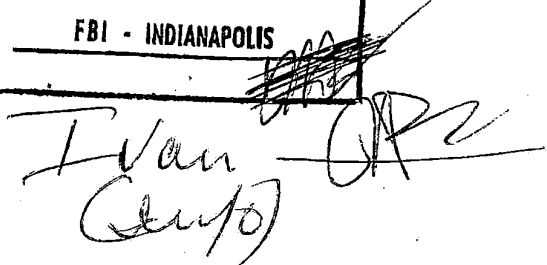
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UPDATE ON ESCAPEES FROM BRUSHY MOUNTAIN STATE PRISON, PETROS, TENNESSEE
A THIRD ESCAPEE, EARL HILL, JR. HAS BEEN APPREHENDED. JAMES EARL,
DONALD RAY TAYLOR, AND DOUGLAS SHELTON ARE STILL AT LARGE.
TENNESSEE HIGHWAY PATROL KNOXVILLE, OPR. EVERETT, 2/00 A.M. EDT

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REFERENCE ESCAPEES FROM BRUSHY MOUNTAIN STATE PRISON, PETROS, TENNESSEE
JAMES EARL RAY HAS BEEN APPREHENDED AND RETURNED TO THE PRISON AT 3/00
A.M. EDT.
AUTHORITY COLONEL RICHARD DAWSON.
TENNESSEE HIGHWAY PATROL KNOXVILLE, OPR. EVERETT, 3/15 A.M. EDT

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UPDATE, ESCAPE BRUSHY MTN STATE PRISON PETROS TENNESSEE JUNE 10, 1977
BE ADVISED THAT 1 OF THE 6 ESCAPEES HAVE BEEN RECOVERED, #4,
DAVID LEE POWELL N/M DOB [REDACTED] BE ADVISED THAT JAMES EARL RAY,
DONALD RAY TAYLOR, DOUGLAS SHELTON, EARL HILL JR, LARRY EDWARD HACKER
ARE STILL AT LARGE.F

TENNESSEE HP, FBI AND OTHER

AGENCY'S ARE STILL CONDUCTING SEARCH IN PETROS AREA
ANY CONTACT CONTACT THIS AUTH
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DONALD RAY CAYLOR; LARRY EDWARD HACKER; EARL HILL, JR.;

DAVID LEE POWELL; JAMES EARL RAY; DOUGLAS SHELTON

FUGITIVE; CONSPIRACY-TO VIOLATE UFAC - ESCAPE. OO:

KNOXVILLE.

TITLE CHANGED TO DELETE FUGITIVE FROM SUBJECTS
CAYLOR, HILL AND RAY.

RE KNOXVILLE TELETYPE JUNE 12, 1977.

THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED
JUN 19 JAMES EARL RAY WAS APPREHENDED BY CORRECTION
AUTHORITIES AT APPROXIMATELY 2:15 AM, JUNE 13, 1977, IN
A MOUNTAINOUS AREA APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN MILES FROM BRUSHY

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MOUNTAIN STATE PRISON (BMSP).

INVESTIGATION BY BUREAU AGENTS AND ANDERSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, DEPUTY SHERIFFS DETERMINED THAT INDIVIDUAL FITTING CAYLOR'S DESCRIPTION HAD POSSIBLY STOLEN A PICKUP TRUCK FROM A VILLAGE NEAR THE PRISON. A BROADCAST WAS PUT OUT ON THIS TRUCK AND IT WAS LATER WRECKED AT A ROADBLOCK NEAR OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE, WITH THE DRIVER ESCAPING.

BUREAU AGENT TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE, TO APPRISE THEM OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION, AND DONALD RAY CAYLOR WAS APPREHENDED BY OAK RIDGE, TENN., P.D. AS RESULT OF THIS INFORMATION.

PRISON AUTHORITIES STATE SUBJECT SHELTON ONLY REMAINING FUGITIVE IS IN A MOUNTAIN APPROXIMATELY TEN MILES FROM THE PRISON, AND THAT THEY ARE RESTING THEIR DOGS AND HAVE THE MOUNTAIN SURROUNDED. PRISON AUTHORITIES STATE THEIR FORCES PLAN TO ATTEMPT TO APPREHEND SHELTON PM, JUNE 13, 1977.

SAC RELEASED ALL SPECIAL AGENTS ASSIGNED FROM OTHER DIVISIONS.

KNOXVILLE SPECIAL AGENTS DEPARTED PRISON PREMISES.

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DAILY TELETYPE SUMMARY BEING DISCONTINUED.

INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE SHELTON CONTINUING.

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UPDATE ON ESCAPEES FROM BRUSHY MOUNTAIN STATE PRISON, PETROS, TENNESSEE.

STILL AT LARGE/DONALD RAY TAYLOR, DOUGLAS SHELTON.

APPREHENDED/JAMES EARL RAY, DAVID LEE POWELL, EARL HILL, JR., LARRY
EDWARD HACKER.

TENNESSEE HIGHWAY PATROL KNOXVILLE, OPR. EVERETT, 5/45 AM EDT

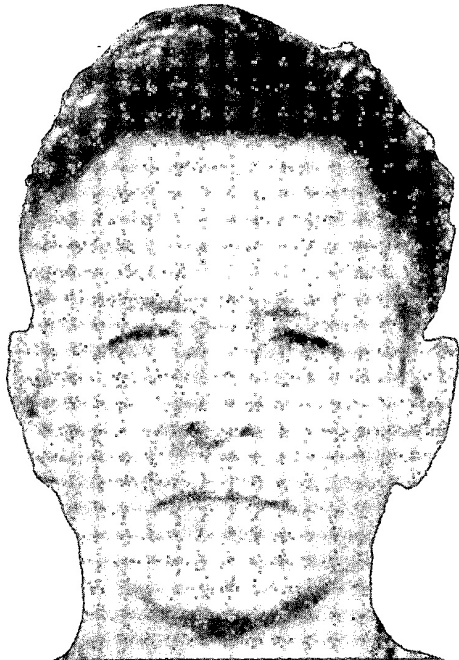
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CONSPIRACY; INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ESCAPE

JAMES EARL RAY

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NCIC: 16 13 11 PO 12 12 DI 13 PI 17

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Ray has been convicted of murder, burglary, robbery, forging U. S. Postal money orders, armed robbery, operating motor vehicle without owner's consent.

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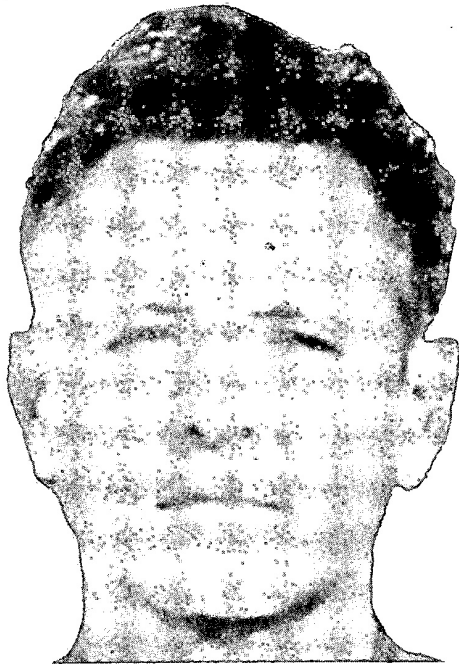
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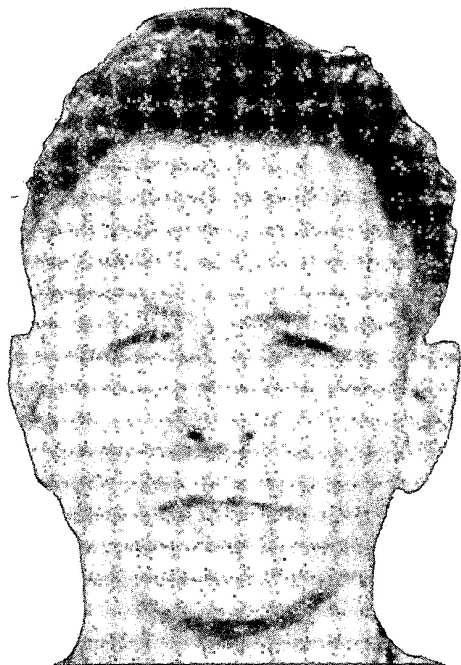
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DONALD RAY ~~TAYLOR~~ - FUGITIVE. CONSPIRACY TO VIOLATE

UFAC - ESCAPE. OO: KNOXVILLE.

SUBJECT ~~TAYLOR~~ ARRESTED BY OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE,
POLICE DEPARTMENT, THAT CITY, JUNE 13, 1977.

ALL OFFICES DISCONTINUE.

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UPDATE ON ESCAPEES FROM CRUSHY MOUNTAIN STATE PRISON, PETROS ,
TENNESSEE.

ALL ESCAPEES HAVE BEEN APPREHENDED. THE LAST TO BE APPREHENDED WAS
DOUGLAS SHELTON.

TENNESSEE HIGHWAY PATROL KNOXVILLE, OPERATOR HAZELWOOD , 1130 AM
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DOUGLAS SWANE SHELTON, AKA - FUGITIVE; JAMES EARL RAY; ET AL,
CONSPIRACY TO VIOLATE UFAC - ESCAPE, OO: KNOXVILLE
SUBJECT SHELTON APPREHENDED IN A STOLEN AUTOMOBILE BY
TENN. STATE CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS APPROXIMATELY 14 MILES FROM
THE PRISON.

SHELTON IS THE LAST OF THE ESCAPEES.

KNOXVILLE WILL SUBMIT A SUMMARY AIRTEL IN THIS MATTER.

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 UFAC - ESCAPE: CONSPIRACY;
 OO: KNOXVILLE (KX File 88-7223)

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