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TO ALL SACS

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CONTACTS SHOULD BE MAINTAINED WITH ALL MASS COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA IN YOUR TERRITORIES TO INSURE THAT THERE IS FREQUENT REFERENCE TO PHOTOGRAPH OF GALT AND HIS CONNECTION WITH THIS CASE. IF NOT ALREADY DONE, PHOTOGRAPHS SHOULD BE SHOWN OR DISTRIBUTED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AND OTHER APPROPRIATE AGENCIES IN YOUR AREAS TO INSURE THE BROADEST POSSIBLE PUBLICATION OF SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAPH AND BACKGROUND.

OFFICES COVERING POINTS OF ENTRY OR EXIT FROM COUNTRY INSURE THAT SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAPH AND BACKGROUND HAVE BEEN WIDELY DISTRIBUTED AND/OR APPROPRIATELY DISPLAYED AND THAT STOPS ARE BEING MAINTAINED.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)
FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 2P

MURKIN.

RE NEW HAVEN TEL APRIL TWELVE LAST CAPTIONED, "VINGENT PAUL DE PALMA, IS - MISCELLANEOUS; MURKIN - CR; MINUTEMEN, IS - MISCELLANEOUS; DUANE IVAN CARLSON, ET AL, BR - CONSPIRACY" AND BUREAU TEL CALL TODAY CONCERNING WIRE NEWS SERVICE ITEM OF INSTANT DATE STATING ROBERT B. DE PUGH HAD ISSUED ORDERS THAT MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., AND OTHERS WERE MARKED FOR DEATH BY MINUTEMEN IF DE PUGH EVER WENT TO JAIL.

THE INFORMATION APPEARING IN NEWS ITEM WAS FURNISHED THE KANSAS CITY STAR NEWSPAPER TODAY BY USA, KANSAS CITY. THIS INFORMATION WAS CONTAINED IN A MOTION MAILED TO EIGHTH U. S. CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS, ST. LOUIS, TODAY SEEKING TO HAVE THE APPEALS OF DE PUGH AND WALTER PATRICK PEYSON, AN AIDE OF DE PUGH, REMOVED FROM DOCKET OF THE COURT OF APPEALS. BOTH ARE APPEALING THEIR CONVICTIONS OF NFA VIOLATIONS IN KANSAS CITY NOVEMBER SIXTY-SIX.

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USA ALSO ATTEMPTING TO HAVE APPEALS DISMISSED ON THEORY BOTH ARE NOW FUGITIVES.

INFORMATION UTILIZED BY USA IN THE MOTION WHICH APPEARS IN NEWS ITEM OBTAINED FROM ATTU, KANSAS CITY, WHO FURNISHED HIM WITH COPY OF ATTU REPORT OF AN INTERVIEW WITH VINCENT PAUL DE PALMA BY ATTU ON JANUARY FIFTEEN, SIXTY-EIGHT, AT DENVER, COLORADO. THIS INFORMATION IS ALSO CONTAINED IN REFERENCED NEW HAVEN TELETYPE.
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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861); MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND MIAMI.

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN.

SUSPECT JAMES EUGENE GAULT.

ON APRIL SEVENTEEN LAST KANSAS CITY DIVISION ADVISED THAT CHECK OF MISSOURI DRIVERS LICENSES IDENTIFIED JAMES EUGENE GAULT AS SUSPECT IN VIEW OF BIRTH, [REDACTED] WHICH IS SAME AS ERIC STARVO GALT. INVESTIGATION ST. LOUIS LOCATED SUSPECT'S MOTHER, MRS. FRANK DAECH, SIX NINE ZERO FOUR HAMPTON AVE., ST. LOUIS, MO., WHO ADVISED HER SON RESIDES MIAMI, FLORIDA, ADDRESS UNKNOWN. SHE EXHIBITED LETTER FROM SON POSTMARKED APRIL FOUR LAST BEARING RETURN ADDRESS, GENERAL DELIVERY, LUDLAN BRANCH, MIAMI, FLORIDA. MOTHER STATES HER SON HAD BACK OPERATION FOR REMOVAL OF SLIP DISC AND ALTHOUGH A CARPENTER BY TRADE HE HAS NOT WORKED FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. MOTHER CLAIMED TO HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF HIS EXACT

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ADDRESS ALTHOUGH HE PROMISED TO FURNISH ONE WHEN HE BECAME
ESTABLISHED.

MIAMI, ENDEAVOR TO LOCATE SUSPECT AND INTERVIEW AS
SUSPECT.

EXHIBIT SUBJECT'S PHOTO AND DETERMINE IF KNOWN TO HIM.
AIR MAIL COPY FURNISHED KANSAS CITY.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760)

FROM : SA LAWRENCE R. NOLAN -P-

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/19/68

Re SAC Memo dated 4/9/68 to all senior and single Resident Agents.

The following individuals advised that after a review of their records they could find no record for a HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER or any individuals identified as bearing these surnames. In addition to contacting these individuals, the city directory, telephone directory, and additional telephone directories in smaller towns in the below listed resident agent territory were reviewed by SA LAWRENCE R. NOLAN also with negative results:

Barton County, Missouri: 4/16/68, CALVIN DOCKERY, Barton County Sheriff's Office, Lamar, Missouri. 4/16/68 FRED FOWLER, Chief of Police, Lamar, Missouri. 4/16/68, 1968 telephone directory for Lamar, Missouri. 4/16/68, combined 1967 telephone directory for Lamar-Lantha, Missouri; 1967 combined telephone directory for Avilla-Golden City-Sarcoxie-Wentworth, Missouri; 1967 telephone directory, combined, for Liberal-Mindenmines, Missouri (all located in Barton County, Missouri).

Vernon County, Missouri: 4/16/68, WAYNE PURSLEY, Vernon County Sheriff's Office, Nevada, Missouri. 4/16/68, ROBERT KISTNER, Chief of Police, Nevada, Missouri. 4/16/68, 1967 edition of Nevada, Missouri, city directory. 4/16/68, 1967-68 edition of Nevada, Missouri, telephone directory. 4/16/68, RUBY BRYANT, Deputy County Clerk, Voter Registration Records, Vernon County, Nevada, Missouri. 4/16/68, MARY MAE MEINKE, owner, Credit Bureau, Nevada, Missouri.

Crawford County, Kansas: 4/15/68, RALPH BEARD, Chief of Police, Pittsburg, Kansas. 4/15/68, 1967 edition, Pittsburg, Kansas, city directory. 4/15/68, 1967 edition, Pittsburg telephone directory. 4/16/68, AL GARIBLIETTI, Sheriff, Crawford County Sheriff's Office, Girard, Kansas, 4/16/68, MAURICE WHITEMAN, Chief of Police, Girard, Kansas, 4/16/68, DOROTHY CHASE, owner, Credit Bureau of Southeast

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Kansas, Pittsburg, Kansas. 4/16/68, 1967 edition of Girard telephone directory. 4/16/68, JOHN FARMER, Deputy City Clerk, Voter Registration Records, Girard, Kansas. 4/16/68, FLOSSIE WILLIAMS, City Clerk, Voter Registration Records, Mulberry, Kansas. 4/16/68, SHERRY STRECKER, City Clerk, Voter Registration Records, Pittsburg, Kansas. 4/16/68, MATT MENDICKI, City Clerk, Voter Registration Records, Frontenac, Kansas. 4/16/68, combined 1967 edition of the Pittsburg-Frontenac telephone directory.

Cherokee County, Kansas: 4/16/68, BILL HAMLIN, Chief of Police, Galena, Kansas. 4/16/68, WILLIS CLARK, Chief of Police, Baxter Springs, Kansas. 4/16/68, CARL CHRISTENSEN, Chief of Police, Columbus, Kansas. 4/16/68, DAYTON EVANS, Sheriff, Cherokee County Sheriff's Office, Columbus, Kansas. 4/16/68, RUTH KIRK, office manager, Cherokee County Credit Bureau, Columbus, Kansas. 4/16/68, 1967 edition of the Columbus, Kansas, telephone directory. 4/16/68, MAURICE SOPER, County Clerk, Cherokee County, Columbus, Kansas, Voter Registration Records (a search of these records included Scammon, Weir, Columbus, Galena, and Baxter Springs, Kansas, where individuals are required to register to vote). 1967 combined telephone directory for Baxter Springs-Galena-Riverton-Lowell-Scammon, Kansas.

In addition to checking all of the above records, etc., SA NOLAN was advised in his RA territory that no driver's license records or automobile registration records are maintained on a local level and both would have to be obtained through a check at the state capital in both instances in the appropriate state.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760)
MURKIN

Re Bureau telephone call to Kansas City this date.

Enclosed are two copies of complaint filed before United States Commissioner W. C. SHELEY, Jefferson City, Missouri, 7/20/67 in case entitled JAMES EARL RAY - FUGITIVE, UFAP, Kansas City file 88-9449.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-760) -P-

FROM : SA GEORGE A. ARNETT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/19/68

On 4/16-17/68, SAs JAMES BENBROOK, PRINCE G. MELTON, RAY HOMESLEY, GEORGE A. ARNETT, conducted a neighborhood investigation in the 500, 600, 700 blocks of Chestnut Street. In addition, inquiry was made at houses on Chestnut Street with numbers ending in 07, regardless of the block number. This included the entire length of Chestnut Street from 800 N. Chestnut to 9300 (South) Chestnut.

In addition, inquiry was made at rooming houses and apartment houses on this street.

No inquiries were made at houses obviously occupied by Negroes in the ghetto area.

MELVIN LUSBY, WILLIAM CHICK, Station Post Office, which serves the area of 507 Chestnut, advised this is a non-existent address. He also advised the alphabetical list of P. O. Box holders did not contain the name of GALT, LOWMYER, or WILLARD.

The following persons were contacted during the neighborhood investigation:

LILLIAN ASBELL
2809 Independence
2nd Floor, West

MARY FINSCH
2800 E. 6th Street

FLORENCE NEWHALL
529 Chestnut
2nd Floor

MAE ANDERSON
529 Chestnut
1st Floor

RICHARD VOCHATZER
2661 Independence
(Gulf Service Station)

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LINDA PALMERIN /
918 Chestnut

DONNA BOAN /
918 Chestnut

ADA NIGRO /
918 Chestnut

FRED STEPHENS /
918 Chestnut
(Kansas City, Missouri, Police Officer)

Mrs. EFFIE AKER /
4907 Chestnut

JESSIE L. HENDRIX /
5707 Chestnut

ERNEST VOGT /
6807 Chestnut

VICTORIA FEES /
6907 Chestnut

HELEN MONTEIL
803 N. Chestnut

LOUIS MONTEIL
803 N. Chestnut

JAMES VAN RYCKEGHEM
803 N. Chestnut

Mrs. FRED BANSOM /
539 Chestnut
1st Floor

Mrs. F. L. SKEWA /
531 Chestnut

Mrs. LULA STAUSS /
533 Chestnut

MARJORIE BABCOCK /
2815 Independence

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RUBY BUST
7-11 Store
2706 Independence

VICKIE LANG
902 Chestnut

HASKELL MC LAUGHLIN
902 Chestnut

KENNETH HOWARD
902 Chestnut

EVA KEPHART
906 Chestnut

EVELYN HUBBARD
908 Chestnut

DELLA MITCHELL
912 Chestnut

MILDRED COLLINS
912 Chestnut

MARY BECK
916 Chestnut

Mrs. EDWARD SALLOZ
7907 Chestnut

Mrs. A. M. WENDA
535 Chestnut

GRACE SELDEN
541 Chestnut

BESSIE F. CAMMERON
527 Chestnut
2nd Floor

MARY JOHNSON
1st Floor
527 Chestnut

DONALD JONES
2820 Independence
D-X Service Station

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BILLY CASE,
1008 Chestnut

WILLIE BROWN
5009 Chestnut

MAXINE WILSON
6005 Chestnut

Mrs. WAYNE MC FARLAND
7005 Chestnut

Mr. and Mrs. FLOYD REED
705 N. Chestnut

Mrs. DENNIS F. DONNELLY
539 Chestnut
3rd Floor North

Mrs. ANTONIO WENDA
537 Chestnut

Mrs. FLORENCE BYARD
535 Chestnut
2nd Floor North

Mr. and Mrs. CALVIN BOYD
533 Chestnut
3rd Floor, South

Mrs. MARY JORDAN
533 Chestnut
2nd Floor South

Mr. and Mrs. TROY RYAN
531 Chestnut

BOB CONDE - owner
Mayfair Cleaners
2807 Independence

Mrs. MARY WEATHERINGTON
1022 Chestnut

YOSHIKO MIDDAUGH
1020 Chestnut

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BARBARA HARDIN
1018 Chestnut

Mrs. STELLA HILL
1012 Chestnut

Mrs. RHONDA KING
1014 Chestnut

JOHNNIE MC MILLAN
1000 Chestnut

IRENE MORTON
1002 Chestnut

ETHEL PAULSEN
541 Chestnut

MARY JACKSON
529 Chestnut

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-760) P

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM P. HAYES

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following investigation was conducted by
IC WILLIAM C. MC DONALD, SAS WILLIAM P. HAYES, PAUL A.
VAN SOMEREN, JAMES G. KEENAN and THURMAN T. MAYNARD:

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

The following names of individuals born
were obtained through investigation at the Department of
Motor Vehicles, State of Missouri, on 4/18/68:

FARRELL E. ANDERSON, 10604 Covington,
Independence, Missouri;

LARRY G. BAKER, 201 E. Pecon, East Prairie,
Missouri;

CHARLES C. BRUNS, 4519A Idaho, St. Louis,
Missouri;

ERVIN LEE BUTLER, 446 S. Dade, Ferguson,
Missouri;

JAMES G. CAMPBELL, 2305 W. Chipman Road,
Lee's Summit, Missouri;

JAMES L. CAMPBELL, 217 W. 42nd, Joplin,
Missouri;

CARL L. COLLINS, RFD 6, Clinton, Missouri;

JOHN W. CRIGER, Marshfield, Missouri;

PAUL W. DARR, Green Castle, Missouri;

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EARL ERVIN DILTHEY, 350 St. Patrick Lane,
Florissant, Missouri;

HAROLD E. DOYLE, 7000 Englewood Road,
Kansas City, Missouri;

THOMAS H. DOYLE, 5010 Norledge, Kansas City,
Missouri;

WESLEY DORN EVERETT, Foil, Missouri;

FRANK V. FLACHS, 1103 Irvington Court,
Olivette, Missouri;

NEAL ALLYN FOSTER, Eldon, Missouri;

JAMES EUGENE GAULT, RFD 2, Box 517A,
High Ridge, Missouri;

BILLY M. GIBSON, RFD 2, Potosi, Missouri;

ROBERT L. HEMMERLA, 504 Linda Lane,
Wentzville, Missouri;

JOSEPH A. JASINSKI, 1551 Hudson Road,
St. Louis, Missouri;

KENNETH P. JONES, 2734 Bramore Road,
Columbia, Missouri;

JOHN F. KENNEDY, 1707 Francis, St. Joseph,
Missouri;

EARNEST D. KINGCADE, 2400 E. 126th Street,
Kansas City, Missouri;

JAMES F. KORTKAMP, 675 Bellarmine,
Florissant, Missouri;

GEORGE F. KRAMER, 27 Pershing Circle,
O'Fallon, Missouri;

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ELMER L. KRAMPF, 3906 Buckley Road,
St. Louis, Missouri;

MAURICE A. KUHLMANN, Morrison, Missouri;

OSCAR LOCHER, 965 N. Harrison, St. Louis,
Missouri;

VERN DEAN MIESNER, Cole Camp, Missouri;

JOSEPH E. MUSICK, 2838 Meadowlark,
St. Louis, Missouri;

DAVID F. PAYTON, Fairfax, Missouri;

EDWIN JOSEPH PETERS, 195 S. Jefferson,
Florissant, Missouri;

ALVIN L. PETERSON, RFD 1, Waynesville, Missouri;

DONALD R. PHILIPAK, RFD 3, Box 190, Iroy,
Missouri;

LOUIS E. PIEMLER, 121 S. Oakley, Kansas City,
Missouri;

HARRY KEITH POTTS, Licking, Missouri;

COSBY G. PRICE, 6403 N. Walrond, Kansas
City, Missouri;

RICHARD O. ROBERTS, 4115 Appleberry, St. Louis,
Missouri;

WILLIAM A. RUMSEY, 1400 Linwood, Kansas City,
Missouri;

JOHN A. SALISBURY, 330 W. Sea, Independence,
Missouri;

HAROLD R. SMITH, Mountain View, Missouri;

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DONALD W. STEELE, Crane, Missouri;

LESTER JOHN THEISS, 1403 Wachtel, Lemay,
Missouri;

JERRY J. TRUSIK, 7635 Alicia, St. Louis,
Missouri;

HARLAND OMAR TUCKER, 529 Walnut Ridge,
Duquesne, Missouri;

NORMAN G. TUSCHHOFF, 217 N. Georgia Street,
Jackson, Missouri;

CLAYTON C. VENINGA, 1545 W. Main, Festus,
Missouri;

CHARLES D. VOCHATZER, 4306A Canterbury,
Independence, Missouri;

CARROLL D. WALLS, 502 S. Walnut, Kennett,
Missouri;

FREDDIE H. WADE, Waverly, Missouri;

JAMES E. WOODARD, 5022 Walrond, Kansas City,
Missouri.

The following individuals' names and addresses
were furnished by Col. WILSON of the Selective Service Board
for the State of Missouri on 4/17/68: All individuals were
born

JERRY RAY BADGLEY, 11th and Davis,
Poplar Bluff, Missouri, SSN

HAROLD E. BAKER, Hunnewell,
Missouri, SSN

DAMON D. BASHFORD, Altamont, Missouri,
SSN

CLELL D. BLACK, East Prairie, Missouri,
SSN

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DONALD E. COULTER, Clearmont, Missouri,
SSN [REDACTED]

RICHARD W. DAWSON, Bevier, Missouri,
SSN [REDACTED]

LLOYD H. DENNY, Box 31, Netherlands, Missouri,
SSN [REDACTED]

ROBERT HUGHES DOUDICAN, 606 Pearl Street,
Joplin, Missouri, SSN [REDACTED]

WILLIAM R. DE SHAZER, 2252 Quincy, Kansas
City, Missouri, SSN [REDACTED]

NOAL DEAN EAGLEBURGER, Route 2, Fairgrove, Missouri,
SSN [REDACTED]

LEONARD A. ESTES, Portageville, New Madrid,
Missouri, SSN [REDACTED]

BAMES D. FINN, Vienna, Missouri, [REDACTED]

KENNETH D. FLETCHALL, Grant City, Missouri,
SSN [REDACTED]

PRATHER A.J. FORD, JR., 2921A Belt Avenue,
St. Louis, Missouri, SSN [REDACTED]

EDWARD J. FULLER, 4414 E. 10th, Kansas City,
Missouri, SSN [REDACTED]

BENJAMIN LAVOUNE GALBRAITH, 132 S. Elmwood,
Kansas City, Missouri, SSN [REDACTED]

ARTHUR S. GILSON, 845 E. Monroe, Kirkwood,
Missouri, SSN [REDACTED]

HERSHEL C.D. GRISSOM, Route 1, Hayti, Missouri,
SSN [REDACTED]

WAYNE HOUSE, JR., 1513 Drury, Kansas City,
Missouri, SSN [REDACTED]

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EUGENE H. JABKER, 3809 Dunnica Avenue, City Unknown,
SSN [REDACTED]

WILLIAM C. JORDAN, RFD 1, Armstrong, Missouri,
SSN [REDACTED]

WILLIAM C. MC BEE, 2026 E. College, St.
Louis, Missouri, SSN [REDACTED]

DOUGLAS M. MEYER, RFD 1, Sweet Springs,
Missouri, SSN [REDACTED]

ROBERT LEROY MIKLE, 223 E. Yerby, Marshall,
Missouri, SSN [REDACTED]

MERLE W. RUTLEDGE, Route 1, Clark, Missouri,
SSN [REDACTED]

JOHN L. WADDELL, 8027 Jarboe, Kansas City,
Missouri, SSN [REDACTED]

ROBERT C. WAGNER, 4214 Holmes, Kansas City,
Missouri, SSN [REDACTED]

The following names of individuals born [REDACTED]
were obtained from the Bureau of Vital Statistics, State of
Missouri, on 4/18/68:

(FNU) BATES, 3950 Kennerly, St. Louis, Missouri,
father JAMES L. BATES.

CHRISTINE ELSIE BECKER (male), 1402A Hekiel,
St. Louis, Missouri, father EMIL BECKER.

KENNETH JACKSON FLOYD, Glenwood, Missouri,
father MIKE FLOYD.

CHARLES MILLER GRIMES, parents LESLIE K. and
ISABELLE MAE MILLER, Monette, Missouri.

JOHN LOGAN HARDIN, JR., 3413 LaSalle, St. Louis,
Missouri, father JOHN LOGAN HARDIN.

MAVN FREDERICK HARDY, JR., parents MAVN FREDERICK
and FLORA HARDY, St. Joseph, Missouri.

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HARRY KORTKAMP, 2203 Angelica, St. Louis,
Missouri, father HARRY KORTKAMP.

LEONARD ROBERT MASUCH, parents ROBERT E. and
M--- MASUCH, Strasburg, Missouri.

(FNU) MC WHIRTER, 4061 Cravins, St. Louis,
Missouri, father ROBERT MC WHIRTER.

JAMES EDWARD MOWERY, Bragg City, Missouri,
father JOHN EDWARD MOWERY.

JOHN EDWARD MOWERY, JR., Bragg City, Missouri,
father JOHN EDWARD MOWERY.

CHARLES EUGENE MULLINS, Yount, Missouri, father
HARLEY C. MULLINS.

CHARLES HERSHEL PENNINGTON, Industrial City,
Missouri, father ELMER PENNINGTON.

JAMES HERSHEL RAMBO, 1409 Choteau, St. Louis,
Missouri, father JAMES H. RAMBO.

ROBERT CARR RHOADES, 5428 Coughborough, St. Louis,
Missouri, father CHARLES L. RHOADES.

DONALD WILLMAN SHUTE, 949 N. Court, Ottumwa,
Iowa, father WALTER SHUTE.

WILLIS C. SPRINKLE, Kennette, Missouri,
father JOHN SPRINKLE.

DALE LEO TURNER, Reynolds, Missouri, father
HARLEY K. TURNER.

The following information was obtained from
Confidential Records, Bureau of Vital Statistics. Any
additional information re parents and address, a court
order will have to be secured.

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RICHARD EUGENE WOODARD, born [redacted] at
Maryville, Missouri, birth certificate #29930.
This name appears on Selective Service records
and operator's license.

ALOYSIUS PENN, 507 Calvary Avenue, St. Louis,
Missouri, birth certificate #31815.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-760)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SA EARL A. PAYSON P

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re Kansas City teletype to the Bureau and Indianapolis dated 4/18/68.

On 4/18/68, Mr. LINDELL R. CHURCH, Attorney, CHURCH, PREWITT, JONES, WILSON & KARCHMER, 110 Landmark Building, Springfield, Missouri, appeared in the Springfield Resident Agency and advised SA PAYSON that he had observed an individual who was driving a North American Van Lines' truck which was parked at the Landmark Building for unloading purposes. He stated that this individual closely resembled, in his opinion, the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT as shown on the front page of the Springfield Daily News for April 18, 1968.

CHURCH described the unidentified driver of the vehicle as follows: white male, blue eyes, 5'10-11", long dark hair, 160-170 pounds, age early 30's. He stated that he understood that this driver had a southern accent and was allegedly from Alabama.

On 4/18/68, OTTO ROLF, Route 4, Box 379, Springfield, was contacted at his place of business, the Landmark Building parking garage, on Olive Street, where he is the superintendent. He advised that he had been present on the morning of 4/18/68, when a North American Van Lines' truck had come to the Landmark Building for the purpose of unloading a new IBM machine. He stated that he had read the Springfield Daily News for 4/18/68, and had noted the photograph contained on the front page thereof. This photograph was of ERIC STARVO GALT, the accused slayer of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

ROLF advised that the driver of the North American Van Lines' truck closely resembled the photograph of GALT and descriptive information as reflected in the accompanying article in the newspaper. He stated, however, that the driver's face was longer and thinner than the face in the photograph on the front page of the newspaper.

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ROLF was shown two composite drawings which purport to represent a likeness of the slayer as depicted from the result of FBI investigation. ROLF selected the first of these composite drawings which shows a white male with close cropped hair in a cut resembling a "flat top." He stated that the shape of this man's face and nose very closely resemble the facial features of the driver of the North American Van Lines' truck. He stated that the driver, however, did not have short close cropped hair but his hair was somewhat longer and appeared to be raised up off the top of his head similar to the hair reflected in the second composite drawing.

ROLF described the driver as follows: white male, 5'9-10", 160-170 pounds, blue eyes, early 30's, thick brown hair combed straight back which did not lie flat on his head. He stated that he spoke with the driver and the driver had a marked southern accent and indicated that he had come from the State of Alabama.

ROLF advised that he was struck with the similarity between the driver's appearance and that of the photograph of GALT as reflected in the Springfield Daily News of 4/18/68. He stated he engaged the driver in conversation and mentioned GALT to him. He stated that the driver appeared somewhat shocked when he mentioned GALT and terminated their conversation with an incoherent reply. ROLF advised that he had written down the license number on the North American Van Lines trailer. He gave that license number as follows: 1969 Indiana 31642.

On 4/18/68, JEAN SMITH, Building Manager, Landmark Building, Springfield, Missouri, advised that the certified public accountant firm of ROPER and RICHARDSON, Landmark Building, had received delivery of a new IBM machine via North American Van Lines on this date. She stated this machine was delivered by an unidentified white male approximately 5'10"-6', with dark hair, who appeared to be in his late 20's. She stated that he was wearing cowboy boots. She advised that ALLAN MC CRACKEN had a copy of the bill of lading for this particular shipment.

A copy of the following described bill of lading was obtained from ALLAN MC CRACKEN on 4/18/68: North American Van Lines Bill of Lading #21658 which reflects the shipment of an IBM machine from IBM Systems Manufacturing Division, 700 Banyan Trail, Boca Raton, Florida, to ROPER and RICHARDSON, Landmark Building, Springfield, Missouri, consignee. The office of the

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shipper is reflected as North American Van Lines Fleet Operations, Fort Wayne, Indiana. This bill of lading is signed B. J. PARKER on behalf of the shipper. MC CRACKEN advised that PARKER is the name used by the driver. This bill of lading was dated 4/10/68, and reflects delivery made on 4/18/68. MC CRACKEN stated that the driver indicated to him that he was enroute to St. Louis, Missouri, to make further deliveries.

On 4/18/68, LEON BEDELL, Building Superintendent, Landmark Building, was shown composite drawings purported to be a likeness of the slayer of MARTIN LUTHER KING. He advised that, in his opinion, the driver of the North American Van Lines' truck who had delivered an IBM machine to the Landmark Building on 4/18/68, did not resemble either of these composite drawings. He stated that he helped the driver unload the machine and the driver appeared to be a nice, intelligent young man to him. He stated that the driver did mention that "the man who killed LUTHER KING is long gone by now." This last statement was reportedly made during the course of a conversation among LEON BEDELL, his son TOMMY BEDELL, and the driver.

The following investigation was conducted by SA EARL A. PAYSON on 4/18/68, in an effort to trace the itinerary of the above described North American Van Lines' truck: CHARLES WHITEHEAD, Manager, North American Van Lines, Incorporated, 1852 Blaine, Springfield, Missouri, advised that he had no record of the above described vehicle being in the Springfield area. He stated that the above described vehicle was probably a "new products" hauler and the Springfield office of North American Van Lines handle only the shipment of household goods and personal property. He referred SA PAYSON to the North American Van Lines' dispatching office in Joplin, Missouri, where he stated a record should be on file pertaining to this particular vehicle.

Mrs. SUSAN SMITH, Dispatch Clerk, North American Van Lines, Joplin, Missouri, was telephonically contacted and advised that the Joplin office of North American Van Lines contained no record identifiable with the above described vehicle. She stated that if this vehicle was carrying new products, that the shipment would originate through the North American Van Lines' office at

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Fort Wayne, Indiana. She stated that the only office which would have a record of a new products shipment and the itineraries of the various vehicles making new products deliveries would be the Fort Wayne office.

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AIRTEL AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, ST. LOUIS
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P
RE: MURKIN

Remy telephone call instant.

The following is a summary of leads for your division which the Bureau has instructed be handled immediately in an effort to apprehend subject JAMES EARL RAY:

St. Louis will contact appropriate officials, review records, conduct logical investigation.

Subject was involved with stolen money orders in 1955:

Missouri State Highway Patrol, Macon, Missouri, # B-3376, 3/23/55 - Cashing stolen postal money orders.

PD, Hannibal, Missouri, # 40714, 3/23/55 - Investigation - Breaking and Entering Post Office.

JAMES EARL RAY and WALTER TERRY RIFE were arrested 3/22/55, Hannibal, Missouri, on charge of forgery U. S. Postal Money Orders. WALTER TERRY RIFE, 3/24/55, advised Postal Inspectors that money orders were purchased from a "wino" named WILLARD J. MC BRIDE at St. Louis, Missouri.

St. Louis, Mo., PD # 81071, 10/16/59, suspect - Robbery.

Will contact the following for information to locate and apprehend subject RAY:

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H. A. HARBOR
Desk Clerk, McArthur Hotel
Chestnut and Broadway
St. Louis, Missouri

Mrs. CAROL RYAN PEPPER
2025 Belleview
St. Louis, Missouri
Telephone 645-2948

Mrs. CAROL RYAN PEPPER, nee RAY, has husband or former husband in St. Louis named ALBERT S. PEPPER.

Mr. and Mrs. ERNEST N. COOK
712 Shenandoah
St. Louis, Missouri

JAY and ROSEMARY SHIRLEY
Formerly 712 Shenandoah
St. Louis, Missouri
(Possibly sister of ALBERT PEPPER)

JOHN RAY
McArthur Hotel
Broadway Street
St. Louis, Missouri
(Brother of subject)

ROY WILLIS
Policeman
Hannibal, Missouri
Residence 303 North 4th Street
Purchased a 1949 Lincoln from RAY, RIFE and CUTSINGER

JAMES EARL RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, CHICAGO
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) -P-
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Re Kansas City telephone call to Chicago, 4/19/68.

Set forth below is a summary of leads for your division which the Bureau instructed this date to be given immediate and continuous attention with the object of locating and apprehending subject JAMES EARL RAY.

Records of the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, reflect that RAY furnished the following previous places of employment when incarcerated there. Will review records and contact appropriate officials of the following concerns:

July to September, 1949, Dryden Rubber Company,
Chicago, Illinois;

April to July, 1950, Neo Products Company, Chicago,
Illinois;

July, 1950 to June, 1951, Arbey Corporation,
Chicago, Illinois;

August, 1951 to May, 1952, Borg Erickson Corporation,
Chicago, Illinois.

In a summary furnished by the Identification Division, RAY was listed as having resided in May, 1952 at 853 West

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Fullerton, Chicago, Illinois. Will contact persons at this address for information regarding RAY.

Will review records of the Chicago Police Department as RAY was arrested on 5/6/52 for robbery under #D90696.

Will review records of Cook County Jail, Chicago, Illinois, where RAY was lodged after being arrested on 5/6/52.

Will review records of Illinois State Prison, Joliet, Illinois, where RAY was incarcerated after being convicted and sentenced on above-mentioned robbery charge.

Will locate and interview subject's brother, JERRY RAY, Sportsman Country Club, 3535 Dundee Road, North Brook, Illinois, for subject's whereabouts and names of all relatives.

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) (P)
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Re telephone call to ASAC SULLIVAN, Springfield Division, 4-19-68, by SA RAY HOMESLEY, in which the following information was furnished:

A review of KC 88-9449, regarding JAMES EARL RAY, aka, revealed the following leads in the Springfield Division:

1. Locate and interview WALTER TERRY RIFE, 400 College Avenue, Quincy, Illinois, associate of subject.
2. Review Illinois Penitentiary Record #22674, at Menard, Illinois, regarding RIFE and furnish photographs of RIFE to Kansas City and interested offices.
3. Interview FLOYD RIFE, 279 Indian Hills, Quincy, Illinois, brother of WALTER RIFE.
4. Interview KATHERINE DORIS BUSKIRK, 321 South 7th Street, Quincy, Illinois, friend of WALTER RIFE.
5. Interview DARLENE CRAWFORD, 332 E. Locust Street, Harrisburg, Illinois, niece of WALTER RIFE.
6. Interview Mrs. VIOLA MAYFIELD, 2716 Cherry St., Quincy, Illinois, sister of WALTER RIFE.

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7. Interview Mrs. MONAN LEE CRAWFORD, 813 N. Main Street, Harrisburg, Illinois, sister of RIFE.

8. Interview ROSIE S. RIFE, age 68, 400 College Avenue, Quincy, Illinois, mother of RIFE.

9. Subject JAMES EARL RAY used address 1439 Cherry, Quincy, Illinois, on Illinois plates 2-385-409 when registering a 1946 Nash in 1955. (Springfield file 62-0, 6-24-55).

10. Review arrest record #2640, SO, Edwardsville, Ill. dated 8-30-54.

11. Review arrest record, PD #7514, dated 7-23-51, at Alton, Illinois.

12. Review record #19121, dated 7-7-52, at the State Patrol, Pontiac, Illinois. (Record shows in transit from Joliet).

13. Subject allegedly entered U. S. Army, 2-19-46 at East St. Louis, Illinois, U. S. Army SN [REDACTED]

14. Record indicates subject registered for selective service at Quincy, Illinois, date not indicated. Springfield locate and review selective service record re subject.

15. Review Illinois State records, Drivers' License Section, Auto Registration Section, and Illinois State Bureau #463857, for record of motor vehicle registration or driver's license in the name of subject or RIFE.

16. Interview Mrs. LUCILLE RYAN, 214 Spring Street, Quincy, Illinois (shown as mother in the record, and possibility she is deceased).

17. Interview an aunt, LUCILLE RYAN, 801 N. 12th, Quincy, Illinois.

18. Interview brothers JOHN and JERRY RYAN, 214 Spring Street, Quincy, Illinois.

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19. Pre-sentence report dated 4-26-55, shows subject has paternal grandparents and aunts and uncles residing in Quincy, Illinois, and information should be developed regarding all relatives of the subject.

20. Interview WILLIAM MAHER, 1118 E. 7th Street, Alton, Illinois, a relative or friend of the subject.

21. Review employment records at International Shoe Company, Hartford, Illinois, where subject reported to be employed May 1944 to December 1945.

22. Pre-sentence report 4-26-55, shows subject last employed as painter for uncle in Quincy, Illinois, summer of 1954 (name of uncle not shown). Last known address in April 1955 was shown as the Virginia Hotel, Quincy, Illinois.

23. Subject allegedly born [redacted] at Decatur, Illinois, Quincy, Illinois, or Alton, Illinois. Springfield verify date and place of birth.

Springfield office was requested, in covering these leads, to be alert for any information that subject RAY conspired with anyone else in the alleged violation.

Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Enclosed to the Bureau are six copies and to each office one copy of the following photographs:

JAMES EARL RAY, Missouri Department of
Correction #00416, dated 3/17/60 and
9/8/66

WALTER TERRY RIFE, Kansas City SO #29636
FBI #4558766

Stand up photographs of RAY on the left, Kansas City SO
#29637 and RIFE, Kansas City SO 29236, taken 3/28/55.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-760) P

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM P. HAYES.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following investigation conducted by SA HAYES:

Sheriff ARVID OWSLEY, Jackson County SO, Jackson County Jail, KCMO, made available the files concerning JAMES EARL RAY, Bureau of Identification Record #29637, and Bureau of Identification Record #29636 of WALTER TERRY RIFE.

The record of JAMES EARL RAY, dated 3/28/55, reflects the following information:

Race	White
Sex	Male
DOB	
POB	Quincy, Ill.
Age	27
Height	5'10"
Weight	170#
Build	Medium
Hair	Black
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Medium
Occupation	Laborer
Residence	Hotel Quincy Quincy, Ill.
Relative	Mrs. RAY (Aunt) Quincy, Ill.
Marks & Scars	None

RAY's file further reflects that he was held under Forgery - Postal Money Order, and presentence investigation ordered by Judge WHITTAKER on 4/1/55. RAY was sentenced on 7/7/55 to three years and nine months, and according to the record was transferred to Leavenworth Federal Penitentiary on 7/7/55.

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Sheriff OWSLEY also furnished Photostat copies of arrest record from the State Bureau of Criminal Identification, Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP), Jefferson City, Mo.

The record of WALTER TERRY RIFE, arrested on the same date as JAMES EARL RAY, reflects the following information:

Race	White
Sex	Male
DOB	<input type="text"/>
POB	Quincy, Ill.
Age	30
Height	5' 9 3/4"
Weight	160#
Build	Medium
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Gray
Complexion	Medium
Occupation	Bartender
Residence	220 or 221 Locust St. Quincy, Ill.
Relative	ROSSIE RIFE (Mother) 220 or 221 Locust St. Quincy, Ill.
Scars & Marks	Tattoo of cross, left forearm

RIFE was arrested 3/28/55 on a charge of Forgery of Postal Money Orders with a presentence investigation ordered 4/1/55 by Judge WHITTAKER and was sentenced to three years on 7/1/55 and was transferred to the Leavenworth Federal Penitentiary on 7/7/55.

Sheriff OWSLEY also furnished Photostat copies of arrest record of the State Bureau of Criminal Identification, MSHP, Jefferson City, Mo.

Stand-up photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and WALTER TERRY RIFE were also furnished by Sheriff OWSLEY. Mug shots of WALTER TERRY RIFE, Jackson County Jail #29636, and mug shots of JAMES EARL RAY, Jackson County Jail #29637, were also furnished.

FBI Field Office Wanted-Flash-Cancellation Notice
 FD-165 (Rev. 1-25-65)

Attention: Identification Division

Date 4-19-68

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

RE: MURKIN
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FROM: SAC, Kansas City (44-760)

Place, Cancel, stop (wanted or flash) in files of Identification Division.

If expiration date known, enter here _____ and cancellation will be automatic.

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Wanted for Interview regarding JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #306 443 A

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 Application for Pardon After Completion of Sentence _____

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Cancel because _____

Furnish: Photograph Identification Record

Name WALTER TERRY RIFE		Aliases	
FBI No. 4558766	Other No.		

In all instances when FBI number is known it should be furnished. When it is not known, furnish following:

Date of birth	Place of birth	Occupation	Marital Status	
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INSTRUCTIONS:

If an application for pardon after completion of sentence flash is requested, indicate as source to be notified Employees Security and Special Inquiry Section, Special Investigative Division.

If flash is requested for any reason other than those preprinted on this form, utilize block on line provided and indicate specific type of flash notice desired.

If subject's fingerprints are submitted, they should be securely stapled to this form and forwarded to the Identification Division. Cover memo not necessary.

Form FD-165, when involving matters concerning security informants and the Security Index, should be forwarded to the Bureau by "Registered Mail."

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FROM DIRECTOR 4P

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THE FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE HAS JUST BEEN ISSUED AT WASHINGTON THIS AFTERNOON AND YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE IT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE TO THE LEADING NEWSPAPERS AND RADIO AND TV STATIONS IN YOUR DIVISION. EVERY EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO INSURE REPEATED AND WIDESPREAD DISTRIBUTION OF THIS INFORMATION. COPIES OF THE 1968 PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT ALREADY IN YOUR POSSESSION AND WANTED FLYERS SHOULD ALSO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO MEDIA CONTACTS. NO ELABORATION WHATSOEVER MAY BE MADE REGARDING THIS RELEASE. ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING INVESTIGATIVE LEADS WILL FOLLOW SHORTLY.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE FBI HAS IDENTIFIED JAMES EARL RAY, AN ESCAPEE FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, AS ERIC STARVO GALT, AGAINST WHOM A FEDERAL COMPLAINT WAS FILED LAST WEDNESDAY IN CONNECTION WITH THE FATAL SHOOTING OF THE REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER SAID THAT A SYSTEMATIC AND EXHAUSTIVE SEARCH OF LATENT FINGERPRINTS UNCOVERED IN THE DR. KING CASE AGAINST THE FINGERPRINTS OF THE OVER 53,000 PERSONS FROM WHOM "WANTED NOTICES" HAVE BEEN POSTED IN THE FILES OF THE FBI'S IDENTIFICATION DIVISION LED TO THE DETERMINATION THAT GALT AND RAY ARE IDENTICAL.

MR. HOOVER SAID THAT RAY, WHO IS 40 YEARS OF AGE, WAS REPORTED MISSING FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, SINCE APRIL 23, 1967. HE HAD BEEN RECEIVED AT THAT INSTITUTION ON MARCH 17, 1960, TO SERVE A 20-YEAR SENTENCE FOLLOWING CONVICTION IN ST. LOUIS FOR ARMED ROBBERY AND FOR OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE WITHOUT PERMISSION OF THE OWNER.

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IN SEPTEMBER, 1966, WHILE SERVING THIS SENTENCE, HE WAS CONFINED FOR A TIME IN THE MAXIMUM SECURITY WARD AT THE STATE HOSPITAL AT FULTON, MISSOURI.

ACCORDING TO MR. HOOVER, RAY HAS A KNOWN ARREST RECORD DATING BACK TO 1949. PRIOR TO THE 1960 CONVICTION FOR WHICH HE RECEIVED THE 20-YEAR TERM, RAY HAD BEEN CONVICTED OF BURGLARY IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, IN 1949; ARMED ROBBERY IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, IN 1952; AND FORGING UNITED STATES POSTAL MONEY ORDERS IN MISSOURI IN 1955.

HE HAS SERVED TERMS IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAIL IN 1949; IN STATE PRISONS AT JOLIET AND PONTIAC, ILLINOIS, IN 1952-54; AND IN THE FEDERAL PENITENTIARY AT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS, IN 1955-58.

RAY WAS AN ENLISTED MAN IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY FROM FEBRUARY, 1946, TO DECEMBER, 1948, AT WHICH TIME HE WAS GIVEN A GENERAL DISCHARGE DUE TO INEPTNESS AND LACK OF ADAPTABILITY FOR MILITARY SERVICE. WHILE IN THE ARMY, HE RECEIVED A THREE-MONTH SENTENCE AT HARD LABOR FOR BEING DRUNK AND BREAKING ARREST.

MR. HOOVER SAID THAT DURING HIS CRIMINAL CAREER, RAY HAS ALSO USED THE NAMES OF JAMES MCBRIDE, JAMES WALTON, W. C. HERRON AND JAMES O'CONNOR. HE IS A WHITE MALE; CLAIMS TO HAVE

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BEEN BORN [REDACTED] IN ILLINOIS; IS APPROXIMATELY 5 FEET 10 INCHES TALL AND WEIGHS ABOUT 163 TO 174 POUNDS. HE HAS BLUE EYES AND BROWN HAIR. THERE IS A SMALL SCAR ON THE CENTER OF HIS FOREHEAD AND A SCAR ON THE PALM OF HIS RIGHT HAND.

RAY HAS CLAIMED THAT HE ATTENDED SCHOOL THROUGH THE 10TH GRADE IN ALTON, ILLINOIS. HE HAS HAD THE REPUTATION OF BEING A "DRIFTER" SINCE LEAVING SCHOOL. HIS VOCATIONAL EXPERIENCE INCLUDES WORKING AS A BAKER, LABORER AND COLOR MATCHER.

IN CONNECTION WITH HIS ESCAPE FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, AN FBI COMPLAINT WAS FILED IN JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, ON JULY 20, 1967, CHARGING RAY WITH UNLAWFULLY FLEEING FROM THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO AVOID CONFINEMENT. HE HAS BEEN A FEDERAL FUGITIVE SINCE THEN.

RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS. ANYONE HAVING INFORMATION CONCERNING HIM SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT FBI HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON, D. C., OR THE NEAREST FBI OFFICE.

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TO: DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO, KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS,
AND SPRINGFIELD
FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775) 2P

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RE BUTEL TODAY IDENTIFYING JAMES EARL RAY, FBI THREE
ZERO SIX FOUR FOUR THREE A, AS ERIC STARVO GALT.

REINTERVIEW OF CAROL RYAN PEPPER, SISTER OF SUBJECT,
TODAY REVEALED SUBJECT'S FATHER IS JERRY RAY, AGE FIVE NINE
WHO IS RESIDING ON A FARM NEAR HANNIBAL, MO., EXACT LOCATION
UNKNOWN, BUT WHO HAS TELEPHONE AT RESIDENCE.

ADDITIONAL RELATIVES IDENTIFIED AS SISTER MELBA RAY,
AGE THIRTY, WHO IS SOMEWHAT RETARDED AND WAS REPORTEDLY IN
JAIL, QUINCY, ILL., SHORTLY BEFORE CHRISTMAN, SIXTYSEVEN.
SUSIE (PHONETIC) RAY, ANOTHER SISTER, AGE ABOUT TWENTY,
WAS RAISED BY AN UNIDENTIFIED FAMILY IN QUINCY, ILL., AND
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BROTHER OF SUBJECT WAS IN ST. LOUIS, DECEMBER SIXTYSEVEN, WITH JERRY RAY, WHO WAS INTERVIEWED BY CHICAGO DIV., FEG. SEVEN, LAST, IS REPORTEDLY NOW IN THE VICINITY OF CHICAGO, WHOSE EXACT LOCATION SHOULD BE KNOWN BY JERRY RAY.

ST. LOUIS WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW SUBJECT'S FATHER, JERRY RAY AT HANNIBAL, MO.

SPRINGFIELD AT QUINCY, ILL., WILL IDENTIFY AND THEREAFTER LOCATE AND INTERVIEW MELBA RAY. DURING INTERVIEW OF MELBA RAY ASCERTAIN LOCATION OF SUSIE RAY AND TAKE NECESSARY ACTION TO EFFECT HER INTERVIEW.

CHICAGO, AT NORTH BROOK, ILL., WILL REINTERVIEW JERRY RAY FOR ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFO RE SUBJECT AND ASCERTAIN CURRENT LOCATION OF JACK RAY AND TAKE NECESSARY ACTION TO INSURE JACK RAY IS INTERVIEWED.

ALL OFFICES IN MAKING ABOVE INQUIRIES BE ALERT TO POSSIBILITY OF SUBJECT'S PRESENCE WITH ANY OF THESE RELATIVES.

RECEIVING OFFICES REFER TO UFAP - ROBBERY CASE, KANSAS CITY ORIGIN, CAPTIONED JAMES EARL RAY, AKA - FUGITIVE.

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FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760)

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JAMES EARL RAY, AKA EARL JAMES RAY, W. C. HERRON, EARL JAMES, JAMES MC BRIDE, JAMES O'CONNER, JAMES WALTON, JAMES WALYON, JIM - FUGITIVE; UFAC - ROBBERY FIRST, BUFILE EIGHTYEIGHT FOUR ONE SEVEN THREE ZERO, OO KANSAS CITY, KC FILE EIGHTEIGHT NINE FOUR FOUR NINE; DETERMINED TODAY BY BUREAU TO BE IDENTICAL WITH ERIC STARVO GALT, AGAINST WHOM FEDERAL COMPLAINT FILED APRIL SEVENTEEN LAST IN CONNECTION WITH FATAL SHOOTING OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

JAMES EARL RAY, INMATE, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, JEFFERSON CITY, MO., ~~RECEIVED~~ *escaped* PEN APRIL TWENTYTHREE SIXTYSEVEN. INVESTIGATION INDICATED RAY CONCEALED HIMSELF IN A BREAD BOX AND ESCAPED FROM TRUCK MAKING DELIVERY TO AN AUXILIARY FARM, ~~DROPPED AS AN ESCAPED PRISONER, [REDACTED]~~. RAY WAS SERVING TWENTY YEARS ON CHARGE OF ARMED ROBBERY - FIRST DEGREE

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AND FOR OPERATING A VEHICLE WITHOUT OWNER'S CONSENT. ON JULY TWENTY SIXTYSEVEN ^{Federal} COMPLAINT AUTHORIZED BY AUSA WILLIAM A. KITCHEN, WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI, KANSAS CITY, MO., FILED BEFORE USC, JEFFERSON CITY, MO., CHARGING RAY WITH VIOLATION TITLE EIGHTEEN, SEC. ONE ZERO SEVEN THREE, USC. WARRANT ISSUED.

INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN CONDUCTED BY CHICAGO, SPRINGFIELD, ST. LOUIS, AND KANSAS CITY OFFICES IN UNPRODUCTIVE EFFORT TO LOCATE THIS FUGITIVE. KANSAS CITY IS INSTITUTING A FULL AND COMPLETE REINVESTIGATION OF THIS ENTIRE CASE, AND CHICAGO, SPRINGFIELD, AND ST. LOUIS, WHICH HAVE CONDUCTED INVESTIGATION, ARE ALSO INSTRUCTED TO COMMENCE TODAY AN IMMEDIATE AND INTENSIVE REINVESTIGATION IN AN EFFORT TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND DATA, RELATIVES, AND ASSOCIATES OF SUBJECT, WHO MIGHT BE IN A POSITION TO ASSIST IN HIS LOCATION.

IN THIS CONNECTION, JAMES EARL RAY AND WALTER TERRY RIFE ON MARCH SEVEN FIFTYFIVE BURGLARIZED THE US POST OFFICE AT KELLERVILLE, ILL., AND STOLE SIXTYSIX BLANK US POSTAL MONEY ORDERS WHICH THEY PASSED DURING MARCH FIFTYFIVE IN NUMEROUS STATES, WITH THE RESULT THAT BOTH WERE SENTENCED IN USDC, KANSAS CITY, MO., ON JULY ONE FIFTYFIVE TO USP, LEAVENWORTH,

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KANSAS. SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS A LONER AND RIFE APPARENTLY IS ONE OF HIS FEW CLOSE ASSOCIATES, SUGGESTING POSSIBILITY THEY COULD HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATES IN MURDER OF DR. KING, AND INVESTIGATION ALSO INSTITUTED IN KANSAS CITY AIRTEL TO SPRINGFIELD MARCH ELEVEN LAST TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND INFO RE RIFE AND TO LOCATE HIM FOR INTERVIEW. THIS INVESTIGATION SHOULD ALSO BE RE-COVERED AND EXPEDITED TODAY, IT BEING NOTED RIFE AND RAY HAVE BACKGROUND HISTORY IN THE QUINCY, ILL., AREA.

~~REDACTED~~ PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND WALTER TERRY RIFE ARE BEING FORWARDED AMSD TO BUREAU AND ALL OFFICES.

FOLLOWING IS DESCRIPTION OF JAMES EARL RAY AS FURNISHED BY FBI IDENTIFICATION DIVISION UNDER FBI NO. THREE ZERO SIX FOUR FOUR THREE A: WHITE MALE, DOB

AT DECATUR, QUINCY, OR ALTON, ILL.; APPROX. FIVE FOOT TEN; ONE SEVENTYFOUR LBS IN SEPTEMBER SIXTYSIX, RUDDY COMPLEXION, BLUE EYES, BROWN HAIR, MEDIUM BUILD; OCCUPATIONS LABORER AND BAKER; SCARS AND MARKS--SMALL SCAR ON CENTER OF FOREHEAD AND SCAR IN PALM OF RIGHT HAND. ADDRESSES--ST. LOUIS, MO., MARCH SIXTY; TWO ZERO ONE FIVE PARK, ST. LOUIS, MO., OCTOBER FIFTYNINE; QUINCY, ILL., JULY FIFTYFIVE, MARCH FIFTYFIVE, AND APRIL FIFTY;

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HOTEL QUINCY, QUINCY, ILL, MARCH FIFTYFIVE; VICTOR HOTEL, QUINCY, ILL., MARCH FIFTYFIVE, AUGUST FIFTYFOUR; ONE FOUR TWO NINE CHERY, HANNIBAL, MO., MARCH FIFTYFIVE; EIGHT FIVE THREE WEST FULLERTON, CHICAGO, ILL., MAY FIFTYTWO; EIGHT ZERO FIVE ALBY STREET, ALTON, ILL., JULY FIFTYONE. FPC--SIXTEEN, M OVER M, NINE OVER FOUR, U OVER W, OOO OVER IOI, TWELVE, REF NINE OVER TWELVE. NCIC FPC--ONE SIX ONE THREE ONE ONE ZERO ZERO ONE TWO ONE TWO I I ONE TWO I I ONE SEVEN. MILITARY RECORD--JAMES EARL RAY, SN [REDACTED] [REDACTED], ENLISTED US ARMY FEBRUARY NINETEEN FORTYSIX AT EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL., AND SERVED ON ACTIVE DUTY UNTIL DECEMBER TWENTYTHREE FORTYEIGHT, AT WHICH TIME GIVEN GENERAL DISCHARGE AS PRIVATE FIRST CLASS AT CAMP KILMER, N.J., BY REASON OF INEPTNESS AND LACK OF ADAPTABILITY FOR MILITARY SERVICE. RECORDS ALSO INDICATE RAY TRIED AND CONVICTED BY SPECIAL COURT-MARTIAL FOR DRUNK IN QUARTERS AND BREAKING ARREST FOR WHICH SENTENCED TO BE CONFINED AT HARD LABOR FOR THREE MONTHS AND FORFEIT FORTYFIVE DOLLARS MONTHLY FOR FOUR MONTHS. RECORDS ALSO INDICATE HE RECEIVED TREATMENT FOR GONORRHEA AND SYPHILIS WHILE A MEMBER OF THE MILITARY.

FOLLOWING IS A DESCRIPTION OF WALTER TERRY RIFE, FBI NO.

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FOUR FIVE FIVE EIGHT SEVEN SIX SIX, AS OBTAINED FROM FILES OF
 USP, LEAVENWORTH: WHITE MALE, AGE FORTYFOUR, DOB [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED], FIVE FOOT NINE AND ONE HALF, ONE SIXTYONE LBS., BROWN
 HAIR, EYES BLUE GRAY.

KANSAS CITY IS SETTING OUT ALL PERTINENT LEADS TODAY BY
 TELETYPE AND TELEPHONE FOLLOWED UP BY TELETYPE CONFIRMATION.
 ALL LEADS MUST BE COVERED WITHIN TWENTYFOUR HOURS WITH BUREAU,
 KANSAS CITY, AND MEMPHIS BEING KEPT ADVISED BY APPROPRIATE
 COMMUNICATION OF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

SUGGEST BUREAU MAKE IMMEDIATE COMPARISON OF ANY LATENT
 FINGERPRINTS DEVELOPED DURING KING INVESTIGATION WITH THOSE
 OF WALTER TERRY RIFE TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL.

AM COPIES SENT ANCHORAGE, HONOLULU, AND SAN JUAN.

SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF ROBBERY WITH DEADLY
 WEAPON, HAS BEEN CONFINED IN STATE HOSPITAL, FULTON, MO., IN
 SIXTYSIX, AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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RECORDS OF THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, LINN COUNTY, CEDAR RAPIDS,
IOWA, REVEAL JAMES EARL RAY WAS TAKEN OFF A MILWAUKEE RR FREIGHT
TRAIN AT MARION, IOWA, ON APRIL EIGHTEEN, NINETEEN FIFTY, BY
DEPUTY SHERIFF HARLAN SNYDER AND AN UNIDENTIFIED OFFICER OF
THE MARION POLICE DEPT. SNYDER IS NOW DECEASED. RAY WAS CHARGED
WITH VAGRANCY AND WAS DESCRIBED AT TIME OF HIS ARREST AS A
WHITE MALE, BORN PLACE NOT
STATED, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE THIRTYFIVE LBS., SLENDER
BUILD, BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES, DARK COMPLEXION, THREE INCH
SCAR ON PALM OF RIGHT HAND. RAY GAVE HIS FATHER AS GEORGE E.
RAY AND HIS MOTHER AS LUCILLE RAY, BOTH RESIDING AT ONE FOUR
THREE NINE CEDAR STREET, QUINCY, ILLINOIS. HIS FATHER WAS
EMPLOYED AS A SWITCHMAN ON THE CB AND Q RAILROAD. NO EMPLOYMENT
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