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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861), LOUISVILLE, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS
CITY (88-9449), MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM CINCINNATI (157-1893) 2P

JAMES EARL RAY, AKA - FUGITIVE. MURKIN. CR; UFAC - ROBBERY.
OO; MEMPHIS

TODAY MANCEL VERNON PAYNE, SPRINGFIELD, OHIO, ADVISED HE HAD
KNOWN SUBJECT AT TOLEDO, OHIO, NINETEEN FIFTY-EIGHT TO FIFTY-NINE
WHEN PAYNE MARRIED TO MILLIE MARIE HUFF, WHITE FEMALE, PRESENTLY
AGE THIRTY-THREE, BORN IN BIG ROCK, KY. PAYNE ADVISED SUBJECT
COUSIN OF MILLIE MARIE HUFF, WHOM PAYNE MARRIED OCTOBER, FIFTY-
EIGHT IN TOLEDO, OHIO.

PAYNE ADVISED SUBJECT KNOWN AT BIG ROCK, KY. WHICH IS
LOCATED ON CUTHEN CREEK AND ASSOCIATED WITH MILLIE'S BROTHERS,
AUGGIE AND PETE HUFF. AUGGIE BELIEVED ARRESTED FOR B&E DURING
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EARLY NINETEEN SIXTY'S AT TOLEDO, WHERE HE WAS LAST KNOWN TO HAVE WORKED AS LANDSCAPER DURING NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE. AUGGIE IS W/M, AGE THIRTY-ONE. PETE HUFF, W/M, TWENTY-NINE TO THIRTY, ARRESTED SHOPLIFTING AT TOLEDO, OHIO, UNKNOWN DATE, AND PREVIOUSLY WANTED BY KENTUCKY AUTHORITIES FOR STORE B&E AT LEATHERWOOD, KY.

PAYNE ADVISED WILLIE CORNETTE, W/M, AGE FORTY-THREE, AND HIS WIFE, VIVIAN, RESIDING BIG ROCK, KY., PERSONALLY FAMILIAR WITH SUBJECT AND NO EXACT FAMILY RELATIONSHIP TO PAYNE'S FORMER WIFE, MILLIE MARIE HUFF, WHOSE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN TO PAYNE.

MILLIE'S FATHER, STEWART (PH) HUFF, DEAD, AND HER MOTHER, NOW MRS. GERALD LOCKER, LIVING NEAR TOLEDO, OHIO.

LOUISVILLE AT BIG ROCK, KY., WILL INTERVIEW WILLIE CORNETTE RE SUBJECT.

CLEVELAND, AT TOLEDO, ATTEMPT LOCATE AND INTERVIEW MILLIE MARIE HUFF OR HER BROTHERS, AUGGIE AND PETE.

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7:30PM URGENT 4-20-68 SMS

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM & KANSAS CITY
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

RE CHARLES CALVIN BOOKMAN, FBI NUMBER EIGHT NINE TWO
THREE FIVE FIVE, ASSOCIATE OF JAMES EARL RAY. BOOKMAN,
DURING EVENING OF APRIL NINETEEN LAST, ANONYMOUSLY CONTACTED
LOS ANGELES DIVISION AND ADVISED HAD SERVED TIME AT
LEAVENWORTH WITH RAY, AROUND NINETEEN FIFTY FIVE AND ABOUT
FOUR MONTHS AGO, HAD BUMPED INTO RAY IN LOS ANGELES,
CALIFORNIA.

BOOKMAN ALLEGED HE RECEIVED A CALL FROM RAY EARLIER IN
THE DAY OF APRIL NINETEEN LAST, AND THAT RAY CLAIMED THAT HE
WAS "HOTTER THAN A COW MARSHALL'S PISTOL", AND REQUESTED
BOOKMAN TO GIVE HIM MONEY. BOOKMAN ADVISED THAT HE HAD NO
MONEY AND RAY STATED THAT HE WOULD "POSSIBLY BE STAYING IN
A MISSION IN SAN PEDRO FOR THE NIGHT".

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LATER BOOKMAN CALLED AGAIN, IDENTIFYING HIMSELF AND THAT HE WAS STAYING AT BELMONT APARTMENTS, ROOM TWO ZERO ONE, NINE FOUR EIGHT, SOUTH FIGUEROA, SOUTH LOS ANGELS.

REVIEW LOS ANGELES INDICES REFLECT BOOKMAN FORMER RICHMOND CI, CANCELLED NINETEEN FIFTY FOUR WHEN SUBJECT OF PAROLE VIOLATION MATTER. FBI IDENT RECORDS REFLECT BOOKMAN TRANSFERRED AUGUST TWENTY SIX, NINETEEN FIFTY SIX, TO LEAVENWORTH FROM SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI, AS A PAROLE VIOLATOR.

IMMEDIATE CANVASS OF MISSIONS AND FLOP HOUSES IN SAN PEDRO DURING LATE EVENING HOURS UNPRODUCTIVE CANVASS OF ABOVE AREAS IN SAN PEDRO BY CREWS OF BUREAU AGENTS CONDUCTED AGAIN BEGINNING AT DAY LIGHT TODAY WITH NO PRODUCTIVE RESULTS. PHOTOS LEFT VARIOUS MISSIONS.

BOOKMAN, DURING PERSONAL INTERVIEW ON EVENING OF APRIL NINETEEN LAST, STATED HE WAS RELEASED LEAVENWORTH IN MAY NINETEEN FIFTY SEVEN, AND FIRST BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH RAY DURING LATTER PART OF NINETEEN FIFTY SIX, WHEN BOTH WORKED IN KITCHEN OF TRUSTEE FARM. BOOKMAN KNEW RAY OFTEN CALLED BY FIRST NAME RALPH, AND HAD HEARD OTHER PRISONERS CALL HIM ED.

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BELIEVED FROM RECALLED CONVERSATION WITH RAY, RAY FROM BILOXI, GULF PORT, MISSISSIPPI AREA, AND THAT HE WAS AT ONE TIME PROBABLY ALSO AN AIRPLANE PILOT. RAY ALSO ADVISED BOOKMAN THAT HE WAS A COOK ON MISSISSIPPI RIVER STEAMBOAT, PERIOD OF TIME UNSPECIFIED.

BOOKMAN VISITED IN STATE OF VIRGINIA IN AUGUST SIXTY SEVEN AND UPON DAY OF RETURN TO LOS ANGELES MET RAY AT AMBER ROOM FIGUEROA HOTEL, NINE HUNDRED BLOCK SOUTH FIGUEROA. HE FIXED DATE OF RETURN TO LOS ANGELES FROM VIRGINIA AS AUGUST TWELVE, LAST, BY AIRLINE TICKET ON THIS DATE. RAY WAS INVITED TO BOOKMAN'S ROOM IN BELMONT APARTMENTS. BOOKMAN DID NOT HEAR FROM RAY AGAIN UNTIL APRIL NINETEEN LAST, AT AROUND NOON OR FOUR PM, EXACT TIME UNCERTAIN IN BOOKMAN'S MIND. BOOKMAN STATED HE WAS POSITIVE RE THIS SAME INDIVIDUAL AS SUBJECT THIS CASE. HE WAS SHOWN PHOTOGRAPHS AND SELECTED FBI UNRETOUCHED BARTENDER SCHOOL PICTURE AS IDENTICAL WITH RAY. IT SHOULD BE NOTED PHOTO HAS BEEN EXTENSIVELY SHOWN ON LOCAL TV AND PRESS DURING PAST SEVERAL DAYS.

BOOKMAN RECALLED NO CONVERSATION WITH RAY, RE NEGRO QUESTIONS, BUT RECALLED RAY WAS INDIGNANT WHEN NEGRO TRUSTEE PRISON FARM SUPERVISOR PLACED OVER HIM. RAY SUBSEQUENTLY

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GOT INTO BEEF WITH SUPERVISOR AND WAS TRANSFERRED BACK TO LEAVENWORTH COMPOUND.

IT WAS NOTED BY INTERVIEWING AGENTS, THAT BOOKMAN UNDER INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL AND WAS INVOLVED IN ACCIDENT FOUR MONTHS AGO, STILL WEARING BODY CAST AND CAST ON LEFT LEG.

BOOKMAN TOLD RAY HE COULD FURNISH NO HELP, HUNG UP. ADVISED AGENTS HE WOULD CALL LOS ANGELES DIVISION SHOULD HE HEAR FROM RAY AGAIN.

KANSAS CITY TELEPHONICALLY REQUESTED TO VERIFY BOOKMAN'S STORY THROUGH LEAVENWORTH RECORDS AS TO HIS WORK ASSIGNMENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS OF RAY, NOTING THAT TRANSFER FROM SPRINGFIELD MIGHT HAVE BEARING ON BOOKMAN'S MENTAL CONDITION. ALSO NOTED BOOKMAN UNDER MEDICAL CARE AT PRESENT DUE TO INJURIES FROM ABOVE DESCRIBED ACCIDENT AND CLAIMS HAD BEEN TREATED BY U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE HOSPITAL, FIFTEENTH AVENUE AND LAKE STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, FOR ULCEROUS CONDITION AND ALCOHOLISM IN PAST.

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BOOKMAN RE-INTERVIEWED BY BUREAU AGENTS LOS ANGELES OFFICE TODAY. HE CONTINUES TO INSIST THAT THE PHONE CALL HE ALLEGEDLY RECEIVED ON APRIL NINETEEN LAST WAS FROM THE PERSON WHOSE PHOTOGRAPH APPEARED IN NEWSPAPERS IN LOS ANGELES AREA AND SELECTED UN-TOUCHED BARTENDER SCHOOL PICTURE AS BEST LIKENESS. BOOKMAN CONTINUES TO BE HAZY ABOUT DATES, TIMES, AND PLACES. HE STATED HE MET RAY IN KANSAS CITY GREYHOUND BUS STATION IN SPRING NINETEEN SIXTY ONE AND LATER CHANGED STORY TO SUMMER NINETEEN FIFTY NINE. HE STATED HE WORKED WITH RAY AT KITCHEN OF TRUSTEE FARM, LEAVENWORTH PENITENTIARY, AND UNDER QUESTIONING FROM INTERVIEWING AGENTS CHANGED STORY TO WORKING WITH RAY AT KITCHEN OF MAIN PENITENTIARY RATHER THAN TRUSTEE FARM. BOOKMAN HAS EXTENSIVE HISTORY OF HOSPITALIZATION SINCE RELEASED FROM LEAVENWORTH IN NINETEEN FIFTY SEVEN FOR VARIOUS AILMENTS INCLUDING DIABETES, LIVER INFECTION, FOUR ACCIDENTS, KIDNEY INFECTION, SKIN GRAFTS, SPINAL FUSIONS, AND CONGENITAL HIP DEFECT. HE STATES THAT HE HAS NOT WORKED SINCE LEAVING PENITENTIARY IN NINETEEN FIFTY SEVEN AND WHEN NOT HOSPITALIZED HE MADE LIVING FROM GAMBLING AT CARDS UNTIL DECEMBER NINETEEN SIXTY SIX WHEN HE BEGAN RECEIVING WELFARE FROM THE STATE OF

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CALIFORNIA. IN EARLIER INTERVIEW, BOOKMAN STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN TREATED FOR ALCOHOLISM BUT LATER DENIED HE HAD EVER BEEN AN ALCOHOLIC AND STATES HE HAS ONLY ONE DRUNK ARREST (IN LAS VEGAS, SEPTEMBER NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN).

BOOKMAN RECOUNTS HIS MIGRANT HISTORY AND INDICATES BRIEF RESIDENCES IN SOUTH AND WEST, IN NUMEROUS CITIES AND TOWNS. HE FURNISHED TIME OF TELEPHONE CALL FROM MAN HE BELIEVES TO BE RAY VARIOUSLY DURING INTERVIEW BETWEEN TWELVE AND FOUR PM ON APRIL NINETEEN LAST. HE HAS AGREED TO ARRANGE MEETING WITH MAN HE KNOWS AS RAY SHOULD THE MAN CALL HIM AGAIN. HE HAS ALSO AGREED TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THIS OFFICE.

WHEN QUESTIONED CONCERNING THE AUGUST MEETING AT AMBER ROOM, LOS ANGELES WITH THIS MAN, BOOKMAN STATES HE FLEW TO LAS VEGAS ON AUGUST TWO RETURNING THE SAME DATE. IN LAS VEGAS HE WON ELEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS AND USED MONEY TO FLY FROM LAS VEGAS TO LOS ANGELES AND THEN TO NORFOLK, VIRGINIA RETURNING BY UNITED AIRLINES ON AUGUST TWELVE, AUGUST FOURTEEN, OR AUGUST FIFTEEN ACCORDING TO VARIOUS STATEMENTS BY BOOKMAN. HE FIXED THE DATE HE MET RAY AS FIVE TO SEVEN DAYS FOLLOWING HIS RETURN, HE EARLIER FIXED DATE AS AUGUST TWO PRIOR TO PLANNED TRIP TO VIRGINIA DURING INTERVIEW.

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KANSAS CITY ADVISED THAT A REVIEW OF PRISON RECORD OF RAY AT LEAVENWORTH REFLECTS THAT HE WAS ASSIGNED TO WORK IN THE BAKERY FROM MARCH EIGHT FIFTY SIX TO SEPTEMBER THREE FIFTY SEVEN AND WHILE HE HAD REQUESTED PERMISSION TO WORK ON HONOR FARM, HIS REQUEST HAD BEEN DENIED. KANSAS CITY ALSO ADVISED THAT DURING THIS PERIOD ONLY ONE NEGRO ASSIGNED TO HONOR FARM. RAY DURING PERIOD BOOKMAN HAD DESCRIBED HAD NO DISCIPLINARY CHARGES AGAINST HIM AS WOULD HAVE RESULTED FROM ANY ALTERCATION WITH A NEGRO SUPERVISOR.

DURING PERIOD BOOKMAN CLAIMED TO HAVE MET RAY IN KANSAS CITY IN NINETEEN SIXTY ONE RAY WAS INCARCERATED MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY AND IT IS NOTED THAT BOOKMAN THEN CHANGED DATE BACK TO NINETEEN FIFTY NINE.

WHILE LITTLE CREDITABILITY CAN BE GIVEN TO HIS STORY OF THE ALLEGED PHONE CALL DUE TO NUMEROUS CONFLICTS IN STORY LA IS MAINTAINING CONTACT ON A CONTINUING BASIS TO ASCERTAIN IF BOOKMAN RECEIVES ANY CONTACTS AND/OR TELEPHONE CALLS.

RE TELEPHONE CALLS BY GALT WHILE IN LA NOVEMBER SIXTYSEVEN.

GEORGE MAC DONALD, OWNER, KIRBY SALES AND SERVICE, ONE ONE THREE TWO NINE SOUTH LA MIRADA BOULEVARD, WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA, TELEPHONE NINE FOUR ONE DASH EIGHT SEVEN SIX SEVEN,
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ADVISED DID NOT RECOGNIZE PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT AND DID NOT RECOGNIZE SUBJECT'S NAME OR ALIASES AND UNABLE TO LOCATE ANY RECORD CONCERNING HIM. PHONE CALL MADE BY SUBJECT ON NOVEMBER TWENTYNINE SIXTY SEVEN MAY HAVE BEEN ANSWER TO ADVERTISEMENT PLACED IN THE HERALD EXAMINER, NOVEMBER TWENTYSEVEN SIXTY SEVEN SEEKING FIELD AND SERVICE PERSONNEL BY CO.

RE CHARLES PATRICK SCULLIN, JR.

SCULLIN ARRESTED BY BALDWIN PARK POLICE DEPT. THIS MORNING AS HE CLOSELY RESEMBLED RAY. PRINTS TAKEN AND SCULLIN ELIMINATED. PRESS INTERESTED IN ARREST. SCULLIN RELEASED ONE TEN PM NO CHARGE MADE.

RE WILSHIRE BOOK CO.

BOOK CO BELIEVED BY DR. MARK O. FREEMAN PSYCHOLOGIST AS PLACE WHERE RAY WAS REFERRED TO HIM.

INVESTIGATION WILSHIRE BOOK COMPANY, EIGHT SEVEN TWO ONE SUNSET BOULEVARD, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, REFLECTS NO CURRENT INFORMATION CONCERNING SUBJECT AND HE IS NOT KNOWN TO EMPLOYEES ON DUTY TO DATE. OWNER MELVIN POWERS CONTINUES UNAVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW. INESTIGATION TO LOCATE POWERS CONTINUING.
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NUMEROUS CALLS RECEIVED FROM PUBLIC ON LOOK A LIKES AND ALL BEING HANDLED EXPEDITIOUSLY.

DURING PERIOD OF HIS FREEDOM, RAY HAS CONTINUOUSLY SPENT MONEY WITH NO VISIBLE MEANS OF SUPPORT. IT IS SUGGESTED IDENTIFICATION DIVISION CHECK PRINTS OF RAY AGAINST LATENTS SECURED FROM BANK ROBBERIES LOS ANGELES AREA DURING PERIOD OF AT LEAST ELEVEN SIXTY SEVEN TO FOUR SIXTY EIGHT.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING AT LOS ANGELES.

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752PM 4-21-68 URGENT TAB

TO: DIRECTOR, KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, ST. LOUIS

FROM: CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN

RESLTEL DIRECTOR AND CHICAGO FOUR TWENTYONE INSTANT.

ADA HORN, FORMERLY ADA GILES, ONE FIVE ONE SEVEN W. ERIE, TODAY ADVISED CG AGENTS SHE AND JAMES DAILEY REARED VICINITY WARDELL, MO. AND JAMES VERY FAMILIAR WITH AREA. OWNERSHIP OF FARM OR PROPERTY IN VICINITY OF WARDELL BY DAILEY OR FAMILY UNKNOWN TO HER. JAMES OPERATED HALFWAY CAFE, ONE FIVE ONE FOUR S. JEFFERSON, ST. LOUIS, UNTIL ABOUT SIX WEEKS AGO WHEN HE MOVED TO PORTAGEVILLE, MO., AND PURCHASED UNKNOWN GAS STATION AND RESTAURANT. OTHER DAILEY RELATIVES FURNISHED BY HORN ARE: HAZEL TERRELL, GENERAL DELIVERY, WARDELL; LILLIAN JOHNSON, TWO ZERO ONE TWO SIDNEY, ST. LOUIS; MAMIE HOOKER, PASCOLA, MO. AND VIDA NEWTON, LIVING WITH HORN. BOTH HORN AND NEWTON CLAIM NO KNOWLEDGE OF RAY OR DAILEY'S ASSOCIATION WITH RAY.

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TO: KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM

FROM: CHICAGO (44-1114)

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MRS. JAMES MC KEAN, (PROTECT IDENTITY), AUNT OF JEROME CARPENTER,
TODAY ADVISED CHICAGO AGENTS CARPENTER IS WM, DOB

AND BELIEVED PRESENTLY INCARCERATED MISSOURI STATE PRISON,
JEFFERSON CITY, FOR MURDER OF UNKNOWN MALE NEGRO IN NINETEEN
SIXTY ONE AT ST. LOUIS. MRS MC KEAN ADVISED CARPENTER LONG TIME
FRIEND AND ASSOCAITE OF SUBJECT RAY. CARPENTER MAYALREADY BE
PAROLED.

KANSAS CITY AT JEFFEROSN CITY, MO. DETERMINE CARPENTER'S
PRESENT STATUS AND INTERVIEW RE RAY'S POSSIBLE CURRENT WHEREABOUTS
AND ASSOCIATES. ALSO ADVISE APPROPRIATE OFFICES COVERING CARPENTER'S
PAROLE RESIDENCE TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW CARPENTER RE RAY'S CURRENT
WHEREABOUTS AND ASSOCIATES IN EVENT CARPENTER ALREADY PAROLED.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-760)

FROM : Eugene N. Thomeczek,
Security Patrol Clerk

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/21/68

Mr. Long, Division 6, SOG, telephonically contacted this office and inquired as to whether or not KC had a social security number for subject Ray. SA Harman advised that no social security number could be located 4/19/68 and suggested that after reviewing all incoming communications received since 4/19/68 and the USP-L file re subject, if none could be found to ask if the bureau will handle the check through Baltimore Source 4, telephonically, am 4/22/68.

Since no social security number could be located Mr. Long was furnished that information and asked if the bureau will telephonically check source 4 am 4/22/68. He indicated that the bureau may check on the name only but requested that KC forward the necessary forms to have Baltimore Source 4 checked.

LEAD:

Kansas City, submit necessary forms to have Baltimore Source 4 checked re JAMES EARL RAY.

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FBI ST LOUIS

337PMURGENT 4-21-68 MJD

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS, KANSAS CITY, CHICAGO,
LITTLE ROCK, LOUISVILLE, SPRINGFIELD.
FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN.

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RE SL TELEPHONE CALLS TO BUREAU, CHICAGO, SPRINGFIELD,
LOUISVILLE, LITTLE ROCK, AND MEMPHIS, THIS DATE.

JAMES DAVID DAILEY, BORN [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] WARDELL, MO., WHITE MALE, FIVE NINE AND ONE HALF, ONE
HUNDRED FIFTY FIVE LBS., BROWN HAIR AND EYES, FBI NUMBER FOUR NINE
NINE THREE ONE FIVE ZERO, ALLEGED FORMER FIREND AND ASSOCIATE OF
SUBJECT RAY, WHO IS ALLEGED TO HAVE HARBORED SUBJECT BRIEFLY
FOLLOWING MISSOURI PEN ESCAPE, IS OPERATOR OF RESTURANT, PORTAGE-
VILLE, MO. HE IS ALLEGED TO OWN FARM NEAR PORTAGEVILLE OR WARDELL,
MO., UN BOOTHEEL AREA AND TO BE TYPE OF INDIVIDUAL WHO WOULD HARBOR
SUBJECT. HE DENIED CONTACT WITH SUBJECT ON INITIAL INTERVIEW.
CURRENTLY BEING RE-INTERVIEWED IN EFFORT TO DETERMINE IF HE HAS
FARM AND ITS LOCATION, AS EFFORTS TO LOCATE SAME NEGATIVE TO DATE.

SURROUNDING OFFICES CONTACT SOURCES WITH KNOWLEDGE OF BOOTHEEL
AS TO ANY INFORMATION RE SUBJECT, DAILEY, DAILEY FAMILY AND LOCA-
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TION OF ANY FARM PROPERTY OWNED BY THEM. SUTEL

DAILEYS SISTER, HAZEL TERRELL, WARDELL, MO., TODAY ADVISED
HE AS SISTERS ADA GILES, ONE EIGHT ONE TWO N. WASHTENAW, CHICAGO,
AND LILLIAN JOHNSON, TWO ZERO ONE TWO SIDNEY, SLMO. CHICAGO
AND ST. LOUIS INTERVIEW RE IDENTITIES AND LOCATIONS OF DAILEYS
RELATIVES OR FARM PROPERTY OWNED BY THEM, AND ALERT TO REPORT
ANY INFO RE SUBJECT COMING TO THERE ATTENTION. SUTEL.

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1232 AM URGENT 4-22-68 ARK

TO DIRECTOR, SPRINGFIELD, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY,

NEW ORLEANS AND LOS ANGELES

FROM ATLANTA (44-2386) 4P

MURKIN

INTERVIEW OF RAYMOND LOUIS CURTIS.

ON FOUR TWENTYONE SIXTYEIGHT RAYMOND LOUIS CURTIS CURRENTLY INCARCERATED WHITFIELD COUNTY JAIL, DALTON, GA., PENDING APPEAL ON A LIFE SENTENCE FOR MURDER AND WHOM SHERIFF MAULDIN STATED IN HIS OPINION WOULD FURNISH INFORMATION THAT WOULD PROBABLY BE RELIABLE TO THE BEST OF CURTIS' KNOWLEDGE, FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATIVE LEADS:

CURTIS WHO SERVED THREE DIFFERENT SENTENCES WITH SUBJECT IN MISSOURI, STATED SUBJECT HAD FORMER CLOSE FRIEND WHILE IN JACKSON COUNTY JAIL, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, WHO HAD JUST PREVIOUSLY SERVED TIME WITH HIM AT MENARD PRISON ILLINOIS WHO VISTED SUBJECT FREQUENTLY AND KEPT HIM IN SPENDING MONEY. SUBJECT ALSO HAD, NAME UNKNOWN, ITALIAN CONTACT WHO WAS BIG MAN IN SYNDICATE BETWEEN KANSAS CITY AND CHICAGO WHO HANDLED STOLEN
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POSTAL MONEY ORDERS AND TRAVELERS CHECKS WHO IS KNOWN TO KCPD. SUBJECT ALSO HAD CLOSE FRIEND (FNU) COIN (PHONETIC) WHO IN NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE WAS FIFTYFIVE TO SIXTY YEARS OF AGE WHO IS A FENCE AND LIVED IN NEW ORLEANS. SUBJECT ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED IN NUMEROUS BURGLARIES AND PAYROLL JOBS, QUINCY, ILL. IN PAST. SUBJECT WHILE IN PRISON AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI BETWEEN NINETEEN SIXTYTWO AND SIXTYSIX, HEARD SUBJECT MENTION ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS THAT THERE WAS A BOUNTY ALLEGEDLY A MILLION DOLLARS ON KINGS HEAD AND IF HE GOT OUT OF PRISON BEFORE KING WAS KILLED, HE WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CONTACT APPROPRIATE INDIVIDUALS, NAMES UNKNOWN TO CURTIS, AND COLLECT BOUNTY BY KILLING KING.

CURTIS, ALTHOUGH REQUESTED IDENTITY BE PROTECTED, FURNISHED UNKNOWN AMOUNT OF INFORMATION CONCERNING HIS ASSOCIATION WITH RAY TO REPORTER, DALTON DAILY CITIZEN NEWS, DALTON, GA., EARLIER THIS DATE.

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AT 44-2386

*James Harvey Brooker Jr 15 yrs
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KANSAS CITY AT KANSAS CITY WILL THRU INFORMANTS AND POLICE CONTACT ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY ITALIAN SYNDICATE MAN WHO INVOLVED IN HANDLING STOLEN POSTAL MONEY ORDERS AND TRAVELERS CHECKS. KANSAS CITY WILL ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP INFORMATION THRU INMATES RE MILLION DOLLAR BOUNTY ON "KING'S HEAD."

NEW ORLEANS AT NEW ORLEANS ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY (FNU) COIN ALLEGED FENCE AND ASSOCIATE OF SUBJECT.

SPRINGFIELD AT MENARD ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY SUBJECT'S FORMER CELL MATE PRIOR TO NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE. AT QUINCY, ILL. THRU INFORMANTS AND OTHER LOGICAL SOURCES ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND RE SUBJECT.

ALL OFFICES PROTECT IDENTITY OF CURTIS.

COMPREHENSIVE TELETYPE RE ALL DETAILS OF INTERVIEW WITH CURTIS TO FOLLOW.

NUMEROUS ALLEGATIONS RECEIVED INDICATING INDIVIDUALS WHO LOOKS LIKE SUBJECT SEEN IN ATLANTA AREA. LEADS CHECKED OUT WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

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AT 44-2386

ATLANTA PURSUING FURTHER INVESTIGATION AT AIRLINES AND
CHECK OF STOLEN CARS AND SELL OF USED CARS DURING PERTINENT PERIOD.

INVESTIGATION RECEIVING TOP PRIORITY ATTENTION.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-760)

FROM : CC RONALD R. GROVE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/19/68

At 10:43AM, 4/19/68, Mr. PAUL M. SMITH, 204 W. Pocahontas, Kansas City, Missouri personally appeared at this office and advised he beleives he just seen ERIC STARVO GALT. He stated he saw a man in the Capri Motel Resturant, KCMO a few minutes ago eating breakfast who strongly resembles the photograph as appeared in the newspapers and TV. SMITH stated he observed this person for quite awhile and was also at the check stand to pay his bill at the same time as this particular person. SMITH stated this man had a full face with his hair receding, he was wearing a dark suit with white shirt with the collar open; other descriptive data given is similar to that in WF#442.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-760)

FROM : SA ROBERT J. DENEEN (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/22/68

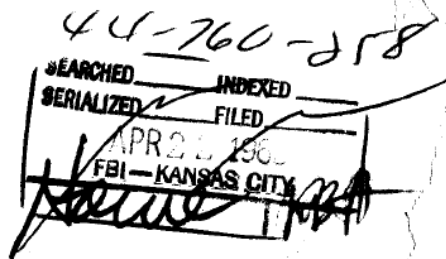
On 4/19/68, Mrs. RUTH BOSKER, Liquor Control Board, City Hall, Kansas City, Missouri, checked the current pending and cleared files for all Kansas City, Missouri, bartenders for the past three years for subject's name and all known aliases, but could locate no record.

On the same date, Mr. CHESTER KLIBER, City Union Mission, 622 Wyandotte, Kansas City, Missouri, checked the files of the City Union Mission for subject's true name and all known aliases. These files included records for the past ten years. Mr. KLIBER could locate no record.



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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-760)

FROM : SA GEORGE T. CRONIN (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/22/68

At Kansas City, Missouri:

On 4/19/68, Mr. ALBERT E. FIFHAUSE, Supervisor, Employment Services, Missouri State Employment Agency, Kansas City, Missouri, was contacted and advised that record are retained by his department for a maximum of 13 months, therefore unless the individual in question had an active file with Missouri State Employment Agency there would be no record of contacts with this agency. A review of files reflect no active record at this time for either RAY or RIFE under true name or any known aliases.

Mr. FIFHAUSE advised that Mr. ROBERT LUTZ was Supervisory Councilor for the Missouri State Employment Agency in 1958 and that in this capacity he had occasion to interview many parolees and others released from Federal penitentiaries and State penitentiaries in this area.

Mr. ROBERT LUTZ was contacted at the Missouri State Employment Agency, Youth Opportunity Division, 1743 Mc Gee and was interviewed concerning JAMES E. RAY and WALTER TERRY RIFE. LUTZ advised that during the late 1950s and early 1960s he had occasion to interview a great many parolees and releasees from area penal institutions, but that the names, backgrounds or photographs of these individuals did not mean anything to him at this time.

It should be noted that the above information should remain confidential.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-760)

DATE: April 21, 1968

FROM : SA JOSEPH L. KISSIAH

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 6:25 pm, 4/19/68 a man giving the name of HAROLD SMITH called from Quaff's Bar, 1010 Broadway, KCMO, claiming there was a man in the bar who looked a little like JAMES EARL RAY, who is being sought for the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

An immediate check was made at this bar where photographs of RAY were shown to ANTONY BONINO, owner, and his son, JOE BONINO, also a bartender, as well as JIM CLARK, a customer. All said there had been no one there who even remotely looked like RAY.

HAROLD SMITH was located at the bar and interviewed. He had been drinking considerably and was shown photos of RAY ~~xxx~~. He said he probably had not seen anyone exactly like RAY there but that he just looked familiar. SMITH said he personally lived at the Coates House, Room 212, just across the street from the Quaff's Bar, and worked for the Municipal Auditorium. He could offer absolutely no information of interest to this investigation.

After interviewing SMITH, JOE BONINO advised that "SMITH had a screw loose" and was unreliable.

No further action indicated.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-760)

FROM : CC RONALD R. GROVE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/19/68

On 4/19/68 at 3:05PM, Mrs. JOE THOMAS, 5109 E. 23rd Street, Kansas City, Missouri (tel. BE 1-5466) telephonically advised of the following information:

Mrs. THOMAS advised on 4/18/68 she had her husband went to Bobby's Place, 15th & Oakley, KCMO for a few beers. While there a man entered and sat down at the bar next to her. After a short time she began to converse with him and he told her he was from Southern Illinois--possibly Murphysboro, Ill. This person told her he had been in the "South" within the past three weeks. She also learned this man seemed very interested in the tanning of leather and was attempting to locate some particular type of solution for tanning; he mentioned having been to a leather goods shop on Southwest Blvd.

THOMAS stated this particular man appeared strange to her and other patrons in the bar as he seemed to "case the place," when he came in and for a few minutes after sitting down. She stated he seemed very quiet spoken and made reference to having gone to school in Champagne & Urbana, Illinois (both are colleges in Illinois), however, she said he did not make an appearance to be that well educated. She stated she noticed he had a scar on what she believes to be his right wrist or hand that appears to be a burn scar; he had light brown hair worn in a crew cut and beginning to gray; 27 to 33 years old; eyes as deep set with a low eyebrow line possibly hazel in color. He was wearing a dark blue suit, white dress shirt with no tie. She recalled during the conversation he said he wanted to get some fertilizer to cultivate some plant he had and was taking to Mexico.

Mrs. THOMAS was asked if the person she described above resembled the photos in the paper or on TV and she replied she hadn't seen any pictures of RAY, other than the original composite drawings, and this person (above) resembled the side view of the composite. Mrs. THOMAS added her husband is employed at the KC Star, however, did not say in what capacity.

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4/19 Mrs. Joe Thomas interviewed at their home both HBI, searched, and had no information regarding what they saw on TV.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

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RE SL PHONE CALLS TO BU AND BU CALLS TO SL APRIL TWENTY AND TWENTY ONE AND SL TEL APRIL TWENTY ONE.

ON APRIL TWENTY, SGT. ED. SCHAFF, SLPD (CONFIDENTIAL) ADVISED OF RECEIPT OF INFO FROM ATTORNEY HE DECLINED TO NAME, THAT JAMES DAVID DAILEY, FBI NUMBER FOUR NINE NIE THREE ONE FIVE ZERO, HAD HARBORED SUBJECT RAY BRIEFLY FOLLOWING MO. PEN ESCAPE, AND THAT IF RAY NOW IN MO., HE WOULD PROBABLY BE ON FARM, OWNED BY DAILEY NEAR PORTAGEVILLE, OR WARDELL MO. DAILEY NOW OPERATES RESTURANT PORTAGEVILLE.

DAILEY INTERVIEWED APRIL TWENTY DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF OR CONTACT WITH RAY.

SUBSEQUENT SPOT CHECKS OF DAILEYS RESTURANT AND RESIDENCE NEGATIVE.

AVAILABLE RECORDS AND NEIGHBORHOOD FIFTEEN MILE RADIUS OF WARDELL, MO., UNPRODUCTIVE AS TO LOCATION OF FARM.

CONTACT WITH ALL KNOWN DAILEY RELATIVES THAT AREA, ACQUANTANCES, SOURCES AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES NEGATIVE AS TO FARM.

DAILEY REINTERVIEWED THIS DATE. COOPERATIVE.
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UNABLE TO IDENTIFY RAY AS ANY PERSON HE HAS EVER KNOWN OR SEEN. VOLUNTEERED ONLY ESCAPEE HE EVER HELPED WAS THOMAS B. CREWS, CHILDHOOD FRIEND WHOM HE GAVE ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS, AFTER TRYING TO CONVINCE HIM TO GIVE SELF UP. CREWS LATER APPREHENDED SL.

DAILEY SAID A SL BONDSMAN, HOMER TOWENSLEY, FORMER SL TAVERN OPERATOR WAS AWARE OF HIS HARBORING CREWS. HE STRONGLY SUSPECTS TOWENSLEY AS SLPD INFORMANT AND BELIEVES HIM SOURCE OF ALLEGATION RE HARBORING RAY, DUE TO BAD BLOOD BETWEEN THEM RESULTING FROM BROKEN TAVERN WINDOWS AND BEATING OF DAILEY BY ONE JUNIOR CONWAY SMALL TIME HOODLUM AT INSTIGATION OF TOWNELSY, WHICH CAUSED DAILEY TO LATER SHOOT CONWAY, CAUSING HIS PRESENT PARALYSIS.

DAILEY EMPHASIZED HE NEVER OWNED, RENTED, OPERATED, HAD ACCESS TO OR OTHERWISE UTILIZED ANY FARM. WAS UNABLE TO IMAGINE ANY SITUATION IN WHICH RAY WOULD CONTACT HIM, BUT STATED HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT FBI IN EVENT OF ANY CONTACT BY OR RECEIPT OF INFO RE RAY.

SL CURRENTLY ATTEMPTING TO VERIFY DAILEY'S STORY.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, AND NEW ORLEANS, KANSAS CITY,
SPRINGFIELD
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

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RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO ABOVE OFFICES, APR. TWENTYONE
SIXTYEIGHT.

ON APR. TWENTYONE, LAST, SHERIFF G. T. MAULDIN, (NA),
DALTON, GEORGIA, ADVISED, RAYMOND LOUIS CURTIS CURRENTLY SERVING
LIFE SENTENCE FOR MURDER, ADVISED EARLIER HE SERVED TIME ON
THREE OCCASIONS WITH JAMES RAY. MAULDIN STATED CURTIS' INFO
PROBABLY RELIABLE. CURTIS INTERVIEWED WHITFIELD COUNTY JAIL,
APR. TWENTYONE, LAST, ADVISED FIRST ACQUAINTED RAY IN MARCH
FIFTYFIVE, JACKSON COUNTY JAIL, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, WHERE
RAY INCARCERATED ON POST OFFICE BURGLARY CHARGE JUST SUBSEQUENT
TO RELEASE FROM PRISON IN MENARD, ILLINOIS. CURTIS, AT TIME
UNDER ARREST FOR ARMED ROBBERY AND BANK ROBBERY. DURING THIS
PERIOD, CURTIS AND RAY CELL MATES FOR SIX TO SEVEN MONTHS. RAY
HAD FRIEND (NAME UNRECALLED), WHO VISITED HIM IN JACKSON
PRISON. FRIEND HAD BEEN CELL MATE OF RAY WHEN RAY AT MENARD,
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ILLINOIS. THIS MAN KEPT RAY IN SPENDING MONEY WHILE RAY IN PRISON AND WOULD HARBOR RAY. RAY HAD ANOTHER CLOSE FRIEND (NAME UNRECALLED) OF ITALIAN DESCENT, APPARENTLY "A BIG MAN" IN SYNDICATE. THIS ITALIAN HAD APPARENTLY OPERATED WITH RAY IN PAST AND ENGAGED WITH RAY IN HANDLING STOLEN POST OFFICE MONEY ORDERS AND TRAVELERS CHECKS. AFTER SIX TO SEVEN MONTHS AS CELL MATES, JACKSON COUNTY JAIL, RAY SENTENCED TO THREE YEARS ON POST OFFICE BURGLARY CHARGES, TRANSFERRED TO LEAVENWORTH FEDERAL PENITENTIARY. TWO WEEKS LATER, CURTIS RECEIVED SIXTEEN YEARS SENTENCE FOR BANK ROBBERY AND SENT TO LEAVENWORTH. WHILE CONFINED LEAVENWORTH DURING THIS PERIOD, RAY SPOKE OF NO GIRL FRIEND AND CORRESPONDED WITH NONE. RAY MENTIONED HE "OPERATED" FREQUENTLY OUT OF QUINCY, ILLINOIS, WHICH MEANT "ENGAGED IN BURGLARY AND PAYROLL JOBS." WHILE HE AND RAY WERE INCARCERATED, THEY ENGAGED IN CROOKED POKER GAMES AND TOOK FELLOW PRISONERS FOR MONEY. RAY GOOD POKER PLAYER AND EXCELLENT CARD HANDLER. RAY MENTIONED UNDERWORLD AND HOODLUM CONNECTIONS (NAMES UNRECALLED) IN CHICAGO, DETROIT, TAMPA, AND TIJUANA, MEXICO AREAS. SERVING SEVEN TO EIGHT MONTHS WITH RAY AT LEAVENWORTH, CURTIS TRANSFERRED U.S. PENITENTIARY, ATLANTA, GA. CURTIS SERVED U.S. PENITENTIARY, ATLANTA, AND IN JUNE, SIXTYTWO, SENT BACK MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, TO SERVE

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ON ARMED ROBBERY CHARGES. WHILE IN STATE PENITENTIARY JEFFERSON, MISSOURI, AGAIN INCARCERATED WITH RAY. ON OCCASIONS IN SAME CELL TOGETHER IN "B" HALL AND "C" HALL. SERVED TOGETHER FROM SIXTYTWO TO SIXTYSIX. WHILE IN "B" AND "C" HALLS, THEY WERE TOGETHER IN THREE-MAN CELL, WITH THIRD INDIVIDUAL (WHOM CURTIS STATED COULD VERIFY FOLLOWING FACTS, BUT WHOM CURTIS REFUSED TO IDENTIFY). DURING THIS INCARCERATION PERIOD, PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY ASSASSINATED AND WORD CAME FROM OUTSIDE THIS PROBABLY CONSPIRACY, AND KENNEDY HAD "BOUNTY" ON HIS HEAD. CURTIS, UNABLE TO GIVE FURTHER DETAILS ON "BOUNTY". HE STATED IN SIXTYTHREE TO SIXTYFOUR, DR. KING'S MOVEMENTS BECAME TOPIC OF CONVERSATIONS AT STATE PENITENTIARY AND WORD GOT AROUND TO PRISONERS THAT "KK OF THE SOUTH" WHO APPARENTLY WENT TO BUSINESSMEN HAD RAISED ABOUT MILLION DOLLARS FOR "BOUNTY" ON KING'S HEAD. CURTIS, UNABLE TO GIVE FURTHER IDENTIFICATION OR INFORMATION OF KK OF SOUTH. FROM 'SIXTYTWO TO 'SIXTYSIX BEFORE CURTIS RELEASE, RAY MENTIONED A DOZEN TIMES "HAD HE KNOWN ABOUT A BOUNTY ON JOHN F. KENNEDY'S HEAD AND HAD HE BEEN OUT, HE WOULD HAVE COLLECTED IT". RAY STATED A DOZEN TIMES THAT "IF HE GOT OUT IN TIME AND IF KING WAS STILL ALIVE, HE WOULD LIKE TO GET THE BOUNTY ON KING". RAY NEVER MENTIONED WHOM HE WOULD CONTACT TO GET BOUNTY BUT ADVISED

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CRIMINAL ELEMENTS KNEW HOW TO CONTACT SUCH PEOPLE. ABOVE STATEMENTS BY RAY OVERHEARD BY THIRD CELL MATE MENTIONED ABOVE. RAY HAD FRIEND IN NEW ORLEANS (FIRST NAME UNKNOWN), COIN (PHONETIC) SPELLED LIKE "QUARTER OR DIME", WHO APPARENTLY A FENCE, WELL CONNECTED WITH HOODLUM ELEMENTS AND WHO IN 'FIFTYFIVE WAS FIFTYFIVE OR SIXTYFIVE YEARS OLD, WHOM WOULD HARBOR RAY. CURTIS KNEW NO CLOSE FRIENDS OF ASSOCIATES OF RAY. RAY ALLEGEDLY THRU PRISON GRAPE VINE HAD WIFE, BUT NEVER MENTIONED BY RAY; HOWEVER, FEW PRISONERS MENTION FAMILY CONNECTIONS. RAY ALSO MENTIONED GAMBLING IN LOS ANGELES. RAY WAS "HIGH LIVER" WHEN OUTSIDE AND WOULD ASSOCIATE WITH PROSTITUTES, TAKING ONE FROM TOWN TO TOWN. RAY WITH REGARD TO KING'S KILLING INDICATED HE WOULD MAKE ALL RULES AND WOULD IN ALL PROBABILITY DEMAND BOUNTY MONEY BE PUT IN BANK. RAY MENTIONED THREE FOREIGN COUNTRIES WHICH HE HAD READ ABOUT, WHICH CURTIS ASSUMED RAY WOULD GO TO IF OUT OF UNITED STATES. THESE ARE NEW ZEALAND, BRAZIL, AND SWITZERLAND. CURTIS OF OPINION, NOT OVER THREE PEOPLE WOULD BE INVOLVED IN ACTUAL ASSASSINATION. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN WELL PLANNED WITH DIVERSIONARY MEASURES AND SECOND INDIVIDUAL, NOT RAY, WOULD HAVE DRIVEN GETAWAY CAR TO ATLANTA AS DIVERSIONARY MEASURE. CURTIS WILL NOT TESTIFY, AS HE FEARS FOR HIS LIFE, IF INFO GETS OUT. HE DEMANDED IDENTITY BE PROTECTED. IN SPITE OF ABOVE, SHERIFF MAULDIN ADVISED CURTIS HAS ALSO GIVE ABOVE INFO PRIOR TO INTERVIEW BY FBI TO LLOYD GULLEDGE, REPORTER, DALTON NEWS

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CITIZEN NEWSPAPER, DALTON, GEORGIA. MAULDIN NOT PRESENT DURING THIS INTERVIEW AND DOES NOT KNOW WHAT INFO CURTIS GAVE GULLEDGE. MAULDIN STATED CURTIS THREE TO FOUR DAYS AGO RECEIVED LETTER WITH RETURN ADDRESS, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY. CURTIS KNOWS NO SPECIFIC RACIAL HATREDS BY RAY, WHO IS MEAN IF CROSSED, BUT NOT AGGRESSIVE INDIVIDUAL. HE SAID IF RAY RETURNED TO ATLANTA AFTER ASSASSINATION, IT WOULD PROBABLY HAVE BEEN TO COLLECT BOUNTY.

KANSAS CITY AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI. (1) DETERMINE THIRD CELL MATE WITH RAY AND CURTIS IN "B" AND "C" HALLS, BETWEEN 'SIXTYTWO TO 'SIXTYSIX (INDIVIDUAL ALLEGED TO BE AT MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY). VERIFY CURTIS' STORY. (2) THRU POLICE AND INFORMANT CONTACTS IDENTIFY ITALIAN WHO WAS "A BIG MAN" IN SYNDICATE BETWEEN KANSAS CITY AND CHICAGO AND WHO STOLE POST OFFICE MONEY ORDERS AND TRAVELERS CHECKS FOR SUBJECT RAY. (3) DEVELOP INFO FROM INMATES AND OTHER SOURCES RE RAY'S ALLEGED WIFE. (4) DEVELOP INFO RE PRISON GOSSIP RE "MILLION DOLLAR BOUNTY ON KING'S HEAD".

NEW ORLEANS AT NEW ORLEANS, LA.,) DEVELOP INFO RE COIN (PHONETIC).

SPRINGFIELD AT MENARD PRISON, MENARD, ILL. IDENTIFY RAY'S FORMER CELL MATE IN MENARD STATE PRISON.

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SPRINGFIELD AT QUINCY, ILL. CONTACT INFORMANTS AND SOURCES TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND INFO RE SUBJECT.

DETROIT, LOS ANGELES, SAN DIEGO, AND TAMPA CONTACT LOGICAL INFORMANTS TO DETERMINE IF SUBJECT KNOWN TO HOODLUM ELEMENTS.

SAN DIEGO NOTE SUBJECT ALLEGEDLY VISITED TIJUANA IN PAST.

AM COPIES SENT TO CHICAGO, DETROIT, LOS ANGELES, SAN DIEGO AND TAMPA.

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1150 AM URGENT 4-22-68 MCP

TO DIRECTOR, LOS ANGELES, KANSAS CITY, ST. LOUIS, BIRMINGHAM,
ATLANTA, NEW ORLEANS.

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 1 P

MURKIN.

INCONNECTION WITH IDENTIFICATION JAMES EARL RAY AS SUBJECT
INSTANT MATTER, THE SOURCE OF HIS FUNDS BECOMES OF PARAMOUNT
INTEREST. PAST BACKGROUND OF RAY IS WELL KNOWN TO OFFICES
RECEIVING THIS TELETYPE. EACH OFFICE SHOULD REVIEW ITS UNSUB BANK
ROBBERY AND BANK BURGLARY MATTERS AND WHERE LATENTS WERE RECOVERED
SHOULD IDENTIFY THE CASE IN QUESTION AND REQUEST BUREAU SEARCH
THESE LATENTS AGAINST THE LATENTS RECOVERED IN MURKIN CASE.

POSSIBILITY ALSO EXISTS THAT RAY MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED
IN BURGLARY OR ROBBERY NOT WITHIN FBI JURISDICTION AND MAY BE MATTER
OF INTEREST TO LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS. RECEIVING OFFICES SHOULD
CONTACT MAJOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WITHIN THEIR DIVISIONS AND
DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT ANY ARMED ROBBERIES OR BURGLARIES
PERPETRATED IN WHICH LATENTS RECOVERED OR IN WHICH UNSUB MAY FIT
GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT RAY. A AND D. END. 44-760-264

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TO: DIRECTOR, KANSAS CITY AND MEMPHIS

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775) 2P

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RE SPRINGFIELD TEL TO DIRECTOR, APRIL TWENTY, LAST,
SETTING FORTH INTERVIEW WITH RAY'S SISTER, MELBA MARIE RYAN
IN WHICH SHE SPECULATED RAY MIGHT RETURN TO GERMANY AS HE
ENJOYED MILITARY DUTY THERE AND HAD A GIRL FRIEND.

IT WAS REQUESTED THAT HIS SERVICE RECORD BE REVIEWED
FOR GERMAN DUTY STATIONS, AND THAT LEAD BE SET FORTH FOR
LEGAT, BONN, TO RECONSTRUCT BACKGROUND OVERSEAS AND
IDENTIFY GIRL FRIEND.

REVIEW OF MILITARY RECORD DISCLOSES HE WAS AT FIFTYTHIRD
QM BASE DEPOT, APO ONE TWO FOUR, NURENBERG, GERMANY, ONE DAY
AUG. TWELVE, FORTYSIX; SIX TWENTYSIXTH QM REFRIGERATION
COMPANY (M), APO ONE SIX TWO, NURENBERG, AUG. TO DEC.,
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FORTYSIX; COMPANIES C AND B. THREE EIGHTYSECOND MP BATTALION, APO SIX NINE, BREMERHAVEN, DEC., FORTYSIX, TO APRIL, FORTYEIGHT, WHICH INCLUDED TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT AT MP SCHOOL, APO SEVEN FIVE ONE, BREMEN, FEB., TO MAR., FORTYSEVEN; COMPANY B, SEVEN EIGHT NINETYSECOND INFANTRY REGIMENT, APO SEVEN FIVE SEVEN, FRANKFORT, APRIL TO JUNE, FORTYEIGHT; COMPANY B, SIXTEENTH INFANTRY, APO SEVEN FIVE XEVEN AND SIX NINE SIX (FIRTH), JUNE TO DEC., FORTYEIGHT; AND SEVEN SEVEN FORTYNINTH STAGING AREA, APO SIX NINE, BREMERHAVEN, DEC., FORTYEIGHT.

LHM AND COVER AIRTEL BEING SUBMITTED TO BUREAU THIS DATE REQUESTING RECONSTRUCTION OF BACKGROUND OVERSEAS AND ATTEMPTED IDENTIFICATION OF GIRL FRIEND.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), BIRMINGHAM,
LOS ANGELES (44-1574), AND KANSAS CITY
FROM: PHOENIX

MURKIN.

RE LOS ANGELS TEL TO BUREAU, APRIL TWENTY LAST.

ASSOCIATE OF SUBJECT: WILLIAM HENRY HOLLAND, FBI NO.
SIX SIX THREE THREE FOUR FIVE. REVIEW OF PHOENIX FILE
TWENTYSIX-TWO FOUR ONE ONE TWO IN WHICH HOLLAND WAS SUBJECT
INDICATES HE WAS IN TRANSIT DURING JUNE, NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE
FROM OKLAHOMA CITY WHEN HE APPEARED AT FBI OFFICE, PHOENIX,
AND TURNED HIMSELF IN FOR THEFT OF A MOTOR VEHICLE. AT THAT
TIME HOLLAND REQUESTED TO RETURN TO LEAVENWORTH PRISON WHERE
"THE FOOD IS GOOD AND I HAD GOOD JOB". HOLLAND WAS SUBSE-
QUENTLY TRANSFERRED TO THE US PRISON AT LEAVENWORTH AND
RECEIVED THERE NOVEMBER TWENTYONE, SIXTYFIVE.

AS REVIEW OF THIS FILE INDICATES NO POSSIBLE LEADS IN
PHOENIX DIVISION, KANSAS CITY IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT PRISON
OFFICIALS AT LEAVENWORTH AND DETERMINE ADDRESS TO WHICH
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HOLLAND WAS RELEASED UPON COMPLETION OF SENTENCE AND SET OUT
LEADS TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW HIM RE ANY INFO OF SUBJECT
JAMES EARL RAY.

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TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, KANSAS CITY,
SAN FRANCISCO AND ST. LOUIS.

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561) 5PP

MURKIN

FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION SPRINGFIELD DIVISION,
APRIL TWENTY, SIXTYEIGHT.

SUBJECT'S SISTER, MELBA MARIE REAN, INTERVIEWED, QUINCY,
ILLINOIS. ADMITS HISTORY OF MENTAL ILLNESS AND ALTHOUGH SOBER,
WAS AT TIMES RAMBLING IN CONVERSATION. MELBA DENIES ANY
RECENT CONTACT WITH SUBJECT OR KNOWLEDGE OF CURRENT WHEREABOUTS.
SHE STATED SUBJECT NON-COMMUNICATIVE RE PERSONAL LIFE, BUT ABOUT
NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT VISITED MELBA AND HER MOTHER FOR PERIOD OF
SIX MONTHS AT BOARDING HOUSE OPERATED BY MOTHER ON HICKORY STREET,
ST. LOUIS. MELBA SPECULATED SUBJECT MIGHT RETURN TO GERMANY
WHERE HE ENJOYED MILITARY DUTY AND HAD GIRLFRIEND.

WALTER TERRY RIFE RE-INTERVIEWED, DESCRIBED ACQUAINTANCE
LASTED FROM NINETEEN FORTY TWO TO NINETEEN FIFTY SEVEN, DURING
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THE TIME, SUBJECT WAS A THIEF WITH NO CLOSE ASSOCIATES, NO PERMANENT FIXED ADDRESS, ALTHOUGH HE RESIDED FOR A SHORT PERIOD WITH UNCLE, EARL RAY, WHO LATER MOVED TO CALIFORNIA AND IS NOW DECEASED. SUBJECT ALSO RESIDED VICTOR HOTEL, QUINCY, ILLINOIS, NINETEEN FIFTY FIVE. THIS HOTEL NOW OUT OF BUSINESS. RIFE BELIEVED SUBJECT USED UNKNOWN FENCE TO DISPOSE OF STOLEN PROPERTY AT PEORIA, ILLINOIS.

PHOTO OF RIFE OBTAINED AND FORWARDED INTERESTED OFFICES BY AIRTEL. NUMEROUS INDIVIDUALS CONFIRMED RIFE'S PRESENCE AT QUINCY DURING PERTINENT PERIOD AND RIFE DENIES BEING OUT OF QUINCY SINCE DECEMBER, SIXTY SEVEN.

SISTER "SUSIE" IDENTIFIED THROUGH FOSTER PARENTS, MR. AND MRS. ROMAN KLINNER, AS SUSAN JANE RYAN, NOW KNOWN AS MRS. MICHAEL DONIAN, WHOSE LAST ADDRESS, DECEMBER, SIXTY SEVEN, WAS THREE FOUR ONE FOUR BRYN MAR, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, WHERE HUSBAND WORKED AS MUSICIAN, UNKNOWN BAND OR COMBO. SUSAN WORKED AS GO-GO DANCER, CHICAGO, AND ATTENDED PATRICIA STEVENS MODELING SCHOOL, CHICAGO, WITH ASSOCIATE, JANET VIAR. KLINNER BELIEVES SHE HAS BABY, MAY POSSIBLY HAVE GONE TO SAN FRANCISCO AND HAVE NO INFORMATION CONCERNING ANY CONTACTS

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OVER PAST SEVERAL YEARS BETWEEN SUSAN AND SUBJECT.

MRS. MABLE FULLER, NEE RAY, PATERNAL AUNT OF SUBJECT, QUINCY, ILLINOIS, STATED VERY LITTLE CONTACT WITH ANY MEMBER OF FAMILY. NO INFORMATION REGARDING SUBJECT'S WHEREABOUTS OR BACKGROUND. LAST HEARD THAT SUSAN, SISTER, IN CHICAGO AND MARRIED. UNCLE, WILLIAM MAHER, AN ADVERTISING SERVICE MAN AND PAINT CONTRACTOR AS OF NINETEEN SIXTY, BELIEVED EITHER DECEASED OR IN SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. WILLIAM MAHER BORN [REDACTED] HAS FBI NUMBER SEVEN SIX EIGHT SIX FOUR TWO.

RELATIVES OF HARVEY LOWMEYER, QUINCY, ILLINOIS, RECONTACTED AND FURNISHED NO PERTINENT INFORMATION.

FORMER GIRLFRIEND OF WALTER TERRY RIFE, KATHERINE DORRIS BUSKIRK, NOW MRS. WILBUR CONNORS, QUINCY, ILLINOIS, INTERVIEWED. SHE WAS IN PRESENCE OF RIFE AND RAY WHEN ARRESTED NINETEEN FIFTY FIVE, BUT DENIES KNOWING RAY AT THAT TIME, OTHER THAN CASUALLY AND HAS NO BACKGROUND OR CURRENT INFORMATION CONCERNING HIM. PROMISED TO COOPERATE IF SEEN.

CHICAGO DIVISION. LOCATE AND INTERVIEW SUBJECT'S SISTER, SUSAN DONIAN, THREE FOUR ONE FOUR BRYN MAR, CHICAGO, CONCERNING
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WHEREABOUTS OF SUBJECT, FAMILY BACKGROUND, AND WHEREABOUTS OF BROTHER, JOHN RAY.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO PROVIDE INTERESTED OFFICES IDENTIFICATION RECORD FOR WILLIAM MAHER, FBI NUMBER SEVEN SIX EIGHT SIX FOUR TWO, TO ASSIST IN LOCATING AND INTERVIEWING HIM.

ST. LOUIS DIVISION. CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY BOARDING HOUSE, FORMERLY OPERATED BY SUBJECT'S MOTHER, HICKORY, NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT. CONDUCT NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION, ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY ASSOCIATES OF THAT PERIOD.

ST. LOUIS ALSO REVIEW SUBJECT'S MILITARY SERVICE RECORD, UNDER SERVICE NUMBER [REDACTED], AT WHICH TIME HE WAS IN COMPANY B, THREE EIGHTY SECOND BATTALION. ASCERTAIN DUTY STATION WHILE IN GERMANY. SET FORTH LEAD FOR LEGAT BONN, TO RECONSTRUCT BACKGROUND OVER SEAS AND IDENTIFY GIRLFRIEND.

ALL OFFICES NOTE DESCRIPTIVE BACKGROUND INDICATES SUBJECT AS "COLOR MATCHER". NOTE SUBJECT FORMERLY EMPLOYED IN SHOE MANUFACTURING COMPANIES AND COPIES OF MILITARY RECORD, QUINCY, PD INDICATE SUBJECT AS CIVILIAN COLORED HIDES. BE ALERT FOR
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BACKGROUND INDICATING SUBJECT EMPLOYED BY SHOE MANUFACTURING
COMPANIES YOUR DIVISION.

SPRINGFIELD INVESTIGATION CONTINUING TO IDENTIFY FENCE
AT PEORIA AND FURTHER DEVELOP BACKGROUND INFORMATION QUINCY-
ALTON AREA.

FOR INFORMATION ALL OFFICES, REMAINING UNIDENTIFIED BROTHER,
[REDACTED] BELIEVED ADOPTED BY FAMILY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, NAME
UNKNOWN, DETAILS UNKNOWN, AND ANY INFORMATION WHICH WOULD ASSIST
IN FULLY IDENTIFYING [REDACTED] SHOULD BE EXPEDITIOUSLY FURNISHED
SPRINGFIELD.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

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314 PM URGENT 4-22-68 GMC

TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY

FROM ST. LOUIS 44-775

MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS. OO: MEMPHIS

LETTER RECEIVED THIS DATE FROM MRS. HUGH L. KING, FOUR SIX THREE TWO, PERSHING PLACE, ST. LOUIS, MO, STATING SHE OBSERVED INDIVIDUAL OF SUBJECT RAY'S APPEARANCE DRIVING CAR WITH TENNESSEE LICENSE J H SIX FIVE SEVEN EIGHT NEAR HARLANVILLE, KY., APRIL FIVE, LAST. NO DESCRIPTION OF CAR.

MEMPHIS, DETERMINE IDENTITY THROUGH LICENSE REGISTRATION AND DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS PERTINENT DATES.

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2:30PM URGENT MJB 4-21-68

TO: DIRECTOR, (44-38861), LOUISVILLE, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY
(88-9449), MEMPHIS (44-1987), AND CLEVELAND. AND CINCINNATI.

FROM: CLEVELAND (44-565).

AMES/EARL RAY, AKA- FUGITIVE. MURKIN. CR; UFAC- ROBBERY. OO:MEM-
PHIS.

RE CINCINNATI TEL FOUR TWENTY SIXTYEIGHT.

MRS. GERALD LOCKER, NEE CORNETTE, TOLEDO, OHIO, MOTHER OF MILLIE
MARIE HUFF STATES SUBJECT NOT RELATED TO HER FAMILY BY BLOOD OR MARR-
IAGE AND SUBJECTS PHOTO NOT FAMILAR TO HER OR HER PRESENT HUSBAND,
GERALD LOCKER.

MILLIE MARIE HUFF AND BROTHER PETE HUFF, ON FISHING TRIP AT
UNKNOWN LOCATION TODAY BUT SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FOUR TWENTYTWO,
NEXT.

AUGIE HUFF NOW RESIDING AT UNKNOWN LOCATION IN KINGSPORT, TENN.
STEWART HUFF, FATHER OF MILLIE MARIE HUFF DIED IN NINETEEN FIFTYTWO.
MRS. LOCKER BELIEVES MANCEL VERNON PAYNE, FORMER HUSBAND OF MILLIE
MARIE HUFF, IS REFERRING TO JAMES EARL HARRIS WHO WAS IN TOLEDO DUR-
ING NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT- FIFTYNINE AND POSSIBLY KNOWN TO PAYNE.
HARRIS W/M, ABOUT TWENTYSIX YRS. OLD, IS NOT RELATED TO HUFF FAMILY
BUT WAS FRIENDLY WITH THEM IN THE PAST. HARRIS NOW RESIDES UNKNOWN
ADDRESS IN PINE MOUNTAIN, KY.

CLEVELAND WILL INTERVIEW MILLIE MARIE HUFF WHEN AVAILABLE.

CINCINNATI AT SPRINGFIELD, OHIO, REINTERVIEW PAYNE TO DETERMINE
IF HE WAS REFERRING TO JAMES EARL HARRIS RATHER THAN JAMES EARL
RAY.

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TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, KANSAS CITY AND SPRINGFIELD
FROM ST. LOUIS 44-775

MURKIN

FOLLOWING ARREST OF RAY AND WALTER TERRY RIFE, MARCH
TWENTYTWO, FIFTYFIVE, HANNIBAL, MO. FOR FORGING P. O. MONEY
ORDERS, RIFE TOLD P. O. INSPECTORS MONEY ORDERS WERE PURCHASED
FROM WINO NAMED WILLARD J. MC BRIDE, SLMO.

SPRINGFIELD DETERMINE FROM RIFE WHETHER MC BRIDE IS REAL
PERSON; EXTENT OF MC BRIDE'S ASSOCIATION WITH RAY; AND
WHEREABOUTS OR IDENTIFYING DATA TO ASSIST IN LOCATION.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P

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TO ALL SACS RELAY MESSAGE PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN

YOU ARE REMINDED THAT ALL LEADS IN THIS CASE MUST BE
COVERED WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS, AND ALL LEADS MUST BE
SET FORTH BY TELEPHONE OR TELETYPE. ALL BORDER OFFICES
COVERING ENTRY INTO MEXICO AND CANADA AND EXIT THEREFROM
SHOULD INSURE THAT APPROPRIATE STOPS ARE MAINTAINED RE
SUBJECT AND ALL NAMES KNOWN TO BE USED BY HIM AT RESPECTIVE
OFFICES OF U. S. IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PATROL. YOU
SHOULD ALSO INSURE THAT PREVIOUS STOPS PLACED WITH ANY
FACILITY SHOULD INCLUDE ALL NAMES USED BY THE SUBJECT.

DISTRIBUTE SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES OF WANTED FLYERS
AND IO'S TO NARCOTIC INVESTIGATIVE AGENCIES IN ORDER THAT
THEIR INFORMANTS MAY BE CONTACTED. YOU SHOULD CONTACT
ALL CRIMINAL INFORMANTS AND APPROPRIATE RACIAL AND SECURITY
INFORMANTS. LEGATS OTTAWA AND MEXICO CITY BEING ADVISED
SEPARATELY.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20537

TO:

Date **4-19-68**

SAC Kansas City

Attention: Special Agent Jack Porter

Your inquiry **4-19-68**

RE: VERNON ELMO RIFE

- ☒ Attached furnished in reply to your inquiry.
- ☐ Attached furnished in compliance with request from
- ☐ Only record available attached.
- ☐ This matter is receiving attention and you will be advised at an early date.
- ☐ Supplementing FBI Laboratory report dated
- ☐ Records FBI #
are furnished since there is a possibility that one may pertain to the subject in whom you are interested.
- ☐ Fingerprint files fail to disclose
- ☐ Confirming FBI wire of
- ☐ A wanted notice has not been placed as subject appears to be in custody.
- ☐ When you no longer desire your notice maintained, please advise.
- ☐ If you determine subject to be in custody, please advise so that your notice may be canceled.
- ☐ Subject of your inquiry searched in name indices only. Enclosed record(s) possibly identical. If identical, resubmit request and wanted (or flash) notice will be placed.
- ☐ If it is determined that the subject of this record is not the individual in whom you are interested, please advise.
- ☐ Your communication is returned.
- ☐

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD Evansville Ind	Vernon Elmo Rife #12071	12-5-43	inv	disch
SO Quincy Ill	Walter Rife #--	3-3-44	L of motor veh	\$1500 bond to Cir Crt
St Farm Vandalia Ill	Walter Rife #20076	4-8-44	temp with mtr veh	1 yr: 3-3-45 final disch per exp of sent
Army	Walter T. Rife #46022416	enlisted 5-22-45		
PD Hannibal Mo	Walter Terry Rife #27520	4-29-47	deserter from Army	ret to Army
St Hwy Patrol Macon Mo	Walter Terry Rife #B-3376	8-5-47	escape from USDB Ft Leavenworth Kans	rel to Fed Auth 8-8-47
USDB Fort Leavenworth Kans	Walter Rife #15653	12-5-47	desertion	5 yrs
PD Quincy Ill	Walter T. Rife #--	2-28-51	bad checks	rel to Dep Sheriff of Decatur Ill
SO Decatur Ill	Walter T. Rife #393C2	3-1-51	forged check	
PD Decatur Ill	Walter Terry Rife #7828-A	3-6-51	forg	
SP Menard Ill	Walter Rife #22674	10-4-51	forg	1-14 yrs
St Hwy Patrol Macon Mo	Walter Terry Rife #B-3376	3-23-55	cashing stolen postal money orders	1-18-55 par rel to Postal Insp Kans City Mo 3-24-55
USM Kans City Mo	Walter T. Rife #12019	3-28-55	forg US Postal Money Order	7-1-55 sent to 18 mos
SO Kans City Mo	Walter Terry Rife #29636	3-28-55	forg govt	7-1-55 3 yrs

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