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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
USP Leavenworth Kans	Walter Terry Rife #72497 L	7-7-55	P.D. Laws forge money orders	3 yrs 9-27-57 Cond Rel
SP Menard Ill	Walter Rife #22674	9-27-57	PV (forg)	1-14 yrs
Ill St Pen Joliet. Ill	Walter Rife #43908	4-16-59 In Trans Menard	Forgery	1-14 yrs 7-23-60 disch exp of sent
SO Ottawa Ill	Walter Terry Rife #2676	8-14-60	burg	1 yr Ill SPen not less than 1 yr not more than 1 yr & 1 day
SPen Joliet Ill	Walter Terry Rife #47336	11-28-60	poss burg tools	11-21-60 Joliet Ill 1-1-1 day disch exp of sent 10-21-61
PD Hannibal Mo	Walter Terry Rife #27520	2-3-62	late hours & suspect W.S.T.A.	
USM St Louis Mo	Walter Terry Rife #388 400	2-7-62	White Slave Act	rel after no bill by Grand Jury
PD Peoria Ill	Walter Terry Rife #25362	5-2-62	hold inv	rel
USM St Louis Mo	Walter Rife #388 826	3-18-63	unl flight	3-18-63 turned over to State authorities Bond Co., Ill on chg of UFAP-Robbery
	Walter T. Rife			

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PD St Louis Mo	Walter Terry Rife #90993	3-18-63	UFAP armed robbery	delivered
USM Cleveland Ohio	Walter Terry Rife #16921	12-2-63	flight to avoid prosecution (rob Ill) Stateville Pen Stateville Ill poss burg tools and several other times of service in institutions	1 yr & 1 day
PD Cleveland Ohio	Walter Terry Rife #116210	12-6-63	fug	
SO Cleveland Ohio	Walter Terry Rife #SO 852	12-5-63	attempted rob	
SPen Menard Ill	Walter T. Rife #31323	2-19-64	agg B	2-3 yrs cond rel 5-19-66

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	<p>WANTED BY BUREAU: As Walter T. Rife, ASN 46022416, Bu. file #42-32316, OO, Springfield, Ill., inf. rec. 2-17-47. NO LONGER WANTED: per BM dated 4-30-47. (Located 4-29-47, appre. Rural Lewis Co., Mo. by Fed. Auth.)</p> <p>WANTED BY BUREAU: As Walter Terry Rife, was, Vernon Elmo Rife, fugitive index number 19764, Bureau file number 26-111027, OO, Kansas City, Mo., information received 6-19-47. NO LONGER WANTED: per Bu Memo dated 8-6-47 located 7-5-47 Lagrange Mo.</p> <p>WANTED BY BUREAU: Walter Terry Rife, aka, Walter Rife, Vernon Elmer Rife, William T. Rife, William Terry Rife UFAP-Robbery, Fug Index #89769 Bu file #88-25513 OO. Springfield inf rec 3-14-63 NO LONGER WANTED: per Bu Memo dated 3-18-63</p> <p>WANTED BY BUREAU: Walter Rife, aka, Walter Terry Rife, Walter T. Rife, Vernon Elmo Rife, Ronnie Massey UFAP-Robbery Fug Index #91932 Bu file #88-25513 OO. Springfield inf rec 7-3-63 CAUTION: CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS. NO LONGER WANTED per Bu Memo Dated 12-2-63</p> <p style="text-align: right;">31</p>			
	<p>Aliases: Walter Terry Childers, Walter Childers, James McBride, James Walton, Vernon McBride, Willard J. McBride</p>			
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11:41 PM URGENT 4-22-68 JWE

TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO, SPRINGFIELD, KANSAS CITY AND MEMPHIS
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN

RE ATLANTA AND SPRINGFIELD TELETYPES APRIL TWENTYTWO.
RAYMOND LOUIS CURTIS REINTERVIEWED CONCERNING PORTION OF
INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED, CONCERNING RAY'S REPORTED
INCARCERATION AT MENARD PRISON.

CURTIS ADVISED HE DID NOT SERVE TIME WITH SUBJECT RAY AT
MENARD PRISON BUT RELATED ONLY WHAT RAY TOLD HIM CURTIS, WHILE
BOTH WERE IN KANSAS CITY COUNTY JAIL FOR SIX OR SEVEN MONTH
PERIOD. CURTIS ADVISED HE NEVER HEARD RAY MENTION SERVING TIME
AT JOLIET OR PONTIAC PRISONS, BUT IF HE DID, HE WAS SURE RAY
WOULD HAVE BEEN SHIPPED TO MENARD FOR DISCHARGE PURPOSES.

CURTIS FURTHER DESCRIBED UNKNOWN CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF RAY
IN JACKSON COUNTY MOSSOURI JAIL AS THE CELL MATE OF RAY AND
PERSON CONVICTED ON SAME CHECK CHARGE WITH RAY.

CURTIS WHILE CONFINED WITH RAY AND UNKNOWN SECOND MAN
IN JACKSON COUNTY RECALLS A THIRD UNKNOWN MALE VISITING RAY
AND HIS CODEFENDANT. APPEARED THIRD MAN WAS REAL CLOSE TO BOTH
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RAY AND CELLMATE. CURTIS ADVISED JAIL VISITORS LOG MORE THAN LIKELY WILL NOT REFLECT IDENTITY OF THIRD MAN. CURTIS COULD NOT RECALL NAME OF THIRD MAN OR DESCRIPTION.

CURTIS ADVISED HE WAS CONFINED JEFFERSON COUNTY JAIL WITH RAY AND CO-DEFENDANT FROM MARCH NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE TO JULY NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE. CURTIS, RAY AND SECOND MAN ALL ENDED UP AT LEAVENWORTH WHERE WAS RELEASED PROBABLY IN NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT. SECOND MAN WHO IS ASSOCIATED WITH RAY DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, THIRTYSIX, FIVE FEET TEN INCHES DASH SIX FEET, ONE EIGHT ZERO POUNDS WHO WAS STRONGLY BUILT AND SPENT HIS THREE YEARS AT LEAVENWORTH ON BODY CONDITIONING AND LIFTING WEIGHTS.

CURTIS ADVISED HE LAST SAW RAY IN JEFFERSON COUNTY JAIL IN MAY OR JUNE SIXTYSIX. CURTIS RELUCTANT TO TALK FURTHER THIS MATTER.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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10:07 PM URGENT 4-22-68 JWE

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES, KANSAS CITY,

SPRINGFIELD, SAVANNAH, WFO

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

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SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION, APRIL TWENTYTWO, SIXTYEIGHT:
USED AND NEW CAR DEALERS IN ATLANTA AND SUBURBAN AREAS
BEING CANVASSED, SHOWN PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECT RAY, NEGATIVE TO
DATE.

REPORTS OF CARS STOLEN IN ATLANTA, MARCH TWENTYFOUR DASH
APRIL EIGHT LAST OBTAINED AND BEING CHECKED OUT. COMMUNICATION
SUBMITTED THIS DATE TO APPROPRIATE OFFICES TO CONSIDER ANY
STOLEN CAR FROM GEORGIA SUBSEQUENT TO APRIL FOUR LAST AS SUSPECT
THIS CASE.

CHARTERED FLIGHTS OF AIRPLANES AT THREE LOCATIONS
COVERING ATLANTA AREA BEING CHECKED. NOTHING PERTINENT OBTAINED.
POLICE DEPARTMENTS, CREDIT BUREAUS, NEW AND USED CAR DEALERS,
AIRLINES, BUSES, TAXICABS, AND CAB RENTALS IN ALL RESIDENT
AGENCIES OF ATLANTA DIVISION BEING CHECKED AND SUBJECT'S
PHOTOGRAPH DISPLAYED.

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SUBJECT RAY'S NAME AND ALIASES CHECKED FOR AUTO REGISTRATION AND DRIVERS LICENSE FOR STATE OF GEORGIA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED NEIGHBORHOOD WEST OF FOURTEENTH STREET AND PEACHTREE, INCLUDING COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS. NOTHING OF PERTINENCE OBTAINED.

DOCTORS OF PSYCHIATRY AND PSYCHOLOGY IN BROAD AREA SURROUNDING FOURTEENTH AND PEACHTREE STREET INTERVIEWED BUT NO INDICATION SUBJECT RAY WAS PATIENT.

JIMMIE DELTON GARNER, OWNER ROOMINGHOUSE WHERE RAY LIVED IN ATLANTA, REINTERVIEWED THIS DATE, WAS INTOXICATED. SHOWN ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY WHICH HE COULD NOT IDENTIFY. DID STATE PICTURE ERIC STARVO GALT AS FURNISHED BY LOS ANGELES FROM BARTENDER'S SCHOOL WAS PERSON WHO STAYED AT HIS ROOMINGHOUSE.

CHECK AT POST OFFICE COVERING ROOMINGHOUSE AT ONE ONE THREE FOURTEENTH STREET, N.E., DID NOT REVEAL ANY MAIL FOR GALT.

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WFO, IF NOT ALREADY DONE, REQUESTED TO CHECK PASSPORT
RECORDS AGAINST SUBJECT'S NAME AND ALL ALIASES.

CASE CONTINUES RECEIVE TOP PRIORITY ACTION.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), KANSAS CITY AND
ST. LOUIS

FROM LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) 3P

MURKIN. C R. MEMPHIS ORIGIN.

INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM INDIVIDUAL, BLYTHEVILLE,
ARK., THAT RUSSELL LEE MARTIN, AKA RUSTY, WHILE DRINKING,
MADE STATEMENTS TO THE EFFECT THAT HE, MARTIN, WAS IN THE
MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY WITH JAMES EARL RAY. MARTIN
STATED WORKED IN BAKERY WITH RAY AND WAS THERE WHEN RAY
ESCAPED. SOURCE STATED HE ASKED MARTIN LOCATION OF RAY AND
MARTIN STATED, "YOU DON'T THINK I'D TELL YOU THAT," OR WORDS
TO THAT EFFECT. SOURCE STATED MARTIN RESIDING AT ARCADIA
MOTEL, BLYTHEVILLE, ARK.

RECORDS, ARCADIA MOTEL, REFLECT MARTIN MADE NUMEROUS
LOCAL CALLS AND MADE LONG DISTANCE CALLS ON APRIL EIGHT TO
AREA CODE THREE ONE FOUR, SIX NINE FIVE, REST OF NUMBER NOT
KNOWN, AND ON APRIL EIGHTEEN MADE TWO LONG DISTANCE CALLS
TO AREA CODE THREE ONE FOUR, THREE EIGHT FIVE AND ON
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APRIL NINETEEN, TWO CALLS TO THE SAME NUMBER AS ON APRIL EIGHTEEN.

SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY, LITTLE ROCK, ARK., RECORDS REFLECT INDIVIDUAL NAMED MARTIN, ROOM SIXTEEN, ARCADIA MOTEL, MADE PERSON TO PERSON CALL TO AN OWEN FOX AT THREE ONE FOUR DASH THREE EIGHT FIVE DASH SEVEN SIX FOUR FOUR. INDIVIDUAL AT TELEPHONE COMPANY STATED CITY WHEREIN THIS TELEPHONE NUMBER LOCATED NOT KNOWN TO HIM AND LOCATION OF PHONE COULD BE DETERMINED FROM TELEPHONE COMPANY AT EITHER ST. LOUIS OR KANSAS CITY. NR

SOURCE AT TELEPHONE COMPANY STATED THAT DUE TO STRIKE, WOULD BE UNABLE TO LOCATE COMPLETE NUMBER FOR CALL MADE ON APRIL EIGHT, NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT, UNTIL PROBABLY APRIL TWENTY-NINE, NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT.

ST. LOUIS AT ST. LOUIS, WILL, AT TELEPHONE COMPANY, DETERMINE IF THREE ONE FOUR DASH THREE EIGHT FIVE DASH SEVEN SIX FOUR FOUR IS A NUMBER WITHIN YOUR DIVISION AND, IF SO, CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY OWEN FOX.

KANSAS CITY AT KANSAS CITY, WILL CONDUCT SAME INVESTIGATION AS ST. LOUIS.

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AT JEFFERSON CITY, WILL VERIFY FACT THAT RUSSELL LEE
MARTIN WAS AN INMATE, MISSOURI STATE PRISON, SAME TIME AS
RAY. IF MARTIN HAS BEEN INMATE, FURNISH PHOTOGRAPH TO
ST. LOUIS AND LITTLE ROCK.

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953PM URGENT 4-22-68 JLS

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

MURKIN CR OO:ME SUMMARY

JOHN LARRY RAY, BROTHER OF SUBJECT, LOCATED OPERATING GRAPVINE TAVERN, ALLEGEDLY OWNED BY CAROL PEPPER, ONE NINE EIGHT TWO ARSENAL, RESIDING ONE NINE ZERO ZERO A CHEROKEE, SLMO. HE WAS UNABLE TO FURNISH ADDITIONAL INFO RE FAMILY, EXCEPT UNCLE WM MAHER, ONE ONE ONE EIGHT EAST SEVENTH, ALTON, ILL. KNEW OF JERRY RAYNES, CENTER, MO., BUT REFUSED TO ACKNOWLEDGE HIM AS FATHER. CLAIMED HAD SEEN SUBJECT TWICE IN TWENTY YEARS, ONCE WHEN SUBJECT GOT OUT OF ARMY AT QUINCY, ILL., AND THREE YEARS AGO AT MO PEN. EXPRESSED WONDER SUBJECT BEING HAUNTED AS ALL HE HAD DONE WAS KILL A QUOTE NIGGER UNQUOTE AND THAT THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN NO INTEREST IF KING HAD BEEN WHITE. STATED SUBJECT WOULD HAVE NO REASON TO CONTACT HIM, AND WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO LOCATE HIM ANYWAY.

MRS ROSEMARY SHIRLEY LOCATED. COOPERATIVE. FORMER NEIGHBOR OF CAROL PEPPER, NOT RELATED. DOES NOT KNOW SUBJECT. FURNISHED LOCATION OF JOHN LARRY RAY ABOVE.

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RE-DONE NEIGHBORHOOD NINETEEN THIRTEEN HICKORY, WHERE SUBJECTS MOTHER LIVED AT DEATH, (JAN TWENTY FIVE SIXTYONE, VERIFIED) UNPRODUCTIVE.

CAROL AND ALBERT PEPPER DECLINED FURTHER INTERVIEW,

EWING, MO. SCHOOL RECORD SHOWS JIMMY RAYNS BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FATHER JERRY RAYNS, ENTERED FIRST GRAD SEPT THIRTY FIVE, ATTENDED TO END EIGHTH GRADE MAY FORTY THREE. NO RECORD OF TRANSCRIPT FURNISHED ANY HIGH SCHOOL. HOUSE NO LONGER EXISTS. FAMILY MOVED TO QUINCY, ILL. SOME TIME PRIOR TO FIFTY TWO FOLLOWING DESERTION BY JERRY RAYNES.

INTERNATIONAL SHOE CO., SLMO HAS MICROFILM RECORD EMPLOYMENT JAMES EARL RAY AT WOODRIVE, ILL., PLANT, MAY TWENTY FORTY-FOUR TO LAYOFF DEC TEN FORTY FIVE FROM WHICH HE DID NOT RETURN. NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE.

ARMY RECORD FOR SUBJECT REVIEWED FOR LOCATION OF ASSIGNMENTS IN GERMANY AND LEADS SET FOR LEGAT BONN, IN VIEW OF SPECULATION OF SISTER, MELBA, HE MIGHT GO THERE. FOLLOWING RESIDENCE FOR SUBJECT NOTED IN RECORD: FIVE THREE EIGHT BROADWAY, ALTON, ILL. AT ENTER, FEB FORTY SIX. TWO ONE FIVE AND ONEHALF OAK, QUINCY, ILL., AT DISCHARGE, DEC. FORTY EIGHT, ALSO JULY FIFTY; TWO ONE FOUR SPRING, QUINCY, JULY FIFTY TWO. CLAIMED ONE YEAR HIGH SCHOOL, NO DATE AND PLACE GIVEN, AND EMPLOYMENT INTERNATIONAL SHOE, HARTFORD, ILL., FORTY FOUR DASH FORTY FIVE.

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FURTHER ATTEMPTS TO LOCATE FARM ALLEGEDLY OWNED BY JAMES DAVID DAILEY IN MO. BOOTHEEL NEGATIVE. SLPD RECORDS CONFIRM DAILEY STORY OF BROKEN TAVERN WINDOWS, BEATING OF DAILEY BY JUNIOR RAY CONWAY, SUBSEQUENT SHOOTING OF CONWAY BY DAILEY, AND ESCAPE AND APPREHENSION OF THOMAS BEECHAM CREWS, SLPD NUMBER AR THREE DASH TWO ZERO FOUR SEVEN, WHOM DAILEY ADMITTED HAVING HARBORED.

IF NOT ALREADY DONE SPRINGFIELD CHECK RESIDENCES AND UNCLE ABOVE.

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9:47PM URGENT 4-22-68 DPK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, WASHINGTON FIELD,
NEW YORK, ATLANTA, AND KANSAS CITY
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

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RE WILSHIRE BOOK COMPANY.

MELVIN POWERS, OWNER-MANAGER, WILSHIRE BOOK COMPANY,
EIGHT SEVEN TWO ONE, SUNSET BOULEVARD, LOS ANGELES: HIS OFFICE
SECRETARY, FRIEDA FREEDMAN, AND FIVE OTHER EMPLOYEES (ENTIRE
STAFF) WERE INTERVIEWED AND PHOTOS OF RAY WERE EXHIBITED TO THEM.
NONE HAS ANY RECOLLECTION OF RAY AS EVER HAVING BEEN PATRON OF WILSHIRE
BOOK COMPANY. POWERS SAID BECAUSE MANY OF BOOK TITLES THEY
PUBLISH DEAL WITH SELF-HYPNOTISM, WILSHIRE BOOK COMPANY RECEIVES
TELEPHONE INQUIRIES SEEKING HELP IN THAT FIELD. THESE CALLERS ARE
REFERRED TO DR. MARK O. FREEMAN, WHICH POWERS FEELS WAS PROBABLY
PROCEDURE FOLLOWED WITH REGARD TO JAMES E. RAY.

RECHECK OF ALL AVAILABLE BOOK ORDERS COVERING PERIOD OF
DECEMBER SIXTY SEVEN TO PRESENT FAILED TO REFLECT ANY ORDERS UNDER
NAMES OF RAY OR GALT.

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POWERS SAID HIS PREVIOUS LISTS, COVERING ALL MAIL ORDER PURCHASES, PRIOR TO DECEMBER LAST, ARE CURRENTLY MAINTAINED BY KEN OLSEN, OF WILLA MADDERN, INC., TWO ONE FIVE PARK AVENUE SOUTH, NEW YORK CITY, TELEPHONE SPRING SEVEN SEVEN FOUR SIX ZERO. HE SAID NY OFFICE SHOULD BE SURE AND MENTION IN CONTACTING OLSEN THEY WISH TO CHECK MAILING LISTS BOTH FOR MELVIN POWERS AND WILSHIRE BOOK COMPANY, AS HE IS NOT SURE WHETHER OLSEN MAINTAINS ONE OR TWO SEPARATE LISTS.

NEW YORK REQUESTED TO ASCERTAIN IF SUBJECT AS RAY OR GALT IS ON MAIL ORDER LIST.

RE MONEY ORDER PHASE, BANK OF AMERICA, LOS ANGELES

HELOISA KELLER, INDIVIDUAL WHO SOLD SUBJECT MONEY ORDERS AT BANK OF AMERICA, HOLLYWOOD AND WESTERN BRANCH, ON FEBRUARY TWO SIX LAST, WAS SHOWN PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY. SHE STATED SHE COULD NOT RECALL THE TRANSACTION OR WAS THE INDIVIDUAL IN THE PHOTOGRAPH FAMILIAR TO HER.

RE RABBITS FOOT CLUB PHASE

BO DELMONTE AND JAMES E. MORRISON, BARTENDERS, RABBITS FOOT CLUB, HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA ADVISED INDIVIDUAL RESEMBLING SUBJECT FREQUENT CUSTOMER AT BAR. THEY STATED THIS INDIVIDUAL BELIEVED TO HAVE USED NAME QUOTE DOUG COLLINS END QUOTE WHEN PURCHASING KEY TO
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KEY CLUB OPERATION AT BAR. NO KNOWLEDGE AS TO ASSOCIATES OR PRESENT LOCATION.

RE LARSON BOOK STORE PHASE

LOUISE LARSON, LARSON BOOK STORE, HOLLYWOOD, ADVISED AFTER VIEWING PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECT THAT HE WAS FORMER CUSTOMER AT STORE. SHE COULD NOT RECALL ANY SPECIFIC TRANSACTIONS REGARDING SUBJECT NOR ANY DESCRIPTIVE DATA OTHER THAN THAT ALREADY KNOWN.

ST. FRANCIS HOTEL PHASE

MANAGER, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, ADVISED THAT NO INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFIABLE WITH SUBJECT HAS BEEN IN HOTEL SINCE HIS DEPARTURE ON OR ABOUT MARCH SEVENTEEN LAST. ANONYMOUS COMPLAINANT HAD ADVISED THAT SUBJECT WAS AT ROOM FIVE ZERO SEVEN. MANAGER STATES TENANT AT ROOM FIVE ZERO SEVEN IS FEMALE NURSE HAS BEEN TENANT FOR APPROXIMATELY TEN YEARS.

U.S. POSTAL MONEY ORDER PHASE

JAMES EARL RAY, AKA ERIC S. GALT, UTILIZED U.S. POSTAL MONEY ORDER NUMBER ONE NINE ONE SIX TWO ONE ONE ZERO SEVEN EIGHT OF THE AMOUNT FIFTEEN DOLLARS IN PAYMENT TO THE LOCKSMITHING INSTITUTE, BLOOMFIELD, NEW JERSEY. THIS MONEY ORDER DATED MARCH EIGHT LAST. THIS MONEY ORDER WAS ONE OF SERIES SOLD AT U.S. POST OFFICE,
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SANTA MONICA - WESTERN STATION. DURING PERIOD FEBRUARY ONE LAST THROUGH APRIL FOUR LAST U.S. POSTAL MONEY ORDER SERIES ONE NINE ZERO EIGHT ONE EIGHT THREE EIGHT FIVE SIX THROUGH ONE NINE ZERO EIGHT ONE EIGHT THREE NINE NINE NINE WERE SOLD AS WELL AS U.S. POSTAL MONEY ORDER SERIES ONE NINE ONE SIX TWO ONE ZERO ZERO ZERO ZERO THROUGH ONE NINE ONE SIX TWO ONE ONE NINE NINE NINE. FURTHER INVESTIGATION DETERMINED THAT INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PURCHASER OF U.S. POSTAL MONEY ORDER AND TO WHOM THE FUNDS WERE TO BE RECEIVED AS WRITTEN ON THE MONEY ORDER, COULD BE OBTAINED ONLY BY REVIEW OF THE CANCELLED MONEY ORDERS AT MONEY ORDER DIVISION, U.S. POST OFFICE, G.A.O. BUILDING, FOUR FOUR ONE G STREET, WASHINGTON, D.C.

WFO REQUEST TO REVIEW BOTH SERIES OF MONEY ORDERS FOR ANY THAT MAY HAVE BEEN UTILIZED BY SUBJECT.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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7:48 PM URGENT 4/22/68 KCK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), CHICAGO, INDIANAPOLIS, KANSAS CITY,
MEMPHIS (44-1987), NEW YORK AND ST. LOUIS
FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) (2P)

MURKIN

RE: JOHN LARRY RAY.

RE CGTEL, APRIL NINETEEN, LAST.

RECORDS OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE BUREAU OF CRIMINAL
IDENTIFICATION AND INVESTIGATION (CII) REFLECTED THE FOLLOWING
INFORMATION RE JOHN LARRY RAY:

HE HAS CII NUMBER SEVEN FOUR ONE SEVEN FOUR ZERO, FBI
NUMBER THREE SIX EIGHT SEVEN TWO FIVE A, AND WAS BOOKED AS A
"SLEEPER" AT HOLTVILLE, CALIFORNIA, ON DECEMBER THREE, ONE NINE
FIVE TWO, HOLTVILLE PD NUMBER ONE THREE FOUR ONE, AT WHICH TIME
HE WAS DESCRIBED AS WMA, FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, ONE FIVE FIVE
POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, BROWN EYES, DATE OF BIRTH

HE LISTED HIS HOME ADDRESS AS ONE NINE
THREE SEVEN LINCOLN AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, AND HIS MOTHER
AS LUCILLE RAY, SAME ADDRESS.

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CII RECORDS REFLECT JOHN LARRY RAY WAS ARRESTED BY INDIANA STATE POLICE ON DECEMBER THIRTY, ONE NINE FOUR NINE, AT LIGONIER AND WAS CONFINED TO THE INDIANA STATE REFORMATORY AT PENDLETON, INDIANA, ON JANUARY TWO FOUR, ONE NINE FIVE ZERO, THEIR NUMBER THREE FIVE TWO NINE SEVEN, ON A SECOND DEGREE BURGLARY CHARGE.

ON NOVEMBER TWO FIVE, ONE NINE SIX SEVEN, A RECORD CHECK RECEIVED BY CII FROM A DETECTIVE THORNBERRY OF THE ST. LOUIS PD ON JOHNNY LARRY RAY, AKA JERRY WILLIAM RYAN, DOB

RECORD OF ST. LOUIS PD INDICATED RAY LISTED PREVIOUS RESIDENCES AT MAPLEWOOD AND ST. LOUIS MISSOURI; BLOOMINGDALE, ILLINOIS; CONCORD HOTEL, KIAMESHA LAKE, NEW YORK; AND ONE FOUR SIX ZERO SUTTER STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

LEADS: CHICAGO, INDIANAPOLIS, NEW YORK, AND ST. LOUIS: ATTEMPT TO LOCATE JAMES EARL RAY'S BROTHER IN YOUR DIVISION OR INFORMATION AS TO HIS PRESENT WHEREABOUTS.

SAN FRANCISCO: WILL DETERMINE AT ONE FOUR SIX ZERO SUTTER STREET ANY INFORMATION ON JOHN LARRY RAY.

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URGENT 4/22/68 RWP

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SACS MEMPHIS (44-1987), CHICAGO
44-1114, KANSAS CITY, AND SPRINGFIELD

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (44-493)

MURKIN, CR. OO MEMPHIS.

RE CHICAGO TEL BUREAU APRIL TWENTY LAST, AND BUTEL ALL
SAC'S APRIL NINETEEN LAST.

FOR INFO SPRINGFIELD AND KANSAS CITY, CHICAGO IN INTERVIEW
OF SUBJECT'S BROTHER JERRY RAY DETERMINED AN UNCLE EARL RAY
WHO WOULD BE ABOUT SEVENTY AND WHO HAD SERVED A TERM IN
ISP, MENARD, ILLINOIS, REPORTEDLY HAD LIVED IN SYRACUSE, N.Y.,
AND DIED IN ABOUT NOVEMBER NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT. RECORDS
BVS, SYRACUSE, NEW YORK, TODAY DISCLOSED NO RECORD OF EARL RAY.
CITY DIRECTORIES AND APPROPRIATE CREDIT AND CRIMINAL RECORDS
DISCLOSED NO RECORD OF EARL RAY.

SPRINGFIELD OFFICE CHECK RECORDS ISP, MENARD, ILLINOIS,
FOR RECORD OF EARL RAY AND FURNISH IDENTIFYING INFO.

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TELETYPE BEING SENT CHICAGO TO SHOW LEAD SET OUT FOR
SPRINGFIELD.

ALBANY AT AWLBANY WILL CHECK RECORDS OF NYS DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH, BVS, FOR RECORD OF DEATH OF EARL RAY IN ABOUT NOVEMBER
NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT, AT VICINITY SYRACUSE, N.Y.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS (44-1987) PHOENIX (44-371)

LITTLE ROCK (157-1215), DALLAS, KANSAS CITY, JACKSONVILLE.

FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509) 2P

MURKIN; CR. MEMPHIS ORIGIN.

RE LITTLE ROCK TEL THIS DATE.

CLARENCE EUGENE BRIZENDINE INTERVIEWED AT HOUSTON AND ADVISED AS FOLLOWS.

BRIZENDINE AND DAVID L. WILSON ON CROSS COUNTRY RUN FOR SHAW COMPANY SUMMER NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN. AT LEBANON, MISSOURI, POLICE STOPPED TRUCK, WILSON DRIVING, AND CHARGED WILSON WITH DRUNK DRIVING. BRIZENDINE WAS ASLEEP IN TRUCK BUNK AND NOT CHARGED OR TAKEN INTO CUSTODY. BRIZENDINE SLEPT THAT NIGHT IN TRUCK CAB AND NEXT MORNING, WITHOUT EXTRA DRIVER, RETURNED TO POINT OF ORIGIN. HE HAS NOT SEEN WILSON SINCE AND DOES NOT KNOW WILSON'S WHEREABOUTS. HE LEARNED WILSON WAS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND HAD CALLED EMPLOYER FOR FINE PAYMENT.

BRIZENDINE KNOWS LITTLE OF WILSON'S BACKGROUND AS HE HAD
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MADE ONLY ONE PREVIOUS ROAD TRIP WITH WILSON. DESCRIBED WILSON AS QUOTE ODD UNQUOTE AND POSSIBLY AN ALCOHOLIC. WILSON ONLY TALKED ABOUT LIQUOR OF FAMILY, WHICH WAS AT FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA. HE RECALLS NO CONVERSATION WITH WILSON RE RACIAL PROBLEMS. WAS UNAWARE OF ANY PRISON CONFINEMENT FOR WILSON.

PHOTOGRAPHS, NAME AND AKA'S OF JAMES EARL RAY UNFAMILIAR TO BRIZENDINE.

KANSAS CITY AT LEBANON, MISSOURI: VERIFY ARREST RECORD OF DAVID L. WILSON AND ATTEMPT TO VERIFY BAR IN VICINITY OF JAIL WHERE WILSON MADE PHONE CALL AND ALLEGEDLY MET RAY.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, (44-760)

DATE: 4/22/68

FROM : SA ROBERT L. ROSI P

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of SA ORVILLE N. THOMAS, 4/20/68.

The following investigation was conducted by
SAS PATRICK P. QUIGLEY and ROBERT L. ROSI, 4/20/68:

KENT KIMBRELL, Day Clerk, New Yorker Hotel, 1114 Baltimore, Kansas City, Missouri, was contacted regarding individuals who live on the 9th floor, and advised that everyone on that floor is known to him, concerning physical descriptions, and he advised that none are identical or bear a strong resemblance to JAMES EARL RAY, aka - Fugitive. KIMBRELL made available registrations of individuals staying in the hotel, and stated that one individual JAY R. COWDERY, 8040 Lake Otis Parkway, Anchorage, Alaska, staying in room 706, was unfamiliar to him, and could be the individual being sought. Night clerk, was BUD TALBERT, 5626 Holmes, Kansas City, Missouri.

Agents introduced themselves to Mr. COWDERY, Room 706, and noted that he did not meet the description nor was he identical with JAMES EARL RAY, aka - Fugitive.

BUD TALBERT, 5626 Holmes, Kansas City, Missouri, telephone DE 3-7982, advised that he recalls the individual who departed a Toedman Cab around 5 AM this morning, and stated he took no special notice of the man. TALBERT stated that the man was definitely not identical with JAMES EARL RAY, aka Fugitive, photographs of whom he was shown, and whose picture he remarked having seen in the morning newspaper.

JOHN JONES, 3740 Olive St., Kansas City, Missouri, advised that he had picked a man up, and retold the story given telephonically to SA ORVILLE N. THOMAS at 9:25 AM 4/20/68. JOHN JONES viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and stated that it was dark in the cab, and he could only say that his passenger bore a resemblance to subject, nothing else.



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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-760)

FROM : SA G. VICTOR REUSCHLEIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS

DATE: 4/22/68

On 4/19/68 SA G. VICTOR REUSCHLEIN, with permission of STUART G. CHANT, Manager, reviewed all applications of the Employers Overload, 207 East 13th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, with negative results, in attempt to locate information concerning:

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Earl James,
Harvey Lowmyer,
James McBride,
James O'Conner,
Earl James Ray,
James Walton,
James Walyon,
John Willard

and

RAY's associate WALTER TERRY RIFE.

CHANT advised that the home office of Employers Overload, 400 2nd Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota, would have the payroll records of all employees throughout the United States who worked through Employers Overload.

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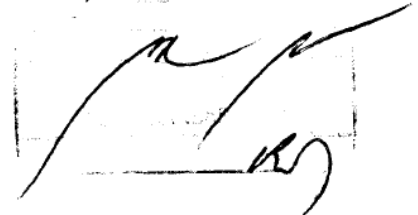
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TO : SAC, (44-760) -P-

FROM : SA G. VICTOR REUSCHLEIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS

DATE: 4-19-68

On April 15, 16 and 17, 1968, SA G. VICTOR REUSCHLEIN conducted investigation at dance studios throughout the metropolitan Kansas City area in an effort to identify by display of artist conception and descriptive data, the identity and location of suspect ERIC STARVO GALT, aka Harvey Lowmyer and John Willard. The following instructors and studios teach ballroom or social dancing to adults, however, they could not identify suspect:

Mr. JULIAN ARREDONDO's School of Ballroom Dancing, 3845 Main, phone LO 1-5545.

~~Mr. MACK KING~~, Mr. LARRY HINES, Mr. CHARLES DUVALL, Mr. DAVID CAILLE, Mrs. LEE PORTER of the Fred Astaire Dance Studio, 3109 Main, phone WE 1-0594.

Mrs. JERRY ALBRIGHT and Mrs. NORM O'SULLIVAN, Office Manager, Arthur Murray Studio, 1227 Walnut, ph one BA 1-5544.

JOE BEADES of Beades and Rickert Dance Studio, 8101 Troost, phone JA 3-0648.

Mr. ROBERT LEWIS of Flaugh and Lewis School of Dance, 1111 E. 62nd Street, phone HI 4-7434.

Mrs. PATTIE HANDLY Studio, 7820 Foster, phone NI 8-2626 or MI 9-3999.

Mrs. MYLDRED LYONS Studio, 220 West 74th, phone EM 3-1077 or DE 3-3955.

Miss SHIRLEE HULSE Dance Studio, 4800 N. Highland, phone GL 2-3200.

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RAY and JERRY WALTERS Studio, 1922 North 18th,
phone DR 1-4627.

BOB and MARTY JONES Studio, 7146 Mission Road,
phone EN 2-7578.

The following instructors and studios do not teach
adults:

ARDEN NICHOLS, Dolly Dance, 12412 Brooklyn, phone
WI 2-9342.

BRUCE SCHOOLS, 711 East 92nd, phone HI 4-3660.

IRANGARD ALTVATER of The Roeland Park Dance Academy,
5520 Johnson Drive, Roeland Park, Kansas, phone
HE 2-7444 or TE 1-2061.

DELORES FAHERTY, 9025 East 35th, phone WA 4-4999
or CL 2-9999.

Mr. KENNETH HARDING of Gladstone Fine Arts, 6700
North Oak Street Trafficway, phone GE 6-1743.

JUDY HULBERT of Guffey Olson Dance Studio, 9203
West 58th Terrace, HE 2-0086 or TU 8-3776.

VICKIE WILLIAMS or Gladys Joseph School, 8724
Blue Ridge Boulevard, phone SO 3-6238 or WA 4-6475.

JOAN LANG Dance School, 514 North Sterling, phone
IN 1-9765 or CL 2-7686.

LINDA's Dance and Baton School, LINDA FEHRMAN,
1806 Swift, phone VI 2-4620 or GL 2-3727.

LOIS DUNCAN Dance Studio, 5115 North Brighton, phone
GL 2-2228.

MARY LOU WADE School, 5209 1/2 Northeast Antioch
Road, phone GL 3-2494.

ZELLA MAE MOTEN, 3502 Indiana, phone WA 4-4070 or
WA 4-2253.

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BILL MOLLESON, Overland Dance Studio, 7725
West 81st Street, phone NI 2-2426.

PAUL PAGANO Dance Studio, 304 East 72nd Street
North, phone GE 6-0163.

RAE JEAN HARTLEY Dance Studio, 6140 Hadley,
phone FL 6-8355 or FL 6-7778.

Mrs. SAMMIE ROARK Studio, 3660 West 95th,
phone NI 2-8886 or WI 2-1672.

SAUNDRA LEE SCHNEIDER, 3509 Red Bridge Road,
phone SO 3-4272 or JE 1-7404.

RUTH SHAFTON, 9419 Lamar, phone MI 9-6664 or
MI 9-1425.

SMITH Sisters Dance Studio, 2121 East 39th,
phone WA 4-8080 or WA 3-6228.

BETTY TILLOTSON Studio, 7529 Wornall Road, phone
EM 3-6913 or HI 4-0837.

BETTY SOABY, University of Missouri at Kansas City,
5100 Rockhill Road, phone CR 6-2731.

JOAN WALSH, Ward Parkway School of Dance, 8600
Ward Parkway, phone EM 3-5883 or WI 2-0951.

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TELETYPE URGENT

TO: SAC HOUSTON
FROM: SAC DALLAS (44-2649)

MURKIN

JAMES M. SHEPARD, TWO SEVEN ONE ONE WELBORN ST, DALLAS, TODAY ADVISED HE WAS IN "OFFICE BAR", BEAUMONT, TEXAS, MONDAY EVENING APRIL FIFTEEN LAST, ABOUT TEN THIRTY PM WHEN OBSERVED INDIVIDUAL SITTING FRONT OF BAR COUNTER WHO CLOSELY RESEMBED COMPOSITE DRAWING OF ERIC STARVO GALT HE HAD SEEN IN BEAUMONT NEWSPAPER. DESCRIBED INDIVIDUAL AS WM, THIRTYFIVE-FORTY, FIVE FT. TEN-ELEVEN, HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVENTYFIVE LBS, BROWN HAIR, POINTED NOSE; HAVING EYES THAT SEEMED "VERY FIXED" AND CLOSE TO NOSE, WHO APPEARED NERVOUS AND "DEEP IN THOUGHT." SHEPARD STATED HE INQUIRED OF ANOTHER CUSTOMER SITTING NEXT TO HIM ABOUT THIS INDIVIDUAL AND WAS TOLD THIS MAN HAD FREQUENTED BAR FOR APPROX SIX MONTH PERIOD. SHEPARD STATED THAT HE WENT TO REST ROOM AND UPON RETURNING THE QUESTIONED INDIVIDUAL HAD LEFT BAR AND CUSTOMER WITH WHOM HE HAD HAD PREVIOUS CONVERSATION COMMENTED TO HIM THAT HE HAD BETTER LEAVE AS HIS LIFE WAS IN DANGER. SHEPARD SAID THAT HE THEN DEPARTED. SHEPARD FURTHER

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**STATED UPON SEEING PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY TODAY IN DALLAS
NEWSPAPER HE FURTHER FELT THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL HE OBSERVED IN
BAR CLOSELY RESEMBLED RAY.**

**SHEPARD ADVISED BAR LOCATED ON EAST ELEVENTH ST, OR ON
NORTH ELEVENTH ST, BEAUMONT, AND IT HAS PROMINENT PHOTO OF
GEORGE WALLACE ON WALL.**

HOUSTON AT BEAUMONT. HANDLE.

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AIRMAIL COPIES FURNISHED MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-760)

DATE: 4/20/68

FROM : SA JOHN M. GATTIS P

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/20/68, at 2:10 pm, SA BUCKLEY of the St. Louis Division, telephonically advised the following:

The St. Louis Office had received a telephone call from the Congress Inn, St. Louis, Missouri, indicating an individual by the name of JAMES RAY had stayed at the motel the evening of 4/18/68, who very much resembled the subject of captioned case. Upon registering at the Congress Inn, JAMES RAY indicated he was with Allstate Insurance Co., Columbia, Missouri. He was driving a 1967 Plymouth 4-door, dark green in color, with license plates SE or GE 40861. Witnesses thought this was a Missouri plate. JAMES RAY registered in the motel at 5:08 pm on 4/18/68, paid for the room in advance and left the motel sometime prior to noon on 4/19/68. According to employees at the Congress Inn, an individual by the name of JAMES RAY had been a guest at the motel approximately a year ago, stating he was an employee of Allstate in St. Louis and had skipped his room rent. At the time, they checked with Allstate and officers indicated he had never been employed with them.

SA BUCKLEY requested that Allstate Insurance Co. in Columbia, Missouri be contacted to ascertain if JAMES RAY was employed there.

On 4/20/68, SA ROWEN B. AYERS was contacted and advised of the above. He advised that Detective BEMER, Columbia, Missouri Police Department had contacted BOB CROUSE, Allstate Insurance Agent, Columbia, Missouri, and CROUSE advised that JAMES RAY did not work for Allstate in Columbia. CROUSE further advised that the home office of Allstate is in North Brook, Illinois and that the regional office is in Kansas City, Missouri.

On 4/20/68, regional office of Allstate Insurance Co., telephone DE 3-6800, was contacted and an answering service answered indicating that the office would not be open until Monday, 4/22/68.

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AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Will contact officials of Allstate Insurance Co. Regional Office, 4800 East 63rd Street Trafficway to ascertain if JAMES RAY is employed for this company. Will thereafter determine if JAMES RAY could be identical with subject.

At 4:30 pm, SA BUCKLEY was telephonically advised of the above.

*Mr. Lois Brown, Assistant Personnel
Manager Allstate 4/22/68
advised no employee by
name of James Ray. Advised Personnel
Manager Robert Slater will be available
4/23/68 for final check of records.*

*Buckley advised
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TELETYPE DEFERRED

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)(MAIL) AND SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)
FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561) 1P
MURKIN; JAMES EARL RAY, AKA-FUGITIVE. UFAC-ROBBERY, FIRST.
OO KC.

REBU TELEPHONE CALL ALL OFFICES TODAY; SPRINGFIELD
TELEPHONE CALL TO SAN FRANCISCO TODAY; SAN FRANCISCO TELETYPE
TO BUREAU, APRIL TWELVE LAST RE MURKIN.

SPRINGFIELD INVESTIGATIVE FILE CONCERNING JAMES EARL RAY
INDICATES RAY FORMERLY RESIDED QUINCY, ILLINOIS: TWO ONE FIVE
OAK STREET, CARE OF LUCILLE RYAN IN NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT; AND,
TWO ONE FOUR SPRING STREET IN NINETEEN FIFTYTWO. ASSOCIATE,
WALTER TERRY RIFE, HAS RELATIVES QUINCY, ILLINOIS.

SAN FRANCISCO REINTERVIEW HARVEY EDWARD LOMMEYER,
SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA, WHO WAS FORMERLY FROM QUINCY, ILLINOIS,
TO DETERMINE IF ACQUAINTED WITH RAY AND RIFE AND IF IN POSSESSION
INFORMATION RE CURRENT WHEREABOUTS.

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cc: Bureau (44-38861)(AM)
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI, WFO, PITTSBURGH, AND MEMPHIS
FROM CLEVELAND (44-565) 4*

MURKIN.

MR. STANFORD KOBLENTZ, MANAGER, AKERS FOLKMAN TRAVEL AGENCY, ONE NINE ZERO THREE EAST NINTH STREET, CLEVELAND, OHIO, PHONE MA ONE - NINE THREE TWO THREE, AND MISS LINDA WANTZ, ONE THREE THREE ZERO WEST BOULEVARD, APARTMENT FIVE ZERO THREE - C, CLERK, TRAVEL AGENCY, STATED A MAN, WHO APPEARED TO BE IDENTICAL WITH JAMES EARL RAY, WAS IN THEIR OFFICE APRIL EIGHTEENTH, LAST, AT NINE:FORTY FIVE A.M. USING THE NAME CHARLES MOATS. THEY STATED PHOTOGRAPHS IN NEWSPAPER AND PHOTOGRAPHS EXHIBITED TO THEM BY AGENTS OF RAY APPEARED TO BE IDENTICAL WITH THE INDIVIDUAL USING THE NAME CHARLES MOATS. THEY STATED MOATS STATED HE WANTED TO GO TO CLARKSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA, IN A HURRY, AND DID NOT CARE HOW MANY STOPS THE PLANE MADE EN ROUTE.

MOATS WAS GIVEN A TICKET FOR NORTHWEST FLIGHT NUMBER THREE TWO SIX, WHICH FLIES NON-STOP TO NATIONAL AIRPORT,
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EIGHTEENTH, SIXTYEIGHT, AND WAS GIVEN A TICKET FOR TRANSFER
OUT OF WASHINGTON ON LAKE CENTRAL AIRLINES FLIGHT NUMBER
FIVE THREE FOUR FROM D.C. NATIONAL AIRPORT AT ONE:FIFTY-FIVE
P.M., ARRIVING CLARKSBURG THREE:TWELVE P.M.

WANTZ STATED MOATS INDICATED HE ARRIVED IN CLEVELAND,
OHIO, VIA BUS ON THAT AM. AND HIS LUGGAGE WAS AT SOME UNKNOWN
TERMINAL. WANTZ AND KOBLENTZ DESCRIBED MOATS AS FOLLOWS:

HEIGHT:	FIVE FEET, ELEVEN INCHES
WEIGHT:	ONE SIXTY-FIVE TO ONE SEVENTY POUNDS
HAIR:	DARK BROWN
BUILD:	MEDIUM
AGE:	MID-THIRTIES
CHARACTERISTICS:	CLEAN SHAVEN
SCARS:	ONE-HALF INCH SCAR EN MIDDLE OF FOREHEAD CURVED TOWARDS LEFT EYE STOPPING APPROXIMATELY ONE INCH ABOVE EYE

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THEY STATED HE WAS ATTIRED IN A DARK TWEED SPORTS JACKET WITH SPORT SHIRT OPEN AT NECK, AND NOT HAT. THEY STATED SPORTS JACKET LOOKED LIKE HE MAY HAVE SLEPT IN IT AND WAS IN NEED OF CLEANING AND PRESSING. THEY STATED HE TALKED WITH A HILLBILLY ACCENT, BUT USED GOOD ENGLISH. BOTH STATED SUBJECT APPEARED TO BE EXTREMELY NERVOUS.

CHECK WITH NORTHWEST AIRLINES SERVICE SUPERVISOR, MISS SHIRLEY ERRIES, CLEVELAND, OHIO, REFLECTS RESERVATION MADE BY CHARLES MOATS FOR FLIGHT NUMBER THREE TWO SIX EN ROUTE NATIONAL AIRPORT, WASHINGTON, D.C., NON-STOP.

WFO, AT NATIONAL AIRPORT, WILL ASCERTAIN IF MOATS CONTINUED TO CLARKSBURG AND WILL ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL WITH RAY BY CONTACTING LAKE CENTRAL AIRLINES.

PITTSBURGH, AT CLARKSBURG, WILL CONTINUE INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY AND LOCATE CHARLES MOATS TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL WITH RAY.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING AT CLEVELAND.

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Date: 4/20/68

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SACS PHOENIX
MEMPHIS (44-1987)
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FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

RE OMAHA TEL TO BUREAU, APRIL NINETEEN LAST, AND SALT
LAKE CITY TEL TO BUREAU, APRIL TWENTY INSTANT.

ASSOCIATES OF SUBJECT: REFERENCED OMAHA TELETYPE SET
FORTH INFORMATION GIVEN BY SUBJECT IN APRIL NINETEEN FIFTY,
WHEN ARRESTED IN MARION, IOWA. HE CLAIMED HE GAMBLED WITH
ONE BILL HOLLAND IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, PRIOR TO ARREST IN
APRIL NINETEEN FIFTY. REFERENCED SALT LAKE CITY TEL ADVISES
ONE WILLIAM HENRY HOLLAND MOVED TO LOS ANGELES ABOUT NINETEEN
FIFTY SEVEN. NO INFORMATION DEVELOPED INDICATING HOLLAND
PRESENTLY IN LOS ANGELES AREA; HOWEVER, REPORT OF SA DANIEL

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E. KELLY, PHOENIX, JULY TWENTY EIGHT, NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE, BUREAU FILE TWENTY SIX DASH THREE FIVE ZERO NINE ONE NINE, PHOENIX FILE TWENTY SIX DASH TWO FOUR ONE ONE TWO, STATES WILLIAM HENRY HOLLAND, FBI NUMBER SIX SIX THREE FOUR FIVE, SENTENCED IN U. S. DISTRICT COURT, PHOENIX, ON JULY TWENTY SEVEN, NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE, FOR PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS. IT IS NOTED HOLLAND WAS IN USP LEVENWORTH, SAME TIME AS SUBJECT.

PHOENIX REQUESTED TO DETERMINE THE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF HOLLAND AND INTERVIEW HOLLAND FOR ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION LEADING TO WHEREABOUTS OF SUBJECT.

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FBI LOUISVLE

953AM URGENT 4-23-68 DS

TO JACKSONVILLE (44-769), KANSAS CITY (88-9449), MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM LOUISVILLE (44-947)

MURKIN, CR, OO MEMPHIS.

AT EIGHT THIRTY AM TODAY ANONYMOUS CALLER TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED LEXINGTON, KY. RA. VOICE OF CALLER SOUNDED LIKE REASONABLY YOUNG WHITE WOMAN. SHE ADVISED AS FOLLOWS.

SHE JUST RETURNED TO "TOWN" (LEXINGTON, KY.) AND NOTICED PUBLICITY IN PAPERS RE MAN WANTED FOR MURDER OF KING. ON WEEK FOLLOWING MURDER SHE WAS IN PANAMA CITY (FLA.) AND THERE SAW INDIVIDUAL WHO CLOSELY RESEMBLED PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECT APPEARING IN PRESS. THIS INDIVIDUAL HAD BLACK HAIR BUT HAIR APPEARED TO BE DYED INASMUCH AS IT WAS BLACK ONTOP AND BROWN AROUND TEMPLES. THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS GOING UNDER NAME OF DON AND/OR GEORGE MC BRIDE AND WAS WORKING FOR MRS. BILL MORRIS OF EDGEWATER, FLA. IN A TELEPHONE PROMOTION OF PROJECT KNOWN AS THE OAKLAND TERRACE MEN'S CLUB INPANAMA CITY. CALLER SAID ALSO THAT THIS MAN HAD WITH HIM A SIXTY - SEVENTY YEAR OLD WOMAN WHO SAID SHE WAS FROM ALTON, ILL. MC BRIDE SAID HE HAD BEEN IN PENSACOLA THE PREVIOUS WEEK.

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WHEN ATTEMPTS WERE MADE TO DETERMINE THE IDENTITY OF CALLER SHE STATED SHE DID NOT WANT HER NAME USED OR BECOME INVOLVED IN THE MATTER AND DID NOT GIVE HER NAME. WHEN EFFORTS MADE TO QUESTION HER FURTHER, SHE HUNG UP. LOUISVILLE HAS NO WAY OF DETERMINING IDENTITY OF CALLER OR SECURING FURTHER INFORMATION.

JACKSONVILLE AT PANAMA CITY AND EDGEWATER, FLA., DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THE GEORGE AND/OR DON MC BRIDE WORKING FOR MRS. BILL MORRIS IS IDENT WITH SUBJECT. A & D.

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DATE: 4/23/68

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TO: ALL AGENTS
FROM: SAC, (44-760) -P-
RE: MURKIN

Re Memphis teletype to Director Etal dated 4/22/68.

Referenced communication states that in connection with identification of JAMES EARL RAY as subject in instant matter, the source of his funds becomes of paramount interest. Each office was requested to review his unsub bank robbery and bank burglary matters where latents were recovered and have latents searched against latents in MURKIN case.

Probability also exists that RAY may have been involved in burglary or robbery not in FBI jurisdiction and may be matter of interest to local police departments. Offices are instructed to 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. In connection with this, SA LEO V. EWING should contact the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department; SA OTTO T. HANDWERK, JR., Kansas City, Kansas, Police Department; SA JAMES P. HOSTY, JR., Johnson County law enforcement agencies and SA LARRY D. FINK, Independence, Missouri, Police Department. In addition, each RA and Road Trip Agent should contact law enforcement agencies in their area.

Also Agents with sources with knowledge of the boothill area of Missouri should be contacted regarding JAMES DAVID DAILEY who is an alleged former friend and associate of RAY who reportedly

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harbored RAY briefly following his escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary. DAILEY was born [REDACTED] Wordell, Missouri, white male, 5'9½", 155 pounds, brown hair and eyes, FBI #4993150, and is operator of a restaurant in Portageville, Missouri. He is alleged to own farm near Portageville or Wordell, Missouri, and is the type of individual who would harbor subject. Sources with knowledge of boothill area of Missouri should be contacted regarding the subject, DAILEY, DAILEY's family and location of any farm property owned by them.

The following is a complete description of JAMES EARL RAY, aka Earl James Ray, W.C. Herron, Earl James, James McBride, James O'Conner, James Walton, James Walyon, Eric Starvo Galt, FBI #306443A:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Dates of birth	[REDACTED]
Places of birth	Decatur, Illinois; Quincy, Illinois; Alton, Illinois
Height	Approximately 5'10"
Weight	174 pounds, September, 1966
Complexion	Ruddy
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown
Build	Medium
Occupations	Laborer, baker
Scars & marks	Small scar on center of forehead; scar in palm of right hand
Addresses	St. Louis, Missouri, March, 1960; 2015 Park, St. Louis, Missouri, October, 1959; Quincy, Illinois, July, 1955, March, 1955, April, 1950; Hotel Quincy, Quincy, Illinois, March, 1955; Victor Hotel, Quincy, Illinois, March, 1955, August, 1954; 1429 Chery, Hannibal, Missouri, March, 1955; 853 West Fullerton, Chicago, Illinois, May, 1952; 805 Alby Street, Alton, Illinois, July, 1951

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MURKIN. OO MEMPHIS.

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO BUREAU, ET AL, APRIL TWENTYTWO SIXTYEIGHT.

REFERENCED COMMUNICATION MENTIONS UNKNOWN SECOND MAN SERVING AT LEAVENWORTH PRISON WITH SUBJECT. THIS PERSON PROBABLY IDENTICAL WITH VERNON ELMO RIFE.

SPRINGFIELD RE-INTERVIEW RIFE CONCERNING THIRD UNKNOWN MAN AND RELIABILITY OF CURTIS'S STATEMENTS.

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JACK FOX LAMPHERE, WARSAW, MO., FURNISHED FOLLOWING
INFORMATION, HOWEVER, REQUESTED IDENTITY BE CONCEALED.

STATED HE STARTED SERVING SENTENCE AT MISSOURI STATE
PEN AT SAME TIME AS SUBJECT. WAS IN CELL EIGHTYNINE AND
RAY IN CELL SEVENTYONE. HE ADVISED RAY BECAME INDEBTED
TO INMATE NAMED JIMMY CARPENTER, WHO STOOD GOOD FOR RAY'S
DEBTS "IN THE YARD." CARPENTER ALSO WORKED IN KITCHEN AT
PRISON WITH RAY. HE IS AN OLD-TIME CON-MAN ABOUT SEVENTY
YEARS, AND IS BELIEVED TO BE STILL IN PRISON. LAMPHERE
ADVISED ALTHOUGH RAY WAS NOT HOMOSEXUAL, HE COULD BE
INTIMIDATED INTO DOING ALMOST ANYTHING. LAMPHERE ADVISED HE
DOES NOT KNOW WHO HELPED RAY ESCAPE FROM PEN IN APRIL,
SIXTYSEVEN, AND DID NOT KNOW THAT RAY WAS PLANNING TO GO OUT.
NEVER HEARD RAY SAY THAT HE WOULD GO ANY SPECIFIC PLACE WHEN

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RELEASED FROM PEN OR DISCUSS A HIDEOUT OR ESCAPE PLANS. LAMPHERE REMEMBERS IN CONVERSATIONS WITH RAY THAT RAY WOULD ALWAYS MENTION HIS LIKING FOR ROGUE RIVER AREA OF OREGON. GOT IMPRESSION THAT RAY HAD LIVED IN THAT AREA AND POSSIBLY HAD RELATIVES THERE. NEVER HEARD RAY MENTION ANY RELATIVES. RAY GAVE IMPRESSION ALTHOUGH NO SPECIFIC NAMES OR COMMENTS RECALLED HE WAS FAMILIAR WITH SAW MILL WORK IN OREGON, AND "RIDING ON A CHAIR WHILE SAWING LOGS." LAMPHERE GOT IMPRESSION THAT ROGUE RIVER, AS REFERRED TO BY RAY, WAS A TOWN IN OREGON. RAY WOULD TALK FISHING IN HIS CONVERSATIONS. MENTIONED FISHING IN STREAMS. LAMPHERE BELIEVED THIS TO BE TROUT FISHING. RAY SPOKE OF LOGS IN A POND IN ROGUE RIVER AREA. SPOKE OF SAW MILL TYPE WORK BEING AVAILABLE IN THAT AREA OF OREGON, OF WHICH HE WAS FOND.

PORTLAND, AT ROGUE RIVER, ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE ANY INFORMATION RE SUBJECT EVER BEING IN THAT AREA.

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