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The following investigation was conducted by
IC WILLIAM C. MC DONALD at Jefferson City, Missouri:

On April 22, 1960, Missouri State Penitentiary,
(MSP) records were checked and the following information
obtained regarding CARL BENTON DRAKE:

DRAKE was received at the MSP, February 5, 1960,
and assigned #00189, from St. Louis City to serve an 8 year
sentence on charge of Robbery First Degree b/m of D & DW
(three charges). He was discharged June 1, 1965.

He is described as a white male, born [redacted]
at Greenville, Kentucky, height 5'8½", weight 148, brown hair,
blue eyes, ruddy complexion, slender build, occupation
construction, bricklayer and truck driver, FBI #1729B, prior
MSP #72030.

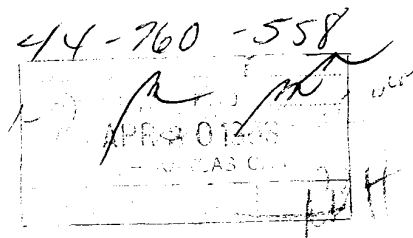
Relatives listed:

Wife, BETTY DRAKE, 1308 Mill Street,
Poplar Bluff, Missouri;

Mother, OLA DRAKE, 2118 N. 9th, St.
Louis, Missouri;

Brother, JAMES DRAKE, 2118 N. 9th, St.
Louis, Missouri;

Mother-in-Law, Mrs. LELA PLACE, 1308 Mill Street,
Poplar Bluff, Missouri.



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Date: 4/27/68

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
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TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO, KNOXVILLE, MEMPHIS
FROM MEMPHIS (44-354)

RE: MURKIN

RE: MURKIN - APRIL TWENTY FOUR, SIXTY EIGHT,
MARJORIE FETTERS.

TOMMY ERIC RAY, BROTHER OF SUBJECT, WHO RESIDES
CHICAGO, ILL., AREA, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED MARJORIE
FETTERS, GARDEN, NJ, FETTERS WHO HAS EXPRESSED A DESIRE
TO COOPERATE WITH THE FBI INQUIRED OF JERRY AS TO THE
WHEREABOUTS OF HIS FATHER. HE TOLD HER HIS FATHER LIVES
ON A FARM, RT. TWO, OF MERVILLE, MISSOURI, AND WHEN ASKED
IF HE HAD ANY BROTHERS HE STATED HE HAD ONE WHO WAS BUYING
A BAR.

JERRY RAY ALSO MENTIONED HE HAS A SON, NICK
RAY, WHO RESIDES WITH THE PARENTS OF HIS DIVORCED WIFE, NA
GIVEN, IN WHITESBURG, TENN. HE STATED HE HAD MARRIED
A WIFE IN ST. LOUIS, MO., BUT DID NOT SAY WHEN. FOR THE
IDENTIFICATION OF KNOXVILLE, MARJORIE FETTERS, FORMERLY

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AND GO-GO DANCER, CONTACTED JERRY RAY THROUGH THE EXPOSE
NEWSPAPER KNOWN AS THE CHRONICLER. SHE HAS NEVER SEEN
JERRY RAY, BUT HAS WRITTEN ROMNEY-HEART TYPE LETTERS TO
HIM. JERRY RAY DOES NOT KNOW THE FBI IS COGNIZANT OF THIS
RELATIONSHIP AND THERE IS NO REASON TO BELIEVE OUR FORMER
INFORMATION CONCERNING JERRY'S BACKGROUND OF RAY FOR THE
FBI. NO MENTION OF LETTERS SHOULD BE MADE TO ANYONE ON
INTERVIEWS.

LEADS

IF THE LOCATION IN WHITESBURG IS NOT KNOWN, CHICAGO
SHOULD FURNISH KNOXVILLE WITH ANY BACKGROUND INFORMATION
AVAILABLE ON EK-WIFE OF JERRY RAY, WHO WOULD ASSIST
KNOXVILLE IN LOCATING FORMER IN-LAWS OF JERRY RAY.

KNOXVILLE SHOULD LOCATE THE IN-LAWS WHO POSSIBLY
RESIDE ON A "FOUR" ACOO FARM IN THE WHITESBURG, TENN.,
AREA AND WHO ARE TAKING CARE OF JERRY RAY'S SON, MICHAEL.

MAIL COPIES SENT TO BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY AND
MO. LOUIS.

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FBI ATLANTA

1:11 PEDT 4/30/68 URGENT VSC

TO DIRECTOR, KANSAS CITY, OKLAHOMA CITY AND MEMPHIS
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 4P

MURKIN

LEWIE RAYMOND DOWDA, INMATE COBB CO. JAIL, MARIETTA, GA.,
REINTERVIEWED APR. TWENTY NINE. ADVISED JAMES EARL RAY VERY CLOSE
TO (FNU) "PUNCHY" MILLER, EX-BOXER WHO WORKED IN KITCHEN MISSOURI
STATE PENITENTIARY (MSP). MILLER REPORTEDLY ONE OF LEADERS IN PRISON.
DOWDA CLAIMS BENJAMIN O. GOODIN, SUPERVISOR IN KITCHEN MSP
PICKED UP NUMBER OF BAD CHECKS WRITTEN BY MILLER AFTER MILLER'S
RELEASE FROM PRISON BUT UNABLE TO RETRIEVE ALL AND MILLER RE-
TURNED TO PRISON. GOODIN FORMERLY IN U. S. NAVY ABOARD SEVERAL
SHIPS WHICH WERE SUNK AND REPORTS WEEKLY TO VA. CLAIMS GOODIN
ON NARCOTICS, POSSIBLY BY PRESCRIPTION.

DOWDA CLAIMS MAIN SUPPLIER OF DRUGS IN PRISON IS PRISONER,
NAME UNRECALLED, BUT BELIEVES PRISONER SERVING LONG SENTENCE FOR
SHOOTING AND KILLING ST. LOUIS POLICE OFFICER. THIS PRISONER
STAYED IN C HALL, BUT HAD RUN OF PRISON AND PASS TO EAT IN
OFFICERS KITCHEN. PRISONER CLOSE TO FORMER WARDEN NASH. AFTER
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*Advised telephonically
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NASH(S SUICIDE, PRISONER TRIED TO GET CLOSE TO WARDEN SWINSON, WITHOUT SUCCESS. ONE-HALF POUND OF AMPHETAMINES FOUND IN TRASH CAN IN THIS PRISONER'S CELL. PRISONER DESCRIBED AS APPROXIMATELY THIRTYTWO YRS OF AGE, W/M, SIX FEET, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY LBS., BLACK HAIR. THIS PERSON HAD SIX TO EIGHT OTHER PRISONERS PUSHING DRUGS FOR HIM IN PRISON. THIS PRISONER'S SOURCE OF DRUGS NOT KNOWN BUT BELIEVED TO BE A GUARD. PRISONER CLOSE TO RAY AND PRISONERS LEO BARNETT AND NEIL ABBY (PH).

DOWDA CLAIMS NEIL ABBY HAD RUN OF K HALL AND WAS SUPPLIER OF AMPHETAMINES AND BELIEVES SOURCE AMPHETAMINES WAS HAROLD SCHAEFFER, GUARD AT KITCHEN GATE, MSP. AFTER TRANSFER TO C HALL, ABBY CONTINUED TO HAVE RUN OF PRISON.

DOWDA CLAIMS TWO GANGS IN PRISON, ONE FROM ST. LOUIS AND OTHER FROM KANSAS CITY. RAY ASSOCIATED WITH LEADERS OF ST. LOUIS GANG. INVESTIGATION MARIETTA, GA., REFLECTS LEWIE DOWDA IN APR., 'SIXTYSEVEN, MADE TRIP TO MISSOURI. DOWDA ADVISED ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT LEO BARNETT AT FLAT RIVER, MO., BUT UNSUCCESSFUL AS BARNETT IN FLORIDA PRISON. DOWDA CLAIMS ON RETURN TO GA. MET ONE BILLY "DINK" CHUMLEY IN BAR SOMEWHERE IN ALA. CHUMLEY FROM OKLAHOMA CITY, WAS LEAVING HOME DUE TO MARITAL DIFFICULTIES. CHUMBLEY AND DOWDA CAME TO MARIETTA, GA.

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AT 44-2386

INVESTIGATION REFLECTS CHUMLEY EMPLOYED ROYAL TIRE SERVICE,

MARIETTA, GA., SOCIAL SECURITY NO. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LISTED DOB AS [REDACTED]

DESCRIBED AS W/M; FIVE FEET ELEVEN; TWO HUNDRED - TWO HUNDRED TEN LBS.; THINNING GRAY-BROWN HAIR, MEDIUM TO ROUGH COMPLEXION, HAVING NO UPPER TEETH. DOWDA'S FORMER EMPLOYER ADVISED CHUMLEY TOLD HIM DOWDA PLANNED TO ROB THIS INDIVIDUAL AND WANTED CHUMLEY TO ASSIST. CHUMLEY LEFT TOWN RATHER THAN ASSIST. ROBBERY DID NOT OCCUR.

WHILE IN MARIETTA, GA., CHUMBLEY INVOLVED IN AUTO ACCIDENT AND HIS 'FIFTYFIVE BUICK, VIN FOUR B FOUR ZERO SEVEN FIVE FOUR THREE ZERO, BEARING SIXTYSEVEN OKLAHOMA LICENSE X W SIX SIX SEVEN TWO, WAS WRECKED. CHUMLEY VERY CLOSE TO DOWDA DURING PERIOD CHUMLEY WITH HIM IN MARIETTA, GA.

KANSAS CITY AT MSP, JEFFERSON CITY, MO. DETERMINE IDENTITY PRISONER REPORTEDLY MAIN SUPPLIER OF AMPHETAMINES IN PRISON AND INTERVIEW RE SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY. DETERMINE IF BENJAMIN O. GOODIN TAKING DRUGS AND CONSIDER POSSIBILITY GOODWIN MAY HAVE ASSISTED RAY. DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS (FNU) "PUNCHY" MILLER AND INTERVIEW CONCERNING RAY. LEADS CONCERNING HAROLD SCHAEFER AND NEIL ABBY PREVIOUSLY SET FORTH.

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OKLAHOMA CITY AT OKLAHOMA CITY. WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE BILLY "DINK" CHUMLEY THRU 'SIXTYSEVEN OKLAHOMA LICENSE LISTED ABOVE AND INTERVIEW CONCERNING JAMES EARL RAY. DETERMINE IF DOWDA TAKING DRUGS DURING TIME CHUMLEY IN CONTACT WITH HIM AND SOURCE OF DRUGS. DETERMINE IF CHUMLEY HAS ANY INFO CONCERNING DISTRIBUTOR OF DRUGS, ATLANTA., PARTICULARLY IN VICINITY PEACHTREE AND FOURTEENTH STS., NE. DETERMINE IF CHUMLEY ACQUAINTED WITH JAMES GARNER, MGR. OF ROOMING HOUSE LOCATED AT PEACHTREE AND FOURTEENTH STREETS, NE, ATLANTA, WHERE RAY STAYED WHIL IN ATLANTA.

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FBI KAN CITY

OF - 10
U. S. GOVERNMENT MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL AGENTS

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM: *ASAC* (44-760) P

68-46

RE: MURKIN
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Re Atlanta airtel to Director, 4/22/68.

Referenced communication advised that subject JAMES EARLY RAY, aka, was last known to be in Atlanta, Georgia, area on 4/5/68. Intensive investigation by the Atlanta Office to date has not established mode of transportation utilized by RAY after 4/5/68, through checks with transportation companies, car rental agencies, etc.

All offices are requested to check car recoveries in their respective divisions of cars stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 4/4/68 and consider same to have been possible mode of transportation for subject RAY. The same consideration should be given to any cars recovered in the near future that were stolen in the State of Georgia after 4/4/68. In instances where cars were stolen from Georgia and the transporter of same cannot otherwise be accounted for, investigation should be conducted to determine if RAY was person who may have stolen and transported same. This is being brought to attention of all Agents in the event any such stolen cars come to their attention during their investigations.

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FBI JACKSVLE

6:27 PM EST URGENT 4/29/68 JLC

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, ST. LOUIS
AND MEMPHIS
FROM JACKSONVILLE (44-769) 2P

MURKIN.

RE MIAMI TEL TO DIRECTOR, ET AL, APRIL TWO SIX, LAST. RE
LEO BARNETT ASSOCIATE OF RAY IN MISSOURI STATE PRISON.

LEO BARNETT, AGE THREE SEVEN, FLAT RIVER, MISSOURI, PRESENTLY
INCARCERATED FLORIDA STATE PRISON, RAIFORD, FLA., ADVISED KNEW RAY IN
MISSOURI STATE PRISON FROM ABOUT ONE NINE SIX TWO TO AUGUST, ONE NINE
SIX SIX, HOWEVER, NOT WELL. RAY WAS IN DIFFERENT CELL BLOCK AND WORKED
IN KITCHEN WHILE BARNETT WORKED IN SOAP FACTORY. BARNETT WOULD ONLY
SEE RAY APPROXIMATELY ONCE A WEEK. HE MET RAY THROUGH MUTUAL FRIEND,
BILLY MILES, AND ONLY ASSOCIATED WITH RAY BECAUSE OF MILES WHO IS
PRESENTLY AT NEW PENITENTIARY, MOBERLY, MISSOURI. HE RECALLED RAY
AS QUIET, NOT SAYING MUCH, AND BOTHERING NOBODY, A LONER, WITH NO
CLOSE FRIENDS. DESCRIBED HIM AS HAVING BAD NERVOUS CONDITION AND
A DEFINITE MENTAL PROBLEM. RAY IN HIS OPINION WAS TAKING POWDERED
AMPHETAMINE WHILE IN PRISON AND ALTHOUGH HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF AMOUNT
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RAY WAS USING, HE SUSPECTED GREAT QUANTITY AT TIMES WHEN THE SUPPLY WAS AVAILABLE AND AT OTHER TIMES NONE DUE TO WEIGHT LOSSES AND GAINS OF TEN TO FIFTEEN POUNDS OVER SHORT PERIODS. BARNETT NOTED THAT AMPHETAMINE TAKEN IN QUANTITIES WOULD PRODUCE A SUBSTANTIAL RAPID WEIGHT LOSS. THE SUPPLY OF AMPHETAMINE PRIOR TO ONE NINE SIX FOUR WAS READILY AVAILABLE AT FIVE DOLLARS A SHOT OR LESS. AFTER ONE NINE SIX FOUR WAS VERY SCARCE BUT WHEN AVAILABLE REMAINED AT FIVE DOLLARS A SHOT. BARNETT WAS CERTAIN RAY WAS NOT INVOLVED IN KILLING OF THREE NEGROES IN ONE NINE SIX FOUR SINCE HE WAS AWARE OF THOSE INVOLVED. THE ONLY PLACE HE HEARD RAY SPEAK OF WAS RAYTOWN, NEAR KANSAS CITY. BARNETT FOUND IT HARD TO BELIEVE RAY WAS COMPLETELY RESPONSIBLE FOR INSTANT KILLING SINCE HE THOUGHT HIM TOO STUPID WITH NOT ENOUGH INITIATIVE. OTHER THAN MILES, ONLY INDIVIDUAL HE KNEW WHO WOULD KNOW RAY WELL WOULD BE LOUIE "WHITEY" DALTA (PREVIOUSLY INTERVIEWED).

ST. LOUIS, AT NEW PENITENTIARY, MOBERLY, INTERVIEW BILLY MILES REPORTEDLY ASSOCIATED WITH RAY.

KANSAS CITY, AT RAYTOWN, CONDUCT INVESTIGATION RE RAY, IF NOT PREVIOUSLY DONE.

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FBI ST LOUIS

1220 PM URGENT 4-30-68 MPB

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

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FELLOW INMATE OF SUBJECT RAY

RE JACKSONVILLE TEL TO BUREAU, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, ST. LOUIS, AND MEMPHIS, APRIL TWENTYNINE, LAST.

INVESTIGATION AT MISSOURI TRAINING SCHOOL FOR MEN, MOBERLY, MISSOURI, INDICATE THERE IS NO WILLIAM OR BILLY MILES PRESENTLY INCARCERATED THERE. BILLY MAC MILES, AKA BILLY MAX, FBI EIGHT NINE SEVEN EIGHT FOUR C, TRANSFERRED FROM MISSOURI TRINING SCHOOL FOR MEN TO FORDLAN PRISON FARM FEBRUARY TEN, SIXTYFOUR. WARDEN AT MOBERLY DETERMINED TELEPHONICALLY HE WAS PAROLLED FROM FORDLAN SEPTEMBER TEN, SIXTYFOUR, RETURNED TO MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, JEFFERSON CITY, AS A PAROLE VIOLATOR, MAY THIRTYONE, SIXTYSIX, RELEASED FROM THAT INSTITUTION UPON COMPLETION OF
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SENTENCE JANUARY TWENTY, SIXTYSEVEN. HIS RELATIVES LISTED AS
WIFE, SHIRLEY SUE MILES, SIX ONE TWO BURFORD STREET, MARSHFIELD,
MISSOURI; HIS FATHER GARIE MILES, RURAL ROUTE, MARSHFIELD, MISSOURI.

KANSAS CITY AT MARSHFIELD, MISSOURI, DETERMINE IF BILLY
MAX MILES IDENTICAL WITH BILLY MILES DESCRIBED IN RE TELETYPE
BY LEO BARNETT, FLORIDA STATE PRISON, RAIFORD, FLORIDA.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-760) P

DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SA JAMES E. RUSSELL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/19/68, SA DONALD G. HARRIS, SAC's Desk, Omaha Division, and SA BILL NOLAN, Supervisor, Los Angeles Division, were telephonically advised of the subject's previous arrests within their divisions. Both advised they were already aware of these leads and said the leads were being covered.

They were also advised of the subject's aliases and were given background information regarding subject's former associate, WALTER TERRY RIFE.

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P
SUBJECT: MURKIN
RE: WILLIAM HOWARD JAMISON

Re Los Angeles teletype to Bureau, 4/26/68.

Mrs. FRANCES STOKER JAMISON, 453 Paseo, Kansas City, Missouri, advised she has been legally separated from her husband, WILLIAM HOWARD JAMISON, for about three years. She stated he has been extremely religious since getting out of prison, and in her opinion is "sick", but would not harm anyone. She said JAMISON was in Kansas City, Kansas, at the time of KING's murder residing at 906 Ohio, Kansas City, Kansas, but left about a week later for California.

Mrs. JAMISON said she had a letter from her husband on 4/29/68 in which he indicated he was an Evangelist for Gospel Wings, 1948 Clinton, Los Angeles, California. She does not know of any threatening statements made by JAMISON regarding MARTIN LUTHER KING, but stated he might have made such statements while he was a member of the John Birch Society. She stated he has not been associated with this organization since getting out of prison.

LEAD

LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Will locate and interview WILLIAM HOWARD JAMISON at Gospel Wings, 1948 Clinton, Los Angeles, California.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, 44-760)

DATE: 4-29-68

FROM : SA MAX E. RICHARDSON

SUBJECT: MURKING

Reference telephone call this date to interview USP=L inmate AUBREY AEBY #70806 as to his knowledge of the association of his brothers NEAL & BILLIE AEBY with RAY in view of the report that they were somewhat involved in narcotic activities with RAY while all were in the MSP Jefferson City, Mo. Also to ascertain the whereabouts of another brother JAMES AEBY.

AUBREY AEBY, inmate, USP=Leavenworth, Kansas 4-28-68 advised that he was not aware that either NEAL or BILLIE AEBY were acquaintances of RAY as he had had no correspondance with them and had never heard RAY mentioned by any of his relatives. AEBY stated that he hardly knew his brother NEAL as he had left home before NEAL grew up.

AUBREY AEBY stated that he believes that NEAL AEBY may still be in the MSP held there on a Texas detainer. BILL AEBY is now believed to be in Dallas, Texas, however the last he heard in a letter from him which was some months ago, BILL's address was Box 64 Seagoville, Texas which is on the old Seagoville road.

As to JAMES AEBY, AUBREY stated that he is a highly respectable person who has nothing to do with other members of the family and has never been involved in any difficulties with the law. He stated he has not heard from JAMES for some time but was last operating a service station at Preston Road and Mockingbird Lane and resided at 4439 Perdue, Dallas, Texas.

LEAD:, KC Assigned Agent,

Review the above and if believed advisable set out leads to interview NEAL and BILLIE AEBY. — done RBA

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P
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Re Atlanta airtel to the Bureau dated 4/25/68, setting forth leads developed from interview of LEWIE RAYMOND DOWDA, former fellow inmate of subject RAY at Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri.

GASLIGHT BAR AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

On 4/29/68, O. F. MYERS, City Liquor Control Director, Kansas City, Missouri, advised SA ROBERT V. HARMAN, JR. that according to his records, the first Gaslight bar licensed in the city was licensed on 7/11/60, at 1403 Main Street, and had formerly been licensed at the same address as the Trade Winds Bar. A Gaslight bar has operated continuously in the city since that time and is presently operating at 3740 Broadway, Kansas City, Missouri.

On 4/30/68, RODNEY BOJCEK, Bartender and Assistant Manager, the Gaslight Bar, 617 Central Street, Kansas City, Kansas, advised SA ROBERT V. HARMAN, JR. that that bar had been operating under that name only since about 1962, and was definitely not operating under that name prior to 1960. He explained that there had been no other Gaslight bar in Kansas City, Kansas.

Since a bar known as the Gaslight was not in operation in Kansas City prior to subject RAY's arrest and continuous incarceration beginning on 10/16/59, no investigation will be conducted at Kansas City, Missouri, to locate any girl friend of subject RAY whom he may have met at such a bar.

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2 Memphis (44-1987)
2 St. Louis (44-778)
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It is noted that the popular Gaslight entertainment district in St. Louis, Missouri, was probably in operation prior to 1959, and was probably the area referred to by subject RAY in his statements to fellow inmate DOWDA.

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FBI CHICAGO

654PM URGENT 4/26/68 LCC

TO ALL SACS RELAY MESSAGE PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN.

THE MAIN FILE ON KING HAS BEEN REVIEWED AT THE BUREAU AND LEADS ARE BEING SENT OUT CONCERNING PERSONS INVOLVED IN PRIOR THREATS AGAINST KING. THESE LEADS AS WELL AS LEADS CONCERNING ANY OTHER SUSPECTS DEVELOPED FROM ANY SOURCE MUST BE GIVEN IMMEDIATE AND THOROUGH HANDLING ON A TOP PRIORITY BASIS. PROCESS HAS BEEN OBTAINED AGAINST JAMES EARL RAY AND EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING TO LOCATE RAY AND TO ESTABLISH MOTIVE OF CRIME. YOU HAVE BEEN AND WILL BE FURNISHED INFORMATION RELATING TO OTHER POSSIBLE CONSPIRATORS. THESE MUST ALL BE THOROUGHLY RESOLVED NO MATTER HOW REMOTE.

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*This phase of
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
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FROM: KANSAS CITY (44-760)

MURKIN

DAILY SUMMARY

KANSAS CITY INVESTIGATION REVEALS CONSPIRACY SUSPECT
WILLIAM HOWARD JAMISON CURRENTLY RESIDING ONE NINE FOUR EIGHT
CLINTON, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

GAS LIGHT BAR, ONE FOUR ZERO THREE MAIN STREET, KANSAS
CITY, MISSOURI, FIRST LICENSED JULY ELEVEN SIXTY. NECESSARY
OFFICES ADVISED.

CECIL LILLIBRIDGE, FORMER CELL MATE OF SUBJECT ADVISED RAY
ALWAYS TALKED OF MAKING A BIG SCORE AND RETIRING TO MEXICO.
RAY REPORTEDLY TOLD LILLIBRIDGE HE HAD HIDDEN OUT TWICE BEFORE
AFTER PULLING ROBBERIES NEAR A TOWN CALLED CAMPECHE ON CAMPECHE
BAY NEAR YUCATAN PENNSULA, MEXICO. ALSO HE SMUGGLED SMALL
APPLIANCES TO THAT AREA FROM BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS. RAY TALKED OF
RED LIGHT DISTRICT AT TORREON IN CENTRAL MEXICO. MAP OF AREA
CONFIRMS THESE LOCATIONS. BUREAU, ^{Necessary offices} MEMPHIS AND SAN ANTONIO ADVISED.

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NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ALL PRISONERS RELEASED FROM
MSP SINCE APRIL SIXTY SEVEN OBTAINED. SUBJECT UNKNOWN TO
AUBREY AEBY, INMATE U.S. PENITENTIARY, LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS.
INTERVIEWS OF PRISONERS CONTINUE. ALL LOCAL LEADS BEING
HANDLED IMMEDIATELY. *Armed & Dangerous*

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FBI ATLANTA

6:55 PM URGENT 4/30/68 LBN

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES, KANSAS CITY,
AND SPRINGFIELD
FROM ATLANTA (44-2386)

MURKIN

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION APRIL THIRTY INSTANT.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING AMONG HIPPIE ELEMENT, ATLANTA.
THIS PHASE ALSO INVOLVED WITH INDIVIDUALS FAMILIAR WITH NARCOTIC
AND DRUG TRAFFIC. NOTHING OF SIGNIFIGANCE OBTAINED TO DATE.

CHECK OF SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES CLOSED DURING PERTIMENT
PERIOD AT BANK IN AREA OF RESIDENCE WHICH HANDLES SAFETY DEPOSIT
BOXES COMPLETED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

EXPANDED AIRLINES CHECKS CONTINUING, NEGATIVE TO DATE.

CHECK OF NEWSPAPER WANT ADS AND FOLLOW UPS ON USED CARS
FOR SALE CONTINUING. NEGATIVE TO DATE.

INVESTIGATION OF STOLEN CARS DURING PERTIMENT PERIOD
CONTINUING. NO SIGNIFIGANT INFORMATION OBTAINED.

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No passport record on subject has been located.

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TO KANSAS CITY

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

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THE FOLLOWING THREAT IS CONTAINED IN THE KING FILE:
 BY AIRTEL ON FEBRUARY SIXTEEN, SIXTYFIVE, (SEE YOUR
 FILE ONE HUNDRED DASH ONE ONE NINE FIVE EIGHT), YOU ADVISED
 THAT ONE WILLIAM THOMAS JACOBS CLAIMED HE WAS APPROACHED
 BY AN UNKNOWN PARTY THE PREVIOUS DAY TO KILL THE PRESIDENT
 AND KING. IT WAS INDICATED JACOBS MIGHT BE AN ALCOHOLIC.

ALTHOUGH SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS THE
 ASSAILANT, YOU SHOULD CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE
 IF JACOBS OR THE PERSON WHO CONTACTED HIM MIGHT BE IMPLICATED
 AS A CONSPIRATOR.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS.

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*David Pollard
 Home Supervisor
 Sabra from Army - advised
 Elko James would have to
 be contacted Monday for as
 file unavailable to him
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-760)

DATE: 4/30/68

FROM : SA THOMAS H. WEAVER P

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Bufile 44-38861

Re Miami teletype to Bureau and Kansas City, etc.,
4/26/68.

On 4/29/68, a review of the records of the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, revealed LEO BARNETT, MSP #02776, FBI #273686B, was paroled 8/11/66 to Department of Correction, Tallahassee, Florida, with parole time to be served concurrently with Florida sentence, and BARNETT was formerly at Raiford Prison, Florida, under #66323.

A review of the records revealed there is no FRED MILLER or FRED HENRY MILLER currently confined to the MSP. FRED MILLER, #02273, was transferred from Jefferson City to the Missouri Training Center for Men, Moberly, Missouri, on 5/29/67, and FRED HENRY MILLER, #66535, was assigned to Moberly, 3/4/68.

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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) (P)
MURKIN

Re New Orleans teletypes dated 4/14 and 18/68 re
BILL SORRELLS and BOB NELSON.

For the information of the Kansas City Division,
EDGAR T. PIANCHE, 925 Galienne Street, New Orleans,
Louisiana, furnished the following confidential information
requesting that under no circumstances during subsequent
interviews should it be indicated that this information
came from PIANCHE or from New Orleans:

According to Mr. PIANCHE, BEVERLY HEBERT, who is
in Fort Smith, Arkansas, to establish an Arkansas residence
to obtain a divorce, told him confidentially that her
boy friend, BILL SORRELLS, who she intends to marry when
her divorce is obtained, was contacted at Fort Smith by
BOB NELSON. Both SORRELLS and NELSON are allegedly
employed by Litwin Corporation, Wichita, Kansas. According
to PIANCHE, HEBERT overheard conversation between SORRELLS
and NELSON to the effect that NELSON was in Memphis,
Tennessee, on Thursday, April 4, 1968, and later came to
Fort Smith, Arkansas, arriving late. HEBERT claimed
there was a rifle in the back of a white Porche automobile
with Oklahoma license which belongs to NELSON. NELSON

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reportedly Fort Smith by plane or automobile and went to Oklahoma, returned to Arkansas, then went to Tennessee and came back to Arkansas. SORRELLS is alleged to have threatened HEBERT and told her that if she ever said anything about the conversation she had overheard between SORRELLS and NELSON that SORRELLS would kill her.

Mrs. BEVERLY HEBERT, nee Koller, 704 Clifton Court, Fort Smith, Arkansas, was located on April 26, 1968, and furnished the following information to SAs RALPH E. RAWLINGS and RICHARD S. BRANDT:

She has known WILLIAM GILMORE SORRELLS all of her life. He is presently employed at Wichita, Kansas, by Litwin Corporation as a draftsman or engineer. On March 30, 1968, SORRELLS accompanied by a friend, BOB NELSON, drove from Wichita, Kansas, to Fort Smith, Arkansas, in SORRELLS' white Chevrolet Corvair. They had a great deal of car trouble en route and called her at intervals during the trip from Wichita to Fort Smith. They returned to Wichita to work on or about March 31, 1968.

They returned to Fort Smith again on April 6, 1968, to spend another weekend. On this occasion she went to the airport with SORRELLS who had driven to Fort Smith in his automobile and they picked up NELSON who had flown from Wichita to Fort Smith.

Mrs. HEBERT advised she knows nothing about BOB NELSON except that he is a college graduate and is also employed as an engineer or draftsman by Litwin Corporation, Wichita, Kansas. She believes both SORRELLS and NELSON work at Wichita, but admitted it is possible they are sent to other cities by the company. She described NELSON as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male

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Age	40 to 45
Height	5'11"
Weight	Approximately 170
Hair	Sandy
Scars and marks	Has a noticeable scar on his chin
Marital status	Unknown, does have four children
Automobile	None to Mrs. HEBERT's knowledge.

Mrs. HEBERT denied that she had overheard any conversation between NELSON and SORRELLS which would indicate that either of them had been in Memphis, Tennessee, on or about April 4, 1968, or to indicate they might have knowledge of the murder of Dr. KING. She denied that she had any knowledge of what type of an automobile NELSON might own and disclaimed any knowledge of a white Porsche automobile.

Mrs. HEBERT examined photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and advised he in no way resembles NELSON. Mrs. HEBERT denied that she has made any statements to anyone which would indicate that SORRELLS or NELSON had had anything to do with the murder of Dr. KING.

KANSAS CITY DIVISION

AT WICHITA, KANSAS *Heinz*

Will through the employment records of Litwin Corporation attempt to identify BOB NELSON and WILLIAM GILMORE SORRELLS and fix their whereabouts on the pertinent date in an effort to determine whether they might have knowledge of instant matter or may have had anything to do with it.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA JAMES B. KELLY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following investigation was conducted by SAs JAMES B. KELLY and WALTER F. SCOTT on 4/24/68.

AT ROSALIA, KANSAS

~~JUANITA WYMORE, Rosalia, Kansas, was contacted at her home. She stated that her son, JOHN WYMORE, had told her that he and KENNETH WATTS had picked up a hitch-hiker on Saturday, 4/20/67, that resembled the picture of JAMES EARL RAY that was being shown on television. JOHN had not wanted to say anything to anyone else about it, but she had thought that it was important enough that she had called in to report it. The boys had mentioned that there were two hitch-hikers that possibly were traveling together and she had thought that it was possible that one of them was RAY and the other could possibly be RAY's brother that had been mentioned.~~

JOHN WYMORE advised that he and KENNETH WATTS were traveling north on highway 77 from El Dorado to Florence, Kansas at around 6:00 to 6:30 P. M., 4/20/68, when they observed two men standing a short distance apart. The two men appeared to be hitch-hiking north on 77. He had been driving and had stopped to pick up the man that was standing the farthest south. This man had asked them to pick up the second man, but he had refused to do so, and their passenger had waved at the other man as they had passed. He saw another car stopping to pick the second man up as they were driving away. He described the man that he had picked up as follows:

Name	Unknown
Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	30
Height	5'-11"
Weight	150-60
Build	Slender
Complexion	Fair
Hair	Blonde, long
Clothing	Yellow striped shirt, black slacks; carrying gray suitcase

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He described the other man only as possibly a little shorter,

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a little heavier, darker hair cut shorter, and wearing a dark suit. He stated that he only saw the second man from the side and rear so could give no further description. He had not seen the man well enough to give any detailed description and had only remarked to his mother that this man fit the general description of JAMES EARL RAY. He could not say that this man resembles RAY in any way other than general size and build.

KENNETH WATTS, Rosalia, Kansas, was contacted at his home. He stated that he does recall the two hitch-hikers that he and JOHN WYMORE observed on Saturday night, 4/20/68. He recalls that JOHN had stopped to pick one of the men up. This location would have been approximately 3/4 of a mile North of Eldorado, Kansas on Highway 77. He does not recall that the man they picked up gave any indication of knowing the other man, and does recall that this man did state that he was not acquainted with the other man. He recalls that another vehicle had already stopped near the second man and that the man was in the process of entering a blue automobile at the time that JOHN had stopped for the man standing farthest south. He described the man that rode with them as follows:

Name	Unknown
Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	35
Height	6'-1"
Weight	155
Hair	Red, cut in flat-top
Complexion	Fair, freckles
Clothing	White shirt, blue pants, black shoes
Luggage	Blue suitcase, pretty heavy

He described the second man as follows:

Name	Unknown
Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	39-40
Height	6'-2"
Build	Heavy-set
Hair	Brown, long and stuck up
Clothing	Gray work clothes

He stated that he had not considered that either of the hitch-hikers had resembled the picture of JAMES EARL RAY that he has seen on television until JOHN WYMORE had mentioned it, and then he could only say that if either of them did so, it would have had to be the one that they did not pick up. He had only seen the second man from the side, so could give no further description.

Both boys stated that the man that they had picked up

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had indicated that he was enroute to a town that was approximately ten miles beyond Florence. They could only recall the name as possibly being Cedar Falls, or some other Falls. Neither of them is familiar with any town with the name Falls in it that is near Florence. They had left the man at the intersection of highway 77 and the main street leading off into Florence, and had not seen the other man again. When they returned past the same intersection later the same night they did not see the man that they had left there.

On 4/26/68, FRANCIS TOWLE, Sheriff, Chase County, Cottonwood Falls, Kansas, advised that Cedar Point, Kansas is the only town name that he can recall, in the vicinity of Florence, Kansas, that would possibly be mistaken for Cedar Falls. He stated that he is not aware of anyone having arrived in town over the previous week-end. He stated that he would make inquiry and if he was able to locate anyone fitting the description of the hitch-hikers or anyone that had arrived on 4/20/68, he would notify the Wichita RA of the FBI.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA JAMES B. KELLY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re San Francisco teletype 4/25/68.

EVERETT U. MORELAND, 1507 N. Old Manor, was contacted at his home. He advised that he does not know anyone resembling the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY as it appears on I. O. 4182. He further stated that his step-father, CHARLES DON COATES, has served time in a penitentiary somewhere in Kansas. He does not know whether COATES served time in a Federal or State Penitentiary, but does recall that COATES served time during the 1940s. He is not aware of any penitentiary time that COATES would have served with JAMES EARL RAY, and is not aware of any time that COATES would have served within the past 18 years. He furnished the following address for COATES:

CHARLES DON COATES
2009 E. 44th Place North
Tulsa, Oklahoma

He stated that COATES has a sister living at the following address:

LORENE GUTHRIE
6177 S. 34th West Avenue
Phone HI6-4855
Tulsa, Oklahoma

No lead set out to contact CHARLES DON COATES because source of information, RAYMOND OWEN, Seaside California, upon reinterview, by San Francisco, claims photograph of JAMES EARL RAY not close to person he knew, and because MORELAND advises that COATES served time prior to JAMES EARL RAY.

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TO: BUREAU,
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ST. LOUIS, SAN ANTONIO

FROM: KANSAS CITY (44-760)

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(CONCEAL)

CECIL LILLIBRIDGE, FORMER PRISONER, MISSOURI STATE
PENITENTIARY, PRESENTLY INCARCERATED IN COLE COUNTY JAIL,
JEFFERSON CITY, MO., FURNISHED INFORMATION REGARDING RAY'S
TRAVELS IN MEXICO WHICH HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN ^{SUBMITTED} FURNISHED. IN
ADDITION HE ADVISED THAT IN LATE ¹⁹⁶⁶ ~~SIXTY-SIX~~, SUBJECT HAD ANOTHER
INMATE, KENNY HURTT, SEND OUT FIFTEEN DOLLARS FOR HIM, SUPPOSEDLY
FOR THE PURCHASE OF STATIONERY. HE ADVISED THE PRISON AUTHORITIES
WATCH INMATE EXPENDITURES CLOSELY AND THERE IS A LIMIT ON THEIR
MONTHLY EXPENDITURES, BUT RAY HAD SOME INCOME FROM HIS ILLEGAL
ACTIVITIES IN PRISON AND NEEDED TO CONCEAL THE MONEY IN OTHER
THAN HIS OWN BANK ACCOUNT. HURTT GOT RAY'S MONEY AND SENT IT
OUT TO A NAME NOT RECALLED STATIONERY COMPANY IN ST. LOUIS, MO.,
BUT NO STATIONERY EVER CAME AND HURTT WORRIED ABOUT IT AND
THOUGHT IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN STOLEN, UNTIL HE WAS TOLD BY RAY

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THAT NO STATIONERY WOULD EVER COME AND IT WAS JUST A METHOD OF GETTING MONEY OUT WITHOUT THE PRISON'S KNOWLEDGE.

A REVIEW OF PRISON RECORDS THIS DATE, REVEAL THAT JOHN HURTT, ALSO KNOWN AS KENNETH HURTT, MSP NO., SEVEN FIVE FIVE ZERO TWO, ON JANUARY TWNETY, SIXTY SEVEN, SENT A MONEY ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF FIFTEEN DOLLARS TWENTY FIVE CENTS TO THE ALBERT J. PEPPER STATIONERY COMPANY, SEVEN ONE TWO A, SHANENDOAH, ST. LOUIS, MO. FILE REVEALS PEPPER RELATED TO RAY.

IN VIEW OF THIS, IT IS FELT THAT ALL THE INFORMATION FURNISHED BY LILLIBRIDGE, MAY BE CORRECT.

ST. LOUIS CONTACT ALBERT J. PEPPER, SEVEN ONE TWO A SHANENDOAH CONCERNING ABOVE MONEY ORDERS AND ANY INFORMATION HE HAY HAVE CONCERNING HURTT OR SUBJECT. - P -

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AIR MAIL - REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
(ATTN: FBI LABORATORY)

FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374) (P)

MURKIN

Re Buffalo airtel to the Bureau, 4/23/68.

Transmitted herewith via registered mail is the original envelope and letter received by Mrs. MARY GROOMS, Rochester, New York, on 4/19/68.

The letter reads as follows:

"Mrs. Grooms -

"I read your column regularly they are good and factual, with lots of common sense. The King plot was hatched recently in Detroit by Black Nationalists, Muslims, and Comies (I was there). The job was done by a hired professional killer. The Comies paid for the job. The authorities will eventually find out.

"An anonymous black man"

The FBI Laboratory is requested to have this letter processed for latent prints and latents compared with any latents in captioned matter.

The FBI Laboratory is also requested to examine typing to determine what type of typewriter prepared this specimen and to examine paper and envelope in an effort to determine source of each.

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Documents should be returned to Buffalo.

RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Shells

TO DIRECTOR ^{10:47} ~~44-38861~~ ^{10:56} MEMPHIS, TAMPA, ~~AND~~ ¹¹⁰⁵ ~~St. Louis~~ ¹¹⁰⁹
ST. LOUIS

FROM KANSAS CITY ⁷⁶⁰ ~~44-702~~ ^{1P}

2 line feeds

← MURKIN
2 line feeds
spaces

→ RE MIAMI TEL TO BUREAU APRIL TWENTY SIX, LAST.

RECORDS MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY REVEAL LEO BARNETT,
FBI NO. TWO SEVEN THREE SIX EIGHT SIX B WAS PAROLED ON
AUGUST ELEVEN, ~~NINETEEN~~ SIXTY SIX, TO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION,
TALLAHASSEE, ^{FLA.} ~~FLORIDA~~, WITH PAROLE TIME TO BE SERVED CON-
CURRENTLY WITH FLORIDA SENTENCE AND BARNETT WAS FORMERLY
AT RAYFORD PRISON, ^{FLA.} ~~FLORIDA~~ UNDER NO. SIX SIX THREE TWO THREE.

THESE RECORDS FURTHER REVEAL A FRED MILLER NO. ZERO TWO
TWO SEVEN THREE, FORMER INMATE, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY,
WAS TRANSFERRED TO MISSOURI TRAINING CENTER FOR MEN, MOBERLY,
^{MO.} ~~MISSOURI~~ ON MAY TWENTY NINE, LAST AND FRED HENRY MILLER,
NO. SIX SIX FIVE THREE FIVE WAS ASSIGNED TO MOBERLY MARCH
FOUR, LAST.

TAMPA AND ST. LOUIS INTERVIEW FORMER INMATES

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Approved: *[Signature]*
Special Agent in Charge

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CONCERNING ANY INFORMATION THEY HAVE REGARDING SUBJECT.

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BIRMINGHAM - 1120A
MEMPHIS - 1120A

FROM: KANSAS CITY (44-760)

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RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL THIRTY LAST.

ALL PERSONS WITH THE LAST NAME SLATTERY LISTED IN
GREATER KANSAS CITY TELEPHONE DIRECTORY WERE CONTACTED AND
DENIED TAKING DELTA FLIGHT NUMBER FIFTY FIVE FROM BIRMINGHAM
TO MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY AT ELEVEN FIFTY-FIVE P.M., ON
APRIL SEVEN LAST.

DELTA AIRLINES, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI ADVISED THEY
HAVE NO WAY OF IDENTIFYING SLATTERY SINCE RECORDS OF DELTA
ARE MAINTAINED IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

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1226P EDT URGENT 5/1/68 VSC

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

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 1P

MURKIN

RE CHICAGO TELETYPE, APR. TWENTYFIFTH, 'SIXTYEIGHT, FURNISH-
ING SOCIAL SECURITY NO.

AS USED BY JAMES EARL RAY IN TWO EMPLOYMENTS.

ON MAY FIRST, INSTANT, EARL FUOSS, REGIONAL INSPECTOR, IRS,
ATLANTA, ADVISED CHECK OF NATIONAL COMPUTER FOR IRS INDICATES
NOBODY IN U.S. WITH THIS SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER FILED INCOME TAX
RETURN FOR 'SIXTYSIX OR 'SIXTYSEVEN.

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AFTER ACK PLS HOLD

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) (P)
RE: MURKIN

Re Kansas City teletype to Bureau and St. Louis,
4/26/68.

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

On April 26, 1968, Detectives JOHN LEPPING and EDWARD ALLERS, Fifth District, St. Louis Police Department, advised that there is no actual similarity between LEO HOLDEN PARKER and JAMES EARL RAY. Detective ALLERS advised photo used for identification not touched up, regular mug shot used.

PARKER is known as "Jail House" lawyer and conducted his own defense in his trial.

On April 27, 1968, victim of kidnaping, RITA BROCKELMAN, and GEORGE MC QUAYE, JR., now married, both viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and PARKER and stated no discrepancy in identification of PARKER. State RAY is not the person kidnaping them.

Investigation to locate RAY continuing in St. Louis Division.

Subject armed & dangerous

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 2P

J. Conrad Phillips Pet

MURKIN

FOR INFO KANSAS CITY, 'SIXTYSEVEN CADILLAC DEVILLE CONVERTIBLE,
 VIN F SEVEN ONE ONE TWO SEVEN NINE FIVE, WITH 'SIXTYSEVEN-'SIXTYEIGHT
 FLORIDA LICENSE ONE W ONE SEVEN NINE ONE THREE ZERO, LOCATED
 ABANDONED ATLANTA AIRPORT, NOV. THIRTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN. CAR AT
 AIRPORT ANYWHERE FROM THIRTY - SEVENTYFIVE DAYS. CADILLAC STOLEN MONTRE
 CANADA, AUG. TWENTYFIRST, 'SIXTYSEVEN, AND LATER REGISTERED IN MIAMI,
 FLORIDA, AUG. TWENTYNINTH, 'SIXTYSEVEN TO MICHAEL ST. PIERRE,
 TWO ONE FIVE ONE N.W. ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH ST., MIAMI, FLA.,
 WHICH IS ADDRESS OF THE FAMOUS DOOR LOUNGE. INVESTIGATION AT LOUNGE
 REFLECTS ST. PIERRE UNKNOWN; HOWEVER, OCCUPANTS RECALL ST. PIERRE
 POSSIBLY RECEIVED MAIL FROM PHILLIP SIXTYSIX PETROLEUM CO., WHICH
 MAIL RETURNED TO POSTMAN.

INVESTIGATION, ATLANTA, REFLECTS K. C. TAYLOR OF PHILLIP
 PETROLEUM CO., KANSAS CITY, WOULD BE APPROPRIATE PERSON TO CONTACT
 IN ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY ST. PIERRE. IT IS NOTED SUBJECT RAY
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AT 44-2386

REPORTEDLY LEFT MONTREAL, CANADA AREA SOMETIME DURING AUG. 'SIXTYSEVEN
AND POSSIBILITY RAY UTILIZED STOLEN CADILLAC FOR TRANSPORTATION TO
SOUTH.

KANSAS CITY IMMEDIATELY CONTACT PHILLIP PETROLEUM AND ATTEMPT
TO IDENTIFY ST. PIERRE. THEREAFTER, SET OUT LEADS TO LOCATE ST. PIERRE
WITH INSTRUCTIONS THAT PHOTOS OF RAY BE DISPLAYED IN AN EFFORT TO
IDENTIFY HIM OR ELIMINATE HIM WITH STOLEN CADILLAC.

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) - 255 p
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MIAMI - 302 p
ATLANTA - 306 p
FROM: KANSAS CITY (44-760)

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RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR APRIL THIRTY LAST.

RECORD PHILLIPS PETROLEUM, KANSAS CITY, REVEALED MICHAEL ST. PIERRE, TWO ONE FIVE ONE NORTHWEST ONE ZERO ONE NINE STREET, MIAMI, FLA., MADE THREE PURCHASES OF PHILLIPS PRODUCTS USING A SHELL CREDIT CARD. THIS CAR IS NUMBER FIVE FIVE FIVE DASH ZERO FOUR SEVEN DASH ZERO SIX SEVEN, IT IS POSSIBLE FIRST FIVE IN THIS NUMBER MAY BE A SIX. THIS CARD WAS USED BY SHELL CANADIAN LIMITED, P.O. BOX FOUR ZERO ZERO, TERMINAL ANNEX, TORONTO, CANADA. PHILLIPS RECORDS REVEAL THAT THE ^{only} THREE TIMES THE CARD WAS USED FOR THEIR PRODUCTS WAS TO RENT A BOAT ON SEPTEMBER ONE, TWO AND THREE, SIXTY SEVEN. THE AMOUNT ON THE FIRST WAS TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS AND TWENTY FIVE CENTS, ON THE SECOND WAS TWO DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS AND ON THE THIRD WAS FIFTY DOLLARS. THESE BOATS WERE RENTED FROM CRAFT LIMITED,

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INC., OAKLAND BOULEVARD BRIDGE, THREE TWO SIX ZERO NORTHEAST THIRTY SECOND AVE., FT. LAUDERDALE, FLA. THE OWNER OF THIS CONCERN IS LISTED AS STEVE BERRY. THE TICKETS CONNECTED WITH THESE PURCHASES WERE SENT BACK TO THE DEALER BECAUSE NO PAYMENTS WERE MADE FOR THEM. THESE RECORD ARE MAINTAINED ON MICROFILM AT PHILLIPS PETROLEUM, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.

IT IS REQUESTED THE BUREAU FURNISH THIS INFORMATION TO LEGAT, CANADA.

MIAMI AT FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA., CONTACT CRAFT LIMITED FOR COMPLETE DETAILS REGARDING MICHAEL ST. PIERRE AND BENTALS.

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RE DALLAS TEL APRIL TWENTYSEVEN, LAST, CONCERNING INTER-
VIEW OF BILLY BROWN AEBY.

EARL HARRIS MENTIONED RETEL POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH
EARL EUGENE HARRIS, SLPD ^{5 9 8 4 0} FIVE NINE EIGHT FOUR ZERO,
SENTENCED DECEMBER FOUR, FIFTYSIX, TO SERVE THIRTEEN YEARS
ON SECOND DEGREE MURDER CHARGE.

ON MARCH THIRTEEN, LAST, SLPD INTELLIGENCE UNIT RECEIVED
CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION THAT EARL EUGENE HARRIS, LB FIVE NINE
EIGHT FOUR ZERO, A RECENT RELEASEE FROM MSP WAS TO START A LARGE
NARCOTICS RING IN THE ST. LOUIS AREA. HOWEVER, THEY HAVE NO CURRENT
ADDRESS OR LOCATION FOR HARRIS.

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KANSAS CITY AT JEFFERSON CITY, ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE
IF THIS INDIVIDUAL IDENTICAL WITH EARL HARRIS MENTIONED IN
RETEL AND FURNISH ST. LOUIS WITH BACKGROUND INFORMATION
FROM PRISON RECORDS INCLUDING ADDRESSES HE INTENDED TO RESIDE
AT TIME OF RELEASE ALONG WITH DATE OF RELEASE.

IN ADDITION, ASCERTAIN IF WALTER E. NOLAN MSP PRISON
AND ASSOCIATE OF SUBJECT, IS THE MAN MENTIONED IN RETEL AS
BEING SENT TO ISOLATION WARD AS RESULT OF BEING CAUGHT WITH
BULLETS IN HIS POCKET. FURNISH OTHER BACKGROUND FROM NOLAN'S
PRISON RECORD THAT MIGHT BE HELPFUL IN A REINTERVIEW OF
NOLAN PARTICULARLY INCIDENTS RELATING TO HIS ASSOCIATION WITH
SUBJECT.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA THOMAS H. WEAVER:

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

On April 29, 1968, a former inmate of the Missouri
State Penitentiary advised as follows:

He knew JAMES EARL RAY at the Missouri State
Penitentiary (MSP). From his conversations with RAY, he
learned that RAY's maximum ambition in life was to make a
"score" of about \$20 - \$30,000.00, after which he would go to Mexico
to "hide out", living simply on the loot at the favorable
Mexican exchange rate. RAY had spoken to him about his
previous trips to Mexico, following "two or three" armed
robberies, involving small scores, where he would "cool off"
and live on beer, beans and milk. RAY spoke of Campeche
Bay, near the Yucatan Peninsula, and he spoke of living with
peasants on the outskirts of the town of Campeche, Mexico.
RAY also spoke of a cheap "red light district" he favored
located in the town of Torreon or Torrejon (phonetic), which
the former MSP inmate thought was located in north central
Mexico. Cost was a factor in anything RAY did, and he
apparently lived frugally and budgeted his money carefully.

RAY did not like Negroes in general, but he
expressed no particular feeling toward MARTIN LUTHER KING,
although he has heard RAY refer to Dr. KING as "MARTIN
LUTHER COON". RAY read enthusiastically, especially the
weekly news magazines available at the MSP, and he would
react in an outspoken manner opposing H. RAP BROWN and
STOKELY CARMICHAEL when he read of their activities, as
well as in opposition to publicity Dr. KING received in
certain instances.

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The former MSP inmate never heard of any bounty mentioned with regard to Dr. KING at the MSP or elsewhere. He believes he has heard RAY speculate that there might be some money available through some splinter group for the murder of BROWN or CARMICHAEL, but he never heard him speak in this regard about Dr. KING. RAY did not mention specific groups or any knowledge of any real payoff information. He recalls RAY's telling him, during the time he celled with him, that while he was on the minor construction detail at the MSP, one of the guards referred to the Negro inmates working on the detail as "boy", and the Negroes went on a "sit-down" strike, and induced about two of the white inmates to join their strike, and when one of the Negroes referred to RAY as "gray", he got into a fight with that inmate, although the prison officials never learned of the fight, and the former MSP inmate's knowledge of the fight was as a result of RAY's telling him, and he does not know whether or not it is true.

RAY was a hypochondriac in that he took six or seven different kinds of pills daily, imagining that he had a "cranial depression" and a "rapid palpitation of the heart". He would use former inmate's watch with a second hand and time his pulse. He was able to obtain "pills" from going on sick call as well as through inmate sources in the MSP. The former inmate had some pills he had obtained for treatment of his arthritis, from which he obtained no relief, and RAY took these pills, thinking that he might some day have arthritis, and the pills might ward off future effects of that affliction. He believes RAY was selling amphetamine all the time he was in the MSP, but former inmate does not know his source.

RAY mentioned a traffic for the sale of small appliances in Mexico, due to the tariff Mexicans had to pay for such items they purchased legally, and he spoke of having smuggled such items into Mexico. He said he was acquainted with a man who operated a small scale smuggling business, who lived near the town of Campeche, Mexico. RAY mentioned this man so often that former inmate recalls his name: either MATEO LOPEZ GARCIA or MATEO GARCIA LOPEZ, who apparently had lived for some time in the United States, and who spoke English. He believes this is the man RAY referred

to as the owner of a small fishing boat, and he would smuggle things from Brownsville, Texas, into Mexico through Campeche Bay. He believes RAY made trips on this boat with the man, and apparently Mexican Nationals are not checked upon entering Mexico through Campeche Bay in fishing boats. He does not believe RAY could speak Spanish, other than for basic words for basic needs. He heard RAY mention a brother in St. Louis, Missouri, and he believes some of RAY's trips to Mexico were with either the brother or with someone he had participated in armed robberies with, name not given. RAY indicated he had invested a little money in TV sets and washing machines which were transported to Mexico by his friend with the fishing boat. RAY said he had been to Mexico City "a couple of times", and he apparently liked Mexico City, but said it was a "tourist trap", and he could not afford to stay there.

RAY's only reference to working had to do with past bartending jobs. He believes RAY said he had tended bar somewhere in Peoria, Illinois, and at some other town in southern Illinois, exact location not known. He never mentioned Oregon or Canada, that former inmate recalls.

RAY never mentioned to him his plans for escape or specific plans to hide out any particular place, but his conversation indicated he wanted to "make the one big score" and retire in Mexico. He mentioned that he and another man, name not mentioned, drove to Mexico, apparently Campeche, one time, in an old model Chevrolet, specific routes not mentioned. He does not know how RAY made his other trips to Mexico he claimed to have made. He said that he had lived in a rented three-room shack on the outskirts of Campeche, within walking distance of the town, and from his conversation, former inmate gathered that this was during the late 1950's. RAY said he had been in Arizona before, but he did not mention any of the Mexican-United States Border towns, other than Brownsville, Texas.

He recalls RAY mentioned having watched a "fire dance" done by small Negro boys at a hotel in Acapulco, Mexico. He indicated he had not stayed at the hotel where the performance was, since it was too expensive, but stayed at an unnamed cheaper hotel, and he indicated that live coals