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3. Brunner stated that he would testify in court if necessary, however, he did appear somewhat reluctant in deciding to do so.

C. C. Maddox, Sergeant

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Colonel Carter

Warden Nash

Prosecuting Attorney, Cole County

MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

Jefferson City, Missouri

September 24, 1964

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Subject: Stabbing of colored men - June 8, 1964 - Missouri State Prison

To : Commanding Officer, Troop F
Missouri State Highway Patrol
Jefferson City, Missouri

1. On the afternoon of September 22, 1964, the undersigned officer interviewed George Van Swearingen #09865, at the Missouri State Prison. Swearingen is an inmate of the Missouri State Prison. He is a white male subject, age 20, from Humansville, Missouri. He was sentenced for four years from Franklin County for car theft in November, 1961. In July, 1962, he received an additional three years for escape from Cole County. Swearingen's education was received mainly at the State Hospital at St. Joseph, Missouri, where he was an inmate for approximately four years. He is able to read and write poorly.

2. The undersigned officer advised Swearingen that he wanted any information that he could furnish with reference to the stabbings in the prison on June 8, 1964. Swearingen stated that he did have information concerning the stabbings and that he would testify against the subjects responsible in court. He further stated that after the stabbings he had been housed in the Cole County Jail for a period of time for his own protection, and that he still feared for his life.

3. Swearingen gave the following account of his actions and observations:

"Between 6:30 p.m. and 6:45 p.m., June 8, 1964, I was in a group of inmates in the tunnel between the control center and the chapel. We were coming from the recreation yards. As we went down the tunnel I saw Charlie Keen down near the corner and he was looking back toward us. He jumped around the corner and then I could not see him. We went on down the tunnel and around the corner and as I got close to the chapel door I stopped because the tunnel was already crowded with inmates. Billy Burke was on my right near the corner leaning against the wall. While stopped, I saw Billy Burke and Charlie Keen pull pillow slips over their heads. I noticed Billy Burke's mask had one hole for the eyes. Burke had a long knife leaning against the rail while he put the mask on. There was another guy with crossed eyes in the tunnel with Burke and Keen. He was holding something white in his hand. I don't know his name but he works in the tailor shop. I believe it was a white rag in his left hand. They were down near the corner of the tunnel. I mingled in the crowd there between the chapel door and the corner. I saw a fourth subject pull a white

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cloth up over his face to his eyes. I do not know what this was. He looked past me toward Keen and Burke and shouted, 'Bring them on'. About this time I heard a colored guy yelling and he came running through the crowd. When I first saw him he brushed by me and I saw a bloody hole in the lower right side of his back. I think his name was Simmons. He was yelling, 'Oh, Oh, Oh'. After he went past me I saw the fourth fellow with the mask grab Simmons' right arm or side. Another fellow with a mask on up to his eyes came up from Simmons' back and made a motion. I don't know what he done. I looked back toward the corner and the crowd had blocked the tunnel. I could see motions and masked heads. One was tall. I think this was Burke. Then the colored man, Simmons, ran back by me and he broke through the crowd and went toward the control center gate still yelling. Then I saw Charlie Keen throw a black leather glove down on the tunnel floor. We all headed for F and G Hall".

4. At the end of the interview, Swearingen again stated that he would testify in court. He further stated he would do so even though he feared an attempt might be made to shut him up.

G. C. Maddox, Sergeant

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Colonel Carter

Warden Nash

Prosecuting Attorney, Cole County

MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

Jefferson City, Missouri

October 19, 1964

From : Sargeant C. C. Maddox

Subject: Stabbing of colored men - June 8, 1964 - Missouri State Prison

To : Commanding Officer, Troop F
Missouri State Highway Patrol
Jefferson City, Missouri

1. Since September 21, 1964, the undersigned officer has interviewed numerous inmates and prison personnel with reference to the stabbings which occurred at the prison on the evening of June 8, 1964. Witnesses were interviewed at the prison, at the Church Farm, and at the Medium Security Prison at Moberly, Missouri.

2. The above mentioned stabbings occurred in the tunnel leading from near the control center gate to F and G halls. The victims of the stabbings were four colored subjects - Ernest Franklin, #07447; James Parks, #03051; Robert Mitchell, #00844; and Roscoe Odester Simmons, #05711. Franklin, Parks, and Mitchell recovered from the stabbings and Simmons died shortly after the attack.

3. Numerous inmates claimed to be witnesses to the stabbings and all of these inmates were interviewed by the undersigned officer and reports of these interviews have previously been forwarded. Various suspects' names were brought out during these interviews. These suspects and the witnesses identifying them are listed below.

Suspects

Billy Burke

Chester Eley

Donald Buschmeyer

Walter Robert Douglas

Identifying Witnesses

Robert William Mitchell
James Parks
Robert Charles Banks
Joe Henry Brunner
George Van Swearingen
Lee Andrew Holt

Robert William Mitchell
Robert Charles Bank
Joe Henry Brunner
Leslie Allen Achter

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Suspects

Richard Laws

Robert Burns

Jerry Barker

Charles Keen

Identifying Witnesses

Joseph Baettie Van Alst

Joseph Baettie Van Alst

Lee Andrew Holt

George Van Swearingen

4. As indicated in the previous reports, these witnesses in identifying one suspect will have varied descriptions of the incident. These descriptions will differ as to the location of the stabbings, the type weapons used, and whether or not the suspects wore hoods, masks, or were bare-faced. In their interviews, the three living victims stated that all of the assailants were white, however, Franklin could identify no one. Parks could identify Billy Burke and Mitchell identified Burke and Eley. Robert Banks, who was with the four victims, was able to identify Burke, Eley, and Douglas. Some of the statements from the other witnesses were not clear and they would become vague in their answers as to the details of the attack which they claimed to have witnessed. Obviously, several of these witnesses made up their story after having heard conversations of others in describing what happened.

C. C. Maddox, Sergeant

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Prosecuting Attorney, Cole County
Colonel Carter
Warden Nash

MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

Jefferson City, Missouri

September 28, 1964

Subject: Stabbing of colored men - June 8, 1964 - Missouri State Prison

To : Commanding Officer, Troop F
Missouri State Highway Patrol
Jefferson City, Missouri

1. On the morning of September 28, 1964, the undersigned officer interviewed James A. Parks #03051, an inmate of the Missouri State Prison. Parks is a negro male, age 44, from Little Rock, Arkansas. He entered the penitentiary in July, 1961, to serve a twelve year term for sodomy from Cole County. He stated that he previously served an eight year term for rape and stealing in Ohio (Federal) in 1945. Parks has a first grade education, however, he has studied since entering the prison and is able to read and write. The interview took place in the prison office of Major Poiry.

2. Parks gave the following account of his activities on the evening of June 8, 1964:

"On Monday night, about 15 minutes until 7:00 p.m., we were going through the tunnel toward the hobby shop where I work. We had been to the ball field. As we turned the corner a fellow by me said, 'Look out', and gave me a shove. When he did this my shirt front was ripped by a knife. I looked up and there stood a white fellow with a hood over his head. He was tall about 5-11 or 6 feet. He had two holes cut in the mask for eyes and it was tied under his chin. He had a knife about a foot long in his right hand and had it drawn back to stab me. Before he could cut me I grabbed his wrist with my left hand and I hit him on the chin with my right hand. He dropped his knife in the tunnel and ran toward F and G Hall. We was fighting to get back toward the corner so we could move out the tunnel at the control center gate. There was eight to ten guys with masks. Just as we turned the corner before the fight started someone yelled, 'Let's kill all these black niggers', and the fight started. They stabbed Simmons, Franklin, and Mitchell all at the same time. Two guys grabbed Simmons but I don't know whether they both stuck him or not. There was a tall fellow holding Simmons' right side and he had a bloody knife in his right hand. The fellow on Simmons' left was shorter and heavier. They both had hoods on. I don't know who they was. I think one called Brother was there. I saw Banks holding both hands of a fellow with a hood on but I didn't see them fighting. I think Banks knows who all those fellows was. I bent over to pick up a knife and a tall fellow kicked me. I think this was Burke. While I was fighting I knocked a short fellow down and his mask was moved over to where I saw a scar that ran down along the edge of his right eye almost to his cheek bone.

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He had short black hair and it was standing up. I could pick him out. There was another fellow with a hood there that I think I know. I don't know his name but he is small and he is left handed. He played first base on one of the ball teams. I could pick him out. It was just a bundle of men and knives. When we fought back to the corner I saw Mitchell holding onto the rail along the outside wall. He was bleeding from under his arms like water from a faucet. When I reached out to help him I got stabbed in the lower left back. I don't know who stabbed me or where he came from. When I looked around the fellow was laying on the floor. I don't know whether I hit him with my elbow or what happened. I got Mitchell and helped him down toward the tunnel opening. About up to the Commissary door I got hold of Franklin and helped them both to the gate where Captain Troyer opened the gate and let us through".

3. Parks stated he would testify in court to the above information, however, he indicated he strongly feared for his life and would like to be moved. Parks has little or no education but apparently is able to read and study the Bible and talks of this most of the time.

C. C. Maddox, Sergeant

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Colonel Carter

Warden Nash

Prosecuting Attorney, Cole County



Missouri State Penitentiary

E. V. NASH, WARDEN
JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI 65102

10 June 1964

Colonel James D. Carter, Director
Department of Corrections
Capitol Building
Jefferson City, Missouri

Dear Sir:

The following is a general resume of the circumstances and happenings of the evening of June 8, 1964, at the institution.

At approximately 6:50 p.m., June 8, I was advised from the Control Center that two, possibly three, colored inmates from F&G Hall had been stabbed as the line was returning from the recreational yard. As soon as possible I returned to the institution.

Arriving at the institution, I learned that inmates Ernest Franklin #07447-J, James A. Parks #03051-J and Robert W. Mitchell #00844-J had sustained serious stab wounds and that inmate Roscoe Odester Simmons #05711-J was stabbed and pronounced dead upon arrival at the hospital. All of these men are colored and had been assigned to F&G Hall during the week of June 3.

The evening of the 8th, F&G Hall and one side of A Hall were privileged to go into the recreational yard. In the past week there had not been one rumor or comment concerning the transfer of the eleven colored men from A Hall into the empty cells of F&G Hall. Last Friday, June 5, three of the colored men from F&G Hall went with the hall to the movie, sat in the middle of the area and no incident occurred. The acceptance of these men into F&G Hall seemed to be rather general and we were in the process of making more assignments.

It has been determined in talking with Captain Glen Troyer, Shift Captain, 3-11, that as the line was returning from the recreational yard, it was orderly and proceeding well. The Captain advised that no officer was leading the line or stationed in the corridor to the halls. Captain Troyer was assisting with the Canteen line from B&C Hall, but stepped into the corridor when the lines entered. He advised that just as the line turned left to approach the corridor leading to the hall he heard

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a scream and that he immediately started in its direction. As he went down the line he heard another scream and then noted the colored inmates running back toward the Control Center area. He further noted that two of the men showed evidence of being stabbed and he took them for admittance into the hospital through the Control Center. The line formation had during this interval moved into F&G Hall. Near the turn in the corridor, two other colored inmates were found on the floor; these were removed to the hospital. It has been determined that these two men were inmate Parks and Mitchell, who had left A Hall to go to the Hobby Shop where they worked.

The colored inmates from A Hall returning from the recreational yard became cognizant of the incident and began assembling near the Control Center. To get them back into the hall necessitated the display of a weapon, however, they were housed and A Hall secured.

In searching the area near the assault, the officers recovered five (5) knives of varying sizes. Three of the knives showed evidence of blood. Also found were two hood type items. These were made from pillow slips with slots cut for vision. The hoods and knives have been retained in lock up.

The colored inmates assigned to F&G Hall were all taken from the hall and placed back in A Hall on outcounts. These men were questioned by you, Mr. Steinhauser, Associate Warden-Custody, Major B. J. Poiry, and myself. These men were: Orme #07393, Dunn #73326, Taylor #03277, Gratten #06723, Turner #08376, Collor #08408, Tinsley #08413, and Jackson #08419. Two or three of this group stated they did not wish to return to F&G Hall, the others indicated they would like to return. None of the group indicated that they had been mistreated, ridiculed or unjustly treated during the stay in F&G Hall. They indicated that they had been well treated and that the white men displayed no resentment of their transfer.

The officers assigned the 11-7 shift of June 8 were held over on the morning of June 9. A separate feeding was given the colored men and they were then returned to A Hall. The white inmates of the institution were then fed and returned to their calls. Work details were then called out, however, A Hall upon seeing numbers of white men leaving their halls refused to leave.

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Colonel James D. Carter, Director
Department of Corrections

A group of colored inmates were called into the Control Center where in the presence of yourself, Mr. Steinhauser, Major Poiry, and myself, the conditions existing were discussed and they were further appraised of the steps we intended to take in filling one section of F&G Hall with colored men and they were further informed of the steps we would take, should any disturbance develop between the colored and white inmates.

Another grouping of white inmates were called into the Control Center and there, with a representation from the colored hall, the data as dispensed at the earlier meeting was again reviewed. From the comments of both white and colored inmates, it appeared that neither group was interested in any fracas or continuation of this senseless racial retaliation. The colored men were appraised of the fact that the inmates in F&G Hall were placed on positive lock up and full restrictions and they expressed some contentment with this information.

All details were called out following the noon meals and feeding in the dining room was resumed, with this exception, F&G hall were and will be fed for an indefinite period following the normal main line feeding.

At approximately 12:15 p.m., accompanied by you, we went to the office of Mr. James Tice, Administrative Assistant to the Governor, and acquainted him with the general happenings, our decisions and possible procedures. At that meeting we were informed by Mr. Tice that in his contact with Mr. Wayne Waldo, Executive Office, we were to proceed with the details of the procedure as was outlined.

At approximately 2 p.m., we again called a group of inmates together, these from F&G Hall. The incident, our plans of transfer and vacating one cell block unit and the circumstances of the restriction on F&G hall were called to the attention of these inmates. Very little comment came from this grouping of inmates and this is recognized as resulting from their general involvement in the situation and the possibility of some friend of the aggressor being present during this session.

During the remainder of the 9th, general normal institutional programs and activities were resumed. After the final feeding at 5 p.m., evening activities were prohibited and we will follow this procedure for whatever time this is deemed necessary.

The morning of June 10, activities within the institution were resumed with a certain degree of normalcy.

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Colonel James D. Carter, Director
Department of Corrections

Additional officers will be made available over the week-end of June 13-14 as a precautionary act. An extra officer will be assigned to Towers 4-5 and 6. The additional officers will be on the recreation yard and some held at the Control Center should an emergency condition develop.

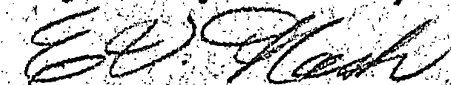
Presently there is considerable feeling and tension inside, this must be expected for a time. Every conceivable effort is being made to discuss the problem with both inmates and personnel and where minor problems arise they are being handled by myself, Mr. Steinhauser and Major Poiry. Most of the custodial officers are well aware of conditions as they were briefed in the staff meeting the morning of Tuesday, June 9, with you present, and again briefed later that morning following our discussion with the inmate groups.

I feel that we can expect some occasional, spasmodic emotional problems and these will be handled as diplomatically as possible. It is without doubt that a few individuals may endeavor to keep the pot boiling. This will be dealt with as the instances occur.

Should any activity of a serious impact materialize, I can but assure your office that immediate, forceful steps will be taken to eliminate the occurrence.

I will keep your office and others advised of our investigation in the effort to determine the men responsible for the fatality and stabbings.

Respectfully submitted,



E. V. NASH, Warden
Missouri State Penitentiary for Men

cc: The Honorable John M. Dalton
Governor of the State of Missouri

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

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RE CHARLES STEIN

REINTERVIEW OF CHARLES JOSEPH STEIN, MAY TWO INSTANT.
PURPOSE OF INTERVIEW WAS TO REVIEW INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY
FURNISHED BY STEIN AND OBTAIN FROM HIM DETAILED INFORMATION
REGARDING HIS MEETING OF INDIVIDUAL KNOWN TO HIM AS ERIC
GALT (JAMES EARL RAY), THE DISCUSSIONS THEY HAD, THEIR
TRIP TO AND FROM NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, THEIR ACTIVITY
WHILE IN NEW ORLEANS, AND THEIR ACTIVITY IN LOS ANGELES
SUBSEQUENT TO NEW ORLEANS TRIP. AGENTS CONDUCTING
INTERVIEW, ONE OF WHOM IS FAMILIAR WITH NEW ORLEANS AREA,
HAD IN THEIR POSSESSION EXTENSIVE INFORMATION REGARDING
STEIN'S BACKGROUND.

STEIN FURNISHED SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME INFORMATION
AS IN PREVIOUS INTERVIEWS. STEIN ADVISED ONLY ACTUALLY
OBSERVED GALT (RAY) MAKING ONE PHONE CALL; HOWEVER, BELIEVES
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MAY HAVE MADE OTHER CALLS WHILE NOT IN STEIN'S PRESENCE. STEIN STATED ONE CALL HE OBSERVED MADE FROM PUBLIC COIN BOX PHONE BOOTH DURING NIGHT PRIOR TO ARRIVAL NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA.

STEIN ADVISED ARRIVED IN NEW ORLEANS ON DECEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST.

STEIN ADVISED HE AND LOUIS LOMAX DID NOT LOCATE PHONE BOOTH IN QUESTION, WHEN TRIP RETRACED BY THEM. FEELS THIS DUE TO FACT LOMAX TRACED TRAVEL IN REVERSE FROM WAY IT ACTUALLY OCCURRED. STEIN STRONGLY FEELS BY RETRACING TRIP ROUTE FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS HE WOULD BE ABLE TO LOCATE PHONE BOOTH IN WHICH CALL WAS MADE BY GALT (RAY).

STEIN DENIED GALT EVER VISITED HIM AT THREE THREE FOUR ZERO FLOYD TERRACE, HOLLYWOOD, NOR EVER HAVING MET GALT BEFORE THEIR MEETING IN SULTAN ROOM, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, HOLLYWOOD, NIGHT OF DECEMBER FOURTEEN LAST. DENIES EVER HAVING FURNISHED ANY TYPE DRUG TO GALT (RAY), OR EVER HAVING SEEN GALT(RAY) USE ANY.

STEIN ADMITTED PAST ARRESTS FOR POSSESSION BARBITUATES AND STATED WOULD KNOW A "DOPEHEAD" IF HE SAW ONE. STATED GALT WAS NOT A "DOPEHEAD", BUT POSSIBLE HE MIGHT HAVE TAKEN "PILLS", ALTHOUGH NEVER IN PRESENCE OF STEIN.

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STEIN STATED HE WAS QUITE IRRITATED WITH LOUIS LOMAX, BECAUSE LOMAX USED HIM FOR PUBLICITY PURPOSES. STEIN EXPRESSED CONCERN FOR HIS LIFE FROM THE KILLER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., BECAUSE OF PRESS EXPOSURE GIVEN HIM BY LOMAX.

IT WOULD APPEAR THAT STEIN TELLING TRUTH AS BEST HE REMEMBERS OF HIS ASSOCIATION WITH GALT (RAY).

BUREAU MIGHT DESIRE TO CONSIDER RETRACING STEIN'S TRIP WITH GALT (RAY) TO NEW ORLEANS, WITH PURPOSE IN MIND OF LOCATING PHONE BOOTH IN WHICH STEIN PERSONALLY OBSERVED GALT (RAY) MAKING CALL. POSSIBLE SUCH RETRACING MIGHT BE PRODUCTIVE IF CONDUCTED IN LOGICAL MANNER AND MIGHT POSSIBLY BRING OTHER FACTS TO MEMORY OF STEIN.

STEIN ADVISED HE RECALLS THAT GALT (RAY), ON TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS, TOLD HIM NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON HE WAS GOING TO SEE. STEIN STATED NAME WAS ITALIAN SOUNDING, WAS A WELL-KNOWN NAME IN NEW ORLEANS, AND ADDRESS GAVE STEIN MENTAL PICTURE OF CHALMETTE-INDUSTRIAL CANAL AREA. STEIN ADVISED WHEN ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE PHONE BOOTH ON TRIP WITH LOUIS LOMAX, LOMAX ASKED HIM IF SAM RISCELLE (PHONETIC)

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WAS PERSON NAMED BY GALT (RAY). STEIN ADVISED TOLD LOMAX HE COULD NOT REMEMBER NAME, NOR COULD HE RECALL IT DURING INTERVIEW, THIS DATE.

REINTERVIEW WITH RITA STEIN

RITA STEIN, AKA RITA ROSAS; SISTER OF CHARLES JOSEPH STEIN REINTERVIEWED TODAY SEPARATELY BUT SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH REINTERVIEW OF HER BROTHER, PURPOSE WAS TO REVIEW IN DETAIL WITH HER FACTS SURROUNDING ORIGINAL MEETING WITH ERIC GALT AND ATTEMPT TO FILL OUT ANY FACTS SHE MIGHT HAVE OVERLOOKED DURING ORIGINAL INTERVIEWS.

INFORMATION FURNISHED WAS IN AGREEMENT WITH INFORMATION ORIGINALLY FURNISHED. CLAIMS NEVER MET GALT PRIOR TO MEETING WITH HIM IN SULTAN ROOM BAR, IN ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, HOLLYWOOD, IN MID-DECEMBER SIXTY SEVEN, DAY BEFORE HE DROVE HER BROTHER TO NEW ORLEANS TO BRING BACK HER DAUGHTERS KIM AND CHERYL. STATES SHE WAS INTRODUCED TO HIM THAT EVENING BY HER COUSIN, MARIE MARTIN, WAITRESS IN SULTAN ROOM BAR. SHE SAID SHE TRIED TO MAKE HIM UNDERSTAND THAT IT WAS ESSENTIAL SHE GET HER KIDS BACK FROM NEW ORLEANS, AND QUOTE THIS WAS NO PLAY CLOSE QUOTES. HE CLAIMED HE UNDERSTOOD, AND STATED HE WOULD BE GLAD TO TAKE HER AS HE WAS ON VACATION AND NOT WORKING. SHE WENT HOME AND TOLD HER BROTHER THERE WAS A GUY AT SULTAN ROOM BAR THAT WAS WILLING TO DRIVE HER TO NEW ORLEANS. HAD CHARLIE GO TO SULTAN ROOM TO SIZE HIM UP THAT EVENING.

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NEXT MORNING SHE CONVINCED CHARLIE HE SHOULD GO TO NEW ORLEANS IN HER PLACE, AS SHE WAS AFRAID TO RIDE ALONE TO NEW ORLEANS WITH MAN SHE HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY KNOWN. GALT SHOWED UP AT HER HOUSE EARLY THAT AM AND SAID THAT HE WAS DOING A FAVOR FOR HER, AND SHE COULD DO A FAVOR FOR HIM BY HAVING HER BROTHER, HER COUSIN MARIE, ACCOMPANY HIM TO REGISTER AT WALLACE HEADQUARTERS, AND FOR HER TO DO LIKEWISE. SHE AND BROTHER AND COUSIN AGREED, AND DROVE IN HIS WHITE MUSTANG TO WALLACE HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH HOLLYWOOD. SHE RODE IN BACK SEAT WITH HER TWO SONS. GALT, MARIE AND CHARLIE RODE IN FRONT SEAT.

FOLLOWING RETURN TO HER HOME ON FRANKLIN STREET, GALT AND CHARLIE LEFT FOR NEW ORLEANS.

NEXT SAM GALT EARLY AM ON THE MORNING HE AND CHARLIE RETURNED WITH HER TWO DAUGHTERS FROM NEW ORLEANS. HE HELPED UNLOAD CAR AND LEFT IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER. RETURNED BRIEFLY NEXT DAY TO DELIVER CHILD'S BLACKBOARD OVERLOOKED IN UNLOADING CAR PREVIOUS MORNING. SHE INSISTS HE NEVER ENTERED HER HOME FARTHER THAN HALF WAY ACROSS FRONT ROOM. NEVER HAD FOOD OR DRINK OR USED BATHROOM IN HER HOME. SHE ALSO INSISTS SHE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE HE WAS OR MAY HAVE BEEN NARCOTICS USER OR PEDDLER.

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ADDED ON THIS INTERVIEW THAT HER SECOND HUSBAND, STANLEY LINO ROSAS, WHO DIED OF OVERDOSE OF MORPHINE IN HOLLYWOOD, WAS NOT KNOWN TO HER TO BE ADDICTED TO NARCOTICS; HOWEVER, SHE SAYS HE ADMITTED TO HER AFTER THEIR MARRIAGE THAT HE HAD BEEN ARRESTED ON NARCOTICS CHARGE IN LOUISIANA. SHE CLAIMS SHE DOES NOT KNOW DETAILS OF THAT ARREST; WHETHER HE WAS USER OR PUSHER. THINKS HE MAY HAVE SERVED TIME IN ANGOLA STATE PEN, BUT IS NOT SURE. SAYS THIS WAS ALL BEFORE SHE MET HIM.

PHOTO OF GALT (JAMES EARL RAY) TAKEN BETWEEN AUGUST SIXTY SEVEN AND FEBRUARY SIXTY EIGHT, FURNISHED BY U.S. POSTAL INSPECTORS, EXHIBITED TO RITA STEIN. SHE STATES THIS IS BEST LIKENESS OF GALT OF ANY PHOTOS SHE HAS SEEN. PHOTO OF GALT IN DARK GLASSES TAKEN DURING FALL SIXTY SEVEN PUERTO VALLARTA RESHOWN AND SHE STATES IT IS VERY POOR LIKENESS. STATES GALT'S WALK, POSTURE, AND STATURE WAS NEVER RELAXED, IMPRESSED HER AS ALWAYS BEING IN STATE OF MILITARY ATTENTION. CHARLES STEIN ALSO EXPRESSED OPINION THAT PHOTO FURNISHED BY USPO BEST LIKENESS OF INDIVIDUAL HE KNEW AS GALT.

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RE GALT'S CORRESPONDENCE WITH "SWINGER" CLUB.

U.S. POSTAL INSPECTORS OFFICE FURNISHED PHOTOGRAPH OF GALT TAKEN DURING PERIOD AUGUST SIXTY SEVEN TO FEBRUARY SIXTY EIGHT AND LETTER WRITTEN BY GALT FEBRUARY SEVENTEEN LAST.

THESE ITEMS FURNISHED U.S. POSTAL INSPECTORS BY PATRICIA K. ANDERSON TWO EIGHT ZERO ZERO GLENVIEW, LOS ANGELES WHO RECEIVED LETTER AND PHOTOGRAPH FROM GALT RESULTANT FROM HER NAME BEING INCLUDED ON LIST OF QUOTE THE LOCAL SWINGER END QUOTE A CORRESPONDENCE CLUB IN DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA.

JAMES E. O'DONN AND ANN L. MEYERS, OWNERS OF QUOTE THE LOCAL SWINGER END QUOTE STATED THEY RECALLED INDIVIDUAL NAMED ERIC GALT HAD SENT IN FEE OF ONE DOLLAR FOR LIST OF SWINGERS. BOTH RECALLED GALT HAD SENT FIVE LETTERS TO CLUB FOR TRANSMITTAL TO INDIVIDUALS INCLUDED IN LIST OF SWINGERS BY SYMBOL NUMBER. NO RECORD OF INDIVIDUALS TO WHOM GALT SENT LETTER MAINTAINED. RECORDS THIS CLUB CONTAIN NAME OF PATRICIA SHUBERT, TWO EIGHT ZERO ZERO GLENVIEW, LOS ANGELES.

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RE ADVERTISEMENT PLACED IN LOS ANGELES FREE PRESS BY GALT.
ON MAY TWO INSTANT, GENE TURNER, ACCOUNTANT, LOS ANGELES
"FREE PRESS", L.A. AVANT GARDE NEWSPAPER, MADE AVAILABLE ADVERTISE-
MENT PLACED BY ERIC S. GALT ON JANUARY THIRTY LAST. ADVERTISEMENT
PROBABLY RECEIVED AT "FREE PRESS" BY MAIL. ADVERTISEMENT READS:
"SINGLE MALE CAUC. THIRTY SIX YEARS. FIVE ELEVEN ONE HUNDRED
SEVENTY LB. DIGS FR. CULT. DESIRE'S DISCREET MEETING WITH PASSIONATE
MARRIED FEMALE FOR MUTUAL ENJOYMENT, AND/OR FEMALE FOR SWING SESSIONS
APT. FURN. WILL EX. PHOTO. WRITE ERIC S. FOUR ZERO SIX SO.
SECOND ALHAMBRA, NINE ONE EIGHT ZERO TWO."

NOTATION BELOW ADVERTISEMENT READ "RETURN NAME AND ADDRESS,
ERIC S. GALT. SAME AS ABOVE. INCLOSED IS M.O. FOR FOUR DOLLARS
TWENTY FIVE CENTS, RUN ADD UNDER THIRTY ONE UNIT SYSTEM. THANKS"

EXAMINATION OF ABOVE REVEALED ENTIRE CONTENTS TYPEWRITTEN
USING RED RIBBON. NO HANDWRITING INVOLVED.

TURNER STATED ADVERTISEMENT RAN IN FEBRUARY TWO DASH EIGHT
LAST EDITION OF ABOVE PAPER, ALSO MADE AVAILABLE.

ABOVE ADDRESS IN ALHAMBRA IS THAT OF C. M. HEDGPETH IN-
TERVIEWED BY BUREAU AGENTS ON APRIL FOURTEEN LAST. HE STATED GALT
WAS PAYING CUSTOMER OF HIS MAIL FORWARDING SERVICE AT FOUR ZERO
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SIX SOUTH SECOND STREET FROM FEBRUARY ONE LAST TO MARCH ONE LAST. ALL MAIL WAS TO BE FORWARDED TO GALT AT ST. FRANCIS HOTEL IN HOLLYWOOD. HEDGPETH STATED HE WAS CERTAIN GALT NEVER RECEIVED ANY MAIL THROUGH HIS FORWARDING SERVICE.

PHOTOGRAPH OF GALT, LETTER AND ORIGINAL OF LA FREE PRESS ADVERTISEMENT FURNISHED BUREAU FOR LABORATORY EXAMINATION VIA AIR TODAY.

LOS ANGELES WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW PATRICIA K. ANDERSON FOR INTERVIEW.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUES AT LOS ANGELES.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Via TELETYPEURGENT

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861),
MEMPHIS (44-1987), AND 1013A
ST. LOUIS 1016A

FROM: KANSAS CITY (44-760)

MURKIN.

INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM MSP THAT VISITOR'S CARD IS ISSUED TO PERSONS DESIRING TO VISIT INMATES BY THE WARDEN. THIS CONTAINED SIGNATURE OF THE VISITOR. WHEN THIS PERSON MAKES VISIT, THE CARD OF THE INMATE IS PULLED BY THE MATRON IN THE VISITING ROOM, WHO CHECKS THE CARD UPON PRESENTATION. THE PERSON VISITING SIGNS THE REGISTER OF VISITORS. THIS IS A SHEET OF PAPER IN COLUMNS. THIS IS CHECKED ON THE INMATE'S FILE ACCORDING TO DATE AND WHEN SUCH ENTRIES ARE MADE ON THE INMATES CARD FOR ALL VISITORS EACH DAY, THE SHEET SIGNED BY THE VISITOR IS DESTROYED.

THE ONLY OFFICIAL SIGNATURE OF THE VISITOR IS CONTAINED ON THE INMATE'S OFFICIAL VISITOR'S CARD. IF THE SIGNATURE DOES NOT AGREE IN THE OPINION OF THE CHECKING MATRON, NO VISIT WOULD BE ALLOWED AND TROUBLE MIGHT RESULT

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BOTH TO THE INMATE AND THE VISITOR; THEREFORE, IT IS VERY
UNLIKELY THAT A VISITOR WOULD USE SOMEONE ELSE'S IDENTITY
IN VISITING ONE OF THE INMATES AT MSP.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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END.

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-760)

FROM : SA RAYMOND B. HOWE (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/3/68

A review of the list of inmates released from the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) since 4/1/67 with out-of-state addresses include the following individuals from the Los Angeles, California, area. In view of the fact subject spent so much of his time in this area under the name ERIC GALT, it is felt these inmates should be contacted in the event they know him or can furnish information regarding him.

Information regarding the current location of the following individuals should be obtained from the records of the MSP, Jefferson City, Missouri, for forwarding to Los Angeles Office.

- ✓ DAVID DON MC FARLIN, MSP #12241, Garden Grove, California, paroled 3/21/67
- ✓ MICHAEL KEY CLARK, MSP #12155, Los Angeles, California
- ✓ JIMMY LEE HILL, MSP #12765, Compton, California
- ✓ GALE FRANKLIN FISHER, MSP #03439, Santa Ana, California
- ✓ JOHN LESTER, MSP #76041, Los Angeles, California
- ✓ LAWRENCE ALBERT GRIDER, MSP #10214, Hawthorne, California
- ✓ CHARLES AMOS STEWART, MSP #08716, Los Angeles, California.

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The following investigation was conducted by
Special Agent PRINCE G. MELTON:

AT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

A former inmate of the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, advised on April 30, 1968, that he had worked in the bakery at the Missouri State Penitentiary while JAMES EARL RAY was an inmate at the penitentiary and also a bakery worker. RAY was a friend of BOB POWELL and an inmate recalled only as J. R. RUSSELL, believed to be from Farmington, Missouri.

POWELL intimated that RAY was planning an escape from the penitentiary and his escape was finally effected with a large bread box--POWELL, RUSSELL, and possibly others assisting in the loading of the bread box containing JAMES EARL RAY. When the bread truck came in, a remark was made by POWELL about sending something to the farm, and a rather heavy bread box was loaded on the bread truck.

RAY on one occasion made the remark concerning a Negro guard known as Lt. BILLY BOB "That's one Nigger that should be dead." RAY on one occasion referred to a male Negro cook as "that black son-of-a-bitch."

RAY was characterized as a loner and one who seemed to live in his own world. RAY was known to purchase the physical favors of homosexuals while still in the Missouri State Penitentiary, although it was believed that RAY would seek sexual relations with women outside the prison walls.

Prior to the time that RAY escaped in the bread box, POWELL was overheard telling RAY that he wanted RAY to go to Doe Run, Missouri, where a girl named FRANKIE BARBARA (phonetic) resided. POWELL wanted RAY to "beat that bitch real good, but don't kill her." POWELL wanted RAY to tell FRANKIE that the beating had come from POWELL. Apparently FRANKIE BARBARA had been POWELL's girl friend, and when she stopped corresponding with POWELL, POWELL became quite upset.

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It was also believed that RAY had stabbed one inmate while still in the Missouri State Penitentiary down on the dock by the garbage cans, but his identity was never discovered by prison officials. It was believed that POWELL held this inmate while RAY stabbed him with a knife. It was not believed that this was a mortal wound, but simply an assault with a knife.

It was indicated that RAY used to steal locks from different doors in the bakery and kitchen area and practiced picking these locks later.

RUSSELL was described as a white male, age 35, about 5'10", 160 pounds. POWELL was a nice-looking, well built, white male with black hair.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

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

Enclosed herewith are two copies of an insert reflecting interview with former PCI JULIUS MAURICE BLOCK, Inmate No. 71870, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.

LEAD

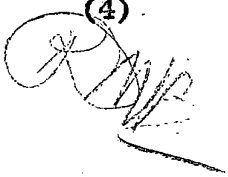
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AT DOE RUN, MISSOURI

Will interview the white female known as FRANKIE BARBARA (phonetic), reportedly a former girl friend of BOB POWELL, presently an inmate at Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, and determine if she has been contacted by fugitive JAMES EARL RAY or has any knowledge concerning his possible whereabouts.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

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On 5/1/68, at 10:15 a.m., Lt. JOHN GRUVER, U. S. Navy, retired, 744 North Jerie, Tucson, Arizona, Telephone 602-325-1850, by long distance telephone advised SA FRANCIS B. McGIVERN, WFO, that he had heard over Tucson radio stations KAIR and KPUC that JAMES EARL RAY is reported to have landed in Sidney, Australia. GRUVER sound as though he had been drinking. He stated he had friends in Australia who could be of assistance in locating RAY. He identified these friends as NED KIRKBY, Colonial Sugar, Sidney, and JIM COPLY, who lives in Perth, Australia. GRUVER further stated he had furnished the above information to the PX Office of the FBI.

At 11:00 a.m., GRUVER advised McGIVERN he had telephoned Chief of Police, Sidney, Australia, and Mrs. NED KIRKBY, and feels they will be cooperative in locating RAY.

At 11:48 a.m., GRUVER telephonically furnished same information to SA LLOYD BRUCE, WFO.

- 3 - Bureau
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)
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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR AND SACS, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
RICHMOND (44-651)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE APRIL TWENTYNINE, LAST AND
WFO TELETYPE APRIL THIRTY, LAST, CONCERNING TELEPHONES AT
SAINT FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES.

TELEPHONE CALL MARCH TWO, LAST, TO WASHINGTON, D.C.,
THREE THREE SEVEN - FIVE THREE ONE FIVE, RECEIVED BY ANSWERING
SERVICE FOR COLONIAL PARKING, INCORPORATED, WASHINGTON, D. C.,
FROM PETER HOLDEN, TWO TWO ZERO ZERO MILLS ROAD, ALEXANDRIA,
VIRGINIA, LOS ANGELES TELEPHONES SIX SIX ZERO - ZERO FIVE ONE
NINE, RESIDENCE SEVEN SIX EIGHT - NINE SEVEN SEVEN FOUR.

HOLDEN LEFT NO MESSAGE, BUT INDICATED WOULD CALL BACK
BUT SECOND CALL NOT RECEIVED. COLONIAL BELIEVES HOLDEN CALLED

- 2 - Bureau (44-38861)
- 2 - Teletype Unit
- 1 - Baltimore (44-669) (AM)
- ① - Kansas City (44-760) (AM)
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)
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ABOUT HIS ONE-HALF TON, BLACK AND WHITE CHEVROLET PICK-UP TRUCK IN STORAGE FROM OCTOBER FOURTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN. TRUCK REMOVED MARCH TWENTYSEVEN, LAST AND RETURNED TO STORAGE MARCH TWENTYEIGHT, LAST, AGAIN REMOVED FROM STORAGE APRIL EIGHT, LAST. AREA CONTACT LISTED AS JOHN RICHMOND, TELEPHONE THREE FOUR SEVEN - THREE FOUR FOUR FOUR. TWO MEN, NAMES NOT KNOWN, CAME TO COLONIAL STORAGE LOT ON APRIL FOUR, FIVE OR SIX, LAST AND REMOVED PAINTING EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, ALSO TOOK TRUCK TO GARAGE FOR TUNE UP. THEY WERE DRIVING BEIGE COLORED, HALF TON TRUCK WITH RACKS FOR LADDERS AND VIRGINIA LICENSE TAGS. ONE MALE, WHOSE FATHER MAY OWN TRUCK IN STORAGE, DESCRIBED AS WHITE, TWENTYFIVE TO THIRTY YEARS, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTYFIVE POUNDS TO ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTYFIVE POUNDS, RUDDY COMPLEXION, BLOND HAIR, STOCKY BUILD. OTHER DESCRIBED AS WHITE, THIRTY TO THIRTYTHREE YEARS, SIX FEET ONE INCH, ONE HUNDRED NINETY POUNDS, BOTH HAD SOUTHERN ACCENTS.

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ON APRIL EIGHT, LAST, ANOTHER MAN DROVE TO COLONIAL PARKING LOT IN A MUSTANG AND PLACED PACKAGE BELIEVED TO HAVE CONTAINED CLOTHING AND A TWENTYTWO CALIBER RIFLE IN CAB OF TRUCK IN STORAGE. A BOX OF AMMUNITION WAS PLACED IN GLOVE COMPARTMENT. HE INDICATED HE WAS DRIVER FOR DRIVE AWAY AND WAS GOING TO DO SOME HUNTING EN ROUTE TO CALIFORNIA WITH TRUCK. HE IS DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, LATE THIRTIES, SIX FEET ONE INCH TO TWO INCHES, ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTYFIVE TO TWO HUNDRED POUNDS, BROWN HAIR WITH GRAY AND REDDISH TINT. AFTER PUTTING ITEMS IN TRUCK, HE DROVE AWAY IN MUSTANG AND RETURNED IN A TAXIE TO DRIVE PICK-UP TRUCK AWAY.

JOHN RICHMOND, AUTO DRIVE AWAY, WASHINGTON, D. C., ADVISED ORDER DATED MARCH EIGHTEEN, LAST, FROM AUTO DRIVE AWAY, TWO TWO SEVEN SOUTH VERMONT AVENUE, LOS ANGELES, SAM LOGASH, MANAGER, FOR SIXTYSEVEN CHEVROLET, HALF TON PICK-UP, VIRGINIA TAGS T FIVE FIVE TWO FIVE EIGHT, SERIAL CE ONE FOUR SEVEN

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F ONE ZERO TWO THREE EIGHT FOUR, PROPERTY OF PETER HOLDEN, ONE SEVEN FOUR THREE, GARFIELD PLACE, NUMBER TWO ZERO SIX OR TWO ONE SIX, LOS ANGELES, PHONE FOUR ^{SIX NINE} NINE SIX - ZERO EIGHT SEVEN SIX, TO BE DELIVERED FROM STORAGE COLONIAL PARKING, WASHINGTON, D. C., TO AUTO DRIVE AWAY, LOS ANGELES. BY LETTER MARCH TWENTYEIGHT, LAST, DELIVERY ADDRESS CHANGED TO FIVE ONE ONE NINE FOUNTAIN, PHONE SIX SIX ZERO - ZERO FIVE ONE NINE.

RICHMOND ADVISED JORDAN V. GERBERG, EIGHT ZERO SEVEN EMBARCADERO DEL NORTE, GOLETA, CALIFORNIA, NUMBER EIGHTEEN WITH BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, PHONE SEVEN FOUR SEVEN - FOUR FIVE ZERO ONE, ON MARCH TWENTYSEVEN, LAST, CONTACTED TO DRIVE ABOVE VEHICLE TO LOS ANGELES. HE WAS TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY FRANK L. JOHNSON, TWENTYEIGHT TWENTY DEVONSHIRE PLACE, N.W., WASHINGTON, D. C. ON MARCH TWENTYEIGHT, LAST. GERBERG REFUSED TO DRIVE THE TRUCK AS IT WAS NOT RUNNING WELL AND HE DID NOT WISH TO TRANSPORT LADDER AND PAINTING EQUIPMENT ON THE TRUCK.

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RICHMOND INDICATED HE HAD SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS WITH HOLDEN AND HOLDEN MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR HIS SON AND HIS BROTHER TO MOVE EQUIPMENT AND REPAIR TRUCK.

RICHMOND STATED RICHARD LEE OGG, FIVE EIGHT ONE ONE MARLBORO PIKE, WASHINGTON, D. C., NUMBER TWO ZERO TWO, PHONE SEVEN THREE SIX - FIVE NINE TWO TWO, MARYLAND PERMIT O-TWO HUNDRED-SEVEN THIRTYEIGHT - FOUR FORTYSEVEN - FIVE ZERO SEVEN - T, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED] YEAR NOT INDICATED, AGE THIRTY, BROWN HAIR AND BROWN EYES, PREVIOUSLY EMPLOYED BLAKE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, CONNECTICUT AVENUE AND K STREET, N. W., WASHINGTON, D. C., DEPARTED WITH ABOVE TRUCK FOR CALIFORNIA ON APRIL EIGHT, LAST. OGG MENTIONED TO RICHMOND HE WAS CARRYING A GUN AND HAD A PERMIT AND RICHMOND ADVISED HIM THIS WAS AGAINST ^{PROVISION} PROBATION OF THEIR CONTRACT. RICHMOND DOES NOT KNOW OGG TRANSPORTED GUN.

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RICHMOND ADVISED THAT OGG AND GERBERG WERE HIRED
IN RESPONSE TO A WANT AD.

RICHMOND ADVISED OGG HAS SINCE RETURNED AND DESIRED
ADDITIONAL TRANSPORTATION TO LOS ANGELES AREA.

WFO INDICES NEGATIVE REGARDING HOLDEN AND GERBERG.
NO IDENTIFIABLE DATA REGARDING JOHNSON. ONE RICHARD LEE OGG,
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION NUMBER FOUR ZERO THREE SIX ZERO
ONE C, WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED]
IN OHIO, SAME GENERAL DESCRIPTION, CONSIDERED SUSPECT IN ROBBERY
OF TWELVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS FROM FOOD FAIR STORE,
SIX TWO FIVE ZERO KENILWORTH AVENUE, RIVERDALE, MARYLAND,
JANUARY NINETEEN, SIXTYSIX, BALTIMORE FILE EIGHT SEVEN - ONE
ONE TWO TWO FIVE.

IN VIEW OF PERIODS TRUCK USED BY HOLDEN, LOS ANGELES
AND RICHMOND FURTHER DETERMINE HOLDEN'S ACTIVITIES. LOS ANGELES
MAY DESIRE TO CONSIDER OGG AS SUSPECT IN UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERIES

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THAT DIVISION IN VIEW OF INFORMATION AVAILABLE.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS, KANSAS CITY AND BALTIMORE.

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4/30/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, Sacramento (100-427) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Los Angeles teletype to Sacramento, 4/29/68.

RE: Look-alike SAUL JOHN

Referenced teletype stated that ALLAN ENGELHARDT, Conoga Park, California, advised that on April 20, 1968, he observed individual in coffee shop at Rocket Bowl, DeSoto Street, north of Nordhoff, Conoga Park, who resembled JAMES EARL RAY. ENGELHARDT advised unknown person left coffee shop and entered 1959 or 1960 Ford, bearing California license EZR-721. ENGELHARDT described look-alike as white male American, 38 to 40 years old, 5'10", 165 pounds, sandy to reddish-blond hair.

Department of Motor Vehicles check of EZR-721 reflects license listed to SAUL JOHN, 926 North Denair Street, Turlock, California, on 1954 two door Buick.

SAUL JOHN, 926 North Denair Street, Turlock, California, was interviewed at his residence on April 30, 1968.

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2-Sacramento
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JOHN was born in [REDACTED]. He advised he has owned 1954 white two door Buick, California License BZR-721, for five years. Due to his age, he has not driven this car out of Stanislaus County during that time. The license plate was observed to be on the vehicle. He advised he has not been in Conoga Park, was not there on April 20, 1968, and does not even know where Conoga Park is. He does not recognize photograph of RAY as resembling anyone he knows.

It is noted that 926 North Denair is within sight of the Turlock Police Department. Lt. WILLIAM LADD, Turlock Police Department, confirmed, on April 30, 1968, that because of JOHN's age, he never leaves Turlock in his automobile.

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URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
SACs, DENVER
LOS ANGELES
MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, EL PASO (157-186) (P)

MURKIN

RE J. R. KELLER, REPORTED ASSOCIATED OF SUBJECT RAY
AT LEAVENWORTH.

RE PHOENIX TEL, APRIL TWENTYNINE, LAST, WHICH STATES:
FCI, FLORENCE, ARIZONA, PHASED OUT JUNE, NINETEEN
SIXTYSEVEN RECORDS SENT TO FCI, BOX ONE THOUSAND, LAS
TUNA, ANTHONY, NEW MEXICO - TEXAS.

EL PASO CHECK RECORDS AT LA TUNA FOR J. R. KELLER,
LEAVENWORTH PRISON NO. SEVEN TWO SIX ONE FOUR DASH L,
AS HE WAS REPORTEDLY ASSOCIATE OF SUBJECT AT LEAVENWORTH.

INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED TO LOCATE KELLER AT
PRESENT TIME. NO RECORD OF KELLER EXISTS AT FCI, FLORENCE,
ARIZONA.

- 1 - El Paso
- 1 - Birmingham (44-1740) (AM)
- 1 - Kansas City (44-760) (AM)
- 1 - Phoenix (44-371) (AM)

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W. R. BEASLEY, SUPERVISOR, LA TUNA, FCI, ANTHONY, TEXAS, ADVISED APRIL THIRTY, LAST, THAT TWO INDIVIDUALS BY NAME OF JOHN R. KELLER HAD BEEN RELEASED FROM FLORENCE IN PAST AND DID NOT KNOW WHICH ONE WAS IDENTICAL WITH J.R. KELLER WITH ABOVE-MENTIONED LEAVENWORTH PRISON NUMBER. BEASLEY SAID RECORDS OF THESE TWO INDIVIDUALS WOULD HAVE TO BE REVIEWED IN ORDER TO MAKE THIS DETERMINATION.

BEASLEY SAID JOHN R. KELLER, FLORENCE NO. SEVEN FIVE SEVEN FOUR, RELEASED FROM FLORENCE ABOUT NINETEEN SIXTYTWO AND HIS RECORD SENT TO FEDERAL RECORDS CENTER, DENVER, COLORADO, IN AGENCY CONTAINER NO. TWELVE.

BEASLEY SAID JOHN R. KELLER, FLORENCE NO. FOUR NINE SEVEN SEVEN, RELEASED FROM FLORENCE IN NINETEEN FIFTYSEVEN AND RECORD TRANSFERRED IN SIXTYTHREE TO FEDERAL RECORDS CENTER, BELL, CALIFORNIA, CONTAINER NO. EIGHT THREE FOUR FOUR NINE, AGENCY CONTAINER NO. FIVE, ACCESSION NO. SIX FOUR DASH A DASH SIX ONE.

DENVER AND LOS ANGELES: REVIEW ABOVE MENTIONED RECORDS

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IN ORDER TO IDENTIFY THE KILLER WITH LEAVENWORTH PRISON
NO. SEVEN TWO SIX ONE FOUR DASH L, AND SET OUT APPROPRIATE
LEADS.

AIR MAIL COPIES SENT BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, AND
PHOENIX.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

5/1/68

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

JEFFREY MERRITT aka Jeff, formerly incarcerated in Missouri State Penitentiary from June, 1962, to August, 1964 and from November, 1965, to December, 1967, interviewed by New York. MERRITT recalled subject RAY as being one of the inmates at the Penitentiary and said he and RAY had worked together on the loading docks there. He stated his knowledge of RAY was limited and he could not recall anything specific regarding his background, habits or description, which would be of value in locating RAY. He pointed out that RAY appeared to be a "loner" and associated very little with other inmates. Due to the policy of segregating white and Negro inmates in their living quarters, MERRITT was limited with contacts with RAY.

Following RAY'S escape from the Penitentiary, MERRITT could not recall having heard any comments among the prisoners as to where RAY might have gone.

MERRITT currently resides at 346 West 17th St., NYC, telephone 989-3100, and is employed as a mail handler at the National Maritime Union, 36 Seventh Avenue, NYC.

SUBJECT RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

- 2 - Memphis (RM)
- ① - Kansas City (RM)
- 1 - New York

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URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)
FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374)

MURKIN.

RE DARK BLUE MUSTANG, GEORGIA LICENSE TWO D ONE ONE TWO DASH FIVE SIX.

RICHARD J. KOHLMETER, TONAWANDA, NY, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED BUFFALO OFFICE HE WAS DRIVING ALONGSIDE DARK BLUE MUSTANG IN BUFFALO ON APRIL THIRTY LAST. WHILE STOPPED AT SIGNAL LIGHT, HE NOTED DRIVER BORE MARKED RESEMBLANCE TO PHOTO OF RAY. HE NOTED LICENSE PLATE IS GEORGIA TWO D ONE ONE TWO DASH FIVE SIX.

ATLANTA DETERMINE TO WHOM ABOVE LISTED LICENSE ISSUED AND SET OUT APPROPRIATE LEADS.

AM CCS TO BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY.

RAY ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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1 - Birmingham (44-1740) (Info) (AM)
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info) (AM)
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TO DIRECTOR (MAIL), MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)
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RE BIRMINGHAM TEL INSTANT.

RE HILLIARD ALLEN SANDERS.

SANDERS, RESIDING ONE THREE SEVEN E. ACTON, WOOD RIVER, ILLINOIS, INTERVIEWED BY BUAGENTS TODAY. SANDERS ADVISED INCARCERATED AT MISSOURI STATE PEN, JEFFERSON CITY, MO., FROM JANUARY TWENTY, NINETEEN FIFTY TWO TO SEPTEMBER ONE, NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR ON ARMED ROBBERY CHARGE, OUT OF ST. JOSEPH, MO. NEVER MET OR KNEW OF JAMES EARL RAY DURING TIME HE WAS IN MISSOURI STATE PEN. SANDERS INDICATED ON RELEASE ON PAROLE IN NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR HE WENT TO GADSDEN, ALABAMA WHERE WORKED EIGHTEEN MONTHS, THEN TO CAMDEN, SOUTH CAROLINA WHERE WORKED NINE MONTHS FOR E. I. DUPONT. CAME TO WOOD RIVER, ILLINOIS AND HAS BEEN WORKING AS PIPEFITTER, SHELL OIL COMPANY, SINCE JULY SIXTYSEVEN. LAST TWO JOBS IN PEN WERE SEWING MACHINE MECHANIC AND HALL TENDER.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-760)

DATE: 5/3/68

FROM : SA THOMAS H. WEAVER -P-

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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

AT VERSAILLES, MISSOURI:

On 5/1/68, WILLIAM EARLESS MILLER, JR., also known as "PUNCHY" MILLER, who resides in care of Sheriff J. T. HULL, Morgan County Sheriff's Office, furnished the following information:

From 1959 to 1965, he was in and out of the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City on different convictions. He worked around the kitchen most of the time he was confined at the penitentiary and knew JAMES EARL RAY during that time. RAY was friendly with all the whites working the kitchen details, although he never said much to anyone. He never associated with any of the Negroes working in the kitchen insofar as MILLER could observe, but he never said anything to MILLER's knowledge to indicate how he felt one way or the other about race. He recalls RAY spoke of New Orleans, Louisiana, along the lines of wishing to go there sometime, apparently not having ever been there. He never heard him mention Oregon, Canada or Mexico. RAY played poker and took different types of "pep pills", but he never knew RAY to be involved in the sale of these pills to other inmates. RAY never listened to western and country music and claimed to despise that type of music, and when shows came to the penitentiary featuring that type of music, RAY would attend

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merely to admire the female performers. He never celled with RAY, as all the cells in F, G, J, and K Halls are single cells. He did not know of any plans RAY had for the future, and he has no idea where he might go, or whom he might contact. He said he has no idea who RAY's close friends were at the penitentiary.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-760)

FROM : SA JOSEPH W. JACKSON -P-

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/3/68

Re Memo of Security Patrol Clerk, NORMAN D. GARBER,
dated April 30, 1968.

The following investigation was conducted by Special
Agents JOSEPH W. JACKSON and LAWRENCE R. NOLAN:

AT JOPLIN, MISSOURI:

On May 1, 1968, the following individuals, all
residing on or employed in business establishments located
on Lone Elm Road, (Rural Route #3), which extends from
Northwest Joplin to its terminus at Missouri Route #171,
were all contacted and after having been displayed photographs
of JAMES EARL RAY, without exception, they all stated they
had never seen JAMES EARL RAY, or anyone who resembled RAY,
in the Lone Elm community, or anywhere else.

Mrs. WEAVER WILSON, Principal, 7th Day Adventist
Elementary School, Rural Route #3:

FERRELL D. FLENNER, Meat Cutter, Williams Market,
Joplin, Missouri, and a resident of Rural Route #3;

Mrs. FERRELL FLENNER, a housewife, Rural Route #3;

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Mrs. B. F. ARMSTRONG, a housewife, Rural Route #3;
WALTER SPARLIN, Owner, Sparlin's Garage, Rural Route #3;
KENNETH WILSON, Mechanic, Sparlin's Garage " " "
EARL SHIVLEY, Retired Furniture Salesman, " " "
DARRELL MC CLANNAHAN, Owner, McClannahan's Salvage
Yard, Rural Route #3;
CLAUDE GIDEON, Mechanic, McClannahan's Salvage
Yard, Rural Route #3;
DIANE ENGLAND, housewife, Rural Route #3;
Mrs. EDNA VAN WINKLE, housewife, Rural Route #3;
TOMMY PROFFITT, Laborer, Route #3;
Mrs. TOMMY PROFFITT, housewife, Route #3;
ROY SPROUSE, Owner, Sprouse Used Cars, Rural Route #3;
F. D. HAWTHORNE, Owner and operator, Lone Elm
Grocery Store, Rural Route #3;
Mrs. F. D. HAWTHORNE, housewife, " " "
JOE LOVE, Laborer, Lone Elm Disposal Plant, Route #3;
SARA ROSENHEIM, Laboratory Technician, Lone Elm
Disposal Plant, Route #3;
ORVILLE RAY MADDOX, Building Custodian, Route #3;

On May 1, 1968, Detective Captain WALTER H. FLENNER, Police Department, advised BURTON ARNOLD, 915 Wall, Joplin, Missouri, who telephonically contacted the Kansas City Division on April 30, 1968, is a confirmed alcoholic, and is drunk all of the time. He stated ARNOLD inherited a considerable sum of money a number of years ago from his