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KANSAS CITY

AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Will continue to contact logical informants for any information which might lead to the location of the subject.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

On November 16, 1967, DOROTHY WALKER, Clerk, U. S. Post Office, Alton, Illinois, advised SA ROBERT C. HAINES that records of that office contain no removal notice on file for WILLIAM MAHER.

INFORMANTS:

The following were contacted on the dates indicated by SA JOSEPH L. KISSIAH in a negative effort to develop information regarding the subject:

PCI JAMES C. BOYD, on 10/24 and 11/21/67.

KC 473-C, on 11/17, 12/4 and 12/21/67.

PCI J. W. JONES, 11/17 and 12/1/67.

PCI HENRY C. MC FAD, 11/17 and 12/11/67.

PCI HELEN GRAYSON, 11/21/67.

PCI JOE F. ROSS, 11/21 and 12/5/67.

KC 601-C, 11/24 and 12/18/67.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of:

Date:

JOSEPH L. KISSIAH
12/29/67

Office: Kansas City

Field Office File #:

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Bureau File #: 88-41730

Title:

JAMES EARL RAY

Character:

UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT -
ROBBERY FIRST

Synopsis:

Files of Illinois State Penitentiary, Pontiac, Illinois, reviewed pertaining to subject whose only correspondent was reportedly his mother, Mrs. LUCILLE RYAN. Subject had no visitors at that location. Efforts to locate WILLIAM MAHER, reportedly an uncle of the subject, Alton, Illinois, unproductive. BECAUSE RAY HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF ROBBERY WITH DEADLY WEAPON AND BECAUSE OF HIS CONFINEMENT IN A STATE HOSPITAL, HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS:

By communication dated October 30, 1967, the Springfield Office advised as follows:

TOM DUFFY, Records Office, Illinois State Penitentiary, Pontiac Branch, Pontiac, Illinois, was contacted October 23, 1967. He advised that records pertaining to JAMES EARL RAY, Pontiac #19121, FBI #306-443A, have been reduced to micro film. He advised that all that is kept on micro film is certain catagories.

The micro film records pertaining to subject were reviewed by SA ARTHUR LEE WOODS, on October 23, 1967. Records reveal that RAY was received at the Illinois State

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Penitentiary, Joliet, Illinois, on June 13, 1952, on the charge of robbery to serve a one to two year sentence on a plea of guilty from Cook County, Illinois. RAY was released upon expiration of a short term sentence on March 12, 1954.

Subject listed relatives as follows:

Father, GEORGE RAY, deceased.

Mother, Mrs. LUCILLE RYAN, 214 Spring Street, Quincy, Illinois.

Brothers, JOHN and JERRY, both at home with mother.

Correspondence file was checked and determined the only person who corresponded with subject while he was incarcerated at the Pontiac Prison was his mother, Mrs. LUCILLE RYAN.

Subject, while incarcerated, had no visitors. Records fail to reveal any associates or former addresses for subject.

By communication dated November 24, 1967, the Springfield Office advised as follows:

The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT C. HAINES:

AT ALTON, ILLINOIS:

Records of the Alton Police Department and the Credit Bureau of Alton were reviewed on November 15, 1967, and found to contain no reference for the subject or his father, GEORGE RAY.

It is noted that at the time of his admission to the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, RAY indicated his father and mother were both deceased.

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Investigation at 1118 East 7th Street to locate and interview WILLIAM MAHER disclosed that the house is now vacant.

A review of the records of the Alton Police Department and the Credit Bureau of Alton in connection with WILLIAM MAHER was unproductive in developing information concerning his current whereabouts.

Records of the Illinois Bell Telephone Company and a review of the City Directory of Alton, Illinois, and of Wood River - East Alton were unproductive with regard to MAHER.

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SAC, CHICAGO (88-11505)(P)

JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE
UFAC - ROBBERY FIRST
OO: Kansas City

Reference report of SA ROWEN B. AYERS dated
10/30/67 at Kansas City.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA ROBERT F. PEVAHOUSE:

On November 29, 1967, inquiry at the U.S. Post
Office, Wheeling, Illinois, revealed no information concerning
a JERRY RAY as having a box at this post office or being known
as a resident of this area.

On November 29, 1967, Chief MARVIN HORCHER, Wheeling,
Illinois, Police Department, advised a check of his records
failed to reveal any record for subject or JERRY RAY.

On December 12, 1967, Mrs. RUTH MEYER, Palatine,
Illinois, Credit Bureau, which maintains listings in Wheeling,
Illinois, advised a check of their records failed to reveal
any information concerning subject or JERRY RAY.

On December 18, 1967, Chief HORCHER, Wheeling, Illinois,
Police Department, advised he had been unable to locate any
additional information concerning a JERRY RAY, however, he will
continue to make inquiries to determine if he can locate
JERRY RAY.

LEAD:

SPRINGFIELD:

AT SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS: Will check records of
Secretary of State for drivers license or vehicle registration
for JERRY RAY.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, KANSAS CITY (88-9449)
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (88-5361) - RUC -
SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY, aka-
FUGITIVE
UFAC - ROBBERY FIRST
(OO: KANSAS CITY)

Re Springfield letter to Kansas City dated 11/24/67.

Enclosed herewith for Kansas City are nine copies
of an investigative insert reflecting investigation at Quincy,
Illinois.

SUBJECT CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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SA JOSEPH L. KISSIAH

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JAMES EARL RAY, aka
FUGITIVE
UFAC-ROBBERY FIRST
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A review of the report of SA ROWEN B. AYERS, dated 8/29/67, at Kansas City, reveals that on 7/10/67, Mr. BERARD C. POIREY, Custodial Assistant Warden, Missouri State Penitentiary Jefferson City, Missouri, advised he had conducted an investigation into the escape of the subject and had determined that an associate of the subject's, who worked with him in the prison bakery, had let the subject get into one of the large boxes consigned to the church firm near Jefferson City, Missouri and then had covered him up, thereby helping him to effect his escape. On 7/19/67, Warden HAROLD SWENSON, Missouri State Penitentiary, said he had contacted several inmates who knew the subject and they indicated to him that the subject had indicated he wanted to escape from the penitentiary and leave the state of Missouri.

A review of a pre-sentence report on the subject prepared by the U.S. Probation Office, Kansas City, Missouri, on 4/26/55, reveals that the subject on 4/1/55 had entered a plea of guilty due to information charging him with forging U.S. Post Office money orders. His companion in forging a large number of these money orders in numerous states was WALTER PERRY RIFE, who also entered a plea of guilty to a similar account and records of the Post Office Inspector's Office, Kansas City, Missouri, indicate both Subject RAY and WALTER PERRY RIFE were sentenced to the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas on 7/1/55 in Kansas City, Missouri and were apparently released from that institution on 4/5/58. Inasmuch as Subject RAY and WALTER PERRY RIFE, FBI # 4558766 were very close friends for a period of time and it has been difficult to identify other friends and relatives of the subject, it is felt that an effort should be made to locate and interview RIFE.

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AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

Will interview Mr. BERARD C. POIREY, Custodial Assistant Warden and Warden HAROLD SWENSON, Missouri State Penitentiary, as well as inmates who indicated to Warden SWENSON that the subject wanted to escape and leave the state of Missouri, as well as the inmates who helped the subject to effect his escape for any specific information they may have regarding associates, friends, or destination of the subject after his escape.

AT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

Will at the Federal Penitentiary locate and review the record of WALTER PERRY RIFE, FBI # 4558766, who was sentenced to that penitentiary on 7/1/55 and who was apparently released from thereon 4/5/58 for any available information as to background, associates and possible current whereabouts so he might be interviewed for any knowledge of the subject and his location.

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JAMES EARL RAY,
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Re memo of SA JOSEPH L. KISSIAH dated 1/25/68.

GEORGE E. SEUFERT, Records Control Supervisor, U.S. Penitentiary (USP), Leavenworth, Kansas, on 2/8/68, advised as follows:

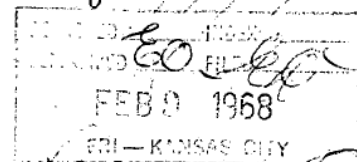
WALTER TERRY RIFE, USP #72497-L, FBI # 4 558 766, was sentenced 7/1/55, USDC, WD, Missouri at Kansas City, to serve three (3) years for violation Post Office Laws - Forge Money Orders. He was received USP-L on 7/7/55 and was given a CR on 9/27/57. He is a WMA; Born [redacted] USP file #72497-L currently stored at the Federal Records Center, GSA, 2306 East Bannister Road, Kansas City, Missouri, LEADxx Attention: Chief, Reference Service Branch, GSA - Accession Number 65 A 10, Boxes 85327 - 87468.

LEAD:
AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI:

At the Federal Records Center, will review USP file #72497-L, pertaining to WALTER TERRY RIFE, for any available information as to background, associates and possible current whereabouts so he might be interviewed for any knowledge of the subject and his location, pursuant to KC lead at Leavenworth, Kansas, in re-memo.

NOTE: Employee covering above KCMO lead should be
furnished copy of re-memo (Serial 25).

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TO: SAC, ST. LOUIS (88-7447)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (88-11505) (RUC)

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY, aka -
FUGITIVE
UFAC - ROBBERY FIRST
(OO: KANSAS CITY)

Re Chicago letter to Springfield dated 12/29/67, and
report of SA JOSEPH L. KISSIAH dated 12/29/67, at Kansas City.

The following investigation was conducted by SA
ROBERT F. PEVAHOUSE:

On 1/23/68, Chief MARVIN HORCHER, Wheeling, Illinois,
Police Department, advised he had determined a JERRY RAY had
resided at 2897 Techny Road, Northbrook, Illinois, but he does
not know if JERRY RAY still resides at that address or if he is
the brother of the subject.

On 1/23/68, inquiry at 2897 Techny Road, Northbrook,
Illinois, revealed the present residents have lived there
since October, 1967, although there was a JERRY RAY residing
there prior to that time. They had no information as to the
present location of JERRY RAY.

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- 1 - Springfield (88-5361) (Info)
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On 2/7/68, JERRY RAY was located and interviewed at the Sportman's Country Club, 3535 Dundee Road, Northbrook, Illinois, where he is employed and resides. He advised he is the brother of subject but has seen subject only three times in the last 15 years, that being the three times he visited subject at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri. He advised subject left home about the time he was 14 or 15 years of age and has not maintained regular contact with any of the family since that time. Subject has always been a drifter and he has no knowledge of friends or associates of subject with whom he might be in contact. Their father, GEORGE RAY, and their mother, LUCILLE RAY, separated, and LUCILLE was subsequently known as LUCILLE RYAN. Both GEORGE RAY and LUCILLE RYAN are now deceased. He has no aunt by the name of LUCILLE RYAN and anyone by that name would have had to been their mother. He has another brother, JOHN RAY, who is single and a drifter, travelling and changing jobs frequently. He has no regular address but as of three days ago, was staying at the Mc Arthur Hotel on Broadway Street, St. Louis, Missouri. He had a younger brother, FRANK, who was killed in an automobile accident four year ago. He also has a sister, Mrs. ALBERT (CAROL) PEPPER, who just moved from 712 Shenandoah, St. Louis, Missouri, to Bellview, a suburb of St. Louis, but he does not have the address or phone number for CAROL. He is sure the phone company will have a new number for CAROL as that would be the way he would try to contact her. These are the only relatives subject has.

JERRY RAY advised he has been in contact with CAROL and JOHN as of three days ago, and both stated they have had no contact with subject or any knowledge where subject can be located. He does not believe subject will contact any of the relatives as long as he is in a fugitive status; however, should he receive any information concerning subject, he will immediately advise the FBI.

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AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI. 1. Will interview JOHN RAY if still located at Mc Arthur Hotel.

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2. Will obtain current address of CAROL PEPPER and thereafter interview her for any knowledge concerning subject.

BECAUSE RAY HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF ROBBERY WITH DEADLY WEAPON, AND BECAUSE OF HIS CONFINEMENT IN A STATE HOSPITAL, HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE KANSAS CITY	OFFICE OF ORIGIN KANSAS CITY	DATE 2/23/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 11/8/67 - 2/19/68
TITLE OF CASE JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE		REPORT MADE BY SA JOSEPH L. KISSIAH	TYPED BY gah
		CHARACTER OF CASE UFAC - ROBBERY FIRST	

REFERENCE: Kansas City report of SA JOSEPH L. KISSIAH, 12/29/67.

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CHICAGO, SPRINGFIELD AND ST. LOUIS (INFO)

One copy of this report is submitted for the information of Chicago, Springfield and St. Louis, all of whom have current investigation outstanding to locate the subject or are expected to be requested to conduct additional investigation in the future.

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AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI: *f. C. R.*

Reinterview supervisory employees of the subject and fellow inmates of the subject at the Missouri State Prison for any possible additional information they may be able to furnish regarding the subject's escape and his possible destination, associates and friends.

AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI: *K. R.*

1. At the Federal Records Center, review the U. S. Penitentiary file of WALTER TERRY RIFE, USP #72497-L, an associate of the subject, for any background or other information which might assist in the location of the subject.

2. Continue contact of informants, employment agencies and other logical sources of information in an effort to locate the subject.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

On 11/29/67, SA ROBERT F. PEVAHOUSE, of the Chicago Office, made inquiry at the U. S. Post Office, Wheeling, Illinois, with negative results in an effort to develop information regarding the subject.

On 2/7/68, Mr. A. E. FIFEHOUSE, Manager, Missouri State Employment Service, 1411 Walnut Street, Kansas City, Missouri, whose files are confidential, checked for the name of the subject with negative results.

INFORMANTS:

The following were contacted on the dates indicated by Special Agent JOSEPH L. KISSIAH with negative results to develop information regarding the subject:

PCI HENRY C. McFAD, on 12/23, 12/26/67; 1/19/68 and 2/7/68.

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PCI HELEN GRAYSON, on 12/26/67; 1/19/68 and 2/8/68.

PCI JAMES COLEMAN BOYD, on 12/26/67; 1/19/68 and 2/5/68.

PCI JOE F. ROSS, on 12/29/67; 1/19 and 30/68, and 2/19/68.

KC 473-C, on 1/3, 18 and 29/68.

KC 601-C, on 1/8/68.

PCI J. W. JONES, on 1/8 and 1/31/68.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA JOSEPH L. KISSIAH Office: KANSAS CITY
Date: February 23, 1968
Field Office File #: KC 88-9449 Bureau File #: 88-41730
Title: JAMES EARL RAY

Character: UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT - ROBBERY FIRST

Synopsis: Investigation by Springfield and St. Louis Offices in effort to locate relatives and associates of subject unproductive. Chicago Office has located JERRY RAY, Northbrook, Ill., subject's brother, who described subject as drifter and has no knowledge of present whereabouts. Other relatives identified. Additional investigation Missouri State Penitentiary, and Kansas City, Mo., set out. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS:

By communication dated December 21, 1967, the St. Louis Office advised as follows:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent CLETIS B. BIDEWELL at St. Louis, Missouri:

A check of the St. Louis City Directory reflected no address listed for 1135 South Tenth Street. A visual inspection of the area revealed no residence addresses on the west or odd-numbered side of the 1000 block of South Tenth Street. The highest odd-numbered address in this block was 1133, which is a business establishment which was built a few years ago.

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An inspection of the St. Louis City Directories and St. Louis Telephone Directory listed a LUCILLE RYAN, 4992 Lansdowne, an employee of the Land Clearance and Housing Authority, who was determined not to be identical with any relative of subject RAY.

Also listed was a Mrs. LUCILLE RYAN, 8747 New Hampshire, who also advised upon interview she was not a relative of subject JAMES EARL RAY.

By communication dated December 29, 1967, the Chicago Office advised as follows:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent ROBERT F. PEVAHOUSE:

On November 29, 1967, Chief MARVIN HORCHER, Wheeling, Illinois, Police Department, advised a check of his records failed to reveal any record for subject or JERRY RAY.

On December 12, 1967, Mrs. RUTH MEYER, Palatine, Illinois, Credit Bureau, which maintains listings in Wheeling, Illinois, advised a check of their records failed to reveal any information concerning subject or JERRY RAY.

On December 18, 1967, Chief HORCHER, Wheeling, Illinois, Police Department, advised he had been unable to locate any additional information concerning a JERRY RAY, however, he will continue to make inquiries to determine if he can locate JERRY RAY.

By communication dated January 4, 1968, the Springfield Office advised as follows:

On November 8, 1967, Miss ELIZABETH ROTH, Quincy Credit Bureau, advised that the files of the Quincy Credit Bureau indicated JAMES EARL RAY resided at 1403 Cherry Street, Quincy, Illinois, in 1948 and that her files contained nothing on JAMES EARL RAY since 1948.

On November 20, 1967, Mrs. MARION A. REED, 214 $\frac{1}{2}$ Spring Street, Quincy, Illinois, advised that she has resided at present address for several years and that the names JAMES EARL RAY AND LUCILLE RYAN meant nothing to her.

On November 20, 1967, CHARLES A. HEIDVREDER, 215 Oak Street, Quincy, Illinois, advised that he has been at present address for several years and the names of JAMES EARL RAY and LUCILLE RYAN meant nothing to him.

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By communication dated February 8, 1968, the Chicago Office advised as follows:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent ROBERT F. PEVAHOUSE:

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The following investigation was conducted by SA
ROWEN B. AYERS:

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

On February 1, 1968, Warden HAROLD SWENSON, Missouri State Penitentiary, advised he has received no further information which might aid in locating JAMES EARL RAY. He said he had disposed of all of his notes regarding the original investigation of this escape. He said, for this reason, he could not furnish the names of any person or persons, who had furnished him with details regarding either the escape of RAY, or his possible whereabouts. He said the investigation had been handled by Captain DENTON STEELE and Major BERNARD POIRY.

On February 1, 1968, Captain STEELE said the only information he could recall about the escape of RAY was that his clerk, WILLIAM SOCKLE, told him it was a waste of time to look for RAY in the walls because he had escaped. He said he heard this same thing "on the prison grapevine" from others, but he did not know the source of this information and believed SOCKLE might know. He said SOCKLE is working at the University of Missouri Medical Center.

On February 1, 1968, Major BERNARD POIRY stated that a GEORGE OWENS covered RAY up in a box in a bread truck so RAY could get out of the walls. He said there was another inmate involved, but he could not recall his name.

On February 14, 1968, Major POIRY further advised he could not recall the name of the other inmate referred to by him. He said the investigation, as far as he was concerned, left no doubt that RAY got into a bread box for Church Farm and was covered by another inmate and gained access to an "out truck". After he cleared Jefferson City, RAY apparently got out of the truck and departed. Major POIRY said he has not developed any information as to the whereabouts of RAY.

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AT COLUMBIA, MISSOURI:

On February 15, 1968, WILLIAM SOCKLE, Sunset Trailer Court, formerly an inmate of the Missouri State Penitentiary, said he worked with RAY in the kitchen for a time. He said he also knew him well later because he took his meals in the kitchen, as a clerk, and RAY was there most of the time at meals. He said RAY talked all the time about escaping and "getting out of the area". He did not have any associates and did not divulge his plans to others. SOCKLE could not recall that RAY ever said where he would go if he escaped. SOCKLE said all he knew about the background of RAY was that he "fell" from St. Louis. He said RAY is quite intellectual and would be hard to find. He said he tried to escape on previous occasions, but was not deterred. He did not recall telling Captain STEELE that RAY had left the walls, but said this was possible as all the inmates who knew RAY, knew that he had left, in spite of the fact that he had previously "hidden out" within the walls.

SOCKLE said he could not suggest the name of any inmate or others who might furnish information regarding the whereabouts of subject.

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AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI:

On January 18, 1968, Miss FRANCES M. ZIMMERMAN, U. S. Parole and Probation Office, 419 U. S. Post Office and Court House, made available a presentence report regarding subject JAMES EARL RAY, which had been prepared by that office on April 26, 1955. This report reveals that the subject on April 1, 1955, had entered a plea of guilty to an Information charging him with forging United States Post Office Money Orders. His companion in forging a large number of these money orders in numerous states was WALTER TERRY RIFE, who also entered a plea of guilty to a similar charge after which both he and the subject were sentenced on July 1, 1955, in Kansas City, Missouri, to the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas. Both were apparently released from that institution on April 5, 1958.

A further review of the files of the U. S. Parole Office indicates that after the subject's release from the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, he reportedly returned to the Kansas City, Missouri, area briefly to reside at the Blackstone Hotel and to contact the Missouri State Employment Service regarding employment possibilities. Accordingly, the following individuals were contacted on the indicated dates in a negative effort to develop information regarding the current location of the subject:

February 7, 1968
Mrs. GLADYS HANSEN
Blackstone Hotel, 817 Cherry Street

February 8, 1968
Mrs. MARGARET HAYS
Blackstone Hotel, 817 Cherry Street

February 8, 1968
Mr. SID CROWE
Casual Labor Office, 307 East Admiral Boulevard

February 8, 1968
Mr. CALVIN PROCTOR
Palmer Hotel, 408 East Ninth Street

February 13, 1968
Mr. FRED LAWRENCE
Identification Division, Kansas City, Missouri,
Police Department.

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SAC, SPRINGFIELD (88-5361) -RUC-

JAMES EARL RAY, aka
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Reurlet to Springfield dated 12/29/67.

The following investigation was conducted by
IC JOSEPH D. HAMMITT:

Mr. JAMES TABOR, Supervisor, Auto Registration
Section, Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois, advised
on 1/31/68 that a check of records for 1967 and 1968 failed
to reflect any vehicles registered or titled to a JERRY
RAY.

Mrs. MARIE DICKENSON, Supervisor, Drivers License
Section, Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois, advised
on 1/31/68 that a check of records failed to reflect any
driver's or chauffeur's license issued to a JERRY RAY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (88-5361)
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (88-9449) P

JAMES EARL RAY, aka -
FUGITIVE
UFAC - ROBBERY FIRST
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Bufile 88-41730

Re Kansas City Report of SA JOSEPH L. KISSIAH,
2/23/68.

Enclosed for Springfield are two copies of an insert reflecting investigation at Leavenworth, Kansas, and Kansas City, Missouri, which sets forth background information regarding WALTER TERRY RIFE, a one-time close friend of the subject. It is believed that this individual may well have knowledge at the present time as to the whereabouts of the subject.

LEAD

SPRINGFIELD

AT QUINCY, ILLINOIS

Will interview ROSIE S. RIFE, mother of WALTER TERRY RIFE, 400 College Avenue; Mrs. VIOLA MAYFIELD, 2716 Cherry Street, sister of RIFE; FLOYD RIFE, 279 Indian Hills, brother of RIFE; and KATHERINE DORIS BUSKIRK, 321 S. 7th Street, friend of RIFE for any knowledge they might have of the whereabouts of the subject, JAMES EARL RAY.

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If these leads are unproductive, it is suggested that the Springfield Office set forth additional leads indicated on the attached enclosure to contact the listed individuals in Harrisburg, Illinois.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC:88-9449

DATE: 3/18/68

FROM : SA: Rowen B. Ayers

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY, aka
Fugitive
UFAC-Robbery 1st.

Rereport of SA JOSEPH L. KISSIAH dated 2/23/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA Rowen B. Ayers:
At Jefferson City, Mo.

On 3/11/68, Warden Harold Swenson, Missouri State Penitentiary said that no further information has been developed by MSP officials concerning the escape or whereabouts of subject.

On 3/11/68, PCI LAWRENCE WRAY (protect identity), an inmate of the MSP who associated with RAY prior to the latter's escape, said he has not been able to determine any information which would indicate the whereabouts of RAY. He said RAY kept pretty much to himself and did not confide in others. He said he is continuing to be alert to information concerning the whereabouts of RAY.

On 3/11/68, PCI JACK PREUITT, was in the MSP and could not be contacted. He is also attempting to develop information concerning the whereabouts of subject.



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Memorandum

TO : SAC, KANSAS CITY (88-9449)

FROM : SAC, ST. LOUIS (88-7447) P

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY, aka -
FUGITIVE
UFAC - ROBBERY FIRST

DATE: 3/25/68

OO: KC

Re Chicago airtel to St. Louis, 2/8/68, and report of SA JOSEPH L. KISSIAH, 2/23/68, at Kansas City.

The following investigation was conducted by SA CLETIS B. BIDEWELL at St. Louis, Mo.:

On 2/22/68, H. A. HARORR, Desk Clerk, McArthur Hotel, Chestnut and Broadway, advised after checking his records they contained no information indicating a JOHN RAY had been a resident of that hotel. He viewed subject's photographs and stated he did not recall seeing an individual resembling subject in the hotel. He spoke with other desk and service personnel at the hotel and they advised they recalled no JOHN RAY having resided at or frequented the hotel.

On 3/5/68, Mrs. ERNEST N. COOK, 712 Shenandoah, advised that she recalled the ALBERT S. PEPPER family as having resided upstairs at that address. She stated, however, they had recently moved to a new address, 2025 Bellview, Maplewood, Mo.

On 3/19/68, Mrs. CAROL RYAN PEPPER, 2025 Bellview (telephone 645-2948) was interviewed. She was most uncooperative and denied that her maiden name had been RAY, stating, however, that it had been ~~LUCILLE~~ RYAN. She advised that her father and mother, GEORGE and LUCILLE RAY, were deceased and that she had a brother, JERRY RAY residing somewhere in Illinois. She also advised that she had another brother, JOHN RAY, whereabouts unknown, whom she had not seen in several years.

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Upon viewing a photograph of subject, she denied being related to this individual and stated she had never seen him. When questioned concerning her husband's employment, she advised he worked for some hardware store and stated she was unable to furnish the name or address of this business place.

In view of Mrs. PEPPER's uncooperative attitude the interview was terminated.

On 3/20/68, Mr. and Mrs. ERNEST M. COOK, 712 Shenandoah, were interviewed. They advised after viewing subject's photograph they had never observed an individual resembling him visiting the PEPPERS who had resided upstairs over their apartment for a period of several months up until two or three months ago. They advised that an individual reportedly a brother of Mrs. PEPPER had visited the PEPPERS on various occasions and that he and his family supposedly resided in the St. Louis area. They stated this individual did not resemble subject in their estimation.

They further advised that an individual referred to as "DADDY" by Mrs. PEPPER visited the PEPPERS on numerous occasions and this person reportedly recently bought a home and moved to Poplar Bluff, Mo., or somewhere in the Poplar Bluff area.

When questioned concerning other relatives or close associates of the PEPPER family, they advised that JAY and ROSEMARY SHIRLEY and their three children, SHERILL, JAY and ANNETTE, had been frequent visitors at the PEPPER home. They were of the opinion that Mrs. SHIRLEY was the sister of ALBERT PEPPER. This family had resided at the 712 A Shenandoah address prior to the time the PEPPER family moved in. The COOKS were of the opinion that the SHIRLEY family had recently bought a home somewhere in the St. Louis area. They can furnish no other information concerning the identity or the location of the SHIRLEY family.

- LEADS -

CHICAGO DIVISION:

AT NORTH BROOK, ILL.:

In view of the uncooperative attitude of subject's sister, Mrs. ALBERT S. (CAROL) PEPPER, will reinterview

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subject's brother, JERRY RAY, for more detailed information concerning various members of subject's family, including the individual referred to by CAROL as "DADDY", who recently moved to Poplar Bluff, Mo.

Will determine from JERRY RAY whether or not subject's mother prior to her death was married to an individual by the name of RYAN and whether this person might presently be located if he is still living.

ST. LOUIS DIVISION:

AT ST. LOUIS, MO.:

Will attempt to locate the JAY (ROSEMARY) SHIRLEY family and interview them for available information concerning possible whereabouts of subject and identify the other members of the family who might be in possession of information of value.

Will consider the advisability of interviewing ALBERT S. PEPPER after additional background information on the PEPPER family has been developed.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-760)

DATE: 5/3/68

FROM : SA ROBERT E. HICKAM P

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Reference is made to a telephone call to the Kansas City office on the early morning of 4/30/68, by BURTON W. ARNOLD, 915 Wall Street, Joplin, Missouri, telephone number ~~MI 3-3478~~.

The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT E. HICKAM at Joplin, Missouri:

At 10:30 a.m., 4/30/68, Attorney BURTON W. ARNOLD was contacted by telephone at his residence, 915 Wall Street. He stated he called the Kansas City Office of the FBI at approximately 2:00 a.m. on 4/30/68, but declined to be personally contacted for interview stating he was an attorney and was too busy on that date to be interviewed. He sounded as if he had just awakened and his speech was very difficult to understand.

When Mr. ARNOLD declined to be interviewed, he was asked if he could repeat the information he had furnished the Kansas City FBI Office and he then furnished the following information.

On 4/29/68, he was in contact with an individual, whom he refused to identify, stating it was a "privileged communication" and under no circumstances would he divulge the identity of the person. This person stated that approximately two or three days ago, he had observed an individual in the Lone Elm Road vicinity which resembled fugitive JAMES EARL RAY. This individual in no way indicated what part of Lone Elm Road, nor did he indicate whether the individual was hitchhiking, in a vehicle, or if he had

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observed the individual in a particular establishment in the Lone Elm Road vicinity. He noted that the Lone Elm Road vicinity had a lot of "shacks" and he got the general impression from talking to the source that the area he had seen this individual in would have been at a location north of Joplin, and in an area which was accessible by Lone Elm Road. He was pressed for specifics in this regard but could furnish no information whatever other than "Lone Elm Road vicinity", nor could he furnish under what circumstances source had seen this individual allegedly resembling RAY. He stated his source had served one prison term in the past but he did not know where he had served his time and did not know if his source was acquainted with RAY.

Mr. ARNOLD was asked if he would recontact his source for more specific information and he advised he would attempt to do so. He was further requested for a time which he could be interviewed and he again declined stating he was too busy and that if he developed any additional information he would contact the FBI Office at Joplin, Missouri.

Mr. ARNOLD stated that from news accounts, he got the impression RAY was moving around and not living at any one particular location. He then stated that from contact with his source, he had no information indicating RAY was actually living in any of the residences in the Lone Elm vicinity and could not elaborate on the circumstances surrounding his source having seen an individual who allegedly resembled RAY.

ARNOLD advised he could furnish no additional information.

On 4/30/68, Identification Officer EARL FORTNER, Joplin, Missouri, Police Department, advised SA JOSEPH W. JACKSON that BURTON ARNOLD was a confirmed alcoholic and had been known as a heavy drinker for years.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-760)

FROM : SA HOMER E. SCHWARZ (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/3/68

On 4/30/68 the following investigation was conducted by SA HOMER E. SCHWARZ:

JAMES REARDON, 111 E. 17th, Hays, Kansas, advised the Police Department, Hays, a man in the Post Office appeared to be identical with RAY's picture, wearing bow tie in I.O. This man had on a yellow sports shirt and khaki slacks, light brown crew cut, was bending over a desk so he could not tell how tall he was, but would guess 5'11", medium build, and middle aged. He was driving 1966 Chevrolet, light blue with right rear hubcap missing and Louisiana license, numerals unknown.

There has been statewide item to the Kansas Highway Patrol to be on the alert for the car. All KHP cars in the Hays division have flyers and information re RAY.

City police and Sheriff's Office covered the city of Hays. All cafes, motels (no hotels in Hays) all stations around Interstate highway, cities of Ellis and Victoria on both sides of Hays contacted as was airport, bus depot and railroad station. All motels shown photos of RAY. Negative results on all of the above mentioned.

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At Hays, Kansas

Maintain contact with law enforcement agencies.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES, KANSAS CITY
FROM ATLANTA (44-2386) (P) 1P

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SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION MAY FOUR INSTANT.

NUMEROUS LOOK-ALIKE COMPLAINTS CONTINUE TO BE RECEIVED AND
ARE THOROUGHLY CHECKED OUT.

INTERVIEW OF TAXI DRIVERS IN CONNECTION WITH EXPANDED
TAXI CAB CHECK CONTINUING. NO PERTINENT INFORMATION RECEIVED.

EXPANDED AIRLINES CHECK CONTINUING AND NEGATIVE TO DATE.

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AIR MAIL

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

Re Atlanta teletype to Director dated 5/3/68.

Referenced communication requesting Kansas City to advise Atlanta of identities of all recent releasees from Missouri State Penitentiary from Atlanta area. These records reveal that the only releasee from Atlanta since 4/1/67 is a JOHNNY VELANTI who is now reportedly residing St. Louis, Missouri, area. St. Louis has been advised by teletype.

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

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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(OO: Memphis)

Re Atlanta teletype to the Bureau dated 4/30/68,
and Kansas City teletype to the Bureau dated 5/1/68.

Enclosed for the FBI Laboratory are two boat
rental agreements between Crafts Limited, Inc., Ft.
Lauderdale, Florida, and MICHEL ST. PIERRE dated 9/2-3/67,
bearing renter signature, MICHEL ST. PIERRE. Also enclosed
are three Shell credit card invoices in payment of above
contract plus gas and oil, also bearing signature of MICHEL
ST. PIERRE.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to determine
if these items contain any latent fingerprints identifiable
with those of JAMES EARL RAY. Thereafter it is requested
the handwriting comparisons be performed to determine if
the signatures of MICHEL ST. PIERRE on enclosed items were
written by JAMES EARL RAY.

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 - 1 - Atlanta (44-2386) (Info) (RM)
 - 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info) (RM)
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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231) (P)
MURKIN
(OO:MEMPHIS)

Re Kansas City airtel, 4/27/68, enclosing FD 302s concerning CARLOS LEE ELLINGS.

Re airtel requested Tampa to locate and interview parents of JIM or GLENN BARBER, who were reportedly operating trailer park in Ft. Myers, Fla., in 1965.

The following contacts were made by SA A. LEWIS BARNETT in the Ft. Myers, Fla., area on May 2 and 3, 1968, in an effort to locate a family by the name of BARBER who operated a trailer park in Ft. Myers, in 1965, or to locate a record of JIM or GLENN BARBER. All contacts were negative:

PAM PETTIT, Lee County Zoning Board, Lee County Courthouse

SILEEN FARABEE, Lee County Tax Collector's Office, Lee County Courthouse. (It is noted that Mrs. FARABEE advised that a family by the name of BARBER had never obtained a permit to operate a trailer park in Lee County.)

Mr. PAUL CALDWELL, Lee County Clerk's Office, Land Records, Lee County Courthouse

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Mrs. RUTH DAUCOM, Lee County Clerk's Office,
Land-Lease Agreements, Lee County Courthouse

Mrs. RUTH WERTZ, Better Business Division,
Ft. Myers-Lee County Chamber of Commerce

MAY WISE, Caloosa Trailer Park, 1209 N.
Tamiami Trail, North, Ft. Myers, Fla.

ALBERT HUSTEDT, Hidden Cove Trailer Park,
2961 Frierson St., Ft. Myers.

Mrs. M. WELCH, Palm 'N Pine Trailer Town,
1016 Superior, Ft. Myers

Mr. WILLIAM SONNENBERG, Sun-N-Fun Trailer
Park, Rt. 80, Ft. Myers, Fla.

Mrs. GLADYS COON, Ft. Myers Trailer Park
and Supply, 311 Cleveland Ave., Ft. Myers

BYRON TENNISON, Secretary and Treasurer,
Florida Mobile Home Association, 311
Cleveland Ave., Ft. Myers. (Mr. TENNISON
advised that his organization keeps records of all major
trailer parks and, in his capacity as Manager of the
Ft. Myers Trailer Park and Supply Co., for the last 12
years, he has become familiar with all trailer parks in
the area of Ft. Myers. He stated he feels that had a
family by the name of BARBER operated a trailer park
for any length of time in the Ft. Myers area, he would
know about it. He stated he cannot associate the name
of BARBER with any trailer park operation in Lee County.)

HENRY WRIGHT, Identification Officer, Lee
County SO

SHELLY DENKO, Records Clerk, Ft. Myers PD

CAROL BARRY, Lee County Credit Bureau.

The Ft. Myers telephone and city directories
shows no listing under the name of GLENN or JAMES BARBER
nor a Barber Trailer Park.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
MEMPHIS (44-1897)

FROM: PHOENIX (44-371) (ONE PAGE)

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RE KANSAS CITY TEL TO DIRECTOR APRIL TWENTYNINE LAST
AND DENVER TEL TO DIRECTOR MAY TWO LAST, RE J. R. KELLER
REPORTED ASSOCIATE OF SUBJECT RAY AT LEAVENWORTH.

ON MAY THREE, INSTANT, JOHN RICHARD KELLER, TWO ONE
FIVE ZERO APACHE BOULEVARD, MESA, ARIZONA, ADVISED HE
FORMERLY SERVED TIME AT LEAVENWORTH FROM NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE
TO FIFTYSEVEN. HE ADVISED THERE WERE THREE THOUSAND
INMATES AT LEAVENWORTH DURING THAT TIME. HE DENIED KNOWLEDGE
OR ASSOCIATION WITH JAMES EARL RAY. SAID HE DOES NOT RECOG-
NIZE PHOTO OF RAY AS FORMER INMATE AT LEAVENWORTH NOR DOES
HE HAVE ANY KNOWLEDGE OF RAY'S WHEREABOUTS.
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COMPANY "B"

Capt.
JACK BARBER

Lt.
HAROLD B. PRINCE
GENE C. SENTI
JOHN SZULY

M/Sgt.

Kelly, Paul R.

S/Sgt.

Baxter, Jesse
Bird, Joseph
Evans, Lawrence
Lucas, Russell
Manis, T. J.
Moore, Breatin
Owens, William
Simmons, Walter
Suich, Frank
Williams, Walter
Young, Milton

Sgt.

Beecroft, John R.
Cummings, Alvan
Johnson, Arthur
Mallos, John H.
Oelschlager, Herman
Rhodes, Ernest
Saar, Martin A.
Stenicki, Harry T.
Solar, Edward
Spehling, Ewald
Wise, Earl J.

Tec 4

Austin, Joe N.
Burkett, Ralph
Damiani, Dante
Good, Duff
Miller, Wayne Y.
Melton, William H.
Ryan, Reginald
Wilson, Thomas

Cpl.

Berger, Ralph
Brostrom, Edward
Catterson, Orville
Corey, Robert A.
Coro, Linwood
French, Allen J.
Nonnemacher, Robert
Okuda, Mutsuo
Popko, Henry
Queen, Gordon T.
Rasmus, Victor
Riley, Roscoe
Samaniego, Joaquin
Shano, Joseph
Threatt, Zame
Wallack, Raymond H.

Tec 5

Center, Leslie
Davis, T. P.

Donlevy, Alfred J.

Donnell, Robert D.

Douglas, David

Encinas, David N.

Gant, Leo G.

Gates, Billy M.

McKinnley, Robert F.

Oliverson, Gordon D.

Parks, Gordon E.

Spurlin, Onnie D.

Thiebaud, Charles V.

Thomas, Eugene K.

Tyndall, Ernest K.

West, Eldridge V.

Young, John W.

Pfc.

Arthur, David L.
Barrett, Arthur L.
Befus, Harold, E.
Casillas, Joe A.
Clark, Tellus J.
Clifford, Herbert D.
Conley, Harold W.
Cox, Henry C.
Culbertson, John L.
Dunning, Exum
Dunkel, Raymond H.
Davis, Harold B.
Davis, Thomas W.
Efikides, Simeon E.
Fox, Robert F.
Franklin, Alton M.
Galaska, Frank A.
Hannagan, Wilbur
Harjo, Daniel J.
Hash, Jennings S.
Hamilton, J. C.
Horne, David L.
House, Fox O.
Huszar, Joseph
James, William J.
Joyner, Raymond S.
Kiley, Robert L.
Killian, James E.
Klunk, Elmer
Kovonski, Julius F.
Lillie, Neal W.
Lizardi, Roberto
Maddox, Eugene E.
Malone, James W.
Mangan, Howard E.
Martinez, Theodore R.
Mattison, Kenneth C.
McFarland, Marion
Mezzell, Charles A.
Montgomery, Wilbur I.
Morrow, Leonard
O'Brien, Dennis
Peters, Wilmont

Pierce, Wayne K.

Ray, Jackie R.

Ray, James E.

~~Rhodes, Jerrel R.~~

Robinson, Clarence L.

Sakanol, Makoto

Delgado, Paul J.

Drias, Delbert W.

Sams, Culford

Shreve, Neal H.

Stajger, Joseph W.

Sturgis, Leslie

Zimmerman, Clarence

Pvt.

Adams, Paul K.
Adams, William S.
Bailey, Robert C.
Barrow, Lawrence
Bates, Horace D.
Belair, Eugene C.
Bramder, Frederick
Brown, Robert
Bryan, John M.
Burton, Emerson
Buzbee, T. J.
Chikowski, Theodore S.
Christiansen, Edwin O.
Collins, William E.
Davis, Jack G.
Emig, Norbert P.
Flynn, Patrick E.
Ford, Theodore R.
Hite, Verl M.
Garcia, Cipriane L.
Jock, Leslie J.
Katruska, Paul
Leedy, Elie G.
Lynn, Cash
Maxwell, Gordon
McGill, Carl D.
Mercer, James R.
Miles, Jack J.
Mobley, Henry C.
Morphis, Angel
Morrow, Carl L.
Munson, Richard L.
Pecos, Jimmie N.
Pierce, William L.
Ritchie, Calvin T.
Rowe, Earl W.
Robinson, Eugene L. H.
Shearer, Louis E.
St. Louis, Milton O.
Turner, Louis C.
Valley, Robert
Walker, William H.
Watson, James C.
White, Isaac N.
Woods, Robert E.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231) (P)

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On 4/26/68, Colonel ROBERT C. HUTCHINSON, JR., Florida Southern College, RUTC, Lakeland, Florida, telephonically advised he had read article in "The Army Times" concerning JAMES EARL RAY, wherein there was statement to the effect that the solution to RAY's whereabouts may rest with Army. The article went on to relate, RAY's military career, and solicitating information from anyone who might know him.

Colonel HUTCHINSON stated his Sergeant Major, EUGENE E. F. BRITTI was stationed with 16th Infantry Regiment and had roster of personnel which included RAY's name.

Sergeant Major BRITTI was contacted at Florida Southern, whereby he furnished a xeroxed copy of the Company "B" roster, which included RAY's name. BRITTI said RAY was attached to the 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, and that the Roster in his, BRITTI's) possession was compiled on 7/7/48.

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BRITTI stated the original 16th Infantry was headquartered in Austria with Battalions spread all over Europe. BRITTI and 13 others were sent from Austria to Frankfurt, Germany to reorganize the 16th. The reorganized group was formed from other units being deactivated or from excess personnel which other units no longer needed.

Sergeant BRITTI said that the Regiment moved from Frankfurt to Grafenwohr, Germany and was actually there, in 7/7/48, when the roster was made up. He said after the roster was made up the group was known as the 7892 Infantry Regiment, although it remained the 16th.

The Sergeant said when RAY was discharged in 12/48, his Battalion was stationed in Furth, Germany at the Montieth Barracks. He said they were sent there from Grafenwohr in the fall of 1948.

Two copies of roster of Company "C" are enclosed for Bureau. Two copies each are enclosed for Memphis and Kansas City for possible investigative lead purposes. It is believed that if leads presently outstanding do not produce RAY, the Bureau and OO may desire to have locale of the men on the roster be determined from Army sources and these men contacted.

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TELETYPE URGENT

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)
FROM NEWARK (44-854)

MURKIN

RE: CHICAGO TEL TO BUREAU APRIL TWO LAST, REQUESTING
TELEPHONE NUMBER OF MARJORIE FETTERS.

TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR MARJORIE FETTERS IS AREA CODE
SIX ZERO NINE, NINE SIX FOUR - FOUR NINE TWO THREE.

NEWS ~~REPORTS~~ REPORTS THIS A.M. REFLECT THAT JERRY RAY,
BROTHER OF SUBJECT RAY, HAS RESIGNED HIS POSITION IN CHICAGO
AND HIS WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN. CHICAGO IS REQUESTED TO
ADVISE NEWARK IF THIS IS THE SITUATION AS FETTERS HAS GIVEN
BIRTH TO A BABY BOY AND IS CURRENTLY IN WEST JERSEY HOSPITAL,
CAMDEN, N. J. NEWARK REQUESTS THIS INFORMATION AS THE
POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT IF JERRY RAY'S WHEREABOUTS ARE
UNKNOWN HE MAY POSSIBLY APPEAR IN THE CAMDEN, N.J., AREA.
NEWARK TAKING APPROPRIATE STEPS TO INSURE THAT IF HE DOES
APPEAR THEY WILL BE NOTIFIED.

MAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY. 44-760-686

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374)

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Re Bureau airtel with enclosures, dated 4/25/68, copy to Memphis with enclosure.

Mrs. VIOLA V. BONYE, 38 Church St., Waterloo, N.Y., advised on 5/1/68 that the individual referred to in her letter to the Bureau on 4/22/68 is not known to her personally, and she has not seen him since. She stated she had never seen this person before, does not know where he lives, or what his employment might be. She stated she has made inquiries concerning this individual; however, has been unable to determine his identity.

BONYE described this individual as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	30-35
Height	5'6"
Weight	140-150
Hair	Black, wavy
Speech	Normal (no accent)

She advised that this individual was driving a red MG, year not known, containing New York license OA 5560.

- 3 - Bureau (AM)
 - 1 - Birmingham (44-1740) (Info) (AM)
 - 1 - Kansas City (44-760) (Info) (AM)
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On 5/1/68, a check of the New York State registrations through the Seneca County SO, Waterloo, N.Y., indicated New York License OA 5660 is issued to DARWIN STONE, 581 Geneva-Waterloo Road, Waterloo, N.Y. for a 1965 black Austin-Healey. His employment was shown as Seneca Army Depot (SAD), Romulus, N.Y.

On 5/1/68, Mrs. PHILIP STONE, 581 Geneva-Waterloo Road, Waterloo, N.Y., advised that DARWIN STONE is her son, and that he currently owns a red MGB automobile, New York License OA 5560. She stated her son is only home on weekends, as he currently attends the University of Syracuse, Syracuse, N.Y.

On 5/2/68, EUGENE HELPARD, General Investigator, Provost Marshal's Office, Seneca Army Depot, Romulus, N.Y., advised the only record at SAD concerning STONE is that he worked as a civilian employee from 2/67 to 9/67, has Social Security No. [REDACTED] and was born 8/22/36. When STONE left SAD, he indicated he was going back to college.

On 5/2/68, EDWARD DAILOR, Collections Manager, Credit Bureau of Geneva, N.Y., advised that DARWIN STONE, 581 Geneva-Waterloo Rd., Waterloo, N.Y., has been known to his files since 12/60.

5/3/68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Kansas City airtel 5/1/68 to the Bureau re location of former inmate (FNU) WADE of Missouri State Penitentiary.

Mr. JOHN NORR, Records Division, California Institution for Men, Chino, California, advised on 5/3/68 that KENNETH LEE WADE, according to their records, was transferred to San Quentin Penitentiary on 9/19/67. The file on him was transferred to San Quentin at the same time.

Enclosed for San Francisco are one copy of reairtel and its enclosure.

LEAD:

SAN FRANCISCO

AT SAN QUENTIN, CALIFORNIA: Review records at San Quentin Penitentiary regarding KENNETH LEE WADE to determine his whereabouts in order to interview him concerning subject.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, AND HOUSTON
FROM NEW ORLEANS 157-10673

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RE: CALL MADE FROM COIN TELEPHONE, ALPINE,
TEXAS ON DEC. SIXTEEN LAST TO NINE
THREE EIGHT FIVE SIX THREE EIGHT, GREENWOOD,
LA.

TELEPHONE NUMBER NINE THREE EIGHT DASH FIVE SIX THREE EIGHT
IS LISTED TO R. L. HAMMETT, GREENWOOD, LOUISIANA. UPON INTERVIEW
HAMMETT ADVISES HE CAN NOT SPECIFICALLY RECALL WHO CONTACTED
HIM ON DEC. SIXTEEN LAST FROM ALPINE, TEXAS. HOWEVER, HAMMETT
STATES DURING DECEMBER NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN HE RECEIVED
NUMEROUS LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALLS FROM HIS UNCLE,
ED HUNSUCKER, INQUIRING ABOUT THE PHYSICAL CONDITION OF HAMMETT'S
FATHER WHO WAS IN POOR HEALTH. THESE CALLS WERE RECEIVED
FROM VARIOUS AREAS IN TEXAS INASMUCH AS HUNSUCKER IS A TRUCK
DRIVER AND TRAVELS EXTENSIVELY THROUGHOUT TEXAS. HAMMETT VIEWED
PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND STATES THAT RAY IS COMPLETELY
UNKNOWN TO HIM. NEW ORLEANS INDICIES CONTAIN NO INFO IDENTIFIABLE
WITH HAMMETT OR HUNSUCKER.

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RE NOEL GRAY, PROFESSOR, HISTORY DEPARTMENT, SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY, BATON ROUGE, LA.

IN JUNE, SIXTYFIVE, NEW ORLEANS POSSESSED INFORMATION CONCERNING REMARKS ALLEGEDLY MADE BY NOEL GRAY THAT THE NEGRO RACE NEEDED A "NEW MONUMENT," AS CHRIST HAD BEEN DEAD TWO THOUSAND YEARS AND IT WOULD BE BETTER IF KING OR JAMES FARMER WERE KILLED. THIS INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED FROM JACK N. ROGERS, THEN COMMITTEE COUNSEL FOR THE JOINT LEGISLATURE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES FOR THE STATE OF LOUISIANA. ROGERS IN JUNE, SIXTYFIVE, DECLINED TO REVEAL HIS SOURCE OF INFORMATION CONCERNING GRAY.

ON APRIL THIRTY, SIXTYEIGHT, DR. FELTON G. CLARK, PRESIDENT, SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY, BATON ROUGE, ADVISED GRAY IS PROFESSOR IN HISTORY DEPARTMENT AT SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AND RESIDES ONE ZERO SEVEN FIVE MAYHAW DRIVE, BATON ROUGE. FURTHER GRAY TEACHING AT SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY SINCE FIFTYTWO AND DURING

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THAT TIME HAS NOT ENGAGED IN ANY ACTIVITIES TO AGITATE MEMBERS OF THE STUDENT BODY OR ENGAGED IN ANY CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVITIES. CLARK STATED GRAY WELL RESPECTED ON CAMPUS AND LIKED BY BOTH STUDENTS AND FACULTY.

RECORDS, BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION, LSP, AS OF APRIL THIRTY, SIXTYEIGHT, DISCLOSED NOEL GRAY, BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AT NEW ORLEANS, ARRESTED BY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, BATON ROUGE, DECEMBER SEVENTEEN, SIXTYONE, ON CHARGE OF VAGRANCY, WHICH WAS SUBSEQUENTLY NOLLE PROSSED.

JACK N. ROGERS, ATTORNEY, BATON ROUGE, LA., CONTACTED MAY ONE, SIXTYEIGHT, AT WHICH TIME ROGERS ADVISED HIS SOURCE OF INFORMATION CONCERNING GRAY IS NOW DECEASED. ROGERS STILL DECLINES TO DISCLOSE IDENTITY OF THIS SOURCE. ROGERS STATED HOWEVER, HIS SOURCE HAD ADVISED HIM ON MARCH FIVE, SIXTYFIVE, THAT GRAY HAD TOLD SOURCE THAT MOST NEGROES CONSIDERED JAMES FARMER A REVISIONIST AND CONSIDERED MARTIN LUTHER KING A MESSIAH. FURTHER, GRAY STATED THE NEGROES NEED A NEW
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MONUMENT AS JESUS CHRIST HAD BEEN DEAD FOR TWO THOUSAND YEARS. ROGERS STATED SOURCE TOLD HIM "THE ASSASSINATION OF FARMER HAD BEEN A MATTER OF OPEN CONJECTURE." ROGERS SAID NO MENTION WAS MADE OF ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, HOWEVER, IT WAS ROGERS' OPINION THAT PROBABLY ASSASSINATION OF BOTH FARMER AND KING A MATTER OF CONJECTURE.

APPROPRIATE RI-PROB SOURCE CONTACTED BATON ROUGE AREA MAY ONE, SIXTYEIGHT, AND GRAY UNKNOWN TO SOURCE.

FILES OF NEW ORLEANS OFFICE CONTAIN NEWSPAPER CLIPPING OF BATON ROUGE MORNING ADVOCATE NEWSPAPER DATED JANUARY TWENTYNINE SIXTYTWO WHICH REVEALS THAT NOEL G. GRAY DESCRIBED AS A MEMBER OF FACULTY AT SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY IN BATON ROUGE WAS ONE OF ONE HUNDRED AND TWO FACULTY MEMBERS WHO HAD SIGNED A STATEMENT REGRETING ACTION TAKEN AGAINST SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS IN REGARDS TO THE RACIAL QUESTION. NEW ORLEANS FILES CONTAIN NO OTHER INFO IDENTIFIABLE WITH GRAY. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE GRAY IS NOT NOT BEING CONTACTED FOR INTERVIEW.

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