

THRILLING CITIES

Leonard Russell

Mr. Frere

Hugh Barton

Jack Conder

Dick Hughes

Kadoorie

Richard Mason

Dr. Lobo

Samuel Montague

Len Cosgrove

"Cos"

"Tiger" Saito

Alan Searle

Mr. Fratinelli

Captain James Hamilton

Virgil Peterson

Professor Philip Fox

Colonel Edward Bradley

Ben Goffstein

Ray Russell

Charles Beaumont

Ray Brennan

Joey Glimco

Francis "The Immune" Maritote

Charles "Cherry Nose" Gioe

Richard Hauff

Cosmo Orlando

Carlo "Bananas" Urbaniti

Ripa

Joseph Broge

Gene Gleason

Dan Jacobson

David Barlow

Felix Leiter

Marthe Richard

Antony Terry

Knoeller

"Rickey" Renee

Dr. Julius Raab

Dr. Kriesky

Anton Karas

Colonel Podharsky

Dr. Bircher-Brenner

Frederick Bussy

Pierre Jaccoud

Charles Zumbach

Andre Zumbach

Professor Pittard

Francesco Waldman

Salvatori Funari

OCTOPUSSY, THE DARLING

Major Dexter Smythe

Professor Bengry

Dr. Jimmy Greaves

Luna

Hannes Oberhauser

Gieves

Arundels

Marchesis

Dr. Cahusac

THE LIVING DAYLIGHTS

Corporal Menzies

Tanqueray

Trigger

Captain Paul Sender

Grafyn Liselotte Mutzenbacher

Ameryllis

Donskaya

Lomova

THE PROPERTY OF A LADY

Dr. Fanshawe

Faberge

Kenneth Snowman

Peter Wilson

Piotr Malinowski

CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG

Commander Caractacus Pott

Mimsie Pott

Jeremy (Pott)

Commander Crackpott

Lord Skrumshus

Man Mountain Fink

Soapy Sam

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Monsieur Bon-Bon

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Date: 5/9/68

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Via _____

AIRTEL

(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, NEWARK (44-854)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Chicago airtel to Newark dated 5/6/68.

On 5/9/68, PCI MARJORIE LOUISE EPPERS, 2420 Arnold Street, Camden, N.J., telephone number 609-364-4923, advised SA JOHN E. OTTO at about 3:00 p.m. on 5/8/68, JERRY RAY telephonically contacted her at her residence. He said he was calling from St. Louis, Missouri.

He stated he had telephonically contacted his employer at the Northbrook, Illinois, Country Club. His employer advised him to return to work on 5/9/68 or soon thereafter and arrangements would be made for him to begin residing in an apartment away from the club. He said his employer thought such a move could possibly avert the type of attention that was attracted to JERRY RAY by news media when they recently learned he is the subject's brother.

JERRY RAY asked PCI if it would be readily possible for him to obtain employment in the Camden, N.J., area if he decided to come there to live. He said he is strongly thinking of making such a move so he could be closer to PCI. PCI apprised him of various major industries in the South Jersey area and JERRY RAY appeared to her to be favorably impressed. JERRY RAY mentioned he had learned he would be able to receive about \$44 a week in unemployment benefits until he obtained a job should he terminate his present position at the Country Club in Illinois.

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For the information of Chicago, JERRY RAY said in a letter he sent to PCI, which was postmarked on 4/29/68 at Wheeling, Illinois, he owns a 1960 DeSoto and a 1961 Plymouth. In a previous telephone conversation with PCI, he said he keeps the Plymouth at his father's farm in Centerville, Missouri.

On 5/8/68, PCI's telephone conversation with JERRY RAY was disconnected. About a half hour later, he called her at her residence again and they completed their conversation.

PCI further advised that JERRY RAY said he is going to send her \$25 enclosed in a letter or to be sent by a wire to reach her by 5/11/68. It is noted he sent PCI a \$25 money order enclosed in the described letter postmarked 4/29/68.

PCI said JERRY RAY told her he would telephonically contact her next on 5/11/68. He commented he would rather talk to her on the telephone than write her. He did not further explain this statement.

PCI again stated under no circumstances does she want her cooperation with the FBI in connection with this matter to ever become known outside of the FBI. She again also said it is a special concern to her that JERRY RAY never know of her assistance to the Bureau.

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AT CAMDEN, N.J. Will continue to maintain close liaison with PCI, looking towards ascertaining subject's whereabouts and effecting his arrest.

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

Re Kansas City airtel to Bureau dated 5/8/68.

Referenced airtel names seven former inmates of the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) who should be contacted to ascertain if they can furnish any information concerning subject RAY. Enclosed with referenced airtel is additional background data obtained from MSP records on 5/6/68, regarding these seven former inmates. A review of this data indicated logical inquiry to locate these individuals should begin with contact of closest relatives and/or residences in other field Office territories as follows:

MICHAEL KEY CLARK is indicated as having a girl friend, ELIZABETH ALEXANDER, residing at 1771 Ellwell, Milipitas, California. Also it is stated that CLARK indicated he would be employed by BUD RAU, 445 Laurel Avenue, Hayward, California.

Regarding JIMMIE LEE HILL, the MSP records show that on 3/5/68, HILL was incarcerated at North Soledad, California.

Regarding JOHN RAY LESTER, he stated he would live at 19250 Hickory, El Verano, California, and his mother is listed as EUNA K. LESTER, 111 Napa Street, Sonoma, California.

San Francisco should attempt to locate each of the above individuals.

- 3 - Bureau
- 2 - Chicago (Encl 1)
- ① - Kansas City (Info) (44-760)
- 1 - Memphis (Info)
- 2 - San Francisco (Encl 1)
- 2 - Los Angeles

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~~GALE FRANKLIN FISHER~~, listed the following relatives, all residing in the State of Illinois:

Mother	MARVEL FISHER 31 85th Street Aurora, Illinois
Sister	CAROL SMITH 272 Beach Street Aurora, Illinois
Sister	SHIRLEY FOREMAN RFD 1 Box 107 Plainfield, Illinois

The Chicago Division should attempt to locate FISHER.

The Los Angeles Division will insitut~~e~~ investigation to locate the remaining three former inmates.

For information of Chicago and San Francisco a copy of referenced airtel with enclosure are attached.

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Confidential source, whose reliability has not been established, advised that he was received in the Missouri State Penitentiary during September, 1965, and was immediately placed in quarantine for a thirty-day observation period which is required of all new prisoners and thereafter he was assigned to Cell 188, Tier #8, J Hall, and scheduled to work in the carpenter shop. In this connection, the source stated that there is only one inmate to a cell and that the Missouri State Penitentiary has five halls within the prison wall which house prisoners.

The source said that while in J. Hall, during November, 1965, he first became acquainted with JAMES EARL RAY, who was already assigned to J Hall and who worked daily in J Hall as a "Walk Boy." The source explained that the duties of JAMES EARL RAY as a "Walk Boy" were to take orders for cigarettes, gum, candy, etc., which could be purchased within the prison and to bring hot water for shaving and instant coffee to the inmates. The source added that JAMES EARL RAY was the only "Walk Boy" in J Hall and further that he was free to contact any inmate and could move throughout the hall freely. He pointed out that this was RAY's only duty in the hall and that he could remain inside during working hours, having no other assignments.

The source said that his first conversation with RAY took place when RAY observed him reading a Birmingham, Alabama "Post-Herald" newspaper which he had a subscription to while in prison. The source advised that RAY asked him on this occasion if he was from the State of Alabama to which he replied he was from Walker County, Alabama. RAY said to the source that he knew where Walker County, Alabama, was located and further that this was a dry county, serving no alcoholic beverages, which gave the source the impression that RAY knew what he was talking about, especially since he mentioned beer joints like the All State Tavern, another beer joint which source believed was Rose's Place and Riverview Cafe.

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RAY said that he had visited or stayed in the Birmingham, Alabama, area in the past; however, RAY never mentioned any associates, acquaintances, friends, relatives or employments in the State of Alabama. The source advised that this conversation ended with RAY asking him if he could have his Birmingham, Alabama, "Post-Herald" newspaper when he finished reading them each day, which was agreeable to source. The source advised thereafter RAY would come by his cell each evening and pick up his newspaper which he would place between the cell bars.

The source said that RAY never discussed his family nor did he ever indicate from which part of the United States he came from, but the source believed that RAY was from the southern part of the United States only because RAY never indicated where he was from, coupled with his interest in a southern newspaper.

The source stated that he personally gave RAY his present home address and telephone number on one occasion, telling RAY to stop by his home sometime if and when he ever got released from prison and they would have a drink or two together. The source pointed out that RAY did not ask him for his address or telephone number and that he merely furnished this to RAY knowing that he was doing a 20 year prison sentence and more than likely he would never again see RAY after he left prison. He stated that when he gave RAY his address and telephone number, RAY replied "Don't be surprised if I call you up sometime" and thereafter placed this piece of paper in his pocket.

The source said that RAY was a very quiet individual, soft spoken, calm, clean, never laughed or enjoyed a good story, solemn face, and remained to himself most of the time. The source advised that he would often see RAY in the prison yard and on occasion attempted to strike up a conversation with RAY, but he never appeared interested so the source gave up trying to make conversation with RAY.

The source said that the only topic which would arouse RAY's interest was the subject of money. The source

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stated that on one occasion during a conversation with RAY, RAY said "One of these days if I ever get out of here I am going to make myself a bunch of money." When source asked how he intended doing this, RAY replied he had contacts and there are more ways of making money than robbing banks. Source then asked RAY what his plan was, to which RAY replied "The Businessmen's Association has offered \$100,000.00 for killing MARTIN LUTHER KING and he's five years past due." The source stated he then asked RAY what the Businessmen's Association was, to which RAY replied "I don't know but I will find out." The source added that this was the first and last time RAY ever mentioned MARTIN LUTHER KING nor did he ever again mention the Businessmen's Association in his presence.

The source said that RAY told him that he always worked alone and therefore limited the possibility of being caught and said "I have got a place picked out where I can hide," never mentioning where the place was located.

The source stated there was a prison cigarette lottery going on almost daily in J Hall and that RAY was involved in this lottery, delivering wagering tickets as well as picking these up and would deliver the winnings to inmates each night. He said there were two separate lotteries in J Hall. One lottery was run by two inmates named JOHNNY VALENTI and another individual from St. Louis, Missouri, name unknown. The source described this individual as a white male, Italian, age 43 to 46, dark complexion with gunshot wound in face and nicknamed "Dago." The source said the other lottery in J Hall was run by an individual nicknamed "Boston," who was doing a 20 year sentence and described him as a white male, 45 years of age, very short and occupied either cell 23, 24 or 25 on the flag in J Hall, meaning the first floor.

The source said that he did not like VALENTI's wagering odds so he always placed his wagers with the individual nicknamed "Boston." The source stated that

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RAY would always handle the wagers since he could talk to any inmates in the cellblock and was reimbursed by JOHNNY VALENTI and "Boston" for this service. Source estimated that there were approximately two dozen lotteries being operated in the Missouri State Penitentiary, which consisted of five separate halls housing the prisoners.

The source advised that he never saw RAY run narcotics or handle contraband at any time and on one occasion RAY showed him his arms to prove that he had never been addicted to narcotics. The source added that he never observed RAY with any large sums of money.

The source advised that there was an organization being operated at the Missouri State Penitentiary by the inmates and this organization was called "Cooley's Organization." The source said that this was a protection and enforcer organization and that while en route to the Missouri State Penitentiary he first became aware that such an organization existed. The source advised that he was at one time lodged at the County Jail in Springfield, Missouri, for several months and became acquainted with a prisoner, (FNU) CRAIG, whom he described as a "four time loser." The source said that CRAIG has a brother who is a detective on the Springfield Police Department and that CRAIG had previously served time at Missouri State Penitentiary and was being returned to this penitentiary. The source said that when CRAIG learned that he also was en route to the Missouri State Penitentiary, CRAIG advised him to join the Cooley's Organization at the Missouri State Penitentiary since he would need to get along with other prisoners and be being a member of this organization, he would obtain "special favors." The source said that CRAIG informed him that the Cooley's Organization would settle any grievances he may have while at Missouri State Penitentiary against other prisoners and that this was a very powerful organization, having influence with guards and could even, for a price, arrange "a murder."

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The source advised that after his release from quarantine, he again observed CRAIG, who was then working in the mess hall at the Missouri State Penitentiary. The source advised that he then approached CRAIG and told CRAIG that he desired to join the Cooley's Organization and at this time gave him a \$10.00 canteen book, pointing out that the membership fee to join the Cooley's Organization was \$10.00 and that this membership fee would make an inmate a paid up member as long as he was in prison. The source advised that CRAIG told him that he would obtain his membership for him and the same night JAMES EARL RAY came to his cell and gave him a card saying "Here is your card," and nothing else, and therefore he always felt that RAY was a member of the Cooley's Organization since he was so trusted. However, RAY never said to him that he was a member nor did he ever ask him.

The source said that his membership card was type written with his name on it and had the heading "Membership Cooley's Club." The source said that this membership card was like a credit card and it could get an inmate credit on purchases of candy and other sundries but could not be used for credit purposes on lotteries.

The source advised that he had two or three differences with prisoners over wagers while in J Hall and upon getting no satisfaction, he personally contacted CRAIG in the mess hall at which time he displayed to CRAIG his membership card and filed his grievance with CRAIG. The source stated that CRAIG informed him that he would handle this complaint; however, the fee for handling his grievance was 50% of what was due a prisoner. The source added that subsequently RAY appeared at his cell in J Hall with his share of the cigarettes collected from his grievance.

The source stated that CRAIG was later transferred from the mess hall to the Church Farm, which is located outside the prison wall at Missouri State Penitentiary. The source said that prior to CRAIG's departure, CRAIG

contacted him and instructed him who to see in the future to take complaints should he have any additional grievances. At this point, the source pointed out that most grievances would be placed either at the mess hall or the prison yard, noting that only during these periods of time all the inmates from different halls could talk with each other. The source added that he was unable to furnish any description of name of the individual he was instructed to contact in the mess hall after the departure of CRAIG since he had no further complaints and was subsequently transferred to the Renz Farm, which is also located outside the prison.

The source stated that the Cooley's Organization was operating when he arrived at the Missouri State Penitentiary and was still doing business when he departed and he felt that this operation had been started and maintained by old cons who are now trustees and who reside in A Hall, which is the trustees' barracks. He added that he personally feared the power of the Cooley's Organization as did other inmates and in his opinion, he personally felt they could render retaliation regarding him if they became aware that he gave information concerning their organization.

The source said that during the time RAY was assigned to J Hall, he had attempted an escape which was unsuccessful and thereafter he never saw RAY again since RAY was not returned to J Hall and he later went to Renz Farm. He said that while at Renz Farm he did hear that RAY successfully escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary by hiding himself in a bread truck.

The source was asked if there ever circulated at Missouri State Penitentiary a rumor concerning the killing of three Negro inmates and if RAY's name was ever mentioned as a suspect or being involved in these killings. The source said that he did learn that when prison authorities first tried to integrate the prisoners, four white men with pillowcases over their heads waited

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for five Negro prisoners to enter the shower room on one occasion and stabbed three of the Negroes to death, wounded a fourth and the fifth escaped. He said that at no time did he hear any rumor that RAY was involved in these killings.

The source said that the inmates located in J Hall at the time he was also lodged there and who could possibly furnish additional information concerning RAY were (FNU) SPRATT, cell 187, and GENE (LNU), cell 190, who escaped by overpowering a guard and taking his uniform; however, this individual was successfully apprehended and returned to Missouri State Penitentiary. Source advised that another inmate, name unknown, who occupied cell 190, was a lottery player. Another inmate, name unknown, nicknamed "Cowboy," was a hall tender in charge of convicts in J Hall.

This source was displayed numerous photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that all photographs bear a close resemblance to RAY; however, he specifically identified the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY taken at the Missouri State Penitentiary during the time he was incarcerated. The source said that he would have no difficulty in identifying RAY should he ever see him again, even if he attempted to disguise his identity; giving as his reasons that RAY was definitely "slough-footed" and his toes pointed out noticeably when he walked causing his heels and soles to wear down on the outside edges. He has a prominent cleft on his chin, which is noticeable and remarked that RAY liked his booze and that he had the impression from talking with him that he was a heavy drinker. The source also added that in his opinion from his knowledge of RAY in prison that he thought RAY had a normal sex life.

The source advised that the only other person that he knew that RAY might have been closely associated when in prison was a full-blooded Indian prisoner who was the barber in J Hall but whose name he could not recall. The source stated that he definitely had not been contacted by RAY since he has been released from prison, which was May 3, 1967, and stated that he would notify the Birmingham FBI Office if RAY ever attempted to contact him in any way or manner in the future.

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Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Birmingham teletype to Bureau, Memphis and
Kansas City, 5/8/68.

Enclosed for Bureau and all receiving offices
are two copies of an investigative insert reflecting
the results of interviews with THOMAS BRITTON, a former
inmate of Missouri State Penitentiary who is acquainted
with JAMES EARL RAY and who furnished considerable
information relative to RAY's prison activities.

The confidential source referred to in enclosed
insert is THOMAS BRITTON, 1710 Alabama Avenue, Jasper,
Alabama, who is presently employed as a cabinet maker at
Foster's Cabinet Shop, Haleyville, Alabama. After giving
this matter careful consideration, the identity of BRITTON
is being concealed at this time in view of his cooperative
attitude coupled with the fact that he desires his
identity be protected as he fears retaliation from the
Cooley's Organization, Missouri State Penitentiary, should
they learn he is cooperating or furnishing information

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to the FBI. Also, Birmingham feels that additional information may be furnished by BRITTON, noting that JAMES EARL RAY presently has his home address and telephone number and could possibly contact him in the future. Disclosure of his identity could possibly alienate this potential source of information.

THOMAS BRITTON was interviewed on 5/6/68 by SA JOHN H. KRESEK and was again interviewed on 5/7/68 by SA's JOHN H. KRESEK, ROBERT M. BARRETT and WILLIAM A. SAUCIER.

Information copies of this investigative insert are being furnished to the New Orleans, Mobile, St. Louis and Springfield Divisions in view of their investigative interest in this matter, coupled with the fact the results of this interview may be valuable when and if JOHNNY VALENTI is located, noting that he has been alleged to be in the New Orleans or St. Louis, Missouri, area. Also, Springfield has several relatives of RAY residing within their division.

5/10/68

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO : DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS, MOBILE
FROM : RICHMOND (44-657)

MURKIN

RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE MAY NINE LAST.

C & P TELCO, HOPEWELL, VA., RECORDS INDICATE
NUMBER FOUR FIVE EIGHT DASH FOUR SIX ONE FIVE SUBSCRIBED
TO BY CHARLES W. CLARK, ESPOSITO PLACE, HOPEWELL, VA.

RICHMOND INDICES INDICATE ON JANUARY NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN
C. W. CLARK, THREE ZERO FIVE BROWN AVENUE, HOPEWELL, SIGNED
LEASE WITH ONE J. J. UNGER, THEN A MEMBER OF UNITED KLANS
OF AMERICA (UKA), KKK, HOPEWELL, LEASE FOR UKA UNIT
THIRTY-SIX, KLAVERN. INDICES FURTHER REFLECT ON JANUARY
NINE, NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN CLARK AND WIFE APPEARED HOPEWELL
SCHOOLBOARD TOGETHER WITH OTHER NON-SCHOOLBOARD MEMBERS,
NUMEROUS KNOWN KLANSMEN.

RH THREE THREE EIGHT DASH R ADVISED CLARK NOT
A MEMBER OF UKA THIRTY-SIX PRESENTLY.

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HEARD IN UNIT TWELVE OF UKA HOPEWELL ABOUT FOUR MONTHS AGO
RELATING ONE DOT CLARK, FORMERLY A MEMBER OF INSTAND UNIT,
HOWEVER, SHE QUIT AT LEAST A YEAR AGO.

CREDIT CONDUCTED PETERSBURG AND HOPEWELL REFLECT
CLARK RESIDING GREATER PETERSBURG DASH HOPEWELL AREA SINCE
APRIL, NINETEEN THIRTY-NINE. UNTIL NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN,
CLARK RESIDED BROWN AVENUE, HOPEWELL, VA.

ARREST CHECKS CONDUCTED GREATER HOPEWELL DASH
PETERSBURG AREA REFLECT FOUR TRAFFIC CITATIONS. CREDIT
CHECK INDICATES CHARLES WASHINGTON CLARK, AND WIFE DOROTHY
GILLIAM HAVE SATISFACTORY CREDIT RATING. CLARK EMPLOYED
AS A CARPENTER FOR PERRIN DASH ESPOSITO BROTHERS, HOPEWELL,
VA. AS FOREMAN. PD RECORDS HOPEWELL INDICATE CLARK PAGE FORTYFIVE
IN NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT. PLACE OF BIRTH ESSEY, KING AND QUEEN
COUNTY, VA. DISCREET NEIGHBORHOOD INQUIRY REFLECTS CLARK,
WIFE, AND TWO TEENAGE DAUGHTERS MOVED TO ESPOSITO PLACE ADDRESS
OCTOBER, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN. CLARK'S STEPSON SONNY (LNU)
AND STEPSON'S WIFE, UNKNOWN. NEIGHBOR INDICATES WIFE OF SONNY
(LNU) FROM ALABAMA, CITY UNKNOWN. SONNY (LNU) FORMERLY
RESIDED IN ALABAMA CITY PRIOR TO MOVING TO HOPEWELL THREE TO
FOUR MONTHS AGO. NEIGHBOR INDICATES WIFE OF SONNY ^{RECENTLY} ~~REMOVES~~
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QUIT~~ED~~ EMPLOYMENT DRUG FAIR, HOPEWELL. MANAGER DRUG FAIR
HOPEWELL INDICATES ONLY ALABAMA NATIVE WHO RECENTLY
QUIT EMPLOYMENT IS ONE D. E. CATLETT, ADDRESS UNKNOWN,
PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY, VIRGINIA. CREDIT RE CATLETT NEGATIVE
AT HOPEWELL AND PETERSBURG.

UAC NO FURTHER INQUIRIES BEING MADE.

INSERTS TO FOLLOW TO MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM.

AIR MAIL COPIES SENT KNOXVILLE AND KANSAS CITY.

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CHICAGO DIVISION AT CHICAGO AND WAUKEGAN, ILLINOIS,
INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION AT BRAZIL AND GOSHEN, INDIANA, AND
ST. LOUIS DIVISION AT ST. LOUIS, INVESTIGATE IN AN EFFORT TO
LOCATE AND INTERVIEW AUSTIN. SPRINGFIELD CONDUCTING INVESTI-
GATION AT MADISON, WAVERLY, CASEYVILLE, FRANKLIN, QUINCY, AND
SPRINGFIELD. MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY ADVISED BY MAIL. P.
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Special Agent in Charge

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On May 8, 1968, Mrs. LILLIAN WILLENBRINK, Secretary, Warden's Office, Missouri State Penitentiary, advised Investigative Clerk WILLIAM C. MC DONALD that Warden SWENSON was out of town and unavailable for interview. Mrs. WILLENBRINK stated that Warden SWENSON would be available for interview on May 9, 1968, in referenced to RUSSELL LEE MARTIN.

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REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 9, 1968

Re: MURKIN
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FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-562610 JK

Specimens received 5/7/68

K257 Twenty-one sheets of paper and one copy of a form dated 4/4/58, bearing known handwriting and hand printing of JAMES EARL RAY

ALSO SUBMITTED: One "Inmate Request To Staff Member" form for JACK M. RAY, No. 59602

Result of examination:

The additional known handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY, represented by K257, does not sufficiently augment the known handwriting of this individual previously received to permit the identification of the "Harvey Lowmyer" signature on Q72 with this individual.

K257 is temporarily retained.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: **FBI, Memphis (44-1987)**

Date: **May 9, 1968**

Re: **MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-562610 JK**

Examination requested by: **Kansas City**
Reference: **Airtel 5/6/68**
Examination requested: **Document**
Remarks:

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - Kansas City (44-760) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-760)

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DATE: 5/10/68

FROM : SA JOSEPH W. JACKSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Rememo by SAC dated 5/8/68.

On 5/10/68, photographs of JAMES EARL RAY which were received as enclosures with rememo were made available to PAUL STUBBLEFIELD, News Director, KODE-TV, 1928 West 13th., and to RALPH WALLACE, News Reporter, KUHI-TV, both Joplin, Missouri.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

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Re Kansas City airtel to Bureau 5/8/68 regarding the interview with **CECIL CLAYTON LILLIBRIDGE**.

Memphis desires that your interviews with **LILLIBRIDGE** develop all possible background information concerning the subject, with particular attention to any plans he might have had to leave this country to go either to Mexico or Canada, and any plans he might have had to leave either of these countries in order to migrate to still a third country. As you are aware, subject left the U. S. following his escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary, and for a time was known to be at Montreal, Canada. Investigation has discovered that subject corresponded with an individual at Washington, D. C., regarding the possibility of migrating to Rhodesia. Your interview should develop all possible information regarding any prison rumors regarding escape routes through Canada to Rhodesia or to other countries where extradition might be resisted.

You are requested to obtain any possible information regarding subject's smuggling activities while in Mexico and to determine whether or not **LILLIBRIDGE** thinks the subject was truthful or was merely engaging in conversation when discussing the possibility of smuggling.

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In view of the fact that the subject is known to have had at least \$2,000 during late August 1967, you should fully explore any knowledge the subject might have had regarding narcotics smuggling or any plans he might have had for pulling an armed robbery of a place that might have on hand a considerable sum of money, such as a supermarket, loan company, payroll, etc.

You should keep in mind that we have no idea at present where this subject may be hiding and any information in the possession of LILLIBRIDGE, no matter how trivial, may be of extreme importance. Consequently you should not limit your investigation to those items listed above, but should fully explore LILLIBRIDGE's knowledge and memory concerning the subject.

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MEMPHIS,
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FROM: KANSAS CITY (44-760)

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RE NY TELETYPE MAY THIRTEEN LAST.

RECORDS TRANS WORLD AIRLINES (TWA) KANSAS CITY REVEAL THAT COACH TICKET TWO TWO ZERO SEVEN ONE FIVE THREE ONE EIGHT WAS PURCHASED APRIL SEVEN SIXTY EIGHT BY J. A. SMITH FOR FLIGHT FROM LA TO CHICAGO TO ATLANTA, GEORGIA AND RETURN FROM ATLANTA TO LA. THE TICKET SHOWS THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL LEFT LA APRIL SEVEN LAST FOR CHICAGO, LEFT CHICAGO APRIL EIGHT LAST FOR ATLANTA. ON APRIL NINE LAST AT ATLANTA HE EXCHANGED THIS TICKET FOR ONE GOING FROM ATLANTA TO CHICAGO TO LA. THE TICKET SHOWS HIM DEPARTING ATLANTA FOR CHICAGO ON APRIL NINE LAST AND THE RESERVATIONS TO LA WERE LEFT OPEN. TWA RECORDS REVEAL THIS PURCHASER USED A CREDIT CARD IN BUYING THIS TICKET AND THAT THEY WILL HAVE FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING HIS IDENTITY WITHIN TWENTY FOUR HOURS.

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TWA RECORDS FAIL TO REVEAL ANY INFORMATION REGARDING
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FROM: KANSAS CITY (44-760)

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WEEKLY SUMMARY

INTERVIEWS WITH PRISONERS MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY (MSP) CONTINUE. NO INFORMATION DEVELOPED REGARDING COOLEY ORGANIZATION. SUBJECT NEVER EMPLOYED AT LICENSE PLATE FACTORY IN MSP. J AND K HALLS AT MSP ARE TOGETHER AND THEY CONTAIN THREE HUNDRED SIXTYFOUR CELLS. ROSTERS ARE NOT KEPT OF EVERYONE IN A SPECIFIC HALL; YOU HAVE TO GO TO THE INDIVIDUAL PRISONER'S RECORD TO GET THE LOCATION OF HIS CELL.

ANOTHER INMATE BY THE NAME OF JAMES DUANE WRAY CONTINUES TO BE INCARCERATED AT MSP. HE IS A WM IN K HALL, MSP NUMBER ZERO SIX SEVEN TWO ZERO AND HAS BEEN THERE SINCE APRIL SIXTYTHREE. BOSTON IDENTIFIED AS MILTON ZAVALOFSKI, MSP NUMBER ONE ZERO NINE EIGHT ZERO, WAS IN CELL J ONE EIGHT EIGHT

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FROM NOVEMBER SIXTYFIVE UNTIL MARCH SIXTYSIX WHEN HE WENT TO THE HONOR FARM. HE WAS RELEASED APRIL THIRD SIXTYSEVEN. JAMES W. BROWN, MSP NUMBER ZERO ZERO FOUR EIGHT THREE, FBI NUMBER FIVE ZERO FOUR NINE SEVEN SEVEN THREE, WAS INCARCERATED FROM MARCH TWENTYFIVE SIXTY UNTIL JUNE FIFTEEN SIXTYFIVE. HAD FIFTEEN CELL CHANGES NOT LISTED IN RECORDS. JAMES HIGH CARPENTER, MSP NUMBER ZERO ONE SEVEN SIX ONE, WAS IN THE PRISON FROM DECEMBER TWENTYONE SIXTY UNTIL MAY FIRST SIXTYSEVEN. NUMEROUS CELL ASSIGNMENTS NEVER CELLED WITH SUBJECT. CARPENTER WORKED IN THE VEGETABLE ROOM. VALENTI ALSO HAD NUMEROUS CELL ASSIGNMENTS BUT NEVER WITH THE SUBJECT.

GENE LNU IDENTIFIED AS GENE BARNES, MSP NUMBER SEVEN TWO TWO SEVEN ONE, STILL IN THE PRISON, INTERVIEWED THIS DATE ADVISED HE WAS IN THE SAME HALL AS SUBJECT BUT WAS NOT A FRIEND OF HIS AND COULD FURNISH NO PERTINENT INFORMATION REGARDING HIM. JOHN KENNETH HURTT, MSP NUMBER SEVEN FIVE FIVE ZERO TWO ALSO INTERVIEWED. ADMITTED SENDING FIFTEEN DOLLARS FOR STATIONERY BUT NOT CLOSE TO RAY AND SENT NO OTHER MONIES FOR HIM. COULD FURNISH NO PERTINENT INFORMATION. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO KANSAS CITY (44-760)

FROM NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (P)

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RE KANSAS CITY TEL, FIVE/TWO/LAST. RE* CARLOS LEE
BILLINGS CAMERDELLE, OWNER AND MANAGER, CANAL BANK INN,
WESTWEGO, LA., ADVISED THAT SOMETIME DURING THE SPRING OF
NINETEEN SIXTY-FIVE "SONNY" BILLINGS AND AN UNKNOWN WHITE
COMPANION RENTED APT. SIX AT THREE ONE FIVE LAUROSSINI,
WESTWEGO, FROM HIM. HE ADVISED BILLINGS AND COMPANION STAYED
IN APT. ABOUT THREE MOS., THEN LEFT THE NEW ORLEANS AREA,
REATURED FOR A SHORT TIME, AND THEN LEFT FOR APPROXIMATELY
A YEAR. BILLINGS RETURNED APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR AGO.

CAMERDELLE ADVISED NEITHER BILLINGS NOR HIS COMPANION
WERE KNOWN TO HIM BEFORE THEY ARRIVED AND RENTED AN APT. FROM
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HIM. HE ADVISED BILLINGS WAS DRIVING A MAROON VEHICLE MAKE AND MODEL UNRECALLED.

BILLINGS' COMPANION, NAME UNRECALLED, WAS DESCRIBED AS A WHITE MALE, SHORTER THEN BILLINGS AND FAIRLY GOOD LOOKING. HE DESCRIBED BILLINGS' COMPANION AS A TROUBLEMAKER WHO WAS

PRONE TO VIOLENCE WHEN DRINKING.

AND ~~STATED~~ DESCRIBED BILLINGS AND HIS COMPANION AS "DRIFTERS"

^D THE REASON HE RECALLS BILLINGS IS THAT BILLINGS GAVE HIM A ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE DOLLAR WORTHLESS CHECK, DRAWN ON THE GUARANTY BANK AND TRUST CO., OF WESTWEGO, WHICH WAS RETURNED TO HIM MARKED "NO ACCOUNT."

CAMERDELLE ADVISED THAT HE WOULD SEARCH HIS RENTAL RECORD^S AND ATTEMPT TO FIND THE BOGUS CHECK GIVEN TO HIM BY BILLINGS IN ORDER TO PINPOINT THE EXACT DATE OF HIS STAY IN WESTWEGO.

CAMERDELLE STATED HE KNEW NOTHING CONCERNING A STOLEN MACHINE GUN AND DID NOT CONSIDER HIMSELF TO BE A FRIEND OF

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EITHER BILLINGS OR HIS COMPANION. HE STATED HE RECALLED
BILLINGS TELLING HIM THAT HE WAS FROM EIGHTHER NORTH OR
SOUTH CAROLINA, BUT HE COULD RECALL NOTHING ELSE ABOUT
BILLINGS OR HIS COMPANION OR ANY FRIENDS THEY MIGHT HAVE
HAD WHILE RESIDING IN THE NEW ORLEANS AREA.

KANSAS CITY AT SPRINGFIELD, MO. WILL REINTERVIEW
CARLOS LEE BILLINGS RE THE DISCREPANCIES IN THE INFORMATION
HE FURNISHED ON FOUR/TWENTY-SIX/LAST AND THE INFORMATION
OBTAINED FROM CAMERDELLE.

NEW ORLEANS AT WESTWEGO, LA., WILL RECONTACT CAMERDELLE
ON FIVE/FOURTEEN NEXT RE EXACT DATES OF BILLINGS STAY AND
THE BOGUS CHECK.

AM COPIES TO BUREAU AND MEMPHIS.

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AG PAGE 1, LINES 1 AND 1 A 2 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

REKANSAS CITY TEL, FIVE/TWO LAST. RE: CARLOS LEE BILLINGS.

NORRIS CAMERDELLE, OWNER AND MANAGER, CANAL BANK INN.

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LINEXX SHLD LINE SIX READ DXX PRONE TO VILENCE WHEN DRINKING
AND STATED

ALL IT SAYS IS PRONE TO VILEN VIOLENCE WHEN DRINKING.

THE NEXT LINE I HAVE IS " AND STAT DESCRIBEED BILLINGS ETC

THE NEXT LINE IS

HE DESCRIBED BILLINGS AND HIS COMPANION AS "DRIFTERS"

OK THX MUCH

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA THOMAS J. CONNOLLY on May 10, 1968:

AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Mrs. MARJORIE GORDON, Secretary to the President and Personnel Manager of the Gordon Johnson Industries, Inc., 2519 Madison, advised that MARVIN W. HEEREN is an international salesman for the Gordon and Johnson International Company and has been since June 1958. She advised that his territories include Mexico and South America as well as territory overseas. He does no selling in the United States.

Mr. MARVIN W. HEEREN, 10606 West 106th Drive, Shawnee Mission, Kansas, advised he is Secretary for Gordon Johnson International Company, made numerous trips out of the country, many of which were in Mexico. He stated that during the week April 1 through 7, 1968, he was in Kansas City at work during the work days and at home on the weekend and that on April 8, he flew to Jacksonville, Florida, where he met a customer in the poultry processing business by the name of MIKE PENYADO from Jamaica, who had come to this country to study some poultry processing plants in Gainesville, Georgia. He stated that he and PENYADO flew from Jacksonville to Atlanta on April 9 and arrived at approximately 5:00 pm and he placed PENYADO on a Greyhound Bus for Gainesville, Georgia, and then he himself checked into the Downtown Motel in Atlanta, where he stayed April 9 and 10 and checked out on the morning of April 11. He stated that Wednesday night, the tenth, PENYADO stayed in the motel with him. He stated that he was unable to conduct any business on the ninth, due to the fact all business establishments were closed because of the funeral of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. While in Atlanta he visited a friend of his, Vice President of the Trust Company of Georgia in Atlanta, Mr. GEORGE T. BROWN.

The following is a description of MARVIN W. HEEREN; white male, born [redacted] Luverne, Minnesota, 5'10½", 150-55 lbs., hazel eyes, black hair, U.S. Navy 1944-46, U.S. Navy # [redacted], occupation poultry processing equipment salesman, June 1958, Gordon Johnson Company.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : FILE (44-760)

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FROM : SAC

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On Saturday evening, 5/11/68, at 9:00 p.m., a Bureau supervisor telephonically contacted the SAC at home and advised as follows:

CLOVIS ZIRNSTIEN, 871 West 5th Avenue, Emporia, Kansas, telephone DI 2-8587, telephonically contacted FBI headquarters to report an incident which occurred on 4/28/68. While traveling in his personal car on that date in the vicinity of Highway 71 and Carthage, Missouri, he picked up a hitchhiker by the name of BILL MAGEE. BILL MAGEE was described as age 47, 5 feet 9 inches, 175 pounds, curly hair. He claimed that a brother CHARLES MAGEE was a prominent Fort Scott, Kansas, resident and that his mother lived at Fort Scott. He also spoke of having worked as a construction laborer for Midwest Construction in Sultan, Kansas, and claimed to be an expert in karating. ZIRNSTIEN stated that MAGEE did not desire to be taken to his mother's residence, but insisted on being let out at the railroad tracks at Fort Scott. Although he does not resemble the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, ZIRNSTIEN felt that possibly MAGEE should be eliminated in view of his strange behavior.

On 5/12/68 officer JESS WAGONER, Fort Scott Police Department, advised that WILLIAM RAY MAGEE, better known as BILL MAGEE, is a well known police character in Fort Scott. He has been arrested approximately ninety times for everything from vagrancy to resisting arrest. He is described as DOB [redacted] Deerfield, Missouri, 5 feet 9 inches, 180 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes, ruddy complexion, heavy build.

Officer WAGONER advised SA RADFORD that MAGEE has no resemblance to JAMES EARL RAY and is definitely not identical.

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TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, MEMPHIS, KANSAS CITY AND ST. LOUIS.
FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740 4P

MURKIN.

RE BIRMINGHAM TELS TO BUREAU, MAY SEVEN, EIGHT AND TEN, LAST,
AND ST. LOUIS TELS TO BUREAU, MAY TEN, ELEVEN AND TWELVE, LAST.

KANSAS CITY IS REQUESTED TO EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION REQUESTED AT
MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY IN RE BIRMINGHAM TELS, IN ORDER THAT INFO
FROM EX-CONVICTS BEING OBTAINED BY ST. LOUIS, BIRMINGHAM AND ATLANTA,
MAY BE PROPERLY EVALUATED. KANSAS CITY IS REQUESTED TO SUTEL
SPECIFICALLY INFORMATION DEVELOPED RE "COOLEY ORGANIZATION" AND/OR
ANY PRISONER NAMED COOLEY; ALL INFO DEVELOPED RE PRISONERS NAMED
CRAIG AND "BOSTON" AS IDENTIFIED BY EX-CONVICT THOMAS BRITTON; ALL
INFO DEVELOPED RE ANY LOTTERIES OPERATED BY JOHN PAUL VELANTI AND HIS
ITALIAN PARTNER FROM ST. LOUIS WHO HAS GUNSHOT WOUND IN FACE. KANSAS
CITY ALSO SUTEL WHETHER SUBJECT RAY WAS EVER A "WALK BOY" IN "J HALL"
NOVEMBER, SIXTYSIX, THROUGH APRIL, SIXTYSEVEN, AND WHETHER RAY EVER
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EMPLOYED IN LICENSE PLATE FACTORY, MSP, SIXTYTHREE OR SIXTYFOUR. KANSAS CITY WILL ASCERTAIN IF THERE WAS EVER A PRISONER NAMED JIMMY RAY AS DESCRIBED BY VELANTI AND IF SO, FURNISH BIRMINGHAM AND RECEIVING OFFICES BACKGROUND AND PHOTO. KANSAS CITY ASCERTAIN EXACT DATES OF INCARCERATION FOR VELANTI, NOTING IN RE ST. LOUIS TEL, MAY TEN LAST, VELANTI CLAIMED HE WAS IN MSP, FEBRUARY THIRTEEN, FIFTY, UNTIL PAROLED MARCH, SIXTYSEVEN, AND WAS SERVING TWENTY YEAR SENTENCE FOR "NINETEEN FIFTYNINE" ARMED ROBBERY. KANSAS CITY ALSO ASCERTAIN IDENTITIES OF RESIDENCE HALLS AT MSP AND DATES OF RESIDENCE DURING THEIR IMPRISONMENT FOR SUBJECT RAY, AND VELANTI, THOMAS BRITTON, JAMES BROWN AND JAMES H. CARPENTER. ASCERTAIN IF RAY AND VELANTI EVER LIVED IN SAME RESIDENCE HALL AT SAME TIME AT MSP.

KANSAS ALSO SUTEL RESULTS OF INQUIRY AT KANSAS CITY PD RE ARREST OF VELANTI.

FROM INFO AVAILABLE BIRMINGHAM AS RECEIVED FROM EX-CONVICTS AND THAT DEVELOPED BY ST. LOUIS AS RECEIVED FROM EX-CONVICTS CARPENTER AND VELANTI, IT APPEARS CARPENTER AND VELANTI POSSIBLY BOTH IN POSSESSION OF ADDITIONAL NECESSARY INFO RE RAY AND THEY SHOULD BE REINTERVIEWED IMMEDIATELY. ST. LOUIS ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN FROM CARPENTER

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HIS KNOWLEDGE OF ALL OF RAY'S ACTIVITIES DURING TIME CARPENTER KNEW RAY IN MSP. NOTING CARPENTER CLAIMS HE WAS ACQUAINTED WITH BOTH VELANTI AND RAY, ASCERTAIN IF VELANTI AND RAY WERE ASSOCIATED. DETERMINE IF CARPENTER KNOWS A "JIMMY RAYE" AS DESCRIBED BY VELANTI. ASCERTAIN CARPENTER'S KNOWLEDGE OF (FNU) CRAIG, "COOLEY ORGANIZATION" (OR ANY OTHER PRISONER ORGANIZATION WHICH OPERATED AS PROTECTIVE RACKET FOR PRISONERS), PRISONER NAMED "BOSTON2 AND ANY LOTTERIES OPERATED IN MSP. ASCERTAIN WHERE RAY WAS LIVING AND HANGING OUT IN ST. LOUIS, MAY TEN THROUGH SEVENTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN, WHILE HE WAS IN CONTACT WITH CARPENTER. DETERMINE HOW OFTEN CARPENTER HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH VELANTI IN ST. LOUIS SINCE HIS RELEASE FROM MSP AND DETAILS OF THESE CONTACTS, SPECIFICALLY IF CARPENTER EVER ADVISED VELANTI THAT CARPENTER HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH RAY IN MAY, SIXTYSEVEN. ST. LOUIS CIRCULARIZE WITH IO OF RAY LAUNDRIES AND CLEANERS IN AREA WHERE CARPENTER SAW RAY IN MAY, SIXTYSEVEN.

FROM VELANTI, OBTAIN COMPLETE BACKGROUND RE EACH OF HIS WIVES INCLUDING PAST AND PRESENT RESIDENCES. ASCERTAIN IDENTITY OF PRISONER WITH WHOM VELANTI HAD FIGHT OVER KENNEDY ASSASSINATION. IT IS NOTED BOTH EX-CONVICTS BRITTON AND BROWN STATE VELANTI AND RAY ACQUAINTED

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WITH EACH OTHER WHEREAS VELANTI DENIES THIS ASSOCIATION. DETERMINE ALL TELEPHONES AVAILABLE TO VELANTI AND THEREAFTER OBTAIN TOLL CALLS CHARGED TO THESE TELEPHONES FOR PAST SIX MONTH PERIOD.

ASCERTAIN FROM ST. LOUIS PD ANY ROBBERIES COMMITTED IN MAY OR JUNE, SIXTYSEVEN, WHICH COULD POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN COMMITTED BY RAY, NOTING HIS CONTACT WITH CARPENTER.

ST. LOUIS AND KANSAS CITY ARE NOW IN POSSESSION OF RESULTS OF ALL INTERVIEWS TO DATE BY BIRMINGHAM OF BROWN AND BRITTON AND THESE SHOULD BE USED DURING REINTERVIEWS OF VELANTI AND CARPENTER AND PRISON RECORDS CHECKS.

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TO KANSAS CITY 44-760

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN

REBHTELS OF MAY SEVEN AND EIGHT LAST.

YOU SHOULD, IF NOT ALREADY DONE, LOCATE AND INTERVIEW
ALL ASSOCIATES OF RAY AS GIVEN BY ONE THOMAS BRITTON OF
HALEYVILLE, ALABAMA. YOU SHOULD ALSO PRESS EVERY EFFORT
POSSIBLE TO DETERMINE ANY INFORMATION WHATSOEVER CONCERNING
THE COOLEY ORGANIZATION. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THESE
LEADS BE GIVEN TOP PRIORITY AND HANDLED IN A MOST
EXPEDITIOUS MANNER.

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TO KANSAS CITY

FROM NEW YORK 44-1609 1P

MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS; OO - MEMPHIS

RE EASTERN AIRLINES FLIGHTS (EAL) OUT OF ATLANTA APRIL FIVE -
TWELVE LAST.

RE MIAMI TEL TO BUREAU MAY TEN LAST, NO COPY TO KANSAS CITY.

RETEL ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

"EAL IBM SET UP FOR TEN NUMBER TICKETS. WHEN AN AIRLINE
USES NINE NUMBERS FOR TICKETS FOLLOWING IDENTIFYING NUMBER, EAL INSERTS
A ZERO FOR THE FOURTH NUMBER. ALL OFFICES, IN CHECKING TICKETS
LISTED IN RE MIAMI TEL, DROP FOURTH NUMBER AS SHOWN, WHICH IN EACH
INSTANCE IS A ZERO."

MEMPHIS ADVISED BY AIR MAIL.

SUBJECT RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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ST. LOUIS

FROM:

KANSAS CITY 44-7602 P

MURKIN

RECORDS, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY (MSP) REVEALED THAT MELVIN O. GRIDLEY, COWBOY, MSP NO. ZERO TWO FIVE ZERO THREE, WAS TRANSFERRED TO MOBERLY, MO., ON JULY TEN, LAST. THESE RECORDS FURTHER REVEALED THAT MILTON ZAVALCOFSKI, BOSTON NO. ZERO ONE SIX FIVE, ALSO IS AT MOBERLY, MO.

CHESTER SPRATT, NO. ZERO FOUR TWO FIVE EIGHT, INMATE IN CELL NO. J ONE EIGHT SEVEN, WAS DISCHARGED ON JUNE SIX, LAST, AT WHICH TIME HE WENT TO WORK ON A FARM OWNED BY GERTRUDE SPURGEON, EMINENCE, MO.

ST. LOUIS OFFICE INTERVIEW ABOVE THREE INDIVIDUALS FOR ANY INFO THEY MAY HAVE RE SUBJECT.

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FROM: KANSAS CITY (44-760) 1 P.

← MURKIN

INDIAN BARBER IDENTIFIED AS MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY
 (MSP) INMATE ROMAN SAGE, ^{NO.} ONE FOUR THREE ONE NINE. HE ADVISED
 THIS DATE THAT HE NEVER KNEW OR EVER REMEMBERS SEEING THE
 SUBJECT. CARL CRAIG, MSP ^{NO.} ONE ONE ONE TWO SEVEN RELEASED
 MAY ONE LAST TO RETURN TO SPRINGFIELD, ^{MO.} ~~MISSOURI~~. MOTHER LISTED
 AS IDA CRAIG, ONE EIGHT ONE FIVE ^{W.} ~~WEST~~ THOMAN, SPRINGFIELD.
 ALSO A BROTHER, KENNETH CRAIG RESIDING SPRINGFIELD. CRAIG
 INTENDED TO WORK AT THE SAW MILL OF GENE SIKES, SPRINGFIELD, ^{MO.}
~~MISSOURI~~.

THE ASSOCIATE WARDEN ADVISED THAT EVERY ITALIAN INMATE
 THAT COMES TO THE PRISON IS CALLED DAGO AND UNLESS THERE WAS
 SOME MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION REGARDING DAGO, THEY WOULD BE
 UNABLE TO IDENTIFY THE INDIVIDUALS MENTIONED BY THOMAS BRITTON.

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FURTHER INQUIRY AT THE PRISON FAILS TO REVEAL A COOLEYS
ORGANIZATION INSIDE MSP.

KANSAS CITY AT SPRINGFIELD, ^{MO.} ~~MISSOURI~~ → WILL LOCATE AND
INTERVIEW CARL CRAIG REGARDING SUBJECT.

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

MURKIN

ON MAY FOURTEEN INSTANT, MAYOR HERMAN SPENCER, ELMER, MO. TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THIS OFFICE AND ADVISED HE WAS REQUESTED BY NEWTON HANEY, ELMER, MO., TO HAVE THE FBI CONTACT HANEY IN REFERENCE TO JAMES EARL RAY. SPENCER STATES HANEY BELIEVED TO HAVE INFORMATION ON RAY.

ST. LOUIS AT ELMER, MO. INTERVIEW NEWTON HANEY

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552PM URGENT 5-13-68 DJK

TO DIRECTOR (MAIL) AND KANSAS CITY (44-760)
FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561) 2PP

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RE KANSAS CITY TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED MAY NINE LAST.

ON THIS DATE, MELVINA TYLER, AKA RUSTY, MRS. RAY M. TYLER, TWO ONE THREE FRANKLIN STREET, BARTONVILLE, ILLINOIS, WAS INTERVIEWED AND EXHIBITED VARIOUS PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL RAY, FBI NUMBER FOUR ZERO FIVE NINE FOUR TWO G. SHE ADVISED THIS INDIVIDUAL IS UNKNOWN TO HER AND SHE COULD FURNISH NO INFORMATION WHATSOEVER REGARDING HIM. SHE WAS FORMERLY THE OWNER OF THE M AND M TAVERN, ONE ZERO SIX REAR FIFTH STREET, PEORIA, ILLINOIS, DURING NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT AND FIFTYNINE. SHE MARRIED RAY M. TYLER IN NINETEEN SIXTY AND THE MOTHER OF TWO CHILDREN. FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS SHE HAS BEEN STEADILY EMPLOYED AS A WAITRESS AT THE PERE MARQUETTE HOTEL, PEORIA, ILLINOIS.

MRS. DEAN AYLER, FOUR ZERO TWO MELBOURNE, PEORIA, ILLINOIS, ADVISED SHE DIVORCED ROBERT BLOOD FOUR YEARS AGO AND HIS WHEREABOUTS
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IS UNKNOWN TO HER. SHE IS OF THE OPINION HE HAS BEEN RESIDING
SOME PLACE IN CALIFORNIA FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS.

MAIL COPIES BUREAU, CHICAGO AND MEMPHIS. P.

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348PM URGENT 5-14-68 SAB

TO KANSAS CITY 44-760

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RE YOUR TEL MAY TWO LAST.

ADDRESS OF SUE MC SPARIN, SISTER OF EARL KNIGHT, DETERMINED TO BE IN MIDDLE OF OPEN FIELD. RESIDENT AT ADDRESS OF RS. IVAN UNDERWOOD, EIGHT FIVE SEVEN BINGHAM, STATES THE NAME UNDERWOOD UNKNOWN AS THEY HAVE BEEN TENANTS THERE FOR PAST SIX YEARS.

NEIGHBORHOOD AND REALTY COMPANY CHECKS NEGATIVE RE UNDERWOOD.

TENN. STATE PAROLE OFFICE HAD NO RECORD OF KNIGHT OR UNDERWOOD ENTERING THEIR JURISDICTION.

KANSAS CITY REVIEW RECORDS OF MSP TO DETERMINE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR EARL KNIGHT, MSP SIX FIVE ZERO SEVEN EIGHT AND IVAN UNDERWOOD, MSP ONE TWO NINE TWO SEVEN. *(let msp returned 5/3/68)*

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA ROY L. HUMPHREYS, JR.:

At Wathena, Kansas:

Re Telephone Number 913-989-4468

On May 7, 1968, it was ascertained that the above telephone number was the number of Mrs. FLOYD HONTZ, Route 1, Wathena, Kansas.

On May 7, 1968, Mrs. FLOYD HONTZ, Route 1, Wathena, Kansas, advised she resides at this address with her children, the oldest of whom is a senior in high school. She said she has had telephone number 989-4468 since May, 1967, and this is currently her number.

Mrs. HONTZ stated she does not recall receiving a telephone call from Beaumont, Texas, in December, 1967, or at any time since she has had this number. She stated she has no relatives in Texas and can recall no one calling at her residence from the Texas area in December, 1967. She said her children were not on a trip away from home at that time and no one called them to her knowledge or recollection.

Mrs. HONTZ viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, and stated she did not recall ever meeting anyone who resembled him and said she knew no one who used any of the known aliases of RAY.

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

AT COLUMBIA, MISSOURI:

On May 3, 1968, Chief of Police PAUL CHEAVENS (NA), Columbia Police Department, was telephonically advised by SA WEAVER of the statement from a witness in St. Louis, Missouri, that one individual driving a 1964 Chevrolet bearing a license issued to RICHARD L. BREY, 1505 West Worley, Columbia, resembled the subject. Chief CHEAVENS said that he would cause investigation to be conducted to determine if the person driving the above-described car could be identical with subject.

On May 3, 1968, Chief CHEAVENS advised SA ROWEN B. AYERS that RICHARD L. BREY, 1505 West Worley, Apartment 2, taught school at Hickman High School in Columbia until about March 1968. He said that he thought BREY was fired, and indications were that he had gone to Mexico, Missouri. He stated it was thought that BREY was single and had come from around Springfield, Missouri, and apparently not much was known about him among teachers at the high school, but there was no indication of any remote possibility that he would be identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

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The following investigation was conducted by
IC WILLIAM C. MC DONALD:

At Jefferson City, Missouri:

On May 6, 1968, 1967 Columbia, Missouri, City Directory was checked for RICHARD L. BRAY. There was no record. However, RICHARD L. BREY, 1505 West Worley, Columbia, Missouri, was located and his occupation was listed as a teacher.

On May 6, 1968, Missouri Motor Vehicle Department, Driver's License Section records were checked for operator's license issued in the name of RICHARD LEE BREY. The following information was obtained:

RICHARD LEE BREY, 408 South Glennwood, Columbia, Missouri, was issued Missouri operator's license SN 3919619, on September 19, 1964. He is described on his application as a white male, born [redacted] in Greene County, Missouri; height 5' 8"; weight 145 pounds; black hair, brown eyes, occupation - teacher.

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