

On May 14, 1968, BERCIA LEE BARBARICK, MSP #12587, born [redacted] said he was admitted to the MSP in 1959. He was in until 1965; released and returned on a murder charge in 1966. He said he knew RAY on sight, but that is all and he knew nothing of his habits, associates or escape. He said a guard told him that some "kid" had seen RAY last summer sleeping on a hill near Jefferson City with a "long beard". He also said that there is an organization in the MSP which wanted KING killed. He said it was not the "COOLEY organization", of which he had never heard, but the KKK. He said he did not hear any mention of this before Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING was murdered and he could not identify anyone who has mentioned it since.

He said he had heard nothing concerning any bounty and knew of no lotteries.

On May 14, 1968, Mr. MC CORMICK WILSON, City Judge and Attorney, said he was appointed to represent JAMES EARL RAY in connection with an attempted escape by RAY in 1966. He said he talked to him at the Penitentiary and once in court. He said he also arranged to have him examined at State Hospital #1. He said he received no fees of any sort and was relieved on the case because he was appointed as an Assistant Attorney General. He said WILLIAM QUIGG completed the case.

On May 14, 1968, WILLIAM QUIGG, Central Missouri Trust Company, said he represented RAY by appointment of the court. He said he received no fees of any sort, and knew nothing about him, his background, associates, or whereabouts.

On May 14, 1968, Mr. W. C. SHELEY said that JAMES EARL RAY was represented in connection with a writ of habeas corpus case in January of 1963 by PHILLIP LEE BAKER.

On May 14, 1968, Mr. WADE BAKER, no kin, Secretary, Missouri Bar Association, Jefferson City, Missouri, said that PHILLIP LEE BAKER is an attorney and lives at 214 South Spring, Independence, Missouri.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
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FROM: KANSAS CITY (44-760)

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RE ST. LOUIS TEL MAY FIFTEEN LAST.

KANSAS CITY, MO., PHONE DE THREE FIVE FIVE THREE EIGHT  
ASSIGNED TO U. S. CHEMICAL CORP. KANSAS CITY PHONE DE  
THREE FIVE NINE ZERO ZERO ASSIGNED TO THREE CONCERNS:  
MID-CONTINENT MEDIA CORP., U. S. ALUMINUM CORP., AND PACE  
PRODUCTS CORP., ALL OF KANSAS CITY. THESE CONCERNS NOT  
BEING CONTACTED AS THEY APPEAR NORMAL BUSINESS CONCERNS.

TELEPHONE EN FIVE THREE ONE ZERO ONE, IOLA, KS.,  
ASSIGNED TO THE IOLA STATE BANK. HOWARD GILPEN, PRESIDENT,  
IOLA STATE BANK, A RELIABLE SOURCE, ADVISED THAT THEY HAVE  
NO RECORDS AT THE BANK IN THE NAME OF SUBJECT, J. D. DAILEY  
OR HOMER TOWNSLEY AND KNOWS OF NO ONE IN PORTAGEVILLE, MO.  
THAT THE BANK DOES BUSINESS WITH.

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

MURKIN

RE JOHN PAUL VELANTI ON FIVE FOURTEEN SIXTYEIGHT ADVISED THAT  
FOLLOWING PERSONS CAN FURNISH INFORMATION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT HE  
WAS ASSOCIATE OF SUBJECT RAY IN MSP.

ONE. MAJOR POIRY - <sup>2-17</sup> FORMERLY IN CHARGE OF SECURITY MSP. - 5-17-68

TWO. MARION "DITTY" JANSEN - FORMER CLERK-PRISONER MSP AND  
NOW ON PAROLE IN KC. C

THREE. MSP INMATE (FNU) BAGBY, NM, AGE ABOUT SIXTY DOING  
THIRTY YEARS FOR MURDER AND FOR YEARS IN CHARGE OF  
MATTRESS FACTORY IN MSP. C

KC INTERVIEW THESE INDIVIDUALS RE ASSOCIATION WITH SUBJECT RAY  
AND ADVISE BIRMINGHAM.

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The following investigation was conducted at Kansas City, Missouri by IC WILLIAM F. ROHR on May 15, 1968:

A review of Kansas City, Missouri Police Department file #94249 disclosed JAMES WILSON BROWN, described white, male, born [redacted] Alabama, 5'6½", 176 lbs., FBI # 504 977 3, was arrested by the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department on November 23, 1959 for investigation - hold for homicide. This arrest disclosed BROWN shot and killed a man in Kansas City in what was termed a "lover's quarrel." The victim had been dating BROWN's girlfriend and thereafter BROWN shot and killed victim. BROWN gave a signed statement admitting this murder and on March 6, 1960, this charge was reduced to murder second at which time BROWN entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to a period of 20 years to be served at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri. It was noted that from the date of arrest, November 23, 1959, until date of sentencing, March 6, 1960, BROWN was incarcerated in the Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Kansas City, Missouri.

Upon arrest BROWN furnished the following list of relatives:

Mother	ANNIE BROWN, Gordo, Alabama, Route #3
Brother	SAM BROWN, residence same
Brother	ALFRED A. BROWN, Birmingham, Alabama
Brother	TILLMAN BROWN, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

No other arrests for BROWN in the Kansas City area.

A review of Kansas City, Missouri Police Department file 92747, disclosed JOHNNY VELANTI, also known as RAYMOND DUTTON JACKSON, MELODY RENO LA VALLE, BOY DOUGLAS TAYLOR, CARL DUTCHIN VON DEMERON, MILES SWIFTWATER, "RENO". VELANTI described white male, born [redacted] Virginia, 5'8", 175 lbs.; FBI # 416 361 2.

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VELANTI was arrested by the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department on February 10, 1959 for investigation - recent activities. It was determined that VELANTI held up a hotel clerk in Kansas City and he furnished a signed statement admitting same. VELANTI was tried by a jury for this holdup and tried under the habitual criminal statute and was found guilty by the jury, sentenced to 20 years to the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, date not given. This file disclosed that after the jury returned the guilty verdict and the Judge sentenced him to 20 years, he walked in front of the jury box and cried out "Twenty years is a hell of a long time" and slashed his wrists with a razor blade.

File also contained a newspaper article which disclosed VELANTI, while incarcerated in the Jackson County Jail, Kansas City, Missouri awaiting trial, had fashioned a gun from a bar of soap and covered it with black shoe polish which made this gun look real. The gun was located during a routine search of VELANTI's cell.

At the time of arrest by the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, VELANTI advised the arresting officers that he had no father and that he did not know his mother's name.

~~A copy of the FBI identification record of BROWN and VELANTI were obtained as were photographs of these two individuals.~~

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On May 10, 1968, Warden H. SWENSON, Missouri State Penitentiary, advised that inmate CECIL LILLIBREDGE had the following cell assignments:

January 9, 1954	B-102
September 24, 1957	B-111
November 12, 1958	G-63
March 24, 1959	(J Hall)
August 26, 1960	B-97
October 21, 1960	J-176
April 21, 1962	J-143
March 9, 1963	C-108
April 28, 1965	C-17
November 2, 1967	C-120

It is to be noted that the subject in this matter was also assigned cell C-17 from November 17, 1966, to January 18, 1967.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND  
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FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

RE DONALD W. RAMSEY, AKA BILL RAMSEY.

ON MAY THIRTEEN INSTANT, CALIFORNIA PAROLE AGENT C. L. MANDELLA, SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA, FURNISHED PHOTOSTATIC COPY OF LETTER WHICH DONALD W. RAMSEY, AKA BILL RAMSEY, BOONE COUNTY JAIL, HARRISON, ARKANSAS WROTE TO LAWRENCE E. LAYMON AT THE ADDRESS OF A FRIEND OF LAYMON'S MRS. ETHEL SPICHTIG, BOX TWO FOUR THREE, GROVER CITY, CALIFORNIA. LAYMON IS BEING SOUGHT BY MANDELLA AS PAROLE VIOLATOR. RAMSEY WAS RELEASED FROM CALIFORNIA MEN'S COLONY, WEST FACILITY, LOS PADRES, CALIFORNIA, NOVEMBER ONE, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN AND SUBSEQUENT TO HIS ARREST IN ARKANSAS, WAS

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DISCHARGED FROM PAROLE BY CALIFORNIA AUTHORITIES MAY THREE LAST AS THEY CHOSE NOT TO EXTRADITE. NATURE OF LETTER FROM RAMSEY TO LAYMON INDICATES THE TWO ARE FORMER PRISON ASSOCIATES; THAT RAMSEY AND ONE MUTT HOLLAND WERE ARRESTED FOR RUNNING GUNS AND WHISKEY AND THAT RAMSEY IS CONFINED IN BOONE COUNTY JAIL, HARRISON, ARKANSAS. ONE PORTION OF RAMSEY'S LETTER IS AS FOLLOWS:

"THE BIG HEAT IN WASHINGTON, D. C. IS SEEKING ME OUT ON LUTHER KING AND FOUR NIGGERS SHOT TO DEATH IN KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI. HAD SOME HIGH POWERED RIFLES WITH SCOPES AND SOME PISTOLS. THE HEAT SAYS ONE OF MY RIFLES COULD BE THE ONE THAT GOT KING. THEY PROVED I WAS IN MEMPHIS THAT NIGHT SO I AM JUST SWEATING IT OUT. THIS LETTER IS SMUGGLED OUT NOT CHNSORED. MUTT WENT HAZY ON ME BUT IS GETTING BETTER, FLUSHED A COUPLE HUNDRED DOWN THE TOILET - TRIED TO KILL HIMSELF AND ALL THAT JAZZ. HE HAS A CHECK BEFF IN SAN CLEMENTE RIGHT NOW. CALIFORNIA WANTS HIM FOR THAT AND OTHER THINGS. I GOT ABOUT TWENTY THOUSAND OUT IN PAPER IN EIGHTEEN STATES MOST OF IT FEDERAL, BUT SO FAR JUST A P. V. HOLD FROM CALIFORNIA. THE KING AND KC BUSINESS AND



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THIRTY DAYS HERE FOR CONCEALED WEAPONS, BIG FINE FOR GUNS AND WHISKEY." ANOTHER PORTION OF THE LETTER READS:

"I BOUGHT A NEW CAR FORD BUT WORE IT OUT SIXTY THOUSAND MILES - WILL LET THE FINANCE COMPANY TAKE IT NOW. I'LL PROBABLY BE SLOUGHED UP FOR QUITE A WHILE. I WILL FIGHT ALL THE WAY - NOTHING TO LOSE NOW. I WILL BE HERE TIL MAY NINETEENTH UNLESS FEDS RELEASE TO CALIFORNIA."

LITTLE ROCK AT HARRISON, ARKANSAS - INTERVIEW RAMSEY RE MURKIN, POSSIBLE ITSP VIOLATIONS, AND RE FOUR NEGROES KILLED IN KANSAS CITY. INTERVIEW MUTT HOLLAND WHO WAS APPARENTLY ARRESTED WITH RAMSEY ALONG SAME LINES.

BIRMINGHAM AND KANSAS CITY ADVISED AIR MAIL.

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TO DIRECTOR (MAIL) (44-38861)

ST. LOUIS (44-775)

FROM INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

MURKIN

RE ST. LOUIS TEL TO BUREAU, INDIANAPOLIS, MEMPHIS, AND  
SPRINGFIELD, MAY TEN LAST.

RE: SUBJ. BROTHER, JOHN LARRY RAY

RECORDS INDIANA STATE REFORMATORY (ISR), PENDLETON, IND.,  
UNAVAILABLE NIGHTS AND WEEKENDS.

FOR INFORMATION ST. LOUIS, RECORDS ISR PENDLETON, IND.,  
DISCLOSE "JOHN LARRY RAYNS" AKA JACK, PRISON REGISTRY NO. THREE  
FIVE TWO NINE SEVEN, SENTENCED TWO TO FIVE YRS. FOR SECOND DEGREE  
BURGLARY, KOSCIUSKO COUNTY, IND. ON JAN. TWENTYTHREE NINETEEN  
FIFTY. RAYNS PAROLED MAR. TWENTYONE FIFTYTWO, TO STATE OF  
ILLINOIS, TO RESIDE WITH AN UNCLE, WILLIAM E. MAYHER, ALTON, ILL.  
AND TO WORK FOR LEE R. MOREHEAD, OF ALTON. HE VIOLATED PAROLE  
BY ABSCONDING FROM PAROLE SUPERVISION ON APR. TWO FIFTY AND BEING  
ARRESTED IN HOLTVILLE, CALIF., DEC. THREE FIFTYTWO, AS A SLEEPER,  
ACCORDING TO FBI REPORT, USING ALIAS "JOHNNY LARRY RAY"; ALSO

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FOR BEING ARRESTED FOR LARCENY ON APR. SEVEN FIFTYTHREE, AT QUINCY, ILL. THIS ARREST RESULTED IN A ONE TO TWO YR. COMMITMENT TO ILL. STATE PENITENTIARY, MENARD, ILL. SPRINGFIELD PREVIOUSLY ADVISED OF FOREGOING.

JAMES MURRAY, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, ISR, ADVISED THIS DATE FILE REFLECTS RAYNS HAD NO FORMER PSYCHIATRIC TREATMENT WHILE IN ISR. FILE SHOWS ON SEPT. SIXTEEN FIFTY, RAYNS WAS PLACED IN GUARD HOUSE FOR SLACKNESS IN WORK. RAYNS DESCRIBED AS HAVING INFERIOR INTELLIGENCE, WITH MENTAL AGE OF ABOUT FOURTEEN YRS., ALSO IS IMMATURE AND ADOLESCENT. FILE SHOWS HE ATTENDED PUBLIC SCHOOL QUINCY, ILL, FROM THIRTYEIGHT TO FORTYEIGHT, COMPLETING EIGHTH GRADE. WORKED IN FURNITURE FACTORY AT ISR.

HIS ACCOMPLICE IN ABOVE BURGLARY WAS EUGENE MILLS, ISR # THREE FIVE TWO NINE SIX, ALSO SENTENCED JAN. TWENTYTHREE FIFTY, IN KOSCIUSKO CO., IND., FOR SAME CHARGE. MILLS, IN STATEMENT SAID HAD BEEN WORKING AS FARM HAND NEAR QUINCY, ILL, FOR FIVE

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MONTHS. AFTER THIS JOB HAD GONE TO QUINCY WHERE MET RAYNS ON DEC. THIRTY FORTYNINE IN POOL HALL. STATED WAS LEFT IN ORPHANAGE, NEVER SAW PARENTS, SINCE ELEVEN YRS. OLD HAS BEEN TRAVELING THROUGHOUT U.S. ORPHANAGE AT FIVE FOUR NINE FIFTH AVE., WEST NORTH, KALISPELL, MONTANA. WAS IN U.S. AIR FORCE FROM SEPT. NINE FORTYSEVEN TO JAN. SEVENTEEN FORTYNINE UNDER AFSM ONE NINE THREE ONE ONE NINE FIVE FIVE, WHEN GIVEN UNDESIREBLE DISCHARGE FOR STRIKING OFFICER. MILLS PAROLED IN INDIANA AND LAST UNDER SUPERVISION IN RUSH COUNTY, IND., WHERE WORKING FOR CARTHAGE CONTAINER CORP. MILLS DISCHARGED FROM PAROLE FEB. TEN FIFTYFOUR.

MURRAY STATES TO HIS KNOWLEDGE RAYNS UNKNOWN TO PRISON OFFICIALS.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

AM COPIES BEING FURNISHED MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

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RE: Calls made by subject en route from LA to NO.

RE Dallas teletype 5/1/68 and El Paso airtel 4/30/68;  
Houston airtel 5/3/68.

Dallas tel 5/1/68 lists 12/15/67, 9:19 p.m. call made  
to 3472382, Ramsey, Indiana; and December 15, 1967, 9:14  
p.m. call made to 6334609, Milltown, Indiana.

Telephone Directory Ramsey, Indiana, reflects number  
347 2382 issued to RUSSELL STEPH, DePauw, Indiana. On 5/3/68  
Mrs. RUSSELL STEPH advised call made by boy known to her as  
PAUL DIAZ or DIEZ, who used to date her daughter. PAUL is  
Mexican and had returned home to Texas.

Photos of RAY exhibited; not identical to DIAZ.

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- 2 - Dallas (44-2649)
- 2 - El Paso (157-186)
- 2 - Houston
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- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
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Telephone Number 633-4609, Milltown, Indiana, is assigned to EDNA GREEN.

EDNA GREEN advised on 5/3/68 call received from PAUL GUADARRAMA, Box 295, Sanderson, Texas. He returned to Texas to go to school. Photo of RAY exhibited; Mrs. GREEN stated no resemblance. Mr. DAN SMITH, Irby Construction Company, advised GUADARRAMA worked for company. He advised no resemblance between RAY and GUADARRAMA.

Tell City Number 547-3141 assigned to J. ROBERT CLARK, 1339 14th Street, Tell City, Indiana. On 5/3/68, CLARK interviewed; advised his son DON KEITH CLARK might have made call. DON KEITH CLARK on 5/3/68 advised he made one collect call from Weatherford, Texas, and another from Pecos or Midland, Texas. He explained he drove to California on 12/15/67 and called home every night.

Telephone Number 317-288-0107 is assigned to TRUMAN G. POPE, Burlington Pike, Muncie, Indiana.

On 5/3/68, Mrs. GEORGIA POPE advised she had relatives visting her, ALICE and DAVE VAUGHT, sister and brother-in-law. They ran into a snowstorm in Texas and had to stay overnight and called to advise them of this.

Telephone Number 872-4551, Mexico, Indiana, is assigned MARVIN L. JONES, Vice-President, Bank of Peru, Peru, Indiana. JONES interviewed on 5/7/68 and cannot recall receiving call from Texas on 12/16/67. His wife cannot recall receiving call either. Both have excellent reputation in community.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), SACS MEMPHIS (44-1987),  
BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)  
FROM SAC LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN.

RE MARIE MARTIN.

MARIE MARTIN INTERVIEWED AT LENGTH UPON RETURN FROM VACATION WHICH INCLUDED TRIP THROUGH MIDWESTERN STATES TO YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO. SHE CONFIRMED INFORMATION SHE HAD PROVIDED ON PREVIOUS INTERVIEWS AND PROVIDED FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING JAMES EARL RAY. SHE ADVISED SUBSEQUENT TO EXCHANGE OF TELEVISION SETS BETWEEN HERSELF AND RAY AND PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE MARCH SEVENTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, RAY APPEARED IN NEED OF MONEY. SHE ADVISED RAY SAID HE WAS AWAITING MONEY FROM BROTHER, NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED. SHE ADVISED IT APPEARED NECESSARY THIS MONEY BE RECEIVED BY RAY IN ORDER TO MAKE HIS SECOND TRIP SOUTH TO OR THROUGH NEW ORLEANS. MARTIN ALSO SAID THAT ON ONE OCCASION RAY SAID SHE REMINDED HIM OF A GIRL IN GUADALAJARA. SHE SAID RAY ALSO ADVISED HE LIVED IN MEXICO SIX YEARS AND ALSO THAT HE HAD USED MARIJUANA ON ONE

- 1 - Atlanta (44-2386) (AM)
- 1 - Chicago (44-1114) (AM)
- ① - Kansas City (44-760) (AM)
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OCCASION IN MEXICO AND DID NOT LIKE THE EFFECTS AND IT DID NOTHING FOR HIM. RAY ALSO SAID HE ATTENDED COCK FIGHTS IN MEXICO AND WAS REPULSED BY THEIR BARBARIC NATURE. SHE REMARKED RAY APPEARED TO UNDERSTAND AND SPEAK SPANISH. SHE SAID SHE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND THE LANGUAGE HERSELF.

MARTIN ADVISED THAT AFTER THE TRIP TO OBTAIN CHILDREN OF RITA STEIN IN NEW ORLEANS, RAY SAID HE HAD VISITED FRIENDS IN INDUSTRIAL CANAL AREA OF GREEF MENTEUR HIGHWAY OF NEW ORLEANS. NO FURTHER IDENTIFICATION OF THESE FRIENDS MADE BY RAY.

MARTIN ADVISED THE PACKAGE SHE GAVE RAY FOR DELIVERY TO HER DAUGHTER IN NEW ORLEANS CONTAINED PHOTOGRAPH RECORDS AS WELL AS CLOTHING. THIS WAS ASKED IN CLARIFICATION OF PREVIOUS STATEMENTS BY MARTIN AND HER DAUGHTER.

INVESTIGATION AT LOS ANGELES HAS ESTABLISHED NO REGULAR BANKING CONNECTIONS, AND RAY LACKED SUFFICIENT IDENTIFICATION OTHER THAN ALABAMA DRIVERS LICENSE TO CASH PERSONAL TYPE CHECKS. IT APPEARS MONEY MIGHT HAVE BEEN SENT RAY THROUGH WESTERN UNION OR SOME SIMILAR FACILITY PERMITTING EASY NEGOTIATION. RAY DEPARTED LOS ANGELES MARCH SEVENTEEN SIXTY EIGHT, AND THIS POSSIBLE FINANCIAL SHORTAGE OCCURRED AFTER THE EXCHANGE OF



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TELEVISION SETS, WHICH MARTIN STATES WAS ON OR ABOUT FEBRUARY FOURTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT. THE BUREAU MAY WISH TO CONSIDER FEASIBILITY OF EXAMINING WESTERN UNION MONEY ORDERS ISSUED DURING ABOVE PERIOD THROUGH THE MONEY ORDER AUDITOR, MINNEAPOLIS.

MARTIN ADVISED THAT FOR INFORMATION SHE PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED TO LOUIS LOMAX SHE RECEIVED CHECK FOR FIFTY DOLLARS WHICH SHE BELIEVES WAS NO GOOD.

INVESTIGATION LOS ANGELES CONTINUING.

AIR MAIL COPIES SENT ATLANTA, CHICAGO, KANSAS CITY, NEW ORLEANS AND SPRINGFIELD.

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MURKIN

RE KC TEL TO DC, BH, ME, AND SL ~~FIVE FOURTEEN SIXTYEIGHT~~  
~~CAPTIONED~~ RE: FELLOW PRISONERS ~~OF~~ MELVIN OLIVER GRIDLEY And MILTON ZAVALCOFSKI

MELVIN OLIVER GRIDLEY, MISSOURI TRAINING CENTER FOR MEN  
NUMBER ZERO TWO FIVE ZERO THREE AND MILTON ZAVALCOFSKI (MTCM)  
NO. ZERO ONE SIX FIVE EIGHT, INTERVIEWED MOBERLY MISSOURI,  
THIS DATE. GRIDLEY IN CUSTODY JEFFERSON CITY, FOUR TWENTY-  
THREE SIXTY ON CHARGE OF BURGLARY UNTIL TRANSFERRED TO MOBERLY  
SEVEN SIXT SEVEN. HE WAS "HALL TENDER" IN J HALL WHEN RAY  
HIDE IN PENITENTIARY FOR ONE WEEK IN SIXTYFOUR OR SIXTYFIVE.  
RAY WORKED UNDER GRIDLEY IN RECREATION SECTION. HE WAS CLOSE  
MOUTH, HAD FEW FRIENDS AND DIDN'T TALK MUCH TO ANYONE. GRID-  
LEY LOST CONTACT WITH RAY IN SIXTYFIVE OR SIXTYSIX WHEN RAY  
PLACED IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT.

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GRIDLEY HAS NO INFORMATION REGARDING RAY OR COOLEY.  
ZAVALCOFSKI SERVING TWENTY YEARS FOR ARMED ROBBERY.  
SENTENCED BEGAN ELEVEN NINE SIXTY. HE HAS SERVED ALL HIS  
TIME FROM THEN UNTIL FOUR EIGHT SIXTYEIGHT WHEN HE TRANS-  
FERRED TO MOBERLY. KNEW WHO RAY WAS AS AN INMATE. HE  
REMEMBERS HIM HIDING IN PENITENTIARY AND REMEMBERS HIS  
ESCAPE. SOMEONE MENTIONED HE ALSO WORKED IN RECREATION  
SECTION AT JEFFERSON CITY. AFTER RAY'S PICTURE HAD BEEN  
ON T.V. HE HAS NO INFORMATION REGARDING RAY OR COOLEY.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA DAVID D. THOMAS at Folsom State Penitentiary, Folsom, California, on May 13, 1968:

HAROLD DEAN KLEMP advised he knew JAMES EARL RAY and had met RAY through RAY's crime partner, JAMES "SHORTY" OWENS. He stated that he and OWENS had been cellmates from October, 1961, to December, 1964, at Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) and that this was the time he had been acquainted with RAY.

KLEMP described RAY as a non-descript person who no one would remember unless one had had direct dealings with him. He said that "when word got around" concerning RAY's abortive attempt to escape from the MSP, the question asked by all the inmates was, "Who is JIMMY RAY".

KLEMP described RAY as a quiet, close-mouthed, even-tempered and self-educated individual who minded his own business. He said RAY's only concern was escape and that he had no interest in problems of the Negro people. KLEMP said as a "for instance", the occasion in which race riots broke out at MSP in an attempt to integrate the prison facilities, KLEMP stated that even though some of RAY's friends were involved, he, RAY, had nothing to do with the disorder and was completely disinterested.

KLEMP stated that RAY's mind was consumed with the idea of escape and that RAY would not, after escaping from prison, be so stupid as to shoot a "big-wig like KING". KLEMP said he did not believe RAY killed KING; that to his knowledge, RAY had no dislike for Negroes.

KLEMP stated further he thought RAY was probably hiding somewhere within the United States although he did remember that RAY and an inmate at MSP, whose name he recalled as EDMUNDSON (phonetic), often discussed escaping to Canada.

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He said, as he recalled, EDMUNDSON did escape from MSP and was captured at Expo 67 in Canada.

KLEMP advised he had not heard of or had any connection with RAY since he had left MSP on December 31, 1964.

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**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)**  
**FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (100-427) (P)**  
**RE: MURKIN**  
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**OO: MEMPHIS**

**RE: HAROLD DEAN KLEMP**  
**Folsom State Penitentiary**  
**Folsom, California**

Re San Francisco airtel to Bureau dated 5/8/68.

Enclosed herewith for Memphis are 15 copies and for Kansas City two copies of an investigative insert re interview with HAROLD DEAN KLEMP.

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KANSAS CITY DIVISION

AT MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, JEFFERSON CITY, MO.

Will review records in an attempt to identify and locate EDMUNDSON (phonetic) who KLEMP said RAY often discussed escaping to Canada with.

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

MURKIN.

J. D. DAILEY IS ALLEGED TO HAVE HARBORED SUBJECT IMMEDIATELY AFTER HIS ESCAPE FROM MSP. DAILEY DENIES KNOWING SUBJECT. MOVED FROM ST. LOUIS ABOUT MARCH ONE, LAST. PRIOR TO MOVING, CALLS MADE FROM HIS HOME PHONE TO: SIX THREE SIX DASH SEVEN ONE SEVEN FOUR, ON NOV. THIRTY, AND SIX THREE FIVE DASH SEVEN ONE SIX SIX, SAME DATE, BOTH JEFFERSON CITY, MO.

KANSAS CITY IDENTIFY SUBSCRIBER AND DETERMINE IF CALLS BEAR ON WHEREABOUTS OR ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT, COMPLETELY PROTECTING PHONE CO.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS, ST. LOUIS, BIRMINGHAM  
FROM: KANSAS CITY (44-760)

MURKIN.

RE ST. LOUIS TELETYPE MAY FOURTEEN LAST AND BIRMINGHAM  
TELETYPE MAY NINE LAST.

MAJ. POIRY, SECURITY OFFICER, MO. STATE PENITENTIARY (MSP),  
ADVISED HE KNEW BOTH JOHN VELANTI AND SUBJECT. HE ~~DID NOT~~ <sup>KNOWS</sup>  
~~KNOW~~ ~~THEY~~ <sup>OF NO ASSOCIATION</sup> ASSOCIATED WITH EACH OTHER AND KNOWS OF NO  
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO IN MSP.

INMATE MSP, ERNEST BAGBY, NM, ONE OF THE OLDER INMATES  
AT THE PENITENTIARY, ADVISED THAT HE KNEW JOHN VELANTI AT  
THE PRISON BUT DID NOT KNOW SUBJECT AND KNOWS OF NO RELATIONSHIP  
BETWEEN THE TWO INDIVIDUALS.

MARIAN JANSEN, FORMER INMATE, MSP, RELEASED FEBRUARY  
NINETEEN LAST, REPORTEDLY RESIDING NINE THREE ZERO FIVE STATE,  
KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, WILL BE INTERVIEWED BY THE KANSAS CITY  
OFFICE.

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TELEPHONE CALL MADE FROM RESIDENCE OF TOM BRITTON TO JEFFERSON CITY, MO. ON OCTOBER THREE LAST WAS TO THE HOME OF CARL MILLS, MANAGER, RENZ FARM, A PRISON FARM ATTACHED TO MSP. THE RENZ FARM IS WHERE THE BREAD WAS BEING DELIVERED AT THE TIME SUBJECT ESCAPED. MILLS WAS INTERVIEWED BY MSP OFFICIALS ON MAY FIFTEEN LAST CONCERNING ANY CONTACT HE MAY HAVE WITH FORMER INMATES. MILLS ADMITTED TO FRIENDSHIP WITH TOM BRITTON WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY HELPED HIM AROUND THE FARM AND STATED HE HAD RECEIVED CORRESPONDENCE FROM BRITTON AND ALSO A PHONE CALL FROM HIM SOMETIME LAST FALL. HE ADVISED NOTHING PERTINENT TRANSPIRED IN THESE COMMUNICATIONS AND THEY WERE JUST MADE ON A FRIENDSHIP BASIS.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), KANSAS CITY (44-760) AND  
MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

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RE FELLOW PRISONER CHESTER SPRATT.

SPRATT INTERVIEWED MAY FIFTEEN, LAST, AND ADVISED HE HAS  
NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE SUBJECT; HOWEVER, POINTED OUT THAT CHARLES  
WALTERS, AKA "FIFTY", WHO MAY STILL BE A PRISONER AT JEFFERSON  
CITY, WAS PROBABLY ACQUAINTED WITH RAY DUE TO HIS WIDE CONTACTS  
AMONG INMATES.

KANSAS CITY DETERMINE IF WALTERS IS STILL INCARCERATED  
AND IF SO INTERVIEW RE KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECT AND IF HE HAS  
BEEN RELEASED SET OUT APPROPRIATE LEADS TO HAVE HIM INTERVIEWED.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS, ST. LOUIS  
FROM: KANSAS CITY (44-760)

MURKIN.

RE ST. LOUIS TELETYPE THIS DATE *Regarding J. D. Dailey*  
TELEPHONE DIRECTORY FOR JEFFERSON CITY, MO. REVEALS  
THAT TELEPHONE SIX THREE SIX - SEVEN ONE SEVEN FOUR IS  
ASSIGNED TO THE PROBATION AND PAROLE DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF  
CORRECTION, ST. LOUIS, MO.

THIS DIRECTORY REVEALS TELEPHONE SIX THREE FIVE - SEVEN  
ONE SIX SIX IS ASSIGNED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,  
STATE OF MISSOURI. NO ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED  
REGARDING PHONE CALLS.

INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM PAROLE OFFICER, GREENE COUNTY,  
MISSOURI, THAT IVAN DALE UNDERWOOD, FORMER MO. STATE PENITEN-  
TIARY INMATE, NO. ONE TWO NINE TWO SEVEN, RELEASED SEPTEMBER  
TWO, SIXTYSEVEN. AS OF FEBRUARY TWENTYEIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT, ~~HE~~  
WAS RESIDING FIVE ONE ZERO FIVE MINNESOTA AVENUE, APARTMENT B,  
ST. LOUIS, MO. UNDERWOOD HAS FBI NUMBER SEVEN EIGHT FOUR FOUR

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FIVE FOUR C, REPORTEDLY FROM MEMPHIS, HOWEVER, INVESTIGATION THERE NEGATIVE. GREENE COUNTY PAROLE OFFICER ADVISED THAT UNDERWOOD SENT HIM A MONEY ORDER DURING FEBRUARY, SIXTYEIGHT IN RESTITUTION ON A BAD CHECK, LISTING RETURN ADDRESS AS ABOVE.

ST. LOUIS INTERVIEW UNDERWOOD RE SUBJECT.

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DAILY SUMMARY

KANSAS CITY, MO. PD RECORDS AND PHOTO OF JOHN VALENTI  
FURNISHED ST. LOUIS AND BIRMINGHAM. NO ASSOCIATION BETWEEN  
SUBJECT AND VALENTI DETERMINED.

PHOTO OF JAMES OWENS FURNISHED PERTINENT OFFICES. ADDRESS  
IN ST. LOUIS LOCATED FOR IVAN DALE UNDERWOOD FORMER MSP INMATE.

INVESTIGATION DETERMINED PHONE CALL FROM THOMAS BRITTON  
DURING FALL SIXTYSEVEN MADE TO MANAGER, <sup>RENZ</sup> RANZ FARM, MSP. OTHER  
INFORMATION RE TELEPHONE CALLS MADE THIS AREA FURNISHED  
PERTINENT OFFICES.

LOCAL LEADS CONTINUE TO BE HANDLED ON EXPEDITE BASIS.  
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TO DIRECTOR, KANSAS CITY, SAN FRANCISCO, AND ST. LOUIS  
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN. OO MEMPHIS.

RE KC REPORT MAY FIFTEEN LAST AND SL REPORT MAY TEN LAST.  
MEMPHIS PD RECEIVED TODAY ANOTHER LETTER FROM SAME  
INDIVIDUAL AT HAMILTON, ONTARIO. THIS LETTER STATES SUBJECT IS  
DEAD AND BURIED IN MEXICO CITY, COPILEO RUINS, AND CONTAINS A  
ROUGH HANDDRAWN MAP INDICATING SPOT WHERE BURIED. COPY OF  
THIS LETTER BEING FURNISHED BUREAU BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATION FOR  
TRANSMISSION TO LEGATS OTTAWA AND MEXICO CITY.

SAN FRANCISCO IN INTERVIEW WITH KENNETH LEE WADE WAS TOLD  
THAT SUBJECT, WADE AND THREE OTHERS WERE EARNING ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS  
PER MONTH FROM SALE OF NARCOTICS IN MSP. KANSAS CITY REPORT DOES  
NOT INDICATE ANY SUCH SIZEABLE TRANSACTIONS IN SUBJECT'S PRISON  
CCOUNT.

SAN FRANCISCO REQUESTED TO REINTERVIEW WADE AND DETERMINE HOW  
THIS MONEY WAS GOTTEN OUTSIDE MSP. SAN FRANCISCO SHOULD BEAR IN  
MIND EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED IN BELIEF THAT SUBJECT  
MAY HAVE MADE SCORE AFTER ESCAPE FROM MSP AND PRIOR TO MURDER OF  
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KING. IF WADE'S INFORMATION IS CORRECT, SUBJECT MAY HAVE HAD ON DEPOSIT OUTSIDE THE PRISON A LARGE AMOUNT OF MONEY. IT IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE THAT SAN FRANCISCO RESOLVE THIS MATTER TO DETERMINE IF WADE IS TRUTHFUL. SAN FRANCISCO SUBMIT RESULTS ALL INVESTIGATION IN FORM SUITABLE FOR INCLUSION IN REPORT.

KANSAS CITY SHOULD CONDUCT NECESSARY INVESTIGATION TO PROVE OR DISPROVE WADE'S STATEMENT THAT HIS GROUP WAS EARNING ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS PER MONTH.

KANSAS CITY ALSO REQUESTED TO EXPLAIN TRANSACTIONS IN SUBJECT'S PRISON ACCOUNT, SUCH AS HOW WAS SUBJECT ABLE TO EARN MONEY IN PRISON AND HOW MUCH WAS HE PAID FOR WORKING IN PRISON BAKERY. ALSO DETERMINE IF MSP REQUIRES INMATES TO EXPLAIN SOURCE OF MONEY SENT OUTSIDE PRISON. PAYMENTS MADE BY SUBJECT TO HIS BROTHER SEEM EXCESSIVE AND SHOULD BE EXPLAINED.

BASED ON INFORMATION CONTAINED PAGES SIXTY - SIXTYONE OF KANSAS CITY REPORT, ST. LOUIS REQUESTED TO EXHAUSTIVELY INTERVIEW ROBERT LYNN POWELL REGARDING HIS ASSOCIATION WITH AND HIS KNOWLEDGE OF THE LOCATION OS SUBJECT.

ST. LOUIS FURTHER REQUESTED TO EXHIBIT PHOTOS OF RAY TO RITA BROCKELMAN AND GEORGE MC QUADE, JR., IDENTIFIED ON PAGE FORTYSIX  
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OF KANSAS CITY REPORT TO RESOLVE THE IDENTIFICATION OF THEIR  
ABDUCTOR TO BE LEO PARKER.

ST. LOUIS WILL ALSO REVIEW ST. CHARLES, MO., "DAILY BANNER,"  
OF JULY TWELVE, LAST, RELATIVE TO THE DESCRIPTION OF THE  
KIDNAPER, NOTING RAY AND PARKER ALLEGEDLY ARE SIMILAR, WITH THE  
EXCEPTION OF THE COLOR OF THEIR EYES.

MEMPHIS SUBSCRIBER TO TELEPHONE RECEIVING CALLS FROM  
RESIDENCE OF WALTER ELLSWORTH NOLAN IDENTIFIED AS GLADYS WRIGHT  
WHO RECEIVED CALLS FROM HER BROTHER, CLARENCE FEMBERTON,  
RESIDING CARMEN PATTON'S ROOMING HOUSE, ST. LOUIS. P.

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1058PM URGENT 5-16-68 JJR

TO: DIRECTOR; MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775) 5P

MURKIN.

RE KC TEL MAY FOURTEEN LAST, MSP INMATE JAMES D. WALLACE  
ALLEGATION SAW RAY AND JAMES L. OWENS ENTER JEFFERSON-GRAVOIS  
BANK, SLMO, SUMMER SIXTY SEVEN.

JAMES LOAMA OWENS INTERVIEWED AT LENGTH TODAY. MET RAY  
FIFTYNINE AT SL RESCUE MISSION, AS FRIEND OF BLACKIE AUSTIN.  
KNEW FIRST AS JIM O CONNOR BUT RAY USED NAMES RYAN AND RAY, ALWAYS  
WITH FIRST NAME JIM. RAY WAS PROFESSIONAL THIEF, ROBBERY AND  
BURGLARY. NEVER KNOWN TO WORK, ALWAYS HAD MONEY, THRIFTY.  
TOLD OWENS HE ONLY ROBBER BUSINESSES HE FELT WOULD BE PROTECTED BY  
INSURANCE. PRESUMED LIVED ON HICKORY WHERE MOTHER AND GRANDMOTHER  
HAD ROOMING HOUSE. OWENS MET THEM AND YOUNGER BROTHER BUZZ.  
OWENS NEVER HEARD OF OTHER RELATIVES.

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RAY WAS QUIET, LONER, LIKEABLE, CLOSE MOUTHED, THINKER WHO READ WIDELY ON VARIETY OF SUBJECTS. NEVER BRAGGART. LIKED CARS AND PISTOLS. ONCE DEMONSTRATED MARKSMANSHIP BY HITTING CAN SUCCESSIVELY ON BOUNCE. NEVER KNOWN TO HAVE RIFLE OR SHOTGUN. MODERATE DRINKER, BOURBON HIGHBALLS, NO BEER. NOT KNOWN TO GAMBLE OR USE NARCOTICS. WOMEN WERE TO USE AND FORGET. PREFERRED FEMALE STREET BUMS. NO ATTACHMENT ANY FEMALE. OWENS SAW RAY ONCE OR TWICE WITH OLDER MAN JACK (PHONETIC) GAWON (GAWRON), WHO, WITH AUSTIN, APPEARED TO BE HIS ONLY CLOSE ASSOCIATES. ONE BLACKIE DECORE, (PHONETIC) CHICAGO GAMBLER, EX PRO FIGHTER, THEN FORTY YEARS OLD AND ON MENARD PRISON LIFE PAROLE, WAS ASSOCIATE TO LESSER DEGREE. NO OTHERS KNOWN.

RAY NEVER DISPLAYED DISLIKE OF NEGROES. ACCEPTED MEN AT WORTH. OWENS CONVINCED KING KILLING WAS FOR PAY, NOT PREJUDICE.

RAY ONCE DISPLAYED THOUSAND DOLLARS IN TRAVELERS CHECKS AND SAID GOING TO CANADA. MONTH LATER SAID HAD BEEN TO CANADA.

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GAVE NO EXPLANATION.

DURING FIFTYNINE ASSOCIATION WITH OWENS AND LATER AT MSP, RAY INDICATED AT LEAST DOZEN TRIPS TO MANY PARTS OF MEXICO TO COOL OFF, MENTIONED VERA CRUZ., ACAPULCO, NOGALES, AND MEXICO CITY. SAID HAD TO LEAVE MEXICO CITY WHEN STRUCK MAN IN HEAD WITH PISTOL, MAN WHO CAME AT HIM WITH KNIFE. NEVER MENTIONED MODE OF TRANSPORTATION OR IDENTITIES OF ANY PERSON KNOWN IN MEXICO. NEVER INDICATED ABILITY TO SPEAK SPANISH. MENTIONED SEVERAL TIMES HE ENJOYED ARMY DUTY IN GERMANY.

OWENS GOT IMPRESSION RAY ROBBERIES ALWAYS WELL PLANNED. KROGER PLANNED BY RAY, BUT UNDERTAKEN WHEN BOTH WERE AT END OF DRUNK, WHICH WAS EXCEPTION TO RAY MODERATE DRINKING RULE. OWENS LATER RECEIVED IMPRESSION RAY PREJUDICED AGAINST JOBS WITH PARTNERS, AS WAS INVARIABLY CAUGHT.

OWENS PLEAD GUILTY, GOT SEVEN YEARS, RAY STOOD TRIAL, GOT  
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TWENTY. OWENS NEVER CALLED SAME MSP HALL OR WORKED TOGETHER. SAW FREQUENTLY IN YARD. RAY NEVER DISPLAYED ANIMOSITY TOWARD OWENS. OWENS LEARNED FROM OTHER INMATES RAY SOLD PILLS BELIEVED BENNIES AND HAD THREE FOR TWO LOAN BUSINESS MSP. DID NOT BELIEVE RAY ACCUMULATED OVER THOUSAND DOLLARS BY TIME OF ESCAPE. OWENS IN MENARD PRISON PRIOR TO SECOND RAY ESCAPE ATTEMPT. LAST SAW AT MSP, NOT CONTACTED OR CORRESPONDED WITH SINCE.

DOES NOT FEEL RAY WOULD CONTACT ANY RELATIVE OR ACQUAINTANCE AFTER ESCAPE. NO IDEA PRESENT WHEREABOUTS.

OWENS OPENED JOINT ACCOUNT WITH MOTHER IDA AT JEFFERSON GRAVOIS BANK, SL ON MENARD RELEASE SIXTY FIVE. CLOSED EARLY SIXTY SIX. THIS HAS BEEN VERIFIED, SAYS HAS NOT BEEN NEAR BANK SINCE.

WAS QUESTIONED REGARDING SEVERAL MSP INMATES. CLAIMS MET INMATE JAMES WALLACE AT MSP, NEVER KNEW BEFORE. ONLY TIMES HE HAS SEEN WALLACE SINCE WAS SUMMER SIXTY FIVE, ONCE AT JEFFERSON GRAVOIS BANK. WALLACE STANDING ON CORNER WITH UNKNOWN FEMALE.

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HEAVY BUILD. WALLACE ASKED HIM IF PUTTING IN OR TAKING OUT, OWENS REPLIED PUTTING IN. NOTE OWENS VOLUNTEERED THIS. SAW WALLACE MAPLEWOOD, MO., WHEN BOTH TOOK DRIVING TESTS FOR LICENSE.

COOLEY HAS NO SIGNIFICANCE TO OWENS. OWENS APPEARED COOPERATIVE. EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO BE OF ANY ASSISTANCE POSSIBLE.

KC AT JEFFERSON CITY, DETERMINE FROM INMATE JAMES WALLACE WHERE HE GREW UP WITH OWENS, SPECIFICALLY WHEN HE ALLEGEDLY SAW OWENS AND RAY AT BANK, AND THE IDENTITY AND PRESENT LOCATION OF THE FEMALE OWENS ALLEGES WAS WITH WALLACE.

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1155PM URGENT 5-16-68 JJR

TO: DIRECTOR ; MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY  
FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN.

RE JAMES DAVID DAILEY.

FOR INFO KC ALLEGATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED JAMES DAVID DAILEY MAY HAVE HARBORED RAY IN SL FOLLOWING ESCAPE AND CURRENTLY RESIDES IN RURAL BOOTHEEL AREA WELL SUITED FOR HARBORING. INVESTIGATION TO DATE HAS FAILED TO ESTABLISH ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN RAY AND DAILEY, THAT THEY KNOW EACH OTHER, OR THAT DAILEY OWNS CONTROLS OR HAS ACCESS TO ANY RURAL LAND.

CHICAGO REPORT CARRIES INTERVIEW WITH DAILEY SISTER ADA HORN, PAGE ONE ONE SEVEN, WHO LISTS ONE MAIMIE HOOKES, WARDELL, MO AS DAILEY RELATIVE, RELATIONSHIP NOT SHOWN.

DALLAS HICKERSON, POSTMASTER, WARDELL, MO., (PROTECT) TODAY ADVISED MAIMIE HOOKES IS DAILEY COUSIN CURRENTLY RESIDING WITH SON JAMES HOOKER, AT LEBANON, MO.

KC AT LEBANON, MO., INTERVIEW MAIMIE HOOKES TO SEE IF SUBJECT ANY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SUBJECT AND DAILEY, OR ANY DAILEY HARBORING ACTIVITIES KNOWN TO HER

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**AIR MAIL**

**TO: SAC, BIRMINGHAM**

**FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P**

**MURKIN**

Enclosed herewith for the St. Louis and Birmingham Offices is one copy each of an investigative insert reflecting the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department records for JAMES WILSON BROWN and JOHNNY VELANTI; also enclosed for the Birmingham Office is a photo of JOHNNY VELANTI as requested.

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

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau and receiving Offices, is a self-explanatory investigative insert concerning an interview with JAMES D. WALLACE, an inmate at the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP).

It is to be noted that WALLACE stated he saw subject with JAMES L. OWENS in St. Louis during the Summer of 1967. Also enclosed is a photograph of JAMES L. OWENS taken at the MSP.

The following is a description of JAMES LAOMA OWENS as it appeared in the MSP records:

Inmate #	00184
Race	White
Sex	Male
Born	<input type="text"/> at Elvins, Mo.
Height	5'4"
Weight	149 lbs.
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue

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Occupation

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Stocky  
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**AIRTEL**

**AIR MAIL**

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

**Re St. Louis teletype dated 5/10/68.**

**Enclosed for St. Louis is a chronological data sheet, classification summary, (no Diagnostic Center report made), relative correspondence, and visiting list regarding inmate WALTER E. NOLAN, MSP #56298, as furnished by ROBERT LOOTEN, Chief Clerk, MSP, Jefferson City, Missouri, on 5/13/68, to IC WILLIAM C. MC DONALD.**

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

May 15, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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JAMES EARL RAY,  
ALSO KNOWN AS  
ERIC STARVO GALT,  
W.C. HERRON,  
HARVEY LOWMYER,  
JAMES MC BRIDE,  
JAMES O'CONNOR,  
JAMES WALTON,  
JAMES WALTON,  
JAMES WILLARD,  
"JIM" - FUGITIVE

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM  
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On May 14, 1968, an anonymous male who mentioned that he is a newspaperman telephonically advised the Washington Field Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, that he recently had a conversation with some people who believed they observed an individual who resembles the published photographs of James Earl Ray. These people believe they observed Ray in Geneva, Switzerland, approximately three weeks ago. The anonymous male stated the people who furnished him this information did not want their identities revealed nor did the caller wish to identify himself.

The anonymous male stated that he had been advised that during a Saturday night approximately three weeks ago his sources were at the Lansfeldt Restaurant, Geneva, Switzerland, where they observed an American male enter with a man and woman who appeared to be Swiss. The American was well dressed and had a Midwestern accent. He had the sharp nose and cleft chin as depicted in the photographs of James Earl Ray. His other physical characteristics matched those of Ray. Although he was well dressed, he was observed to use crude language which was mixed with vulgarities. The woman in the group was a blond, apparently dyed hair, and appeared to be in her forties. She was known to the head waiter of the restaurant and kissed him when she left with the above two men.

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The conversation of the three individuals was loud and the American talked frequently concerning sex matters and expressed an interest in obtaining the services of a prostitute. The woman offered to furnish him a transvestite, but he stated he wished a female.

The people in the restaurant seemed to make a great deal of effort to please the American. He was overheard ordering several expensive and exotic foods, some of which the restaurant sent out for. The impression was gained, however, that the people in the restaurant knew nothing of the American's background.

It is requested that efforts be made to determine whether the American mentioned above is identical with James Earl Ray.

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**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)**

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

**MURKIN**

Enclosed for the Bureau are 5 copies and for Memphis and Kansas City 2 copies and 1 copy, respectively, of an LHM captioned "JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE; DR. MARTIN LUTHER JR. - VICTIM; CR" and dated as above.

**REQUEST OF THE BUREAU**

The Bureau is requested to furnish copies of enclosed LHM to Legat, Bern, Switzerland.

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 FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (PP. 1)

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RE KANSAS CITY TEL TO BUREAU, HONOLULU, MEMPHIS,  
 ST. LOUIS AND SPRINGFIELD MAY FOURTEEN, LAST.

WILLIAM KOFFMAN, DIVISION OF SUPERVISION OF PAROLE,  
 SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, TODAY ADVISED ~~JAMES LAOMA OWENS~~, FBI  
 NUMBER ONE THREE NINE SEVEN SEVEN ZERO SEVEN, SP MENARD,  
 ILLINOIS REGISTRY NUMBER TWO ZERO TWO ZERO EIGHT WAS  
 DISCHARGED JUNE TWENTYSEVEN, NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE, EXPIRATION  
 OF SENTENCE SP MENARD, ILLINOIS. OWENS WAS ISSUED A CERTIFICATE  
 OF RESTORATION OF THE RIGHTS OF CITIZENSHIP AUGUST FIFTEEN,  
 NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE. OWENS LAST ADDRESS THREE NINE ZERO FOUR  
 FOLSOM AVENUE, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, NO EMPLOYMENT SHOWN.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P)  
 MURKIN

Re alleged offer of \$100,000.00 by the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM) to anyone who kills MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

BACKGROUND:

On 6/2/67, DONALD JAMES NISSEN, FBI Number 607320A, furnished the following information to the Dallas Office:

NISSEN stated that while at Leavenworth Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, from July, 1965, until

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(1-100-5586)
- 1 - Birmingham (44-1740) (Info)
- 1 - Charlotte (Info)
- 1 - Columbia (Info)
- 2 - Dallas (44-2649)  
(1-157-880)
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his release in April, 1967, he became very friendly with an inmate identified as LEROY MC MANAMAN. MC MANAMAN was originally from western Kansas and was alleged to have bootlegged in Mississippi. According to NISSEN, he and MC MANAMAN worked together in the shoe factory at Leavenworth.

NISSEN said he had previously met MC MANAMAN before going to the penitentiary in Jackson, Mississippi, and he recognized MC MANAMAN again at Leavenworth.

Just before NISSEN was scheduled to be paroled from Leavenworth, MC MANAMAN approached him and stated that he knew NISSEN was going to Atlanta and that he wanted NISSEN to set things up for him.

MC MANAMAN told NISSEN that \$100,000.00 had been offered by the WKKKKOM to be paid to anyone who would kill MARTIN LUTHER KING.

MC MANAMAN allegedly instructed NISSEN to contact a Mrs. (first name unknown) EURE, at the Eure Realty Company, Jackson, Miss. MC MANAMAN claimed Mrs. EURE is listed as a correspondent by him at Leavenworth Penitentiary. According to MC MANAMAN's instructions, NISSEN was to contact Mrs. EURE and ask her when she next writes to MC MANAMAN at the Penitentiary to tell him "DON" had arrived. MC MANAMAN indicated he would write and tell EURE that NISSEN was "O.K."

If NISSEN wanted to try to "pull this" himself, Mrs. EURE would put him in contact with two people identified only as FLOYD (lnu), an Honorary Colonel in the National Guard at Jackson, Miss., and a second person whom NISSEN could not now recall. NISSEN stated that the unidentified person, according to MC MANAMAN had recently been appointed Deputy United States Marshal at Jackson.

A review of Leavenworth Penitentiary Parole Progress Report for LEROY BASIL MC MANAMAN dated October, 1966, disclosed MC MANAMAN began his sentence at Leavenworth on January 18, 1963. The offense is listed as receiving and concealing stolen vehicle from interstate commerce. Under the Sentence Captioned there is an entry "Harboring a Fugitive 9 Years". The codefendants were listed as BURTON HARRY HERPEL, RUBIE CHARLES JENKINS and CHARLES E. TESCHER.

The Classification Study Sheet discloses the following description of LEROY BASIL MC MANAMAN:

True Name	LEROY BASIL MC MANAMAN
Aliases	None
Race	White
Date of Birth	<input type="text"/>
Age	At admission, 49 years
Height	5 feet 10 inches
Weight	188 pounds
FBI Number	1244125
Social Security Number	Unknown
Marital Status	Divorced
Education	10th grade
Age at first arrest	20 years

The Arrest Record Sheet in the Classification Study shows MC MANAMAN was arrested 12/22/34, Dodge City, Kansas, for investigation. He has numerous arrest since that time in Kansas, Omaha, Nebraska, Colorado Springs, Colorado, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Springfield, Missouri.

MC MANAMAN is a native of Kansas and has resided in that state most of his life. He has been somewhat nomadic in the past several years, drifting throughout both Kansas and Oklahoma. His last residence was with his parents in Dodge City, Kansas.