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TO: DIRECTOR MEMPHIS AND LOUISVILLE

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775) 1P

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AIRMAIL

TO SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

MURKIN

OO: Memphis

Re Louisville airtel 4/24/68, concerning information furnished by ALVIN D. MASON.

On 4/23/68, Sgt. JOSEPH HOCHADEL, Jeffersonville, Indiana PD, advised SA SEAMANS J. JONES that Indiana License 10A 1120 is issued to JAMES W. PARISH, 1224 Mosswood Court, Jeffersonville, for a 1960 Oldsmobile 4-door sedan, VIN 608M7923. HOCHADEL stated he does not know PARISH and there is no arrest record for him in the PD files.

On 4/24/68, ALBERT DANNER, President of Danco, Inc., 1317 Skyline Drive, Jeffersonville, advised he is well acquainted with JAMES W. PARISH, 1224 Mosswood Court. He stated PARISH purchased his house two years ago from Danco and is employed as a chemical operator at Girdler Catalyst, Louisville, Kentucky. DANNER observed a photo of RAY and stated PARISH is definitely not identical with this photo.

On 4/26/68, JAMES W. PARISH, 1224 Mosswood Court, was interviewed by SA SEAMANS J. JONES. It was observed he is not identical with the photo of RAY. A 1960 black Oldsmobile 4-door bearing Indiana License 10A 1120 was observed parked in front of the PARISH home. Mr. PARISH stated he is the only person who drives this car except his wife and daughter. He has not loaned this car to any other man and it has not been driven by any other man. Mr. PARISH stated he was born and reared in Jeffersonville, Indiana.

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It should be noted that PARISH resides in Northaven Subdivision constructed and sold by Danco, Inc. This subdivision is located on State Road 62 north of Jeffersonville, Indiana, and it would be normal procedure for PARISH to enter State Road 62 from the side road along which are numerous apartment buildings and proceed toward Jeffersonville to the stop light located at 10th and Main Streets at Youngstown Shopping Center. It was noted that PARISH does bear some slight resemblance to the photo of RAY about the nose. However, he is much smaller and his hair rather than being short cropped, is very thin and appears short cropped. He has been listed in the Jeffersonville city directory since 1960, as an employee at Girdler Catalyst.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947) (P) DATE: 5/16/68

FROM : SA THOMAS F. KELLERMAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re SAC memo to all Agents, dated 4/30/68.

On 5/8/68 FRANK ANASTASIO, Identification Division, KSP, Frankfort, Ky., was contacted and was requested to make a comparison of any unidentified latent fingerprints with those for JAMES EARL RAY as set forth on I.O.#4182.

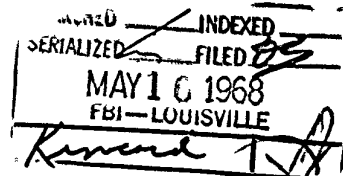
Sergeant ANASTASIO stated that he and assistants in his office would make this comparison and would advise of any positive identification in this regard.

The above info should be made available to the Agent to whom this case is assigned.

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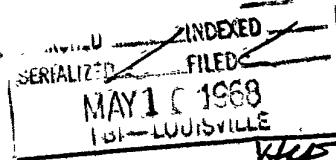
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TO LOUISVILLE

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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AND VERIFY NOT IDENTICAL WITH RAY AND ASCERTAIN IF HE WAS
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AIRMAIL

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861)
FROM : SAC, New Orleans (157-10673)(P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: Memphis)

Re Los Angeles airtel to the Bureau 5/14/68.

Letter Written by Mrs.
ALMENA LOMAX to Attorney
General RAMSEY CLARK
dated 4/13/68

Referenced airtel set forth suggested lead that New Orleans interview appropriate officials of the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF) for any information these officials might have concerning assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The April, 1968, edition of "Southern Patriot," official publication of SCEF, lists the officials of SCEF. Set forth below are the names of those individuals listed who currently reside in New Orleans.

Executive Committee

JACK PEEBLES
ROSALYN LAVANTHAL - Assistant Secretary

Field Staff

ROBERT ANALAVAGE - Assistant Editor

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JAMES A. DOMBROWSKI,
DOROTHY ZELLNER
ROBERT ZELLNER

New Orleans files contain the following pertinent information concerning the above individuals:

JACK CORNELIUS PEEBLES is subject of a pending SM-C case, NOfile 100-17300. PEEBLES is a practicing attorney in New Orleans and is known to give legal advice to members of the Spartacists League and the New Orleans Movement for A Democratic Society (NOMDS).

ROSALYN LAVANTHAL is subject of a closed SM-M case, Bufile 105-171667, NO file 100-17425.

ROBERT THOMAS ANALAVAGE is subject of a pending SM-M case, New Orleans file 100-17586. He is known to have attempted suicide on four different occasions while in the military, is described as a violent and destructive person and has an arrest history from 1955 through 1967, including burglary and drunkenness.

JAMES A. DOMBROWSKI is subject of a closed SM-C case, Bufile 100-122819, NO 100-13722. DOMBROWSKI is a retired executive director of SCEF and is presently on Section A of the Reserve Index.

JOHN ROBERT ZELLNER is subject of a pending SM-C case, Bufile 100-442400, NO 100-17552.

DOROTHY RACHELLE ZELLNER aka Mrs. JOHN ROBERT ZELLNER is subject of pending SM-C case, Bufile 100-427403, NO 100-17551. She is currently on the Security Index, New Orleans Division.

UACB New Orleans does not contemplate conducting interviews of the above persons in connection with instant matter in view of the past or present security type investigation conducted on these individuals.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (44-33860)

5-21-68

SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947) (P)

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OO: Memphis

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CARL and ANNE BRADEN, Louisville Security Index subjects, are former CP leaders in Louisville, Ky. and currently head the Louisville based Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. (SCEF), formerly of New Orleans, La., which organization publishes the "Southern Patriot", as its official organ.

SCEF is successor to the HCUA-cited Southern Conference for Human Welfare (SCHW) and has long been active in the integration and civil rights fields. Currently, SCEF is active in the so-called "peace movement."

The BRADENS have twice been indicted under Kentucky Sedition Statutes (1954 and 1967). In 1954, CARL BRADEN was convicted and served 8 months of a 15-year sentence before being released on \$40,000 appeal bond. A Bureau informant was largely responsible for the 1954 conviction of BRADEN.

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Any interview with the BRADENS should have sound investigative basis, and it is felt that they should not be interviewed unless they can be questioned re specific, pertinent matters concerning which they might logically be expected to have information.

If an interview with them gave the impression that they were suspected of being implicated in the assassination of Dr. KING, or that the FBI was engaged in a fishing expedition, they would quickly seize upon the situation to ridicule and otherwise criticize the FBI for floundering in the investigation.

If there are specific, pertinent matters concerning which the BRADENS should be interviewed in connection with this case, Louisville will conduct such interview.

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TO: MEMPHIS /44-L987/

FROM: LOUISVILLE /44-947/

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RE SUSPECT LAWRENCE D. CHELKOR.

MRS. EVELYN MILLIGAN, PROPRIETOR, VANITY BEAUTY SHOP, PADUCAH, KENTUCKY, ADVISED INSTANT DATE, SHE HAD MALE CUSTOMER APPROXIMATELY SEVEN THIRTY P.M. ON MAY TWO, LAST, WHO HAD HER TINT HAIR DARK AUBURN AND TEMPLES BLEACHED TO LOOK GRAY. CUSTOMER SAID HE WAS FROM MEMPHIS AND EN ROUTE TO HOPKINSVILLE, KENTUCKY TO PICK UP AUTO AND IS GOING TO SPAIN. CUSTOMER SAID HE HAD SPENT PREVIOUS EVENING AT EITHER HOLIDAY INN OR DIPLOMAT MOTEL IN PADUCAH. HE PAID BEAUTY SHOP BILL WITH AN EIGHT DOLLAR AND SEVENTY FIVE CENT CHECK DATED MAY TWO, LAST, ON FIRST NATIONAL BANK, MEMPHIS ACC. NO. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND SIGNED LAWRENCE D. CHELKOR. CHECK RETURNED MAY TWENTY TWO, LAST, AS INSUFFICIENT FUND CHECK.

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10:41A.M. MAY 23/1968 URGENT PAB

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Albany

DATE: May 20, 1968

JW FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: MURKIN
PUBLICITY ON REWARDS OFFERED

Each Special Agent in Charge and Legal Attache is instructed to promptly remind their established cooperative news sources, in a discreet and tactful manner, of the existence of substantial reward money for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killer of Dr. Martin Luther King. This money now totals at least \$100,000. The FBI should not, however, be publicized as the source of this reminder.

While the Bureau's continuing policy is to encourage the public to furnish information to law enforcement authorities as a matter of good citizenship, without expectation of financial reward, it is fully recognized that monetary rewards are often necessary to motivate some individuals. The knowledge of the existence of the substantial rewards available in the Murkin case could possibly prove of value in the solution of this major investigation.

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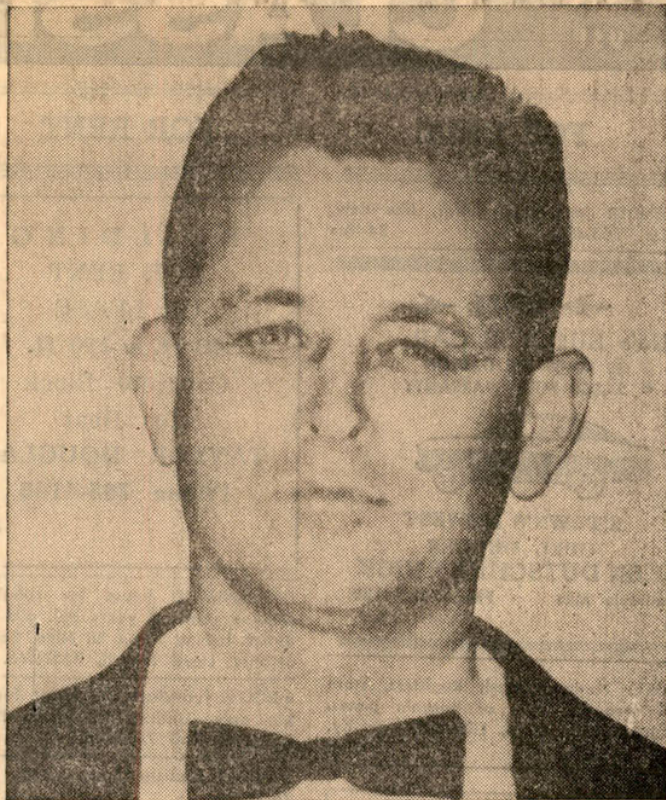
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WANTED BY THE FBI

JAMES EARL RAY, also known as Eric Starvo Galt, Harvey Lowmyer, John Willard, James McBride, James Walton, W. C. Herron and James O'Conner.

James Earl Ray, a Missouri prison escapee, sought under the alias Eric Starvo Galt in connection with the gunshot slaying of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is one of the FBI's "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives." FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover ordered the special addition of Ray to the "Top Ten" list to insure widespread dissemination of Ray's photograph and description to speed his location.

Ray has been intensively sought since the murder of Dr. King on April 4, 1968, as he stood on the balcony of a Memphis, Tennessee, motel. An exhaustive FBI fingerprint search, comparing latent fingerprints uncovered in the Dr. King case against fingerprints of over 53,000 persons on whom wanted notices were posted, determined that Galt and Ray are identical.

A Federal warrant, issued at Birmingham, Alabama, on April 17, 1968, charges Ray, under the alias of Galt, with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a citizen. Ray, who escaped on April 23, 1967, from the Missouri State Penitentiary, is also sought for unlawful flight to avoid confinement for robbery. His long criminal record also includes convictions for burglary and forging U.S. Postal Money Orders.

A white American, born in Alton, Illinois, on March 10, 1928, Ray is 5'10" tall, weighs 163 to 174 pounds, has blue eyes and short brown hair. He has a nervous habit of tugging at an ear lobe and his left ear protrudes noticeably. Known as a "loner" and "drifter," Ray has worked as a baker, laborer and color matcher. He has taken dancing lessons and completed a course at a school of bartending.

"Consider Ray armed and extremely dangerous. Report any information concerning him to the nearest FBI office."

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND LOUISVILLE (44-947)

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

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MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS

Re Bureau airtel to all SACs, 5/9/68.

Recheck of Unidentified Dead

LEWIS BUSH, Director, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Department of Health, Frankfort, Kentucky, stated on May 16, 1968, there are no central records maintained on unidentified deceased in the State. He stated that death certificates are eventually filed for unidentified dead in the Frankfort Office, but the information contained thereon will reflect only the Sex, Race, and approximate age of the deceased along with the cause of death and the County where the death is believed to have occurred. However, he stated that as unidentified bodies are held by any of the 400 or more funeral homes in the State or at a morgue in cities such as Louisville, the death certificate does not end up in file at Frankfort for some three or four months.

LEWIS stated that a great many of the unidentified bodies found in the State end up at the Medical Schools of the University of Louisville or Kentucky.

LEWIS stated he would be glad to furnish the list of the 400 or more funeral directors in the State if it is desired that they be circularized in connection with instant matter.

Recheck of Unidentified Latent Fingerprints.

On 5/8/68, SA THOMAS F. KELLERMAN contacted FRANK ANASTASIO, Identification Division, Kentucky State Police, Frankfort, Kentucky, who was requested to make a comparison of any unidentified latent fingerprints on file at his division of those of JAMES EARL RAY as set forth under I.O.

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Number 4182. Sergeant ANASTASIO stated that he and his assistants would make the comparison and advise on any positive identification in this regard.

On 5/13/68, Detective Sergeant SHARON MILLER, Fingerprint Laboratory, Louisville Division of Police, Louisville, Kentucky, was also requested to conduct a comparison of any unidentified latent fingerprints on file in his Department with those of JAMES EARL RAY. Sergeant MILLER stated that he would conduct such comparison and advise SA CHARLES A. KINCAID of any positive results.

By memo dated 4/30/68, all SAs of the Louisville Office were similarly instructed to contact Police Departments in their territories relative to any unidentified latent fingerprints on file in unsolved robberies or related offenses and have same compared with the known fingerprints of subject RAY.

LEAD

MEMPHIS

AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. Request to advise if it is desired that the above funeral directors throughout the State of Kentucky be circularized for any information concerning the possible handling of subject RAY as an unidentified male corpse.

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FBI

Date: May 21, 1968

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(Priority)

To: All SACs
LEGATS, Mexico City
Ottawa

[Signature]
From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Armed and dangerous.

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RE: MURKIN

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- ☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.
- ☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____

Remarks: ReBulet 5-20-68.

In the event of inquiries regarding the identity of the sources of the reward money offered in the Murkin case, you may confidentially advise established sources that according to a compilation set forth in the April 27th edition of the "Commercial Appeal," Memphis, Tennessee, \$25,000 each has been offered by the "Commercial Appeal" and Scripps-Howard newspapers and that in addition, businessmen and citizens in Memphis have offered several thousands more and the Memphis City Council has under-written the reward up to a total of \$100,000.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947)

DATE: May 26, 1968

FROM : SPC, JAMES MICHAEL RAY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Los Angeles teletype to Director and Louisville 5/24/68.

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Memorandum

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FROM : SPC, JAMES MICHAEL RAY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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TO: SAC, LOUISVILLE
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) -P-
RE: MURKIN

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UNDERWOOD claims he knew RAY only through their mutual association with RENFRO.

UNDERWOOD described RENFRO as a white male, age 42.

UNDERWOOD wishes his identity be concealed as the source of the above information.

In an effort to locate and interview RALPH RENFRO to determine if he had in the past employed JAMES EARL RAY or had any knowledge as to his whereabouts, the following investigation was conducted by SAs JOSEPH W. JACKSON and LAWRENCE R. NOLAN:

AT JOPLIN, MISSOURI

On 5/21/68 a review of Polk's City Directory for Joplin, Missouri, 1956-1967 editions, failed to reveal any information regarding RALPH RENFRO.

On 5/21/68 a review of the current combined telephone directory for Joplin, Carl Junction, Carterville, and Webb City, Missouri, area failed to reveal a telephone listed to RALPH RENFRO.

On 5/21/68 IRENE CLARK, Clerk, Records and Identification Bureau, Police Department; CLENNIS EUGENE COPELAND, Chief Deputy Sheriff, and RACHEL BRAXTON, Credit Bureau, all advised records of their respective offices contained no reference to RALPH RENFRO and that they had never known anyone by that name as a resident of Joplin, Missouri.

On 5/21/68 the following individuals all stated they did not know RALPH RENFRO as either a present or former resident of Joplin, Missouri:

EARL FORTNER, Records and Identification Officer, Police Department;

WALTER H. FLENNER, Captain of Detectives, Police Department;

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HAROLD ABBEN, Detective, Police Department;
W. T. NAYLOR, Dispatcher, Police Department;
OLEN J. DANIELS, Detective, Police Department;
JOHN EUBANKS, Lieutenant, Police Department.

On 5/21/68 JAMES H. RENTFRO, Branch Manager, Lairmore's Armored Car Service, advised while he did not know RALPH RENFRO it seemed to him RALPH RENFRO about two years ago had briefly been employed at the Consumers Service Station, Inc., 2002 Main Street, Joplin. RENTFRO stated while he had never met RALPH RENFRO, that he, JAMES H. RENTFRO, recalled having been asked by his brother-in-law, HAL N. STEPHENS, Manager, Consumers Service Station, Inc., if he was any kin to RALPH RENFRO, an attendant at the station, and that he, JAMES H. RENTFRO, had replied that he had never heard of and was no kin to anyone named RALPH RENFRO. In this regard, RENTFRO said he had never met RALPH RENFRO and had no idea as to his present location.

On 5/21/68 Patrolman WILLIAM R. STEPHENS, Police Department, advised an individual named RENFRO had briefly worked for HAL N. STEPHENS, his father, at the Consumers Service Station, Inc., 2002 Main; however, Patrolman STEPHENS related he had never met RENFRO and had no information as to the latter named individual's whereabouts. He also advised he was of the opinion HAL N. STEPHENS had discharged RENFRO nearly two years ago, possibly for drinking on the job.

On 5/22/68 HAL N. STEPHENS, Manager, Consumers Service Station, Inc., advised he had hired a drifter named RALPH RENFRO to work as an attendant on 4/2/66, and had fired RENFRO for drinking on the job on 6/22/66. RENTFRO was not reliable, drank heavily, always drew against his earnings, and has not been seen by STEPHENS since he was

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fired. STEPHENS did recall that at Christmas, 1966, RENFRO had mailed a Christmas card to the service station employees from some western state, possibly Washington; however, STEPHENS said he had thrown the Christmas card away and actually had not paid any attention to the postmark, but had only noted it was some western state.

STEPHENS said he did not know whether RENFRO was married or single, that he had never seen RENFRO in company with any person away from his place of employment, and did not have the slightest idea in what city RENFRO might be living at this time. He could only state that RENFRO had left Joplin nearly two years ago and that RENFRO's present whereabouts are unknown to him.

STEPHENS said RENFRO, Social Security # [REDACTED] had lived at 2124 Adele, telephone MAYfair 4-9279, Joplin, Missouri, and STEPHENS did not know whether RENFRO had been a roomer at that address or had rented the entire house. Also as an employment reference, which had not been verified, RENFRO had listed that he had previously worked as a part-time service station attendant for CURTIS RENFRO, Standard Oil Company Service Station, Lexington, Kentucky.

On 5/22/68 it was determined telephone number MA 4-9279, furnished by RENFRO to HAL N. STEPHENS, was listed to EMMA JEAN WHIPPLE, aka Mrs. Floyd Whipple, 2124 Adele, Joplin, Missouri.

On 5/22/68 the house at 2124 Adele was found to be vacant.

On 5/22/68 JOHN HOSWELL, 2126 Adele, advised EMMA JEAN WHIPPLE, aka Mrs. Floyd Whipple, had moved from her home at 2124 Adele to Ames, Iowa, about a year ago, and that he was unable to furnish her residence or employment address at that city. He stated he did not know RALPH RENFRO as a former resident at 2124 Adele, but presumed he had been a roomer at that address prior to the departure of Mrs. WHIPPLE from Joplin.

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On 5/22/68 ELMER COY, owner, Elmer's Place, 903 Main, a tavern catering to "Skid Row" types, advised he recalled RALPH RENFRO as a drifter who had worked briefly at a service station in Joplin and as a former patron. COY said he had not seen RENFRO in Joplin in over a year and did not have the slightest idea where RENFRO might be located at this time.

On 5/22/68 HELEN GLOVER, Cook, Helen's Cafe, 903½ Main, mother-in-law of GEORGE WAYNE DOTY, who was arrested by SA JOSEPH W. JACKSON on 12/28/67 for the armed robbery on 9/29/67 of the Scott Valley Bank, Fort Jones, California, advised she recalled RALPH RENFRO as a customer at the cafe when he had been employed as an attendant in an area service station. Mrs. GLOVER said RENFRO had disappeared from Joplin a year or so ago and that she did not have the slightest idea as to his present location.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

On 5/22/68 ROBERT BENTLEY, Superintendent of Mails, advised no change of address cards had been filed by either RALPH RENFRO or EMMA JEAN WHIPPLE, aka Mrs. Floyd Whipple, when they moved from 2124 Adele Street, Joplin, Missouri, and that the present location of these individuals is unknown to him.

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LOUISVILLE DIVISION

At Lexington, Kentucky:

1) Will, through CURTIS RENFRO, Standard Oil Company Service Station, endeavor to establish the whereabouts of RALPH RENFRO, whose interview is desired in order to

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determine if RALPH RENFRO did in fact in the past employ JAMES EARL RAY in the furnace and heating business at Joplin, Missouri, and for any information RALPH RENFRO may be able to supply regarding RAY's background and possible whereabouts.

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OMAHA DIVISION

At Ames, Iowa:

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