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SAC, LOUISVILLE(44-947)

5/31/68

SPC JAMES BYRON RILEY

MURKIN

This date telephone call received by writer from SA TANDY JACK FLEMING, Butte Division, FBI, who advised as follows:

On 5/³¹20/68, photograph of JAMES EARL RAY shown to local Salvation Army, Butte, at which time officials there chose from their register the following three individuals as closely resembling the photo of RAY:

HARRY CONNORS
Social Security Number [REDACTED]
POB, Gladscow, Montey, Mexico

FERBER OLSEN
Social Security Number [REDACTED]
POB, Minneapolis, Minn.

WILLIAM MOLLETT
Social Security Number [REDACTED]
POB Van Lear, Ky.

Height	5'6"
Weight	140
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Gray
Parents	JOHN B. and SARAH MOLLETT (deceased)
Nearest of kin	MAY SPEAR, Melvin, Ky. (sister)
Occupation	Coal miner
Last place of Employment	Logan, Utah

He has performed his military obligation and received an honorable discharge.

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TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

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ALL OFFICES COVERING STATE CAPITALS, IF NOT ALREADY DONE, WILL AT DRIVERS LICENSE BUREAUS CHECK ALL DRIVERS LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR MONTHS OF APRIL AND MAY, SIXTY-EIGHT; CONCERNING ALL MALE CAUCASIANS OVER THIRTY YEARS OF AGE AND UNDER FIFTY-FIVE YEARS, IN VIEW OF FACT IT IS POSSIBLE SUBJECT SECURED DRIVERS LICENSE USING ANOTHER NAME OTHER THAN ALIASES KNOWN. AS RESULT OF REVIEWING THESE APPLICATIONS, YOU SHOULD CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF ANY SUCH INDIVIDUAL IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO: SAC, BOSTON
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) -P-
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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ReBuairtel to SI, 5-29-68.

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Subsequent to robbery shotgun and clothing found in vacant lot rear of Fourth Street, as follows:

Stevens Model 94, 12-gauge single-shot, single-barrel, sawed-off shotgun with no serial number.

Man's white Van Heusen Van-Guard shirt.

Man's blue nylon jacket (windbreaker type)

Man's tan pleated trousers

One Hickock Pioneer belt, size 32, black in color with No. 5121 on inside of belt

One brown cap with fishing emblem on front

2 - Boston
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SI 44-561

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LEADS: BOSTON DIVISION

AT WESTFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

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KANSAS CITY DIVISION

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

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LOUISVILLE DIVISION

AT MAYFIELD, KENTUCKY

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FROM: OMAHA (44-310)

MURKIN OO:MEMPHIS BUFILE: 44-38861

RE KANSAS CITY AIRTEL TO LOUISVILLE DATED MAY TWENTY-FOUR,
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THIS DATE AMBROSE MELLON, TWO ONE EIGHT SEVENTH STREET,
AMES, IOWA, ADVISED THAT EMMA JEAN WHIPPLE RESIDES WITH HIM
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MISSOURI, TO ATTEND HER ILL MOTHER, MRS. ETTA MC GINNES, WHO
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AIR MAIL COPIES TO LOUISVILLE AND MEMPHIS. P

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AND LOUISVILLE (44-947) AND MINNEAPOLIS AND PITTSBURGH
(44-578) AND SEATTLE
FROM BUTTE (173-2) 2P

MURKIN.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

RE BUTTE TELEPHONE CALL TO LOUISVILLE, MINNEAPOLIS,
SEATTLE, AND SALT LAKE CITY, MAY THIRTY ONE, LAST; LOUISVILLE
TELETYPE TO BUREAU, JUNE ONE, LAST; AND PITTSBURGH TELETYPE
TO BUREAU, JUNE TWO, LAST.

HARRY CONNER MENTIONED RE BT PHONE CALL MAY BE HARRY
CARVER AND IS ONLY PERSON REPORTED BY SALVATION ARMY, BUTTE,
AS RESEMBLING OR POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH RAY.

ON MAY THIRTY ONE, LAST, THREE OFFICERS BUTTE PD,
BELIEVED CHECKED SAME THREE INDIVIDUALS REPORTED RE PHONE
CALL; HOWEVER, FAILED TO OBTAIN LICENSE OR NAMES OF OCCUPANTS.
STATION WAGON NOW BELIEVED CHEVROLET BEL AIR. BUTTE POLICE
OFFICERS STATE NONE OF OCCUPANTS STATION WAGON BELIEVED
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MEMPHIS ADVISED BY AM.

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DEVER (157-203) LOUISVILLE (44-947) PITTSBURGH (44-578) SEATTLE.
FROM: SAC, DETROIT (44-989)

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RE BUTTE TELEPHONE CALL TO LOUISVILLE, MAY THIRTY ONE
LAST AND LOUISVILLE TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, JUNE ONE LAST.

MRS. VERNIE ENGLISH, ONE SEVEN ONE FOUR ROSE, LINCOLN
PARK, MICH., SISTER OF WILLIAM MOLLETT, ADVISED THIS DATE
BROTHER JACK IS ONLY MEMBER OF FAMILY TO HAVE BEEN CONTACTED
OR HEARD FROM WILLIAM SINE MAY NINETEEN THREE YEARS AGO. SHE
HAS NO INFO RE WILLIAM'S PRESENT WHEREABOUT.

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EDWARD THOMAS MOLLETT, NINE ONE SIX GARFIELD, LINCOLN
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7 12PM URGENT 6-3-68 SVW

TO BUTTE DENVER DETROIT LOUISVILLE PITTSBURGH
FROM DIRECTOR 2P

MURKIN

RELSTEL JUNE ONE LAST AND PGTEL JUNE TWO LAST.

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*Kennard advised 6/3/68
Mr. Beavers advised 6/3/68*

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LOUISVILLE (44-947)
FROM PITTSBURGH (44-578)2P

MURKIN, OO: MEMPHIS.

RE LOUISVILLE TELETYPE TO BUREAU, SIX ONE LAST, AND
PITTSBURGH TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, SIX TWO LAST.

ON SIX THREE INSTANT, CORPORAL R. G. FINK, WEST VIRGINIA
STATE POLICE, WAYNE COUNTY, W. VA., WAS CONTACTED AND STATED
THAT IN REFERENCE TO THE UNIDENTIFIED BODY DESCRIBED IN RETEL,
THIS BODY HAD BEEN TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED AS JAMES FORD HEDGE,
WHITE MALE, APPROXIMATELY SEVENTYFIVE, IN NINETEEN SIXTYSIX.
FINK SAID BODY HAD BEEN RECOVERED IN DETERIORATED CONDITION
AND WAS WRAPPED IN ARMY BLANKET. THE BODY HAD NO TEETH AND
THE ANKLES WERE BOUND WITH STRING. HE SAID THE SKULL HAD NO
METAL PLATE AND TEETH FOUND IN HEDGE'S APARTMENT WERE
DETERMINED IN ALL PROBABILITY TO HAVE BELONGED TO UNIDENTIFIED
BODY.

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ON SIX THREE INSTANT, AZEL BRYANT, COMMANDER, INVESTIGATIVE UNIT, HUNTINGTON PD, STATED HIS RECORDS REFLECTED A MISSING PERSONS REPORT FOR JAMES FORD HEDGE, SEVEN THREE SEVEN SEVENTH STREET, HUNTINGTON, W. VA., IN AUGUST, NINETEEN SIXTYSIX. HE STATED A BODY WAS RECOVERED ON ONE TWENTYTHREE SIXTYSEVEN, IN A DUMP OUTSIDE HUNTINGTON CITY LIMITS, IN WAYNE COUNTY, W. VA. HE STATED INVESTIGATION BY HIS DEPARTMENT REVEALED THAT IN ALL PROBABILITY, UNIDENTIFIED BODY WAS THAT OF HEDGE. HE STATED AN AUTOPSY WAS MADE, WHICH REFLECTED NO METAL PLATE IN THE HEAD OF UNIDENTIFIED BODY. HE STATED HAIR FROM BODY MATCHED HAIR FOUND ON COMB IN HEDGE'S ROOM AND THAT DENTAL PLATE IN VICTIM'S ROOM MATCHED JAW OF UNIDENTIFIED BODY. HE SAID PATHOLOGIST'S REPORT INDICATED UNIDENTIFIED BODY APPROXIMATE AGE AND BUILD OF HEDGE. HE STATED ALTHOUGH NO POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION COULD BE MADE, IT IS REASONABLY CERTAIN THAT UNIDENTIFIED BODY IS IDENTICAL TO HEDGE.

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THAT IN REFERENCE TO THE UNIDENTIFIED BODY DESCRIBED IN RETEL,
THIS BODY HAD BEEN TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED AS JAMES FORD HEDGE,
WHITE MALE, APPROXIMATELY SEVENTYFIVE, IN NINETEEN SIXTYSIX.
FINK SAID BODY HAD BEEN RECOVERED IN DETERIORATED CONDITION
AND WAS WRAPPED IN ARMY BLANKET. THE BODY HAD NO TEETH AND
THE ANKLES WERE BOUND WITH STRING. HE SAID THE SKULL HAD NO
METAL PLATE AND TEETH FOUND IN HEDGE'S APARTMENT WERE
DETERMINED IN ALL PROBABILITY TO HAVE BELONGED TO UNIDENTIFIED
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ON SIX THREE INSTANT, AZEL BRYANT, COMMANDER, INVESTIGATIVE UNIT, HUNTINGTON PD, STATED HIS RECORDS REFLECTED A MISSING PERSONS REPORT FOR JAMES FORD HEDGE, (SEVEN THREE SEVEN SEVENTH STREET, HUNTINGTON, W. VA., IN AUGUST, NINETEEN SIXTYSIX. HE STATED A BODY WAS RECOVERED ON ONE TWENTYTHREE SIXTYSEVEN, IN A DUMP OUTSIDE HUNTINGTON CITY LIMITS, IN WAYNE COUNTY, W. VA. HE STATED INVESTIGATION BY HIS DEPARTMENT REVEALED THAT IN ALL PROBABILITY, UNIDENTIFIED BODY WAS THAT OF HEDGE. HE STATED AN AUTOPSY WAS MADE, WHICH REFLECTED NO METAL PLATE IN THE HEAD OF UNIDENTIFIED BODY. HE STATED HAIR FROM BODY MATCHED HAIR FOUND ON COMB IN HEDGE'S ROOM AND THAT DENTAL PLATE IN VICTIM'S ROOM MATCHED JAW OF UNIDENTIFIED BODY. HE SAID PATHOLOGIST'S REPORT INDICATED UNIDENTIFIED BODY APPROXIMATE AGE AND BUILD OF HEDGE. HE STATED ALTHOUGH NO POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION COULD BE MADE, IT IS REASONABLY CERTAIN THAT UNIDENTIFIED BODY IS IDENTICAL TO HEDGE.

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TO: SAC, CINCINNATI
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) (P)
RE: MURKIN
OO: Memphis

Re Kansas City airtel to Louisville, 5/24/68; and
Omaha teletype to Kansas City, 5/31/68.

Enclosed for Cincinnati are two copies of referenced
airtel.

On 5/31/68, Mrs. EMMA JEAN WHIPPLE was interviewed by
SA ROBERT A. NICKAM at 208 North McCoy, Joplin, Missouri, and
furnished the following information:

She first met RALPH RENFRO when he came to Joplin
from Louisville, Kentucky, around May, 1966. She started dating
him and he subsequently lived with her at 2124 Adele, Joplin,
until July 4, 1966, when he left for Hamilton, Ohio. She has
not heard from RENFRO since July, 1966; however, he can allegedly
be reached through his brother, telephone #513-892-9267,
brother's name and address in Hamilton unknown. RENFRO reportedly
has a sister, OPAL COBB, residing 1021 South Broadway, Lexington,
Kentucky, telephone #606-255-5132. RENFRO is described as a
white male, 43 to 44 years of age, 5'4", heavy build, reddish
and graying hair.

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While in Joplin, RENFRO worked for a short time at a filling station, 20th and Main Streets, and also was self-employed in repair of home furnaces and air conditioners. While self-employed, he worked with one individual, a BOB RAY, who at that time resided around the 800 block of Ozark Street, Joplin. RAY described by WHIPPLE as a white male, 45 to 50 years of age, 6', heavysset, gray hair, and as a long-time resident of Joplin.

WHIPPLE was exhibited three separate photographs of subject JAMES EARL RAY and stated she was not acquainted with subject by name, photograph or description. She advised subject not identical to BOB RAY and further noted BOB RAY was the only individual to her knowledge that RENFRO worked with or had working for him in the repair of furnaces and air conditioners at Joplin, Missouri. She knew of no way to contact RENFRO other than through the above two telephone numbers and believed him to be working somewhere around Hamilton, Ohio.

Information copy designated for Louisville Division, who is conducting investigation to locate RENFRO, as requested in referenced airtel.

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CINCINNATI DIVISION

AT HAMILTON, OHIO

Attempt to locate and interview RALPH RENFRO through telephone number 513-892-9267, as set forth in referenced airtel.

KANSAS CITY DIVISION

AT JOPLIN, MISSOURI

Attempt to locate and interview BOB RAY, last known to be residing in 800 block Ozark Street.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947)

DATE: 6/3/68

FROM : SA THEODORE L. RISLEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Reference Los Angeles teletype 6/24/68.

On 5/31/68 MRS. VERA D. COOK, 802 Washington St.,
Sturgis, Ky., was recontacted by SA RISLEY and reassured that
her son, ALONZO F. COOK, JR., aka, Budd Cook, was interviewed
by the Los Angeles Division solely for the purpose of determining
if he had any information that would assist in this investigation
(and that her son was not involved in the assassination of Dr.
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Memorandum

TO : File 44-947

DATE: June 3, 1968

FROM : SAC, Louisville

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Effective 6/3/68, the fugitive investigation involving this matter will be handled by the No. 3 Desk.

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TO : SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947) (P) DATE: 6/5/68

FROM : SA M. WESLEY SWEARINGEN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Los Angeles teletype to Louisville dated 4/26/68.

On 4/27/68, Mr. R. P. JAMES, 709 East Mount Vernon Street, Somerset, Kentucky, advised SAS ROBERT C. LOUGHNEY and M. WESLEY SWEARINGEN that at about 4:00 PM on Sunday, 4/21/68, a stranger came to his house claiming to be his kin. This individual said that his name was PAUL SWANSON, and that he was married to Mr. JAMES' granddaughter. Mr. JAMES said he told this individual that he has never heard of him (SWANSON). This individual told JAMES that he was coming to Kentucky to visit him but had had an automobile accident close to the Kentucky-Tennessee line. He said that he needed about \$300 to pay for the automobile accident and for expenses to Somerset.

Mr. JAMES said that this individual mentioned JAMES' son, ROBERT RIDDINGS, of Los Angeles. This individual did not know very much about the family but did know some of the relatives in the Los Angeles area. JAMES said he had \$300 in his wallet, so he gave this individual all of his money, thinking that this individual was possibly married to his granddaughter.

JAMES said that he did not think anything more about the matter until he had called his son, ROBERT RIDDINGS, in Los Angeles and learned that RIDDINGS' daughter is not married to anyone by the name of PAUL SWANSON.

JAMES said that after he had talked to RIDDINGS, he thought that the individual representing himself as PAUL SWANSON looked somewhat like the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, which was in the Sunday edition of the Louisville Courier Journal. JAMES was exhibited

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the artist's sketched photograph of RAY, the photographs in the Identification Order #4182, and the photographs on the Wanted Flyer #442, dated 4/17/68 and on the Wanted Flyer #442A, dated 4/19/68. Mr. JAMES said that the individual who came to his house did not resemble any of the photographs on the IO or Wanted Flyers or the artist's drawing. JAMES stated, in fact, that he did not really believe the individual who came to his house was JAMES EARL RAY but he thought there might be a possibility that he could be RAY since he knew that RAY would undoubtedly be needing some money in order to move about the country.

JAMES said that his cleaning lady, LUCILLE SHADOAN, 906 Mount Vernon Street, Somerset, Kentucky, has been cleaning his house for several years. He stated that on several occasions he has noticed money missing from his wallet. He said on different occasions, he would place his wallet in certain positions under the bed and after LUCILLE SHADOAN had cleaned the house, he would check the location of his wallet and found that it had been moved and would then discover that some money had been removed from the wallet. He said that he has never made a complaint against LUCILLE SHADOAN because he had no definite proof that she was the one taking money from his wallet. He said that no one else has ever entered his house. On the occasion just before PAUL SWANSON contacted him, he had paid LUCILLE SHADOAN for cleaning his house and made the comment that he had \$300 in his wallet. He said LUCILLE SHADOAN knows the names of most of his relatives and is aware that he has a son by the name of ROBERT RIDDINGS in Los Angeles and also a granddaughter in Los Angeles. He said he is of the opinion that LUCILLE SHADOAN had contacted someone and given the information about the relatives and this individual thereafter conned JAMES out of his \$300.

JAMES described this individual as a white male, about 40 years of age, medium build, red face, approximately 170 to 175 pounds, blue eyes, wearing a blue suit with a

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white shirt and hair graying on the sides. He said he is unable to furnish any additional information concerning this individual.

The above information was furnished to Chief of Police JAMES HINES, Somerset PD, Somerset, Kentucky, at which time Chief of Police HINES stated that Mr. JAMES is eccentric. He said that he has had trouble for several years with JAMES leaving money around the house, and not keeping his money in the bank. HINES said he is well acquainted with LUCILLE SHADOAN and has had complaints about her before. Chief of Police HINES said that SHADOAN probably had one of her sons or relatives contact JAMES and thereafter con him out of the money.

In view of the above, no further action is being taken at Somerset, Kentucky, concerning JAMES EARL RAY.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-947)

DATE: 6/5/68

FROM : SA W. L. HORNBACK, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReMemo of Clerk ALLEN J. DUFFIN 5/31/68, re information furnished by unidentified female caller:

Immediately after receipt of call referred to in reference memo and instructions of SUPV. PETERS SA PAUL CAVAUNAUGH and the writer, accompanied by officers BRENNAN, GREENE and CANFIELD, Louisville PD Car 104, went to the Gray Street Inn and Thelma's Lounge located at the corner of Hancock and Gray Streets. At that time there were no white men in either place and the proprietor advised that there had been only one in all night and he was an old man and ~~did~~ did not resemble the subject.

Effort was made to locate the unidentified caller who had given the address 612 E. Gray Street but this effort was negative also.

The officers advise they know the owners of these taverns and believe they would tell them the truth if anyone resembling the subject had frequented their places.

In view of the above no further action is being taken.

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HER FATHER, JAMES BRIDGEMAN, ALLEGEDLY MURDERED HER MOTHER, IRENE BRIDGEMAN, AND THEN COMMITTED SUICIDE ON AUG. EIGHTEEN, SIXTYTWO, AT DAYTONA BEACH, FLA. PAUL BRIDGEMAN WAS LIVING WITH HIS PARENTS AT THAT TIME AND HAD PREVAILED UPON HIS MOTHER TO SECURE

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A SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX HELD JOINTLY IN THE NAMES PAUL AND IRENE BRIDGEMAN AND TO MAKE HIM HER SOLE HEIR. AFTER THE PARENTS' DEATH PAUL ALLEGEDLY ENTERED THE SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX AND TOOK THE PROPERTY VALUED AT THIRTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS AND LEFT HIS SISTER JANET WITHOUT ANY SHARE.

MARSHALL CAWVEY SUSPECTS PAUL BRIDGEMAN OF COMPLICITY IN THE DEATH OF HIS PARENTS.

JANET CAWVEY HAD NO KNOWLEDGE THAT BRIDGEMAN HAD BEEN RELEASED FROM THE MSP PRIOR TO INTERVIEW.

JANET CAWVEY AND PAUL OSBORN BRIDGEMAN ARE THE ONLY CHILDREN OF JAMES AND IRENE BRIDGEMAN. THERE ARE FEW CLOSE RELATIVES. A COUSIN, JIM DAVIS, DESCRIBED AS WM, SIX FEET, THIN BUILD, AGE THIRTYFIVE TO THIRTYEIGHT, LONG BLOND HAIR, WAS WITH PAUL BRIDGEMAN AT DAYTONA BEACH, FLA., PRIOR TO THE MURDER-SUICIDE OF PARENTS IN SIXTYTWO. DAVIS IS THE SON OF IRENE BRIDGEMAN'S SISTER, BONNIE DAVIS, ROUTE ONE, MADISONVILLE, KY. DAVIS WAS DESCRIBE AS A "BAD CHARACTERB." BY THE CAWVEYS AND THEY SAID THEY HAD NOT SEEN HIM FOR SEVERAL YEARS.

DAVIS HAS AL. SISTER BY THE NAME OF MRS. ROY (EDITH) BABB, DAYTONA BEACH, FLA., WHOSE HUSBAND IS ALLEGEDLY A FLORIDA STATE
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TROOPER AND WHO MAY BE ABLE TO ASSIST IN LOCATING BRIDGEMAN AND DAVIS.

BONNIE DAVIS' HUSBAND WAS SHOT TO DEATH IN MADISONVILLE, KY., APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS AGO UNDER SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH WAS ALLEGED THE RESULT OF A MINING LABOR DISPUTE. PAUL BRIDGEMAN WAS MARRIED TO CAROL BRINKER, BLOOMINGTON, ILL. THEY WERE DIVORCED IN SIXTYFOUR AND IT IS BELIEVED THEY HAD TWO CHILDREN, NAMES UNKNOWN WHO ARE STILL RESIDE IN BLOOMINGTON, ILL., AND ARE ON WELFARE WITH THEIR MOTHER.

ANOTHER UNCLE IS WALTER KOGER, NEW CASTLE, IND. BOTH KOGERS ARE BROTHERS OF IRENE BRIDGEMAN.

CAWVEYS WERE SHOWN PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND BOTH ADVISED THEY HAD SEEN SIMILAR PHOTOS IN THE NEWSPAPERS BUT HAD NEVER SEEN RAY OR ANYONE IN BRIDGEMAN'S COMPANY WHO RESEMBLED HIM. MRS. CAWVEY ADVISED THAT PAUL BRIDGEMAN HAS NEVER BEEN OUTSIDE THE CONTINENTAL U.S. TO HER KNOWLEDGE. SHE STATED SHE NEVER HEARD HIM EXPRESS ANY ANIMOSITY OR HOSTILITY TOWARD NEGROES OR OTHER MINORITY GROUPS.

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EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE BRIDGEMAN IN KANSAS CITY AREA HAS IDENTIFIED HIS GIRLFRIEND DURING APRIL AND POSSIBLY PART OF MAY SIXTYEIGHT IN KANSAS CITY AREA AS JACQUELINE "JACKIE" KLINE, AKA JACQUELINE GOLDSTEIN, KAYE ROSENBERG, WHO IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: AGE TWENTYFOUR, DOB NOV. FOUR, FORTYTHREE, WF, FIVE FOUR, TWO HUNDRED LBS., DYED RED HAIR, EYES BROWN, EMPLOYED AS PRACTICAL NURSE, DRIVING SIXTYEIGHT WHITE TWO DOOR CHEVROLET MALIBU THREE ZERO SEVEN, BEARING SIXTYEIGHT KANSAS YELLOW ON BLACK LILICENSE NO. JO NINE THREE ZERO FOUR THREE.

PAUL OSBORN BRIDGEMAN LEFT KANSAS CITY PROBABLY THE FIRST PART OF MAY AND JACQUELINE KLINE LEFT KANSAS CITY ON SUNDAY, JUNE TWO, SIXTYEIGHT PROBABLY TO MEET BRIDGEMAN, BUT DECLINED TO TELL ASSOCIATES HER DESTINATION. ON MAY TWENTYNINE AND MAY THIRTYONE SHE MADE STATION TO STATION TELEPHONE CALLS FROM NETHERLANDS HOTEL, KANSAS CITY, TO THE MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL AREA WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN TO BRIDGEMAN. DETAILS OF TOLL CALLS BEING OBTAINED WITH PRIOR BUREAU APPROVAL.

RECEIVING OFFICES INTERVIEW RELATIVES OF BRIDGEMAN O REGARDING OTHER RELATIVES AND OBTAIN FULL BACKGROUND INFO, TO LOCATE HIM FOR EXTENSIVE INTERVIEW OF HIS KNOWLEDGE AND ASSOCIATION WITH SUBJECT RAY, PARTICULARLY SINCE KING MURDER.

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LOUISVILLE AT MADISONVILLE, KY., INTERVIEW BONNIE DAVIS, ROUTE ONE, FOR ANY INFO SHE CAN FURNISH WHICH WOULD ASSIST IN LOCATING BRIDGEMAN AND JIM DAVIS.

INDIANAPOLIS AT NEW CASTEL, IND., INTERVIEW WALTER KOGER AS REFLECTED IN LOUISVILLE LEAD.

SPRINGFIELD AT BLOOMINGTON, ILL., ATTEMPT TO LOCATE CAROL BRINKER AND INTERVIEW HER AS SET FORTH IN LOUISVILLE LEAD. IF APPROPRIATE, CONTACT WELFARE DEPT. IN EFFORT TO LOCATE CAROL BRINKER. AT LATHAM, ILL., INTERVIEW ROBERT KOGER AS SET FORTH IN LOUISVILLE LEAD.

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JACKSONVILLE AT DAYTONA BEACH, FLA., INTERVIEW MRS. ROY (EDITH) BABB AS SET FORTH IN LOUISVILLE LEAD.

MINNEAPOLIS CONTACT PRACTICAL NURSING REGISTRY AND PLACE STOP FOR JACQUELINE KLINE IN EVENT SHE SEEKS EMPLOYMENT AS PRACTICAL NURSE IN MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL AREA SO THAT BRIDGEMAN CAN BE LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED. KLINE SHOULD ALSO BE THOROUGHLY INTERVIEWED FRO ANY INFO SHE MAY HAVE DERIVED THROUGH BRIDGEMAN CONCERNING SUBJECT RAY.

OTHER OFFICES FURNISHED INFO AS BASIS FOR PROBABLE FUTURE LEADS. PHOTO OF PAUBL BRIDGEMAN AIRMAILED JUNE FOUR TO BUREAU AND ABOVE OFFICES.

PASSPORT OFFICE, DEPT. OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, OTTAWA, HAS SPECIFICALLY STATED THEY DO NOT WANT ANY MENTION MADE THAT PASSPORT OFFICE WAS SOURCE OF INFO CONCERNING RAMON GEORGE SNEYD. IN INTERVIEWING MEMBERS OF FAMILY AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS NO STATEMENT WHATSOEVER SHOULD BE MADE INDICATING THAT BUREAU HAS OBTAINED INFO FROM PASSPORT OFFICE IN CANADA NOR SHOULD IT BE INDICATED THAT BUREAU BELIEVES SUBJECT IS IDENTICAL WITH SNEYD AND HAS DEPARTED FROM U.S. INTERVIEWS SHOULD BE DESIGNED TO OBTAIN FACTUAL INFO FROM PERSONS BEING INTERVIEWED. THERE IS NO
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MARSHALL CAWVEY AND HIS WIFE JANET LOU CAWVEY, NEE BRIDGEMAN, WERE CONTACTED NEAR WEST PLAINS, MO. MR. CAWVEY IS A FORMER FIREMAN AND POLICE DISPATCHER FOR THE WEST PLAINS PD, A FORMER HOWELL COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF AND IS PRESENTLY EMPLOYED BY PEASE-MOORE MILLING CO., WEST PLAINS. THE CAWVEYS HAVE SEVERAL YOUNG CHILDREN.

JANET CAWVEY IS SISTER OF PAUL BRIDGEMAN SHOM SHE ADVISED WAS BORN APRIL THIRTEEN, FORTYONE, INSTEAD OF FORTY AT WINCHESTER, IND. LAST CONTACT WHICH SHE HAD WITH HIM WAS WHEN HE CAME TO WEST PLAINS, MO. TO CLAIM AN INHERITANCE FROM THEIR PARENTS' ESTATE DURING SIXTYFOUR.

HER FATHER, JAMES BRIDGEMAN, ALLEGEDLY MURDERED HER MOTHER, IRENE BRIDGEMAN, AND THEN COMMITTED SUICIDE ON AUG. EIGHTEEN, SIXTYTWO, AT DAYTONA BEACH, FLA. PAUL BRIDGEMAN WAS LIVING WITH HIS PARENTS AT THAT TIME AND HAD PREVAILED UPON HIS MOTHER TO SECURE
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A SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX HELD JOINTLY IN THE NAMES OF PAUL AND IRENE BRIDGEMAN AND TO MAKE HIM HER SOLE HEIR. AFTER THE PARENTS' DEATH PAUL ALLEGEDLY ENTERED THE SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX AND TOOK THE PROPERTY VALUED AT THIRTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS AND LEFT HIS SISTER JANET WITHOUT ANY SHARE.

MARSHALL CAWVEY SUSPECTS PAUL BRIDGEMAN OF COMPLICITY IN THE DEATH OF HIS PARENTS.

JANET CAWVEY HAD NO KNOWLEDGE THAT BRIDGEMAN HAD BEEN RELEASED FROM THE MSP PRIOR TO INTERVIEW.

JANET CAWVEY AND PAUL OSBORN BRIDGEMAN ARE THE ONLY CHILDREN OF JAMES AND IRENE BRIDGEMAN. THERE ARE FEW CLOSE RELATIVES. A COUSIN, JIM DAVIS, DESCRIBED AS WM, SIX FEET, THIN BUILD, AGE THIRTYFIVE TO THIRTYEIGHT, LONG BLOND HAIR, WAS WITH PAUL BRIDGEMAN AT DAYTONA BEACH, FLA., PRIOR TO THE MURDER-SUICIDE OF PARENTS IN SIXTYTWO. DAVIS IS THE SON OF IRENE BRIDGEMAN'S SISTER, BONNIE DAVIS, ROUTE ONE, MADISONVILLE, KY. DAVIS WAS DESCRIBE AS A "BAD CHARACTER," BY THE CAWVEYS AND THEY SAID THEY HAD NOT SEEN HIM FOR SEVERAL YEARS.

DAVIS HAS AN AL SISTER BY THE NAME OF MRS. ROY (EDITH) BABB, DAYTONA BEACH, FLA., WHOSE HUSBAND IS ALLEGEDLY A FLORIDA STATE
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TROOPER AND WHO MAY BE ABLE TO ASSIST IN LOCATING BRIDGEMAN AND DAVIS.

BONNIE DAVIS' HUSBAND WAS SHOT TO DEATH IN MADISONVILLE, KY., APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS AGO UNDER SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH WAS ALLEGED THE RESULT OF A MINING LABOR DISPUTE. PAUL BRIDGEMAN WAS MARRIED TO CAROL BRINKER, BLOOMINGTON, ILL. THEY WERE DIVORCED IN SIXTYFOUR AND IT IS BELIEVED THEY HAD TWO CHILDREN, NAMES UNKNOWN WHO ARE STILL RESIDE IN BLOOMINGTON, ILL., AND ARE ON WELFARE WITH THEIR MOTHER.

ANOTHER UNCLE IS WALTER KOGER, NEW CASTLE, IND. BOTH KOGERS ARE BROTHERS OF IRENE BRIDGEMAN.

CAWVEYS WERE SHOWN PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND BOTH ADVISED THEY HAD SEEN SIMIOLAR PHOTOS IN THE NEWSPAPERS BUT HAD NEVER SEEN RAY OR ANYONE IN BRIDGEMAN'S COMPANY WHO RESEMBLED HIM. MRS. CAWVEY ADVISED THAT PAUL BRIDGEMAN HAS NEVER BEEN OUTSIDE THE CONTINENTAL U.S. TO HER KNOWLEDGE. SHE STATED SHE NEVER HEARD HIM EXPRESS ANY ANIMOSITY OR HOSTILITY TOWARD NEGROES OR OTHER MINORITY GROUPS.

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EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE BRIDGEMAN IN KANSAS CITY AREA HAS IDENTIFIED HIS GIRLFRIEND DURING APRIL AND POSSIBLY PART OF MAY SIXTYEIGHT IN KANSAS CITY AREA AS JACQUELINE JACKIE KLINE, AKA JACQUELINE GOLDSTEIN, KAYE ROSENBERG, WHO IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: AGE TWENTYFOUR, DOB NOV. FOUR, FORTYTHREE, WF, FIVE FOUR, TWO HUNDRED LBS., DYED RED HAIR, EYES BROWN, EMPLOYED AS PRACTICAL NURSE, DRIVING SIXTYEIGHT WHITE TWO DOOR CHEVROLET MALIBU THREE ZERO SEVEN, BEARING SIXTYEIGHT KANSAS YELLOW ON BLACK LILICENSE NO. JO NINE THREE ZERO FOUR THREE.

PAUL OSBORN BRIDGEMAN LEFT KANSAS CITY PROBABLY THE FIRST PART OF MAY AND JACQUELINE KLINE LEFT KANSAS CITY ON SUNDAY, JUNE TWO, SIXTYEIGHT PROBABLY TO MEET BRIDGEMAN, BUT DECLINED TO TELL ASSOCIATES HER DESTINATION. ON MAY TWENTYNINE AND MAY THIRTYONE SHE MADE STATION TO STATION TELEPHONE CALLS FROM NETHERLANDS HOTEL, KANSAS CITY, TO THE MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL AREA WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN TO BRIDGEMAN. DETAILS OF TOLL CALLS BEING OBTAINED WITH PRIOR BUREAU APPROVAL.

RECEIVING OFFICES INTERVIEW RELATIVES OF BRIDGEMAN O REGARDING OTHER RELATIVES AND OBTAIN FULL BACKGROUND INFO, TO LOCATE HIM FOR EXTENSIVE INTERVIEW OF HIS KNOWLEDGE AND ASSOCIATION WITH SUBJECT RAY, PARTICULARLY SINCE KING MURDER.