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332PMURGENT 4-21-68 MJD

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS, KANSAS CITY, CHICAGO,  
LITTLE ROCK, LOUISVILLE, SPRINGFIELD.  
FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN.

RE SL TELEPHONE CALLS TO BUREAU, CHICAGO, SPRINGFIELD,  
LOUISVILLE, LITTLE ROCK, AND MEMPHIS, THIS DATE.

JAMES DAVID DAILEY, BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WARDELL, MO., WHITE MALE, FIVE NINE AND ONE HALF, ONE  
HUNDRED FIFTY FIVE LBS., BROWN HAIR AND EYES, FBI NUMBER FOUR NINE  
NINE THREE ONE FIVE ZERO, ALLEGED FORMER FIREND AND ASSOCIATE OF  
SUBJECT RAY, WHO IS ALLEGED TO HAVE HARBORED SUBJECT BRIEFLY  
FOLLOWING MISSOURI PEN ESCAPE, IS OPERATOR OF RESTURANT, PORTAGE-  
VILLE, MO. HE IS ALLEGED T OWN FARM NEAR PORTAGEVILLE OR WARDELL,  
MO., UN BOOTHEEL AREA AND TO BE TYPE OF INDIVIDUAL WHO WOULD HARBOR  
SUBJECT. HE DENIED CONTACT WITH SUBJECT ON INITIAL INTERVIEW.

CURRENTLY BEING RE-INTERVIEWED IN EFFORT TO DETERMINE IF HE HAS  
FARM AND ITS LOCATION, AS EFFORTS TO LOCATE SAME NEGATIVE TO DATE.

SURROUNDING OFFICES CONTACT SOURCES WITH KNOWLEDGE OF BOOTHEEL  
AS TO ANY INFORMATION RE SUBJECT, DAILEY, DAILEY FAMILY AND LOCA-  
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TION OF ANY FARM PROPERTY OWNED BY THEM. SUTEL

DAILEYS SISTER, HAZEL TERRELL, WARDELL, MO., TODAY ADVISED  
HE AS SISTERS ADA GILES, ONE EIGHT ONE TWO N. WASHTENAW, CHICAGO,  
AND LILLIAN JOHNSON, TWO ZERO ONE TWO SIDNEY, SLMO. CHICAGO  
AND ST. LOUIS INTERVIEW RE IDENTITIES AND LOCATIONS OF DAILEYS  
RELATIVES OR FARM PROPERTY OWNED BY THEM, AND ALERT TO REPORT  
ANY INFO RE SUBJECT COMING TO THERE ATTENTION. SUTEL.

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406PM URGENT 4-21-68 DGB

TO DIRECTOR AND LITTLE ROCK  
FROM MEMPHIS

MURKIN. OO MEMPHIS.

RE LR TEL APRIL TWENTY ONE INSTANT AND ME TEL TO BUREAU AND  
LR APRIL TWENTY ONE SIXTYEIGHT CONCERNING WILLIAM JAY OGLESBY

LEROY KNIGHT, SENIOR STUDIO ENGINEER, WREC-TV ADVISED THAT  
WILLIAM JAY OGLESBY HAS BEEN EMPLOYED AS STUDIO TECHNICIAN  
WREC-TV AT HOTEL PEABODY IN MEMPHIS SINCE FALL OF NINETEEN SIXTY  
FIVE. SALARY APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS PER WEEK.  
NORMALLY WORKS FROM TWELVE ZERO ONE AM ON FRIDAY TO SIX PM ON  
MONDAY OF EACH WEEK. WAS OFF DUTY ON APRIL THREE, FOUR, SEVENTEEN  
AND EIGHTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT. OGLESBY CAME TO WREC-TV FROM AN NBC  
STATION AT EL PASO, TEXAS.

OGLESBY IS NOT MARRIED, HAS NEVER EXPRESSED INTEREST IN  
HUNTING TO FELLOW EMPLOYEES. HAS NEVER EXPRESSED ANTI-NEGRO OR  
ANTI-COMMUNIST SENTIMENTS. HE IS NOT CONCERNED WITH POLITICAL  
MATTERS. HE LIVES ALONE IN A TRAILER IN WEST MEMPHIS, ARK. FROM  
HIS CONVERSATIONS HE SEEMS PREOCCUPIED WITH FEMALE COMPANIONSHIP,  
PREFERRING ASSOCIATIONS WITH AIRLINE STEWARDESSES. IS CONSIDERED  
A LADIES MAN BY FELLOW EMPLOYEES.

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HE DRIVES AN OLD RED CHEVROLET TO AND FROM WORK.

OGLESBY NEITHER HAS SHOWN NOR DISCUSSED ANY LARGE AMOUNTS OF CASH RECENTLY.

KNIGHT CONSIDERS ANY INVOLVEMENT IN COMMUNIST MATTERS OR NEGRO MATTERS OR USE OF FIREARMS TO BE COMPLETELY INCONSISTENT WITH OGLESBY'S HABITS AND EXPRESSED ATTITUDES.

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5:58 PM URGENT 4-21-68 DHV

TO DIRECTOR (AM) AND MEMPHIS

FROM CINCINNATI (157-1393) 1P

JAMES EARL RAY, AKA. - FUGITIVE. MURKIN, CR; UFAC - ARMED ROBBERY,  
OO: MEMPHIS.

RESFTEL APRIL TWENTY, LAST.

RETEL REQUESTS CINCINNATI TO DETERMINE IDENTITY OF JOHN WILLARD  
STAYING AT GARDENA MOTEL, GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, OCTOBER SEVEN THRU  
FOURTEEN, LAST WITH JAMES AND BILLIE RAY SELLERS.

INVESTIGATION FAIRBORN, OHIO TODAY DETERMINED THIS JOHN  
WILLARD IS JOHN CHARLES WILLARD, BORN [REDACTED] TEXAS  
WITH PERMANENT RESIDENCE ONE NINE ONE EIGHT GLENROSE DRIVE,  
FAIRBORN, OHIO.

SINCE WILLARD NOT IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION  
WARRANTED.

AIR MAIL COPY TO KANSAS CITY, BIRMINGHAM, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-33861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM LITTLE ROCK (157-1215)

MURKIN. OO MEMPHIS

RE MEMPHIS TEL INSTANT DATE.

MRS. RUTH WHICHARD RE-INTERVIEWED INSTANT DATE. SHE ADVISED THAT SHE WAS IN LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS ON THREE TWENTYNINE THIRTY SIXTYEIGHT AND HAD NO CONTACT WITH WILLIAM JAY OGLESBY ON THESE DATES AND HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF HIS WHEREABOUTS ON THESE DATES.

AS TO WHY SHE DID NOT CONTACT THE FBI PRIOR TO INSTANT DATE, SHE EXPLAINED THAT ON THE DAY OF DR. KING WAS KILLED, FOUR FOUR SIXTYEIGHT, SHE WAS AT THE RESIDENCE OF HER SISTER-IN-LAW, MRS. PHYLIS LONG, POWELL AND HOME STREETS, MEMPHIS TENN., TELEPHONE THREE TWO SEVEN DASH ONE EIGHT SIX TWO. ABOUT TWO PM THIS DATE OGLESBY CAME TO MRS. LONG'S RESIDENCE. HE LEFT A FEW MINUTES LATER AND WAS GONE UNTIL ABOUT THREE PM. OGLESBY WAS WITH HER CONSTANTLY UNTIL AT LEAST MIDNIGHT. OGLESBY COULD NOT HAVE KILLED DR. KING.

WHICHARD ADVISED SHE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT OGLESBY BUT DID NOT BECOME ALARMED UNTIL ABOUT SEVEN THIRTY PM THURSDAY FOUR EIGHTEEN SIXTYEIGHT.  
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WHEN OGLESBY CLAIMED TO HAVE SEEN TWO FBI AGENTS THAT HAD KNOCKED ON HIS TRAILER DOOR AFTER WHICH OGLESBY BURNED BEER CANS TO DESTROY FINGERPRINTS ALSO, THE GUNS WERE LAID OUT ON A BED ALONG WITH AMMO. WHICHARD USUALLY SLEPT ON THIS BED WHILE STAYING WITH OGLESBY. SHE WAS TOLD BY OGLESBY NOT TO MOVE THE GUNS AND ADVISED TO USE ANOTHER BED. AT THIS TIME SHE NOTICED OGLESBY CARRIED A TWENTYTWO CALIBER REVOLVER IN A FRONT PANTS POCKET WHEN HE LEFT RESIDENCE. SHE BECAME MORE ALARMED AS OGLESBY AT THIS TIME TALKED FREQUENTLY OF FACT THE WHITE MUSTANG WAS IN SOUGHT AND "THEY" WERE IN TEXAS AND PEOPLE WOULD BE SURPRISED THAT A WOMAN WAS INVOLVED IN THE MURDER OF KING. ON FRIDAY FOUR NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT AFTER GETTING AWAY FROM OGLESBY SHE DISCUSSED THE ABOVE FACTS WITH MRS. LONG, HER SISTER-IN-LAW, WHO INSISTED THAT WHICHARD CONTACT THE FBI. SHE WAS AFRAID FOR HER OWN SAFETY TO REPORT FACTS TO FBI AND FELT THAT SHE WHOULD RETURN TO LITTLE ROCK. ON SATURDAY ON HER WAY TO LITTLE ROCK SHE DECIDED TO CALL THE FBI IN LITTLE ROCK AND IMMEDIATELY PLACED A CALL ABOUT ELEVEN PM ON ARRIVING AT HER RESIDENCE.

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WHICHARD ADVISED THAT SHE HAD NEVER BEEN EMOTIONALLY INVOLVED OR HAD AFFAIR WITH OGLESBY. SHE HAD MET OGLESBY THROUGH HIS SISTER WHEN WHICHARD LIVED IN LITTLE ROCK IN JANUARY NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT WITH HIS SISTER BONNIE WALKER WHO NOW RESIDES ONE FIVE ONE THREE GREGORY, JACKSONVILLE, ARKANSAS. WHICHARD EXPLAINED THAT SHE HAD NEARLY USED OGLESBY FOR A PLACE TO STAY AND FOR TRANSPORTATION IN MEMPHIS AREA. SHE EXPLAINED THAT SHE FREQUENTLY USED MEN AS SHE WAS NOT EMPLOYED.

WHICHARD ADVISED SHE HAD NO ILL FEELINGS FOR NEGROES AND DID NOT APPRECIATE OGLESBY ATTITUDE TOWARD NEGROES. THROUGH OGLESBY OFTEN MENTIONED GIRLS, SHE FELT THAT HE DOES NOT ASSOCIATE WITH GIRLS OTHER THAN HERSELF.

MEMPHIS AT MEMPHIS, TENN., WILL INTERVIEW MRS. PHYLIS LONG, POWELL AND HOME STREETS, CONCERNING OGLESBY AND CONCERNING CONVERSATION WITH WHICHARD FRIDAY FOUR NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT.

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TO DIRECTOR(44-38861), MEMPHIS(44-1987), DALLAS, JACKSONVILLE,  
KANSAS CITY, LITTLE ROCK.  
FROM PHOENIX (44-371) (9 PAGES)

MURKIN. CIVIL RIGHTS. OO MEMPHIS.

DEPUTY SHERIFF RAY STOCK, ✓ COCONINO COUNTY SHERIFF'S  
OFFICE, FLAGSTAFF, - ARIZONA, ADVISED THAT AT TWO TWENTY A.M.  
APRIL TWENTY LAST HE RECEIVED PHONE CALL FROM ANONYMOUS MALE  
WHO STATED HE HAD DONE STATE TIME WITH RAY AKA GAULT. CALLER  
ALSO SAID HE HAD DONE FEDERAL TIME AT TEXARKANA, TEXAS WITH  
ONE DAVID WILSON WHO LATER MARRIED FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA GIRL  
BY NAME OF HERNANDEZ. ✓ CALLER STATED RAY AND WILSON HAD DONE  
TIME TOGETHER AND THAT DAY OR TWO PRIOR TO ASSASSINATION OF  
KING HE, CALLER, MET WILSON ABOARD PLANE FROM PHOENIX TO  
DETROIT, MICHIGAN AT WHICH TIME WILSON HAD TICKET TO NASHVILLE,  
TENNESSEE EN ROUTE MEMPHIS. CALLER STATED HE HEARD LATER  
THAT RAY WAS IN MEMPHIS THAT TIME BUT CALLER DID NOT KNOW  
FOR SURE. CALLER INDICATED DURING CONVERSATION THAT WILSON  
WANTED TO GET EVEN WITH RAY FOR SOMETHING THAT HAPPENED IN  
PENITENTIARY. CALLER INDICATED THAT WILSON HATES "NIGGERS".

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CALLER INDICATED WILSON WAS IN FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA AT TIME OF HIS CALL. CALLER AGREED TO PHONE BACK IN THIRTY MINUTES AND TALKED TO FBI AGENT BUT NO CALL RECEIVED.

INVESTIGATION AT FLAGSTAFF DETERMINED DAVID L. WILSON, IS WHITE MALE AMERICAN, BORN WESTBURN, TENNESSEE, NOVEMBER TWO EIGHT THIRTYONE, SIX FEET THREE, ONE NINETY POUNDS, BLUE EYES, BROWN HAIR, FBI SEVEN TWO NINE TWO FOUR TWO C. WILSON EVADED ATTEMPTS TO BE CONTACTED BY FBI BUT MADE HIMSELF AVAILABLE THROUGH LIEUT. ROBERT JACKSON, FLAGSTAFF POLICE DEPARTMENT, A FRIEND. WILSON INTERVIEWED IN PRESENCE OF LIEUT. JACKSON BY-AGENT AND EMPHATICALLY DENIED ANY RECENT TRIP TO MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. HE CLAIMED EMPLOYMENT AT CONTINENTAL BODY SHOP, PHOENIX FOR APPROXIMATELY SIX MONTHS AND CHECK OF EMPLOYMENT RECORDS VERIFY HIS PRESENCE DURING PERIOD PRIOR TO AND FOLLOWING ASSASSINATION. WILSON STATED HIS WIFE HAS BEEN LIVING WITH HER SISTER AT FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA FOR PAST WEEK OR SO AND ON FRIDAY APRIL NINETEEN LAST HE RENTED CAR AT PHOENIX TO VISIT WIFE AT FLAGSTAFF.

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PRIOR TO LEAVING PHOENIX HE MET ANOTHER FORMER PRISON MATE, CLARENCE CLARK (PHONETIC) AT MAGOO'S NIGHT CLUB, PHOENIX, AND CLARK ACCOMPANIED WILSON TO FLAGSTAFF. WILSON SAID HE DROPPED CLARK ON CITY STREET IN FLAGSTAFF AND CLARK WAS BOUND FOR DENVER, COLORADO.

WILSON AGREED TO LISTEN TO TAPED PHONE CALL IN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY CALLER AND HALF WAY THROUGH CALL WILSON PANICKED AND LEFT THE ROOM REFUSING TO TALK FURTHER. LIEUT. JACKSON DROVE WILSON HOME AND ON RETURN STATED WILSON IN GREAT FEAR BLURTED THAT HE WAS FULLY INFORMED OF ASSASSINATION PLOT WHICH INVOLVED GROUP OF EXCONS ALL KNOWN TO HIM. WILSON STATED THAT VOICE ON TAPE NOT CLARK, BUT THAT OF AN EXCON FROM KANSAS CITY WHOM HE REFUSED TO IDENTIFY. WILSON SAID JACKSON WOULD KNOW CALLER'S IDENTITY BY TOMORROW, AS ONE PHONE CALL BY WILSON WOULD RESULT IN DEATH OF SQUEALER TOMORROW. WILSON ALSO TOLD JACKSON THAT RAY NOT ACTUAL KILLER. SAID RAY WAS ORIGINAL TRIGGER MAN BUT BACKED OUT DAY BEFORE AND OTHERS PINNED IT ON HIM IN VIEW OF HIS WANTED STATUS. SAID REAL KILLER STILL IN ATLANTA AND RAY PRESENTLY

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HIDING IN FAJORA (PHONETIC), MEXICO. WILSON LEFT JACKSON'S CAR IN PANIC AND STATED HEADING BACK TO PHOENIX TO MAKE PHONE CALL. WILSON DRIVING SIXTYFOUR YELLOW MERCURY COMET, ARIZONA LICENSE JXE THREE FOUR ZERO.

WILSON INTERVIEWED AT PHOENIX ON APRIL TWENTYONE INSTANT. WILSON STATED HE LAST SAW RAY LAST SUMMER AT LUPTON OR LUFTON, MISSOURI WHERE WILSON WAS ARRESTED FOR DWI AND WAS IN COUNTY JAIL FOR THREE OR FOUR WEEKS UNTIL HE COULD PAY FINE. AT TIME OF ARREST WILSON STATED HE WAS WITH GENE BRISINDINE (PHONETIC) TRUCK DRIVER FOR WILLIS SHAW, ELM SPRINGS, ARKANSAS. ON RELEASE HE WENT TO BAR ABOUT FOUR BLOCKS FROM COUNTY JAIL TO USE PHONE AND RAN INTO RAY WHO RECOGNIZED WILSON AND WHOM WILSON SAID HE HAD SEEN BEFORE ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT REMEMBER WHERE. RAY ASKED HIM IF HE WEREN'T WILSON AND HE SAID HE WAS AND RAY INDICATED THAT THEY HAD DONE TIME TOGETHER. RAY LOANED HIM FIFTY DOLLARS WHICH HE USED THE FOLLOWING DAY AFTER SPENDING THAT NIGHT IN LOCAL MOTEL FOR BUS TICKET TO FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA. WILSON QUESTIONED WHERE HE HAD SERVED TIME WITH RAY AND HE COULD

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NOT DESIGNATE THE SPECIFIC PLACE ALTHOUGH HE SAID HE KNEW HIM IN A PRISON SOMEPLACE. WILSON WAS SHOWN PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY, MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, NUMBER ZERO ZERO FOUR ONE SIX, AND RAY'S CLOSE ASSOCIATE, WALTER T. RIFE, KANSAS CITY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NUMBER TWO NINE SIX THREE SIX, TOGETHER WITH SIX OTHER PHOTOGRAPHS. WILSON INITIALLY PICKED BOTH PHOTOGRAPHS OF RIFE AND RAY AS BEING RAY AND THEN SETTLED ON PHOTO OF RIFE AS THAT OF RAY. HE WAS ALSO SHOWN COMBINATION PHOTO OF RIFE AND RAY TOGETHER AND HE CONTINUED TO IDENTIFY RIFE AS RAY. WILSON DESCRIBED RAY AS BEING FIVE FOOT SIX OR SEVEN AND HE ALSO SAID RAY WAS PROBABLY YOUNGER THAN HIS OWN THIRTYSIX YEARS, ONE SIXTY POUNDS, WITH SCAR SOMEPLACE IN THE FOREHEAD AREA WHICH HE COULD NOT SEE IN PHOTOGRAPH OF RIFE. HE STATED RAY CONTINUALLY CHANGED HIS HAIR STYLE.

AVAILABLE INFO REFLECTS WILSON WAS RECEIVED NOVEMBER TWENTYONE NINETEEN FIFTY ONE AT STATE PENITENTIARY, RAIFORD, FLORIDA FOR ESCAPE FROM COUNTY JAIL AND WAS LATER RECEIVED NOVEMBER SEVEN NINETEEN SIXTY ONE FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL

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INSTITUTE, TEXARKANA, TEXAS FOR MAIL THEFT AND FEDERAL P.V. AND WAS TRANSFERRED FROM THERE TO FCI, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA ON NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO NINETEEN SIXTY TWO. HIS LAST ARREST WAS AT SPRINGFIELD COLORADO BY THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE ON MAY TWO NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN FOR TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS. ABOVE INFORMATION IS NOT COMPLETE RECORD OF WILSON BUT RECORD DOES NOT CORRESPOND AT ANY POINT TO RECORD OF JAMES EARL RAY SO FAR AS KNOWN TO PHOENIX. WILSON DENIES ANY KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING KING'S ASSASSINATION OR ANY PLOT BY EXCONVICTS TO ASSASSINATE KING. WILSON ALSO DENIED STATING RAY ORIGINAL TRIGGER MAN AND DENIED STATING THAT THE REAL KILLER WAS STILL IN ATLANTA. WILSON CLAIMS HE DID NOT STATE RAY WAS IN ANY SPECIFIC PLACE IN MEXICO BUT HAD MERELY COMMENTED THAT IF HE WERE RAY HE WOULD BE IN MEXICO.

WILSON QUESTIONED ABOUT IDENTITY OF ANONYMOUS CALLER. HE INDICATED BY ATTITUDE HE HAD IDEA OF CALLER'S IDENTITY BUT STEADFASTLY REFUSED TO REVEAL SAME TO INTERVIEWING AGENTS. INTERROGATION INDICATED CALLER POSSIBLY IDENTICAL TO

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CLARENCE CLARK WHO WILSON STATED HE SERVED TIME WITH AT  
RAIFORD, FLORIDA. WILSON DESCRIBED CLARK AS WMA, IN HIS  
FORTIES, SMALL THIN BUILD, FIVE FEET ONE OR TWO INCHES,  
ONE THIRTY FIVE TO ONE FORTY POUNDS, GRAY HAIR.

PHOENIX CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF THERE  
IS ANY SUBSTANCE TO INFORMATION FURNISHED BY CALLER AND  
STATEMENTS MADE BY WILSON TO LIEUT. JACKSON.

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION WILL FURNISH ALL RECEIVING  
OFFICES COMPLETE IDENTIFICATION RECORDS OF JAMES EARL RAY  
FBI THREE ZERO SIX FOUR FOUR THREE A, AND DAVID L. WILSON,  
FBI NUMBER SEVEN NINE TWO TWO FOUR TWO C. IDENT DIVISION  
ALSO REQUESTED TO SEARCH RECORDS ON BASIS OF NAME AND  
DESCRIPTION HEREIN FOR IDENTIFICATION RECORD ON ONE  
CLARENCE CLARK WHO WOULD HAVE SERVED PRISON TERM AT RAIFORD,  
FLORIDA DURING PERIOD OF WILSON'S INCARCERATION THERE AND  
IF SUCH RECORD FOUND FURNISH SAME TO RECEIVING OFFICES.


JACKSONVILLE DIVISION CONTACT STATE PENITENTIARY, RAIFORD,  
FLORIDA AND ATTEMPT TO IDENTITY CLARENCE CLARK  
DESCRIBED ABOVE AND DETERMINE IF HE SERVED TIME WITH WILSON.  
IF IDENTIFIED, FURNISH IDENT DIVISION WITH

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APPROPRIATE NUMBERS WITH REQUEST THAT ALL RECEIVING OFFICES BE FURNISHED IDENT RECORD. ALSO FURNISH DETAILS OF WILSON'S INCARCERATION AT RAIFORD.

DALLAS DIVISION AT TEXARKANA WILL ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY CLARENCE CLARK (PHONETIC) DESCRIBED ABOVE AS INMATE OF THAT INSTITUTION APPARENTLY DURING NINETEEN SIXTYONE AND SIXTYTWO AND IF IDENTIFIED WILL REQUEST IDENTIFICATION DIVISION FURNISH COMPLETE ARREST RECORD TO RECEIVING OFFICES. DALLAS WILL ALSO SET OUT ANY NECESSARY LEADS TO LOCATE CLARK FOR INTERVIEW.

MEMPHIS ADVISE IF THERE IS ANY INDICATION OF CONSPIRACY OF EXCONS AS MENTIONED BY WILSON TO LIEUT. JACKSON. 

KANSAS CITY WILL CONDUCT INVESTIGATION THROUGH GENERAL AVAILABLE SOURCES IN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY CLARENCE CLARK, PHONETIC, WHO IS BELIEVED TO POSSIBLY BE THE ANONYMOUS CALLER SINCE WILSON ALLEGEDLY TOLD LIEUT. JACKSON THE CALLER WAS FROM KANSAS CITY. NO LEAD BEING SET FOR KANSAS CITY RE LUFTON SINCE NOT LISTED IN POSTAL GUIDE. KANSAS CITY SHOULD UPON RECEIPT OF IDENTI RECORD OF WILSON ATTEMPT TO

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VERIFY PLACE WHERE HE STATES HE WAS INCARCERATED DURING SUMMER OF SIXTY SEVEN FOR DWI AND WHERE HE MET RAY UPON HIS RELEASE.

LITTLE ROCK AT ELM SPRINGS, ARKANSAS WILL THROUGH  
WILLIS SHAW LOCATE GENE BRISINDINE AND INTERVIEW BRISINDINE  
CONCERNING ALLEGED ARREST AND INCARCERATION OF WILSON DURING  
SUMMER OF SIXTY SEVEN WITH PARTICULAR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING  
LOCATION OF THE OCCURRENCE SINCE THERE IS NO LUFTON, MISSOURI  
IN POSTAL GUIDE.

AIRMAIL COPIES SENT TO SALT LAKE CITY AND DENVER IN  
VIEW OF PROSPECTIVE LEADS.

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919PM URGENT 4-21-68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN - CR 00:ME SUMMARY

RE SL PHONE CALLS TO BU AND BU CALLS TO SL APRIL TWENTY AND TWENTY ONE AND SL TEL APRIL TWENTY ONE.

ON APRIL TWENTY, SGT. ED. SCHAFF, SLPD (CONFIDENTIAL) ADVISED OF RECEIPT OF INFO FROM ATTORNEY HE DECLINED TO NAME, THAT JAMES DAVID DAILEY, FBI NUMBER FOUR NINE NIE THREE ONE FIVE ZERO, HAD HARBORED SUBJECT RAY BRIEFLY FOLLOWING MO. PEN ESCAPE, AND THAT IF RAY NOW IN MO., HE WOULD PROBABLY BE ON FARM, OWNED BY DAILEY NEAR PORTAGEVILLE, OR WARDELL MO. DAILEY NOW OPERATES RESTURANT PORTAGEVILLE.

DAILEY INTERVIEWED APRIL TWENTY DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF OR CONTACT WITH RAY.

SUBSEQUENT SPOT CHECKS OF DAILEYS RESTURANT AND RESIDENCE NEGATIVE.

AVAILABLE RECORDS AND NEIGHBORHOOD FIFTEEN MILE RADIUS OF WARDELL, MO., UNPRODUCTIVE AS TO LOCATION OF FARM.

CONTACT WITH ALL KNOWN DAILEY RELATIVES THAT AREA, ACQUANTANCES, SOURCES AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES NEGATIVE AS TO FARM.

DAILEY REINTERVIEWED THIS DATE. COOPERATIVE.

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UNABLE TO IDENTIFY RAY AS ANY PERSON HE HAS EVER KNOWN OR SEEN. VOLUNTEERED ONLY ESCAPEE HE EVER HELPED WAS THOMAS B. CREWS, CHILDHOOD FRIEND WHOM HE GAVE ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS, AFTER TRYING TO CONVINCE HIM TO GIVE SELF UP. CREWS LATER APPREHENDED SL.

DAILEY SAID A SL BONDSMAN, HOMER TOWENSLEY, FORMER SL TAVERN OPERATOR WAS AWARE OF HIS HARBORING CREWS. HE STRONGLY SUSPECTS TOWENSLEY AS SLPD INFORMANT AND BELIEVES HIM SOURCE OF ALLEGATION RE HARBORING RAY, DUE TO BAD BLOOD BETWEEN THEM RESULTING FROM BROKEN TAVERN WINDOWS AND BEATING OF DAILEY BY ONE JUNIOR CONWAY SMALL TIME HOODLUM AT INSTIGATION OF TOWNELSY, WHICH CAUSED DAILEY TO LATER SHOOT CONWAY, CAUSING HIS PRESENT PARALYSIS.

DAILEY EMPHASIZED HE NEVER OWNED, RENTED, OPERATED, HAD ACCESS TO OR OTHERWISE UTILIZED ANY FARM. WAS UNABLE TO IMAGINE ANY SITUATION IN WHICH RAY WOULD CONTACT HIM, BUT STATED HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT FBI IN EVENT OF ANY CONTACT BY OR RECEIPT OF INFO RE RAY.

SL CURRENTLY ATTEMPTING TO VERIFY DAILEYS STORY.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO: SAC, SACRAMENTO

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA

MURKIN.

RE SACRAMENTO TELETYPE, APRIL NINETEEN LAST.

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TO: DIRECTOR, (MAIL) (44-28861)  
BOSTON (157-644)

FROM: JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

MURKIN.

RE BOSTON TEL, APRIL NINETEEN, LAST.

RE SUSPECT BRUCE COCHRAN.

FURTHER INVESTIGATION, GREEN COVES SPRINGS, FLORIDA, INCLUDING PUBLIC SOURCES, INDIVIDUALS FAMILIAR WITH MOST RESIDENTS IN COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD, ROUTE TWO, GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FAILED TO LOCATE ANYONE KNOWING SUSPECT.

POSTMASTER (PROTECT IDENTITY), LOCATED CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR COCHRAN DATED APRIL THIRTEEN, LAST, TO GENERAL DELIVERY, RAYMOND, NEW HAMPSHIRE.

BOSTON ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY COCHRAN. MEMPHIS ADVISED AM.

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FROM: SAC, BUTTE (173-2)

MURKIN.

APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST, ALFRED WAGAR, GREYCLIFF, MONTANA, ADVISED EVENING, APRIL EIGHT LAST, INDIVIDUAL ANSWERING GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF ERIC STARVO GALT IN GREYCLIFF DRIVING OLDER MODEL CAR, TEXAS LICENSE LCN FOUR ZERO ONE. INDIVIDUAL DRANK BEER AND STRAIGHT SHOTS OF VODKA. WAGAR STATED ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF GALT SOMEWHAT RESEMBLED THIS INDIVIDUAL.

SAN ANTONIO DETERMINE REGISTERED OWNER ABOVE LICENSE. CHECK DRIVER'S LICENSE TO DETERMINE IF POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH GALT.

AIRMAIL COPY MEMPHIS.

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(Priority)TO: SAC, OMAHA  
FROM: SAC, DENVER (157-203)

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS

CHARLES RUTHER, MANAGER, ROCKLAND HOTEL, ONE FOUR THREE FIVE TREMONT, DENVER, COLORADO, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THIS DATE THAT A TENANT, WHO CHECKED INTO HIS HOTEL ON APRIL TENTH LAST AND CHECKED OUT ON APRIL ELEVENTH LAST, LOOKED EXACTLY LIKE THE PHOTOGRAPH OF ERIC GALT. THIS INDIVIDUAL GAVE HIS NAME AS SAM MASEY AND ADDRESS AS TWENTY EIGHT HARMEY, OMAHA, NEBRASKA.

RUTHER DESCRIBED HIM AS WHITE, MALE, FIVE FOOT NINE INCHES, ONE SIXTY TO ONE SIXTY-FIVE POUNDS, DARK HAIR. MASEY MENTIONED TO RUTHER THAT HE HAD DONE SOME BARTENDING AND HAD JUST COME FROM TENNESSEE.

OMAHA AT OMAHA, NEBRASKA, CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION.

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TELETYPE URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)  
FROM COLUMBIA (44-299)

MURKIN

RE COLUMBIA TEL APRIL NINETEEN LAST AND ATLANTA TEL APRIL  
TWENTY INSTANT RELATIVE TO ALLEGED <sup>INFORMATION</sup> CAPTIONED MATTER IN POSSESSION  
GEORGE WILBURN STRENGTH.

IN ADDITION TO UNRELIABILITY OF STRENGTH REFLECTED  
REFERENCED TELETYPES, STRENGTH'S WIFE HAS ADVISED KNOXVILLE  
AGENTS THAT STRENGTH BIGGEST LIAR IN WORLD AND IN PAST HAS  
TALKED HIMSELF OUT OF SITUATIONS AND THEN LAUGHED AT LAW ENFORCE-  
MENT OFFICERS. WIFE STATED IN HER OPINION STRENGTH HAS ABSOLUTELY  
NO INFORMATION CONCERNING MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING BUT WILL  
TELL CONVINCING STORIES TO FBI AND THEN LAUGH ABOUT IT.

STRENGTH'S ATTORNEY, JOHN GOODIN, JOHNSON CITY, TENNESSEE,  
CONFIDENTIALLY ADVISED AGENTS KNOXVILLE OFFICE THAT IN HIS OPINION  
STRENGTH IS COMPLETELY UNRELIABLE AND AN EXPERT CON MAN.

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① - Memphis Airmail  
1 - Columbia

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IN VIEW OF ABOVE, NO FURTHER EFFORTS BEING MADE TO ELICIT  
INFORMATION FROM STRENGTH RE CAPTIONED MATTER.

AIRMAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: COLUMBIA (44-299)  
ATLANTA (26-39798)

FROM: KNOXVILLE (44-696)

MURKIN, CR

REURTEL APRIL NINETEEN LAST.

SUBJECT GEORGE WILBURN STRENGTH'S WIFE ADVISED

SUBJECT BIGGEST LIAR IN WORLD AND IN PAST HAS TALKED HIMSELF  
OUT OF SITUATIONS AND THEN LAUGHED AT THE LAW ENFORCEMENT  
OFFICERS. SHE STATED THAT IN HER OPINION SUBJECT HAS  
ABSOLUTELY NO INFORMATION CONCERNING ASSASSINATION OF  
MARTIN LUTHER KING BUT WILL TELL CONVINCING STORY TO FBI  
AND THEN LAUGH ABOUT IT.

SUBJECT STRENGTH'S ATTORNEY, JOHN GOODIN, JOHNSON  
CITY, TENNESSEE, STATED CONFIDENTIALLY THAT IN HIS OPINION  
THE SUBJECT IS COMPLETELY UNRELIABLE AND AN EXPERT CON MAN.

KNOXVILLE INDICES NEGATIVE RE JERRY HARRISON OR  
JERRY RAY HARRISON.

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KNOXVILLE INDICES CONTAIN NUMEROUS REFERENCES  
FOR JOHN HARRISON AND FNU LEONARD. BASED ON INFORMATION  
FURNISHED BY COLUMBIA, UNABLE TO IDENTIFY IF POSSIBLY LEONARD  
IDENTICAL TO INDIVIDUAL MENTIONED BY SUBJECT.

KNOXVILLE FILE CONTAINS CAUTION STATEMENT FOR  
SUBJECT FURNISHED BY ATLANTA AS "ARMED AND DANGEROUS,  
UNDER PSYCHIATRIC CARE.

ATLANTA WILL ADVISE COLUMBIA BASIS FOR CAUTION  
STATEMENT RE PSYCHIATRIC CARE.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO PHILADELPHIA

FROM NEWARK (44-854)

MURKIN

INSTANT DATE, JOHN STENCEL, TWO SIX SEVEN MICHIGAN  
 AVE., PATERSON, N.J., AT APPROXIMATELY FIVE FIFTEEN PM,  
 OBSERVED NINETEEN SIXTY<sup>of</sup> SIXTY TWO RED CORVAIR, PENNA.  
 LICENSE OB FOUR ZERO FIVE SIX, PROCEEDING SOUTH ON ROUTE  
 TWO ZERO TOWARD NEWARK, N.J. THEY APPROACHED A TRAFFIC  
 LIGHT AND THE INDIVIDUAL DRIVING CAPTIONED VEHICLE RESEMBLED  
 SUSPECT IN ABOVE CAPTIONED CASE.

PHILADELPHIA, AT DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES, HARRISBURG,  
 PA., ASCERTAIN TO WHOM PENNA. LICENSE ISSUED, TYPE OF  
 AUTO AND IMMEDIATELY INTERVIEW REGARDING WHETHER VEHICLE  
 STOLEN. SUTEL ~~RESULTS NEWARK~~.

MAIL COPIES TO BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS AND ATLANTA.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)  
MURKIN, OO: MEMPHIS

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO SAN FRANCISCO THREE TWENTY SIX SIXTY-EIGHT.

JACK A. WIGHOLM, INSURED DRIVEAWAY SYSTEM INC. SAN LEANDRO, CALIFORNIA PROVIDED COPY OF DRIVER APPLICATION, NUMBER A ONE SEVEN ZERO ZERO SEVEN, FOR INSURED DRIVEAWAY DATED AUGUST EIGHT SIXTY-SIX PERTAINING TO JAMES W. WRAY (NOT JAMES EARL WRAY). ORIGINAL APPLICATION FILED WITH AGENT, LUCY M. BARRON EIGHT TWO SIX EIGHT FOURTY STREET N. PINELLAS PARK, FLORIDA. APPLICATION SHOWS WRAY RESIDES AT EIGHT TWO SIX EIGHT FOURTY STREET N. PINELLAS PARK, FLORIDA. OCCUPATION LISTED AS SALEMAN AND DRIVER. FORMERLY EMPLOYED WITH INSURED TRANSPORTERS, PINELLAS PARK, FLORIDA FOR THREE YEARS. PERSONELL REFERENCES INCLUDE RALPH KELLY, LAKEWOOD, CALIF., LUCY BARRON, PINELLAS PARK, ~~FLORIDA~~, TOM FINNEY, EIGHT SIX AVENUE, PINELLAS PARK, FLORIDA, AND RELATIVES LISTED AS CHARLES WRAY, BROTHER, FIVE SEVEN TWO ZERO AUTRY AVENUE, LAKEWOOD, CALIF. WRAY LISTED DRIVER LICENSE NUMBER F FIVE EIGHT SIX ONE ONE D (PROBABLY FLORIDA), ISSUED OCTOMBER SIX SIXTY FIVE. DESCRIPTION SHOWS DOB [REDACTED] FIVE NINE, ONE SEVEN ZERO, BLOND

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HAIR, BLUE EYES, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED]  
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WIGHOLM STATES ORIGINAL APPLICATION WITH FINGERPRINTS ON BOTTOM LOCATED WITH LUCY M. BARRON, PINELLAS PARK, FLORIDA. HE NOTED THAT WRAY HAS WORKED FOR W.G. CAMERON, AGENT, ONE TWO FIVE SEVEN ONE GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD, GARDEN GROVE, CALIF., AND M. L. HALBERT, AGENT, ONE ZERO FOUR THREE N. E. NINE FIVE STREET, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON. HOWEVER DATES OF EMPLOYMENT UNKNOWN SINCE DRIVERS ARE HIRED BY AGENT AS A "CASUAL" AND PAID DIRECTLY BY THE AGENT. AUTO ACCIDENT REPORT DATED SIX FOURTEEN SIXTY-SEVEN WHILE EMPLOYED BY CARMON AT GARDEN GROVE, CALIF. SHOWS THAT JAMES WILLARD WRAY LISTED HOME ADDRESS AS EIGHT TWO SIXTY-EIGHT FOURTY STREET N, PINELLAS PARK, FLORIDA AND HAD CALIF. LICENSE NUMBER F SIX ZERO ZERO TWO TWO SIX. WIGHOLM STATES THAT BARRON KNOWS ALL BACKGROUND INFO AND KNOWS WHEREABOUTS OF WRAY.

WRAY APPARENTLY NOT IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT THEREFORE NO LEADS BEING SET OUT FOR TAMPA TO OBTAIN FINGERPRINTS OR CONDUCT ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS AND TAMPA, INFO.

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TO: SAC EL PASO  
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

MURKIN

RE ERIC STARVO GALT. RE SACRAMENTO TEL APRIL NINETEEN LAST.  
RUTH ROEBUCK, OLTON, TEXAS, ADVISED TODAY SHE WAS IN EL PASO  
APRIL FOURTEEN LAST, <sup>AT</sup> CONTINENTAL AIRLINES DESK AT ABOUT TEN THIRTY  
AM, WHEN SHE OBSERVED A PERSON SHE BELIEVED RESEMBLED COMPOSITE  
DRAWING OF SUBJ OF THIS CASE WHICH HAD APPEARED IN LOCAL NEWSPAPER.  
THE PERSON SHE SAW WAS AT THE TIME TALKING WITH ELDERLY WOMAN.  
MRS. ROEBUCK STATED SHE SAW A PHOTO OF ERIC STARVO GALT IN  
NEWSPAPER ON APRIL NINETEEN LAST AND THE PERSON SHE SAW DOES  
NOT RESEMBLE THIS MAN.

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TO: CINCINNATI (157-1893), LOS ANGELES (44-15714),  
CC BUREAU (MAIL) (44-38861), CC MEMPHIS (MAIL).  
FROM: SAN FRANCISCO (173-65).

JAMES EARL RAY, AKA. FUGITIVE.

MURKIN, CR; UFAC - ARMED ROBBERY, OO: MEMPHIS.

RE CINCINNATI TEL APRIL TWENTY INSTANT.

JAMES SHIRL SELLERS, ONE EIGHTY BUCKINGHAM AVENUE, APART-  
MENT TWENTY SEVEN REDWOOD CITY, CALIFORNIA ADVISED  
BROTHER, BILLIE RAY SELLERS, FLEW TO GARDENA, CALIFORNIA  
FROM FAIRBORN, OHIO IN OCTOBER NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN. A  
JOHN WILLARD CAME WITH HIM. ALL THREE RESIDED GARDENA  
MOTEL, GARDENA FOR ONE WEEK WHILE JAMES FINISHED HIS JOB  
AND AS JAMES' PRIOR RESIDENCE NOT LARGE ENOUGH. ON OCTOBER  
FOURTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN JAMES AND BILLIE WENT TO  
REDWOOD CITY. WILLARD STAYED IN GARDENA POSSIBLY GOING TO  
LOS ANGELES AND HASN'T SEEN OR HEARD FROM HIM SINCE.  
DESCRIBED WILLARD AS WHITE MALE, AGE NINETEEN TO TWENTY ONE,  
FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, OVER TWO HUNDRED POUNDS, HAIR DARK  
BROWN TO BLACK, BUTCH CUT. BELIEVES BROTHER BILLIE, EITHER  
WENT TO SCHOOL WITH WILLARD OR THEY MIGHT HAVE WORKED  
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TOGETHER AT WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, OHIO, BILLIE RAY SELLERS  
PRESENTLY C/O PARENTS AT FIFTEEN EIGHTY MONTGOMERY,  
FAIRBORN, OHIO. JAMES SAID WILLARD POSITIVELY NOT IDENTICAL  
TO SUBJECT.

CINCINNATI AT FAIRBORN, OHIO. INTERVIEW BILLIE RAY  
SELLERS AND/OR HIS PARENTS TO DETERMINE IF JOHN WILLARD  
IDENTICAL TO SUBJECT, FUGITIVE.

BUREAU, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM AND KANSAS CITY, SHOULD  
BE ADVISED OF ANY POSITIVE INFORMATION.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END.

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TO: DIRECTOR  
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FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) P  
MURKIN.

IN CONNECTION WITH IDENTIFICATION JAMES EARL RAY AS SUBJECT INSTANT MATTER, THE SOURCE OF HIS FUNDS BECOMES OF PARAMOUNT INTEREST. PAST BACKGROUND OF RAY IS WELL KNOWN TO OFFICES RECEIVING THIS TELETYPE. EACH OFFICE SHOULD REVIEW ITS UNSUB BANK ROBBERY AND BANK BURGLARY MATTERS AND WHERE LATENTS WERE RECOVERED SHOULD IDENTIFY THE CASE IN QUESTION AND REQUEST BUREAU SEARCH THESE LATENTS AGAINST THE LATENTS RECOVERED IN MURKIN CASE.

POSSIBILITY ALSO EXISTS THAT RAY MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN BURGLARY OR ROBBERY NOT WITHIN FBI JURISDICTION AND MAY BE MATTER OF INTEREST TO LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS. RECEIVING OFFICES SHOULD CONTACT MAJOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WITHIN THEIR DIVISIONS AND DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT ANY ARMED ROBBERIES OR BURGLARIES PERPETRATED IN WHICH LATENTS RECOVERED OR IN WHICH UNSUB MAY FIT GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT RAY.

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Via TELETYPE URGENT  
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TO: DIRECTOR AND PHOENIX (44-371)

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN.

RE PHOENIX TEL EIGHT FORTYEIGHT P.M., APRIL TWENTYONE  
PAST.

TO DATE MEMPHIS OFFICE HAS RECEIVED NO INDICATION OF  
CONSPIRACY OF EX-CONS AS MENTIONED BY WILSON TO LT. JACKSON.  
DL, JK, KC, AND LR ADVISED BY MAIL.

A & D.

P.

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RGJ:BN

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- CC: (AIR MAIL) 1 - DALLAS
- 1 - JACKSONVILLE
- 1 - KANSAS CITY
- 1 - LITTLE ROCK

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TO: KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS (44-1987), NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)  
AND LOS ANGELES.

FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (100-427)

MURKIN

RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE TO LOS ANGELES AND SACRAMENTO,  
APRIL NINETEEN LAST.

RE SCOTT NORDAL (LOOK ALIKE). THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION  
NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL THIS DATE:

DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES RECORDS, SACRAMENTO, CONTAINED  
NO RECORD OF A DRIVERS LICENSE FOR SCOTT NORDAL. THE CALIFORNIA  
DRIVERS LICENSE NUMBER G TWO THREE FOUR SEVEN THREE TWO ONE  
NON-EXISTENT. THE NUMBER G TWO THREE FOUR SEVEN THREE TWO  
CHECKED AND ALSO FOUND TO BE NON-EXISTENT.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND PHILADELPHIA  
FROM ATLANTA 44-2336 1P

MURKIN

MISS DORA MC DONALD, SECRETARY TO DECEASED MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., ADVISED APR. TWENTYTWO, SIXTYEIGHT, SHE RECEIVED PHONE CAL FROM MRS. MARY ALICE JONES, TWO THREE FOUR ZERO NORTH TENTH ST., PHILADELPHIA, PA., TELEPHONE P O THREE NINE FIVE FIVE ZERO, WHO CLAIMS SHE KNOWS WHO KILLED DR. KING. JONES INSISTED UPON SPEAKING TO MRS. KING, WHICH WAS DENIED. JONES THEN STATED SAME PEOPLE WHO KILLED KING WILL ALSO KILL MRS. KING IF SHE GOES TO PHILADELPHIA AND FOR THIS REASON MRS. KING SHOULD NOT GO TO PHILADELPHIA.

PHILADELPHIA INTERVIEW MARY ALICE JONES.

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THIS IS RELAY MESSAGE FROM WASH

THIS IS FBI DETROIT CALLING

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TO ALL SACS RELAY MESSAGE PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN

YOU ARE REMINDED THAT ALL LEADS IN THIS CASE MUST BE COVERED WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS, AND ALL LEADS MUST BE SET FORTH BY TELEPHONE OR TELETYPE. ALL BORDER OFFICES COVERING ENTRY INTO MEXICO AND CANADA AND EXIT THEREFROM SHOULD INSURE THAT APPROPRIATE STOPS ARE MAINTAINED RE SUBJECT AND ALL NAMES KNOWN TO BE USED BY HIM AT RESPECTIVE OFFICES OF U. S. IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PATROL. YOU SHOULD ALSO INSURE THAT PREVIOUS STOPS PLACED WITH ANY FACILITY SHOULD INCLUDE ALL NAMES USED BY THE SUBJECT.

DISTRIBUTE SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES OF WANTED FLYERS AND IO'S TO NARCOTIC INVESTIGATIVE AGENCIES IN ORDER THAT THEIR INFORMANTS MAY BE CONTACTED. YOU SHOULD CONTACT ALL CRIMINAL INFORMANTS AND APPROPRIATE RACIAL AND SECURITY INFORMANTS. LEGATS OTTAWA AND MEXICO CITY BEING ADVISED SEPARATELY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO DIRECTOR, MIAMI AND MEMPHIS

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 1 P

MURKIN

RE: FOREIGN BOUND AIRLINE PASSENGERS FROM ATLANTA, GA.  
APR. FIVE AND SIX, LAST.

OFFICIALS, EASTERN AIRLINES, ATLANTA, ADVISED RESERVATION INFO RE PASSENGERS BOARDING ATLANTA ON FLIGHTS NINE FIVE FIVE AND THREE TWO ZERO, APR. FIVE, LAST, AND FLIGHT NINE ONE FIVE, APR. SIX LAST, HAVE BEEN FORWARDED TO MIAMI AND WILL ARRIVE TODAY OR TOMORROW. EASTERN CALLED MRS. RICHTER, EASTERN AIRLINES, ONE TWO FIVE EIGHT FIVE NE SEVENTH AVE., MIAMI, WHO WILL PULL DATA RE THESE PASSENGERS AND HAVE IT AVAILABLE.

MIAMI REVIEW RESERVATION INFO FOR DATE OF RESERVATION, PHONE NUMBER AND/OR ADDRESS WHERE PASSENGERS CAN BE REACHED AT ATLANTA AND APPROPRIATE CITIES AND SUTEL DATA IN ORDER THESE PASSENGERS MAY BE ELIMINATED. P

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TO: JACKSONVILLE  
FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) (1P)

MURKIN; CR. OO ME

INSPECTOR N. E. ZACHARY, MEMPHIS PD, HAS RECEIVED  
INFO FROM CITIZEN WHO DESIRES NAME BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL  
TO THE EFFECT THAT SUBJECT RAY IS RESIDING WITH ONE DON  
MADDOX (PH) AT CRYSTAL RIVER, FLA. INFORMANT STATES MADDOX  
HAS PO BOX BUT IS UNABLE TO FURNISH BOX NUMBER.

JACKSONVILLE LOCATE MADDOX AND ATTEMPT APPREHEND SUBJECT.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P. END.

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NANETTE ELLIOTT  
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13051 GILBERT ST  
GARDEN CITY, CALIF

MURKIN.

GLORIA GAY, COMPLAINTANT, ADVISED APRIL TWENTY TWO INSTANT  
MAN RESEMBLING "GALT" OBSERVED IN LOS ANGELES DRIVING  
NINETEEN SIXTY FOUR OR SIXTY FIVE PONTIAC OR OLDSMOBILE  
BEARING TENNESSEE LICENSE AI NINE SIX NINE ZERO, NINE A.M.  
APRIL TWENTY TWO INSTANT.

MEMPHIS DETERMINE REGISTRATION OF AUTOMOBILE AND  
IDENTITY OF PERSON OPERATING VEHICLE IN CALIFORNIA. ADVISE  
IF LOS ANGELES LOCATION KNOWN SO LOS ANGELES CAN RESOLVE  
IDENTITY.

END

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FBI MIAMI

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, JACKSONVILLE 44-769, MEMPHIS 44-1987 AND  
BIRMINGHAM 44-1740  
FROM MIAMI 44-1854 2 P

*INDEX  
HARRY L. WILLIAMS*

MURKIN.

RE CHARLOTTE TEL TO JACKSONVILLE, APRIL EIGHTEEN, LAST, AND  
JACKSONVILLE TEL TO BUREAU, APRIL NINETEEN, INSTANT.

RE NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE AND FIFTY SIX DODGE BEARING FLA. LICENSE  
PREFIX NUMBER TEN W- OBSERVED BY HIGHWAY PATROL NEWTON, N. C.

BROWARD COUNTY TAG AGENCY, FT. LAUDERDALE, FLA., ADVISES THAT  
SINCE THEY ARE NOT COMPUTERIZED, IT WOULD REQUIRE PHYSICALLY PULLING  
AND OBSERVING SOME ONE HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND REGISTRATION CARDS  
IN ORDER TO SEGREGATE FIFTYFIVE AND FIFTYSIX DODGE AUTOMOBILES  
REGISTERED IN BROWARD CO., FLA. INDICATES THAT THIS WOULD BE AN  
UNBELIEVABLY PREPOSTEROUS TASK, SINCE THESE RECORDS WOULD BE LOCATED  
IN FIVE DIFFERENT AGENCIES. INDICATIONS ARE THAT SINCE THE STATE  
AUTOMOBILE REGISTRATION BUREAU IN TALLAHASSEE IS COMPUTERIZED,  
POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT THIS STATE AGENCY COULD POSSIBLY OBTAIN A READ  
OUT OF SUCH AUTOMOBILES FOR THE ENTIRE STATE, AND THAT THE TEN W-  
CARS COULD THEN BE OBTAINED FROM THIS READ OUT.

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AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, THE NAME GALT AND ALIASES, NEGATIVE BROWARD COUNTY RELATIVE TO AUTOMOBILE REGISTRATION AS WELL AS DRIVER'S LICENSE.

JACKSONVILLE AT TALLAHASSEE, FLA., IS REQUESTED TO ASCERTAIN IF SUCH A READ OUT CAN BE OBTAINED.

THE BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM ARE REQUESTED TO REVIEW CONTENTS OF REFERENCED TELETYPES, NOTING THAT ALTHOUGH THE HIGHWAY PATROLMAN STATES HE RECOGNIZES GALT FROM HAVING OBSERVED HIM TEN DAYS AGO, HE SETS FORTH A SERIES OF PHYSICAL FEATURES, ETC., WHICH CERTAINLY WOULD NOT LOGICALLY ENABLE HIM TO MAKE THE POSITIVE STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO HIM.

IN THE EVENT THAT JACKSONVILLE CANNOT OBTAIN A READ OUT IT IS REQUESTED THAT THIS LEAD BE EVALUATED BY THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN AND THE BUREAU, AND MIAMI ADVISED IF A PHYSICAL REVIEW OF TAG AGENCY RECORDS IN FT. LAUDERDALE SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI BIRMGHAM

600 PM 4-22-68 URGENT GDM

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND MIAMI  
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

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RE MIAMI TEL APRIL TWENTYTWO, INSTANT.

TALMADGE NORRIS, ROUTE FOUR, GADSDEN, ALABAMA, ADVISED  
PURCHASED ONE NINE SIX EIGHT ALABAMA LICENSE THREE ONE - TWO NINE  
ONE EIGHT EIGHT FOR WIFE'S BROTHER, JAMES BRASELTON, IN NOVEMBER,  
SIXTYSEVEN, AT WHICH TIME BRASELTON RESIDED WITH NORRIS. LICENSE  
PLATE FOR A ONE NINE FIVE NINE BLUE RAMBLER. BRASELTON LEFT  
GADSDEN DURING DECEMBER, SIXTYSEVEN, STATING HE WAS GOING TO TEXAS  
BUT PLACE IN TEXAS UNKNOWN TO NORRIS, AND HAS NOT HEARD FROM  
BRASELTON SINCE HE LEFT. BRASELTON HAS NO REGULAR TRADE BUT TAKES  
ODD JOBS AROUND FILLING STATIONS AND LABORER'S WORK. NORRIS STATES  
BRASELTON HAS TWO BROTHERS NAMED MURPHY AND PETER BRASELTON WHO  
RESIDE ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS, BUT ADDRESSES AND TYPE OF WORK THEY  
FOLLOW UNKNOWN TO HIM. MABLE BRASELTON, WIFE OF MURPHY BRASELTON,  
WORKS IN HOSPITAL IN ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS, NAME UNKNOWN TO NORRIS.  
NORRIS DESCRIBES JAMES BRASELTON AS WHITE MALE, AGE THIRTYFIVE,  
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FIVE FEET NINE INCHES, ONE SEVEN ZERO LBS., LIGHT BROWN HAIR AND  
BROWN EYES. NORRIS ADVISED IF HE HEARS FROM BRASELTON HE WILL  
ADVISE.

END HOLD

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6:34PM URGENT 4-22-68 SMS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA (44-2386), BIRMINGHAM (44-1740),  
CHICAGO (44-1114) AND MEMPHIS (44-2987)  
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN.

JAMES EARL RAY IS KNOWN TO HAVE FREQUENTED LAUNDRY AND  
DRY CLEANERS OFFERING LAUNDRY SERVICE WHILE IN LOS ANGELES.  
HE MAY STILL HAVE IN HIS POSSESSION SHEETS, PILLOW CASE,  
UNDERWEAR AND SHIRTS BEARING FOLLOWING LAUNDRY MARKINGS FOR  
FLATWEAR LAUNDRY - <sup>0 2 B - 6</sup> ZERO TWO B DASH SIX ON RED THERMO SEAL TAPE.  
<sup>2 0 L - 8</sup> TWO ZERO L DASH EIGHT ON WHITE OR PURPLE THERMO SEAL TAPE.  
<sup>2 0 R - 3</sup> TWO ZERO R DASH THREE ON WHITE THERMO SEAL TAPE. SHIRT LAUNDRY  
MARKS ISSUED TO RAY WERE GAL AND GALT PRINTED IN INK AND TWO  
<sup>0 F - 7</sup> ZERO F DASH SEVEN ON RED THERMO SEAL TAPE.

LOU RUFFOLO, LOS ANGELES REPRESENTATIVE, AMERICAN TRADE  
MAGAZINES, ENCINO, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED AMERICAN LAUNDRY DIGEST  
AND AMERICAN DRY CLEANER DIGEST DESTRIIBUTED TO ALMOST EVERY  
LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANER IN UNITED STATES AND CANADA. ATM  
HEADQUARTERS AT FIVE ZERO ZERO NORTH DEARBORN STREET, CHICAGO.  
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RUFFOLO SUGGESTED CONTACT WITH DON MARTIN, ATM, CONCERNING PUBLICATION IN ATM PUBLICATIONS OF INFORMATION RE JAMES EARL RAY AND LAUNDRY MARKS CONNECTED WITH HIM.

IT IS SUGGESTED BUREAU MAY DESIRE TO HAVE CHICAGO CONTACT ATM AND HAVE CIRCULARIZATION MADE THROUGH ITS MAGAZINE OR UTILIZE ITS MAILING LISTS. IT IS FELT RAY WILL STILL HAVE THE SIX SHIRTS HE HAD LAUNDERED AND MARKED WHILE IN LOS ANGELES. MEMPHIS AND OTHER OFFICES MAY DESIRE TO OFFER COMMENT RE THIS SUGGESTION.

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TO: DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM  
FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN.

MR. EARL SMITH, APPLIANCE DEPT., WESTERN AUTO STORE, NASHVILLE, TENN., TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED NASHVILLE RA ON APRIL ELEVEN, SIXTYEIGHT, AND REQUESTED HE BE INTERVIEWED RE INFORMATION HE HAD CONCERNING MURDER OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

SMITH INTERVIEWED ON SAME DATE AND FURNISHED FOLLOWING INFORMATION: SMITH CLAIMED HE WAS FORMERLY AIRMAN FIRST CLASS, AFSN [REDACTED] STATED WAS IN AIR FORCE SIX YEARS AND HAD DUTY AT SEYMORE JOHNSON SAC AIR FORCE BASE AND HIS JOB WAS EXPLOSIVES ORDNANCE DISPOSAL TECHNICIAN. SAID IN AUGUST, SIXTYSIX, HE WAS EMPLOYED AT WESTERN AUTO STORE ON SUMMER AVENUE IN MEMPHIS, TENN. AT THAT TIME HE LIVED IN ROOMING HOUSE AT ONE TWO FIVE SEVEN PEABODY. SMITH SAID HE FREQUENTED TAVERN ON BELLEVUE ST., DOES NOT RECALL LOCATION OR NAME OF TAVERN. REPORTEDLY OWNER OF THIS TAVERN IS WHITE FEMALE, FIRST NAME POSSIBLY ANN. SMITH CLAIMS WHILE IN THIS TAVERN HE ENGAGED IN CONVERSATION WITH ANOTHER PATRON AND TOLD THIS PATRON

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HE HAD BEEN IN AIR FORCE AND WHAT HIS MILITARY SPECIALTY HAD BEEN. THIS OTHER PATRON SAID HE HAD A NEPHEW WHO HAD BEEN IN THE AIR FORCE AND HAD THE SAME ASSIGNMENT. SUPPOSEDLY THIS NEPHEW HAD BEEN AT SAME BASE WITH SMITH IN NINETEEN SIXTYTWO.

SMITH CLAIMED HE RECOGNIZED THIS SO CALLED NEPHEW BY NAME. TWO DAYS AFTER INITIAL CONVERSATION AND IN SAME TAVERN AGAIN, SMITH RECONTACTED BY SAME INDIVIDUAL HE MET IN TAVERN BEFORE. SMITH CLAIMS CUSTOMER TOLD HIM THAT SINCE SMITH FORMERLY IN AIR FORCE SMITH WOULD HAVE CONTACTS GIVING HIM ACCESS TO MUNITIONS AND EXPLOSIVES. HE THEN REQUESTED SMITH GET FOR HIM FIFTY HAND GRENADES AND PULLED OUT FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS IN CASH WHICH HE LAID ON TABLE AND SAID, "THIS IS YOURS IF YOU GET ME THE GRENADES." THIS UNIDENTIFIED PATRON THEN EXPLAINED TO SMITH THAT HE AND FOUR OTHER MEN IN MEMPHIS HAD VOWED THAT ONE OF THEM WOULD KILL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER AND THIS WAS REASON FOR WANTING THE HAND GRENADES. SMITH CLAIMED HE ASKED THIS PERSON IF HE WERE MEMBER OF THE KKK AND THE INDIVIDUAL TOLD HE WAS NOT. SMITH CLAIMED HE DECLINED TO ACCEPT OFFER AND WAS THEN TOLD, "IF YOU CAN'T GET THEM FOR ME YOU HAD BETTER FORGET IT." SMITH SAID

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