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TO: LOUISVILLE (3 pgs)
FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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RE MINNEAPOLIS TEL TO MEMPHIS APRIL SEVENTEEN LAST RE
EDWARD GEORGE WILSON.

LETTER RECEIVED MINNEAPOLIS FROM PAUL L. MOORE (PROTECT
IDENTITY), VA HOSPITAL, MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, REFLECTING
HE HAD INFORMATION REGARDING INSTANT CASE.

ON APRIL SEVENTEEN LAST PAUL L. MOORE ADVISED HE WAS
EMPLOYED BY MRS. CHESTER W. JOHNSON, BOX ONE TWO ONE, RT.
FIVE, EXCELSIOR, MINNESOTA. JOHNSON'S SON, JEROME K.
JOHNSON, SAME ADDRESS, OWNER OF GALLERY INTERIORS, NUMBER
ONE EAST DRIVE, EXCELSIOR, HAD A BUSINESS PARTNER, ED WILSON,
WHO LEFT THE BUSINESS OVER TWO YEARS AGO. WILSON PRESENTLY
RESIDES MEMPHIS, TENN., AND WORKS ON SHIP ON MISSISSIPPI

Airtel RIVER. ONE WEEK BEFORE DEATH OF VICTIM, WILSON CALLEDTeletype JEROME JOHNSON FROM MEMPHIS. NO CONVERSATION OVERHEARD.A.M. ON DAY OF VICTIM'S DEATH MOORE OVERHEARD JEROME JOHNSONA.M.S.D. TELL HIS MOTHER QUOTE I'LL BET ED DID THAT. UNQUOTE.Spec. Del. ON APRIL SEVENTEEN LAST JEROME JOHNSON at ABOVE ADDRESS,Reg. Mail HEG/vtp (1)

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CONTACTED, BUT PURPOSE OF CONTACT NOT DISCLOSED TO HIM. JOHNSON ADVISED EDWARD GEORGE WILSON HAD BEEN BUSINESS PARTNER IN GALLERY INTERIORS, EXCELSIOR, MINNESOTA, BUT HAD DISSOLVED PARTNERSHIP THREE YEARS AGO AND RETURNED TO HOME IN MEMPHIS, TENN. WILSON PRESENTLY EMPLOYED ON RIVERBOAT OUT OF MEMPHIS, RESIDES WITH STEPFATHER (NAME UNKNOWN), ONE THREE SIX THREE WHITEWATER ROAD, MEMPHIS.

JOHNSON DESCRIBED WILSON AS WMA, AGE THIRTYFIVE, FIVE FT. TEN AND A HALF INCHES TALL, ONE HUNDRED SIXTYFIVE LBS., BLOND HAIR.

MRS. JOHN ATWELL, ONE THREE SIX THREE WHITEWATER ROAD, MEMPHIS, ADVISED ON APRIL TWENTYTHREE LAST HER SON GEORGE E. WILSON OF THIS ADDRESS IS EMPLOYED AS A DECK HAND FOR AN UNRECALLED FIRM ON A BOAT ON THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER. MRS. ATWELL STATED HER SON LEFT APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS AGO AND WILL BE GONE AT LEAST ANOTHER TWO WEEKS. SHE SAID HE OBTAINS HIS EMPLOYMENT THROUGH THE NATIONAL MARITIME UNION AT PADUCAH, KY., AND THE NMU WILL KNOW HER SON'S CURRENT

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WHEREABOUTS. SHE DID NOT RECALL WHERE HER SON WAS DURING
EARLY PART OF APRIL. MEMPHIS CITY DIRECTORIES INDICATE
WILSON EMPLOYED BY MISSISSIPPI VALLEY BARGE LINE. RECORDS
THAT FIRM INDICATE LAST EMPLOYMENT AS SEPTEMBER TWENTYNINE,
NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN.

LOUISVILLE AT PADUCAH, WILL DETERMINE WILSON'S EMPLOY-
MENT AND HIS CURRENT WHEREABOUTS THROUGH CONTACT AT NMU,
AND DETERMINE HIS WHEREABOUTS ON APRIL FOUR LAST OR SET OUT
LEAD TO INTERVIEW WILSON RE ABOVE.

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FROM SAC NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (P)

MURKIN: CR.

RE: NEBRASKA LICENSE 436-092 ✓

ON APR. TWENTY-FOUR, SIXTYEIGHT, MRS. W. E. DAVIS, ONE EIGHT THREE FOUR COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA, ADVISED THAT AT APPROXIMATELY FOUR O'CLOCK P.M., APRIL TWENTYTHIRD, SIXTYEIGHT, SHE OBSERVED A WHITE MALE, [REDACTED] RESEMBLING JAMES EARL RAY, LEAVING CITY PAWN SHOP. INDIVIDUAL WAS DRIVING A SIXTYFIVE CHEVROLET OR PONTIAC, COLOR OFF WHITE, BEARING NEBRASKA LICENSE FOUR THREE SIX - ZERO NINE TWO. ✓

MURRAY HOROWITZ, CITY PAWN SHOP, BATON ROUGE, LA., ADVISED HE HAD NO CUSTOMERS ON APR. TWENTYTHIRD, SIXTYEIGHT, RESEMBLING JAMES EARL RAY. HE STATED ONE CUSTOMER LLOYD BEECHLEY, CARE/ OF WESTERNER MOTEL, PORT ALLEN, HOOKED A BOX OF TOOLS AT APPROXIMATELY FOUR P.M., APR. TWENTYTHIRD, SIXTYEIGHT. BEECHLEY DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE: SIX FEET, FOUR INCHES: ONE SIX FIVE POUNDS: BROWN HAIR AND EYES: AGE THIRTYFOUR.

OMAHA AT LINCOLN, NEBRASKA. IDENTIFY OWNER OF NEBRASKA LICENSE FOUR THREE SIX - ZERO NINE TWO, AND ATTEMPT

TO OBTAIN DESCRIPTIVE DATA RE

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (MAIL) AND SAC, CHICAGO, AND SAC ST. LOUIS
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

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RE MINNEAPOLIS TEL THIS DATE.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF CHICAGO ROY WILLIS, SIX FIVE ZERO EIGHT FIFTEENTH AVENUE SOUTH, RICHFIELD, MINNESOTA, ADVISED HE WAS FORMER POLICE OFFICER WITH HANNIBAL, MISSOURI PD. WILLIS ADVISED HE VAGUELY RECALLED JAMES EARL RAY BEING HELD IN HANNIBAL FOR FEDERAL AUTHORITIES. WILLIS ADVISED HE DID NOT BUY A CAR FROM RAY BUT RAY ASKED HIM TO SELL IT FOR HIM. WILLIS STATED HE BELIEVES INSTANT VEHICLE TO HAVE BEEN AN OLD MODEL LINCOLN WHICH HE FINALLY SOLD SOMETIME AFTER RAY HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED TO U. S. PENITENTIARY, LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS. WILLIS STATED HE BELIEVES HE WAS TO SELL THE CAR AND FORWARD PROCEEDS FROM SALE TO SOMEONE, NAME NOT RECALLED, IN QUINCY, ILLINOIS. WILLIS STATED HE BELIEVES RAY WROTE AT LEAST ONE LETTER TO HIM CONCERNING SALE OF THE CAR FROM THE U. S. PENITENTIARY.

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LEAVENWORTH. WILLIS DOES NOT RECALL TO WHOM INSTANT VEHICLE WAS SOLD OR HOW THE VEHICLE WAS PAID FOR. WILLIS ADVISED TO BEST OF HIS RECOLLECTION, RAY, IN NINETEEN FIFTY-FIVE, WAS FRIENDLY WITH A POLICE CHARACTER BY NAME OF BUDDY BATCHELDER OR BATCHELOR, WHO HAD HAD NUMEROUS ARRESTS BOTH IN HANNIBAL, MISSOURI, AND QUINCY, ILLINOIS, FOR BURGLARY, PROSTITUTION, ETC.

WILLIS STATED HE RECALLS BATCHELDER AS BEING AS BEING WHITE MALE, ABOUT SAME AGE AS RAY AND BEING SHORT AND STOCKY. WILLIS STATED HE IS CERTAIN THAT SOME OF THE OLD-TIME OFFICERS WOULD BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY BATCHELDER.

WILLIS STATED THAT HE SEEMS TO RECALL THAT RAY WAS FRIENDLY WITH THE OWNER OF ALABI TAVERN, WHOSE NAME WILLIS RECALLED AS SOMETHING LIKE CHARLIE GUNN. WILLIS STATED HE SEEMS TO RECALL SOME INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED CONCERNING RAY N. BOXELDER AND A COUPLE OF GIRLS FROM QUINCY.

INVESTIGATION AT SPRINGFIELD REVEALED ABOVE INDIVIDUAL TO BE MILTON DEAN BATCHELDER, AKA BUCKY, FBI NUMBER FIVE FOUR EIGHT THREE ONE TWO B, WHITE MALE, DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AT QUINCY, ILLINOIS. CHECKS AT

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MEMARD STATE PRISON, REVEALED BATCHELDER TRANSFERRED TO JOLIET
BRANCH, ILLINOIS STATE PENITENTIARY ON SEPTEMBER SEVEN, NINETEEN
SIXTY SIX.

CHICAGO AT JOLIET INTERVIEW BATCHELDER RE SUBJECT, RAY,
AND ASSOCIATES.

AIR MAIL COPIES FURNISHED TO KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS, AND
MINNEAPOLIS.

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TO: SAC, ALBANY
FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
MURKIN

REURTEL APRIL TWENTY-FOUR LAST.

INASMUCH AS A COMPLETELY UNEQUIVOCAL DETERMINATION HAS NOT BEEN MADE BY THE LABORATORY RELATIVE TO THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE LAUNDRY MACHINE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MARKING ON THE SHORTS AND TEE SHIRT, NAMELY, O TWO B DASH SIX, AND THE POSSIBILITY STILL EXISTS THAT A SIMILAR MARKING COULD HAVE BEEN PRODUCED BY ANOTHER SUCH MACHINE, YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO HANDLE APPROPRIATE LEADS RELATIVE TO THESE LAUNDRY TAPES.

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CHARLES RINDONE TWO ONE TWO ZERO THREE THREE STREET,
LONG ISLAND CITY, QUEENS, NEW YORK, TELEPHONE NUMBER SEVEN
TWO SIX-SEVEN THREE SEVEN EIGHT, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE
INFORMATION IN THE PAST CONCERNING COMMUNIST MATTERS,
ADVISED ON FOUR TWENTYFIVE SIXTYEIGHT THAT CORBETT MONICA,
COMEDIAN, RESIDES ENGLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY, UNLISTED TELE-
PHONE NUMBER TWO ZERO ONE-FIVE SIX NINE-EIGHT ONE THREE ONE
HAS WITHIN PAST TWO WEEKS HIRED A MALE AND FEMALE WHO LIVE
IN BASEMENT OF MONICA'S RESIDENCE. MAN IS CALLED JERRY,
SPEAKS WITH TENNESSEE DRAWL, HAS PRISON PALOR, AND SAME
HAIR LINE AS SUSPECT IN MURKIN CASE; ROUND SHOULDERS,
GREISH BLACK HAIR, FORTIES, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, LOVES
COUNTRY MUSIC. FEMALE, IN FORTIES, BLOND HAIR. RINDONE
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REPORTS THAT "JERRY" IS UNFAMILAR WITH NEW JERSEY. WHILE DRIVING RINDONE TO GEORGE WASHINGTON BRIDGE, JERRY LOST HIS WAY AND WOUND UP IN HACKENSACK, NEW JERSEY. UPON SEEING POLICE CRUISER IN THAT TOWN, JERRY BECAME ANXIOUS, FEARING HE MIGHT BE STOPPED. RIDONE STATES IT WAS NECESSARY FOR JERRY TO ASK DIRECTIONS FROM GAS STATION FOR THE GEORGE WASHINGTON BRIDGE.

RINDONE BELIEVES "JERRY" IS SUSPECT SOUGHT IN MURKIN CASE.

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New York

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TO: SAC, KANSAS CITY

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

REURTEL APRIL TWENTY-FOUR LAST.

BEFORE THE BUREAU CAN MAKE PROPER EVALUATION OF THIS SUG-
GESTION, YOU SHOULD FURNISH ADDITIONAL DETAILS AS TO HOW/RAY
IS TO BE DIRECTED AND CONTROLLED, THE SPECIFIC TARGETS TO
BE APPROACHED AND OBJECTIVES TO BE ACCOMPLISHED AND ANY
OTHER INFORMATION WHICH MAY BE OF VALUE IN REACHING A
DETERMINATION ON THIS SUGGESTION.

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FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN

RE LA TECALL FOUR TWENTY FOUR INSTANT. TO NO.

ON FOUR TWENTY FOUR INSTANT, MRS. LORRAINE CALLAWAY, SIX ZERO NINE BARTHOLOMEW, NEW ORLEANS, LA., MOTHER OF MARIA MARTIN, ADVISED SHE RECALLS CHARLES STEIN APPEARING AT HER HOUSE IN POSSIBLY FEBRUARY, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT AND LEAVING A BOX OF CLOTHING BELONGING TO MARIAN de GRASSE, EIGHTEEN YEAR OLD DAUGHTER OF MARIA MARTIN. STEIN ARRIVED DRIVING A SMALL WHITE CAR, NO FURTHER DESCRIPTION RECALLED AND ACCOMPANIED BY A WHITE MALE WHO DID NOT LEAVE THE CAR. STEIN LEFT IMMEDIATELY AND CALLAWAY DID NOT OBSERVE STEIN'S COMPANION SUFFICIENTLY TO OBTAIN A DESCRIPTION.

MARIAN de GRASSE ADVISED SHE STARTED SCHOOL IN NEW ORLEANS DECEMBER ELEVEN LAST AND RECEIVED THE FIRST BOX OF CLOTHING FROM FROM HER MOTHER VIA HER GRANDMOTHER ABOUT TWO WEEKS LATER. IN REGARD TO SECOND BOX OF CLOTHING, deGRASSE RECALLS RECEIVING TELECALL FROM HER MOTHER ON MARCH SIXTEEN LAST AT WHICH TIME HER MOTHER STATED A BOX OF CLOTHING WOULD BE DELIVERED IN A COUPLE OF DAYS BY A FRIEND WHOM SHE CALLED ERIC. deGRASSE ADVISED SHE RECEIVED

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SECOND BOX ON MARCH TWENTY FOUR LAST FROM HER GRANDMOTHER CALLAWAY. *NOTED SAME IN A PIARY.*

MRS. CALLAWAY RECALLS RECEIVING SECOND BOX OF CLOTHING FROM
HER DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, DALE RODRIGUEZ, FOUR ZERO ONE NINE ROYAL STREET,
NEW ORLEANS, LA. ON UNRECALLED DATE.

MRS. DALE RODRIQUES ADVISED THAT DURING EITHER FEBRUARY OR
MARCH LAST HER HUSBAND HERBERT ANSWERED TELEPHONE EARLY EVENING
AND CALLER, WHOM DALE CLAIMED NOT TO KNOW, ADVISED HE WAS BRINGING
OVER A BOX OF CLOTHING FROM MIMI IN LOS ANGELES. AT APPROXIMATELY
TEN THIRTY THAT SAME NIGHT, DALE ANSWERED A KNOCK ON HER FRONT
DOOR AND ACCEPTED A BOX OF CLOTHING FROM A WHITE MALE WHOM SHE
CLAIMS SHE DID NOT OBSERVE AND COULD NOT FURNISH DESCRIPTION OF.
DALE STATED THIS INDIVIDUAL DID NOT ENTER RESIDENCE AND HER CONTACT
WITH HIM LASTER ONLY A FEW SECONDS. DALE RECALLS TAKING THE BOX
OVER TO CALLAWAY WITHIN A FEW DAYS.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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FROM NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) 11 PAGES

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INVESTIGATION RE MOTELS AND LODGING PLACES ALONG
CHEF MENTEUR HIGHWAY.

INVESTIGATION AT ALL MOTELS AND LODGING PLACES
ALONG CHEF MENTEUR HIGHWAY FROM THE GENTILLY SHOPPING CENTER
TO THE INTERSECTION OF U. S. HIGHWAY NINETY AND HIGHWAY
ELEVEN WHICH IS THE MOST LOGICAL AREA THAT RAY WOULD HAVE
SELECTED A LODGING PLACE DURING THE THREE SEVENTEEN - TWENTYFOUR
SIXTYEIGHT PERIOD NOW COMPLETED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.
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INVESTIGATION CONCERNING DELTA AIRLINES FLIGHT
SEVEN TWO FIVE, APRIL ONE SIXTYEIGHT, WHERE ON WAS
REPORTED RIFLE BOX LABELED "MAUSER UNDER CONTROL
OF FLIGHT CAPTAIN."

MAX K. JONES ADVISED THAT HE WAS ASSIGNED AS FIRST
OFFICER OF DELTA AIRLINES FLIGHT SEVEN TWO FIVE ONE FOUR ONE
SIXTYEIGHT WHICH FLIGHT ORIGINATED FROM NEWARK, NEW JERSEY
AND TRAVELED TO NEW ORLEANS WITH STOPS AT WASHINGTON, D. C.,
ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM. JONES RECALLS THAT A STEWARDESS HAD
BROUGHT A BOX CONTAINING A GUN TO THE CABIN OF THE PLANE.
HE SAID THAT THE BOX WAS LARGE ENOUGH IN SIZE TO CARRY
A RIFLE. JONES STATED IT IS NORMAL POLICY TO PUT ANY
WEAPONS CARRIED BY PASSENGERS IN THE PILOT CABIN. JONES UPON
VIEWING PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL RAY STATED HE DID
NOT RECOGNIZE RAY.

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RE: TELEPHONE CALL FROM PHONE BOOTH, HOUSTON, TEXAS,
DECEMBER SEVENTEEN SIXTYSEVEN, TO LAKE CHARLES, LA.

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, TELEPHONE COMPANY, LAKE CHARLES,
LA., SHOWS THAT PHONE NUMBER, AREA CODE THREE ONE EIGHT,
FOUR SEVEN SEVEN DASH ZERO SIX ONE SIX, IS THAT OF HERTZ
RENT A CAR, MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, LAKE CHARLES, LA., AND THEY
HAVE HAD THAT NUMBER FOR WELL OVER THREE YEARS.

TELEPHONE LOG AT HERTZ OFFICE DOES NOT SHOW ANY
INCOMING CALLS FROM HOUSTON, TEXAS OR OUTGOING TO HOUSTON,
TEXAS DURING PERIOD DECEMBER FIFTEEN THROUGH SEVENTEEN,
SIXTYSEVEN. EMPLOYEES DO NOT REMEMBER RECEIVING SUCH A
CALL. REVIEW OF HERTZ RECORDS DECEMBER FIFTEEN THROUGH
SEVENTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN SHOWS ONLY RENTALS IN AND OUT OF LAKE
CHARLES TO PERSONS WITH COMPANY CREDIT CARDS ALL KNOWN TO
HERTZ EMPLOYEES. PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY SHOWN TO HERTZ
EMPLOYEES. RAY UNKNOWN TO ANY EMPLOYEE AND EACH ADVISED
THEY DO NOT RECALL HAVING RENTED CAR TO ANY SUCH PERSON.

RAY REGISTERED AT PROVINCIAL MOTEL, NEW ORLEANS,
LA., ON DEC. SEVENTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN, UNDER NAME ERIC S. GALT.
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RE ANTHONY CHARLES DECARVELHO, FRIEND
OF CHARLES STEIN.

DECARVELHO INTERVIEWED FOUR TWENTYSIX SIXTYEIGHT AND ADVISED THAT CHARLES STEIN WAS IN NEW ORLEANS THE WEEK BEFORE DECEMBER, TWENTYFOUR, LAST. ON UNRECALLED DATE HE FOUND A NOTE IN HIS DOORWAY FROM STEIN, AND THAT EVEING HE MET STEIN AT RESIDENCE OF MARIE LEE. HE HAS KNOWN STEIN FOR APPROXIMATELY TWENTY YEARS, AND IS A CLOSE FRIEND OF STEIN.

DECARVELHO ADVISED THAT STEIN WAS WEARING A BEARD, WHILE HE WAS IN NEW ORLEANS, AND HE AND STEIN HELD NUMEROUS CONVERSATIONS CONCERNING THE "COSMIC PHILOSOPHY", WHICH DEALS WITH FLYING SAUCERS, SPACE PEOPLE ON EARTH, AND ATTEMPTS TO GET CLOSER TO THE CREATOR. DECARVELHO STATED THAT STEIN IS A BELIEVER IN THIS PHILOSOPHY, AND TRIED TO CONVERT HIM.

DECARVELHO STATED THAT STEIN ADVISED " THE CREATOR PROVIDED FOR ME", IN REFERENCE TO HIS TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS. DECARVELHO ADVISED THAT STEIN CLAIMED AN INDIVIDUAL WHOM HE HAD JUST MET, NAMED GALT, HAD DRIVEN HIM TO NEW ORLEANS, AND HE WAS REFERRING TO THIS INDIVIDUAL WHEN SPEAKING ABOUT THE CREATOR PROVIDING FOR HIM. STEIN ADVISED DECARVELHO

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THAT GALT WAS TRAVELLING THROUGH NEW ORLEANS TO A NEIGHBORING STATE, EITHER MISSISSIPPI OR ALABAMA, ON BUSINESS, AND WAS TO PICK UP STEIN AND TAKE HIM BACK TO LOS ANGELES, AFTER COMPLETION OF HIS BUSINESS.

DECARVELHO STATED THAT STEIN LEFT LOS ANGELES WITH APPROXIMATELY THIRTY DOLLARS, AND THAT GALT PAID FOR EVERYTHING ON THE TRIP. STEIN ADVISED DECARVELHO THAT HE FELT HE WAS ON THE THRESHOLD OF CONVERTING GALT TO THE "COSMIC PHILOSOPHY", AND HOPED TO COMPLETE THIS CONVERSION ON THE RETURN TRIP TO LOS ANGELES.

DECARVELHO STATED ON THE DAY STEIN LEFT NEW ORLEANS, DECARVELHO DROVE TO MARIE LEE'S RESIDENCE TO SAY GOOD-BYE. AS HE WALKED UP TO THIS HOUSE, HE OBSERVED AN INDIVIDUAL STANDING ON THE FRONT STEPS AND CHARLES STEIN TOLD HIM, THIS IS GALT. DECARVELHO AND GALT DID NOT HOLD A CONVERSATION, AND GALT REMAINED ON THE STEPS AS DECARVELHO AND STEIN CARRIED SUTICASES TO GALT'S WHITE MUSTANG.

DECARVELHO STATED THAT GALT HAD SOME PERSONAL ITEMS IN THE TRUNK, WHICH HAD TO BE MOVED BEFORE THE LUGGAGE FOR
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RITA STEIN'S TWO CHILDREN, COULD BE PLACED IN THE TRUNK, AND GALT WALKED FROM THE PORCH AND RE-ARRANGED THE TRUNK TO MAKE ROOM FOR THIS LUGGAGE. DECARVELHO STATED HE OBSERVED SOMETHING THAT APPEARED TO BE A SURVEYOR'S TRANSIT, THAT WAS WRAPPED IN A BROWN LEATHER CASE, SIMILAR TO A GOLF BAG. HE NOTICED NOTHING ELSE UNUSUAL IN THE TRUNK. DECARVELHO ADVISED HE GAVE STEIN AND GALT A MAP WITH DIRECTIONS TO GET OUT OF THE CITY, AND THEY LEFT IMMEDIATELY.

DECARVELHO STATED THAT GALT DOES NOT RESEMBLE THE PICTURE TAKEN AT THE BARTENDER SCHOOL IN LOS ANGELES. HE STATED GALT'S FACE IS MUCH MORE SHALLOW.

HE DESCRIBED GALT AS A WHITE MALE, LATE TWENTIES OR THIRTIES, FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, ONE SIX ZERO POUNDS, SLIM BUILD, DARK HAIR, LIGHT BROWN EYES, WITH NO DISTINGUISHING MARKS OR CHARACTERISTICS. DECARVELHO ADVISED THE PHOTOGRAPH THAT APPEARS ON THE IO AND WANTED FLYER THAT WAS TAKEN IN ONE NINE SIX ZERO, IS A GOOD LIKENESS OF GALT WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE SHORT HAIR.

DECARVELHO ADVISED THAT HE HAS NOT HEARD FROM
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STEIN SINCE THIS TIME, AND ALSO HAS NOT SEEN ANY MEMBER OF STEIN'S FAMILY SINCE THIS TIME. DECARVELHO STATED THAT STEIN, BY HIS VERY NATURE, WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO FURNISH INFORMATION TO ANY POLICE AGENCY, AND THAT STEIN WAS FORMERLY MARRIED TO MICKIE MEDINA.

RE: CHARLES STEIN, JR.

STEIN INTERVIEWED NEW ORLEANS OFFICE FOUR TWENTYSIX SIXTYEIGHT, ADVISED BELIEVES MET FATHER, CHARLES STEIN, SUNDAY WEEK PRIOR TO CHRISTMAS. (PROBABLY DECEMBER SEVENTEENTH) AT RESIDENCE OF AUNT MARIE STEIN LEE IN NEW ORLEANS, LA. HE INQUIRED AS TO HOW FATHER ARRIVED IN NEW ORLEANS AND WAS ADVISED THAT HE GOT A RIDE AND FATHER STATED WAS GOING TO STAY ONE OR TWO DAYS AT MOST. STATES NO CONVERSATION CONCERNING NAME ERIC OR GALT BY FATHER ON THAT DATE OR THE FOLLOWING DAY WHEN HE AGAIN SAW HIS FATHER AT THE SAME ADDRESS. DID NOT SEE RAY ON ANY OCCASION AND COULD NOT IDENTIFY PHOTOS OF RAY. MOTHER'S MARRIED NAME MARIE MCLEOD AND BOTH RESIDE THREE FOUR THREE SIX PEOPLES AVENUE, NEW ORLEANS.

MRS. MARIE MCLEOD ADVISED DID NOT SEE EX HUSBAND STEIN AT ANY TIME WHILE HE WAS IN NEW ORLEANS DURING DECEMBER SIXTYSEVEN. STATED HAS NEVER SEEN ANYONE RESEMBLING PHOTO OF GALT OR RAY AS SEEN FROM NEW ORLEANS NEWSPAPERS.

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INVESTIGATION CONCERNING DAILY DELTA AIRLINES
FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX WHICH LEAVES NEW ORLEANS FOR FRANKFORT,
GERMANY WITH STOPS AT ATLANTA AND WASHINGTON, DC.

ALL CREWS MEMBERS RE DELTA FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX
FOR APRIL FIVE AND SIX, SIXTYEIGHT INTERVIEWED AND
DISPLAYED PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY AND ALL ADVISED THAT THEY COULD
NOT IDENTIFY ANYONE ABOARD FOR THOSE DATES, WITH EXCEPTION
OF STEWARDESS RITA REHKOPF. REHKOPF ADVISED THAT UPON
REVIEW OF PHOTOGRAPH OF JAMES EARL RAY THAT THE INDIVIDUAL
THEREIN APPEARED SIMILAR TO A PASSENGER WHO SAT IN THE LAST
THREE ROWS ON THE RIGHT OF THE ONES FACING THE FRONT OF THE
PLANE. REHKOPF UNABLE TO REMEMBER WHERE THIS PERSON GOT
OFF BUT THINKS HE BOARDED IN NEW ORLEANS. SHE DESCRIBED
HIM AS A WHITE MALE, FORTY - FORTY TWO, FIVE FEET ELEVEN
INCHES, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY POUNDS, MEDIUM BUILD AND COMPLAXION,
DARK AHIR, CURLY AND COMBED BACK, WEARING SHABBY CLOTHES.
OTHER DELTA AIRLINE PERSONNEL INTERVIEWED IN CONNECTION WITH
THIS PHASE OF INVESTIGATION AND INDICATED REHKOPF IS FLIGHTY
AND EMOTIONAL.
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AGE NINE

ON APRIL TWENTY SIX NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT SA PHIL RODRIGUEZ, OSI ADVISED HIS COMMANDING OFFICER AT SHREVEPORT HAD RECEIVED A CLASSIFIED MESSAGE FROM PARENTS OF RITA REHKOPF INQUIRING AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THEIR DAUGHTER WAS IN PROTECTIVE CUSTODY OF THE FBI. RODRIGUEZ STATED THAT REHKOPF WAS TO MEET HER PARENTS NOW IN THAILAND IN CALIFORNIA UPON THEIR RETURN FROM OVERSEAS BUT HAD ADVISED HER PARENTS SHE COULD NOT MEET THEM UNTIL "AFTER THE TRIAL" REFERRING TO THE TRIAL OF RAY AND THAT SHE WAS FLYING TO FLORIDA, REASON NOT INDICATED. RODRIGUEZ WAS ADVISED THAT REHKOPF INTERVIEWED BY AGENTS OF THIS OFFICE IN CONNECTION WITH FUGITIVE INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED INSTANT MATTER ALONG WITH NUMEROUS OTHER STEWARDESSES AND CREWMEN OF DELTA AIRLINES AND THAT SHE WAS NOT IN PROTECTIVE CUSTODY OF FBI AND THAT THIS OFFICE HAD NO INFORMATION TO INDICATE REHKOPF WOULD BE INVOLVED IN ANY TRIAL.

REHKOPF TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED NEW ORLEANS OFFICE INSTANT DATE SHE WAS EMOTIONALLY UPSET, NEEDED COMPANIONSHIP AND HAD TELEPHONICALLY CONTACT AN AUNT IN OKLAHOMA WHO SHE

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FEELS WILL FLY TO NEW ORLEANS INSTANT DATE TO ASSIST HER IN THE ABSENCE OF HER PARENTS.

IDENTIFICATION RECORD CONCERNING CHARLES STEIN AND MARIE MARTIN, AKA MYRIAL TOMASO.

CHECK OF BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION, NOPD, DISCLOSES ARREST HISTORY OF CHARLES STEIN, FBI NUMBER EIGHT EIGHT ONE FIVE THREE FOUR B. ARREST HISTORY DISCLOSES STEIN ARRESTED NOPD INITIALLY IN FIFTYTHREE AND LAST ARRESTED TWO SIXTEEN SIXTYTHREE. ARRESTS INVOLVE NO HONEST VISIBLE MEANS OF SUPPOR, GANGLING, POSSESSION OF NARCOTICS, STOLEN PROPERTY, PANDERING, SOLICITING FOR PROSTITUTION, POSSESSION OF BARBITUATES.

IDENTIFICATION RECORD NOPD, DISCLOSES ARREST HISTORY OF MYRIAL TOMASO, FBI NUMBER ONE ONE ZERO NINE ONE THREE C WITH FIRST ARREST NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE LAST ARREST NINETEEN SIXTYTWO. ARRESTS INVOLVE VAGRANCY, INVESTIGATION OF NARCOTICS, AUTO THEFT, DRUNK, RESISTING ARREST, POSSESSION OF NARCOTICS, CREATING NUISANCE AND NO VISIBLE MEANS OF SUPPORT.

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IDENTIFICATION DIVISION REQUESTED TO FORWARD TO
LOS ANGELES, MEMPHIS AND NEW ORLEANS COPIES OF IDENTIFICATION
RECORDS OF MYRIAL TOMASO AND CHARLES STEIN AS IDENTIFIED ABOVE.

HOUSTON - HOUSTON DETERMINE EXACT TIME OF CALL
FROM INSTANT PHONE BOOTH ON EVENING OF DECEMBER SEVENTEEN
LAST.

AIRMAIL COPY BEING SENT MEMPHIS, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI, SAC, MIAMI, AND SAC, ST. LOUIS

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (3PP).

MURKIN. CR.

RE ATLANTA TFL DATED APRIL TWENTYFOUR, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT; SPRINGFIELD TELEPHONE CALL TO MIAMI APRIL TWENTYFIVE, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT.

RE PAUL ALVIN LAIL, JR., AKA.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE ST. LOUIS DIVISION, ONE LEWIE RAYMOND DOWDA CONFINED COUNTY JAIL, MARIETTA, GEORGIA, ON ARMED ROBBERY CONVICTION INTERVIEWED. DOWDA WAS ACQUAINTED WITH RAY AT MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY FOR THREE YEARS, ENDING SEPTEMBER TWENTYTHREE, NINETEEN SIXTY SIX, WHEN DOWDA RELEASED. DOWDA STATED RAY WAS DOPE ADDICT, USING INJECTIONS AND WAS ADDICTED PRIOR TO INCARCERATION. RAY USED AMPHETIMINE. DOWDA STATED HAROLD SCHAEFFER, GUARD ON GATE AT THE PRISON, WAS FRIENDLY WITH RAY AND BELIEVED BY SOME TO BE SELLING THE AMPHETIMINE. DOWDA CLAIMED RAY HAD UNKNOWN OUTSIDE SOURCE OF INCOME TO SUPPORT A THIRTYFIVE TO FORTY DOLLAR PER WEEK DOPE HABIT AS WELL AS FIFTEEN TO TWENTY DOLLARS PER WEEK OTHER EXPENDITURES. DOWDA CLAIMS THREE NEGRO PRISONERS KILLED IN PRISON AFTER PROTESTING DEMIAL OF BLACK

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MUSLIMS TO WORSHIP. CLAIMED RAY KILLED THE NEGROES OR KNOW WHO DID. DESCRIBED RAY AS RACIST WHO FELT ALL NEGROES IN THAT PRISON SHOULD BE KILLED AND SAID RAY MADE SEVERAL STATEMENTS TO EFFECT IF PRICE WAS RIGHT WOULD KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING. DOWDA STATED RAY'S CLOSEST FRIEND IN PRISON WAS NEIL ABBEY (PHONETIC) WHO HANDLED DOPE AND GOT RAY A JOB IN THE KITCHEN. DOWDA DOES NOT KNOW NEIL ABBEY'S PRESENT WHEREABOUTS BUT ABBEY WAS AT ONE TIME CHIEF COOK AT THE PRISON. ANOTHER CLOSE FRIEND WAS DONALD DEAN RIGGER FROM CALIFORNIA WHOSE WIFE WAS A PSYCHIATRIST AT NAPA STATE HOSPITAL LOCATED ABOVE SAN SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. DOWDA STATED RAY WOULD ONLY HAVE AN ADDRESS FOR HIM IN CARE OF DOWDA'S FATHER, CHARLES ALFRED DOWDA, FORMERLY ROUTE ONE, SANFORD, FLORIDA, BUT PRESENTLY ONE ONE ZERO SOUTH CHANDLER STREET, DELAND, FLORIDA, DOWDA DENIES CONTACT IN ANY MANNER WITH RAY SINCE DOWDA'S RELEASE. STATED ANOTHER FORMER INMATE, PAUL ALVIN LAIL, JR., AKA PAUL ALVIN CARTER, THIRTYFOUR BARBODOS DRIVE, PALM SPRINGS, WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, WAS FRIENDLY WITH RAY AND DOWDA SAW LAIL EARLY MARCH, SIXTY EIGHT, BUT NO MENTION MADE OF RAY. DOWDA HAS NO IDEA WHY RAY WOULD GO TO ATLANTA.

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A REVIEW OF SPRINGFIELD FILES RE CAPTIONED INDIVIDUAL REFLECTED HIM AS SUBJECT OF NINETEEN SIXTY THREE UFAC CASE, OFFICE OF ORIGIN ST. LOUIS, IN WHICH HE IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

PAUL ARTHUR LAIL, JR, AKA PAUL ALVIN LAIL, JR., AKA PAUL LAIL, JR., AKA PAUL ARTHUR CARTER, FBI NUMBER SEVEN FIVE FOUR DASH FOUR EIGHT THREE A, WHITE, MALE, AMERICAN, DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED] AT MARION, NORTH CAROLINA, SIX FOOT FIVE INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY POUNDS, RED HAIR, BLUE EYES, NO UPPER TEETH, SCAR ON LEFT KNEE, OCCUPATION SIGN PAINTER, ELECTRICIAN, TRUCK DRIVER, RADIO REPAIR MAN, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED]

ST. LOUIS REQUESTED TO REVIEW FILES RE LAIL AND FURNISH INFORMATION OF VALUE TO MIAMI DIVISION SO THAT LAIL MAY BE LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED REGARDING THE SUBJECT.

THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO FURNISH IDENT RECORD OF LAIL FBI NUMBER SEVEN FIVE FOUR DASH FOUR EIGHT THREE A TO INTERESTED OFFICES.

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TO: SAC, CHICAGO

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN. CR.

RE CG TEL DATED APRIL TWENTY FIVE, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT.

IN RE TEL, JERRY RAY STATED WALTER TERRY RIFE AND LONNIE RIFE HAD PROBABLY SERVED TIME WITH JAMES EARL RAY.
REVIEW OF IDENTIFICATION RECORDS OF LONNIE RIFE AND JAMES EARL RAY SHOWS THAT THEY DID NOT SERVE TIME TOGETHER WITH POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF TWENTY TWO DAYS IN PONTIAC ILLINOIS STATE PRISON IN NINETEEN FIFTY TWO.

SI ONE SIX FIVE SIX DASH C STATES LONNIE RIFE NEVER KNEW SUBJECT OTHER THAN POSSIBLY AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, AROUND NINETEEN SIXTY.

CHICAGO WILL CLERIFY IF JERRY RAY OR JAMES EARL RAY SERVED TIME WITH LONNIE RIFE.

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MOBILE

FROM: BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

MURKIN

FOR INFORMATION ATLANTA AND MOBILE, BUREAU TODAY SUGGESTED AND REQUESTED, IF FEASIBLE, THAT A CHECK BE MADE OF ISSUANCE OF ALL MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVERS' LICENSES SINCE MARCH TWENTYSEVEN LAST. IT IS BELIEVED THIS COULD BE HANDLED AT STATE DRIVERS LICENSE DEPARTMENT OF ALABAMA AND GEORGIA AFTER DETERMINING THE DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBERS ISSUED ON THAT DATE AND FOLLOWING THROUGH TO CURRENT DATE. THIS SHOULD BE DONE BY AGENT PERSONNEL AND NOT LIMITED TO SUBJECT'S NAME AND PREVIOUS ALIASES, ELIMINATING ON-THE-SPOT ALL APPLICATIONS OF YOUNG PEOPLE, OLD PEOPLE, NEGROES, FEMALES, ETC., AND AGENTS SHOULD HAVE AT HAND PHOTOGRAPHIC COPIES OF HANDWRITING OF RAY, WHICH IS DISTINCTIVE AND MAY THROUGH COMPARISON GIVE INDICATION OF POSSIBLE SUSPECTED APPLICATIONS. AM COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND CHARLOTTE
FROM NORFOLK (44-268)
MURKIN

RE JOHN FRANCIS SMALLWOOD

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO NORFOLK APRIL TWENTY-SIX, LAST,
AND BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL SACS APRIL TWENTY-SIX, LAST.

REBUTEL TO NORFOLK ADVISED REVIEW OF BUFILE ON KING
REVEALED IT WAS REPORTED THAT JOHN FRANCIS SMALLWOOD, SUFFOLK,
VA., HAD REPORTED THREE WHITE MAN FROM TYNER, N.C., HAD
OFFERED HIM A SHOTGUN AND RIFLE TO SHOOT KING WHEN HE SPOKE
AT SUFFOLK, VA., ON JUNE TWENTY-EIGHT, NINETEEN SIXTY-THREE.
AT TIME THIS INFO RECEIVED IT WAS INDICATED SMALLWOOD WAS
CONSIDERED INTELLIGENT AND VERY DEPENDABLE. BUREAU ADVISED
THAT ALTHOUGH SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS THE ASSAILANT
YOU SHOULD CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF SMALLWOOD
OR ANY OF THE THREE PERSONS WHO ALLEGEDLY CONTACTED HIM MIGHT
BE IMPLICATED AS A CONSPIRATOR.

CHARLOTTE REFER TO CHARLOTTE FILE ONE FIFTY-SEVEN DASH
THREE NINE SIX RE SMALLWOOD AND THREE WHITE MALES, REFERRED TO

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ABOVE.

THIS DATE IT WAS DETERMINED AT SUFFOLK, VA., SMALLWOOD AND FAMILY LEFT AREA IN NINETEEN SIXTY-FOUR AND RETURNED TO WIFE'S RELATIVES, CARE OF HERBERT MODLIN, ROUTE ONE, TYNER, N.C. ONE FORMER NEIGHBOR IN SUFFOLK RECALLS SMALLWOOD SAYING HE MIGHT GO TO FLORIDA.

CHARLOTTE CONDUCT INVESTIGATION AT TYNER, N.C., TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW SMALLWOOD AS PER LEAD SET FORTH ABOVE BY BUREAU.

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TO DIRECTOR AND KANSAS CITY)

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN CR

RE SL TEL APRIL TWENTY THIRD REQUESTING KC REVIEW AND FORWARD-
ING OF CAROL PEPPER LIQUOR LICENSE FILE, AND KC TEL SAME DATE THAT
FILE OBTAINED AND BEING FORWARDED.

LIQUOR LICENSE FILE NOT YET RECEIVED. EXPEDITE

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1203PM URGENT 4-29-68 LMB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)(MAIL), CHICAGO (44-1114) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM DALLAS (44-2649) 2P

MURKIN.

RE NEW ORLEANS AIRTEL TO DALLAS, APRIL TWENTYFIVE LAST.

L. C. HEWETT, ASSISTANT POST OFFICE INSPECTOR IN CHARGE, FORT WORTH DIVISION, TODAY ADVISED SA B. TOM CARTER HE DOES NOT HAVE ANY REPORTS ON POSTAL CASE INVOLVING INVESTIGATION BURGLARY OF POST OFFICE AT KELLERVILLE, ILLINOIS, MARCH SEVEN, FIFTYFIVE, IN WHICH BURGLARY SIXTYSIX BLANK POSTAL MONEY ORDERS TAKEN. INVESTIGATION THIS MATTER WAS HANDLED BY HIS CHICAGO DIVISION, THEIR FILE NO. THREE FIVE FOUR THREE SEVEN - MD. HEWETT ONLY HAS LETTERS FROM CHICAGO AND KANSAS CITY DIVISIONS BUT HAS NO BACKGROUND INFO EXCEPT THAT WALTER T. RIFE AND CHARLGES EARL RAY WERE ARRESTED FOR THIS BURGLARY MARCH TWENTYFIVE, FIFTYFIVE, AT HANNIBAL, MISSOURI, BY THE MISSOURI HIGHWAY PATROL, AND LATER QUESTIONED BY POSTAL INSPECTORS J. A. THOMPSON, FROM THE CHICAGO DIVISION, AND G. R. PALMER, FROM THE ST. LOUIS DIVISION. RAY AND RIFE WERE TRIED AND CONVICTED AT
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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, JULY ONE, FIFTYFIVE, AND RAY WAS SENTENCED TO SERVE THREE AND THREE-FOURTH YEARS AND RIFE WAS SENTENCED TO THREE YEARS. HEWETT STATED HIS CHICAGO DIVISION SHOULD HAVE COMPLETE INVESTIGATIVE FILE ON THIS MATTER AND IT SHOULD REFLECT BACKGROUND AND ANY POSSIBLE ASSOCIATES OF RAY.

CHICAGO. WILL CONTACT POST OFFICE INSPECTOR IN CHARGE AT CHICAGO AND REVIEW THEIR FILE ON ABOVE CASE AND SET OUT APPROPRIATE LEADS. P

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1:07 PM URGENT 4-29-68 MPB

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), HOUSTON , LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
NEW ORLEANS (157-10673), AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: PHOENIX (44-371)

MURKIN

RE PHOENIX TEL APRIL, TWENTYEIGHT, LAST.

RE TELEPHONE CALL FORM YUMA, ARIZONA, DECEMBER FIFTEEN,
SIXTYSEVEN, TO SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA, TELEPHONE NUMBER THREE
ONE EIGHT - SEVEN FOUR SIX - NINE TWO ZERO ZERO.

ON THIS DATE MR, JACK GRAHAM, SECURITY, MOUNTAIN STATES
TELEPHONE COMPANY, ADVISED FOR PAST THREE DAYS, SINCE REQUESTED
BY FBI, HE HAS ENDEAVORED TO COMPUTERIZE ALL COLLECT CALLS
MADE FROM YUMA PAY PHONE BOOTHS DURING DECEMBER FOURTEEN,
FIFTEEN AND SIXTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN. GRAHAM ADVISED THAT AFTER MANY
FUTILE ATTEMPTS, THE ONLY WAY THAT IT CAN BE DETERMINED WHICH
PHONE BOOTHS MADE COLLECT CALLS TO LOUISIANA DURING THE ABOVE
PERIOD WOULD BE FOR THE SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY IN
LOUISIANA TO CHECK ALL COLLECT TOLL CALLS MADE ON ALL LISTED
PHONE NUMBERS IN STATE OF LOUISIANA OR AT LEAST IN SHREVEPORT
OR NEW ORLEANS AREA IN AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE IF COLLECT CALL
HAD BEEN MADE FROM YUMA PHOEN BOOTH TO LOUISIANA ON DATES
LISTED.

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426PM URGENT 4/29/68 LMA

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), KNOXVILLE (44-696).
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 1P

MURKIN.

RE NEWARK TEL TO BUREAU, ET AL; CHICAGO TEL TO BUREAU,
ET AL; AND KNOXVILLE TEL TO CHICAGO AND MEMPHIS, ALL APRIL
TWENTY SEVEN, LAST; CHICAGO TEL CALL TO KNOXVILLE INSTANT.

BROTHER JERRY RAY ADVISED PREVIOUSLY THAT BROTHER JAMES
NOT ACQUAINTED WITH EX-WIFE CAROL OR CAROL'S PARENTS, MR. AND
MRS. WILLARD SARTAIN, WHO RESIDE RURAL ROUTE TWO, WHITESBURG,
TENNESSEE, ABOUT TWENTY FOUR MILES FROM KNOXVILLE. SARTAINS
PRESENTLY CARING FOR JERRY'S SON, MICHAEL, AGE SIX. JERRY
DOES NOT KNOW CAROL'S PRESENT LAST NAME, AND LAST RESIDENCE
KNOWN IS MORRISTOWN, TENNESSEE.

LEADS. KNOXVILLE INTERVIEW SARTAINS FOR PRESENT ADDRESS
OF CAROL. INTERVIEW ALL RE ANY INFORMATION SUBJECT'S
PRESENT WHEREABOUTS.

AM CC TO NEWARK.

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TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 2P

MURKIN

DAILY SUMMARY.

FELLOW INMATE, J.R. KELLER, LEAVENWORTH PENITENTIARY, REPORTEDLY ASSOCIATED WITH SUBJECT AT THAT TIME. HE AND PENITENTIARY RECORDS HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO THE FEDERAL PRISON CAMP, FLORENCE, ARIZ. PHOENIX ADVISED.

SUSPECT GERLT REPORTEDLY MOVED FROM NORTH KANSAS CITY TO EL CAJON, CALIF. NO PAYMENTS MADE ON HIS SIXTYSEVEN CADILLAC SINCE FEB. SIXTYEIGHT. SAN DIEGO ADVISED. INFO FURNISHED HOUSTON THAT WILLIAM THOMAS JACOBS, POTENTIAL CONSPIRATOR, WAS RETURNED TO BEAUMONT, TEX., IN FEB. SIXTYFIVE.

COPIES OF PSYCHIATRIC EXAMINATION REVEALING OBSESSIVE, COMPULSIVE PERSONALITY ON PART OF SUBJECT, FURNISHED BUREAU AND OFFICE OF ORIGIN. THIS REPORT DATED DEC. TWENTY, SIXTYSIX, WAS MADE FOR THE BOARD OF PROBATION AND PAROLE, STATE OF MISSOURI. END PAGE ONE

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COMPLETE RECORDS OF INMATE'S BANK, MISSOURI STATE
PENITENTIARY IN NAME OF SUBJECT FROM MARCH, SIXTY, UNTIL PRESENT,
OBTAINED. THESE FORWARDED BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES. THESE
RECORDS SHOW PAYMENTS TO BROTHER JERRY RAY, ALL LOGICAL
INVESTIGATION CONTINUES TO BE HANDLED IMMEDIATELY.

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5:03PM 4-29-68 URGENT AMB

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861), ATLANTA (44-2386), MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740) (P) 2P

MURKIN; CR; OO:MEMPHIS.

BIRMINGHAM FILES SHOWS THAT RAY DURING HIS PERIOD OF RESIDENCE BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, FROM AUGUST TWENTYSIX, SIXTYSEVEN, THROUGH OCTOBER FIVE, SIXTYSEVEN, UTILIZED THE SERVICES OF A LOCAL CLEANING ESTABLISHMENT ON FIVE DIFFERENT OCCASIONS, THESE BEING ON A WEEKLY BASIS. RAY HAD HIS PERSONAL EFFECTS CLEANED, WHICH CONSISTED OF COATS, TROUSERS, SHIRTS, TIES AND UNDERCLOTHING. IN THIS CONNECTION, IT IS ALSO NOTED RAY, WHILE IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, UTILIZED THE SERVICES OF THE HOME SERVICE LAUNDRY ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS DURING THE MONTHS OF JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH, SIXTYEIGHT, FOR CLEANING OF HIS PERSONAL EFFECTS. HE ALSO UTILIZED THIS SAME TYPE SERVICE AT ATLANTA, GORGIA, LEAVING DRY CLEANING AT THE PIEDMONT LAUNDRY ON APRIL ONE, SIXTYEIGHT, AND PICKING UP HIS LAUNDRY ON APRIL FIVE, SIXTYEIGHT, THE DAY HE ABANDONED HIS MUSTANG. INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED TO DATE SHOWS THAT RAY IS ALWAYS CLEAN SHAVEN,

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NEAT , WELL DRESSED AND PRESENTS CLEAN NEAT APPEARANCE. HE APPARENTLY IS VERY METICULOUS ABOUT HIS PERSONAL APPEARANCE AND CLOTHING AND POSSIBLY HAS A FIXATION ABOUT CLEANLINESS. IN VIEW OF THIS, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT RAY WILL CONTINUE TO UTILIZE THE SERVICES OF LAUNDRIES AND CLEANERS AS HE HAS IN THE PAST AND, THERFORE, THE BUREAU MAY WISH TO GIVE CONSIDERATION TO CONTACTING ALL LAUNDRIES AND CLEANING ESTABLISHMENTS WITHIN EACH DIVISION TO APPRISE APPROPRIATE PERSONNEL OF SUBJECT'S FUGITIVE STATUS AS WELL AS THE PURPORTED REWARD BEING OFFERED FOR RAY'S APPREHENSION. BIRMINGHAM IS INSTITUTING CONTACTS OF ALL LAUNDRIES AND DRY CLEANERS/

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FBI BOSTON

535PM URGENT 4-29-68 DG
TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, PHILADELPHIA(MAIL)
FROM BOSTON 157-644 2 PAGES

MURKIN

RE BUREAU PHONE CALL TO BOSTON THIS DATE CONCERNING
PROSTITUTE NAMED MONA WHO WAS WITH INDIVIDUAL RESEMBLING
SUBJECT RAY AT BRUNSWICK, MAINE, APRIL TWENTY SIX LAST.

CHIEF FRED GOULD, FAIRFIELD, MAINE, PD ADVISED NO
PROSTITUTES NAMED MONA OR ANSWERING DESCRIPTION OF MONA THAT
CITY.

CHIEF PAUL HOYLE, FT. FAIRFIELD, MAINE, PD ADVISED
NEITHER HE NOR ANY OFFICERS OF HIS DEPT. KNOW OF ANY PROSTITUTE
THAT CITY USING NAME, MONA, OR SIMILAR NAMES. NO PROSTITUTE
ANSWERING DESCRIPTION MONA ACTIVE AT FT. FAIRFIELD.

INVESTIGATION FOUR MOTELS LOCATED BRUNSWICK, MAINE,
REVEALED ONLY ONE CONSTRUCTED OF RED BRICK, NAMELY, BOWDOIN
HOTEL, ONE FIFTEEN MAIN ST. THIS IS APARTMENT HOTEL WITH ONE
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ROOM FOR TRANSIENTS. THIS ROOM NO. ONE WHICH WAS OCCUPIED BY MR. AND MRS. CHESNEY, PHILADELPHIA, PA., NIGHT OF APRIL TWENTY SIX LAST. APARTMENT SEVEN, BOWDOIN HOTEL, OCCUPIED BY ELDERLY MALE WHO RESIDES THERE ALONE..

EMPLOYEES THIS HOTEL AND ALL MOTELS BRUNSWICK AREA VIEWED PHOTO OF SUBJECT RAY WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. ALL EMPLOYEES WHO OBSERVED CHESNEY ADVISED HE BEARS NO RESEMBLANCE TO SUBJECT RAY.

IN VIEW OF ABOVE AND SINCE NO RESIDENCE ADDRESS GIVEN BY CHESNEY, NO INVESTIGATION REQUESTED PHILADELPHIA. MAIL COPY FURNISHED PHILADELPHIA.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), AND
ST. LOUIS (44-775)
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 1P

MURKIN.

RE CHICAGO TEL CALL TO ST. LOUIS INSTANT.

RE BROTHER JERRY RAY.

THIS DATE, JERRY RAY ADVISED THAT HE WAS LEAVING NORTH-
BROOK, ILLINOIS, TWELVE NOON INSTANT AND DRIVING TO VISIT
WITH HIS SISTER, CAROL PEPPER, AND BROTHER JOHN IN ST.
LOUIS, MISSOURI. INTENDS TO RETURN TO CHICAGO ABOUT FIVE
PM MAY ONE NEXT. JERRY WILL STAY EITHER WITH SISTER CAROL
OR AT MAC ARTHUR HOTEL, ST. LOUIS.

JERRY DRIVING NINETEEN SIXTY FOUR DOOR LIGHT GREEN
DE SOTO, BEARING NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT ILLINOIS LICENSE
PLATES KX FIVE EIGHT TWO ZERO.

ST. LOUIS HANDLE APPROPRIATELY.

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TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, ST. LOUIS
AND MEMPHIS
FROM JACKSONVILLE (44-769) 2P

MURKIN.

RE MIAMI TEL TO DIRECTOR, ET AL, APRIL TWO SIX, LAST. RE
LEO BARNETT ASSOCIATE OF RAY IN MISSOURI STATE PRISON.

LEO BARNETT, AGE THREE SEVEN, FLAT RIVER, MISSOURI, PRESENTLY
INCARCERATED FLORIDA STATE PRISON, RAIFORD, FLA., ADVISED KNEW RAY IN
MISSOURI STATE PRISON FROM ABOUT ONE NINE SIX TWO TO AUGUST, ONE NINE
SIX SIX, HOWEVER, NOT WELL. RAY WAS IN DIFFERENT CELL BLOCK AND WORKED
IN KITCHEN WHILE BARNETT WORKED IN SOAP FACTORY. BARNETT WOULD ONLY
SEE RAY APPROXIMATELY ONCE A WEEK. HE MET RAY THROUGH MUTUAL FRIEND,
BILLY MILES, AND ONLY ASSOCIATED WITH RAY BECAUSE OF MILES WHO IS
PRESENTLY AT NEW PENITENTIARY, MOBERLY, MISSOURI. HE RECALLED RAY
AS QUIET, NOT SAYING MUCH, AND BOTHERING NOBODY, A LONER, WITH NO
CLOSE FRIENDS. DESCRIBED HIM AS HAVING BAD NERVOUS CONDITION AND
A DEFINITE MENTAL PROBLEM. RAY IN HIS OPINION WAS TAKING POWDERED
AMPHETAMINE WHILE IN PRISON AND ALTHOUGH HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF AMOUNT
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RAY WAS USING, HE SUSPECTED GREAT QUANTITY AT TIMES WHEN THE SUPPLY WAS AVAILABLE AND AT OTHER TIMES NONE DUE TO WEIGHT LOSSES AND GAINS OF TEN TO FIFTEEN POUNDS OVER SHORT PERIODS. BARNETT NOTED THAT AMPHETAMINE TAKEN IN QUANTITIES WOULD PRODUCE A SUBSTANTIAL RAPID WEIGHT LOSS. THE SUPPLY OF AMPHETAMINE PRIOR TO ONE NINE SIX FOUR WAS READILY AVAILABLE AT FIVE DOLLARS A SHOT OR LESS. AFTER ONE NINE SIX FOUR WAS VERY SCARCE BUT WHEN AVAILABLE REMAINED AT FIVE DOLLARS A SHOT. BARNETT WAS CERTAIN RAY WAS NOT INVOLVED IN KILLING OF THREE NEGROES IN ONE NINE SIX FOUR SINCE HE WAS AWARE OF THOSE INVOLVED. THE ONLY PLACE HE HEARD RAY SPEAK OF WAS RAYTOWN, NEAR KANSAS CITY. BARNETT FOUND IT HARD TO BELIEVE RAY WAS COMPLETELY RESPONSIBLE FOR INSTANT KILLING SINCE HE THOUGHT HIM TOO STUPID WITH NOT ENOUGH INITIATIVE. OTHER THAN MILES, ONLY INDIVIDUAL HE KNEW WHO WOULD KNOW RAY WELL WOULD BE LOUIE "WHITEY" DALTA (PREVIOUSLY INTERVIEWED).

ST. LOUIS, AT NEW PENITENTIARY, MOBERLY, INTERVIEW BILLY MILES REPORTEDLY ASSOCIATED WITH RAY.

KANSAS CITY, AT RAYTOWN, CONDUCT INVESTIGATION RE RAY, IF NOT PREVIOUSLY DONE.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN

KANSAS CITY HAS PREVIOUSLY INDICATED THE AVAILABILITY OF A LIVE INFORMANT WHO CAN BE USED IN A FIELD DIVISION OTHER THAN KANSAS CITY. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT KANSAS CITY AND ST. LOUIS CONSIDER THE ADVISABILITY AND MAKE APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BUREAU REGARDING HAVING THIS INFORMANT MAKE CONTACT WITH THE SUBJECT'S BROTHER, JOHN LARRY RAY, WHO OPERATES A TAVERN AT ST. LOUIS. IT IS NOTED JOHN LARRY RAY VISITED THE SUBJECT IN PRISON ON APRIL TWENTY TWO, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN, THE DAY BEFORE THE SUBJECT'S ESCAPE, AND IT IS FELT JOHN LARRY RAY HAS NOT BEEN ENTIRELY COOPERATIVE.

COMPANIES AT MEMPHIS, TENN., WHICH OPERATE BARGE LINES OR WHICH SERVICE WATER CARRIERS HAVE BEEN CONTACTED FOR INFORMATION RE EMPLOYMENT BY THE SUBJECT UNDER HIS TRUE NAME OR KNOWN ALIASES. INVESTIGATION THUS FAR IS NEGATIVE.

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MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS INDICATED THAT THEY ARE CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF SEEKING A MURDER INDICTMENT BEFORE A LOCAL GRAND JURY ON OR ABOUT MAY THREE NEXT. IT IS NOT YET KNOWN IF AGENT TESTIMONY WILL BE REQUIRED.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUES IN TENNESSEE TO IDENTIFY STOLEN CARS LOCATED IN TENNESSEE WHICH WERE STOLEN IN GEORGIA ON OR ABOUT APRIL FIVE LAST. ALL SUCH LEADS ARE BEING HANDLED EXPEDITIOUSLY.

NUMEROUS SUSPECTS CONTINUE TO BE REPORTED TO AND ELIMINATED BY BOTH THE MEMPHIS OFFICE AND THE MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT.

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AIRMAIL COPIES TO KANSAS CITY AND ST. LOUIS. P. END.

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