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FLIGHT SCHEDULED FOR GALT UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT SIX NINE SIX LEAVING ATLANTA SIX THIRTYFIVE P.M., ARRIVING RICHMOND, VA., NINE ZERO FIVE P.M. APRIL TEN, SIXTYEIGHT, TICKET NUMBER TWO EIGHT THREE ZERO EIGHT TWO NINE FIVE TWO. TICKET PICKED UP AT TRAVEL AGENCY BY DUPONT COMPANY DRIVER AND CHARGED TO DUPONT COMPANY, CHATTANOOGA, TENN. ONE WAY TICKET. RESERVATIONS MADE WITH EAL OPERATOR VIRGINIA HAYES, EXECUTIVE ACCOUNTS, ATLANTA, GA.

MAY NINE, SIXTYEIGHT, WILLIAM D. TUGWELL, TRAFFIC MANAGER, DUPONT COMPANY, CHATTANOOGA, VERIFIED THIS RESERVATION FOR JAMES C. GALT AND FACT TICKET USED BY GALT APRIL TEN LAST. THIS ONLY EMPLOYEE DUPONT COMPANY LAST NAME GALT.

IN VIEW OF ABOVE, NO ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED RE THIS RESERVATION AND TRAVEL BY GALT APRIL TEN, LAST.

CC MAILED RICHMOND.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
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LOCAL NEWSPAPER AT MEMPHIS HAD ITEM MAY EIGHT LAST
INDICATING ONE OF THE ENTRANCES TO ROOMING HOUSE AT FOUR TWO
TWO AND ONE HALF SOUTH MAIN STREET, HAD BEEN SEALED OFF.
PERSONAL OBSERVATION BY AGENT TODAY INDICATES ENTRANCE HAS NOT
BEEN SEALED BUT SMALL GATE HAS BEEN INSTALLED AT NORTHERN
ENTRANCE. PHOTOGRAPHS WERE MADE AND WILL BE FORWARDED TO
BUREAU.

NASHVILLE, TENN., PD IS COMPARING SUBJECT'S FINGERPRINTS
WITH LATENTS OBTAINED BY THAT DEPARTMENT. HOWEVER, DUE TO
DEPARTMENT BEING UNDERSTAFFED, ALL LATENTS HAVE NOT YET BEEN
COMPARED.

LOOK ALIKES CONTINUE TO BE REPORTED AND TO BE ELIMINATED.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, ATLANTA.
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) 6P

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RE VEHICLES STOLEN FROM GEORGIA:

INVESTIGATION RE VEHICLES BEARING GEORGIA LICENSE PLATES
REPORTED STOLEN FROM GEORGIA CONCLUDED AT LOS ANGELES WITH NO
INFORMATION DEVELOPED CONCERNING THIS CASE.

RE CITIZEN'S COUNCIL OF AMERICA:

RODERIC DUFF, PRESIDENT, LOS ANGELES CHAPTER, CITIZEN'S
COUNCIL OF AMERICA INTERVIEWED MAY NINE INSTANT. STATED HE
DOES NOT KNOW RAY, NEVER OBSERVED HIM AT OPEN MEETINGS OF
CITIZEN'S COUNCIL HELD MONTHLY IN LOS ANGELES.

RE THE LOCAL SWINGER:

INVESTIGATION LOS ANGELES AREA TO LOCATE SUBSCRIBERS
TO THE LOCAL SWINGER WHO MAY HAVE HAD CONTACT WITH SUBJECT
CONCLUDED AND NEGATIVE WITH EXCEPTION OF PATRICIA ANDERSON,
PREVIOUSLY REPORTED IN LOS ANGELES TEL MAY THREE LAST.

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RE TELEPHONE BOOTH, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL - WOODY LUNSFORD:

ALL INDIVIDUALS ACQUAINTED WITH HARRY ELWOOD LUNSFORD
AS NAMED BY PHOENIX CONTACTED AND/OR ELIMINATED AS HAVING
KNOWLEDGE OF JAMES EARL RAY, AKA, ERIC STARVO, GALT.
INVESTIGATION ESTABLISHED LUNSFORD IN HABITUALLY AND EXCESSIVE
DRINKER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WHOSE RECALL OF PAST EVENTS IS NOT
ACCURATE.

RE TELEPHONE BOOTH, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL - ALONZO COOK:

LOS ANGELES TELEPHONE NUMBER NINE SIX SIX DASH SIX ONE ONE
NINE WAS CONTACTED THIS DATE. LAVINIA MILLER, ONE TWO FOUR SIX
EAST PORTNER STREET, COVINA, CALIFORNIA ADVISED THAT THAT NINE
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SHE DID NOT KNOW ALONZO F. COOK, JR., AKA BUDDY AND/OR HIS
FORMER WIFE, CATHY. STATED SHE RECENTLY MOVED TO COVINA AREA
AND RECEIVED ABOVE PHONE NUMBER UPON INSTALLATION OF PHONE.
INVESTIGATION CONTINUES TO LOCATE ALONZO F. COOK, JR.

EATING PLACES:

BRADY PAYNE, MANAGER, PAMPERED PUP, ONE SEVEN ONE FIVE
NORTH WESTERN AVENUE, HOLLYWOOD ADVISED HIS BROTHER, CECIL PAYNE,
LEASES THE BUILDING WHICH HOUSES PAMPERED PUP, A WALK-UP EATING
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ESTABLISHMENT, FROM INDIVIDUAL KNOWN AS MURPHY. PAYNE WAS SHOWN PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND SAID ONLY THAT PERSON IN PHOTOGRAPHS APPEARS FAMILIAR TO HIM AND HAD NO ADDITIONAL DATA.

RE ANITA KATZWINKEL - GINGER DAY (KLEENEX BOX TOP FROM MUSTANG):

INTERVIEWS OF LOUISE EMILY BENNETT, AKA, LU TOMENY, AND JOHN BONELLI, ONE ONE ONE ZERO NORTH HACIENDA PLACE, APT. THREE ZERO SEVEN, HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, MAY EIGHT, LAST.

BENNETT ACQUAINTED WITH SUE HARRIS FLIKIED SINCE JANUARY, ONE NINE SIX SEVEN, HAVING MET HER IN LOS ANGELES. BENNETT WORKED WITH HARRIS AS PROSTITUTE IN HOLLYWOOD AREA, AND WAS ARRESTED BY LAPD, APRIL OR MAY, ONE NINE SIX SEVEN. SERVED THREE MONTHS CORONA STATE PRISON, CALIFORNIA, AND RELEASED FIRST PART NOVEMBER, ONE NINE SIX SEVEN. AT THIS TIME BENNETT RETURNED HOLLYWOOD AREA AND LOOKED UP HARRIS. MET HER AT RABBIT'S FOOT BAR, HOLLYWOOD BLVD, ALONG WITH ANITA KATZWINKEL AND ANOTHER GIRL WHOSE FIRST NAME IS RITA. RITA FURTHER DESCRIBED AS SHORT, SPANISH LOOKING WOMAN, ABOUT TWO NINE YEARS OLD. KATZWINKEL STATED NAME GINGER DAY FAMILAR TO HER, BUT DOES NOT BELIEVE SHE EVER MET HER. STATED HARRIS USED NAME ANITA KATZWINKEL WHEN SHE
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APPLIED FOR PHONE AT GRAMMERCY PLACE APARTMENT. NAMES TAKEN FROM DATE BOOK OF HARRIS WERE READ TO BENNETT AND SHE WAS ABLE TO IDENTIFY MAJORITY OF THESE, BUT ALSO ADVISED THESE CUSTOMERS CAME TO HER PRIOR TO APRIL, ONE NINE SIX SEVEN. BENNETT UNABLE TO IDENTIFY PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY AS HAVING BEEN ONE OF HER CUSTOMERS.

BONELLI ACQUAINTED WITH SUE HARRIS, AND FIRST MET HER BEGINNING JANUARY, ONE NINE SIX SEVEN, IN RED VEST BAR, ONE SIX ONE ZERO NORTH WESTERN AVENUE, HOLLYWOOD. STATED HARRIS AT ONE TIME RESIDED IN APARTMENT ON SERRANO STREET, EITHER IN APARTMENT ONE SEVEN OR ONE EIGHT, AND KNOWN BY HIM TO USE ALIAS ANITA KATZWINKEL ON OCCASSION. CLAIMED NOT TO KNOW PERSON ANITA KATZWINKEL ACTUALLY EXISTED, OTHER THAN AS HARRIS ALIAS. DID NOT KNOW GINGER DAY. FURNISHED BACKGROUND ON PROSTITUTION ACTIVITIES OF AREA BORDERED BY HOLLYWOOD BLVD. AND WESTERN AVE., SOUTH TO MELROSE AND WESTERN AVE. ADVISED NUMEROUS "TWO BIT" HOOKERS WORK THIS AREA. "TWO BIT" MEANING CHARGE TEN OR FIFTEEN DOLLARS FOR SERVICES. CLASSIFIED SUE HARRIS AND GIRLS WORKING WITH HER IN THIS CLASS. STATED VERY COMMON PRACTICE FOR THIS

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GROUP TO LEAVE THEIR NAME AND ADDRESS WITH A BARTENDER LOCATED IN AREA THEY WORK. STATED HARRIS WORKED THREE BARS MOSTLY THESE BEING THE BLACK HORSE, THE RABBIT'S FOOT, AND THE RED VEST.

BONELLI NEGATIVE ON PHOTOS OF RAY.

INTERVIEW OF TOM WASHINGTON, NEGRO MALE, RESIDING ONE NINE THREE FOUR EAST NINETEENTH STREET, SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA, MAY NINE, INSTANT. WASHINGTON MEMBER KAISER FOUNDATION HOSPITAL BOWLING TEAM WHICH FORMERLY BOWLED AT SUNSET BOWL, FIVE FOUR ZERO ONE WEST SUNSET BLVE., HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA. ANITA KATZWINKEL AND GINGER DAY FREQUENTED SUNSET BOWL WHILE BOTH RESIDED IN HOLLYWOOD, AND KATZWINKEL INDICATED IN INTERVIEW SHE MIGHT MHAVE GIVEN NAME AND ADDRESS TO NEGRO MALE CALLED TOM WASHINGTON AT SUNSET BOWL. WASHINGTON RECALLED MEETING GIRL CALLED ANITA (LNU) AND SECOND GIRL, WHOSE NAME DID NOT RECALL. STATED THOUGHT THIS BETWEEN MAY AND AUGUST, ONE NINE SIX SEVEN. STATED ANITA, WHITE FEMALE, RECENTLY ARRIVED LOS ANGELES AREA, AND SHE WAS WORKING AS PROSTITUTE. WASHINGTON TRIED TO MAKE DATE WITH KATZWINKEL AND SHE GAVE HIM HER NAME, ADDRESS, AND PHONE NUMBER NOT HER RESIDENCE BUT HOUSE SHE WORKED OUT OF. COMMENTED SHE AND OTHER GIRL IN

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PROCESS MOVING OUT OF SMALL RESIDENCE TO A LARGER ONE. UNKNOWN GIRL WITH ANITA HAD SMALL GIRL CHILD WITH HER AND DID NOT APPROVE OF WASHINGTON.

LOS ANGELES IN INVESTIGATION OF KLEENEX BOX WRITING FOUND IN RAY'S MUSTANG AFTER ASSASSINATION AND FBI LAB EXAMED IDENTIFICATION OF DAY AS WRITTEN BELIEVES IT ENTIRELY POSSIBLE THAT GINGER DAY AND ANITA KATZWINKEL IN WORKING HOLLYWOOD AREA AS PROSTITUTES UPON THEIR ARRIVAL IN LOS ANGELES, AND TO BUILD UP TRADE LEFT THEIR NAMES WITH BARTENDERS IN AREA AND RAY, ARRIVING IN SAME AREA SOME FOUR OR FIVE MONTHS LATER, WAS PROBABLY FURNISHED WITH THEIR NAMES AND ADDRESS BY BARTENDER.

CHICAGO, RECONTACT GINGER DAY AND DETERMINE FROM HER IDENTITIES OF BARS AND BARTENDERS TO WHOM SHE GAVE NAME AND ADDRESS.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUES AT LOS ANGELES.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

PHOENIX ADVISED AIR MAIL.

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SIX SIX DASH SIX ONE ONE NINE WAS HER PHONE NUMBER. SHE STATED
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924PM URGENT 5-9-68 JHH

TO: DIRECTOR MEMPHIS CHICAGO LOSANGELES OMAHA
FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN

FOR ASSISTANCE OFFICES NOT RECEIVING PREVIOUS INFO, JOHN EUGENE GAWRON, FBI NUMBER ONE THREE FOUR THREE THREE FOUR, LIVED WITH SUBJECTS MOTHER BETWEEN IMPRISONMENTS NINETEEN FIFTY FOUR TO HER DEATH NINETEEN SIXTY ONE. APPEARS CLOSEST PERSON TO FAMILY. CLAIMS TAUGHT SUBJECT BURGLARY AND CASED SEVERAL JOBS TOGETHER FIFTY EIGHT FIFTY NINE.

UNDER DEVELOPMENT AS PCI SINCE INITIAL INTERVIEW THIS CASE. IS SEVENTY YEARS OLD, ON VERGE OF SENILITY, EXTREMELY RAMBLING IN CONVERSATIONS, AND AGENTS EXPERIENCE DIFFICULTY KEEPING INTERVIEWS ON PERTINENT TRACK, AS WELL AS SEPARATING FACT FROM CONJECTURE. JERRY RAY HAS DESCRIBED HIM AS KOOK, AND OTHER SOURCES REGARD HIMAS CRAZY OLD MAN WHO TALKS TOO MUCH.

ON INTERVIEW TODAY GAWRON STATED WITHIN DAY OR TWO FOLLOWING RELEASE ON BOND, JUNE TWENTY THIRD TWENTY FOURTH SIXTY SEVEN, HE READ IN CHICAGO TRIBUNE OF BANK ROBBERY OF FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS IN SOUTHERN STATE, AND RECALLED BANK HAD BEEN CASED BY SUBJECT AND SELF ON TWO FRIDAYS, BIG PAY ROLL DAYS, FIFTY EIGHT FIFTY NINE, BUT NOT ROBBED DUE TO GAWRON LEG INJURY.

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FEW DAYS AFTER ARTICLE WAS VISITED BY MAN HE REFUSED TO NAME, WHO HE BELIEVED HE HAD INTRODUCED TO RAY IN FIFTY NINE, WHO TOLD HIM HE AND OTHERS HAD ROBBED BANK, DISPLAYED VALISE FULL OF MONEY AND GAVE HIM TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS.

GAWRON HAS ADVISED FEW DAYS LATER HE VISITED FAMILY AND CAROL PEPPER, SISTER AND JOHN RAY, BROTHER, TOLD HIM SUBJECT WAS NOT IN MISSOURI. WEEK OR SO LATER THEY SAID SUBJECT IN OMAHA, DOING WELL, HE BELIEVED AS SALESMAN. WEEK OR SO LATER THEY SAID SUBJECT IN LOS ANGELES. CLAIMED NO DISCUSSION AS TO HOW THEY KNEW, OR INFO AS TO DIRECT OR INDIRECT CONTACT.

SIX WEEKS AGO WAS VISITED BY SAME MAN WHO INDICATED SUBJECT AND ONE OR MORE OTHERS WERE ACCOMPLICES IN BANK ROBBERY.

GAWRON DECLINED TO GIVE LOCATION OF BANK OR IDENTITY OF MAN AT THIS TIME, SAYING WANTED TO SEE MAN AGAIN AND IDENT ALL ACCOMPLICES, AND BE SURE HIMSELF IN THE CLEAR. PROMISED ADDITIONAL

DETAILS IN FEW DAYS. INTERESTED IN BANK ROBBERY REWARD. WAS PRESSED FOR DETAILS ON PROBABILITY OF IMMEDIATE REWARD BUT DECLINED.

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DURING PRESS FOR DETAILS STATED CITY WHERE BANK LOCATED WAS NOT SMALL, WAS NEAR RIVER WHICH IS STATE LINE, ROBBERS IN ANOTHER STATE FIVE MINUTES AFTER ROBBERY. WAS IN DEEP SOUTH, "LIKE MISSISSIPPI" BUT NOT MISSISSIPPI. LOOT PLUS OR MINUS TWO THOUSAND WAS FIFTY THOUSAND. SIZEABLE AMOUNT IN VAULT MISSED BY ROBBERS. SAID UN NAMED MAN NOT ST. LOUISAN, BUT BELIEVED FROM SOUTH WEST AND HAS SERVED SOME SENTENCE POSSIBLY IN ARKANSAS.

CLAIMED DID NOT MENTION ROBBERY EARLIER AS SUBJECT SOUGHT FOR MURDER AND DID NOT BELIEVE ANYONE INTERESTED IN LESSER CRIME.

JOHN LARRY RAY TODAY EMPHATICALLY DENIED ALL KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECTS WHEREABOUTS SUBSEQUENT TO ESCAPE, SPECIFICALLY DENIED AND INFO OR STATEMENT THAT SUBJECT IN OMAHA OR LOS ANGELES PRIOR TO NEWSPAPER REPORTS THIS CASE, AND STATED CONVICTION SISTER CAROL AND BROTHER JERRY HAVE SIMILAR LACK OF KNOWLEDGE.

TO ASSIST ST LOUIS IN EVALUATING CREDIBILITY OF GAWRON, BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO EXAMINE REPORTED BANK ROBBERIES IN SOUTHERN STATES JUNE JULY SIXTY SEVEN TO SEE IF CITIES INVOLVED ARE NEAR STATE LINE RIVER AND LOOT IN VICINITY OF FIFTY THOUSAND.
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CHICAGO IS REQUESTED TO REVIEW JUNE TWENTY THIRD TO END
OF JULY ISSUES OF CHICAGO TRIBUNE FOR ACCOUNT OF SUCH ROBBERY.

OMAHA AND LA THROUGH SUCH SOURCES AS MAY BE DEEMED
APPROPRIATE ATTEMPT DETERMINE PRESENCE OF SUBJECT IN THIER
TERRITORIES JUNE AND JULY SIXTY SEVEN.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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935PM URGENT 5-9-68 LCS

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS 44-1987, KANSAS CITY, AND PITTSBURGH
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN

RE MIAMI TEL TO BUREAU MAY EIGHT LAST; AND BUFFALO TEL TO
BUREAU MAY EIGHT LAST.

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED MAY NINE INSTANT.

EXPANDED SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX CHECK CONTINUING.

ELIMINATION OF INDIVIDUALS WITH NAMES SIMILAR TO ALIASES
OF SUBJECT RAY CONTINUING.

ELIMINATION OF LOOK-ALIKE REPORTS CONTINUING.

CHARLES DUNHAM INTERVIEWED. HAS NO SPECIFIC KNOWLEDGE RE
ASSASSINATION. HOWEVER, SAYS HE RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM
DOUGLAS MERRELL, MANAGER, CATACOMBS, ATLANTA, GA., (HIPPIE CLUB),
THAT ONE BILLY MACK WISDOM, FBI NO. SEVEN EIGHT SEVEN FIVE ZERO
SIX D WAS POSSIBLY INVOLVED IN ASSASSINATION. WISDOM REPORTEDLY
SERVING TIME IN GA. STATE PENITENTIARY ON RECENT BURGLARY
CONVICTION. WISDOM'S INCARCERATION IS BEING VERIFIED THROUGH
GA. STATE BOARD OF CORRECTIONS. WISDOM IDENTICAL WITH WESLEY,
WELSTON, OR WESTON MENTIONED IN RE BUFFALO TEL.

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MIAMI ADVISED IN RE TEL THAT ONE HERRAN FURNISHED EAL, ATLANTA, CONTACT TELEPHONE NO. FIVE TWO FIVE DASH TWO SEVEN SEVEN ONE AND THAT JOHN WILLARD FURNISHED EAL, ATLANTA, WITH CONTACT POINT DOWNTOWNER, ATLANTA.

RECORDS OF DOWNTOWNER MOTOR INN, ATLANTA, REFLECT JOHN O., WILLARD, WITHEROW RD., SEWICKLEY, PA., REPRESENTING W. W. NORTON AND CO., INC., WAS REGISTERED IN THE MOTEL IN ROOM FOUR ONE ONE ON APR. ELEVEN LAST. WILLARD, WHO IS ONLY PERSON BY THAT NAME REGISTERED IN MOTEL FROM MAR. SIXTYEIGHT UNTIL APR. SIXTYEIGHT, WAS DRIVING CHEVROLET BEARING NEW YORK LIC. THREE EIGHT THREE TWO DASH W X. PITTSBURGH CONDUCT NECESSARY INVESTIGATION TO ELIMINATE.

ATLANTA TELEPHONE NO. FIVE TWO FIVE DASH TWO SEVEN SEVEN ONE IS LISTED TO DOWNTOWN MOTEL, THREE THREE ZERO W. PEACHTREE ST., ATLANTA. RECORDS OF DOWNTOWN MOTEL REFLECT THAT MARVIN W. HERREN, ONE ZERO SIX ZERO SIX, WESTBROOKE DR., SHAWNEE MISSION, KANSAS, REPRESENTING GORDON JOHNSON CO., KANSAS CITY, WAS REGISTERED IN ROOM THREE TWO SIX OF THE MOTEL ON APR. NINE LAST.

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KANSAS CITY, AT SHAWNEE MISSION, KANSA, AND AT KANSAS CITY.
CONDUCT NECESSARY INVESTIGATION TO ELIMINATE.

SUBJECT RAY ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

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1132PM URGENT 5-9-68 JHH

TO: DIRECTOR MEMPHIS CHICAGO LITTLE ROCK
FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN - SUMMARY

RE BUTEL THIS DATE.

RE: CARL BENTON DRAKE: DRAKE LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED TODAY.
REITERATED INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED. STATED HAD TALKED
TO FRIENDS BUT HAD NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. AGAIN EXPRESSED
WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE.

RE: JAMES DAVID DAILEY: FURTHER EFFORTS TO CONNECT WITH
SUBJECT OR LOCATE ANY FARM OWNED OR OPERATED BY HIM NEGATIVE.

RE: JERRY RAY. LEFT SL ONE FIFTY FIVE PM ENROUTE CHICAGO
EMPLOYMENT. WILL CONTACT CHICAGO OFFICE TOMORROW. LEARNED
NOTHING OF SUBJECTS WHEREABOUTS DURING VISIT. BELIEVES CAROL
PEPPER AND JOHN RAY SIMILARLY UNINFORMED.

RE: JOHN EUGENE GAWRON. ALLEGED RAY ACCOMPLICE IN FIFTY
THOUSAND DOLLAR BR IN SOUTHERN STATE JUNE JULY SIXTY SEVEN; THAT
CAROL PEPPER AND JOHN RAY STATED SUBJECT IN OMAHA AND LOS ANGELES
DURING SAME PERIOD. DECLINED TO FURNISH LOCATION OF BANK OR
IDENTITY OF PERSON WHOM INFO RECEIVED AT THIS TIME. BUREAU AND

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INTERESTED OFFICES REQUESTED BY SEPERATE TELETYPE TO MAKE CHECKS TO AID ST. LOUIS IN EVALUATING CREDIBILITY.

RE: JOHN LARRY RAY. REINTERVIEWED. DENIED ALL KNOWLEDGE SUBJECTS WHEREABOUTS OR CONTACT SINCE ESCAPE. PARTICULARLY DENIED STATEMENT OR KNOWLEDGE THAT SUBJECT IN OMAHA OR LOS ANGELES PRIOR TO NEWSPAPER REPORTS THIS CASE. BELIEVES SUBJECT OUT OF COUNTRY IF ALIVE. RECALLED HE SPOKE HIGHLY OF RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT DURING PRISON VISITS.

RE: CAROL PEPPER. WILL ATTEMPT INTERVIEW TOMORROW. HELD IN ABEYANCE DURING JERRY RAY VISIT.

RE: WALTER ELLSWORTH NOLAN: NOT LOCATED FOR REINTERVIEW TODAY. CONTINUING CONTACTS INFORMANTS AND SOURCES NEGATIVE AS TO SUBJECT WHEREABOUTS. FELLOW PRISONERS INTERVIEWS, LOOK ALIKE RESOLUTIONS, AND COVERAGE ON RELATIVES CONTINUING.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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237 AM URGENT 5-9-68 HFL

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, LOS ANGELES

FROM WASHINGTON FIELD 100319 GR 959

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JOHN ACORD, CHAIRMAN, AMERICAN-SOUTHERN AFRICA COUNCIL, 800 FOURTH STREET, SW, WASHINGTON, DC, FURNISHED WFO TODAY A LETTER DATED DEC. TWENTYEIGHT LAST FROM ERIC S. GALT, 1535 NORTH SERRANO, LOS ANGELES, CALIF., WHICH WAS RECEIVED BY ACORD IN DEC. SIXTYSEVEN. THE LETTER READS: 'DECEMBER 28, 1967

'DEAR SIR,

"I RECENTLY READ AN ARTICLE IN THE LA TIMES ON YOUR CONCIL, THE LOCAL JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY PROVIDED ME WITH YOUR ADDRESS. MY REASON FOR WRITING IS THAT I AM CONSIDERING IMMIGRATING TO RHODESIA, HOWEVER THEIR ARE A COUPLE LEGAL QUESTIONS INVOLVED.

"ONE: THE U. S. GOVERNMENT WILL NOT ISSUE A PASSPORT FOR TRAVEL TO RHODESIA.

"TWO: WOULD THERE BE ANY WAY TO ENTER RHODESIA LEGALLY (FROM THE RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT POINT OF VIEW).

"I WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION YOU COULD GIVE ME ON THE ABOVE SUBJECT OR ANY OTHER INFORMATION ON RHODESIA.

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"SINCERELY ERIC S. GALT, 1535 N. SERRANO, LOS

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ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, 90027"

ABOVE LETTER HANDCARRIED TO BUREAU LABORATORY TODAY.

ACORD WAS IN RHODESIA WHEN THE LETTER WAS RECEIVED AT HIS OFFICE AND HIS SECRETARY REPLIED TO THIS LETTER WITH A FORM LETTER ENCLOSING LITERATURE ON RHODESIA.

ACORD ALSO SAID HE MAY HAVE MET GALT IN NOVEMBER, SIXTYSEVEN, IN HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, AS HE RECALLS AN INDIVIDUAL ASKING HIM QUESTIONS ABOUT EMIGRATING TO RHODESIA. ACORD WAS SHOWN ALL PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL RAY, AND ACORD SAID THEY WERE NOT OF THE INDIVIDUAL HE RECALLS WHO QUESTIONED HIM.

THE WRITER OF THE ABOVE LETTER WAS IN ERROR REGARDING PASSPORTS AS RHODESIA IS NOT AND HAS NEVER BEEN ON THE LIST OF COUNTRIES TO WHICH TRAVEL BY AMERICANS HAS BEEN RESTRICTED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT. A U. S. PASSPORT ISSUED IN SIXTYEIGHT IS VALID FOR THREE YEARS FOR ALL COUNTRIES EXCEPT CUBA, MAINLAND CHINA, NORTH KOREA AND NORTH VIETNAM.

[REDACTED] ADVISED HE HAS COPY OF LETTER FURNISHED BY ACORD. [REDACTED] WILL REVIEW FILES HIS OFFICE AND ADVISE IF FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING GALT LOCATED. [REDACTED] OFFERED ON BEHALF OF HIS GOVERNMENT ALL ASSISTANCE POSSIBLE; HOWEVER, DESIRES A FORMAL REQUEST IN ANY FORM. HE REQUESTED THAT SUCH REQUESTS AND ANY INFORMATION FURNISHED NOT BE MADE PUBLIC IN VIEW OF IMPDICATIONS OF EXPLOITING THE

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EXISTING SITUATION OF HIS GOVERNMENT AND OF POSSIBLY EXPANDING HOSTILITY TOWARD HIS GOVERNMENT. [REDACTED] STATED HE WOULD NOT USE OPEN TELEGRAPH TO PASS ON ANY REQUEST TO HIS GOVERNMENT BUT WOULD USE MAIL. HE SUGGESTED OUT GOVERNMENT MAY WISH TO PRESENT REQUEST THROUGH THE AMERICAN CONSULATE AT SALISBURY, RHODESIA. [REDACTED] WISHES TO BE ADVISED CONCERNING THE CHANNEL USED TO TRANSMIT REQUEST.

BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE WFO CONCERNING THE FORM OF REQUEST TO BE MADE OF THE RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT.

LOS ANGELES ADVISE WFO OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED AT JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION DEVELOPED IN LOS ANGELES TO ASSIST IN INTERVIEWING ACORD IN GREATER DETAIL.

WFO INDICES REFLECTED CLOSED CASE ENTITLED "AMERICAN-SOUTHERN AFRICA COUNCIL; IS - RHODESIA; REGISTRATION ACT - RHODESIA". FILE REFLECTS JAMES PATRICK ACORD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ABOVE ORGANIZATION, INTERVIEWED BY WFO, MARCH SEVEN, SIXTYSEVEN, AT WHICH TIME HE ADVISED PURPOSE OF ORGANIZATION WAS TO CONVINCE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT THAT ITS AFRICAN POLICY IS INCORRECT AND SHOULD BE CHANGED SO THAT MORE FRIENDLY RELATIONS CAN EXIST BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND RHODESIA, SOUTH AFRICA, ANGOLA, AND POSSIBLY GAMBIA. ACORD EXPLAINED THAT SOME COUNTRIES ARE NOT READY FOR INDEPENDENCE BECAUSE OF LACK OF EDUCATED PERSONNEL, RENDERING THEM VULNERABLE TO COMMUNIST TAKEOVER. HE STATED RHODESIA'S RULING

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ELEMENTS ARE EDUCATED AND STRONG ENOUGH TO WITHSTAND COMMUNIST SUBVERSION
AND THAT THE UNITED STATES THEREFORE SHOULD RECOGNIZE RHODESIA AS
AN INDEPENDENT COUNTRY AND GIVE IT MORAL SUPPORT.

END

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1056 AM URGENT 5/10/68 PAK
TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MIAMI (44-1854), MEMPHIS, (44-1987) AND
ATLANTA (44-2386)
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 1P

MURKIN.

RE MIAMI TEL TO DIRECTOR MAY NINE LAST.

RE EASTERN AIRLINES (EAL) FLIGHTS OUT OF ATLANTA APRIL
FIVE THROUGH APRIL TWELVE LAST.

RE TEL FURNISHED FIVE TICKET NUMBERS UNITED AIR LINE (UAL).
UAL OFFICIALS STATE NUMBERS INCORRECT. ALL UAL TICKETS BEGIN
WITH ZERO ONE SIX PREFIX AND THEN CONTINUE WITH SEQUENTIAL
NUMBERS IN GROUPS OF THREE TOTALING NINE ADDITIONAL NUMBERS.
NUMBERS FURNISHED SHOW TEN ADDITIONAL NUMBERS. ALSO UAL STATES
IF TICKETS ISSUED UAL STOCK AND USED ON OTHER AIRLINES NO
RECORD AT UAL AVAILABLE TIL L JUNE NEXT AFTER BILLING BY
OTHER AIRLINE.

MIAMI CLARIFY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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1259PM URGENT LMA

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), LOS ANGELES (44-1574), MEMPHIS (44-1987
BIRMINGHAM(44-1740), AND ATLANTA (44-2386).
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 1P

MURKIN.

RE LOS ANGELES TEL TO DIRECTOR MAY NINE LAST.

RE GINGER NANCE.

GINGER NANCE ADVISED THIS DATE SHE DID NOT GIVE HER
NAME TO ANY BARTENDER OR LEAVE HER NAME AT ANY BARS WHILE
IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA. NANCE ADVISED SHE FREQUENTED THE
FOLLOWING BARS IN LOS ANGELES:

VEGAS ON HOLLYWOOD BLVD.; RABBIT'S FOOT ON HOLLYWOOD BLVD.;
BLACK HORSE ON WESTERN, AND RED VEST ON WESTERN.

LOS ANGELES AT LOS ANGELES, CONDUCT INVESTIGATION AT ABOVE
NAMED BARS TO DETERMINE IF KATZWINKEL OR NANCE LEFT THEIR
NAME AND ADDRESS AT ANY BAR OR WITH ANY BARTENDER NAMED
ESTABLISHMENTS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

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FBI ST LOUIS

3:22 OXXPM URGENT 5-10-68 DCJ

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), INDIANAPOLIS, MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND
SPRINGFIELD

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775) 2P

MURKIN

RE: SUBJECT'S BROTHER, JOHN LARRY RAY.

JOHN LARRY RAY CLAIMS SERVED SIX YEARS, EIGHT MONTHS,
MENARD PENITENTIARY (23401) IN ILLINOIS; AND TWO YEARS, THREE
MONTHS, INDIANA STATE PRISON (35297).

INDIANAPOLIS AND SPRINGFIELD, REQUESTED TO MAKE CONTACT
PRISON OFFICIALS, OBTAIN COMPLETE DATA IN FILE REGARDING JOHN
LARRY RAY INCLUDING ANY CHRONOLOGICAL DATA SHEETS SHOWING
ACTIVITIES WHILE IN PRISON, ANY DATA REFLECTING DISCIPLINARY
ACTION, MENTALITY TESTS, OR DIAGNOSTIC REPORTS FROM EVALUATION
COMMITTEES AND OR PSYCHIATRIC EXAMINATION. THIS DATA TO BE USED
FOR EVALUATION AND ASSISTANCE IN CONTINUING CONTACTS AND
INTERVIEWS WITH JOHN LARRY RAY.

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IF JOHN LARRY RAY KNOWN TO ANY SOURCES AT THESE TWO PRISONS, OBTAIN FROM THESE SOURCES ANY INFO THAT WOULD IDENTIFY CLOSE ASSOCIATES OF JOHN LARRY RAY, PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO MIGHT BE FROM OR RESIDING IN THE ST. LOUIS AREA.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

P.

END

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FBI SANDIEGO

1141AM URGENT 5-7-68 CND

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND PHOENIX

FROM SAN DIEGO 44-387

MURKIN

RE SAN DIEGO TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND PHOENIX DATED
APRIL TWENTY NINE LAST.

CHIEF, STATE JUDICIAL POLICE, TIJUANA, B.C., MEXICO,
ADVISED INSTANT DATE THAT FURTHER INQUIRY BY HIM HAS RESULTED
IN IDENTIFYING INDIVIDUAL MENTIONED IN REFERENCED TELETYPE AS
BEING IDENTICAL WITH DANIEL D. KENNEDY, WHO HAD BEEN ARRESTED
AND HELD BY THE MEXICAN AUTHORITIES IN THE STATE OF SONORA,
MEXICO.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO FURNISH ABOVE INFORMATION TO
LEGAT MEXICO.

END

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO SAC ST. LOUIS (44-776)
FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN.

ADVISE BY RETURN TEL RESULTS OF REINTERVIEW WITH
CARL DRAKE AND CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS INTO ASSOCIATES AND
BACKGROUND OF JAMES D. DAILEY.

YOU ARE TO FURNISH BUREAU DAILY TELETYPE SUMMARY
WHICH SHALL INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO INFORMATION
DEVELOPED AS TO ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT'S RELATIVES AND THEIR
ASSOCIATES IN YOUR AREA. THIS MATTER MUST BE VIGOROUSLY
PRESSED BY YOUR OFFICE. COPY MAILED MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

REURTEL INSTANT.

YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO OBTAIN FEDERAL GRAND JURY
SUBPOENA FOR PERTINENT TELEPHONE RECORDS, THE REVIEW OF
WHICH SHOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED WITH FULL SECURITY AND THE
BUREAU'S INTEREST FULLY PROTECTED.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

② - SAC, MEMPHIS

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FBI CHICAGO

519PM URGENT 5-10-68 RMF

TO DIRECTOR /44-38861/ ST. LOUIS /44-775/ MEMPHIS /44-1987/
FROM CHICAGO /44-1114/

MURKIN.

RE ST. LOUIS TEL MAY NINE LAST.

RE ALLEGED BANK ROBBERY OF FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS IN SOUTHERN
STATE. REVIEW OF "CHICAGO TRIBUNE" NEWSPAPERS FOR JUNE TWENTY
THREE TO JULY THIRTYONE, SIXTYSEVEN, REGARDING BANK ROBBERY
ALLEGED BY JOHN GAWRON NEGATIVE.

CHICAGO INDICES NEGATIVE RE BANK ROBBERY OR MAJOR THEFT AT
THAT TIME. CHICAGO PD AND COOK COUNTY SO CONTACTED RE ANY INFOR-
MATION OF SUCH ROBBERY OR THEFT WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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526PM URGENT 5-10-68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN CR 00:ME

RE CG TEL TO SL MAY NINE, SIXTY EIGHT.

INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY SA AUBREY D. PARK. WILLIAM
NETHINGTON, SULLIVAN, MO., A PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR FOR DAVIS,
A PRIVATE INVESTIGATING AGENCY IN CHICAGO, ADVISED ON MAY TEN,
SIXTY EIGHT HE IS MARRIED TO NEICE OF MILFORD ROEHRS, A SULLIVAN,
MO., POLICE OFFICER. ABOUT TWO DAYS AFTER KING WAS MURDERED,
ROEHRS MADE THE STATEMENT THAT KING'S MURDERER WAS OUT OF THE U.S.
NETHINGTON NETHINGTON HAS TALKED WITH ROEHRS
SEVERAL TIMES SINCE THEN AND ROEHRS HAS STATED KING'S KILLER IS
PROBABLY IN ARGENTINA. NETHINGTON COULD NOT RECALL ROEHRS MAKING
ANY STATEMENT ABOUT JAMES EARL RAY'S ESCAPE FROM MO. PENITENTIARY
BEING PLANNED BY THE KLAN. NETHINGTON HAS CONCLUDED ROEHRS IS A
MEMBER OF THE KKK.

NETHINGTON REPORTED THE ABOVE INFORMATION FOR HIS BOSS, LT.
EARL HENDERSHOT, OF CG WHO SAW THE POSSIBILITY OF COLLECTING LOTS
OF MONEY IF, THROUGH ROEHRS, HE COULD OBTAIN THE DETAILS OF THE
MURDER IN THIS CASE OR ASCERTAIN THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE MURDERER.
NETHINGTON COULD NOT RECALL THAT ROEHRS EVER INDICATED THE SOURCE
OF HIS INFORMATION AND STATED IT COULD HAVE BEEN MERELY HIS OPINION.
CORR TEXT LINE NINE, THE FIRST WORD NETHINGTON SHOULD BE OMITTED.

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NETHINGTON INTRODUCED ROEHRS TO HENDERSHOT AS A FRIEND FROM CG. HENDERSHOT TALKED WITH ROEHRS PRIVATELY FOR ABOUT THIRTY MINUTED AND STATED HE GOT NO PERTINENT INFORMATION BUT CONCLUDED THAT ROEHRS WAS PROBABLY A MEMBER OF THE KLAN.

MILFORD JAMES ROEHRS, THREE ZERO FIVE EAST ST., SULLIVAN, MO. A MEMBER OF THE SULLIVAN POLICE DEPT., ADVISED ON MAR TEN, SIXTY EIGHT, HE IS A MEMBER OF THE KKK BUT KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT THE EXCAPE OF RAY FROM MO. PENITENTIARY, THE MURDER OF KING, OR THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE MURDERER. HE NEVER HEARD OF RAY UNTIL AFTER HE HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED IN THIS CASE, AND HIS STATEMENTS HE HAS MADE REGARDING THE CASE ARE HIS PERSONAL OPINIONS. HE HAS HEARD NOTHING REGARDING THIS CASE THROUGH THE KLAN ORGANIZATION.

CHICAGO ADVISED BY AIRMAIL. P.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS

CORR THE TIME TO READ 726PM "VICE" 526PM

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PLS MAKE ALL CORR AT END OF TT

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FBI MIAMI

651PM EDT URGENT 5/10/68 LAS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA (44-2386), MEMPHIS (44-1987),
MINNEAPOLIS, NEW YORK AND CHICAGO (44-1114)
FROM MIAMI (44-1854)

MURKIN

RE CHICAGO TEL TO BUREAU MAY TEN INSTANT AND MIAMI TEL TO
BUREAU MAY NINE LAST.

IN RE MIAMI TEL NAME OF AIRLINE INSERTED IN PLACE OF
IDENTIFYING NUMBERS. EASTERN AIRLINES (EAL) IBM SET UP FOR
TEN NUMBER TICKETS. WHEN AN AIRLINE USES NINE NUMBERS FOR
TICKETS FOLLOWING IDENTIFYING NUMBERS, EAL INSERTS A ZERO
FOR THE FOURTH NUMBER. ALL OFFICES, IN CHECKING TICKETS LISTED
IN RE MIAMI TEL, DROP FOURTH NUMBER AS SHOWN, WHICH IN EACH
INSTANCE IS A ZERO.

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714PM URGENT 5-10-68 LCS

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, CHICAGO, JACKSONVILLE, MIAMI, AND
SAVANNAH
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED MAY TEN INSTANT.

EXPANDED SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX CHECK CONTINUING.

ELIMINATION OF LOOK-ALIKE REPORTS CONTINUING.

BILLY MACK WISDOM, FBI NO. SEVEN ZERO SEVEN FIVE ZERO SIX
D, RECEIVED THREE YEARS SENTENCE USDC, NDGA, ATLANTA, JAN.
TWENTYNINE LAST AND TRANSPORTED TO FCI, TALLAHASSEE, FLA.

EXPANDED AIRLINE CHECK REFLECTS DELTA AIRLINES RECORDS
INDICATE SIX TICKETS REFERRED TO IN MIAMI TEL TO DIRECTOR
MAY NINE LAST HANDLED THROUGH TRAVEL AGENCY. TEN OTHER
TICKETS IDENTIFIED AND NONE PURCHASED BY HERRON. TICKETS
HANDLED THROUGH TRAVEL AGENCIES SHOULD BE LOCATED WEEK OF
MAY TWELVE NEXT.

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DAL RECORDS FURTHER REFLECT JOHN WILLARD MADE RESERVATION ON EAL ON APR. ELEVEN LAST, CHANGED FLIGHT, AND FLEW APR. TEN LAST ON EAL AND RETURNED TO ATLANTA APR. FIFTEEN LAST ON DAL FLIGHT NO. TWENTY. HE LEFT CONTACT NUMBERS MIAMI FOUR FOUR EIGHT DASH ZERO TWO SEVEN SIX AND SAVANNAH TWO THREE THREE DASH THREE FIVE THREE ONE, ROOM FIVE TWO ONE. MIAMI NUMBER APPARENTLY IS RESIDENCE.

JIMMY GARNER, ATLANTA, REINTERVIEWED AND AGAIN STATED IF HE OBTAINS ANY INFORMATION OR IS CONTACTED IN ANY WAY BY SUBJECT, HE WILL NOTIFY ATLANTA FBI OFFICE.

ATLANTA INDICES NEGATIVE RE CARL MURPHY, JR.

JACKSONVILLE, AT TALLAHASSEE. INTERVIEW BILLY MACK WISDOM. FOR INFORMATION JACKSONVILLE, DOUGLAS MERRELL, MANAGER, CATACOMBS, A HIPPIE CLUB IN ATLANTA, INDICATED WISDOM POSSIBLY INVOLVED IN ASSASSINATION. JACKSONVILLE OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION HE MAY HAVE CONCERNING ASSASSINATION.

MIAMI ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY JOHN WILLARD THROUGH PHONE NO. FOUR FOUR EIGHT DASH ZERO TWO SEVEN SIX. FOR INFORMATION MIAMI, WILLARD REPORTEDLY BOARDED EAL FLIGHT AT ATLANTA AND ALSO TRAVELED TO MIAMI ON EAL FLIGHT TWO SEVEN SEVEN AND THEN RETURNED
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TO ATLANTA ON DAL FLIGHT TWENTY ON APR. FIFTEEN. APPARENT
CONFUSION REGARDING WILLARD'S FLIGHTS WAS RESULT OF HIS MAKING
EAL RESERVATIONS THROUGH DELTA AIRLINES AT SAVANNAH.

SAVANNAH ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY WILLARD THROUGH CONTACT PHONE
TWO THREE THREE DASH THREE FIVE THREE ONE, ROOM FIVE TWO ONE.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI MEMPHIS

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8-39PM URGENT 5-10-68 DPK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS, PHOENIX, AND BIRMINGHAM
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

RE FUTURA BOOKS INC, AND CANADIAN MONEY ORDER:

LORRAINE MARTIN, FUTURA BOOKS, INC., TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA
LOCATED COPY OF ORDER BLANK RECEIVED BY THIS CONCERN FROM ERIC
S. GALT, TWO FIVE EIGHT FOUR NOTRE DAME EST, MONTREAL, CANADA
ON JULY TWENTY SIX, SIXTY SEVEN. ORDER WAS FOR THREE BOOKS
ENTITLED QUOTE SEXUAL ANATOMY END QUOTE, QUOTE UNUSUAL FEMALE SEX
PRACTICES END QUOTE AND QUOTE SEX FEELING IN MEN AND WOMEN END
QUOTE. EACH BOOK PRICED AT THREE DOLLARS. GALT ALSO REQUESTED
FREE ILLUSTRATED CATALOG. APPLICATION SYMBOL REVEALED ORDER BLANK
TAKEN FROM AD PLACED IN QUOTE MEN'S REAL ADVENTURE END QUOTE
MAGAZINE. ORDER FILLED AND SENT GALT AT CANADIAN ADDRESS ON JULY TWENTY
SIX SIXTY SEVEN.

RE AD TAKEN BY GALT IN FREE PRESS AND THE LOCAL SWINGER

U.S. POSTAL INSPECTOR, LOS ANGELES FURNISHED POSTAL FORM ONE
FIVE EIGHT THREE EXECUTED BY ERIC S. GALT, ON FEBRUARY ONE SIXTY
EIGHT DESIGNATING C.M. HEDGPETH, ALHAMBRA, CALIFORNIA AS
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RECEIVING AGENT FOR MAIL ADDRESSED TO ERIC S. GALT, ERIC S. OR E.S.G., FOUR ZERO SIX SOUTH SECOND STREET, ALHAMBRA. FORM SUBMITTED TO FBI LAB FOR EXAMINATION TODAY.

RE EATING PLACES

DON M. MURPHY, OWNER QUOTE PAMPERED PUP END QUOTE WALK-UP EATING STANDS LOCATED AT ONE SIX ZERO SEVEN VINE STREET AND ONE SEVEN ONE FIVE NORTH WESTERN AVENUE AND QUOTE THE FOLIC ROOM END QUOTE SIX TWO FOUR FIVE HOLLYWOOD BLVD, ALL LOS ANGELES WAS SHOWN PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL RAY. STATED HE RECALLS RAY AS CUSTOMER OF THE RABBIT'S FOOT, SULTAN ROOM AND PAMPERED PUP. MURPHY SAID HE HIMSELF FREQUENTS THESE SAME BARS ON OCCASION. HE RELATED HE HAD SPOKEN WITH RAY IN MANNER OF IDLE BAR CHATTER. SAID HE CANNOT REMEMBER SPECIFIC NATURE OF CONVERSATION. MURPHY HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF RAY'S ASSOCIATES AND DID NOT KNOW RAY BY NAME.

RE ST. FRANCIS HOTEL

ALAN THOMPSON, MANAGER, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL ADVISED HE RECEIVED PERSON TO PERSON PREPAID TELEPHONE CALL AT ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, NUMBER FOUR SIX FOUR DASH ONE ONE THREE ONE, FROM UNKNOWN PERSON ALLEGEDLY CALLING FROM PHOENIX, ARIZONA DURING EVENING OF MAY NINE LAST OR EARLY MORNING MAY TEN INSTANT. CALLER ASKED QUOTE HOW'S THE MURDER COMING AT THE ST. FRANCIS END QUOTE AND THEN HUNG UP.

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PHOENIX DETERMINE FEASIBILITY OF DETERMINING IDENTITY OF
CALLER. CONSIDER POSSIBILITY OF WOODY LUNSFORD MAKING CALL.

NEIGHBORHOOD OF ST. FRANCIS HOTEL

CONTACT WITH NUMEROUS BARTENDERS VICINITY OF ST. FRANCIS
HOTEL ESTABLISH RAY, ALTHOUGH NOT NOTICEABLY IN POSSESSION OF
LARGE AMOUNTS OF MONEY, ALWAYS SEEMED TO HAVE SUFFICIENT
FUNDS. CONTACTS WITH INDIVIDUALS AND INFORMANTS HAVING KNOWLEDGE OF
NARCOTICS, PROSTITUTION, BOOKMAKING, GAMBLING IN AND ABOUT THE
VICINITY OF HOLLYWOOD AND WESTERN AVE. AREA HAVE NOT ESTABLISHED
RAY TO HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN ANY OF THESE ACTIVITIES AS A SOURCE
OF FUNDS.

RE PHONE CALLS BETWEEN LOS ANGELES AND NEW ORLEANS.

ARNOLD P. THOMAS, JR., ONE FIVE ZERO EAST ONE ONE SIX PLACE,
LOS ANGELES, LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED THIS DATE. THOMAS ADVISED
WHILE EN ROUTE TO NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, FOR BURIAL OF BROTHER,
LESTER THOMAS, HE ENCOUNTERED SNOW STORMS ON MOST OF ROUTE FROM
LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS. THOMAS ADVISED HIS WIFE MADE TELEPHONE
CALLS TO THE RESIDENCE OF HIS PARENTS WHO RESIDE IN NEW ORLEANS,
TELEPHONE NUMBER TWO EIGHT TWO SEVEN FIVE NINE ONE, FROM TUCSON,
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ARIZONA AND EL PASO, TEXAS. THE CALL FROM EL PASO, TEXAS TO THE BEST OF MR. THOMAS' RECOLLECTION, WAS MADE ON TWELVE SIXTEEN LAST FROM A PAY TELEPHONE BOOTH LOCATED NEAR MC DONALD HAMBURGER STAND.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL RAY EXHIBITED TO ARNOLD P. THOMAS, JR., WHO ADVISED HE WAS NOT ACQUAINTED WITH THE INDIVIDUAL DEPICTED IN THE PHOTOGRAPHS AND TO THE BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE HAS NEVER SEEN THIS INDIVIDUAL ON ANY PREVIOUS OCCASIONS.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUES AT LOS ANGELES.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO NEW ORLEANS AND EL PASO.

END

DND

FBI MEMPHIS

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FBI ST LOUIS

1031PM URGENT 5-10-68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, AND CHICAGO
FROM ST. LOUIS

MURKIN - SUMMARY

RE CAROL PEPPER: REINTERVIEWED. INDICATED WILLING TO COOPERATE. APPEARED FRIENDLY BUT MAINTAINED HAD NO PERTINENT INFORMATION. CLAIMED SAW SUBJECT ONLY THREE OR FOUR TIMES IN LIFE, AFTER SHE CAME TO SL AT AGE SIXTEEN, BUT HAS HAZY MEMORY OF MEDALS ON UNIFORM WHEN RETURNED FROM ARMY. NEVER ATTEMPTED VISIT AT MSP, BUT WROTE LETTERS TO HIM THERE IN BEHALF AND NAME OF GRANDMOTHER MARY MAHER AND CONTINUED SAME THREE OR FOUR LETTERS FOLLOWING MAHER DEATH. RECEIVED TWO OR THREE LETTERS FROM HIM. COULD HAVE RECEIVED LETTER FROM HIM ADDRESSED TO ALBERT PEPPER STATIONERY CO AT HER RESIDENCE, BUT BELIEVED IF SHE HAD, IT HAD BEEN PREVIOUS TO JANUARY SIXTYSEVEN, AND ANY MONEY RECEIVED WOULD HAVE BEEN LESS THAN FIFTEEN DOLLARS. ANY MONEY RECEIVED WOULD PROBABLY HAVE BEEN FOR MAGAZINES HE REQUESTED WHICH SHE NEVER SENT. COMPLAINED OF PRESS AND STATED HUSBAND HAD SENT REPORTS AWAY. DOES NOT DESIRE PUBLICITY. BELIEVES SUBJECT NOT GUILTY AND IS CONCERNED OVER NEWS CONJECTURE THAT HE MAY BE DEAD. CLAIMS NOT AWARE OF IDENTITIES OF ANY RAY ASSOCIATES. DENIED ANY CONTACT WITH RAY SUBSEQUENT TO ESCAPE OR ANY KNOWLEDGE

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OF WHEREABOUTS SINCE. AGREED TO IMMEDIATELY CONTACT OFFICE IF CONTACTED BY OR RECEIVES INFORMATION REGARDING HIM. WILLING TO BE REINTERVIEWED WHENEVER NECESSARY.

RE JOHN LARRY RAY AND JOHN GAWSON: NO ATTEMPT TO REINTERVIEW TODAY.

RE JAMES DAVID DAILEY: SOURCES HAVE NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RE POSSIBILITY OF REVERSING RAY ARMED ROBBERY CONVICTION: JUDGE JOHN C. CASEY, SL, WHO ORIGINALLY SENTENCED RAY, ADVISED OF POSSIBILITY BASED ON PENDING MOTION FILED BY RAY PRIOR TO ESCAPE. BUREAU ADVICE REQUESTED BY SEPARATE TELETYPE.

RE JERRY RAYNES: REINTERVIEWED LAST EVENING. VOLUNTEERED SONS JOHN AND JERRY RAY HAD SPENT NIGHT WITH HIM, HE BELIEVED MAY SIXTY, AND THAT THEY LEFT FOR SL FOLLOWING MORNING EARLY. CALLED THEM COUPLE OF IDIOTS. THEY WERE DRINKING AND ARGUING. JOHN INDICATED RESENTMENT OF HIMSELF AND CAROL PEPPER OVER JERRY HAVING SOLD LIFE MAGAZINE STORY ABOUT FAMILY WHICH WAS HALF LIES. RAYNES THOUGHT JERRY VISITING IN SL AND SPENDING LIFE MONEY WHICH HE ALSO RESENTED. CLAIMED HOUSE IN EWING MO., DID NOT HAVE DIRT FLOOR WHEN FAMILY LIVED THERE. ADMITTED LIVING COMMON LAW WITH CHILDRENS MOTHER BEFORE ALLEGEDLY MARRYING HER BEFORE JUSTICE OF PEACE IN FLORIDA. VOLUNTEERED HE HAD BEEN VISITED BY REPORTER BUT HAD REFUSED INTERVIEW. AGAIN DENIED CONTACT BY OR KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECT WHEREABOUTS. JERRY AND JOHN GAVE NO INDICATION THEY HAD ANY SUCH KNOWLEDGE.

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RE MILFORD JAMES ROEHRS, SULLIVAN, MO. POLICEMAN. WM NETHINGTON, SULLIVAN, PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR FOR DAVIS AGENCY, CHICAGO, RELATED TO ROEHRS BY MARRIAGE, SAID ROEHRS HAS STATED KING KILLER OUT OF U.S. PROBABLY IN ARGENTINA, BUT HAD MADE NO STATEMENT THAT RAY ESCAPE PLANNED BY KLAN. BELIEVED MERELY EXPRESSION OF OPINION. DAVIS SUPERIOR, EARL HENDERSHOT, CHICAGO, SAW POSSIBILITY OF REWARD IF COULD SOLVE KING CASE THRU ROEHRS. VISITED SULLIVAN AND INTERVIEWED ROEHRS. ROEHRS INTERVIEWED BY SA ADMITTED KLAN MEMBERSHIP. DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF RAY ESCAPE OR WHEREABOUTS, OR KING MURDER. NEVER HEARD OF RAY BEFORE PUBLICITY. NO INFO RECEIVED BY HIM THRU KLAN. CONJECTURE AS TO RAY WHEREABOUTS WERE PERSONAL OPINIONS.

RE JAMES W. BROWN, FELLOW PRISONER: JOHN PAUL VELANTI WILL BE INTERVIEWED TOMORROW RE INFO FURNISHED BY BROWN, TO ASSIST EVALUATION OF BROWN CREDIBILITY.

BELLOW PRISONER INTERVIEWS AND RESOLUTION LOOK ALIKES CONTINUING.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN.

RE MY TEL THIS DATE.

RE JOSEPH ELMER AUSTIN, AKA.

AUSTIN'S BROTHER, CHARLES, LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED, WAVERLY,
ILLINOIS, AND WAS IN RECEIPT OF LETTER MAY SEVEN FROM AUSTIN
WITH RETURN ADDRESS, TWO ZERO TWO THREE WARREN BOULEVARD,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. CHARLES AUSTIN WAS NOT SURE IF HIS
BROTHER IS EMPLOYED.

CHARLES AUSTIN INTERVIEWED RE SUBJECT RAY AND SHOWN
PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY BUT ADVISED HE WAS NOT ACQUAINTED WITH SUBJECT
NOR HAD HE EVER HEARD HIS BROTHER MENTION SUBJECT.

CHICAGO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW JOSEPH ELMER AUSTIN FOR ANY
INFORMATION RE SUBJECT RAY.

COPIES MAILED MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

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KANSAS CITY (44-760)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN.

RE LOCKSMITH INSTITUTES.

HOFFMAN LOCKSMITH SUPPLY CO. RECORDS SEARCHED. NO
INDICATION SUBJECT EVER MADE ANY PURCHASES FROM THAT FIRM.
INQUIRY DEVELOPED NO LOCKSMITHING SCHOOLS, CHICAGO, BUT THAT
TWO MOST ADVERTISED SCHOOLS WERE BELSAW, ONE ZERO EIGHT TWO
FIELD BLDG., KANSAS CITY, MO., AND LOCKSMITHING INSTITUTE,
LITTLE FALLS, NEW JERSEY. PRENTICE HALL CO., CHICAGO, ALSO
ADVERTISES COURSES IN LOCKSMITHING.

CONTACT THAT FIRM REVEALED FIRM PUBLISHES BOOK "MODERN
LOCKSMITHING" WHICH WAS SOLD TO LOCKSMITHING INSTITUTE, LITTLE
FALLS, NEW JERSEY. BOOK ALSO SOLD TO INDIVIDUALS ANSWERING
ADVERTISEMENTS IN POPULAR MECHANICS MAGAZINE. RECORDS REVIEWED
FOR ANY INFO RE SUBJECT NEGATIVELY. SALES RECORDS MAINTAINED BY
PRENTICE HALL, INC., ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS, NEW JERSEY, WHICH ^{ALSO} WILL
SELL BY INDIVIDUAL ORDERS.

① - Memphis (AM)

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KANSAS CITY, AT BELSAW, AND NEWARK AT PRENTICE HALL, INC.,
ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS, NEW JERSEY, REVIEW APPROPRIATE RECORDS
TO DETERMINE IF SUBJECT COULD BE IN CONTACT WITH THOSE FIRMS
IN VIEW OF PREVIOUS CONTACT WITH LOCKSMITHING INSTITUTE,
LITTLE FALLS, NEW JERSEY.

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

MURKIN. RE: JERRY WILLIAM RAY.

JERRY RECONTACTED THIS DATE ADVISED THAT HE HAD DEVELOPED NO ADDITIONAL PERTINENT INFORMATION REGARDING SUBJECT'S WHEREABOUTS DURING VISIT TO ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI. HAS RETURNED TO WORK AT SPORTSMANS COUNTRY CLUB, NORTHBROOK, ILLINOIS AND IS NOW RESIDING AT THREE ONE FOUR WISCONSIN AVENUE, LAKE FOREST, ILLINOIS. ARRANGEMENTS FOR LIVING AWAY FROM EMPLOYMENT MADE BY CLUB MANAGER IN CONJUNCTION WITH CHICAGO OFFICE.

RAY WILL BE EXTENSIVELY REINTERVIEWED NINE AM MAY TWELVE, NEXT.

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RE SUMMARY TEL.

NO PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS INVESTIGATION
REPORTED FOR THIS DATE. MEMPHIS CONTINUING TO
CHECK LOOKALIKES ON AN EXPEDITIOUS BASIS; HOWEVER,
NO PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS RESULTING FROM LOOKALIKE
INVESTIGATION. ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P. END.

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DAILY SUMMARY

EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY INMATES, FNU CRAIG, FNU SPRATT, GENE LNU, COWBOY BOSTON AND DAGO BEING CONDUCTED AT MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY (MSP). NO INFORMATION RECEIVED MSP REGARDING COOLEY ORGANIZATION.

BARTENDER PEACOCK TAVERN, KANSAS CITY, MO. REMEMBERS NO CUSTOMER IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT. SPRINGFIELD ADVISED RUSTY MAY HAVE BEEN GIRLFRIEND OF SUBJECT.

MSP PRISONERS JERRY WHITE AND HAROLD JOHNSON COULD FURNISH NO PERTINENT INFORMATION REGARDING SUBJECT.

DELMA RAY, HAYSVILLE, KS. AND RICHARD L. BREY, COLUMBIA, MO. ELIMINATED AS SUSPECTS.

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