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	SUMMARY.	
	REVIEW OF MEMPHIS FILES IDENTIFIES JAMES WI	LBOURN ASHMORE,
	FBI NO. FOUR EIGHT SIX NINE FIVE TWO NINE, AS HA	VING USED ALIAS
	JAMES C. HARDIN. INDICES OF MEMPHIS DIVISION CO	NTAIN REFERENCES
	TO JAMES HARDIN, NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED, IN CONN	ECTION WITH
,	CASE ENTITLED DESEGREGATION, UNIVERSITY OF MISSI	SSIPPI, RM,
	BUFILE ONE FIVE SEVEN - FOUR ZERO ONE, MEMPHIS F	TILE ONE FIVE
	SEVEN - ONE FOUR SEVEN, WHICH FILE TRANSFERRED I	N ENTIRETY TO
, , ,	JACKSON OFFICE UPON OPENING THAT FIELD DIVISION.	JACKSON
	DIVISION HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO REVIEW ALL INFO C	ONTAINED IN
	The file to identify james hardin. $UU \downarrow U$	187-1098
	THE IDENTIFICATION DIVISION HAS BEEN REQUES	TED TO
	FURNISH LATEST ARREST RECORD OF JAMES WILBOURN A	SHMORE AND
Airtel	PROVIDE MOST RECENT PHOTO FOR VIEWING BY MANAGER	AT ST. FRANCIS
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A.M	RE BANK LOCK BOXES.	- fr
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OF SUFFICIENT AMOUNT OF CASH SUBSEQUENT TO HIS ESCAPE FROM PRISON AND THE FACT THAT IT IS NOT KNOWN THAT HE MAINTAINED A CHECKING OR SAVINGS ACCOUNT, IT IS BELIEVED THAT HE HAS RENTED BANK SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES OTHER THAN THE ONE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN RENTED BY HIM IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA. SAN ANTONIO HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CHECK BANKS IN THE LAREDO, TEXAS, BORDER AREA TO DETERMINE IF RAY RENTED A BANK SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX PRIOR TO HIS TRIP INTO MEXICO IN OCTOBER LAST.

IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE BUREAU CONSIDER REQUESTING LEGAT,
MEXICO, ASCERTAIN IF AMERICANS ARE PERMITTED TO RENT BANK SAFETY
DEPOSIT BOXES WHILE RESIDING IN MEXICO ON A TEMPORARY BASIS.

IF AMERICANS ARE PERMITTED TO RENT SUCH BOXES, LEGAT, MEXICO,
SHOULD BE REQUESTED TO DETERMINE IF THE SUBJECT UNDER HIS TRUE
NAME OR KNOWN ALIASES RENTED A BANK OR OTHER SAVINGS
INSTITUTION TYPE OF SAFE DEPOSIT BOX DURING THE PERIOD HE WAS IN
MEXICO FROM OCTOBER SEVEN LAST THROUGH NOVEMBER LAST.

IN THIS SAME REGARD SINCE INVESTIGATION INDICATES SUBJECT
MAY HAVE POSSESSED A LARGE SUM OF MONEY AT THE TIME OF HIS ESCAPE
DUE TO ALLEGED NARCOTICS SALE ACTIVITY ON HIS PART WHILE

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CONFINED IN PRISON AND THE FACT INFO HAS BEEN RECEIVED THAT HE MAY HAVE PARTICIPATED IN A LARGE ROBBERY OF SOME TYPE SUBSEQUENT TO HIS ESCAPE, IT IS BELIEVED THAT HE WOULD AGAIN HAVE UTILIZED A BANK SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX FROM THE TIME OF HIS ESCAPE FROM PRISON AND THE DATE THAT HE RENTED THE SAFE DEPOSIT BOX IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE BUREAU REQUEST LEGAT, OTTAWA, IF FEASIBLE, DETERMINE IF THE SUBJECT UNDER HIS TRUE NAME OR KNOWN ALIASES RENTED A BANK SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX IN MONTREAL, CANADA, OR ANY PORTS OF ENTRY INTO CANADA FROM THE UNITED STATES.

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FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

INVESTIGATION HAS REVEALED THAT SUBJECT IS NOT KNOWN TO USE CHECKING OR SAVINGS ACCOUNTS SUBSEQUENT TO HIS ESCAPE FROM PRISON, HOWEVER, HAD USED A BANK SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX WHILE IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA., FROM AUGUST THIRTY LAST TO THE TIME HE DEPARTED BIRMINGHAM IN OCTOBER LAST.

SUBJECT RAY IS KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN CONSERVATIVE IN HIS HANDLING OF CASH AND IT IS BELIEVED THAT HE MAY HAVE RENTED ANOTHER BANK SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX PRIOR TO HIS TRIP TO MEXICO IN OCTOBER LAST.

IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, SAN ANTONIO IS REQUESTED TO CHECK
BANKING FACILITIES IN THE AREA OF LAREDO, TEXAS, TO ASCERTAIN
IF SUBJECT UNDER HIS TRUE NAME OR KNOWN ALIASES MAY HAVE RENTED
A BANK OR OTHER BANKING INSTITUTION SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX FROM
THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER ONE LAST THROUGH DECEMBER ONE LAST.

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Air	in view of presence subject's relatives st. Louis Area,	
Tel	etype ST. LOUIS WILL ALSO CONTACT BANKING ESTABLISHMENTS TO ASCERTAIN	ř
A.M	IF SAFE DEPOSIT BOX WAS RENTED BY SUBJECT FOR PERIOD ENCOMPASS	N
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ST. LOUIS, ALSO, IN VIEW OF QUESTIONABLE METHOD OF ESCAPE OF RAY FROM MSP, UNASSISTED, WILL ENDEAVOR TO ESTABLISH LOCATION OF JOHN RAY AND CAROLE PEPPER DURING PERTINENT PERIOD TO ELIMINATE THEM FROM HAVING RENDERED AID TO SUBJECT.

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8:55 URGENT 5-29-68 LCS
TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, JACKSONVILLE, AND LOS ANGELES
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

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SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED MAY TWENTYNINE INSTANT. BILLY MACK WISDOM INTERVIEWED AT USP. ATLANTA, AT HIS REQUEST THIS DATE. STATED PERSON HE BELIEVED CLOSELY RESEMBLED SUBJECT IN ATLANTA SEPTEMBER DASH OCTOBER SIXTYSEVEN, AND SEIN AT REGENCY HYATT HOUSE BY WISDOM'AND ONE BOB JONES, WHITE MALE. ABOUT THIRTY. NOW REPORTEDLY OPERATING NIGHT CLUB IN DAYTONA BEACH. FLA. STATES ONE "CHUCK" (KNU) ATTEMPTED TO SELL THIS PERSON A RIFLE IN ATLANTA EARLY DECEMBER SIXTYSEVEN. FURTHER IDENTIFY "CHUCK" OTHER THAN DRIVES SIXTYSIX RED MUSTANG CONVERTIBLE. WHITE MALE. BLOND. VETERAN. TWENTY TO TWENTYONE YEARS, NO KNOWN EMPLOYMENT. FIXED TIME AS BEFORE HE. WISDOM. WAS ARRESTED IN DECEMBER. VERIFIED FROM APD RECORDS AS DEC. ELEVEN SIXTYSEVEN AND RELEASED DEC. THIRTY SIXTYSEVEN. ALSO STATED "JOHN" WOLLD KNOW "CHUCK", AND FURNISHED TWO HIPPIES "WE ASEL" DIRECTIONS AS TO THEIR RESIDENCE. LANDLORD STATED TWO HIPPIES HAD RESIDED AT EIGHT SIX NINE ST. CHARLES. ATLANTA. FOR TWO WEEKS.

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LEAVING JAN. TWENTYEIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT, GIVING NAMES AS MR. AND MRS.

W. T. JONES. PAIS IS IN CONFLICT WITH DATES FURNISHED BY WISDOM

AND IT IS NOTED MEMPHIS HAS ESTABLISHED SUBJECT IN LOS ANGELES

NOV. SEVENTEEN SIXTYSEVEN TO JAN. SIXTYEIGHT.

JAMES P. THORNTON, CURRENTLY RESIDING ATLANTA WITH JERRY Q.
DUTTON, INTERVIEWED AND STATED HE ARRIVED ATLANTA MAY FOUR LAST
FROM LOS ANGELES. PRESENTLY WORKING FOR PACIFIC FINANCE CO.
THORNTON STATED HE RESIDED WITH PARENTS, MR. AND MRS. THOMAS A.
RALEY, AT ONE TWO SEVEN THREE FIVE CARDINAL AVE., GARDEN GROVE,
CALIF., FROM DATE OF DISCHARGE FROM U. S. ARMY ON JUNE FIFTEEN
LAST TILL DEPARTURE TO COME TO ATLANTA. WORKED FOR TRANS-AMERICA
CORP., LA PALMA AVE., ANAHEIM, CALIF., FROM TIME OF DISCHARGE
TILL LEAVING CALIF. TRANS-AMERICA IS BRANCH OF PACIFIC FINANCE.
STATED HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO ATLANTA AT OWN REQUEST BECAUSE HE
LIKES THE SOUTH.

THORNTON STATED THAT PRIOR TO ENTERING U. S. ARMY JUNE
FIFTEEN NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE, HE LIVED WITH PARENTS, HAVING MOVED
TO LOS ANGELES FROM BIRMINGHAM OCTOBER NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR.
FROM APRIL SIXTYFOUR TO OCTOBER SIXTYFOUR RESIDED WITH JAMES
MC DANIELS, FORMERLY ASSOCIATED WITH NATIONAL STATES
RIGHTS PARTY, BIRMINGHAM. FROM JAN. SIXTYFOUR TO APR. SIXTYFOUR,

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LIVED AT NSRP HEADQUARTERS ON SOUTH BESSEMER RD., BIRMINGHAM.
THORNTON ADMITTED PAST AFFILIATION WITH NSRP AND LATER WITH
AMERICAN STATES RIGHTS PARTY AFTER HIS AND DUTTON'S SPLIT WITH
NSRP. STATED HE GAVE UP ALL QUOTE POLITICAL ACTIVITY UNQUOTE
WHEN ENTERING MILITARY SERVICE. ADMITTED HIS FEELINGS REMAIN
ABOUT THE SAME AS PLATFORMS OF NSRP AND ASRP BUT STATED SUCH
PHILOSOPHIES HAVE NO CHANCE IN U. S. TODAY. DEFINED SUCH
PRINCIPLES AS QUOTE CONSERVATIVE UNQUOTE AND REPATRIATION OF
JEWS AND NEGROES TO OTHER COUNTRIES. DENIED HE EVER
HAD OR WOULD CONDONE VIOLENCE OR MURDER. DENIED DUTTON OR OTHER
ASSOCIATES WOULD CONDONE VIOLENCE. STATED THAT JESSE B. STONER
AND DR. EDWARD R. FIELDS, PAST AND PRESENT LEADERS
IN NSRP WOULD NOT PERPETRATE VIOLENCE DIRECTLY BUT MIGHT MASTERMIND OR PLAN VIOLENCE. DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF ANY VIOLENCE IN
WHICH THEY WERE INVOLVED.

WHILE LIVING IN LOS ANGELES JUNE TO MAY ONE LAST, THORNTON WORKED PART TIME AT WALLACE FOR PRESIDENT HEADQUARTERS.

WHEN FIRST WORKED THERE, THE HEADQUARTERS WERE LOCATED ON LINCOLN BOULEVARD, ANAHEIM. THE HEADQUARTERS CLOSED ABOUT JANUARY LAST AND A NEW HEADQUARTERS OPENED ON CHAPMAN BOULEVARD, ORANGE, CALIF., ABOUT ONE MONTH AGO. STATED HE HELPED BY DISTRIBUTING LITERATURE IN BEHALF OF WALLACE AND WORKED FOR A TIME AS A DEPUTY REGISTRAR. STATED JOHN ORTMANN, YORBA LINDA, CALIF.,

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WAS CHAIRMAN AND MRS. DERRY (PHONETIC) EXLISON, ORANGE CO., WAS ALSO EMPLOYED IN WALLACE HEADQUARTERS. DENIED KNOWING MANES OF OTHER WORKERS.

THORNTON WAS SHOWN PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY AND DENIED SEEING OR KNOWING HIM. HAS SEEN RAY'S PHOTO IN NEWSPAPERS. DENIED KNOWING OR HEARING OF ERIC GALT OR JAMES EARL RAY AT VALLACE HEAD QUARTERS OR ANY OTHER PLACE OTHER THAN IN CONNECTION WITH INSTANT MATTER.

JACKSONVILLE, AT DAYTONA BEACH, FLA. DETERMINE IF ANY CLUB IN THAT AREA OPERATED BY ONE BOB JONES, AND IF SO, INTERVIEW.

LOS ANGELES CONTACT JOHN ORTMANN AND MRS. DERRY ELLISON

IF NOT ALREADY DONE. DETERMINE IF THEY KNOW SUBJECT. ASCERTAIN

IDENTITIES OF OTHER WORKERS AT WALLACE HEADQUARTERS DURING TIME

SUBJECT RESIDED LOS ANGELES AND INTERVIEW. VERIFY THORNTON'S

RESIDENCE, EMPLOYMENT, AND EXHIBIT SUBJECT'S PHOTO TO PARENTS,

FELLOW EMPLOYEES, AND ANY OTHER ASSOCIATES OF THORNTON'S.

ATLANTA WILL CONTINUE TO ATTEMPT TO CHECK OUT STORY OF WISDOM.

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925PM URGENT 5-29-68 JJR

TO: DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

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

MURKIN - SUMMARY

RE JERRY RAYNES:

REINTERVIEWED. NO WORD FROM OR OF SUBJECT OR WHEREAGOUTS.

RECALLED RAY WENT TO LIVE WITH GRANDMOTHER WHEN FAMILY LEFT

EWING, MO. WORKED AT SHOE CO TANNERY IN ILLINOIS UNTIL ENTERED

ARMY. SAVED MONEY, HAD FOURTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS AT ARMY ENTHANCE.

GRANDMOTHER KEPT FOR HIM, NEVER USED BANK. RAY SHY, COUNTRYFIED.

HAD GOOD TEETH THEN, WHICH MAY HAVE TURNED BAD SINCE. RAYNES BELIEVES

RAY NOT SMART ENOUGH TO PLAN KING KILLING. CONJECTURES SOMEONE

ELSE MUST HAVE PLANNED AND LATER KILLED HIM.

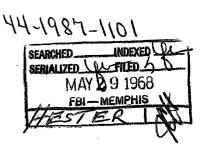
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RE CAROL PEPPER - JOHN LARRY RAY.

SOURCES AND SPOT CHECKS REVEALED NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY.

RE FELLOW PRISONER JOHN PAUL VELANTI:

REITERATED MAY HAVE SEEN RAY AT MSP BUT NEVER ASSOCIATED END PAGE ONE



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OR HAD ANY CONNECTION WITH. MAS NO INFO CONCERNING MIM. MOLINFO WE TO THE ROSSED BANK OF ALTON, ILL., JULY THIRTEEN LAST. CLAIMED WORKING THAT DATE. RECORDS OF BARCETTE PRINTING CO., SL, BY WHOM VELANTI THEN EMPLOYED COMPIRM HE WAS WORKING AT TIME OF BR.

UNABLE TO LOCATE SAUROW TODAY. FILE INTERVIEW AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE OFFICITUALTY.

INTENSIFIED EFFORT TO LOCATE ROLLERT LYNN POWELL CONTINUING.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), AND ATLANTA.

FROM: JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

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RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO SUREAU. MAY TWENTY NINE LAST. DAYTONA REACH, FLA. PD RECORDS REFLECT NOTHING IDENTIFIABLE WITH BOS JONES MENTIONED IN RETEL.

RECORDS. FLORIDA STATE BEVERAGE COMMISSION REVIEWED TODAY FOR ALL VOLUSIA COUNTY BEVERAGE PLACES, MANAGEMENT OR EMPLOYEES AND ONLY POSSIBILITY DETECTED WAS ROBERT LEE **CAW CHW** W/M. DO3

FINGERPRINTED BY BEVERAGE COMMISSION. MAY TWENTY FIVE. NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN. THIS ROBERT LEE JONES INTERVIEWED TODAY AND DETERMINED TO BE FULL TIME U.S. POST OFFICE CARRIER FOR SEVENTEEN YEARS, WHO HOLDS PART TIME BARTENDER EMPLOYMENT. ROBERT LEE JONES STATES NO ACQUAINTANCESHIP WITH BILLY WISDOM AND UNABLE TO IDENTIFY PHOTOS JAMES EARL

AS PERSON EVER SEEN SY HIM OUTSIDE OF NEWSPAPER PUBLICATION. ROBERT LEE JONES HAS NEVER STAYED IN ATLANTA AND U.S. PORTAY NO 1968 OFFICE EMPLOYMENT DURING NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN WAS

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UNINTERRUPTED EXCEPT FOR VACATION JUNE, - JULY, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN WHEN ATTENDED POSTAL WORKERS CONVENTION IN FLORIDA.

NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION THIS ASPECT OF CAPTIONED MATTER AS INDICATED FROM RETEL.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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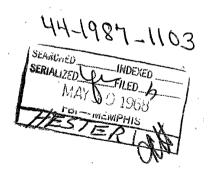
RE YOUR TELETYPE MAY TWO NINE LAST.

BANKING FACILITIES, LAREDO, TEXAS, REFLECT NO INFORMATION THAT SUBJECT HAS OR EVER HAD A SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX UNDER HIS TRUE NAME OR ALIASES.

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TO: DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

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

MURKIN - SUMMARY

RE JERRY RAYNES, CAROL PEPPER, JOHN LARRY RAY.

SOURCES AND SPOT CHECKS INDICATE NO SIGNICATE ACTIVITY.

RE JOHN EUGENE GAWRON / DRUNK.

NO PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS OTHER PHASES OF INVESTIGATION TODAY. SUBJECT ARMED AND DAMGEROUS.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-33861) LOS ANGELES (44-1574) & WEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) 1P

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RE SAN FRANCISCO TEL MAY TWENTYEIGHT LAST RE STATE HEALTH RECORDS.

DR. PHILIP CONDIT, DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES,

CALIFORNIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, ON MAY TWENTYMINE, INSTANT,

ADVISED THAT SEARCH OF RECORDS COVERING SYPHILIS INDEX SINCE NINETEEN

SIXTYTHREE, TUBERCULOSIS INDEX SINCE MID NINETEEN FORTY, AND SEARCH

OF RECORDS OF SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY VENEREAL DISEASE INDEX, WHICH IS

MAINTAINED SEPARATE FROM STATE RECORDS, LOCATED NO INFORMATION IDENTI
FIABLE WITH MAME AND ALIASES OF SUBJECT.

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SUMMARY

HUMAN HAIRS PREVIOUSLY DISCOVERED BY THE LABORATORY

AMONG PHYSICAL EVIDENCE BELONGING TO JAMES EARL RAY SUBMITTED

IN THIS CASE HAVE BEEN OBTAINED FROM THE MEMPHIS PD AND

RESUBMITTED TO THE FBI LABORATORY THIS DATE FOR COMPARISON

WITH PHYSICAL EVIDENCE OBTAINED IN INSTANT UNSOLVED BR AT

ALTON, ILL.

MEMPHIS HAS NOT YET RECEIVED THE RESULTS OF THE IN-DEPTH INTERVIEW OF THE MEXICAN PROSTITUTE IRMA MORALES. IF SAME IS AVAILABLE TO THE BUREAU, IT IS REQUESTED THAT IT BE FORWARDED TO MEMPHIS. P. END.

Special Agent in Charge

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 2P

MURKIN.

DAILY SUMMARY.

HAROLD WHITE, FORMER CIVILIAN COOK, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY (MSP), IS IRRESPONSIBLE AND AN ALCOHOLIC AND ON INTERVIEW DISCLAIMED ANY ACQUAINTANCE WITH SUBJECT RAY. JAMES R. DIXON, FORMER CAPTAIN OF GUARD AT MSP, HAD NO ADDITIONAL INFO RE SUBJECT RAY AND INDICATED FORMER INMATE NEIL AEBY WOULD HAVE BEEN LOGICAL SOURCE OF AMPHETAMINES FOR SUBJECT RAY. DIXON ACKNOWLEDGED THERE WAS SOME KIND OF ENFORCER ORGANIZATION AMONG INMATES AT MSP, THE CURRENT HEAD OF WHICH HE BELIEVES IS INMATE ROBERT BURNS, WHO WILL BE INTERVIEWED. DIXON IDENTIFIED OTHER INMATES AS CONNECTED WITH THE ENFORCER GROUP AS JAMES Z. BRADLEY, WHO HAS ALREADY BEEN INTERVIEWED IN THIS CASE.

MISSOURI STATE MOTOR VEHICLE BUREAU HAS PROGRAMED AND COMPUTERIZED APPROXIMATELY FIVE THOUSAND NEW DRIVERS LICENSE APPLICATIONS SINCE APRIL ONE LAST, FOR WHITE MALES BETWEEN AGES THIRTY AND FIFTY-FIVE.

SINCE IMPRACTICAL TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW FIVE THOUSAND MEN, BUREAU APPROVAL IS REQUESTED FOR PROGRAMING AND SORTING OF NEW APPLICATIONS END PAGE ONE

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FOR MEN BORN IN NINETEEN TWENTY-BIGHT. IF INVESTIGATION OF THESE UNPRODUCTIVE ADDITIONAL YEARS NINETEEN TWENTY-NINE AND THIRTY WILL DE ADDED.

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648 PM URGENT 5-31-68 LCS

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, AND LOS ANGELES

FROM ATLANTA 44-2336

MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TEL TO DIRECTOR MAY TWENTYEIGHT LAST AND LOS ANGELES TEL TO ATLANTA MAY TWENTYNINE LAST.

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED MAY THIRTYONE INSTANT.

JAMES WILLOUGHBY REINTERVIEWED THIS DATE. COULD FURNISH NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE IDENTITIES OF THE INDIVIDUALS SEEN TALKING TOGETHER ON APR. TWO LAST AT ONE ONE THREE FOURTEENTH ST., NE, ATLANTA, GA.

ATTEMPTS TO REINTERVIEW JIMMIE GARNER MAY TWENTYNINE AND THIRTYONE SIXTYEIGHT REFLECT GARNER APPARENTLY ON ANOTHER DRUNK.

FOR INFORMATION LOS ANGELES, INFORMATION CONCERNING
SWINGER CLUB OBTAINED FROM USPO INSPECTOR ELMER GILLESPIE,
ATLANTA. GILLESPIE STATES CHIEF POSTAL INSPECTOR, WASHINGTON,

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D.C., HAS A LIST OF ALL DESCENE PEN-PAL CLUBS IN U.S. WHICH ARE PRESENTLY UNDER INVESTIGATION BY POST OFFICE DEPT. NO SUCH CLUBS OPERATING IN ATLANTA AT PRESENT TIME AND CHIEF POSTAL INSPECTOR CAN FURNISH A CURRENT PRINT-OUT OF THIS LIST WHICH CONTAINS IDENTIFICATION OF APPROXIMATELY SIXTYFIVE SUCH PEN-PAL AND LONELY HEARTS CLUBS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. LIST PRESENTLY INCLUDES ONE CLUB IN LOS ANGELES KNOWN AS THE LOCAL SWINGER AND NUMEROUS OTHERS OF A SIMILAR NATURE.

HARDEN. AJ. C. HARDIN MENTIONED IN SEVERAL ATLANTA FILES

IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT OF ATLANTA FILE ONE THREE SEVEN

DASH TWO EIGHT FIVE ONE AND PHOTO BEING SENT LOS ANGELES

BY AIRTEL.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING ATLANTA TO VERIFY STORY OF

BILLY MACK WISDOM.

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FBI ST LOUIS

58XXX 953PM URGENT 5-31-68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND SPRINGFIELD

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN'- SUMMARY

F31 NUMBER THREE ZERO TWO FOUR THREE EXHIBITED. GAVRON POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED SAME AS BEING OF PERSON WHO VISITED HIM JULY SIXTYSEVEN, TOLD HIM HE AND RAY HAD ROBBED ALTON ILL., BANK, AND GAVE TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS. IDENTIFIED POSITIVELY AS PERSON WHO VISITED HIM MAY THIRTEEN DASH FOURTEEN LAST WITH JOHNNIE (LNU). WAS THEN ADVISED THAT PERSON WAS IN JAIL AT TIMES OF ROBBERY AND ALLEGED VISITS SIXTYSEVEN.

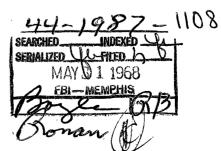
GAWRON HESITATED, THEN SAID HAD REALIZED PAST EIGHT DAYS HE HAD
GIVE FBI QUOTE BUMSTEER UNQUOTE AND QUOTE BUM 3EEF UNQUOTE ON ALTON

BANK AND CARPENTER, WHOSE NAME HE THEN RECALLED. STATED HAD 3EEN THINKING ABOUT IT AND DECIDED IT WAS ANOTHER JIMMIE (LNU), WHOSE IDENTITY

WOULD BE KNOWN ONLY TO RAY, WHO HAD VISITED AND TOLD HIM OF RAY PARTICIPATION IN ALTON ROBBERY. WAS REMINDED THAT IF HE HAD LIED ABOUT

CARPENTER, HE MIGHT ALSO BE LYING ABOUT RAY PARTICIPATION. HE
INSISTED THE OTHERWISE UNKNOWN JIMMIE (LNU) HAD VISITED HIM IN SIXTYEND PAGE ONE





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SEVEN AS PREVIOUSLY STATED AND TOLD HIM OF RAY PARTICIPATION IN ROB-BERY. COULD THINK OF NO ONE OTHER THAN RAY WHO WOULD KNOW THIS IN-DIVIDUALS IDENTITY.

AS THE BUREAU HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY ADVISED, GAWRON IS SEVENTY YEARS OLD, ON VERGE OF SENILITY, EXTREMELY RAMBLING IN CONVERSATION, WITH SA'S EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTY KEEPING INTERVIEWS ON PRETINENT TRACK, AS WELL AS SEPARTING POSSIBLE FACT FROM CONJECTURE. JERRY RAY HAS DESCRIBED HIM AS KOOK, AND OTHER SOURCES REGARD HIM AS CRAZY OLD MAN WHO TALKS TOO MUCH.

RE EX-CON RUSSELL PERRY BRANNEN.

EX-CON JOHN PAUL VELANTI HAS PREVIOUSLY ADVISED OF EX-CON WHOSE IDENTITY HE HAD BEEN ASKED NOT TO REVEAL FROM WHO HE HAD RECIVED IMPRESSION THAT RAY HAD BEEN SEEN BRIEFLY IN SL BY HIM TWO WEEKS FOLLOWING MSP ESCAPE. ON LAST INTERVIEW VELANTI REVEALED IDENTITY OF THIS ERSON AS RUSSELL BRANNEN. BRANNEN INTERVIEWED. WAS IN MSP FIFTY TWO TO SEPTEMBER SIXTYFOUR. UNABLE TO RECALL RAY BUT BELIEVED PHOTO VAGUELY FAMILIAR. BELIEVED RAY MUST HAVE SPENT MUCH TIME IN SOLITARY OR WOULD KNOW HIM. POSITIVELY DENIED HAVING SEEN RAY AFTER EXCAPE OR HAVING ANY KNOWLEDGE OF WHEREABOUTS. VOLUNTEERED RECENT CONVERSATION WITH VELANTI CONCERNING RAY IN WHICH THEY BOTH UNSUCCESSFUL IN RECALLING RAY AT MSP. REMEMBERED THEY SPECULATED ON METHODS HE MIGHT END PAGE TWO

PAGE THREE

USED TO ESCAPE.

RE JERRY RAYNES, CAROL PEPPER, JOHN LARRY RAY.

SOURCES AND SPOT CHECKS DISCLOSED NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY.

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Via	TELETYPE URGENT
	(Priority)
	TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (MAIL) AND SAC, LOS ANGELES
	FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (PP. 1)
	MURKIN
	ON MAY TWENTYSEVEN, LAST, FEMALE USING NAME OF FRANCES
	E. RAY, ADDRESS SIX ONE FOUR NINE RUGBY, HUNTINGTON PARK,
	CALIFORNIA, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED QUINCY, ILLINOIS PD
	REQUESTING INFORMATION AS TO WHEREABOUTS OF JERRY RAY. CLAIME
	QUINCY PD SHE WAS RELATIVE OF JAMES EARL RAY BUT DID NOT
	STATE RELATIONSHIP BUT DISCLAIMED KNOWLEDGE OF JAMES EARL
	RAY'S WHEREABOUTS OR ACTIVITIES.
1	LOS ANGELES, AT HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA, WILL LOCATE
	AND INTERPLEW BRANCES E. RAY, SIX ONE FOUR NINE RUGBY,
	HUNGTERON PARK, CALIFORNIA.
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MIRKIN.

PRATLANTA TELETIPE MAY TWENTY THREE LAST.

MR. MERVIN KANTEN, SECTION CRIEF, FRAND AND MAILABILITY DIVISION, UNITED STATES POST CYPICE, WASHINGTON, D. C. ANVISED THIS DATE THAT LOCAL SWINGER CLUB XY LOS ANGELES CURRENTLY UNDER INVESTIGATION BY POST OFFICE CASE NUMBER THREE SIX FOUR DASH FOUR FOUR SIX 22RO SIX DASH E. L. C. POINDEXTER OR DONALD SCHOOP OF UNITED STATES POST OFFICE. LOS ANGELES CAN MAKE THIS INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO PEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.

WPO OBTAINING LIST OF ALL OBSCENE PEN DASH PAL CLUBS IN UNITED STATES UNDER INVESTIGATION BY POST OFFICE AND WILL SET OUT LEADS WHER INFORMATION DECORES AVAILABLE.

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LOS ANGELES COMBUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO

LOCATE BAY.

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TO MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM SAN DIEGO (44-387)

MURKING - COST DATA'.

RE SAN DIEGO TEL TO MEMPHIS MAY ONE LAST.

(ONE) NUMBER OF MAN HOURS SPENT ON CASE.

A. SPECIAL ASENTS (ONE), REGULAR TWO ZERO FIVE MAN HOURS, (TWO), OVERTIME TEN HOURS.

3. CLERICAL EMPLOYEES (ONE), REGULAR SEVENTYFIVE MAN HOURS, OVERTIME NO MAN HOURS.

(TWO) TOTAL MILEAGE TRAVELLED BY BUREAU AUTOMOBILES - ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TEN MILES.  $I = 2/2 - m^{-1}$ 

(THREE) ANY UNUSUAL OUT OF ORDINARY COST - NOWE. - 6 -

OURING MONTH FOR WHICH REPORT IS SUBMITTED - FIVE.

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FBI ST LOUIS

634PM URGENT 6-1-63 JLS

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM ST. ? YOUIS (44-7759XXX 44-775)

MURKIN - SUMMARY

RE JERRY RAYNES, CAROL PEPPER, JOHN LARRY RAY.

SOURCES AND SPOT CHECKS DISCLOSED NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY.

NO PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS OTHER PHASES OF INVESTIGATION TODAY.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI NEW HAVEN

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TO MEMPHIS

FROM NEW HAVEN 031740 GR 116

MURKIN -- COST DATA.

RE: MEMPHIS AIRTEL TO ALBANY, APRIL 19, 1968.

FOLLOWING ARE NEW HAVEN STATISTICS, MAY ONE THROUGH THREE

ONE, LAST:

SPECIAL AGENTS: TOTAL MAN HOURS -- 369

OVERTIME HOURS -- 37

REGULAR HOURS -- 332.

TOTAL MILEAGE BY BUCARS IS 1393.

SIXTEEN REGULAR HOURS CLERICAL EMPLOYEE TIME SPENT

DURING PERIOD; NO UNUSUAL OR OUT OF ORDINARY COSTS. PEAK

NUMBER OF AGENTS IS 23.

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TO:

DIRECTOR, FEI AND

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SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

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RE ATLANTA TELETYPE MAY THENTY-NINE LAST.

RE JAMES PAUL THORNTON.

GARDEN GROVE, MOTHER OF THORNTON, ADVISED THIS DATE UNABLE
TO IDENTIFY PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY AS ASSOCIATE OF THORNTON
AND STATED THORNTON INDICATED NO KNOWLEDGE OF ASSOCIATION
WITH RAY BEFORE OR AFTER MURDER OF KING. FILLOW EMPLOYEES
BARBARA TEGEL, ROBERT HUGHES, AND LINDA WALTON OF THORNTON'S
AT TRANSAMERICAN CREDIT CORPORATION, ONE SEVEN THREE THREE
WEST LA PALM AVENUE, ANAHEIM, ADVISED ALSO KNEW THORNTON
SOCIALLY. STATED THORNTON A LONER AND WERE UNABLE TO IDENTIFY

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PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY. CURRENT WORKERS AT GEORGE WALLACE FOR PRESIDENT HEADQUARTERS, TWO ONE ZERO ONE WEST CHAPMAN AVENUE, ORANGE NOT ACQUAINTED WITH THORNTON AND UNABLE TO IDENTIFY PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY. MRS. DERRY ELLISON, BOUR ZERO THREE ORCHARD DRIVE, PLACENTIA, CALIFORNIA ADVISED HAS LEFT WALLACE CAMPAIGN RESULT OF POLITICAL DIFFERENCES. STATED THORNTON ASSISTED IN MAILINGS AT ANAHEIM HEADQUARTERS FOR WALLACE UNTIL HE BEGAN TO SELL PLATFORM OF NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY WHEN HE WAS REQUESTED NO LONGER TO APPEAR AT HEADQUARTERS. ELLISON UNABLE TO IDENTIFY PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY AND ALSO INDICATED THORNTON A LONER.

ATTEMPTS TO CONTACT JOHN ORTMAN, YORBA LINDA, CALIFORNIA NEGATIVE TO DATE. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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MU: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, LOS ANGELES

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (P)

MURKIN

REFERENCE CHICAGO TELETYPE TO BUREAU FIVE THIRTYONE LAST.

MABLE FULLER STATES SUBJECT HAS NO COUSIN NAMED FRANCES E.

RAY AND SHE KNOWS NO ONE RESIDING IN HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA.

FULLER STATES SUBJECT HAD TWO UNCLES, NOW DECEASED, AND NO

CHILDREN BY EITHER UNCLE.

AIRMAIL COPIES SENT CHECAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS.

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TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

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SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED JUNE THREE

REVIEW OF APPROPRIATE RECORDS REFLECT NO WITHDRAWAL FROM ANY BANK IN ATLANTA METROPOLITAN AREA IN EXCESS OF TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS DURING MONTH OF APRIL NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT.

JIMMIE D. GARNER, ONE ZERO SEVEN FOURTEENTH ST.,

NE, ATLANTA, REINTERVIEWED AND HAS OBTAINED NO

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING SUBJECT. GARNER

STATED THAT TO HIS KNOWLEDGE SUBJECT DID NOT HAVE

TYPEWRITER AND DEFINITELY DID NOT LEAVE A TYPEWRITER

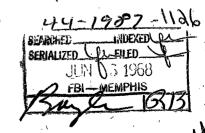
AT THE ROOMING HOUSE AT ON ONE THREE FOURTEENTH STREET

WHEN HE LEFT THE ROOMING HOUSE.

MISS ROBBIE LEE GARNER, SYSTER OF JIMMIE D.

GARNER, REINTERVIEWED AND STATED THAT NO TYPEWRITER

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WAS LEFT AT THE ROOMING HOUSE BY THE SUBJECT. SHE AND JIMMIE GARNER STATED THERE HAS NOT BEEN A TYPEWRITER AT ONE ONE THREE FOURTEENTH ST. FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR. GARNER STATED HE HAD ONE IN THE ROOMING HOUSE ABOUT ONE YEAR AGO, BUT IT WAS STOLEN AND TO HIS KNOWLEDGE SUBJECT WOULD HAVE HAD NO TYPEWRITER AVAILABLE DURING HIS STAY AT THE ROOMING HOUSE.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.
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7 15PM IMMEDIATE 6-3-68 DJB

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, DALLAS, MEMPHIS,

SPRINGFIELD & ST. LOUIS

FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 3P

MURKIN

DAILY SUMMARY

RE BUCALL TO SAC. KANSAS CITY, JUNE TWO. BIXTYEIGHT FURNISHING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: RAMON GEORGE SNEYD WKOSE PASSPORT PHOTOGRAPH MAY BE STHAT OF SUBJECT RAY, OBTAINED A BRITISH COMMONWEALTH PASSPORT ON APR. TWENTYFOUR, SIXTYEIGHT. IN APPLYING FOR PASSPORT HE FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION: WM, BORN TORONTO, WEIGHT ONE HUNDRED SIXTYEIGHT, BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES, RESIDENCE NINE SIXTYEIGHT DUNDAS, TORONTO, CANADA, `WHICH IS A CHEAP CHINESE ROOMING HOUSE WHERE SNEYD HAD RESIDED SINCE APR. NINETEEN. SIXTYEIGHT. BUT PROPRIETOR COULD NOT MAKE A POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION ON SNEYD AS RAY FROM PHOTO. FRIEND NAMED IN PASSPORT' APPLICATION WAS PAUL BRIDGMAN, ONE ZERO TWO OR ONE ZERO EIGHT OSSING-TON ST., TORONTO, CANADA. PASSPORT APPLICATION WAS DETAINED THROUGH TRAVEL AGENCY NEAR SNEYD'S ROOMING HOUSE. TRAVEL AGENCY RECORDS INDICATED SNEYD PLANNED TO TRAVEL TO LONDON VIA BOAC AND WOULD RETURN ON MAY TWENTYONE, SIXTYEIGHT. INVESTIGATION IN CANADA HAS FAILED TO LOCATE BRIDGMAN. END PAGE ONE

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PAUL BRIDGMAN MAY BE IDENTICAL TO FORMER FELLOW INMATE OF SUB-JECT RAY, PAUL OSBORN BRIDGEMAN. AKA PAUL JAMES BRIDGEMAN, MSP NO. ONE ZERO ONE THREE FOUR, BORN APR. THIRTEEN, FORTY, WINCHESTER, IND., WHO WAS RECEIVED AT MSP FROM JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS_CITY, MO., ON APR. TWENTYTHREE, SIXTYFIVE. AND WAS DISCHARGED JAN. SIXTEEN, SIXTY-EIGHT. AND WAS NOT ON PAROLE. BEFORE BEING TRANSFERRED TO PRISON LIMITED SECURITY SECTION AT MOBERLY. MO., ON MARCH SEVEN, SIXTYSIX, BRIDGEMAN WORKED IN THE MSP KITCHEN AND COULD HAVE HAD CONTACT WITH SUBJECT RAY. BRIDGEMAN'S FRIEND OR POSSIBLE GUARDIAN WAS SHOWN IN PRISON RECORDS AS WAYNE ROTHBERG, FORMERLY KANSAS CITY, MO., AND IN SIXTYSEVEN RESIDING AT EIGHTYSIX ZERO THREE BEUREGARD ST., DALLAS, TEXAS, WHERE HE WAS EMPLOYED BY ROCO AUTO SUPPLY COMPANY. WARDEM AT MSR DETERMINED THAT ROTHSERG WAS SMUGGLINF LONEY TO BRIDGEMAN AND SUSPECTS THAT BOTH ARE HOMOSEXUALS. BRIDGEMAN IN FIFTYSIX INTERVIEW CONFESSED IN SIGNED STATEMENT TO ITSMV VIOLATION USA, KANSAS CITY, MO., DECLINED PROSECUTION IN FAVOR OF STATE PROSECUTION. IN FIFTYSIX BRIDGEMAN IDENTIFIED PARENTS AS JAMES M. AND IRENE BRIDGEMAN, ØNE ZERO ONE EAST WALNUT, BLOOMINGTON, ILL. END PAGE TWO

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BRIDGEMAN ARRESTED KANSAS CITY, MO. PD FEB. EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT ON DISTURBING THE PEACE CHARGE AND RELEASED ON TWENTYFIVE DOLLAR BOND SAME DAY. CHARGE DISMISSED FEB. TWELVE, SIXTYEIGHT. GAVE INCORRECT RESIDENCE ADDRESS AND INCORRECT EMPLOYMENT ON THIS ARREST BUT CLAIMED PARENTS DECEASED AND GAVE HIS SISTER AS JANET LOU CAWVEY, LANTON, MO. PHOTOGRAPHS OF BRIDGEMAN WILL BE FORWARDED TO ABOVE OFFICES JUNE FOUR. 3RIDGEMAN DESCRIBED WM, SIX FEET TALL, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY POUNDS, BLOND HAIR, BLUE EYES.

DALLAS, INTERVIEW ROTHSERG.

SPRINGFIELD, INTERVIEW JAMES AND IRENE BRIDGEMAN IF LIVING KANSAS CITY INTERVIEWING JANET LOU CAWVEY AND POSSIBLE GIRL FRIEND OF BRIDGEMAN.

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819PM URGENT 6-3-68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

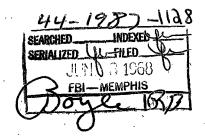
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RE JOHN LARRY RAY.

RE JERRY RAYNES. REINTERVIEWED. HAS NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT SUBJECT OR WHEREABOUTS. BELIEVES SUBJECT PROBABLY DEAD OR HE WOULD-HAVE BEEN FOUND BY NOW. DOES NOT THINK SUBJECT WOULD EVER CONTACT HIM, BUT MIGHT CONTACT CAROL PEPPER OR JOHN OR JERRY RAY. WORRIED THAT CAROL PEPPER FAILED TO VISIT HIM LAST WEEKEND.

REINTERVIEWED. NO KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECT OR WHEREABOUTS AFTER ESCAPE. UNABLE TO SPECIFICALLY RECALL HIS LAST VISIT TO SUBJECT AT MSP AS DISTINGUISHED FROM OTHER VISITS. UNABLE TO RECALL SPECIFIC RESIDENCE AT THAT TIME. MOVED FREQUENTLY DURING SIXTYSEVEN. STILL KEEPS MOST OF CLOTHING IN CAR. TRUNK. COULD MOVE ON TEN MINUTE NOTICE ANY TIME. WORKED FOR SEVERAL UNRECALLED PAINTERS OR DECORATORS IN SLMO ON ONE OR TWO DAY JOBS DURING PERIOD FOLLOWING SUBJECTS ESCAPE. WILL ENDEAVOR TO LOCATE W DASH. TWO FORMS SO EMPLOYMENTS ON SPECIFIC DATES MAY BE VERIFIED.

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RU CAROL PEPPER.

ROURDES AND SPOT CHECKS DISCLOSS NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY.

SL SEAR REGOLD TODAY ADVISED STATE LIQUED STEETID. GRAPH FOR CHAPKE-VINC NOT YET RECTIVED BY HIS OFFICE, BUT NAY ON A. PORSECUTION OF STATE AUTHORITHES. (ILL INCUIPE.

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917PM URGENT 6-3-68 NLB

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FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) P

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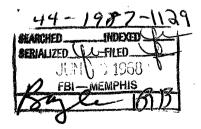
RE SAN FRANCISCO TEL TO LOS ANGELES MAY TWENTY EIGHT LAST AND LOS ANGELES TEL TO DIRECTOR MAY THIRTY ONE LAST.

RE REQUEST TO CHECK LOS ANGELES VENEREAL DISEASE RECORDS.

DR. WALTER H. SMARTT PAREN CONCEAL PAREN, CHIEF OF VANEREAL DISEASE CONTROL, LOS ANGELES COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, ADVISED JUNE THREE INSTANT THAT SEARCH OF VENEREAL DISEASE RECORDS COVERING SYPHILIS, GONORRHEA AND OTHER VENEREAL DISEASES DISCLOSES NO RECORD OR INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE WITH NAME OR ALIASES OF SUBJECT. DR. SMARTT ADVISED THE HOLLYWOOD-WILSHIRE HEALTH CENTER HAD NO RECORD OF SUBJECT EVER BEING TESTED FOR PRESENCE OF VENEREAL DISEASE.

RE LOS ANGELES TIMES INFORMANT 308 PAREN LAU PAREN.

ALBANY ADVISED RAYMOND ANDREW YOUNG RECONTACTED MAY TWENTY NINE LAST AT DOCKTORS PET CENTER, FAIRMOUNT SHOPPING CENTER, END PAGE ONE





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850PM DEFERRED 6-3-68 215 PM PL8

TO MEMPHIS \44-1987\ PLAINTEXT VIA WASHINGTON

FROM HONOLULU \157-131\

MURKIN-COST DATA.

FOLLOWING COST ITEMS FOR MAY LAST.

ONE. FORTY FOUR REGULAR SPECIAL AGENTS HOURS TWELVE SA, S OVERTIME HOURS EIGHT CLERICAL HOURS.

TWO. ONE HUNDRED TEN MILES.

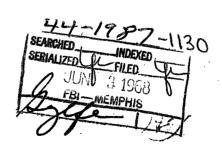
THREE. SIX DOLLARS TELEPHONE TOLLS.

FOUR. PEAK AGENTS THREE.

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URGENT

TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND SACS LOS ANGELES (44-1574) SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

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FROM:

SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN.

RE LOS ANGELES TEETYPE TO BUREAU MAY THIRTY LAST,

SPRINGFIELD TEL TO LOS ANGELES MAY TWENTY NINE LAST AND

SPRINGFIELD TEL CALL TO CHICAGO MAY THIRTY LAST.

RE FRANCES E. RAY

JERRY RAY INTERVIEWED THIS DATE STATES NOT ACQUAINTED WITH FRANCES E. RAY, DOES NOT HAVE ANY RELATIVES IN HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA, TO HIS KNOWLEDGE. HAS NEVER HEARD SUBJECT MENTION CAPPIONED INDIVIDUAL. BELIEVES THAT MABEL FULLER QUINCY, ILLINOIS, WOULD HAVE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT FAMILY MEMBERS THAN ANYONE ELSE. AM CC TO MEMPHIS.

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TO:

KANBAS CITY (44-780)

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OMAHA (440310)

MURKIN OD: MEMPHIS BUFFLE: 44-38861

RE MANSAS CITY AIRTHL TO LOUISVILLE DATED MAY TWENTY-YOUR, LAST.

THIS DATE AMEROSE MELLON, TWO ONE RIGHT SEVENTH STREET,
AMES, IOWA, ADVISED THAT EMMA JEAN VHIPPLE DESIDES WITH HIM
AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS BUT THAT SHE IS CURRENTLY IN JOPLIA,
MISSOURI, TO ATTEND HER ILL MOTHER, MRS. ETTA MC GINNES, WHO
RESIDES AT TWO KERO RIGHT MORTH MC COY, JOPLIA, MISSOURI.
WHIPPLE MAY BE STAYING AT HER FORMER RESIDENCE TWO ONE TWO
POUR DALK, JOPLIN, MISSOURI.

HE HAS HEARD WHIPPLE MENTION RENTRO BUT KNOWS NO IMPORMATION REGARDING RENTRO OR ASSOCIATES.

TABBAS CITY AT JOPLIN, MISSOURI, VILL INTERVIEW EMMA JEAN WHIPPLE ARA MRS. PLOYD WHIPPLE, POR WHEREABOUTS OF RALPE RENFRO AND SET OUT LEADS TO HAVE RENFRO INTERVIEWED TO DETERMINE IF RENFRO DID, IN THE PAST, EMPLOY JAMES EARL RAY AT JOPLIN AND POR INFORMATION REGARDING BACKGROUND AND WHEREABOUTS OF RAY.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO LOUISVILLE AND HEMPHIS.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TWO ZERO THREE WEST PRAIRIE. STREET DECATUR. ILLINOIS. SPONSORS A TEEN CENTER EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT TILL TEN P.M. FOR POOR UNDER-PRIVILEGED YOUTH IN DECATUR WHICH CROWD/CONSISTS LARGELY OF NEGRO YOUTH. REVEREND GORDON STEWART. ASSISTANT PASTOR ADVISED MAY TWENTYNINE AND THIRTY ONE LAST THAT SHORTLY AFTER TEN P.M. MAY TWENTYEIGHT SIXTYEIGHT AN INDIVIDUAL APPEARED AT THE CHURCH AND ENTERED INTO CONVERSA-TION WITH A FEW SUPERVISORS. INDIVIDUAL APPEARED DRUNK OR ON DOPE. HE STATED HE CONVERSED WITH THE INDIVIDUAL AND THE FOLLOWING DAY AFTER DISCUSSING THE INCIDENT WITH ONE OF THE SUPERVISORS AND VIEWING PHOTOS IN LIFE MAGAZINE THEY FELT THIS INDIVIDUAL BORE SOME RESEMBLANCE TO JAMES EARL RAY. STEWART LOOKED AT NUMEROUS PHOTOS AND FAILED TO MAKE IDENTIFI-CATION. HE MAINTAINED HE WAS SKEPTICAL ABOUT THE PERSON BEING RAY AND COULD ONLY SAY THAT THE ARTIST DRAWING THE WANTED FLYER PHOTO WAS THE CNLY RESEMBLANCE BUT SEARCHED ... J-MEMPHIS (44-198 RIALIZED.) 1-SPRINGFIELD (44-561) RFB/ck 1-CHICAGO

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NO WAY IDENTIFY RAY FROM TWO RECENT PHOTOS. STEWART FURTHER STATED THE PHOTO OF RAY WITH EYES CLOSED WHICH IS SIMILIAR TO THE PHOTO IN WANTED FLYER WITH EYES DRAWN BY ARTIST IN NO WAY RESEMBLED PERSON HE SAW.

REVEREND STEWART MENTIONED THE SUPERVISOR WAS NORMAN GADDLE.

WHO PORTRAYS HIMSELF AS AN AMATEUR ARTIST. GADDIS FAILED TO

POSITIVELY IDENTIFY RAY IN CONTACT WITH GADDIS ON MAY TWENTYNINE

AND THIRTY FIRST SIXTYEIGHT. HE MENTIONED INDIVIDUAL NOT DRUNK

HOWEVER HE COULD NOT FURNISH POSTLIVE INFORMATION MAINTAINING

HE ONLY NOTED THE EYES WHICH WERE DISTINCTIVE AS IN THE WANTED

FLYER OF RAY BUT DIFFERED FROM THE EYES OF THE INDIVIDUAL HE HAD

SEEN. GADDIS COULD NOT IDENTIFY THE TWO RECENT PHOTOS OF RAY

SHOWN TO HIM ALONG WITH OTHER PHOTOS.

GADDIS DURING INTERVIEW STRESSED THE FACT HE IS AMATEUR
ARTIST AND ALWAYS HAS HAD DIFFICULTY WITH REPRODUCING EYES. HE
STATED HE PAID MORE ATTENTION TO THE PERSONS EYES AND DID NOT
NOTICE OTHER FACIAL FEATURES EXCEPT THE PERSONS HAIRLINE WHICH

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