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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN, CR.

SUMMARY.

REVIEW OF MEMPHIS FILES IDENTIFIES JAMES WILBOURN ASHMORE, FBI NO. FOUR EIGHT SIX NINE FIVE TWO NINE, AS HAVING USED ALIAS JAMES C. HARDIN. INDICES OF MEMPHIS DIVISION CONTAIN REFERENCES TO JAMES HARDIN, NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED, IN CONNECTION WITH CASE ENTITLED DESEGREGATION, UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI, RM, BUFILE ONE FIVE SEVEN - FOUR ZERO ONE, MEMPHIS FILE ONE FIVE SEVEN - ONE FOUR SEVEN, WHICH FILE TRANSFERRED IN ENTIRETY TO JACKSON OFFICE UPON OPENING THAT FIELD DIVISION. JACKSON DIVISION HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO REVIEW ALL INFO CONTAINED IN THE FILE TO IDENTIFY JAMES HARDIN.

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THE IDENTIFICATION DIVISION HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO FURNISH LATEST ARREST RECORD OF JAMES WILBOURN ASHMORE AND PROVIDE MOST RECENT PHOTO FOR VIEWING BY MANAGER AT ST. FRANCIS

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A.M. _____ RE BANK LOCK BOXES.

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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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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.

Airtel IN VIEW OF PRESENCE SUBJECT'S RELATIVES ST. LOUIS AREA,
Teletype ST. LOUIS WILL ALSO CONTACT BANKING ESTABLISHMENTS TO ASCERTAIN
A.M. IF SAFE DEPOSIT BOX WAS RENTED BY SUBJECT FOR PERIOD ENCOMPASSING
A.M.S.D. DATE OF ESCAPE, MSP, THROUGH JULY EIGHTEEN LAST.

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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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FBI ATLANTA

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 SEEN 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" (LNU) ATTEMPTED TO SELL THIS PERSON A RIFLE IN ATLANTA EARLY DECEMBER SIXTYSEVEN. COULD NOT 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 TWO HIPPIES "WEASEL" AND "JOHN" WOULD KNOW "CHUCK", AND FURNISHED 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. THIS 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 MASTER-MIND 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) ELLISON, ORANGE CO.,
WAS ALSO EMPLOYED IN WALLACE HEADQUARTERS. DENIED KNOWING
NAMES 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 WALLACE
HEADQUARTERS 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 WHEREABOUTS.

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 ENTRANCE.
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.

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

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OR HAD ANY CONNECTION WITH. HAS NO INFO CONCERNING HIM. NO INFO
AS TO WHO ROBBED BANK OF ALTON, ILL., JULY THIRTEEN LAST. CLAIMED
WORKING THAT DATE. RECORDS OF BARCETTE PRINTING CO., SL, BY
WHOM VELANTI THEN EMPLOYED CONFIRM HE WAS WORKING AT TIME OF BR.
RE JOHN EUGENE GAWRON:

UNABLE TO LOCATE GAWRON TODAY. WILL INTERVIEW AT EARLIEST
POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY.

INTENSIFIED EFFORT TO LOCATE ROBERT LYNN POWELL CONTINUING.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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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 BUREAU, MAY TWENTY NINE LAST.

DAYTONA BEACH, FLA. PD RECORDS REFLECT NOTHING
IDENTIFIABLE WITH BOB 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 JONES,

W/M, DOB [REDACTED]

WHO WAS

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 RAY

AS PERSON EVER SEEN BY HIM OUTSIDE OF NEWSPAPER PUBLICATION.
ROBERT LEE JONES HAS NEVER STAYED IN ATLANTA AND U.S.
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.

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TO MEMPHIS (44-1986)

FROM SANANTINIO (44-1242)

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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

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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 DANGEROUS.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-33861) LOS ANGELES (44-1574) & MEMPHIS (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 TWENTYNINE, 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 IDENTIFI-
FIABLE WITH NAME 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.

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

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, AND LOS ANGELES

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

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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 OBSCENE 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.

ATLANTA INDICES NEGATIVE RE JAMES C. HARDIN OR JAMES C. HARDEN. A J. 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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58XXX 953PM URGENT 5-31-68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND SPRINGFIELD

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN - SUMMARY

RE JOHN EUGENE GAWRON. REINTERVIEWED. PHOTO OF JAMES H. CARPENTER,
FBI NUMBER THREE ZERO TWO FOUR THREE EXHIBITED. GAWRON 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 BEEF UNQUOTE ON ALTON
BANK AND CARPENTER, WHOSE NAME HE THEN RECALLED. STATED HAD BEEN THINK-
ING 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 PART-
ICIPATION 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 SIXTY-
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SEVEN AS PREVIOUSLY STATED AND TOLD HIM OF RAY PARTICIPATION IN ROBBERY. COULD THINK OF NO ONE OTHER THAN RAY WHO WOULD KNOW THIS INDIVIDUALS 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 PERTINENT TRACK, AS WELL AS SEPARATING 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 RECEIVED IMPRESSION THAT RAY HAD BEEN SEEN BRIEFLY IN SL BY HIM TWO WEEKS FOLLOWING MSP ESCAPE. ON LAST INTERVIEW VELANTI REVEALED IDENTITY OF THIS PERSON 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 ESCAPE 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

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USED TO ESCAPE.

RE JERRY RAYNES, CAROL PEPPER, JOHN LARRY RAY.

SOURCES AND SPOT CHECKS DISCLOSED NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY.

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RADXX READ "XAY"

E SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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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. CLAIMED 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.

LOS ANGELES, AT HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA, WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW FRANCES E. RAY, SIX ONE FOUR NINE RUGBY, HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA.

AM COPY SENT MEMPHIS.

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FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

MURKIN.

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE MAY TWENTY THREE LAST.

MR. MERVIN KAUTEN, SECTION CHIEF, FRAUD AND MAILABILITY
DIVISION, UNITED STATES POST OFFICE, WASHINGTON, D. C.
ADVISED THIS DATE THAT LOCAL SWINGER CLUB IN LOS ANGELES
CURRENTLY UNDER INVESTIGATION BY POST OFFICE CASE NUMBER
THREE SIX FOUR DASH FOUR FOUR SIX ZERO SIX DASH E. L. O.
FOINDEXTER OR DONALD SCHOOF OF UNITED STATES POST OFFICE,
LOS ANGELES CAN MAKE THIS INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO FEDERAL
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.

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

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LOS ANGELES CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO
LOCATE RAY.

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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 AGENTS (ONE), REGULAR TWO ZERO FIVE MAN HOURS,
(TWO), OVERTIME TEN HOURS.

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

(TWO) TOTAL MILEAGE TRAVELLED BY BUREAU AUTOMOBILES -
ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TEN MILES.

(THREE) ANY UNUSUAL OUT OF ORDINARY COST - NONE.

(FOUR) PEAK NUMBER OF SPECIAL AGENTS WORKING ON CASE
DURING MONTH FOR WHICH REPORT IS SUBMITTED - FIVE.

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634PM URGENT 6-1-68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM ST. LOUIS (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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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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URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND
SAC, ATLANTA

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE MAY TWENTY-NINE LAST.

RE JAMES PAUL THORNTON.

MARGARET RALEY, ONE TWO SEVEN THREE FIVE CARDINAL AVENUE,
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. FELLOW 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
SOCIALY. 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, FOUR 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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URGENT

TO: 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 CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS.

P.

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621PM URGENT 6-3-68 LCS

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED JUNE THREE
INSTANT.

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 ONE ONE THREE FOURTEENTH STREET
WHEN HE LEFT THE ROOMING HOUSE.

MISS ROBBIE LEE GARNER, SISTER 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.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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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 BUCCALL TO SAC, KANSAS CITY, JUNE TWO, SIXTYEIGHT FURNISHING
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: RAMON GEORGE SNEYD WHOSE PASSPORT
PHOTOGRAPH MAY BE THAT OF SUBJECT RAY, OBTAINED A BRITISH
COMMONWEALTH PASSPORT ON APR. TWENTYFOUR, SIXTYEIGHT. IN APPLYING
FOR PASSPORT HE FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION: WM, BORN [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] 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 OBTAINED 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.

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PAUL BRIDGMAN MAY BE IDENTICAL TO FORMER FELLOW INMATE OF SUBJECT 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, SIXTYEIGHT, 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. WARDEN AT MSP DETERMINED THAT ROTHBERG WAS SMUGGLING 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, ONE ZERO ONE EAST WALNUT, BLOOMINGTON, ILL.

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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. BRIDGEMAN DESCRIBED WM, SIX FEET TALL, ONE
HUNDRED EIGHTY POUNDS, BLOND HAIR, BLUE EYES.

DALLAS, INTERVIEW ROTHBERG.

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)

MURKIN - SUMMARY

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.

RE JOHN LARRY RAY.

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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RE CAROL PAPPER.

SOURCES AND SPOT CHECKS DISCLOSE NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY.

RE GRAPEVINE TAVEN.

SL USA RIDDLE TODAY ADVISED STATE LINDA RUSTEN. AIRC FOR GRAPE-
VINE NOT YET RECEIVED BY HIS OFFICE, BUT MAY BE IN POSSESSION OF STATE
AUTHORITIES. WILL INQUIRE.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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917PM URGENT 6-3-68 NLB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND BIRMINGHAM
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) P

MURKIN.

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 VENEREAL
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 BOB PAREN LNU PAREN.

ALBANY ADVISED RAYMOND ANDREW YOUNG RECONTACTED MAY TWENTY
NINE LAST AT DOCKTORS PET CENTER, FAIRMOUNT SHOPPING CENTER,
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TO MEMPHIS \44-1987\ PLAINTEXT VIA WASHINGTON
FROM HONOLULU \157-131\

MURKIN-COST DATA.

FOLLOWING COST ITEMS FOR MAY LAST.

ONE. FORTY⁴⁴ 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)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN.

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE 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 ^{ABOVE} ~~CAPTIONED~~ 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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URGENT

TO: KANSAS CITY (44-760)
FROM: OMAHA (44-310)
MURKIN OO:MEMPHIS BUFILE: 44-38861

RE KANSAS CITY AIRTEL TO LOUISVILLE DATED MAY TWENTY-FOUR,
LAST.

THIS DATE AMBROSE NELLON, TWO ONE EIGHT SEVENTH STREET,
AMES, IOWA, ADVISED THAT EMMA JEAN WHIPPLE RESIDES WITH HIM
AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS BUT THAT SHE IS CURRENTLY IN JOPLIN,
MISSOURI, TO ATTEND HER ILL MOTHER, MRS. ETTA MC GINNIS, WHO
RESIDES AT TWO ZERO EIGHT NORTH MC COY, JOPLIN, MISSOURI.
WHIPPLE MAY BE STAYING AT HER FORMER RESIDENCE TWO ONE TWO
FOUR EALE, JOPLIN, MISSOURI.

HE HAS HEARD WHIPPLE MENTION RENFRO BUT KNOWS NO
INFORMATION REGARDING RENFRO OR ASSOCIATES.

KANSAS CITY AT JOPLIN, MISSOURI, WILL INTERVIEW EMMA JEAN
WHIPPLE AKA MRS. FLOYD WHIPPLE, FOR WHEREABOUTS OF RALPH RENFRO
AND SET OUT LEADS TO HAVE RENFRO INTERVIEWED TO DETERMINE IF
RENFRO DID, IN THE PAST, EMPLOY JAMES EARL RAY AT JOPLIN AND
FOR INFORMATION REGARDING BACKGROUND AND WHEREABOUTS OF RAY.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO LOUISVILLE AND MEMPHIS. P

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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 CONVERSATION 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. REVEREND STEWART LOOKED AT NUMEROUS PHOTOS AND FAILED TO MAKE IDENTIFICATION. HE MAINTAINED HE WAS SKEPTICAL ABOUT THE PERSON BEING RAY AND COULD ONLY SAY THAT THE ARTIST DRAWING OF THE EYES IN THE WANTED FLYER PHOTO WAS THE ONLY RESEMBLANCE BUT COULD IN

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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 GADDIS 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 POSTIIVE 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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