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LETINGER'S MOTHER, MITA LEE LETINGER, ON MARCH TWENTY,
NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, AND AT THAT TIME HIS MOTHER ADVISED
HER THAT HE WAS A COOK IN HONOLULU, HAWAII. SHE STATED
THAT BOBBY LETINGER HAS INFORMED HER SEVERAL TIMES THAT
HE PREFERENCES BOYS INSTEAD OF GIRLS, WHICH INDICATES TO HER
HOMOSEXUAL TENDENCIES. SHE STATED THAT LETINGER'S MOTHER
HAS MOVED TO AVA, MISSOURI AND IS NOW RESIDING AT AN
UNKNOWN ADDRESS

CONF WILL SEND LST SENTENCE AGAIN.

JACKSON ARRANGS TO MEET IN SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI.

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TO DIRECTOR FBI
FROM SAC MEMPHIS (44-1987) (1P)

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DAILY SUMMARY

NEWARK PCI MARJORIE LOUISE FETTERS HAS INDICATED THAT SHE RECENTLY RECEIVED MONEY FROM THE SUBJECT'S BROTHER, JERRY RAY, WHICH MONEY WAS WRAPPED IN A NEWS LETTER FROM THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA.

BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO HAVE LEGAT OTTAWA CHECK THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA FOR A POSSIBLE BANK ACCOUNT OR SAFE DEPOSIT BOX IN THE NAME OF THE SUBJECT OR ONE OF HIS ALIASES.

NO ADDITIONAL PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS THIS CASE TODAY.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (PP. 1)

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RE SITEL TO BUREAU JUNE FOURTEEN, LAST.

BANKS IN GREATER ALTON AREA CONVASSED AND INFORMATION SOLICITED CONCERNING NEW ACCOUNTS OPENED SUBSEQUENT TO JULY THIRTEEN, LAST, WITH A VIEW TO DETERMINE IF RAY POSSIBLY DEPOSITED MONEYS OR FUNDS IN ANY ALTON AREA BANK SUBSEQUENT TO ROBBERY THE BANK OF ALTON. PHOTOS OF RAY AND ASSOCIATES DISPLAYED TO THOSE BANKS CONTACTED TODAY WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

INSTRUCTIONS SENT NEIGHBORING OFFICES WITH REGARD TO SURVEY OF LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANING ESTABLISHMENTS.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) 2P

MURKIN.

IT IS SUGGESTED FOR THE BUREAU'S CONSIDERATION THAT LEGAT BERNE ~~BE~~ REQUESTED TO DETERMINE IF SUBJECT RAY HAD BANK ACCOUNT OR SAFE DEPOSIT BOX IN SWITZERLAND UNDER TRUE NAME OR ALIASES.

BUFFALO AND DETROIT ARE REQUESTED TO AGAIN CONTACT POLICE SOURCES FOR ANY INDICATION OF ROBBERIES INVOLVING MORE THAN TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS IN WHICH SUBJECT MIGHT HAVE BEEN INVOLVED DURING PERIOD APRIL TWENTY THREE NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN TO JULY EIGHTEEN SIXTY SEVEN.

ST. LOUIS OFFICE ADVISED BY TELETYPE MAY TWELVE LAST THAT FORMER MSP INMATE JAMES H. ~~CARPENTER~~ SAW SUBJECT BETWEEN MAY TEN AND SEVENTEEN SIXTY SEVEN AT ST. LOUIS. MEMPHIS HAS NOT RECEIVED IRF REFLECTING FULL INTERVIEW WITH CARPENTER AND INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED TO SUBSTANTIATE HIS ALLEGATION.

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ST. LOUIS PLEASE FURNISH SAME.

ST. LOUIS SHOULD ALSO BE ADVISED THAT MEMPHIS FEELS
INFORMATION FURNISHED THUS FAR BY ~~JERRY RAY~~ HAS BEEN
WORTHLESS AND MEMPHIS DOES NOT INTEND TO MAINTAIN CONTACT
WITH JERRY RAY IF HE CHANGES RESIDENCE TO MEMPHIS, TENN.
MEMPHIS BELIEVES MORE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED THROUGH
NEWARK PCI MARJORIE FETTERS THAN BY DIRECT CONTACT WITH
JERRY RAY. P.
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN.

THIS DATE SAC, MEMPHIS, CONTACTED BY JOHN J. CLARK AND
LT. JOHN BROWN, U. S. BUREAU OF PRISONS. INFORMATION
SUBMITTED IN PREVIOUS MEMPHIS TELETYPE RE CONTACT WITH
CLARK.

CLARK THIS DATE ADVISED JOHN BROWN IS WITH BUREAU
OF PRISONS AND HAS BEEN ASSIGNED AT FEDERAL PRISON, MARION,
ILLINOIS. BROWN WILL BE ACTING IN LIAISON CAPACITY AND
FURNISHING ASSISTANCE TO SHELBY COUNTY, TENN., SO WHO
WILL BEAR RESPONSIBILITY OF SUBJECT RAY IN INSTANT CASE.

CLARK ADVISED HE HAD HAD MEETINGS WITH REPRESENTATIVES
OF SO, STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL CANALE, AND INTERESTED LOCAL
JUDGES IN CONNECTION WITH HANDLING OF PRISONER. CLARK
SAID HE HAD SUBMITTED VARIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS BASED ON
STANDARDS OF BUREAU OF PRISONS IN HANDLING PRISONERS OF
PROMINENCE. HE INDICATED AMONG ITEMS DISCUSSED WERE THE
HANDLING OF VOLUME OF MAIL THAT PRISONER OF PROMINENCE
WOULD PROBABLY RECEIVE, RESTRICTIONS OF VISITORS TO PRISONER,
AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS PROBLEMS OF THIS TYPE.

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HE STATED HE HAD MADE CERTAIN SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVING SECURITY AT THE SHELBY COUNTY PRISON.

CLARK ADVISED THAT THE MATTERS WHICH HE HAD SUBMITTED IN THE FORM OF SUGGESTIONS TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES HAD BEEN DISCUSSED BY HIM WITH AAG FRED VINSON IN WASHINGTON, D. D. DURING COURSE OF CONVERSATION, CLARK STATED AAG VINSON HAD TOLD HIM THAT IT APPEARED THAT THE EARLIEST ANY POSSIBLE ACTION MIGHT BE TAKEN INsofar AS EXTRADITION OF RAY FROM ENGLAND WOULD BE ON OR ABOUT JULY THIRTEEN, NEXT. CLARK STATED HE THOUGHT AAG VINSON MIGHT BE OPTIMISTIC IN REGARD TO THIS DATE.

CLARK ALSO STATED THAT EVALUATION OF PERSONNEL AT SHELBY COUNTY SO INDICATED THAT IT MIGHT BE ADVISABLE FOR ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL-TYPE INVESTIGATIONS TO BE CONDUCTED RE DEPUTIES WHO MIGHT BE ENTRUSTED TO CARE AND PROTECTION OF PRISONER RAY. HE MADE TENTATIVE INQUIRY AS TO POSSIBILITY OF FBI CONDUCTING SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS OF THIS TYPE. CLARK WAS TOLD BY SAC THAT INVESTIGATIONS OF THIS TYPE WERE NOT CONDUCTED BY FBI. IT WAS SUGGESTED TO CLARK THAT

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SINCE PRIME RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROTECTION OF THIS PRISONER RESTED WITH SO AND THAT THE STATE AG WOULD ALSO HAVE GREAT INTEREST IN CUSTODY OF PRISONER, CONSIDERATION MIGHT BE GIVEN TO HAVE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE CONDUCT PERTINENT PERSONNEL INVESTIGATIONS FOR SO.

IN THIS CONNECTION, IT MIGHT BE NOTED THERE ARE TWO NATIONAL ACADEMY GRADUATES ASSIGNED TO STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, JOHN LEWIS CARLISLE AND EDWARD L. HUTCHINSON, JR., INVESTIGATORS.

CLARK ALSO STATED THAT IN HIS DISCUSSION WITH AAG VINSON, VINSON TOLD HIM THAT HE HAD SEEN THE SUBJECT IN THE CELL IN THE BRITISH PRISON WHERE HE IS HELD. THE CELL WAS DESCRIBED AS BEING VERY BLEAK AND THE BED CONSISTED OF BEDDING STRETCHED OVER A BOARD WHICH SERVED AS THE BED IN THIS PARTICULAR CELL. ONE SMALL SPIGOT WITH A RECEPTACLE SURROUNDING IT SAFISFIED THE PRISONER FROM THE STANDPOINT OF DRINKING WATER AND HIS USE IN CONNECTION WITH BODILY FUNCTIONS. CLARK STATED THAT AAG VINSON ALSO TOLD HIM THERE WERE TWO CONSTABLES IN THE CELL WITH RAY AT

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**ALL TIMES. HE ALSO SAID THAT UNDER BRITISH LAW, REPORTEDLY
A PRISONER MUST HAVE TWO HOURS OF EXERCISE ON A DAILY
BASIS. DURING THE EXERCISE PERIOD OF RAY, CLARK WAS TOLD
THE EXERCISE YARD IS CLEARED OF ALL PERSONNEL AND THE
BRITISH AUTHORITIES DO HAVE SECURITY DOGS ON HAND IN THE
EVENT OF ANY PROBLEMS ARISING.**

NO OTHER PERTINENT ACTIVITY THIS DATE. P. END.

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TO DIRECTOR FBI
FROM SAC MEMPHIS (44-1987) (2P)

MURKIN.

DAILY SUMMARY.

RE ST. LOUIS TEL TO BUREAU MAY SIXTEEN, LAST, REFLECTING INTERVIEW WITH JAMES LOAMA OWENS; KANSAS CITY TEL MAY TWENTY, LAST, REFLECTING INTERVIEW WITH JAMES WALLACE; AND MEMPHIS TEL JUNE EIGHTEEN, LAST, REQUESTING ST. LOUIS FURNISH RESULTS OF INTERVIEW WITH MSP INMATE JAMES H. CARPENTER.

ST. LOUIS SHOULD NOTE THAT JAMES H. CARPENTER and JAMES WALLACE BOTH INDICATE THEY SAW SUBJECT IN ST. LOUIS DURING SUMMER OF ONE NINE SIX SEVEN. WALLACE INDICATES SUBJECT WAS SEEN BY HIM IN COMPANY OF JAMES LOAMA OWENS. OWENS HAS DENIED TO ST. LOUIS AGENTS THAT HE SAW SUBJECT IN ST. LOUIS SUMMER OF ONE NINE SIX SEVEN.

ST. LOUIS SHOULD CHECK RECORDS AT THE JEFFERSON GRAVOIS BANK, ST. LOUIS, TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT OWENS OR SUBJECT

Airtel _____ MIGHT HAVE HAD ANY DEALINGS THAT BANK DURING ONE NINE SIX
Teletype _____ SEVEN. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT ST. LOUIS MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO
A.M. _____ ESTABLISH SUBJECT'S PRESENCE IN ST. LOUIS AND TO DETERMINE

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IF SUBJECT AND OWENS MAY HAVE PULLED A BANK ROBBERY OR LARGE
ROBBERY WHICH WOULD EXPLAIN SUBJECT HAVING FUNDS USED LATER
FOR TRAVEL AND EXPENSES.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) (2p)
SUMMARY TELETYPE
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PROSECUTIVE SUMMARY REPORT OF SA JOE C. HESTER
DATED JUNE TEN, LAST, AT MEMPHIS HAS BEEN DISSEMINATED
TO FBI, BIRMINGHAM, AND PHIL M. CANALE, STATE AG, MEMPHIS,
TENN.

SINCE PREPARATION OF SA HESTER'S REPORT, CONSIDERABLE
PERTINENT INFORMATION OF POSSIBLE EVIDENTIARY VALUE HAS
BEEN DEVELOPED BY LEGATS, ~~BEEN, LONDON, AND OTTAWA~~. IF
NOT ALREADY DONE, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT ^{ALL} ~~THESE~~ LEGATS
BE REQUESTED TO PREPARE RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED
TO DATE IN FORM SUITABLE FOR INCLUSION IN PROSECUTIVE
SUMMARY REPORT. LEGATS SHOULD ALSO BE INSTRUCTED TO
SUBMIT ALL DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING MONEY ORDER USED BY RAY
TO OBTAIN CANADIAN BIRTH CERTIFICATE, LETTERS, AND

Airtel _____ HOTEL OR MOTEL REGISTRATION CARDS ATTRIBUTED TO RAY

Teletype _____ TO FBI LAB FOR HANDWRITING COMPARISONS.

A.M. _____ INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM CHARLES SCHNEIDER, ⁴⁴⁻¹⁹⁸⁷⁻¹¹⁶⁸

A.M.S.D. _____ MEMPHIS PRESS-SCIMITAR NEWSPAPER, THIS DATE HAS BEEN ⁴⁴⁻¹⁹⁸⁷⁻¹¹⁶⁸

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TO: DIRECTOR AND LOS ANGELES

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN.

CHARLES SCHNEIDER, EDITOR, MEMPHIS PRESS-SCIMITAR NEWSPAPER AND SAC CONTACT, MEMPHIS, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED MEMPHIS OFFICE FOLLOWING INFORMATION THIS DATE:

SCHNEIDER SAID AT APPROXIMATELY ONE PM THIS DATE HE RECEIVED LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALL FROM TARZANA, CALIFORNIA. CALLER IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS JOSEPH MARKS, PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR, TELEPHONE TWO ONE THREE DASH THREE FOUR FIVE, DASH EIGHT EIGHT ONE ZERO, BOX EIGHT TWO ONE. MARKS BEGAN CONVERSATION WITH SCHNEIDER MAKING INQUIRY RE REWARDS OFFERED IN SOLUTION OF KING MURDER. SCHNEIDER TOLD HIM THAT AS EDITOR OF PRESS SCIMITAR HE HAD INFORMATION ONLY RE TWENTYFIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR OFFER MADE BY PRESS SCIMITAR PAPER. SCHNEIDER ALSO SAID HE INFORMED MARKS THAT THE REWARD WOULD BE PAID ONLY FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO ARREST AND CONVICTION OF THE MURDERER IN INSTANT CASE. MARKS REPORTEDLY THEN TOLD SCHNEIDER THAT HE HAD INFORMATION REGARDING THE PERSON WHO PAID SUBJECT RAY IN CONNECTION WITH THE KILLING. MARKS

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REPORTEDLY DESCRIBED THIS MAN AS ALMOST A BILLIONAIRE WHO OWNS BALBOA ISLAND. MARKS ALSO SAID THE MONEY HAD BEEN DEPOSITED IN A SWISS BANK SO THAT SUBJECT RAY COULD PROCURE SAME AND THIS WAS WHERE RAY WAS EN ROUTE WHEN HE WAS APPREHENDED IN LONDON.

MARKS FURTHER DESCRIBED THIS WEALTHY MAN AS AN ARDENT JOHN BIRCHER WHO HAD KING KILLED NOT BECAUSE HE WAS A NEGRO BUT BECAUSE KING WAS A COMMUNIST.

SCHNEIDER SAID THAT HE PRESSED MARKS FOR MORE IDENTIFYING DATA AND MARKS TOLD HIM THE MAN WHO PAID OFF RAY WAS WILLARD VOIGHT. SCHNEIDER SAID HE PRESSED MARKS FOR MORE DATA AND MARKS TOLD HIM THAT IF HE WANTED TO CONFIRM THIS INFORMATION HE SHOULD CALL AREA CODE SEVEN ONE FOUR DASH SIX SEVEN THREE DASH THREE NINE ONE ONE IN CALIFORNIA AND ASK FOR LOIS. LOIS WAS NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED BY MARKS BUT MARKS TOLD SCHNEIDER THAT LOIS KNEW VOIGHT AND SUPPOSEDLY KNEW OF VOIGHT'S INVOLVEMENT IN MURDER. MARKS SAID HE HAD RECEIVED THIS INFORMATION ON JUNE SIXTEEN AT APPROXIMATELY FIVE FIFTEEN A.M.

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SCHNEIDER SAID HE WAS, OF COURSE, IN NO POSITION TO EVALUATE THIS DATA BUT DID WANT TO PASS IT ON TO THE FBI FOR POSSIBLE USE.

LOS ANGELES REQUESTED IDENTIFY JOSEPH MARKS, REVIEW ITS FILES, AND IF NO INFORMATION CONTAINED THEREIN INTERVIEW MARKS FOR ALL DATA HE MAY HAVE CONCERNING ALLEGATION.

LOS ANGELES ALSO SECURE IDENTIFYING DATA FROM MARKS RE LOIS AND THEREAFTER CONDUCT NECESSARY INTERVIEWS WITH HER TO CLARIFY INFORMATION.

WILLARD VOIGHT UNKNOWN TO MEMPHIS DIVISION. LOS ANGELES SHOULD REVIEW ITS FILES TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER OR NOT VOIGHT FITS GENERAL DESCRIPTION FURNISHED BY MARKS AND WHETHER OR NOT HE MIGHT BE CONSIDERED POSSIBLE CONSPIRATOR INSTANT CASE.

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TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) 4P

MURKIN.

RE MEMPHIS RADIOGRAM TO BUREAU AND LOS ANGELES JUNE TWENTYONE
LAST.

JOSEPH W. MARKS HAS CONTACTED THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE NUMEROUS
OCCASIONS SINCE MARCH TWENTY, FIFTY-FOUR. LOS ANGELES INDICES
CONTAIN NUMEROUS REFERENCES TO HIM.

HE CLAIMS TO BE LICENSED PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR AND HAS ALSO
BEEN EMPLOYED AS REALTOR IN THE APPLE VALLEY, CALIFORNIA AREA.

IN GENERAL, MARKS HAS ENGAGED IN LEGAL BATTLE FOR PERIOD
OF YEARS WITH THOMAS P. AND ANNA MARIE ROSE AND THEIR ASSOCIATES
OVER PROPERTIES AND OTHER CIVIL MATTERS. MARKS HAS CLAIMED
THAT HE HAS NOT RECEIVED SATISFACTION IN STATE COURTS IN THESE
MATTERS AND MANY OF HIS CONTACTS WITH THIS OFFICE HAVE RELATED TO
THESE THINGS. AS THEY HAVE BEEN MATTERS OVER WHICH THIS BUREAU
HAS NO JURISDICTION, NO ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN IN THESE AFFAIRS
BY THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE.

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IN THE ABOVE MATTER, AS WELL AS IN STATE, STATE AND LOCAL
AGENCIES IN LAST YEAR, WAKES HAS CAUSED DAMAGE TO A
SERIES OF VARIOUS SPECIAL AGENCIES OF THIS OFFICE AND ALSO OF
THE SPECIAL AGENCIES IN CHARGE OF THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE.

ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN
SUBMITTED TO THE BUREAU RELATIVE TO JOSEPH J. WAKES. CERTAIN
OF THIS INFORMATION IS CONTAINED IN LOS ANGELES AERIAL TO BUREAU
DATE OCTOBER TWENTY, SIXTYFOUR, CAPTIONED, "JOSEPH J. WAKES,
WIKING, STATE POLICE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE; JOSEPH MORRIS WAKES LAST VISIT; LAST VISIT
"WAKES" (LOS ANGELES FOUR FOUR FOUR AND LOS ANGELES AERIAL TO BUREAU).
IN ADDITION, THIS INFORMATION IDENTIFIED FOR THE BUREAU SEVERAL
OTHER LOS ANGELES ORGANIZATIONS TO THE BUREAU, ALL CONTACT IN
ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION RELATIVE TO WAKES.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON JUNE TWENTY TWO INSTANT IS CONTAINED
IN BUREAU AERIAL TO BUREAU, DATE JUNE TWENTY TWO INSTANT
SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, AND ALSO AT RESIDENCE ONE NINE FOUR
ONE FOUR COLLING STREET, BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA. THESE AGENCIES
ARE ACTIVE.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU JUNE NINETEEN LAST.
SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR DASH C ADVISED TODAY THAT WOMAN
WHO SAW UNKNOWN MAN AT APARTMENT OF HAROLD RICHARD
COVINGTON IS CAROLYN WYATT. WYATT HAS BEEN VICTIM OF
WSTA CASE INVESTIGATED BY SI DIVISION. EFFORTS TO LOCATE
WYATT TO DATE UNSUCCESSFUL.

COVINGTON DESCRIBED WMA, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES,
ONE SIX ZERO POUNDS, BROWN HAIR AND BLUE EYES, AGE THIRTY.
COVINGTON MEETS DESCRIPTION OF SHOTGUN MAN IN ROBBERY,
THE BANK OF ALTON.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING INFO THIS ASPECT AND SI
ONE SIX ONE FOUR DASH C WORKING FULL TIME TO DEVELOP
INFORMATION.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

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RE SI TEL TO BUREAU JUNE TWENTY LAST.

SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR DASH C TO DATE UNABLE TO VERIFY RESIDENCE HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON AT FOURTH STREET ALTON ABOUT TIME OF BR AT BANK OF ALTON. INFORMANT CONTINUING INQUIRY INSTANT MATTER.

HAZEL DREW, MOTHER OF CAROLYN WYATT, STATES CAROLYN NOT IN ALTON AT THIS TIME. DUE TO RETURN EARLY NEXT WEEK. WILL BE INTERVIEWED AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) 1P

MURKIN.

NO PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS TODAY IN THIS MATTER.

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TO DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)
FROM SAC MEMPHIS (44-1987) (2P)

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

DAILY SUMMARY.

RE KANSAS CITY AIRTEL DATED JUNE EIGHTEEN, LAST, ENCLOSING
LHM REFLECTING RESULTS OF INTERVIEW OF GEORGE BEN EDMONDSON.

IF NOT ALREADY DONE, IT IS REQUESTED THAT LEGAT, OTTAWA,
BE FURNISHED COPY OF ABOVE-DESCRIBED LHM AND TO BE REQUESTED
TO CONDUCT FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION:

THROUGH RCMP, ARRANGE TO HAVE YVON GADBOIS, KNOWN
"HUSTLER" IN MONTREAL AND MARCELL VILLENEUVE, AKA SLIM AND
BILL MAHARAGH, BOTH KNOWN ASSOCIATES OF GADBOIS INTERVIEWED
CONCERNING THEIR POSSIBLE ASSOCIATION WITH SUBJECT IN MONTREAL
OR ONTARIO, CANADA, DURING JULY AND AUGUST, ONE NINE SIX SEVEN.

INVESTIGATION HAS REVEALED SUBJECT RAY MAY POSSIBLY HAVE
BEEN INVOLVED IN NARCOTICS ACTIVITIES; SELLING, FENCING OR
IMPORTING APPLIANCES ILLEGALLY INTO MEXICO AND DEVELOPED AN
INTEREST IN PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT.

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VILLENEUVE AS INVOLVED AS A FENCE OPERATING AN ALLEGED APPLIANCE BUSINESS AND MAHARAGH AS A PHOTOGRAPHER IN "DIRTY PICTURES AND POT." IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT THERE IS SOME COMMON DENOMINATOR BETWEEN THESE INDIVIDUALS AND SUBJECT RAY.

ALTHOUGH IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT RAY OBTAINED NECESSARY FRAUDULENT PAPERS FOR OBTAINING CANADIAN PASSPORT IN TORONTO IN APRIL OF ONE NINE SIX EIGHT, IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT HE OBTAINED THE KNOWLEDGE TO OBTAIN SAME FROM THE ABOVE-NAMED INDIVIDUALS WHILE IN MONTREAL DURING JULY AND AUGUST OF ONE NINE SIX SEVEN.

SINCE INVESTIGATION HAS DEVELOPED RAY HAS USUALLY SOLICITED THE SERVICES OF A PROSTITUTE FOR WOMEN COMPANIONSHIP, THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED INDIVIDUALS COULD HAVE POSSIBLY FURNISHED PROSTITUTES FOR RAY AND MAY BE IN A POSITION TO IDENTIFY THE TWO UNKNOWN WHITE FEMALES WHO ALLEGEDLY VISITED RAY AT HIS APARTMENT IN MONTREAL DURING JULY OR AUGUST, ONE NINE SIX SEVEN.

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FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (PP. 1)

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RE SI TEL TO BUREAU JUNE TWENTYONE, LAST.

HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON ARRESTED DURING PAST WEEKEND IN
POSSESSION OF STOLEN CUB CADET TRACTOR. INCARCERATED MACOUPIN
COUNTY JAIL. WILL BE INTERVIEWED.

SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR - C REPORTS NO SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS
ON INQUIRIES BUT CONTINUING EFFORTS.

CAROLYN WYATT HAS NOT RETURNED ALTON TO DATE.

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LEGAT, LONDON AIRTEL JUNE EIGHTEEN LAST CONTAINED INFO RE POSSIBLE INTERVIEW OF SUBJECT. FOR POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION OF BUREAU IN CONNECTION WITH ANY AUTHORIZED INTERVIEW, BUREAU SHOULD CONSIDER THAT SUBJECT WHEN RETURNED TO MEMPHIS WILL BE IN CUSTODY LOCAL AUTHORITIES. POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT ANY INTERVIEW OF SUBJECT BY FBI WHILE IN LOCAL CUSTODY MIGHT RAISE POSSIBLE DEFENSE ALLEGATION OF FBI HARASSMENT OR INTERFERENCE IN WHAT IS NOMINALLY A STATE MURDER TRIAL. MEMPHIS OF OPINION THAT ULTIMATELY AN INTERVIEW OF RAY WILL BE NECESSARY IN ORDER TO PROVE OR DISPROVE ALLEGATION OF CONSPIRACY IN CONNECTION WITH DEATH OF MARTIN LUTHER KING. MEMPHIS OF OPINION THAT MOST PRACTICAL TIME FOR CONDUCTING INTERVIEW OF SUBJECT WILL BE PRIOR TO HIS RETURN TO LOCAL CUSTODY. MEMPHIS SUGGESTS IT MIGHT BE FEASIBLE TO MAKE EFFORTS TO CONDUCT INTERVIEW OF SUBJECT DURING HIS RETURN TO U. S. IT IS PRESUMED BUREAU AGENTS WOULD HAVE COMPLETE CONTROL OVER CONDITIONS OF INTERVIEW AT THAT TIME. MEMPHIS FULLY RECOGNIZES PROBABILITY THAT SUBJECT WILL NOT NECESSARILY FURNISH ANY INFO OF PERTINENCE,

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BUT FEELS EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO CONDUCT INTERVIEW.

B. B. GULLETT, ATTORNEY AT LAW, ADMITTED TO TENNESSEE STATE BAR IN NINETEEN TWENTYSEVEN AND HAS BEEN PRACTICING ATTORNEY SINCE THAT TIME. HE IS ASSOCIATED WITH ~~LAW FIRM~~ THOMAS W. STEELE, VAL SANFORD, AND CHARLES W. WHITE. LAW FIRM PRACTICES UNDER NAME GULLETT, STEELE, SANFORD AND WHITE AT NASHVILLE, TENN. FORMER ASSOCIATES OF GULLETT INCLUDED FEDERAL JUDGE HARRY PHILLIPS, CURRENTLY MEMBER OF U. S. SIXTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS, AND WELDON WHITE, MEMBER TENNESSEE STATE SUPREME COURT PRIOR TO HIS DEATH.

GULLETT WAS MEMBER OF TENNESSEE STATE SENATE FROM DAVIDSON COUNTY, TENN., WAS PRESIDENT, TENNESSEE BAR ASSOCIATION IN NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, AND IS ACTIVE IN WORK OF AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION AND TENNESSEE STATE BAR ASSOCIATION. U. S. ATTORNEY G. MERRITT, JR., MDT, AND W. E. HOPTON, DIRECTOR, TENNESSEE BUREAU OF CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION, BOTH AT NASHVILLE, ADVISED GULLETT AND ASSOCIATES ARE HIGHLY REPUTABLE ATTORNEYS IN NASHVILLE AREA AND WELL REGARDED BY ASSOCIATES IN TENNESSEE. MEMPHIS INDICES DISCLOSE NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION RE GULLETT OR ANY MEMBERS OF HIS LAW FIRM.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) 1P
MURKIN.

BUREAU REQUESTED CONSIDER NECESSITY FOR TAKING MAJOR CASE PRINTS OF SUBJECT RAY DURING RETURN FROM ENGLAND. FBI LABORATORY STILL HAS UNIDENTIFIED LATENTS WHICH MIGHT BE IDENTIFIED FROM MAJOR CASE PRINTS. SUBJECT WILL NOT BE IN BUREAU CUSTODY EXCEPT DURING PERIOD OF HIS RETURN TO MEMPHIS.

FOR INFO BUREAU, MEMPHIS PRESS SCIMITAR CARRIED HEADLINE STORY INDICATING THAT SUBJECT RAY TOOK WITNESS STAND AND DENIED KILLING OF DR. KING. UPI RELEASE FROM LONDON INDICATES CHIEF WITNESS AGAINST JAMES EARL RAY IS CHARLIE STEPHENS. AS RESULT UPI RELEASE, LOCAL REPORTERS MADE EFFORTS LOCATE CHARLIE STEPHENS AT ROOMING HOUSE WHERE HE FORMERLY RESIDED. NUMEROUS INQUIRIES RECEIVED AT MEMPHIS OFFICE AS TO WHEREABOUTS CHARLIE STEPHENS. ALL ANSWERED WITH NO COMMENT. STEPHENS CURRENTLY RESIDING WITH RELATIVES IN ADJOINING STATE. WHEREABOUTS KNOWN TO MEMPHIS.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)

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

MURKIN.

NO PERTINENT INVESTIGATIVE DEVELOPMENTS TODAY.

UACB, DAILY SUMMARY BEING DISCONTINUED IN LIEU OF A WEEKLY SUMMARY. ANY PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS WILL BE PROMPTLY CALLED TO THE BUREAU'S ATTENTION. P. END.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861),
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FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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DAVIS SUBSTATION, U. S. POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, MEMPHIS, TENN., INTERCEPTED A PACKAGE FROM THE AMERICAN HERITAGE BOOK SERVICE OFFICES, THREE THREE FOUR WEST CENTER STREET, MARION, OHIO, DIRECTED TO ERIC S. GALT, LORAIN MOTEL, MEMPHIS, TENN., ON JULY ONE LAST. THIS PACKAGE CONTAINED THREE VOLUMES OF "THE AMERICAN HERITAGE, HISTORY OF THE PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES." THE INVOICE ACCOMPANYING THIS PACKAGE WHICH WAS IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTYSEVEN DOLLARS FORTY CENTS BORE THE LEGEND E SPACE TWO NINE D EIGHT SPACE FOUR R ZERO ONE SPACE F THREE EIGHT ONE ZERO TWO GLT SPACE E ONE TWO USPO DEPARTMENT WILL RETURN THESE BOOKS TO THE AMERICAN HERITAGE BOOK SERVICE OFFICES NEXT WEEK.

Airtel CLEVELAND, AT MARION, OHIO, IDENTIFY INDIVIDUAL PLACING
Teletype ORDER FOR THESE BOOKS. P. END.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) 2P

MURKIN.

STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL PHIL CANALE, MEMPHIS, ADVISED SAC HIS OFFICE HAS BEEN CONSIDERING WHAT CAN BE DONE WITH CHARLES Q. STEPHENS. STEPHENS, AS BUREAU IS AWARE, IS PRINCIPAL WITNESS AS HE WAS RESIDENT OF ROOMING HOUSE IN MEMPHIS WHERE SUBJECT STAYED. STEPHENS HAS PROPENSITY FOR DRINKING AND FREQUENTS LOW CLASS BARS. STEPHENS RETURNED TO MEMPHIS FRIDAY LAST AFTER HAVING SPENT SEVERAL DAYS AT RELATIVE'S FARM. SINCE THAT TIME MEMPHIS PD HAS MAINTAINED COVERAGE OF STEPHENS. AG CANALE EXPRESSED SOME FEAR THAT BECAUSE OF STEPHENS' HABITS SOME HARM MIGHT COME TO HIM BEFORE TRIAL OF RAY.

AG CANALE ADVISED THERE APPEARED TWO ALTERNATIVES OPEN TO HIM, THE FIRST TO MAKE EFFORTS TO SECRETE STEPHENS SOMEWHERE UNTIL TRIAL, OR SECOND TO TAKE HIM INTO PROTECTIVE CUSTODY. CHIEF OF POLICE LUX AND SHERIFF WILLIAM B. MORRIS PRESSED CANALE TO MAKE SOME DECISION AS TO WHAT COULD BE DONE IN CONNECTION WITH STEPHENS. CHIEF LUX WAS POSITIVE IN REQUESTING CANALE EXPLORE ALL LEGAL AVENUES TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT STEPHENS MIGHT NOT BE TAKEN

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INTO PROTECTIVE CUSTODY. CANALE ASKED WHETHER THERE WAS SOME BASIS UNDER WHICH FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MIGHT TAKE STEPHENS INTO CUSTODY. HE WAS TOLD BY SAC THAT STEPHENS WAS, OF COURSE, MATERIAL WITNESS IN STATE CASE AND SAC HAD NO KNOWLEDGE AS TO HOW FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MIGHT TAKE STEPHENS INTO PROTECTIVE CUSTODY. IT WAS POINTED OUT TO AG CANALE THAT RETURN OF SUBJECT FROM ENGLAND WAS BASED ON STATE REQUEST AND THAT STEPHENS' TESTIMONY WOULD BE GIVEN IN STATE CASE AND THAT DECISION AS TO WHAT TO DO RE STEPHENS SHOULD BE MADE BY HIM. AG CANALE INDICATED HE WOULD CALL ASST. ATTORNEY GENERAL STEVE POLLACK OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION, JUSTICE DEPARTMENT, TO DETERMINE WHETHER THERE MIGHT BE SOME BASIS ON WHICH FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COULD TAKE SOME ACTION IN REGARD TO CHARLES Q. STEPHENS.

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS AND THIS IS SUBMITTED FOR BUREAU'S INFORMATION.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) (3P)

MURKIN.

WEEKLY SUMMARY.

THE NEW YORK DIVISION HAS BEEN REQUESTED THROUGH CONTACT WITH OFFICIALS OF LONGINES-WITTNAUER WATCH CO., FIFTH AVE., NEW YORK CITY, TO DETERMINE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE TWO SETS OF NUMBERS APPEARING ON THE SEVENTEEN JEWEL WITTNAUER WRIST-WATCH FOUND ON SUBJECT RAY AT THE TIME OF HIS ARREST. IF THESE NUMBERS ARE SIGNIFICANT, NEW YORK HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE WHERE RAY PURCHASED THE WATCH.

CHARLES F. MAYER, DALLAS, TEXAS, DIRECTED A LETTER TO MR. ELOYD RHODES, ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, MEMPHIS, TENN., CONCERNING TESTIMONY OF A MRS. ELOISE WITTE BEFORE THE HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE WHEREIN SHE TESTIFIED CONCERNING POSSIBLE ASSASSINATION ON "MR. KING'S LIFE." WFO HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO REVIEW MRS. WITTE'S TESTIMONY, AND IF PERTINENT, TO INTERVIEW HER REGARDING HER TESTIMONY.

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U. S. POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, MEMPHIS, INTERCEPTED A PACKAGE CONTAINING THREE BOOKS ON "THE AMERICAN HERITAGE, HISTORY OF THE PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES," SHIPPED TO ERIC S. GALT, LORRAINE MOTEL, MEMPHIS, TENN., FROM THE AMERICAN HERITAGE BOOK SERVICES OFFICE, MARION, OHIO. THE CLEVELAND DIVISION DETERMINED THAT ON APRIL TWENTY NINE LAST, THE FULFILLMENT CORPORATION OF AMERICA (FCA), MAGAZINE CONTRACTORS FOR AMERICAN HERITAGE CO. (AHC), RECEIVED AN AMERICAN HERITAGE BUSINESS REPLY POSTCARD WHEREON S. GALT, LORRAINE MOTEL, MEMPHIS, ORDERED THE "HISTORY OF THE PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES." THIS POSTCARD BORE NO POSTMARK INASMUCH AS IT WAS A PRE-ADDRESSED BUSINESS REPLY CARD. FCA ADVISED THE REPLY CARD USED BY GALT WOULD HAVE BEEN A CARD SENT TO AN EXPIRED NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN AMERICAN HERITAGE SUBSCRIBER; HOWEVER, FCA RECORDS DO NOT CONTAIN GALT'S NAME AS A NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN SUBSCRIBER. THE POSTCARD IS BEING FORWARDED TO THE FBI LABORATORY FOR APPROPRIATE HANDWRITING AND FINGERPRINT EXAMINATION.

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CHARLES Q. STEVENS, A STATE WITNESS IN THE MURDER CASE
AGAINST SUBJECT RAY, VOLUNTARILY SUBMITTED HIMSELF FOR
SAFEKEEPING TO THE ^{DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL} ~~MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT~~ AND IS CURRENTLY
LODGED IN THE ^{COUNTY} ~~CITY~~ JAIL.

THERE ARE NO OTHER PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS TO REPORT
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FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1897) (2P)

MURKIN.

WEEKLY SUMMARY.

SHERIFF WILLIAM MORRIS, SHELBY COUNTY, MEMPHIS, TENN., ADVISED JULY ELEVEN LAST HE IS BOTH READY AND WILLING TO ACCEPT CUSTODY OF SUBJECT RAY IMMEDIATELY UPON HIS ARRIVAL HERE. SHERIFF MORRIS HAS MADE PLANS IN ANTICIPATION OF ASSUMING SUCH CUSTODY, AND IF SUBJECT IS RETURNED VIA AIR, HE WILL ASSUME CUSTODY IMMEDIATELY UPON LANDING.

PLANS HAVE BEEN MADE BY SHERIFF MORRIS TO HAVE A VIDEO TAPE MADE OF THE FACE AND VOICE OF EACH INDIVIDUAL ATTENDING THE RAY TRIAL AND IDENTITY CARDS WITH PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE ISSUED TO ALL ACCREDITED NEWSMEN.

SUBJECT'S BROTHERS, JOHN AND JERRY RAY, HAVE ARRIVED IN MEMPHIS. JERRY RAY ARRESTED BY MEMPHIS PD JULY NINE LAST AND CHARGED WITH DRUNK. CHARGES SUBSEQUENTLY DISMISSED AND JERRY RAY RELEASED.

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ON JULY NINE LAST, JOHN L. RAY RENTED P. O. BOX
 NINE THREE EIGHT AT MAIN POST OFFICE, MEMPHIS, TENN.,
 GIVING HIS ADDRESS AS ONE SEVEN SIX LINDEN AVE., MEMPHIS.

RE RAYMOND CURTIS:

INVESTIGATION AT MEMPHIS REFLECTS THE NELL WILLEY IS
 A FIFTYFIVE-FOOT STEEL-HULL, DIESEL-POWERED HOUSE BOAT WHICH
 HAS BEEN OWNED BY MILLIONAIRE NURSERYMAN A. D. CARTWRIGHT,
 JR., COLLIERVILLE, TENN., FOR PAST THREE YEARS AND HAS BEEN
 DOCKED AT MEMPHIS YACHT CLUB DURING THAT TIME. THIS BOAT
 USED ONLY TO ENTERTAIN CARTWRIGHT CUSTOMERS, IS OPERATED
 BY CARTWRIGHT AND HIS SONS, AND IT TRAVELS NO MORE THAN TEN
 MILES FROM THE DOCK ON THESE CUSTOMER EXCURSIONS.

SINCE INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING TO DETERMINE WHETHER
 OR NOT SUBJECT RAY RESPONSIBLE FOR ROBBERIES THIS COUNTRY
 AFTER HIS ESCAPE FROM MSP, IT IS SUGGESTED BUREAU OBTAIN
 ARREST PHOTOGRAPHS FROM NEW SCOTLAND YARD AND FURNISH SAME
 TO ALL OFFICES. P. END.

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FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN.

SHELBY COUNTY SHERIFF WILLIAM N. MORRIS ADVISED THAT
FOLLOWING ARE CURRENT PLANS FOR INCARCERATION OF SUBJECT.

BLOCK
SPECIAL ~~CELL~~ BEING PREPARED ON THIRD FLOOR SHELBY COUNTY
JAIL. FIVE SEPARATE CELLS IN THIS CELL BLOCK UNIT. NO OTHER
PRISONERS TO BE IN UNIT, NOR WILL PRISONERS HAVE ACCESS TO THIS
UNIT. CELL BLOCK HAS TWO SEPARATE TV MONITORS, AS WELL AS AUDIO
HOOKUP WITHIN CELL BLOCK. PRESENT PLANS CALL FOR TWO GUARDS WITHIN
UNIT, ONE TO MAINTAIN WRITTEN LOG DURING DAY, THE SECOND TO
OBSERVE SUBJECT. THESE MEN ON SPECIAL SHIFTS. SPECIAL UNIT OF
FOURTEEN SELECTED OFFICERS OF SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WILL BE
UTILIZED ONLY FOR DEALING WITH SUBJECT. THESE FOURTEEN SPECIALLY
SELECTED DEPUTIES, ACCORDING TO SHERIFF MORRIS, WILL BE TRAINED
BY J. J. CLARK OF BUREAU OF PRISONS. AT PRESENT TIME, LT. JOHN
BROWN OF BUREAU OF PRISONS IS MEETING ON CONTINUING BASIS WITH ONE
OF SPECIALLY SELECTED DEPUTIES AND FURNISHING ADVICE AND GUIDANCE
TO HIM.

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SHERIFF MORRIS ALSO ADVISED THAT ACCESS TO UNIT IN WHICH SUBJECT WILL BE MAINTAINED WILL PERMIT NO ACCESS TO OTHER EMPLOYEES OF SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE IN CONNECTION WITH FOOD TO BE SERVED PRISONER. FOOD WILL BE SELECTED ON RANDOM BASIS FROM FOOD SERVED OTHER PRISONERS IN SHELBY COUNTY JAIL. THIS FOOD WILL THEN BE PLACED IN LOCKED CONTAINER AND DELIVERED TO CELL BLOCK IN WHICH SUBJECT WILL BE MAINTAINED.

SPECIAL STEEL PLATE BEING INSERTED INSIDE LOCKED AND SECURED WINDOWS IN CELL BLOCK OCCUPIED BY PRISONER. BUILDING ACROSS COURTWAY, AND ONLY ADJACENT BUILDING, IS COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING. ALL WINDOWS IN COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING WILL BE SECURED. SHERIFF AT PRESENT TIME MAKING ARRANGEMENTS TO INSURE ALL PUBLIC BUSINESS IN ADJACENT BUILDING WILL BE HANDLED IN OTHER COUNTY BUILDINGS IN CITY DURING PERIOD OF INCARCERATION OF SUBJECT. WITH CLOSED WINDOWS WHICH ARE FROSTED TYPE, AND QUARTER INCH STEEL PLATE, SUBJECT DURING PERIOD OF INCARCERATION CANNOT BE SEEN FROM OUTSIDE JAIL. LIKELIHOOD OF SUBJECT BEING SHOT UNDER THESE CONDITIONS WOULD APPEAR EXTREMELY REMOTE. IN ADDITION, ARRANGEMENT AND

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LOCATION CELL BLOCK IS SUCH THAT PRISONERS WILL NOT BE EXPOSED TO ANY OUTSIDERS OR ANY EMPLOYEE OF SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BEYOND SELECTED GROUP OF FOURTEEN WHILE IN TRANSPORT FROM CELL TO COURTROOM. SUBJECT WILL NOT BE REQUIRED TO TRAVEL THROUGH ANY OPEN PUBLIC CORRIDORS.

SHERIFF MORRIS HAS STATED IT IS HIS INTENTION TO INSIST ON A PHYSICAL SEARCH OF ALL PEOPLE WHO ENTER COURTROOM DURING PERIOD OF TRIAL. STATED HE IS MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS THAT ALL NEWSPAPERMEN AND OTHERS WHO WILL ENTER THE COURTROOM WILL BE PHOTOGRAPHED AND COVERED WITH VIDEO AND AUDIO TAPE. IT IS HIS INTENTION TO MAINTAIN THIS VIDEO AND AUDIO TAPE ON DAILY BASIS AND MAKE PERMANENT STORAGE OF THIS TAPE AT CONCLUSION OF TRIAL. HE ALSO STATED THAT DURING PERIOD OF TRIAL HE WILL ESTABLISH A PERIMETER, NOT YET DECIDED UPON, OUTSIDE THE AREA OF THE COUNTY JAIL. ALL PERSONS, INCLUDING EMPLOYEES WHO WISH TO ENTER THE COUNTY JAIL, MUST PASS A TRIPLE CHECK IN ORDER TO SECURE ACCESS TO THE COUNTY JAIL. ACCESS INTO THE COUNTY JAIL IN ITSELF WILL NOT PERMIT ANYONE WITHOUT ADDITIONAL AND SEPARATE AUTHORIZATION TO COME INTO AREA WHERE PRISONER WILL BE KEPT. COURTROOM IN WHICH TRIAL

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IS CURRENTLY PLANNED WILL HOLD APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED PEOPLE. THIS FIGURE INCLUDES JURY, POLICE OFFICERS, JUDGE, EMPLOYEES OF COURT, AND SUCH MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC CITIZENS WHO WOULD BE THERE.

INSOFAR AS TRAVEL FROM INSTALLATION AT WHICH SUBJECT WILL BE DELIVERED, SHERIFF MORRIS STATED HE PLANS TO HAVE TACTICAL UNIT HANDLE TRANSPORTATION OF PRISONER. THIS WILL BE APPROXIMATELY FIVE AUTOMOBILES AND ONE ARMORED CAR IN WHICH PRISONER WILL BE TRANSPORTED. FOUR OF AUTOMOBILES WILL HAVE FIVE FULLY ARMED DEPUTIES IN UNIFORM. ONE UNIT WILL HAVE FOUR MEN WITH ALL AUTOMATIC WEAPONS. FINAL SECURITY PLANS AT INSTALLATION HAVE NOT BEEN COMPLETELY RESOLVED SINCE IT IS NOT KNOWN EXACTLY WHEN OR AT WHAT TIME PRISONER WILL BE RETURNED. THEREFORE DEEMED ADVISABLE NOT TO MAKE EXTENSIVE PLANS TOO FAR IN ADVANCE SINCE POSSIBILITY EXISTS PLANNING AT INSTALLATION AWAY FROM IMMEDIATE CONTROL OF SHERIFF COULD CONCEIVABLY RESULT IN ~~LACK~~^{LEAK} OF INFORMATION TO PERSONS WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED.

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TO: NEW YORK CITY

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

MURKIN.

NEW YORK IS REQUESTED TO OBTAIN TWO COPIES OF THE APRIL SEVEN, SIXTYEIGHT, ISSUE OF THE "NATIONAL ENQUIRER" PUBLISHED BY THE "NEW YORK EVENING INQUIRY, INC.," SIX FIVE FIVE MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY, EDITED BY MATT CHRZAN, AND FORWARD TO MEMPHIS. IF FEASIBLE, IDENTIFY JAMES TAGUE WHO WROTE AN ARTICLE APPEARING IN THIS ISSUE OF THE "ENQUIRER." P. END.

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TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS 44-1987-217

FROM: CHARLOTTE 44-1315

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RE: DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., CIVIL RIGHTS, "MURKIN" MURDER,
 CHARLOTTE, N. C., 4/4/68, CIVIL RIGHTS, "MURKIN" MURDER,
 RE: "HOT LINE" COLUMN, WHICH APPEARS IN "THE NEWS"
 WHICH IS BEING CALLED "HOT LINE" AND WHICH IS BEING
 SENT TO THE OFFICE OF JULY 1, 1966, L.A.,
 CALLED "HOT LINE" AND WHICH IS BEING CALLED:

"I'M NOT SURE IF I CAN GIVE YOU THE ANSWERS YOU WANT
 BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY OF THE PEOPLE WHO WERE
 THERE AT THE TIME OF THE MURDER OF DR. KING WERE INVOLVED.
 I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY OF THE PEOPLE WHO WERE INVOLVED
 WERE INVOLVED, BUT IF I CAN GIVE YOU THE ANSWERS YOU WANT
 I WILL DO SO. IF YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE
 MURDER OF DR. KING, YOU SHOULD CONTACT THE
 POLICE, AS I CAN NOT GIVE YOU THE ANSWERS YOU WANT
 BUT WILL BE HAPPY TO GIVE YOU THE ANSWERS YOU WANT."

LETTER RECEIVED AT CHARLOTTE ON JULY 21, 1966
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RE CHARLOTTE TEL TO BUREAU JULY TWENTY FOUR LAST.

INASMUCH AS THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT THAT JAMES EARL RAY IS THE MURDERER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., MEMPHIS DOES NOT RECOMMEND THAT CHARLOTTE MAKE ANY EFFORT TO IDENTIFY THE ANONYMOUS CALLER WHO WAS IN TOUCH WITH THE "GREENSBORO RECORD" ON JULY TWENTY THIRD LAST. HOWEVER, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT CHARLOTTE MAKE SOME EFFORT TO OBTAIN THIS TAPE RECORDING IN ORDER THAT A VOICE COMPARISON MIGHT BE MADE BY THE FBI LABORATORY AT SOME LATER DATE. MEMPHIS SEES NO REASON WHY SUCH A COMPARISON SHOULD BE MADE IN THE FUTURE; HOWEVER, MEMPHIS BELIEVES WE SHOULD MAINTAIN THIS TAPE UNTIL IT CAN BE REASONABLY DETERMINED THAT THE NEWS MEDIA WILL NOT EXPLOIT THIS INDIVIDUAL'S ATTEMPTED ALIBI FOR THE SUBJECT. P.
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RE CHARLOTTE TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND MEMPHIS JULY TWENTY-NINE LAST, AND BUREAU TELETYPE TO MEMPHIS JULY TWENTY-NINE LAST.

CHARLOTTE POLICE DEPARTMENT TELEPHONED BUREAU AND MEMPHIS JULY TWENTY-NINE LAST, REPORTING THAT AN INDIVIDUAL HAD CONTACTED A PERSON AT THE CHARLOTTE POLICE DEPARTMENT ON JULY TWENTY-NINE LAST, WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS JOHN J. BOYLE, AND STATED THAT HE HAD INFORMATION CONCERNING THE MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BOYLE STATED THAT HE HAD CONTACTED A PERSON AT THE CHARLOTTE POLICE DEPARTMENT ON JULY TWENTY-NINE LAST, WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS JOHN J. BOYLE, AND STATED THAT HE HAD INFORMATION CONCERNING THE MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BOYLE STATED THAT HE HAD CONTACTED A PERSON AT THE CHARLOTTE POLICE DEPARTMENT ON JULY TWENTY-NINE LAST, WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS JOHN J. BOYLE, AND STATED THAT HE HAD INFORMATION CONCERNING THE MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BOYLE STATED THAT HE HAD CONTACTED A PERSON AT THE CHARLOTTE POLICE DEPARTMENT ON JULY TWENTY-NINE LAST, WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS JOHN J. BOYLE, AND STATED THAT HE HAD INFORMATION CONCERNING THE MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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