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TO: SAC Chicago

FROM: SAC Indianapolis

MURKIN; CR

Re Springfield tels 5-9-68.
Re: Joseph Elmer Austin, aka

Sandra Miller, daughter of Wanda Reese, niece of Joseph Elmer Austin advised Austin's last known address 2056 Washington Blvd., Chicago as of Christmas 1967.

1-Springfield
1-Kansas City
① Memphis

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, ST. LOUIS
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-361) -P-
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
OO: MEMPHIS

Correspondence records, Menard State Penitentiary, Menard, Illinois, reveal the following correspondents of subject's brothers, JOHN LARRY RYAN and JERRY WILLIAM RYAN:

JOHN: RALPH HOWARD, Indianapolis Indiana
(No address given)

JERRY: PAT WITT, 3971 Westminister, St. Louis,
Missouri

RUBY DORTCH, 3971 Westminister, St. Louis,
Missouri

JERRY LANCASTER, 4431 North 19th, St.
Louis, Missouri

St. Louis and Indianapolis are requested to attempt to locate and interview above individuals concerning any information they might possibly have regarding subject JAMES EARL RAY.

2 - St. Louis
2 - Indianapolis
② - Memphis (INFO)
2 - Springfield (44-361)
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1 - Chicago (info)

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

The following FBI record, NUMBER 864 684, is furnished FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
B. of I., Pr. Div., Raleigh, N. C. #33646	Jack Ray, Camp #305, Durham, N. C.	3-27-34	larc.	2 yrs.; escaped 9-25-34; recap- tured 9-26-34
B. of I., Pr. Div., Raleigh, N. C. #38646-B	Jack Ray, Camp #217, Goldsboro, N. C.	FP to not 11-28-34	larc.	sent. 11-26-34, 2 yrs.; escaped 1-19-35; recap- tured 6-11-35; escaped 9-23-36; recaptured 2-4-37 6-19-40 exp.
PD, Wash., D. C.	Maynard Ray #52618	6-3-35	inv.	
PD, Charlotte, N. C.	Jack Ray, #4094	1-28-36	escaped convict	retd. to Gang
B. of I., Pr. Div., Raleigh, N. C.	Jack Ray #33201	FP 2-5-37	larc.	sent. 2-1-37 5-8 yrs. 6-19-40 exp.
USM, Baltimore, Md.	Jack Ray #12373	8-4-42	bank rob.	8-7-42 sent. to 18 yrs. USP Atlant Ga.
USP, Atlanta, Ga.	Jack Ray #62355	9-21-42	armed bank robbery	18 yrs.
USP, Leavenworth, Kans.	Jack Ray #59602	11-30-42 in trans. from USP, Atlanta, Ga.	bank robbery - armed	18 yrs.
US Pen Atlanta Ga	Jack Ray #62355	3-21-53 in trans from US Pen Leavenworth Kans	Robbery of bank Insured by FDIC	18 yrs, 11/4/53 cond rel; viol C.R.; warr issu 3-23-56.
USP Leavenworth Kans	Jack Ray #59602-L	4-9-56	CRV bank robb	2467 das 5-7-57 re-cond rel; viol of warr iss 6-19-57
PD Durham NC	Jack Maynard Ray #9865	5-25-58	pub drk	5. & cost 5-28-58

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USP Atlanta Ga	Jack Ray #62355	7-12-58	Re-CRV Bank Robbery	2,056 das 12-6-61 MR
PD Charlotte NC	Jack Maynard Ray #4094	7-29-64	obtaining motor veh-by fraud	
PD Ft Lauderdale Fla	Jack Maynard Ray #ID-42499	4-4-66	public intox	\$25 fine
PD Ft Lauderdale Fla	Jack Maynard Ray #ID-42499	9-3-66	(1)pub intox (2)vag ss	(1)3 das (2)15 das susp
PD West Palm Beach Fla	Jack Ray #33355	9-16-67	(1)vag (2)drk (3)fail obey officer (4)DP (prof & obsc)	\$255 B/Est
PD Daytona Beach Fla	Jack Maynard Ray #ID 52945	3-14-68	petty pilfering (shoplifting)	\$75/25 days
PD Ormond Beach Fla	Jack Maynerd Ray #2720	3-23-68	petty larceny (shoplifting)	\$50 B Estr

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Director.

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	Additional aliases, Jack Ryan, Ray Maynard.			
*	WANTED BY BUREAU: As Jack Ray, charge not given. If apprehended immediately notify Bu. Field Div., Washington, D.C. (by telephone), per instructions rec'd therefrom 11-13-41.			
*	STILL WANTED BY BUREAU: As Jack Ray, for bank robbery (robbery); Prince Georges Bank and Trust Company, Hyattsville, Maryland (FDIC), 9-25-41. Notify Bu. Field Div., Washington, D.C., refer to their file #91-365 and Bu. Field Div., Baltimore, Maryland, per inf. rec. former 11-19-41, Bu. File #91-2939.			
	NO LONGER WANTED BY BUREAU: As Jack Ray, apprehended 7/25/42 at Kingston NC per inf rec BFD Wash DC 1/29/43 Bu file #91-2939.			
	WANTED BY BUREAU: As Jack Ray, wa, Maynard Ray and Jack Ryan, fugitive index #12018, Bu file #91-2939, OO, Baltimore, Md., per inf rec 1/6/42.			
	NO LONGER WANTED BY BUREAU: As Jack Ray, fug index #12018, located at Kingston NC, 7/25/42 per memo 7/25/42.			
FBI Baltimore Md	John Maynard Ray	7-25-42	bank robbery	
THIS PAGE SHOULD NOT BE DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE FBI.				

Information shown on this Identification Record represents data furnished FBI by fingerprint contributors. Where final disposition is not shown or further explanation of charge is desired, communicate with agency contributing those fingerprints.

Notations indicated by * are NOT based on fingerprints in FBI files but are listed only as investigative leads as being possibly identical with subject of this record.

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AIRTEL

To: SAC, Jacksonville
From Director, FBI (44-38861)
MURKIN

ReButeletype 4/25/68, and Charlotte teletype dated 5/8/68, both pertaining to Jack Maynard Ray.

Referenced Charlotte teletype indicates Ray last known to have been in a Daytona Beach, Florida, hospital in January, 1967. Attached for the assistance of the Jacksonville office in locating Ray are two copies of Ray's FBI Identification record which indicates that Ray was arrested at Ormond Beach, Florida, on 3/23/68. One copy each of Ray's Identification record are being furnished Charlotte and Memphis for information.

Enclosures (2)

- 1 - Charlotte (info.) 44-1363 (Enc.)**
- ① - Memphis (info.) 44-1987 (Enc.)**

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387)
FROM: SAC, PHOENIX (44-371)(P)

MURKIN

OO: MP
SUBJ: 44-38861

Re SD airtel to FX, 5/7/68; Individual bearing likeness to subject MAY and GMC pickup truck 5/7/68, bearing Arizona License EM-9139.

On 5/10/68, records DMV, Phoenix, Arizona, reflect Arin. Lic. EM-9139, registered to DE WITT CHASE, SR., 2125 North Center, Mesa, Arizona, on a 1963 Chevrolet pickup truck. On 5/10/68, DE WITT CHASE age 70, advised on 5/8/68, he drove family friend, KENNETH ROBERT from his residence in Phoenix to her home in Canoga Park, Calif. En Route they stopped at San Diego to visit brother where they stayed from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m., 5/8/68. From San Diego, they drove directly to ROBERT's residence. He advised KENNETH ROBERT is a female, Mexican, age 30, 5'2", 145 pounds, brown hair cut short and on 5/8/68, wearing black slacks.

In view of the above, no further investigation is being conducted in this division on this matter.

2 - San Diego
2 - Memphis
2 - Phoenix

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Atlanta teletype to Director, Memphis, Kansas City and Pittsburgh, 5/9/68.

Mr. MARVIN W. HENRY, 10606 Westbrooke Drive, Shawnee Mission, Kansas, was interviewed this date and was eliminated as a suspect in this matter.

3 - Bureau
2 - Atlanta
① - Memphis
2 - Kansas City
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Date: 5/10/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL (REGISTERED)
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
 RE: MURKIN

Re Memphis telephone call to Los Angeles 5/9/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of a photograph of RITA STEIN taken 5/18/67.

Referenced Memphis telephone call advised that information received by Memphis Office indicated that two elderly women, 40-42 years of age visited JAMES EARL RAY while he resided at the Harkey Apartments in Montreal, Canada. Apparently this information was contained in a portion of a Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) report received by the Memphis Office. This RCMP report noted that possibly these women were identical to RITA STEIN and MARIE MARTIN.

The Los Angeles Division is not in possession of a photograph of MARIE MARTIN.

LEADS

The Bureau is requested to furnish copies of the enclosed photographs to Legat, Ottawa, Canada, so they in turn can be exhibited to Mr. (FNU) QUINTAL, Harkey Apartments, Montreal, Canada, to determine if STEIN identical to one of the two women who visited RAY while he resided there.

- 3 - Bureau (Encs. 4) (REGISTERED)
- 2 - New Orleans (AIR MAIL-REGISTERED)
- ② - Memphis (Info.) (AIR MAIL-REGISTERED)
- 2 - Los Angeles

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Approved: _____ Sent: _____ M Per: _____
 Special Agent in Charge

LA 44-1574

NEW ORLEANS

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA: Is requested to obtain photograph of MARIE MARTIN from the New Orleans Police Department and send copies of them to the Bureau for dissemination to Legat, Ottawa, Canada, so as to determine whether MARTIN is identical to one of the two women who visited RAY in Montreal.

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AIRTEL

TO: BALTIMORE (44-669)
FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

MURKIN

Re WFO telephone call to BA (SA BRUCE GALLAGHER,
Hyattsville, RA), 5/10/68.

On 5/10/68, Mrs. HAROLD SHIRK, 8419 Rambler, Adelphi, Maryland, telephone number 422-1253, telephonically advised SA BERNARD A. DE SANTIS that on Wednesday, 5/8/68, at 2:15 p.m. she observed a man who resembled the recent photographs of JAMES EARL RAY which were published in the newspaper. She advised that she had seen this individual at the intersection of New Hampshire Avenue and Adelphi Road. At that time he was wearing a pair of black pants, white shirt and no hat. He was walking and not known to be carrying any packages.

LEAD

BALTIMORE

AT ADELPHI, MARYLAND. Will reinterview Mrs. HOWARD SHIRK for information to identify the above unknown man.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

- 2 - Baltimore
- ② - Memphis
- 1 - WFO

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

MURKIN

ReWFOtel 5/10/68, concerning review of Passport Records, USDS.

WFO has arranged with FBI Laboratory for preparation of brochure containing photographs, handwriting samples, and typewriting samples necessary to perform logical review of pertinent passport files. A representative of the FBI Laboratory will instruct Agents performing reviews at Passport Office regarding pertinent identifying characteristics.

WFO is perfecting arrangements through Passport Office for instant review and it is anticipated review will be commenced on 5/13/68, it being noted that such review could not be initiated prior to that date in view of involved arrangements necessary to conduct appropriate searches.

WFO will advise the Bureau of any pertinent developments.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

3 - Bureau
① - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)
1 - WFO
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Airtel

To: SAC's, Cleveland (44-565) - Enc. (7)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Cleveland airtel 5-1-68, submitting an envelope, Q306, an envelope, Q308, a sheet of paper, Q310, an envelope postmarked in Canada and three coins for examination.

Two latent fingerprints of value were developed on the envelope postmarked in Canada. No latent impressions of value developed on the other items. The two latent fingerprints on the envelope are not identical with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #406942G.

The submitted items are enclosed to Cleveland.

Laboratory reporting separately.

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Airtel

To: SAC's, Atlanta (44-2386) - Enclosures (11)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Atlanta letter 5/8/68, submitting eleven lifts of latent impressions taken from a 1964 Chevrolet, 1968 Michigan license DC8114, which was found 5/7/68, at the Atlanta Airport.

Six latent fingerprints and three latent palm prints of value were found on the lifts. The latent fingerprints are not identical with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G, or Robert Joseph Dunaway, FBI #841310C. No palm prints Identification Division files for these two individuals.

Based on the information furnished, no fingerprint record located for Mary Jane Salvadori or Joan Masters listed as owners of the Chevrolet in Atlanta teletype 5/8/68.

Lifts enclosed to Atlanta.

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Airtel

To: SAC's, Philadelphia (44-1363)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Philadelphia airtel 5-6-68, naming John J. O'Donnell, Navy service #2443808, for elimination purposes with the latent fingerprints previously reported of value on a gin bottle.

One of the latent fingerprints previously reported on the gin bottle is identical with the right ring fingerprint of O'Donnell. The three remaining latent fingerprints on this bottle are not identical with the fingerprints of O'Donnell.

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Airtel

To: SAC's Phoenix (44-371)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Phoenix airtel 5/6/68.

Latent fingerprints previously reported this case are not identical with the fingerprints David Lindsey Wilson, FBI #792242C. No palm prints Identification Division files for Wilson.

1 - Detroit (44-989)

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA WILLIAM LEE BOLYARD at Panama City, Florida on
April 23, 1968:

DUD HASTINGS, operator-owner, Treasure Island
Motel, Panama City Beach, Florida, furnished the following
information:

On March 25, 1968, a Mrs. JASPER WARD and
a Mrs. GEORGIA DAVIS came to his motel seeking a room.
He pointed out to them that he was at the motel carrying
out certain maintenance details in preparation for
opening the motel and that he was not at that time ready
to rent any of his units in that he was still in the
process of painting and carrying on other maintenance
details. Thereafter, Mrs. WARD and Mrs. DAVIS left and
returned within a short period of time stating that they
liked his motel the best of any locations they had
observed on the beach and requested that he rent them
a room, if possible, for several days vacation. He
explained to them that he was willing for them to rent
his motel room if they were aware that the office to
the motel was not opened and there would be no telephone
service as a result of the office being closed. Both
agreed that they desired to rent the room and thereafter
he rented them Unit Number 4 which unit at that time was
available for occupancy.

Mrs. WARD registered, listing her address as
2540 Ransdell Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky. At the time
they registered, Mrs. WARD and Mrs. DAVIS were driving a
1967 Cadillac convertible. Mrs. WARD identified herself
as a State Senator in the Kentucky Legislature. At the
time they registered they indicated that they would be there
from two to three weeks. They also indicated that they
anticipated another guest arriving within several days who
would join them at the motel.

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On April 1, 1968, he came to the motel to continue his maintenance duties at which time he observed an individual seated on the patio of Unit Number 4 drinking a can of beer. This individual introduced himself as Reverend A.D. KING. Reverend KING checked into Unit 5 as a part of the party of Mrs. JASPER WARD and Mrs. GEORGIA DAVIS. They remained at the motel until April 3, 1968 when Reverend A.D. KING checked from the motel. Mrs. WARD and Mrs. DAVIS did not check from the motel, but stated they were leaving enroute to Memphis, Tennessee to participate in a demonstration march with Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING. Mrs. WARD indicated that she and Mrs. DAVIS would return to Panama City Beach to complete their vacation.

Mrs. WARD returned to the motel on April 6, 1968 at which time she checked herself and Mrs. DAVIS from the motel. Mrs. WARD was alone at the time.

During the time that these individuals stayed at the Treasure Island Motel, he had very little conversation with them as they remained on the beach most of the day, during which time he was in the general area conducting maintenance work on the motel. He did not observe any of these individuals having any visitors during the time they were at the motel, and they used the pay telephone located outside the motel office during their stay as the motel office was not opened. He recalls that they made numerous telephone calls and that they had numerous incoming calls through the pay telephone during the hours that he was in the general area conducting his maintenance duties.

Mr. HASTINGS advised that he has no information whatsoever pertaining to the death of Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM : *REB* SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
(OO: ME)

DATE: 5/9/68

Re LS airtel to Director, 4/16/68, setting forth information concerning Mrs. JASPER B. WARD furnished to Louisville concerning her visit with Mrs. GEORGIA DAVIS and Rev. A.D. KING to Panama City, Florida on 3/25/68.

Enclosed herewith to Memphis are nine (9) copies of an investigative insert setting forth the interview of BUD HASTINGS, owner, Teasure Island Motel, Panama City Beach, Florida.

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2 - Memphis (Enc. 9)
2 - Jacksonville
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MP 157-450

The following investigation was conducted by the Minneapolis Office:

All police departments, sheriff's offices, state crime bureaus, credit bureaus, banks, state selective service systems, city directories, telephone directories, drivers license records, automobile registration records, voters registration records and vital statistics records were checked for subject JAMES EARL RAY under his true name and all known aliases. No information was developed.

The location of all bombing suspects within the Minneapolis Division was determined for the pertinent period.

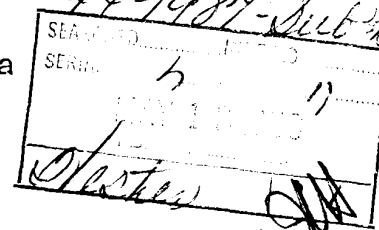
There are no known members of the Ku Klux Klan within the Minneapolis Division. The location of individuals interested in the Minutemen and other agitators was determined during the pertinent period.

All dance studios, bakery schools, hippie-type rooming houses and places known to be frequented by hippies were contacted and no pertinent information was developed.

All police departments, sheriff's offices and state crime bureaus were contacted and asked to compare any unidentified latent fingerprints they might have with the fingerprints of subject JAMES EARL RAY. No identification was effected.

The United States Border Patrol and Immigration and Naturalization Service were contacted and furnished a copy of the Identification Order (IO) on JAMES EARL RAY, at the following ports of entry:

Baudette, Minnesota
Dunseith, North Dakota
Hannah, North Dakota
Hansboro, North Dakota
International Falls, Minnesota
Lancaster, Minnesota
Maida, North Dakota



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Neché, North Dakota
Noyes, North Dakota
Pinecreek, Minnesota
Roseau, Minnesota
St. John, North Dakota
Sarles, North Dakota
Walhalla, North Dakota
Warroad, Minnesota
Westhope, North Dakota

In addition, extra copies of the IO were furnished the Border Patrol and the Border Patrol was asked to furnish this IO to Canadian customs at the above-listed border crossings. It is noted that an individual crossing from Minnesota into Canada is not checked in any way, ordinarily, by American officials but he is stopped by Canadian customs.

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MP 157-450

Investigation regarding DONALD STOUT, suspect,
co-conspirator:

Mr. JOHN RIEKEN, licensee administrator, National Car Rental System, Minneapolis, Minnesota, advised DONALD STOUT was a car jockey and had worked for National Car Rental periodically for several years. RIEKEN advised STOUT worked for anyone who would hire him and RIEKEN knew STOUT had, in the past, worked for Avis and Hertz car rental companies.

RIEKEN advised he would circulate all branches of National Car Rental System, requesting that anyone doing business with STOUT should contact him and he would immediately contact the Minneapolis Office so that STOUT could be located and interviewed.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-450) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

DATE: 5/10/68

Re Bureau airtel to all SAC's and LEGAT's dated 5/7/68.

Enclosed, herewith, for Memphis are 15 copies of an investigative insert covering investigation conducted by the Minneapolis Office.

It is noted the investigation is summarized and details concerning it are maintained in the Minneapolis file in this case.

2 - Memphis (Encs. 15)
1 - Minneapolis
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SUSPECT HAROLD EDWARD NICHOLS,
ALSO KNOWN AS HAL NICHOLS

The following investigation was conducted by SA
SPENCER H. ROBB at Montgomery, Alabama, on May 7, 1968:

Miss JANET COCHERIGAN, Bookkeeper, Midtown Holiday
Inn, advised she could not locate the registration card; how-
ever, her Folio No. 1919 reflects HAL NICHOLS was a guest of
that motel the night of February 25, 1968, paying in advance
for a party of one.

ED HAILS, Manager, Town Plaza Motel, advised his
registration card could not be located; however, his daily
register of guests reflects HAL NICHOLS, his wife and child
were guests of that motel on the night of March 2, 1968.

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Date: 5/10/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627)(P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

SUSPECT HAROLD EDWARD NICHOLS, AKA
HAL NICHOLS

Reairtel San Francisco to the Bureau, 5/3/68.

Enclosed are copies of an investigative insert,
25 for Memphis and two for San Francisco, reflecting investi-
gation at Montgomery, Ala.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

②-Memphis (Encs. ²³ *WMA*)
1-San Francisco (173-65)(Encs. 2)(Info)
2-Mobile
SHR-alg
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Hester *WMA*

Approved: *WMA*
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

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PX 44-371
ME 44-1987
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By communication dated April 25, 1968 the St. Louis Division advised that DAVID LINDSEY WILSON, Serial Number 14357317, enlisted in the U. S. Army September 20, 1950, and served on active duty until October 8, 1952 when issued General Discharge as Private, at Fort McPherson, Georgia, by reason of unsuitability due to character and behavior disorders.

Specific details regarding his discharge are not shown as the record contained a neuropsychiatric examination dated April 2, 1952, wherein he received diagnosis of "Emotional Instability Reaction," moderate to severe with four months combat duty in Korea and suffered environmental difficulties since. His condition was characterized by strong, uncontrollable tendencies toward regression and furor actions, pathological dependencies on his family and wife, depressiveness, intolerance to anxiety and premeditated intrapsychic stress. He went AWOL because of his own nervousness and because of emotional demands being made on him by his wife and parents. Gave history of crying when treated roughly or having temper tantrums or furor and in being emotionally tense at all times.

It is noted his condition was not amenable to hospitalization treatment, disciplinary action, training, transfer to another station or reclassification. Considers to be not insane, posed sufficient mental capacity to know difference between right and wrong and considered mentally responsible for his actions.

It is further noted he showed straight, forward immaturity reaction, that this constitutional psychopathic was not considered a medical disability in a condition for which he would receive treatment in military.

The psychiatrist was of the opinion that considerable leniency was desirable in dealing with WILSON since origin of trouble began with battle-incurred wound. It was then recommended that he be separated from the military because of unsuitability.

WILSON was tried and convicted by special court martial April 4, 1953 for absence without official leave and sentenced to three months confinement at hard labor and forfeiture of \$25.00 for three months.

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WILSON was tried and convicted by special court martial July 21, 1952, for absence without proper authority and sentenced to 64 days confinement at hard labor and forfeiture of \$28.00 for two months.

The records indicate WILSON was assigned VA Claim Number C20938779, Veterans Administration, St. Petersburg, Florida October 7, 1958, with disability shown as gunshot wound, nervous condition, and wounds, etc. His medical records were forwarded to the Veterans Administration at St. Petersburg, Florida November 3, 1958. It was further noted additional medical records forwarded to Veterans Administration Regional Office, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania May 12, 1953. Medical records for WILSON have been returned to date.

The record contained a letter, dated September 21, 1967, from WILSON's parents requesting a complete copy of his service record, which was forwarded to them on October 26, 1967 at 2213 North 14th Street, Dade City, Florida.

The records failed to indicate WILSON received specialized training in demolition or explosives.

The following is WILSON's background:

Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	Westburn, Tennessee
Height	6 ft. 3 inches
Weight	150 pounds
Race	White
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Gray
Blood Group	A
Education	Eight years grammar school
Civilian	
Occupation	Automobile mechanic
Military	
Occupation	Light Weapons Infantryman
Home addresses	1950 - 1952 1533 Waterloo Road, Cedar Falls, Iowa

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Relatives:

Father
Mother

MAYNARD ROOSEVELT WILSON
GENEVA CRAWFORD WILSON
3213 North 14th Street,
Dade City, Florida
September, 1967

Wife

MARY LOU WILSON,
c/o W. E. HANNOON
Route 1
Clinton, Tennessee
1952

Employment

1948 to 1950
Whitehead Wash Garage
Waterloo, Iowa

Veterans

Administration
Claim Number
Local Draft Board
Number

Number 1,
Waterloo, Iowa

Photograph

Not available

By communication dated April 30, 1968 the Detroit Division furnished the following information:

DOROTHY MEYER, Saline, Michigan, advised that day that her brother, DAVID L. WILSON, can be located through ADELINA APODACA, Route 1, Box 344, Los Lunas, New Mexico. She stated that APODACA is employed as a fruit worker in that area.

DOROTHY MEYER also advised that DAVID WILSON had called her via long distance on April 27, 1968 stating that he was being followed by "KING's slayers, the niggers, and the FBI." She said WILSON stated he was a very important man. DOROTHY MEYER advised that WILSON is addicted to drugs and in need of psychiatric treatment.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA C. RICHARD WARNER, JR., on April 23, 1968:

Inquiry at the Galles Restaurant, Flagstaff,
Arizona, determined that this establishment was not open
after 2:00 AM on Friday, April 19-20, 1968.

GEORGE PRICE, Manager, Yiyi's Coffee Shop,
Flagstaff, Arizona, advised that he was on duty by the
cash register throughout the evening of April 19-20, 1968.
He noted that the cash register is located within ten feet
of the public telephone. He said that, on the night in
question, there was a heavy snowfall and the restaurant
was extremely crowded. He said he recalls seeing no one
answering the description of WILSON either as a patron or
as a telephone caller from the restaurant. He said the
two waitresses on duty that night are DAWN JOLKIN and
KATHY SWEET.

DAWN JOLKIN advised that she was waiting on tables
during the night of April 19-20, 1968, at Yiyi's Restaurant.
She observed four photographs of DAVID L. WILSON and advised
that she can recall serving no one of that description on
the night in question. She noted, however, restaurant was
extremely crowded that night owing to a heavy snowfall.

KATHY SWEET advised that she was working as
a waitress at the counter section of Yiyi's Restaurant
on the night of April 19-20, 1968. She observed four
photographs of DAVID L. WILSON and advised that the face
is familiar to her. She said she can not recall when she
saw it and could not positively state she had seen it on
the night in question. She noted that the restaurant was
extremely crowded that night.

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Mrs. DOROTHY MEYER was telephonically contacted at her place of employment, The New York Central System, Saline, Michigan, telephone number 429-9380. Mrs. MEYER advised that she is the older sister of DAVID L. WILSON and has helped him out of numerous personal problems throughout the past several years. She advised that she had been contacted by telephone two or three times since the previous Friday, by WILSON, and has been puzzled as to the full cause of his "peculiar" behavior. She said she would welcome any contact by an FBI Agent in her city and would be more than happy to cooperate in any way she could, by furnishing necessary background information on her brother.

Mrs. MEYER advised that she wired her brother \$50.00 cash in Phoenix on Monday night with the understanding that he would use the money to transport he and his family to Michigan where they would reside temporarily with her. She said she has been kept in the dark with regard to his present turmoil but that his behavior is not at all inconsistent with his past behavior, in times of stress. She said that, when he last phoned her, WILSON said he was receiving threatening telephone calls and has received threatening notes at his residence. She said he told her that his wife was in danger and the lives of his family members were also in danger. She said he did not elaborate any further but merely indicated that he was in great fear.

Mrs. MEYER advised that her brother, DAVID WILSON, does have a history of hospital treatment for mental disorders arising from a battle wound suffered during combat in the Korean conflict in 1950 or 1951. She said that she knows his condition has been diagnosed as paranoia with some indication of schizoid tendencies. She said a record of his treatment and diagnosis can be obtained through the military hospital records. She said her brother served in the United States Army, entering on duty at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, in 1950 or 1951. She said he received treatment at a federal hospital in Pennsylvania and at another hospital in Kentucky and was finally discharged from the hospital. She said she

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was not personally acquainted with all the details of his condition but knows that it has had a definite bearing on his personal problems and criminal behavior throughout most of his adult life.

She said this condition contributed to the destruction of his first marriage to MARY HAMMOND (phonetic) of Clinton, Tennessee. She said HAMMOND would have a much more precise recollection of the details of WILSON's condition and could probably be located through her father, BILL HAMMOND, Deputy Sheriff, Clinton, Tennessee. She said MARY would at least be acquainted with the hospitals in which DAVID was treated.

Mrs. MEYER advised that, because of her brother's mental disturbance, he has never seemed able to avoid trouble. She said he has a habit of blaming all his problems on other people and has frequently been convinced that he is the victim of one vicious attack or another. She said he has never been in serious trouble but has constantly been involved in a long series of smaller scale brushes with the law. She noted that WILSON has a tendency to make major problems out of small incidents and observed that his arrest at Lebanon, Missouri, during the summer of 1967 is a perfect example of this. She said that according to her information, he went to the aid of a friend who was confronted by the police for being intoxicated and, in his defense of the friend, managed to get himself arrested.

Mrs. MEYER advised that she can account for her brother's whereabouts from the time of his release from jail in Lebanon, Missouri, during August of 1967, until his return to Flagstaff, Arizona, in late November, 1967. She said that WILSON came directly to her home in Michigan upon his release, and sought employment at the then striking Ford plant. She said he remained with her until the early autumn then traveled to the home of their parents in Dade City, Florida. She said that, in Florida, he acquired work with a trucking firm for which he had worked in the past. She said he drove a truck from that firm to a point in Texas then hitchhiked to Flagstaff.

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Mrs. MEYER advised that, if deemed advisable, she would be happy to listen to the tape recorded voice of the anonymous caller in an effort to establish whether or not it is in fact her brother. She noted that she has known WILSON since childhood and is acquainted with speech mannerisms and conversational expressions of which others may not be aware. She further advised that, at one time, WILSON was considered an excellent story teller. She said his talent for telling tales was so good that she had occasion to make a number of tape recordings of his voice. She said she may still have some of these tapes around her home and would be most agreeable to furnishing them for voice comparison tests.

Mrs. MEYER advised that she resides in a trailer on Ann Arbor Street in Saline, Michigan, near the New York Central Depot. She said she is employed as a traveling agent for the New York Central System and can be located through the office at any time. Mrs. MEYER advised that she would contact the FBI immediately upon hearing any further word of her brother's whereabouts.

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Mrs. EDNA WILSON was contacted at the home of her sister, TILLIE HERNANDEZ, 2 Woodland Circle, Flagstaff, Arizona, and furnished four photographs of her husband, DAVID WILSON, for circulation purposes. She said she has not yet been contacted by her husband since interviewed earlier this date. She said she would contact the interviewing Agent immediately upon receipt of any word concerning her husband's whereabouts.

Mrs. WILSON advised that, thinking back to the events of the night of Friday, April 19-20, 1968, she recalled that her husband finally returned to her at the home of her mother, Mrs. JUANITA CASADOS, between 2:30 and 3:00 AM, Saturday morning. She said he had been drinking heavily and was somewhat intoxicated by that time. She said that, upon his arrival, he did mention having stopped at a restaurant either Yiyi's or the Gables, between his departure from the HERNANDEZ home and the return to the CASADOS' home.

She noted that this period of time coincides almost exactly with the time in which the anonymous telephone call was received by the Coconino County Sheriff's Office early Saturday morning.

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Mrs. EDNA WILSON was contacted at the home of her sister-in-law, TILLIE HERNANDEZ, 2 Woodland Circle, Flagstaff, Arizona, and advised as follows:

She and her husband, DAVID WILSON, and their children travelled from Flagstaff to Phoenix, Arizona, on Sunday, April 21, 1968, in the car which her husband had rented in Phoenix two days previously. They left the home of TILLIE HERNANDEZ shortly before noon and returned to their residence at 2129 West Lincoln, Phoenix.

WILSON returned to work at the Continental Body Shop, Phoenix, as usual on Monday morning. Upon his return from work he told her that he had received a number of threatening phone calls and that men in cars were staked out watching his place of employment. She said he told her that his life was in danger and that her life and the lives of their children were also in danger. She said he telephoned his sister, DOROTHY MEYER, in Saline, Michigan, that evening and she wired him \$50. She said WILSON then abruptly moved her and the children from the Lincoln Avenue address to an address on Polk Street. She said he then left her and returned awhile later in a taxi cab, stopping briefly to give her \$20 and to tell her that he was "getting lost." Mrs. WILSON said her husband instructed her to take the children via bus back to Flagstaff and remain with her family in this city. She said he told her that he would recontact her as soon as possible. She said the last she saw of him he was riding away from her in a taxi cab.

Mrs. WILSON advised that he had been interviewed the previous day by an FBI Agent at Phoenix, Arizona, and in that interview, had listened to a tape recorded voice which named her husband as an associate of JAMES EARL RAY. She said that, in that interview, she tentatively identified the voice as that of her previous husband, RICHARD HARRELL. She said she named HARRELL as it is the only other male in her acquaintance who speaks with a pronounced Southern drawl. She said that she actually has very little reason to believe that the voice was HARRELL's although it could be.

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Mrs. WILSON said that actually upon listening to the voice again, she is almost certain that it is the voice of her husband, DAVID L. WILSON. She said this thought occurred to her the first time she heard the recording, but she was afraid to mention it thinking that it might get her husband into deeper trouble.

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RONNIE HERNANDEZ, 2 Woodland Circle, Flagstaff, Arizona, advised that he does recall an incident which occurred approximately one week ago at the Snack Shack Restaurant in Flagstaff, Arizona, when DAVID WILSON appeared and offered him a ride home. He said that, on this occasion, there was another person in the restaurant who asked him about WILSON's car but this person was no stranger. He said this person's name was ALBERTO CONTRAROS, a personal friend who resides at 608 South O'Leary, Flagstaff.

RONNIE HERNANDEZ listened to a tape recorded voice of an anonymous telephone caller who identified himself as a mutual acquaintance of DAVID L. WILSON and JAMES EARL RAY. He said the voice is unfamiliar to him although it does strongly resemble the voice of DAVID L. WILSON, himself. He said he could not make a positive identification on that basis but can think of no one else who speaks in exactly that manner.

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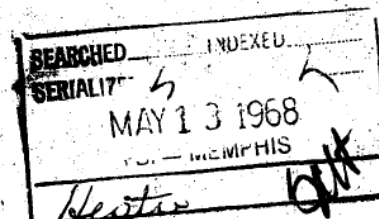
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JOE HERNANDEZ, 2 Woodland Circle, Flagstaff, Arizona, listened to a tape recorded voice of an anonymous telephone caller who identified himself as a mutual acquaintance of **DAVID L. WILSON** and **JAMES EARL RAY**.

Mr. **HERNANDEZ** advised that the only individual who comes to mind upon hearing the voice, is **DAVID L. WILSON**, himself. He noted that there are numerous conversational mannerisms and expressions which are similar to those used by **WILSON**. He said the voice could be attributed to **RICHARD HARRELL**, his sister-in-law's former husband, but that he would be more inclined to identify it as **WILSON** than as **HARRELL**. He noted that the scratchiness of the voice is the only factor inconsistent with **WILSON**'s voice.



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Mrs. TILLIE HERNANDEZ, 2 Woodland Circle, Flagstaff, Arizona, listened to a tape recorded voice of an anonymous telephone caller who identified himself as a mutual acquaintance of DAVID L. WILSON and JAMES EARL RAY. She stated that the voice on the recording resembles that of DAVID L. WILSON, himself, more than anyone else of whom she can think. She noted conversational mannerisms and expressions familiar to her through her acquaintance with WILSON and noted that the raspy or scratchy quality in the voice reminds her very much of the way WILSON sounds when he has been drinking heavily.

Mrs. HERNANDEZ advised that she is also well acquainted with RICHARD D. HARRELL, her sister's previous husband, and that his voice and regional accent are very similar. She said, however, she would be more likely to identify the voice as WILSON than as HARRELL.

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By communication dated April 23, 1968 the Little Rock Division advised that R. B. CRAIN, 416 North Cokley, Lake Village, Arkansas, a cousin of RICHARD HARRILL, advised that HARRILL's parents, R. ESSIE and INA HARRILL, presently reside at Route 1, Box 179, Abernathy, Texas. CRAIN stated that HARRILL had not frequented the Lake Village area for some time.

By communication dated April 24, 1968 the Dallas Division advised that the parents of R. B. HARRILL, also known as JIMMY, were interviewed at Abernathy, Texas on that date and they advised that the whereabouts of their son were unknown to them but he was last heard from a year previously at which time he was in Bakersfield, California. The parents were not cooperative in providing information concerning R. B. HARRILL, but provided information concerning various relatives.

J. C. HARRILL, brother of R. B. HARRILL, was interviewed at Abernathy, Texas on April 24, 1968 and he advised that he had last heard from his brother, R. B. HARRILL, three years previously when the latter took his pickup truck and left Abernathy. He believed that R. B. HARRILL was driving to California, although R. B. has not communicated with him since that time. When R. B. took the pickup truck he was travelling with a woman, name unknown, and her children.

Communication dated April 26, 1968 from the San Francisco Office advised that on that day Mr. OTIS (Buddy) HARRILL, Buddy's Auto Repair, Willow Creek, California advised that R. B. HARRILL is his cousin. He said that R. B. HARRILL was last at Willow Creek two years previously and at that time was travelling in an old truck with a camper built on it and was with his brother, PAUL HARRILL. They stayed one night, and the only thing he has heard from R. B. HARRILL since is that according to a family rumor R. B. was living in Bakersfield, California. He said the family has disowned R. B. HARRILL and they do not associate with him. He said that since R. B. was 16 years of age he has been an outlaw, and had spent time in Florence, Arizona Prison and other institutions. He said that R. B. HARRILL is a vagabond who follows fruit picking work and is nearly illiterate.

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By communication dated April 26, 1968 the Los Angeles Office advised that E. B. HARRELL, aka JIM HARRELL, residing at EHN Ranch, Indio, California, was interviewed April 25, 1968 and denied making the anonymous telephone call to the Sheriff's Office at Flagstaff, Arizona. HARRELL stated that he had not seen his former wife, EDNA HARRELL, since about 1955. EDNA HARRELL initiated the action which resulted in HARRELL's being incarcerated in the Arizona State Penitentiary, Florence, Arizona in 1953 for non-support.

HARRELL denied knowing DAVID WILSON or having been incarcerated in the penitentiary at Texarkana, Texas, and states he has never flown in an airplane. HARRELL does not have a home telephone and CHARLES O. GREEN, neighbor, stated HARRELL has nobody, is on welfare, and junks cars for a living. GREEN has never known HARRELL to leave Indio, California area since he moved to the Ehn Ranch about March 1, 1968. HARRELL was shown a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and stated he did not know him.

HARRELL is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	Mississippi
Height	5 ft. 5 inches
Weight	125 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown

He was last arrested by the Riverside Sheriff's Office, Indio, California, for disturbing the peace on April 10, 1968.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA HENRY F. GRADY:

AT FLORENCE, ARIZONA

On April 23, 1968, Mr. FRANK EYMAN, Warden, Arizona State Prison, made available files of that institution reflecting that R. B. HARKELL, also known as JIMMIE, Arizona State Prison Number 18140, was received at the Arizona State Prison on January 6, 1955, after having been sentenced in Coconino County, Arizona, to serve a term of one and one-half to two years on a charge of failure to provide for his wife. HARKELL was released by parole from the Arizona State Prison on November 23, 1955, and upon release furnished an address of General Delivery, Flagstaff, Arizona.

The files reflect the following list of relatives, friends and correspondents for R. B. HARKELL; while incarcerated at the Arizona State Prison:

Wife	EDNA HARKELL Address not furnished
Mother	EDNA HARKELL General Delivery, Lake Village, Arkansas
Friend	DOROTHY MAE STACE 339 Jackson Street, Lake Village, Arkansas
Cousin	PAUL HARKELL 312 South Cherry, Box 125, Flagstaff, Arizona
Father	JIMMIE HARKELL General Delivery, Lake Village, Arkansas
Friend	J. W. WRIGHT 2100 West Jackson Phoenix, Arizona

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Sister	KOMA HARNELL Box 304, Flagstaff, Arizona
Friend	WANDA WRIGHT 720 West Jones, Phoenix, Arizona
Cousin	HARRIS CARTER General Delivery, Coolidge, Arizona
Friend	DELLA KNIGHT Box 108, Hagerman, New Mexico
Cousin	NEA HUNCK Box 665, Roswell, New Mexico
Uncle	PETE FRANKLIN, Hagerman, New Mexico
Brother	KENNETH HUNT, Box A20006, San Quentin, California

The following is a description of R. B. HARNELL
as obtained from the records:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	28 years and 10 months as of January 6, 1955
Height	5'5"
Weight	117 pounds
Hair	Blond
Eyes	Brown
Native state	Mississippi

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Scars and Marks

Vaccination scar right arm;
1" scar left leg;
4" scar on abdomen
1/4" mole on right shoulder

Tattoos

7" made woman on chest;
name "ROBERT" left wrist;
6" made woman on left arm;
6" made woman upper and
lower left arm;
6" made woman lower right arm

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The following investigation was conducted by SA
C. RICHARD WARNER, JR. on April 23, 1968:

Deputy WALTER HENSEN, Coconino County Sheriff's
Office, Flagstaff, Arizona, made available records of his
office which contained the following information:

RICHARD B. HARRELL was arrested four times between
August, 1953 and December, 1955, on charges of failure to
provide. The file contains the following descriptive
information of HARRELL:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Date of Birth:	
Place of Birth:	Puckett, Mississippi
Height:	5'6"
Weight:	115
Hair:	Light brown
Eyes:	Brown
Build:	Medium
Occupation:	Laborer
Residence:	305 S. Beaver Street, Flagstaff, Arizona
Previous Residence:	Lake Village, Arkansas
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Deputy HENSEN furnished five copies each of a front
and profile photograph of RICHARD BURNHAM HARRELL, also
known as JIMMIE. These were taken August 12, 1953.

Captain GENE SLAYTON (KA), Flagstaff Police
Department, Flagstaff, Arizona, was given four photographs
each of front and profile views of RICHARD B. HARRELL for
circulation among personnel of his department. Captain
SLAYTON agreed to instruct his men to attempt to locate HARRELL
for questioning.

Mrs. TILLIE BERNANDEZ, 2 Woodland Circle, Flagstaff,
Arizona, advised that she is personally acquainted with

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RICHARD HARRELL, her sister, EDNA's, previous husband. She advised EDNA divorced HARRELL in 1954 or 1955, but prior to that time HARRELL was a frequent visitor to her residence. She said that HARRELL does speak with a Southern drawl and she is reasonably certain she would recognize his voice if heard. She said she has seen HARRELL only one time since his divorce from EDNA. She said this was during the summer of 1965 when HARRELL appeared at her house attempting to locate EDNA and their daughter. She said that on this occasion HARRELL was belligerent and antagonistic in his attitude and she had harsh words with HARRELL and threatened him with a police complaint. She said she has not seen or heard from or about him since. She said she is almost certain HARRELL and DAVID WILSON have never met. She viewed a photograph of HARRELL and said it was a good likeness of him.

Mrs. HOLLY HARRELL, Clerk, El Disierto Grocery Store, 618 South Clay Street, Flagstaff, Arizona, advised that she is the wife of PAUL HARRELL, cousin of RICHARD B. HARRELL. She said her husband is presently in Moab, Utah, working in a mine. She said her husband has been in Utah for approximately four months.

Mrs. HARRELL viewed a photograph of RICHARD B. HARRELL and said it is a good likeness of her recollection of him. She said she last saw RICHARD HARRELL in 1957 and is certain he has not been in contact with her husband because of a serious falling out between the two men. She said she is aware that HARRELL paid a brief visit to the home of TILLIE BERNANDEZ, sister of his former wife, in 1963, but that incident is the last she has heard of him since his departure from Flagstaff in 1957. She said RICHARD HARRELL made no contact with either she or her husband during his 1965 visit to Flagstaff.

Mrs. HARRELL advised that she has no idea what establishments RICHARD HARRELL normally frequents in Flagstaff, nor the identity of any of his friends. She said that he and her husband have no mutual relatives now living in Flagstaff.

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Mrs. DAVID WILSON (EDNA) was contacted at her request at 1149 East Polk, the residence of a friend. She related that on the previous day her husband, DAVID WILSON, told her that he had received a phone call at the Continental Body Shop where he works in which a man asked him if he were WILSON. When he said he was, the man said that he was just calling to be sure that WILSON was still there. She said the caller then hung up, according to her husband, and her husband was very fearful as a result of this. She stated that her husband also claimed that strange cars were driving by the house frequently and as a result of this, he moved his family out of the house at 2129 West Lincoln to 1149 East Polk.

Mrs. WILSON stated that they planned to leave for Flagstaff, Arizona, by bus at around 10:00 that morning but that her husband had to wait for the money. She said that his sister was sending money and it did come later. She said that her husband came to 1149 East Polk by taxicab and gave her the money for the bus trip to Flagstaff but at this time declined to go with her or even to wait and take her to the bus depot. She said that he left by cab and gave her no indication as to where he was going or when she would see him again.

Mrs. WILSON stated that until this weekend she had never heard WILSON talk about JAMES EARL RAY and that the only thing he ever told her was that he knew him in prison very briefly while he was being transferred someplace. She stated that her husband never mentioned to her that he had met RAY in Lebanon, Missouri, last summer when he was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated.

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EDNA WILSON, 2129 West Lincoln, advised that a week ago the previous Friday, namely on April 12, 1968, her husband, DAVID WILSON, had taken her to Flagstaff, Arizona, where she resided with her mother and father at 29 Pine Grove Road until she returned to Phoenix that day.

Mrs. WILSON stated that on Friday, April 19, 1968, her husband DAVID WILSON again came to Flagstaff for the purpose of picking her up and bringing her back to Phoenix. She stated that on this occasion when DAVID WILSON came to Flagstaff, she was at her mother's house where her husband arrived at about 12:30 a.m., April 20, 1968. She said that prior to coming to the mother's house, her husband had visited at the home of her sister, TILLIE and JOE HERNANDEZ, which is about four blocks from the mother's home, and that she understood that her husband was there about one hour before he came over to the mother's house.

Mrs. WILSON stated that when her husband arrived at the mother's house at 12:30 a.m., Saturday morning, it was evident to her that he had been drinking some and he told her that he had had a six-pack or two when he left Phoenix for Flagstaff. She stated that her husband probably had at least one beer at her sister's house before coming over to the mother's house. She stated that she fixed bacon and eggs for her husband upon his arrival at the mother's home and that, at that time, he wanted her to immediately return with him to Phoenix, Arizona. She said she refused to go at that time and her husband DAVID then left and went over to her sister TILLIE's house where he drank coffee for a while and then went out and got a hot beef sandwich at either the Gables or Yayas (phonetic), restaurants in Flagstaff, before he returned to the mother's house and went to bed.

Mrs. WILSON advised that she had great difficulty in recalling any associates of her husband, since he had none. She said that the person who might be considered the closest associate of DAVID WILSON was some 21-year-old boy named MIKE, last name unrecalled, who lived in Flagstaff,

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Arizona, prior to the time that they were married. She said this boy MIKE married an Indian girl at Las Vegas, Nevada, and she and DAVID WILSON stood up for these people at this marriage. She stated that obviously this was a number of years ago and that there has been no recent association between MIKE and her husband, to the best of her knowledge.

Mrs. WILSON advised that her husband had never mentioned the name of CLARK or CLARENCE CLARK to her and that such an individual is unknown to her. She stated that she had no recollection of her husband ever bringing anyone with him whom he had previously known in jail or otherwise, to the residence of her mother or the residence of her sister in Flagstaff.

Mrs. WILSON stated that after her husband had been interviewed by FBI Agent C. RICHARD WARNER, JR., and Lieutenant JACKSON of the Flagstaff Police Department at Flagstaff on April 20, 1968, he told her when he had returned that he had known the man "RAY" who was being sought in connection with the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., in prison in Missouri, though only for a few days. She said her husband said that he was being transferred at the time and therefore had known RAY only briefly. She stated that her husband further told her that he had given someone a ride to Flagstaff on the night of April 19, 1968, but that the person given the ride was not "RAY."

Mrs. WILSON said that she recalled that on the day that she went to Flagstaff as previously related, namely April 12, 1968, a Friday, some man came to the door of their residence knocking for someone else, not her husband, but that she could not recall the name of the person this individual was seeking. She said she did remember that whoever it was, it was someone unknown to her. She said she paid little attention to the matter and that she could only describe the man who inquired as being a white male American, in his early 30s, about 5' 7" tall and of medium build. She repeated that she had no reason to believe that this was any associate of her husband.

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Mrs. WILSON advised that on the Saturday morning prior to being interviewed by FBI Agent WARNER and Lieutenant JACKSON, her husband had been drinking heavily. She said that when her husband returned to the house to await the arrival of Lieutenant JACKSON, whom he had contacted for the purpose of being accompanied to the interview with FBI Agent WARNER, he, WILSON, had a bottle of whisky in his car from which he was drinking. She stated that when her husband returned from the interview he cried and laughed alternately, but mostly cried. She said that he talked during this time about being "railroaded as he had been in Florida." She said her husband mentioned no names whatsoever at this time. She stated that WILSON then wanted to talk to his sister in Kalamazoo, Michigan, and he put in a telephone call to her. She said the only reason that he called this sister, so far as she knew, was that they were the closest to one another in the family.

Mrs. WILSON stated that Agent WARNER, who had come to the house, was present when WILSON telephoned this sister in Michigan, and talked briefly to her. Mrs. WILSON said that her husband has a sister in LaFollette, Tennessee, and a brother in Dade City, Florida, though she believed that the brother may have recently moved to someplace the identity of which she could not recall.

Mrs. WILSON stated that her husband DAVID had left her in Flagstaff, Arizona, in May, 1967, and did not return until November, 1967. She said that he kept in touch during this period and that when he first left, he went to Nevada and then returned to Flagstaff where he briefly worked for the Holiday Inn. He then went to Arkansas where he drove a truck out of Elms Springs, Arkansas, and was arrested, possibly in August or September, 1967, in a small town named Lipdon or Limpdon or something like that. She said she recalled that her husband was in jail for a while until his pay check reached him so that he could pay his fine, which she believed was \$125. She said that she had received a letter from her husband at this location and she believed she still had it. She checked her effects, however, and said she could not find this letter.

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Mrs. WILSON advised that her husband then apparently went to Michigan where he visited his sister at Kalamazoo and from there went to Florida. From Florida he went to Barstow, California, and from Barstow, came to Phoenix.

Mrs. WILSON stated that her husband upon coming to Phoenix, arrived in November, 1967, and obtained employment with the Continental Body Shop, working there until late December or early January, 1968, when he came to Flagstaff and worked a very brief time at the Southwest Lumber Mill. She stated that in January, 1968, they returned to Phoenix and her husband again went to work for Continental Body Shop where he has been employed until the present time.

Mrs. WILSON advised that about three or four weeks ago, on a Sunday night, her husband was arrested in a bar on Buckeye Road and was taken to the City Jail for drunkenness. She said that he came home the following day, a Monday, but did not go to work that day but stayed at home. She said that in connection with this arrest, her husband had left the house about 5 p.m. and about 10:30 or 11 p.m. a man came by and informed her that DAVID WILSON had been arrested for drunkenness. She said she did not see a car at the time this man came to the house and she did not know the identity of this individual.

Mrs. WILSON advised that except for the night that her husband was in the Phoenix Jail, he has been present in her company in Phoenix the complete time since January of this year.

Mrs. WILSON was afforded an opportunity to listen to a tape recording of a conversation wherein a male stated that DAVID WILSON, who was married to a Mexican girl from Flagstaff, Arizona, had made a trip by air to Memphis, Tennessee, or Nashville, Tennessee, a day or two prior to the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. After listening to this recording, Mrs. WILSON stated that she had definitely heard that voice before and she believed that it probably was the voice of her former husband, RICHARD HARRELL, who is commonly known as JIMMIE. She stated that she had married