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Via TELETYPE URGENT  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND SAC BALTIMORE (44-669)

FROM: SAC, EL PASO (157-186) (P)

MURKIN

REBATEL TO EP MAY SIX INSTANT.

RE PASSENGER RESEMBLING RAY ON AMERICAN AIRLINES  
FLIGHT THREE THREE EIGHT.

MRS. JODY FARMER, TICKET SALESMAN, AIRLINES  
TRAFFIC OFFICE, FORT BLISS, TEXAS, ADVISED THIS DATE  
*Paul E. Reid Sub E-839*  
PRIVATE PAUL E. REID WAS ACCOMPANIED ON AMERICAN AIRLINES  
FLIGHT THREE THREE EIGHT TO BALTIMORE APRIL SIX LAST BY  
PRIVATES JAMES D. FERGUSON, RA ONE EIGHT EIGHT ONE FOUR  
EIGHT SIX EIGHT; SIDNEY J. BACA, RA FIVE FOUR FOUR NINE  
THREE SEVEN SIX FIVE; LARRY R. LARK, RA ONE EIGHT EIGHT ONE

- 1 El Paso
  - 1 Memphis (44-1987) (AM)
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FOUR EIGHT SEVEN TWO; AND WAYNE J. PRESTON, EA ONE FIVE  
EIGHT SEVEN FIVE THREE ZERO FIVE. POST LOCATER, FORT  
BLISS, ADVISED ALL FOUR ASSIGNED TO USAAC AND S, ABERDEEN.

BA INTERVIEW FOUR ABOVE LISTED INDIVIDUALS IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH SAME INSTRUCTIONS FOR INTERVIEW OF  
PRIVATE REID.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, AND  
NEW YORK.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)  
ATLANTA (44-2386)

FROM: PHOENIX (44-371) (TWO PAGES)

MURKIN; CR. OO MEMPHIS.

RE ATLANTA AIRTEL TO DIRECTOR AND ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES, APRIL TWENTYFIVE LAST, RE CAR RECOVERIES FROM GEORGIA SUBSEQUENT TO MARCH TWENTYTHREE, LAST.

RECORDS AHP, PHOENIX REFLECT ONLY REPORTED GEORGIA VEHICLE RECOVERED ARIZONA SUBSEQUENT TO MARCH TWENTYTHREE, LAST IS SIXTYTWO FORD FALCON SEDAN, BLUE WITH WHITE TOP, GEORGIA LICENSE ONE NINE DASH D DASH TWO ONE SEVEN FOUR, SERIAL NUMBER TWO A ONE TWO FIVE ONE TWO SIX NINE ONE SIX FOUND ABANDONED BENTON STREET AND LE ROUX, FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA, EIGHT FIFTEEN AM APRIL FIFTEEN LAST. VEHICLE STORED SEIDEL'S TEXACO, TWO NINE TWO ZERO EAST SANTA FE, FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA.

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NCIC RECORDS REFLECT VEHICLE STOLEN PERRY, GEORGIA,  
APRIL ONE, LAST, PERRY, GEORGIA PD FILE ONE FOUR FIVE  
SEVEN.

ATLANTA AT PERRY, GEORGIA WILL DETERMINE IDENTITY  
REGISTERED OWNER AND INTERVIEW CONCERNING CIRCUMSTANCES  
OF THEFT AND IF JAMES EARL RAY COULD POSSIBLY HAVE STOLEN  
VEHICLE.

PHOENIX AT FLAGSTAFF WILL CONTACT FLAGSTAFF PD REGARDING  
DETAILS OF RECOVERY AND ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IF SUBJECT  
COULD HAVE TRANSPORTED VEHICLE TO FLAGSTAFF.

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MEMPHIS ADVISED AIRMAIL.

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TO: DIRECTOR, (44-38861), ATLANTA (44-2386) AND  
BALTIMORE

FROM: PHOENIX (44-371) (2P)

MURKIN

RE ATLANTA AIRTEL TO BUREAU AND ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES,  
APRIL TWENTYFIVE, LAST; PHOENIX TEL TO BUREAU, MAY ONE,  
LAST; AND ATLANTA TEL TO PHOENIX, MAY ONE, LAST, CAPTIONED  
"UNSUB; SIXTYTWO FORD, VIN TWO A ONE TWO FIVE ONE TWO SIX  
NINE ONE SIX." *Sub E-84D*

RE CAR RECOVERIES FROM GEORGIA SUBSEQUENT TO MARCY  
TWENTYTHREE LAST.

INVESTIGATION FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA, REFLECTS SIXTYTWO  
FORD FALCON, GEORGIA LICENSE ONE NINE-D-TWO ONE SEVEN FOUR,  
FOUND ABANDONED FLAGSTAFF APRIL FIFTEEN, LAST. CAR  
DETERMINED STOLEN PERRY, GEORGIA, APRIL ONE, LAST. NO ONE  
OBSERVED IN OR NEAR VEHICLE AT PLACE OF RECOVERY AND PHOTO  
JAMES EARL RAY NOT IDENTIFIABLE IN AREA OF RECOVERY.

RE ATLANTA TEL MAY ONE LAST SET FORTH INFO HOWARD  
EDWARD TACKETT, WHITE MALE, TWENTYSIX, SIX ONE ZERO DUNBARTON,

1 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)  
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**BALTIMORE, AND RONALD ALLEN WOODS, ONE TWO ONE SIX CRESCENT DRIVE, PERRY, GEORGIA, STOPPED WHILE DRIVING VEHICLE APRIL EIGHT, LAST, AT VENTURA, CALIF.**

**ATLANTA AT PERRY, GEORGIA, ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IF RONALD ALLEN WOODS, ONE TWO ONE SIX CRESCENT DRIVE, IDENTIFIABLE WITH JAMES EARL RAY.**

**BALTIMORE AT SIX TEN DUNBARTON, DETERMINE IF HOWARD EDWARD TACKETT IDENTIFIABLE WITH RAY.**

**ARMED AND DANGEROUS.**

**MEMPHIS ADVISED AM.**

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Special Agent in Charge

5/2/68

**AIRTEL**

**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)**  
**ATTN: LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION**

**FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)**

**SUBJECT: MURKIN**  
**(OO: MEMPHIS)**

Enclosed for the Bureau is a match book from the Reid Motel, Greenville, Ala. This was found in the parking lot behind 107, 113 - 14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, Ga., on 5/1/68. Although there is no indication that this could have come from the car of subject RAY, the Latent Fingerprint Section is requested to examine the enclosed match book for any latent prints identifiable with subject in this case.

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1 - Memphis (Info)  
2 - Atlanta  
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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND MOBILE  
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 1P

*Sub E-841  
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MURKIN

ON MAY ONE, LAST, A MATCHBOOK FROM REID MOTEL, ROUTE TWO,  
BX ONE THREE ZERO, GREENVILLE, ALA., WAS FOUND IN THE  
PARKING LOT BEHIND ONE ZERO SEVEN, ONE ONE THREE - FOURTEENTH  
ST., NE, ATLANTA, WHERE JAMES EARL RAY PARKED HIS CAR WHILE IN  
ATLANTA. ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO INDICATION THIS CAME FROM HIS CAR,  
MOBILE IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE REID MOTEL TO DETERMINE IF RAY COULD  
HAVE STAYED AT THIS MOTEL.

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_ AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, Sacramento (100-427) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Los Angeles teletype to Sacramento, 4/29/68.

RE: Look-alike SAUL JOHN

Referenced teletype stated that ALLAN ENGELHARDT, Conoga Park, California, advised that on April 20, 1968, he observed individual in coffee shop at Rocket Bowl, DeSoto Street, north of Nordhoff, Conoga Park, who resembled JAMES EARL RAY. ENGELHARDT advised unknown person left coffee shop and entered 1959 or 1960 Ford, bearing California License EZR-721. ENGELHARDT described look-alike as white male American, 38 to 40 years old, 5'10", 165 pounds, sandy to reddish-blond hair.

Department of Motor Vehicles check of EZR-721 reflects license listed to SAUL JOHN, 926 North Denair Street, Turlock, California, on 1954 two door Buick.

SAUL JOHN, 926 North Denair Street, Turlock, California, was interviewed at his residence on April 30, 1968.

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2-Kansas City  
2-Los Angeles (44-1574)  
2-Sacramento  
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JOHN was born in 1895. He advised he has owned 1954 white two door Buick, California License EZR-721, for five years. Due to his age, he has not driven this car out of Stanislaus County during that time. The license plate was observed to be on the vehicle. He advised he has not been in Conoga Park, was not there on April 20, 1968, and does not even know where Conoga Park is. He does not recognize photograph of RAY as resembling anyone he knows.

It is noted that 926 North Denair is within sight of the Turlock Police Department. Lt. WILLIAM LADD, Turlock Police Department, confirmed, on April 30, 1968, that because of JOHN's age, he never leaves Turlock in his automobile.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

MURKIN

On 5/1/68, at 10:15 a.m., Lt. JOHN GRUVER, U. S. Navy, retired, 744 North Jerie, Tucson, Arizona, Telephone 602-325-1850, by long distance telephone advised SA FRANCIS B. McGIVERN, WFO, that he had heard over Tucson radio stations KAIR and KPUC that JAMES EARL RAY is reported to have landed in Sidney, Australia. GRUVER sound as though he had been drinking. He stated he had friends in Australia who could be of assistance in locating RAY. He identified these friends as NED KIRKBY, Colonial Sugar, Sidney, and JIM COPLY, who lives in Perth, Australia. GRUVER further stated he had furnished the above information to the PX Office of the FBI.

At 11:00 a.m., GRUVER advised McGIVERN he had telephoned Chief of Police, Sidney, Australia, and Mrs. NED KIRKBY, and feels they will be cooperative in locating RAY.

At 11:48 a.m., GRUVER telephonically furnished same information to SA LLOYD BRUCE, WFO.

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- 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)
- 1 - Kansas City (44-760) (Info)
- 1 - Phoenix (Info)
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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR AND SACS, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
RICHMOND (44-651)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE APRIL TWENTYNINE, LAST AND  
WFO TELETYPE APRIL THIRTY, LAST, CONCERNING TELEPHONES AT  
SAINT FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES.

TELEPHONE CALL MARCH TWO, LAST, TO WASHINGTON, D.C.,  
THREE THREE SEVEN - FIVE THREE ONE FIVE, RECEIVED BY ANSWERING  
SERVICE FOR COLONIAL PARKING, INCORPORATED, WASHINGTON, D. C.,  
FROM PETER HOLDEN, TWO TWO ZERO ZERO HILLS ROAD, ALEXANDRIA,  
VIRGINIA, LOS ANGELES TELEPHONES SIX SIX ZERO - ZERO FIVE ONE  
NINE, RESIDENCE SEVEN SIX EIGHT - NINE SEVEN SEVEN FOUR.

HOLDEN LEFT NO MESSAGE, BUT INDICATED WOULD CALL BACK  
BUT SECOND CALL NOT RECEIVED. COLONIAL BELIEVES HOLDEN CALLED

- 2 - Bureau (44-38861)
- 2 - Teletype Unit
- 2 - Baltimore (44-659) (AM)
- 1 - Kansas City (44-760) (AM)
- ① - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)
- 2 - WFO

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ABOUT HIS ONE-HALF TON, BLACK AND WHITE CHEVROLET PICK-UP TRUCK IN STORAGE FROM OCTOBER FOURTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN. TRUCK REMOVED MARCH TWENTYSEVEN, LAST AND RETURNED TO STORAGE MARCH TWENTYEIGHT, LAST, AGAIN REMOVED FROM STORAGE APRIL EIGHT, LAST. AREA CONTACT LISTED AS JOHN RICHMOND, TELEPHONE THREE FOUR SEVEN - THREE FOUR FOUR FOUR. TWO MEN, NAMES NOT KNOWN, CAME TO COLONIAL STORAGE LOT ON APRIL FOUR, FIVE OR SIX, LAST AND REMOVED PAINTING EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, ALSO TOOK TRUCK TO GARAGE FOR TUNE UP. THEY WERE DRIVING BEIGE COLORED, HALF TON TRUCK WITH RACKS FOR LADDERS AND VIRGINIA LICENSE TAGS. ONE MALE, WHOSE FATHER MAY OWN TRUCK IN STORAGE, DESCRIBED AS WHITE, TWENTYFIVE TO THIRTY YEARS, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTYFIVE POUNDS TO ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTYFIVE POUNDS, RUDDY COMPLEXION, BLOND HAIR, STOCKY BUILD. OTHER DESCRIBED AS WHITE, THIRTY TO THIRTYTHREE YEARS, SIX FEET ONE INCH, ONE HUNDRED NINETY POUNDS, BOTH HAD SOUTHERN ACCENTS.

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ON APRIL EIGHT, LAST, ANOTHER MAN DROVE TO COLONIAL PARKING LOT IN A MUSTANG AND PLACED PACKAGE BELIEVED TO HAVE CONTAINED CLOTHING AND A TWENTYTWO CALIBER RIFLE IN CAB OF TRUCK IN STORAGE. A BOX OF AMMUNITION WAS PLACED IN GLOVE COMPARTMENT. HE INDICATED HE WAS DRIVER FOR DRIVE AWAY AND WAS GOING TO DO SOME HUNTING EN ROUTE TO CALIFORNIA WITH TRUCK. HE IS DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, LATE THIRTIES, SIX FEET ONE INCH TO TWO INCHES, ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTYFIVE TO TWO HUNDRED POUNDS, BROWN HAIR WITH GRAY AND REDDISH TINT. AFTER PUTTING ITEMS IN TRUCK, HE DROVE AWAY IN MUSTANG AND RETURNED IN A TAXI TO DRIVE PICK-UP TRUCK AWAY.

JOHN RICHMOND, AUTO DRIVE AWAY, WASHINGTON, D. C., ADVISED ORDER DATED MARCH EIGHTEEN, LAST, FROM AUTO DRIVE AWAY, TWO TWO SEVEN SOUTH VERMONT AVENUE, LOS ANGELES, SAM LUGASH, MANAGER, FOR SIXTYSEVEN CHEVROLET, HALF TON PICK-UP, VIRGINIA TAGS T FIVE FIVE TWO FIVE EIGHT, SERIAL CK ONE FOUR SEVEN

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7 ONE ZERO TWO THREE EIGHT FOUR, PROPERTY OF PETER HOLDEN,  
ONE SEVEN FOUR THREE, GARFIELD PLACE, NUMBER TWO ZERO SIX OR  
TWO ONE SIX, LOS ANGELES, PHONE FOUR NINE <sup>SIX NINE</sup> SIX - ZERO EIGHT  
SEVEN SIX, TO BE DELIVERED FROM STORAGE COLONIAL PARKING,  
WASHINGTON, D. C., TO AUTO DRIVE AWAY, LOS ANGELES. BY LETTER  
MARCH TWENTYEIGHT, LAST, DELIVERY ADDRESS CHANGED TO FIVE ONE <sup>ONE</sup>  
NINE FOUNTAIN, PHONE SIX SIX ZERO - ZERO FIVE ONE NINE.

RICHMOND ADVISED JORDAN V. GERSBERG, EIGHT ZERO SEVEN  
BROADWAY DEL NORTE, GOLETA, CALIFORNIA, NUMBER EIGHTEEN WITH  
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, PHONE SEVEN FOUR SEVEN - FOUR FIVE ZERO  
ONE, ON MARCH TWENTYSEVEN, LAST, CONTACTED TO DRIVE ABOVE  
VEHICLE TO LOS ANGELES. HE WAS TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY FRANK  
L. JOHNSON, TWENTYEIGHT TWENTY DEVONSHIRE PLACE, N.W., WASHINGTON,  
D. C. ON MARCH TWENTYEIGHT, LAST, GERSBERG REFUSED TO DRIVE  
THE TRUCK AS IT WAS NOT RUNNING WELL AND HE DID NOT WANT TO  
TRANSPORT LABORER AND PAINTING EQUIPMENT ON THE TRUCK.



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RICH RICHMOND INDICATED HE HAD SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS WITH HOLDEN AND HOLDEN MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR HIS SON AND HIS BROTHER TO MOVE EQUIPMENT AND REPAIR TRUCK.

RICHMOND STATED RICHARD LEE OGC, FIVE EIGHT ONE ONE HAWKWOOD PIKE, WASHINGTON, D. C., NUMBER TWO ZERO TWO, PHONE SEVEN THREE SIX - FIVE NINE TWO TWO, MARYLAND PERMIT G-TWO HUNDRED-SEVEN THIRTYEIGHT - FOUR FORTYSEVEN - FIVE ZERO SEVEN - T, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED]

AGE THIRTY, BROWN HAIR AND BROWN EYES, PREVIOUSLY EMPLOYED BLAKE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, CONNECTICUT AVENUE AND K STREET, N. W., WASHINGTON, D. C., DEPARTED WITH ABOVE TRUCK FOR CALIFORNIA ON APRIL EIGHT, LAST. OGC MENTIONED TO RICHMOND HE WAS CARRYING A GUN AND HAD A PERMIT AND RICHMOND ADVISED HIM THIS WAS AGAINST <sup>PROVISION</sup> PROVISION OF THEIR CONTRACT. RICHMOND DOES NOT KNOW OGC TRANSPORTED GUN.

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RICHMOND ADVISED THAT OGG AND GENBERG WERE HIRED  
IN RESPONSE TO A WANT AD.

RICHMOND ADVISED OGG HAS SINCE RETURNED AND DESIRED  
ADDITIONAL TRANSPORTATION TO LOS ANGELES AREA.

WFO INDICES NEGATIVE REGARDING HOLDEN AND GENBERG.  
NO IDENTIFIABLE DATA REGARDING JOHNSON. ONE RICHARD LEE OGG,  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION NUMBER FOUR ZERO THREE SIX ZERO  
ONE C, WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED]  
IN OHIO, SAME GENERAL DESCRIPTION, CONSIDERED SUSPECT IN ROBBERY  
OF TWELVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS FROM FOOD FAIR STORE,  
SIX TWO FIVE ZERO KENILWORTH AVENUE, RIVERDALE, MARYLAND,  
JANUARY NINETEEN, SIXTYSIX, BALTIMORE FILE EIGHT SEVEN - ONE  
ONE TWO TWO FIVE.

IN VIEW OF PERIODS TRUCK USED BY HOLDEN, LOS ANGELES  
AND RICHMOND FURTHER DETERMINE HOLDEN'S ACTIVITIES. LOS ANGELES  
MAY DESIRE TO CONSIDER OGG AS SUSPECT IN UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERIES

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**THAT DIVISION IN VIEW OF INFORMATION AVAILABLE.**

**AIR MAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS, KANSAS CITY AND BALTIMORE.**

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD (44-703)  
SAC, RICHMOND

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

RE WASHINGTON FIELD TT TO BUREAU MAY ONE LAST.

RE THREE TWO TELEPHONE CALL FROM ST. FRANCIS HOTEL,  
LOS ANGELES TO WDC, THREE THREE SEVEN DASH FIVE THREE ONE  
FIVE.

LA INDICES NEGATIVE RE RICHARD LEE OGG AND PETER  
HOLDEN, SAM LUGASH, MANAGER, AUTO DRIVE AWAY, TWO TWO  
SEVEN SOUTH VERMONT, LA, ADVISED HOLDEN, NOW RESIDING  
FIVE ONE ONE NINE FOUNTAIN, LA, CONTRACTED MARCH EIGHTEEN  
LAST TO HAVE HIS NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN HALF TON CHEVROLET  
PICKUP TRANSPORTED FROM COLONIA PARK INCORPORATED, WDC,  
TO AUTO DRIVE AWAY, LOS ANGELES. LUGASH'S RECORDS REFLECT

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TRUCK DRIVER FROM WDC TO LA BETWEEN APRIL EIGHT AND APRIL FIFTEEN LAST BY RICHARD L. OGG, FIVE EIGHT ONE ONE MARLBORO PIKE, DISTRICT HEIGHTS, MARYLAND, AND THAT HOLDEN TOOK POSSESSION LATTER DATE. LUGASH BELIEVES OGG ACCOMPANIED BY BROTHER, FURTHER DESCRIPTION UNKNOWN. HE DESCRIBED HOLDEN AS WMA, FORTY FIVE TO FORTY EIGHT YEARS, FIVE FOOT TEN INCHES, ONE NINETY POUNDS, STOCKY, SHORT BROWN HAIR, REPUTABLE SELF EMPLOYED PAINTER AND NOT RESEMBLING JAMES EARL RAY PHOTOS. LUGASH CERTAIN HOLDEN AND OGG UNKNOWN TO ONE ANOTHER.

MRS. FOWLER, MANAGER, FIVE ONE ONE NINE FOUNTAIN, LA, ADVISED HOLDEN AND FAMILY RESIDED APARTMENT TWO TWO THREE HER LOCATION, AND THAT HOLDEN OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER. HOLDEN PERSONALLY CONTACTED AND AAGKNOLEDGED THREE TWO CALL TO WDC TO ARRANGE RELEASE OF HIS TRUCK. HOLDEN OCCASIONALLY USED TELEPHONES AT ST. FRANCIS HOTEL WHEN RESIDING AT NEARBY RESIDENCE OF ONE SEVEN FOUR THREE GARFIELD. NAME AND PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY UNKNOWN TO HOLDEN.

RICHMOND DISCONTINUE RE HOLDEN.

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WASHINGTON FIELD WILL FORWARD PHOTO OF OGG FOR  
DISPLAY IN UNSOLVED LA AREA BRS.

MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY ADVISED AIR MAIL.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: NEW HAVEN (157-818)  
MURKIN.

ENRICO DI PASQUALE, EIGHT PINK CLOUD COURT, NORWALK, CONN., PHONE EIGHT FOUR SEVEN - FIVE EIGHT THREE SIX, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED EVENING OF APRIL TWO NINE LAST, HE SPENT VACATION FROM APRIL TWO ONE TO APRIL TWO EIGHT LAST AT GOLDEN HEAD BEACH HOTEL, ORACABESSA, JAMAICA, PHONE ORACABESSA TWO THREE FIVE. HOTEL MANAGED BY P. J. BURNS AND LOCATED IN REMOTE NORTH COAST AREA OF JAMAICA ACCESSIBLE VIA TWO HOUR DRIVE THROUGH UNINHABITED COUNTRY.

ON FOUR OR FIVE OCCASIONS WHILE THERE, SAW INDIVIDUAL BRIEFLY WHO STRONGLY RESEMBLED NINETEEN SIXTY PHOTO OF ERIC GALT DISPLAYED IN NORWALK, CONN., P.O. SUSPICION AROUSED BECAUSE THIS PERSON OUT OF PLACE AT RESORT HOTEL. HE WAS GUEST AT HOTEL BY HIMSELF, DID NOT SPEAK OR MIX WITH OTHERS, AND DID NOT SEEM TO ENJOY HIMSELF. UPON INQUIRY MANAGER BURNS IDENTIFIED HIM

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TO DI PASQUALE AS VOISON (PH). HE IS DESCRIBED AS FIVE FT.  
TEN, ONE SEVENTYFIVE LBS., SHORT CROPPED BLONDISH HAIR AND  
BRIDGE ON NOSE. HE USUALLY WORE CONSERVATIVE SLACKS AND  
SPORT SHIRT, WHILE MOST OTHER GUESTS WORE COLORFUL SPORTS  
ATTIRE.

DI PASQUALE HAD LITTLE CONFIDENCE IN GRACABESSA PD AND  
SAID NO PASSPORT, VISA, OR OTHER PERMISSION NECESSARY FOR  
TRAVEL TO JAMAICA.

INDICES NEW HAVEN OFFICE NEGATIVE ON DI PASQUALE AND  
VOISON.

BUREAU CHECK OUT VOISON THROUGH LIAISON SOURCES. CC  
BY MAIL MEMPHIS. P



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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)  
FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374)

MURKIN.

RE DARK BLUE MUSTANG, GEORGIA LICENSE TWO D ONE ONE  
TWO DASH FIVE SIX.

RICHARD J. KOHLMEIER, TONAWANDA, NY, TELEPHONICALLY  
ADVISED BUFFALO OFFICE HE WAS DRIVING ALONGSIDE DARK BLUE  
MUSTANG IN BUFFALO ON APRIL THIRTY LAST. WHILE STOPPED  
AT SIGNAL LIGHT, HE NOTED DRIVER BORE MARKED RESEMBLANCE  
TO PHOTO OF RAY. HE NOTED LICENSE PLATE IS GEORGIA TWO D  
ONE ONE TWO DASH FIVE SIX.

ATLANTA DETERMINE TO WHOM ABOVE LISTED LICENSE ISSUED  
AND SET OUT APPROPRIATE LEADS.

AM CCS TO BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY.

RAY ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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RE: DARK BLUE MUSTANG  
GEORGIA LICENSE  
2D 112-56

On April 30, 1968, RICHARD J. KOHLMEIER, 65 Stoneleigh Avenue, Town of Tonawanda, New York, telephonically advised SE RICHARD R. WALSH that at about 4:15 PM on that date he had pulled up behind a dark blue Mustang, estimated 1966 model, on Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, New York.

Subsequently, he pulled alongside this car and noticed that the driver closely resembled the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY which appeared in the "Buffalo Evening News."

The driver, when he observed KOHLMEIER looking at him, sped off; but KOHLMEIER got his license plate number as Georgia License 2d 112-56.

This information was furnished to Atlanta.

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ReBuairtel to all SACs and Legats, dated 5/7/68, instructing that 15 copies of all inserts be prepared for Memphis in this case.

Transmitted herewith for Memphis are 15 copies each of inserts bearing the following captions:

- j "TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY ENROUTE FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS"
- G "GUESTS OF THE PROVINCIAL MOTEL, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, DECEMBER 17-19, 1967"
- E "CHARLES DUNHAM INFORMATION CONCERNING"
- G "PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT ORDERED BY JAMES EARL RAY FROM SUPERIOR BULK FILM COMPANY, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, UNDER NAME ERIC S. GALT"
- EV "DARK BLUE MUSTANG, GEORGIA LICENSE 2D 112-56" *Sub-E-846*

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E "DRIVER OF 1964 OR 1965 FORD,  
FLORIDA LICENSE 4W 69100"

G "INVESTIGATION CONCERNING EARL EVERETT RAY,  
DECEASED UNCLE OF JAMES EARL RAY"

"EASTERN AIRLINES  
CHECK AT BUFFALO"

E "INFORMATION FROM  
MRS. GLADYS MEEHAN"

E "THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER  
KING, JR.; INFORMATION  
FROM MRS. JESSIE KILGRAS,  
PENFIELD, NEW YORK  
NOVEMBER 13, 1967"

"MRS. VIOLA V. BORYS"

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Date: 5/1/68

Transmit the following in PLAIN  
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Via TELETYPE URGENT  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND  
SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

*Sub. A-519*

RE SAN ANTONIO TEL APRIL TWENTY NINE LAST, SETTING FORTH  
LEAD TO INTERVIEW RUSSELL JOHNSTONE AT ST. FRANCIS HOTEL.

INQUIRY AT ST. FRANCIS HOTEL THIS DATE INDICATES JOHNSTONE  
CHECKED INTO HOTEL NINE FORTY A.M. ON FEBRUARY EIGHT LAST  
AND LEFT HOTEL SOMEWHERE BETWEEN APRIL TWENTY TWO AND TWENTY  
SIX LAST WITHOUT LEAVING FORWARDING ADDRESS. JOHNSTONE WHEN  
CHECKING INTO HOTEL ONLY GAVE ADDRESS OF LOS ANGELES, NO  
STREET OR NUMBER GIVEN. JOHNSTONE'S RENT PAID THROUGH APRIL  
TWENTY TWO LAST. JOHNSTONE HAD TELEPHONE IN ROOM, BUT ONLY  
TWO CALLS PLACED THROUGH HOTEL SWITCHBOARD, NUMBERS NOT  
GIVEN, WHICH WERE LOCAL CALLS.

ROBERT KEELEY, CLERK, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, ADVISED NOT  
AWARE ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN JOHNSTONE AND RAY.

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LOS ANGELES INDICES INDICATE ROBERT P. ANDERSON, NAME BY WHICH MRS. SAM INGRAM KNEW JOHNSTONE WHILE EMPLOYED BY HIM, MAY POSSIBLY BE IDENTICAL TO SUBJECT REFERRED TO IN BALTIMORE LETTER TO LOS ANGELES DATED DECEMBER TWELVE, SIXTYSEVEN CAPTIONED ROBERT P. ANDERSON MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING, COPY FURNISHED SAN ANTONIO. THIS COMMUNICATION INDICATED ROBERT P. ANDERSON RESIDED AT TWO ZERO ONE EAST HUISACHE, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS. LOS ANGELES WHILE CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION IN THIS MATTER CONTACTED MRS. ALMA MADDEN, MANAGER, APARTMENTS LOCATED SEVEN THREE EIGHT SOUTH UNION AVENUE, ON ONE DASH EIGHT DASH SIXTY EIGHT ADVISED ROBERT P. ANDERSON OCCUPIED APARTMENT TWO ZERO THREE AT ABOVE ADDRESS UNTIL NOVEMBER FIVE SIXTY SEVEN. MRS. MADDEN REPORTED ANDERSON A HEAVY DRINKER AND APPEARS TO BE MENTAL CASE. MRS. MADDEN REPORTED HAD RECEIVED NUMEROUS INQUIRIES REGARDING ANDERSON AND ANDERSON HAD BEEN INTERVIEWED BY OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES IN PAST. ON ONE SUCH INTERVIEW SHE HEARD ANDERSON TELL INTERVIEWING AGENT THAT HE HAD BEEN ILLEGALLY DEPORTED FROM TEXAS. MRS. MADDEN AT DATE OF INTERVIEW DID NOT KNOW ANDERSON'S WHEREABOUTS.

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SAME ROBERT P. ANDERSON, RESIDING SEVEN THREE EIGHT UNION STREET, APARTMENT THREE ZERO TWO, INTERVIEWED ON NOVEMBER ONE, SIXTY SEVEN BY BUAGENTS CONCERNING LETTER FROM ANDERSON TO SAC JOHN P. MULL, JR., PHOENIX DIVISION WHICH STATED, "EITHER JOHN C. MULL, JR. KILLS HIMSELF OR CERTAINLY I WILL." ANDERSON ADMITTED TO INTERVIEWING AGENTS HAVING WRITTEN LETTER. ANDERSON DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED], CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, FIVE FEET NINE INCHES, ONE SEVENTY FIVE POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES, SERVED U. S. MARINE CORPS, NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN TO FORTY FIVE AND RECEIVED MEDICAL DISCHARGE. RECORDS VA HOSPITAL REFLECT ANDERSON DIAGNOSED AS HAVING SCHIZPHRENIC REACTION AND BEING PARANOID TYPE INDIVIDUAL.

IT IS NOT KNOWN IF THE ROBERT P. ANDERSON DESCRIBED ABOVE IS IDENTICAL TO THE ROBERT P. ANDERSON WHICH SAN ANTONIO INSTRUCTED LOS ANGELES TO INTERVIEW.

SAN ANTONIO SHOULD RE-INTERVIEW MRS. SAM INGRAM TO ASCERTAIN IS SHE HAS ANY INFO THAT JOHNSTONE ACQUAINTED WITH RAY OR THAT JOHNSTONE HAS ANY INFO RE RAY.

AIRMAIL COPIES BEING FURNISHED MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM.

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TELETYPE

TO : SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

MURKIN.

RE SUBJECT'S CALLS MADE FROM COIN TELEPHONES EN ROUTE  
FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS.

RE DALLAS TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU DATED MAY ONE LAST.

INVESTIGATION DISCLOSES THAT BRONX, NEW YORK TELEPHONE  
NUMBER SIX FIVE TWO - NINE FOUR THREE SIX WAS AN UNLISTED  
NUMBER FOR AGNES REGAN <sup>0</sup> THREE TWO FIVE ZERO PERRY AVENUE,  
BRONX, NEW YORK AND THAT SERVICE TO THIS NUMBER WAS DISCONNECTED  
FEBRUARY SIXTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN.

SUPERINTENDENT AT ABOVE ADDRESS ADVISED AGNES REGAN  
LIVED ALONE AT THAT ADDRESS UNTIL APPROXIMATELY EIGHTEEN  
MONTHS AGO WHEN SHE DIED. SHE WAS A RETIRED SCHOOL TEACHER.

THE CURRENT OCCUPANT OF REGAN'S FORMER APARTMENT IS

AGNES ROJKO <sup>0</sup>

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MRS. ROJKO'S HUSBAND, WALTER, DIED ABOUT SIX MONTHS  
AGO. PRIOR TO THAT TIME, THE ROJKOS WERE RESIDENTS OF  
THIS APARTMENT BUILDING FOR MORE THAN FIVE YEARS. MRS.  
ROJKO'S TELEPHONE NUMBER IS TU TWO - THREE ZERO ZERO NINE.

AIRMAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

SUBJECT RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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712PM URGENT 5-2-68 CDC

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, AND HOUSTON

FROM NEW ORLEANS 157-10873

MURKIN.

*Sub 157-10873*

RE: CALL MADE FROM COIN TELEPHONE, ALPINE,  
TEXAS ON DEC. SIXTEEN LAST TO NINE  
THREE EIGHT FIVE SIX THREE EIGHT, GREENWOOD,  
LA.

TELEPHONE NUMBER NINE THREE EIGHT DASH FIVE SIX THREE EIGHT  
IS LISTED TO P. L. HAMNETT, GREENWOOD, LOUISIANA. UPON INTERVIEW  
HAMNETT ADVISES HE CAN NOT SPECIFICALLY RECALL WHO CONTACTED  
HIM ON DEC. SIXTEEN LAST FROM ALPINE, TEXAS., HOWEVER, HAMNETT  
STATES DURING DECEMBER NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN HE RECEIVED  
NUMEROUS LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALLS FROM HIS UNCLE,  
ED MUNSUCKER, INQUIRING ABOUT THE PHYSICAL CONDITION OF HAMNETT'S  
FATHER WHO WAS IN POOR HEALTH. THESE CALLS WERE RECEIVED  
FROM VARIOUS AREAS IN TEXAS INASMUCH AS MUNSUCKER IS A TRUCK  
DRIVER AND TRAVELS EXTENSIVELY THROUGHOUT TEXAS. HAMNETT VIEWED  
PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND STATES THAT RAY IS COMPLETELY  
UNKNOWN TO HIM. NEW ORLEANS INDICIES CONTAIN NO INFO IDENTIFIABLE  
WITH HAMNETT OR MUNSUCKER.

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IS NOEL GRAY, PROFESSOR, HISTORY DEPARTMENT, SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY, BATON ROUGE, LA.

IN JUNE, SIXTYFIVE, NEW ORLEANS POSSESSED INFORMATION CONCERNING REMARKS ALLEGEDLY MADE BY NOEL GRAY THAT THE NEGRO RACE NEEDED A "NEW MONUMENT," AS CHRIST HAD BEEN DEAD TWO THOUSAND YEARS AND IT WOULD BE BETTER IF KING OR JAMES FARMER WERE KILLED. THIS INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED FROM JACK N. ROGERS, THEN COMMITTEE COUNSEL FOR THE JOINT LEGISLATURE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES FOR THE STATE OF LOUISIANA. ROGERS IN JUNE, SIXTYFIVE, DECLINED TO REVEAL HIS SOURCE OF INFORMATION CONCERNING GRAY.

ON APRIL THIRTY, SIXTYEIGHT, DR. FELTON G. CLARK, PRESIDENT, SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY, BATON ROUGE, ADVISED GRAY IS PROFESSOR IN HISTORY DEPARTMENT AT SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AND RESIDES ONE ZERO SEVEN FIVE MAYNARD DRIVE, BATON ROUGE. FURTHER GRAY TEACHING AT SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY SINCE FIFTYTWO AND DURING

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THAT TIME HAS NOT ENGAGED IN ANY ACTIVITIES TO AGITATE MEMBERS OF THE STUDENT BODY OR ENGAGED IN ANY CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVITIES. CLARK STATED GRAY WELL RESPECTED ON CAMPUS AND LIKED BY BOTH STUDENTS AND FACULTY.

RECORDS, BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION, LSP, AS OF APRIL THIRTY, SIXTYEIGHT, DISCLOSED NOEL GRAY, BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AT NEW ORLEANS, ARRESTED BY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, BATON ROUGE, DECEMBER SEVENTEEN, SIXTYONE, ON CHARGE OF VAGRANCY, WHICH WAS SUBSEQUENTLY VOLLE PROSSED.

JACK N. ROGERS, ATTORNEY, BATON ROUGE, LA., CONTACTED MAY ONE, SIXTYEIGHT, AT WHICH TIME ROGERS ADVISED HIS SOURCE OF INFORMATION CONCERNING GRAY IS NOW DECEASED. ROGERS STILL FEELIVES TO DISCLOSE IDENTITY OF THIS SOURCE. ROGERS STATED HOWEVER, HIS SOURCE HAD ADVISED HIM ON MARCH FIVE, SIXTYFIVE, THAT GRAY HAD TOLD COURGE THAT MOST NEGROES CONSIDERED JAMES EARL RAY A REVISIONIST AND CONSIDERED MARTIN LUTHER KING A MESSIAH. FURTHER, GRAY STATED THE NEGROES NEED A NEW  
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ROGERS STATED SOURCE HAD BEEN DEAD FOR TWO THOUSAND YEARS. ROGERS STATED SOURCE TOLD HIM "THE ASSASSINATION OF FARMER HAD BEEN A MATTER OF OPEN CONJECTURE." ROGERS SAID NO MENTION WAS MADE OF ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, HOWEVER, IT WAS ROGERS' OPINION THAT PROBABLY ASSASSINATION OF BOTH FARMER AND KING A MATTER OF CONJECTURE.

APPROPRIATE FBI-PHOENIX SOURCE CONTACTED BATON ROUGE AREA MAY ONE, SIXTYEIGHT, AND GRAY UNKNOWN TO SOURCE.

FILES OF NEW ORLEANS OFFICE CONTAIN NEWSPAPER CLIPPING OF BATON ROUGE MORNING ADVOCATE NEWSPAPER DATED JANUARY TWENTYNINE SIXTYTWO WHICH REVEALS THAT NOEL G. GRAY DESCRIBED AS A MEMBER OF FACULTY AT SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY IN BATON ROUGE WAS ONE OF ONE HUNDRED AND TWO FACULTY MEMBERS WHO HAD SIGNED A STATEMENT RECRETING ACTION TAKEN AGAINST SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS IN REGARDS TO THE RACIAL QUESTION. NEW ORLEANS FILES CONTAIN NO OTHER INFO IDENTIFIABLE WITH GRAY. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE GRAY IS NOT BEING CONTACTED FOR INTERVIEW.

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RE: TELEPHONE CALLS ORIGINATING FROM  
PROVINCIAL MOTEL, NEW ORLEANS.  
DEC. SEVENTEEN THRU NINETEEN,  
NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN.

RALPH BENNETT, DISTRICT PLANT MANAGER, SOUTHERN  
BELL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY ADVISES THAT SOUTHERN BELL,  
NEW ORLEANS, HAS NO TAPE OR IBM TYPE OF SYSTEM THAT WOULD ENABLE  
THE TELEPHONE COMPANY TO KEEP ANY RECORD OF OUTGOING LOCAL CALLS  
MADE FROM THE PROVINCIAL MOTEL.

RE: COOLEY (PH) OR COOLEY'S ORGANIZATION

NEW ORLEANS INDICIES CONTAIN NO INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE  
WITH THIS INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANIZATION.

RE: JOHNNY VALENTI (PH)

KANSAS CITY OFFICE ADVISED MAY TWO INSTANT THAT  
JOHNNY VELANTIE WAS PAROLED ON MARCH TWENTY EIGHT, SIXTY  
SEVEN AND WAS ORIGINALLY FROM ATLANTA, GA. IN VIEW  
OF THIS NEW ORLEANS HOLDING LEAD AT BATON ROUGE IN ABEYANCE  
IN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY AND LOCATE VALENTI UNTIL INFO RECEIVED  
FROM PRISON RECORDS. NEW ORLEANS INDICIES CONTAIN NO INFO IDENTIFIABLE  
WITH VALENTI OR VELANTIE.

RE: CONTACTS WITH MOTELS AND HOTELS

LOCATED IN FRENCH QUARTER, NEW ORLEANS.

INASMUCH AS IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT JAMES EARL RAY  
STAYED AT A FRENCH QUARTER MOTEL IN DEC. NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN AND THEN  
WAS IN NEW ORLEANS AGAIN ON PROBABLY MARCH TWENTY ONE SIXTYEIGHT,  
THE RECORDS OF MOTELS AND HOTELS IN FRENCH QUARTER HAVE BEEN

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CHECKED FOR REGISTRATION OF RAY UNDER HIS TRUE NAME AND KNOWN ALIASES. PERIOD CHECKED WAS FROM MARCH SEVENTEEN THRU TWENTY FOUR SIXTYEIGHT. RECORDS OF MOTELS AND HOTELS CONTAINED NO INFO IDENTIFIABLE WITH RAY.

HOUSTON OFFICE AT HOUSTON TEXAS. WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW RE MURKINER THROUGH WILL AND KILL COMPANY AND DETERMINE IF HE PLACED CALL ON DECEMBER SIXTEEN LAST FROM ALPINE, TEXAS TO T. L. HAMMIE AT GREENWOOD, LA. AND EXHIBIT PHOTO OF RAY.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING AT NEW ORLEANS. AM COPIES TO MEMPHIS, KANSAS CITY, ATLANTA, DALLAS BIRMINGHAM, AND LOS ANGELES. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TELETYPE (TELEPHONIC) URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)  
SAC ALBUQUERQUE AND  
SAC EL PASO (157-186)

FROM: SAC DALLAS (44-2649) (4 P)

MURKIN.

RE TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUBJECT RAY EN ROUTE FROM LOS ANGELES  
TO NEW ORLEANS.

RE DALLAS TELS APRIL THIRTY AND MAY ONE LAST.

THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL TELEPHONE CALLS HAVE BEEN DETERMINED  
AND SHOULD BE HANDLED AS PREVIOUSLY INSTRUCTED:

ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION.

FOLLOWING CALLS MADE FROM COIN TELEPHONES LOCATED AT ALPINE,  
TEXAS:

DECEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST, SEVEN TWENTYEIGHT PM, SEVEN FOUR FIVE -  
THREE THREE EIGHT SIX, LOVINGTON, NEW MEXICO;

DECEMBER FIFTEEN LAST, SEVEN THIRTYSEVEN AM, FIVE TWO SIX -  
TWO TWO FIVE EIGHT, LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO.

EL PASO DIVISION.

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FOLLOWING CALLS MADE FROM COIN TELEPHONES LOCATED AT ALPINE,  
TEXAS:

DECEMBER FIFTEEN LAST, ELEVEN THIRTYSEVEN PM, FIVE SIX THREE -  
TWO ONE ZERO ZERO, TERMINAL, TEXAS;

DECEMBER FIFTEEN LAST, ELEVEN FIFTY PM, FIVE FOUR FOUR -  
ONE ONE EIGHT ONE, EL PASO, TEXAS;

DECEMBER SIXTEEN LAST, TWELVE TWELVE AM, FIVE FOUR TWO -  
ONE THREE EIGHT FIVE, EL PASO, TEXAS;

DECEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST, TWELVE FORTY PM, SEVEN SEVEN TWO -  
TWO EIGHT NINE ONE, EL PASO, TEXAS;

DECEMBER FIFTEEN LAST, EIGHT FORTYTHREE PM, THREE THREE SIX -  
FIVE THREE ONE THREE, FORT STOCKTON, TEXAS;

DECEMBER FIFTEEN LAST, TWELVE TWENTYTHREE PM, THREE THREE  
TWO - FIVE TWO ONE THREE, ODESSA, TEXAS;

DECEMBER FIFTEEN LAST, THREE THIRTYSIX PM, THREE SIX FOUR -  
FIVE TWO FOUR ZERO, CALAMITY CREEK, TEXAS;

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DECEMBER SIXTEEN LAST, NINE ZERO TWO AM, FIVE THREE TWO -  
THREE FIVE TWO EIGHT, EL PASO, TEXAS;

DECEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST, ELEVEN FORTYFOUR AM, FIVE THREE  
THREE - ZERO FIVE ZERO TWO, EL PASO, TEXAS;

DECEMBER FIFTEEN LAST, NINE THIRTYTHREE PM, THREE SIX SIX -  
ZERO SEVEN THREE THREE, ODESSA, TEXAS;

DECEMBER SIXTEEN LAST, FOUR ZERO THREE PM, SEVEN TWO NINE -  
FOUR ZERO FOUR ONE, MARFA, TEXAS;

DECEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST, ELEVEN ZERO EIGHT PM, FIVE EIGHT  
SIX - FIVE THREE NINE THREE, KERMIT, TEXAS;

DECEMBER FIFTEEN LAST, EIGHT FORTYONE PM, NINE FOUR THREE -  
FOUR ONE ONE SIX, MONAHANS, TEXAS;

DECEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST, SEVEN FIFTYFOUR PM, FIVE EIGHT  
SIX - SIX SEVEN FIVE EIGHT, KERMIT, TEXAS;

DECEMBER FIFTEEN LAST, SEVEN TWELVE PM, FIVE SIX THREE -  
TWO ONE ZERO ZERO, TERMINAL, TEXAS;

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DECEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST, ONE FIFTYTWO PM, TELEPHONE NO.  
TWO ZERO, OJINAGA, MEXICO, STATE OF CHIHUAHUA.

MEMPHIS ADVISED AM.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P

Above info telephonically furnished to \_\_\_\_\_,  
El Paso, on 5/3/68, at \_\_\_\_\_ m, by \_\_\_\_\_,  
Dallas.

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TELETYPE (TELEPHONIC) URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)  
SAC HOUSTON AND  
SAC SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)

FROM: SAC DALLAS (44-2649) (3 P)

MURKIN.

RE TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUBJECT RAY EN ROUTE FROM LOS ANGELES  
TO NEW ORLEANS.

RE DALLAS TELS APRIL THIRTY AND MAY ONE LAST.

THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL TELEPHONE CALLS HAVE BEEN DETERMINED  
AND SHOULD BE HANDLED AS PREVIOUSLY INSTRUCTED:

HOUSTON DIVISION.

FOLLOWING CALLS MADE FROM COIN TELEPHONES LOCATED AT ALPINE,  
TEXAS: ✓

DECEMBER SIXTEEN LAST, EIGHT EIGHTEEN AM, FIVE TWO FOUR -  
FOUR THREE FIVE NINE, PORT LAVACA, TEXAS;

DECEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST, ELEVEN FIFTYTWO AM, SIX SIX EIGHT -  
EIGHT SEVEN SIX SEVEN, HOUSTON, TEXAS;

DECEMBER FIFTEEN LAST, NINE FORTYEIGHT PM, SIX SIX SEVEN -  
ONE TWO NINE SEVEN, HOUSTON, TEXAS.

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FOLLOWING CALL MADE FROM A COIN TELEPHONE LOCATED AT  
SANDERSON, TEXAS:

DECEMBER SIXTEEN LAST, TWELVE FORTYFOUR PM, NINE FOUR FIVE -  
FOUR ONE TWO FOUR, CALLEN, TEXAS.

SAN ANTONIO DIVISION.

FOLLOWING CALLS MADE FROM COIN TELEPHONES LOCATED AT ALPINE,  
TEXAS:

DECEMBER FIFTEEN LAST, TWELVE SEVENTEEN AM, TWO TWO FIVE -  
THREE THREE SIX ONE, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS;

DECEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST, NINE ELEVEN PM, THREE FOUR FOUR -  
SEVEN ZERO FIVE TWO, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS;

DECEMBER FIFTEEN LAST, SIX FORTYSIX PM, FOUR FIVE THREE -  
SEVEN THREE FOUR ONE, AUSTIN, TEXAS;

DECEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST, TWELVE FIFTYFOUR AM, FOUR SEVEN  
SIX - SIX FOUR SIX ONE, AUSTIN, TEXAS;

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DECEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST, NINE FIFTYTHREE PM, NINE TWO THREE -  
ZERO EIGHT ZERO FOUR, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS;

DECEMBER SIXTEEN LAST, TWELVE THIRTYTHREE AM, SIX NINE SIX -  
TWO NINE TWO FOUR, BABCOCK, TEXAS;

DECEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST, TWELVE THIRTYTWO AM, SIX NINE SIX -  
TWO NINE TWO FOUR, BABCOCK, TEXAS;

DECEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST, TWO FORTYSEVEN PM, CALLED FOLLOWING  
NOS.: SEVEN FOUR FOUR - ONE ZERO ZERO TWO AND SIX NINE ONE -  
PIEDRAS NEGRAS, MEXICO, AND ACTUALLY TALKED TO NO. SIX NINE ONE.

MEMPHIS ADVISED AM.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P

Above info telephonically furnished to \_\_\_\_\_,  
San Antonio, on 5/3/68, at \_\_\_\_\_ M, by \_\_\_\_\_,  
Dallas.

*sent by teletype*

5/4/68

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509) (P)  
MURKIN

ReNotel 5/2/68.

Re: Call made from coin telephone,  
Alpine, Texas, on December 16, 1967,  
to 938-5638, Greenwood, Louisiana.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SAs DAVID W. HEDGECOCK and THOMAS A. STEPHEN-HASSARD on  
5/3/68, at Baytown, Texas:

EDWARD L. HUNSUCKER, 1901 Florida Street, advised  
that he may have made a long distance telephone call from  
a telephone booth on Interstate Highway 10 in East Texas  
on 12/16/68. He explained that during mid-December, 1967,  
his nephew, A.L. HAMMETT, Greenwood, Louisiana, was seriously  
ill, and therefore, he, HUNSUCKER, made several long  
distance calls to the HAMMETT residence.

HUNSUCKER advised that he is a truck driver and  
travels throughout the country, often making telephone

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- ① - Memphis
- 1 - New Orleans (157-10673)
- 1 - Houston

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calls from roadside telephone booths. He advised that JAMES EARL RAY was unknown to him by name, alias, and photograph.



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**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38866)**  
**FROM: SAC, BOSTON (157-644)**  
**SUBJECT: MURKIN**

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*Ernest*

On 4/30/68, Rochester, New Hampshire Police Department advised person resembling **JAMES EARL RAY** registered hotel in Rochester using name **ERNEST A. HEATH.**

**HEATH** interviewed and advised he departed Memphis 4/30/68 to buy antiques in New Hampshire. He furnished identification indicating his date of birth as [redacted] home address 56 Bellhaven Street, Memphis, Tennessee. **HEATH's** fingerprints compared with **RAY's** and determined not to be identical.

Above furnished for the information of the Bureau and Memphis.

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Dear Sirs;

I would appreciate if you would send me copies of files number 442 and 442-A. I know nothing of the case. I would like to have them for personal reasons.

Thank you,  
James J. Spitzberg  
P.O. Box 623  
Newport News, Va 23608

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