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LAST, IT IS NOT DEEMED ADVISABLE TO INTERVIEW BRADLEY AT
THIS TIME.

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5/29/68

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To: SAC, Los Angeles (44-1574)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

ReLAtel 5/27/68.

Los Angeles should not interview Edgar Eugene Bradley at this time; however, his whereabouts on 5/17/68 and 5/23/68, should be fully accounted for. You should bear in mind that although Rex Basinger is described as a mental case by his relatives, it is entirely possible that subject Ray could have been with Bradley on the above dates.

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The following investigation was conducted regarding
EDGAR EUGENE BRADLEY by SA DELMER R. EXON, on May 24, 1968.

At Tulsa, Oklahoma

ROEHM WEST, Attorney, Enterprise Building, advised that several months ago he received a long distance telephone call from EDGAR EUGENE BRADLEY, North Hollywood, California, which concerned an affidavit BRADLEY had been trying to obtain from a client of his whose identity he desired be concealed.

BRADLEY had, according to WEST, previously written several letters to WEST concerning this matter, the latest correspondence being received several weeks ago. WEST said he had not heard from BRADLEY during May, 1968, and had no information that BRADLEY was in Tulsa during the recent past. He said he was quite certain BRADLEY would have called him if he had been in the Tulsa area.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

The following investigation was conducted by SA
DELMER R. EXON, on May 24, 1968.

At Tulsa, Oklahoma

ROEHM WEST, Attorney, Enterprise Building, identified his client, who has been in contact with EDGAR EUGENE BRADLEY, North Hollywood, California, as being BETTY HELM, 3 Woodward Boulevard, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

BETTY HELM, 3 Woodward Boulevard, who requested her identity be concealed, advised that she has been acquainted with EDGAR EUGENE BRADLEY since 1937. In November, 1962, BRADLEY visited her in Tulsa and left, presumably to go to his residence in California. BRADLEY was with HELM on November 19, and 20, 1962. He left her residence in the early morning hours of the 20th. Since BRADLEY became involved in the GARRISON investigation at New Orleans, he has been trying to get HELM to furnish him with an affidavit concerning his whereabouts during November, 1962. HELM has declined to furnish such an affidavit.

She said she received telephone calls from BRADLEY on May 2, and May 19, 1968. She presumed these telephone calls were long distance from his residence at North Hollywood, California. In one of the calls he mentioned that his telephone bill was high and he would rather not make so many telephone calls pertaining to the affidavit he has been trying to obtain. HELM stated she has simply referred BRADLEY to her attorney. She said she had no information that BRADLEY has been in the Tulsa area during the recent past and she felt that if he had been in the Tulsa area he undoubtedly would have called her.

HELM further stated that she has never had any reason to think that BRADLEY would physically harm anyone. She had never known him to be engaged in any plot of any kind. Although BRADLEY is a radical anti-Communist, she has no information concerning his views on racial matters. HELM stated that when in Tulsa, BRADLEY normally stayed at the Adams Hotel.

WANDA BALLARD, Clerk, Adams Hotel, advised that a search of her records failed to reflect that BRADLEY was a guest at any time during May, 1968.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686) (P)

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Re Denver teletypes (2), 5/23/68; and Oklahoma City
tel to Director 5/24/68.

Re: EDGAR EUGENE BRADLEY ✓ Sub E-1017

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 2 copies,
for Denver are 2 copies, and for Memphis are 15 copies each
of both an investigative insert and an administrative
insert reflecting investigation at Tulsa, Oklahoma, conducted
by SA DELMER R. EXON on 5/24/68.

Oklahoma City contemplates no further investigation
re EDGAR EUGENE BRADLEY unless advised to the contrary
by the Bureau, Memphis, or Denver.

JAMES EARL RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)(P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReBuairtel to Los Angeles 5/29/68.

On 5/31/68 EDGAR EUGENE BRADLEY, 12208 Eselita Street, North Hollywood, California, telephonically advised SA JAMES MC CAULEY as follows:

BRADLEY said he had heard from friends in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and from relatives at Rudy, Arkansas, that FBI Agents had been making inquiries as to his whereabouts on 5/17/68. Mr. BRADLEY said that, as he understood the situation, one REX BASINGER had alleged that BRADLEY had told BASINGER that BRADLEY was with ERIC GALT in Oklahoma on that date.

BRADLEY advised that he wished to volunteer that he had been a close childhood friend of REX BASINGER in Arkansas. However, he has not seen BASINGER since he was 15 or 16 years old and has lost track of him. He had heard that after World War II BASINGER had become a preacher. He said he had now heard that BASINGER had apparently had some mental problems, and the accusations against BRADLEY by GARRISON must have triggered a mental reaction.

BRADLEY said that, in fact, on 5/17/68 he was in North Hollywood, California, working on some accounts and making a bank deposit. He said he had talked with a number of people on that day, and his whereabouts can definitely be proved should it

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be necessary to do so.

BRADLEY mentioned that his extradition hearing scheduled for 6/5/68 at Sacramento, California, has been postponed until 6/26/68 because of an injunction against GARRISON by a Federal Judge in New Orleans in a related case. BRADLEY said that he is anxious to get the matter settled and over with.

BRADLEY was informed that the above information would be made a matter of record.

Information as to BRADLEY's whereabouts will be verified.

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Date: 6/7/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL (REGISTERED)
(Priority)

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

Re Bureau airtel to Los Angeles 5/29/68 and Los Angeles airtel to Director 6/3/68, relative to EDGAR EUGENE BRADLEY.

Bureau authorization requested to interview BRADLEY only for specific purpose of ascertaining his whereabouts on dates in question. Reasons for request as follows:

In past contacts, including contact on 5/31/68, BRADLEY always expressed highest admiration for Director and FBI. He has invariably offered full assistance and on 5/31/68 specifically stated would be glad to furnish all information to establish whereabouts on dates in question or any other dates should it become necessary.

Extensive investigation would be required to verify his whereabouts if do not use his assistance. Note that BRADLEY promptly learned of recent investigation, as mentioned referenced Los Angeles airtel. Since he has offered full assistance, then should investigation proceed without prior contact with him, he would undoubtedly feel his offer was ignored. Since allegations of New Orleans District Attorney GARRISON are uppermost in BRADLEY's mind, embarrassment to Bureau could follow if he took his own inference that such investigation pertains to GARRISON's allegations.

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Embarrassment might also arise should GARRISON learn of current investigation about BRADLEY, since GARRISON might infer this supports his position in some way.

It is felt that most discreet verification of alibi could be undertaken on basis of information received directly from BRADLEY, since it would allow fewest possible contacts and minimize possible embarrassment. Los Angeles holding investigation in abeyance.

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