

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC(44-1987)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SA MAHLON J. PRICE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ASAC Sullivan, Springfield phoned at 11:30 PM and furnished the following which will also be included in a following teletype;

WALTER TERRY RIFE has been located and his whereabouts on 3/29, 30/68 and 4/4/68 has been accounted for. RIFE has no idea as to the whereabouts of JAMES EARL RAY, and has not seen RAY since he, RIFE was discharged from Leavenworth.

Springfield has verified RAY'S birthplace as Alton, Illinois.

Springfield has been unable to date to interview RAY's sister, MELBA MARIE RYAN. She is mentally retarded and also an alcoholic. She has been drunk and her emotional state has been such that an interview is deemed worthless. They are waiting until she gets over her "binge" to see if they can get any sense out of her.

For information.

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433PM URGENT 4-19-68 DMG  
TO BUREAU 44-38861 AND MEMPHIS 44-1987  
FROM BOSTON 157-644

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE SACRAMENTO TO TO BUREAU ET AL INSTANT DATE.

CONCERNING TELEPHONE CALL FROM RESIDENCE OF ERIC GALT, LOS  
ANGELES, DECEMBER TEN, SIXTYSEVEN, TO TED GREEN, BEAR VALLEY  
LODGE, CALIFORNIA:

MR. AND MRS. TED GREEN, ONE RAINTREE ROAD, DENNISPORT, MASS.,  
EMPLOYED AT BEAR VALLEY SKI LODGE DECEMBER ONE, SIXTYSEVEN--FEBRUARY  
TEN, SIXTYEIGHT. MR. GREEN MANAGED DINING ROOM AND BAR. MRS. GREEN  
ASSOCIATED WITH RESERVATIONS DESK AND OFFICE. BOTH ADVISED NAME  
ERIC GALT UNFAMILIR TO THEM. BOTH UNABLE TO IDENTIFY PHOTO OF GALT  
EKHIBITED. MR. GREEN STATES THAT IN SETTING UP SKI LODGE FOR WINTER  
SEASON ADVERTISED IN LOS ANGELES AND SAN FRANCISCO DAILY NEWSPAPERS  
FOR WAITERS AND KITCHEN HELP. ADVISED POSSIBILITY EXISTED THAT  
REPORTED CONTACT BY GALT WAS IN REFERENCE TO EMPLOYMENT ADS.

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BOTH POSITIVE THAT GALT NOT EMPLOYED AT SKI LODGE DURING  
PAST SEASON IN ANY CAPACITY IN DINING ROOM OR BAR

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624PM URGENT 4-19-68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO, MEMPHIS

FRM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN CR 00:ME

CONFIRMING INFO FURNISHED BY SL TELEPHONICALLY TO ASAC CLARK,  
CHICAGO, APRIL NINETEEN INSTANT FOR POSSIBLE USE BY CG IN INTERVIEWING  
JERRY RAY.

REGISTRATION RECORDS MACARTHUR HOTEL, SL, REFLECT FOLLOWING.

JERRY W. RAY, THREE FIVE THREE FIVE DUNDEE RD., NORTHBROOK, ILL.  
REGISTERED THERE TEN P.M. FEB. TWO SIXTYEIGHT  
FOR ONE NIGHT.

JOHN RAY, ONE NINE ONE TWO HICKORY, ST. LOUIS REGISTERED THERE  
FEB. SIX SIXTYEIGHT, TWO A.M. ONE NIGHT ONLY.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN RAY, ONE EIGHT EIGHT SIX WYOMING, ST. LOUIS,  
REGISTERED THERE FEBRUARY SEVENTEEN SIXTYEIGHT, TWO TEN A.M., ONE NIGHT  
ONLY.

ST. LOUIS CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION AT ABOVE ST. LOUIS ADDRESSES.

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319PM URGENT 4/19/68 GGE/RFJ/RMF

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) , MEMPHIS (44-1987), ATLANTA (44-2386),  
LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 5P

MURKIN.

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR APRIL EIGHTEEN  
SIXTY EIGHT.

RE SUSAN HARRIS FLIKEID.

SUSAN FLIKEID INTERVIEWED AT SOUTHWEST INN, CHICAGO,  
ILLINOIS, THIS DATE. SHOWN GROUP OF PHOTOGRAPHS AND UNABLE  
TO IDENTIFY PHOTOGRAPH OF GALT. ADVISED NEVER ENGAGED IN  
MAKING OF ANY KIND OF MOVIES WITH LOU TOMENY, HOWEVER,  
DID MAKE SOME STILL PICTURES WITH LOU TOMENY WHICH WERE FOR  
MAGAZINES IN JANUARY, SIXTY SEVEN. THESE PHOTOS NOT  
OBSCENE AND WERE FULLY CLOTHED. STATED NEVER MADE OR SOLD  
ANY TYPE OF MOVIES TO ANYONE. ADVISED LOU TOMENY'S FRIEND  
IS JOHNNY BONNELI AND SHE HAS NOT BEEN CLOSE TO LOU TOMENY  
SINCE SUE'S ARREST ON APRIL TWENTY SEVEN, SIXTY SEVEN.

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THOMAS FLIKEID WAS SHOWN GROUP OF PHOTOGRAPHS AND UNABLE TO IDENTIFY PHOTOGRAPH OF GALT. ADVISED IN AREA OF VEGAS CLUB THERE IS A NEWS STAND LOCATED IN A STORE ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE VEGAS CLUB THAT SELLS MOVIES OF A RISQUE TYPE.

SUE HARRIS FLIKEID ADVISED ONLY PERSON RESEMBLING PHOTO OF GALT IN ANY WAY IS BILL (LNU) HUSBAND OF JUANITA (LNU). JUANITA IS WAITRESS AT RABBIT'S FOOT BAR, HOLLYWOOD AND GRAMERCY. BILL DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, THIRTY EIGHT-FORTY FIVE, FIVE FEET EIGHT, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE TO TWO HUNDRED POUNDS, WELL BUILT, HAIR BROWN, WORKS AS TROUBLE SHOOTER FOR BIG OIL COMPANY.

RE GINGER NANCE

GINGER NANCE INTERVIEWED THIS DATE SHOWN GROUP OF PHOTOGRAPHS, UNABLE TO IDENTIFY PHOTOGRAPH OF GALT BUT STATED RECOGNIZED THIS PHOTOGRAPH AS PHOTOGRAPH SHE SAW IN CHICAGO NEWSPAPER RECENTLY. NANCE SHOWN PHOTOGRAPH OF WRITING ON KLEENEX BOX STATED LOOKS LIKE MINE, BUT, COULD NOT

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RECALL CIRCUMSTANCES RE WRITING SAME. SAID IF ON KLEENEX BOX, PROBABLY COULD NOT LOCATE PAPER AT TIME IT WAS WRITTEN.

GINGER NANCE COULD NOT RECALL USING THE NAME DAY WHILE IN CALIFORNIA.

WHEN LOOKING AT WORD OLKAHOMBE, STATED THIS MEANT NOTHING TO HER AND WAS NOT SURE IF SHE WROTE THAT WORD.

NANCE STATED SHE DRINKS BEER, PREFERS SCHLITZ AND FALSTAFF. ALSO WHILE IN LOS ANGELES, RECALLS DRINKING VODKA AND SQUIRT. NANCE ADVISED BOYFRIEND IN LOS ANGELES NAMED VINCE DID NOT DRINK AND DEFINITELY NOT GALT.

BOYFRIEND NAMED RED LIKED TO PLAY POOL, LISTEN TO COUNTRY AND WESTERN RECORDS AND DRINK BEER, HOWEVER, DEFINITELY NOT GALT. RED DESCRIBED AS WHITE, MALE, LATE TWENTIES, TALL, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY POUNDS, SHORT RED HAIR, COMBED BACK, BLUE EYES.

NANCE ADVISED WHEN SHE LEFT CALIFORNIA, SHE LEFT NUMEROUS PERSONAL BELONGINGS BEHIND BUT COULD NOT RECALL

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IF SHE LEFT KLEENEX BOX BEHIND.

NANCE ADVISED SHE NEVER HEARD OF SUE HARRIS FLIKEID MAKING OBSCENE MOVIES.

CHARACTERISTICS OF GALT DESCRIBED IN DETAIL WITH NANCE, HOWEVER, NANCE STILL UNABLE TO RECALL ANYONE WHO MIGHT BE GALT.

THE NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF JAMES EARL RAY MEANT NOTHING TO NANCE, NOR SUE OR TOM FLIKEID.

SUE HARRIS FLIKEID WAS PREVIOUSLY ADVISED SHE KNOWS LOU TOMENY, PROSTITUTE, WHO FURNISHED FLIKEID WITH NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF CUSTOMERS. TOMENY, FLIKEID, AND OTHERS ARRESTED BY OFFICERS LARRY CORBETT AND TERRY PIERCE, VICE SQUAD, HOLLYWOOD DIVISION, LOS ANGELES PD. ALSO ARRESTED WAS ONE JOHNNY BONNELI. TOMENY'S PRESENT WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN TO FLIKEID, LAST KNOWN ADDRESS ONLY, BEACHWOOD DRIVE, HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA. LOS ANGELES VICE SQUAD OFFICERS POSSIBLY KNOW WHEREABOUTS TOMENY. TOMENY REPORTEDLY CAME FROM NEW ORLEANS.

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IN PREVIOUS INTERVIEW, FLIKEID ADVISED MAINTAINED ADDRESS BOOKS OF CUSTOMERS WHICH WERE IN STORAGE, HOWEVER, THESE CUSTOMERS WERE PRIOR TO JANUARY, SIXTY SEVEN, CURRENT CUSTOMERS LISTED IN BOOK PRESENTLY IN HER POSSESSION. AS SET FORTH PREVIOUSLY INSTANT BOOK REVIEWED WITH FLIKEID AND NO INDICATION ANY CUSTOMER IDENTICAL WITH GALT. SOME OF THESE CUSTOMERS WERE NEVER SEEN BY FLIKEID AND WERE FURNISHED BY TOMENY TO FLIKEID. SUE FLIKEID LATER VOLUNTARILY APPEARED AT CHICAGO OFFICE THIS DATE AT WHICH TIME EVERY ENTRY IN THE CURRENT DATE BOOK WAS THOROUGHLY AND EXHAUSTIVELY GONE OVER WITH HER. FROM HER DISCRPTIONS OF CUSTOMERS AND FACTS SHE KNEW ABOUT THESE INDIVIDUALS, THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY THAT ANYONE COULD BE IDENTICAL WITH GALT AND/OR JAMES EARL RAY. BOTH SUE AND TOM FLIKEID EXPRESSED DESIRE TO BE OF ASSISTANCE TO FBI IN INSTANT MATTER BUT DID NOT HAVE ANY PERTINENT INFO IN THEIR POSSESSION. AIRTEL WITH COPY OF ADDRESS BOOK BEING SENT TO LOS ANGELES AND INTERESTED OFFICES.

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FBI MEMPHIS

FBI MIAMI

626PM EST URGENT 4/19/68 LAS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA (44-2386), BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)  
MEMPHIS (44-1937), NEWARK, NEW YORK  
FROM MIAMI (44-1354)

MURKIN

RE ERIC STARVO GALT. FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS OF EASTERN AIRLINES  
(EAL) FOREIGN BOUND FLIGHTS OUT OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, APRIL FIVE  
DASH SIX, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT.

RE ATLANTA TEL TO BUREAU, APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST.

FOLLOWING INFORMATION DEVELOPED EAL, MIAMI, APRIL NINETEEN LAST  
RE FOREIGN BOUND EAL FLIGHTS IN RETEL.

FLIGHTS ON APRIL FIVE, SIXTY EIGHT. - FLIGHT ONE NAUGHT SIX  
ORIGINATED HOUSTON TO ATLANTA TO JFK TO MONTREAL; FLIGHT THREE  
TWENTY ORIGINATED ATLANTA TO PITTSBURGH TO BUFFALO TO TORONTO;  
FLIGHT THREE TWO EIGHT ORIGINATED MIAMI TO ATLANTA TO PITTSBURGH TO  
BUFFALO TO TORONTO; FLIGHT NINE FIVE FIVE ORIGINATED ST. LOUIS  
TO ATLANTA TO MIAMI TO SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO. ON APRIL SIX, SIXTY  
EIGHT, FLIGHT NINE ONE FIVE ORIGINATED NEW YORK TO ATLANTA TO  
NEW ORLEANS TO MEXICO CITY.

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INFORMATION DEVELOPED THAT FOLLOWING FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS ARE ASSIGNED TO FOLLOWING EAL BASES, AND LEADS ARE SET FORTH BY CREW MEMBER'S TITLE, ADDRESS AND FLIGHT FLOWN ON APRIL FIVE OR SIX, SIXTYEIGHT.

ATLANTA, NEWARK AND NEW YORK ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT LOCAL EAL OFFICE TO DETERMINE PLACE WHERE LISTED PERSONNEL CAN BE CONTACTED AND SET FORTH LEAD IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS IN RETEL TO EXHIBIT PHOTO OF SUBJECT TO THESE PERSONNEL. MIAMI CONTACTING EAL PERSONNEL ASSIGNED MIAMI AREA.

ATLANTA

CAPTAINS AND PILOTS

W. H. PATE, THREE FIVE FOUR FIVE SPRINGSIDE DRIVE, DECATUR, GEORGIA, FLIGHT THREE TWENTY; T. H. WALTERS, TWO SIX THREE SEVEN HEDLAND DRIVE, EAST POINT, GEORGIA, FLIGHT THREE TWO EIGHT; F. H. ALLEY, FOUR ONE THREE FIVE WELCOME ALL TERRACE, COLLEGE PARK, GEORGIA, FLIGHT THREE TWO EIGHT; R. G. DISTEL, ONE EIGHT FOUR ZERO SULLIVAN ROAD, APT. J TWO, COLLEGE PARK, GEORGIA, FLIGHT THREE TWENTY;

FLIGHT ATTENDANTS

JOCELYN LOUISE BREAKWELL, ONE EIGHT FOUR ZERO SULLIVAN

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ROAD, APT. N - NINE, COLLEGE PARK, GEORGIA, FLIGHT THREE TWO EIGHT;  
MARY BONITA COULTER, THREE TWO FOUR FOUR N. FULTON AVENUE, APT.  
D-THREE, MAPEVILLE, GEORGIA, FLIGHT THREE TWENTY; RENDY EUTIS  
HARRIS, ONE TWO THREE NINE HERNDON STREET, GRIFFIN, GEORGIA,  
FLIGHT THREE TWO EIGHT; JILL HENGLER, ONE ONE NINE FIVE WOODLAND AVE.,  
APT. C-THREE, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, FLIGHT THREE TWENTY; CORINTHIA  
LEONORA HICKS, SIX THREE FIVE FAIR ST., UNIVERSITY PLAZA, APT.  
THREE TEN, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, FLIGHT THREE TWO EIGHT; DIANNE  
ELIZABETH ROSSITER, TWO SEVEN EIGHT EIGHT DE FOOTE FERRY ROAD,  
APT. TWENTY ONE - FOUR, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, FLIGHT THREE TWENTY  
NEWARK

CAPTAINS AND PILOTS

T. R. CRANE, FOURTEEN AVALON LANE, MATOWAN, NEW JERSEY, FLIGHT  
ONE ZERO SIX; R. A. HOVCHIN, FORTY ONE WOODLAWN ROAD, SPARTA,  
NEW JERSEY, FLIGHT NINE ONE FIVE; C. E. STOW, THREE NINE NINE  
MILLSIDE MANOR, DELRAN, NEW JERSEY, FLIGHT NINE ONE FIVE

FLIGHT ATTENDANTS

RUTH LEHR CHASE, SEVENTEEN MAPLE LANE, RAINBOW LAKE, DANNVILLE  
N. J., FLIGHT NINE ONE FIVE; C. ZABORONEK, FORTY FOUR WOODBRIDGE  
AVENUE, HIGHLAND PARK, NEW JERSEY, FLIGHT NINE ONE FIVE; CYNTHIA LOUISE

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BRONSON, EIGHTY THREE - NINETY SIX ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH STREET,  
APT. TWO D, KEW GARDEN, NEW YORK, FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX; CORRINE  
CONNOR, THREE ZERO FIVE EAST FORTIETH STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK,  
FLIGHT NINE ONE FIVE; JOAN EVELYN HUEZDA, FIVE HUNDRED EAST SEVENTY  
SEVENTH STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, FLIGHT NINE ONE FIVE; LUELLEN  
LOREHN, FOUR THREE FIVE EAST SEVENTY NINTH STREET, APT. TWELVE C,  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK, FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX; CAROL ANN SCOTT, TWO SIX  
TWO SIX HOMECREST AVENUE, BROOKLYN NEW YORK, FLIGHT NINE ONE FIVE; DIANE  
SARAH TREMBLY, TWO TWO ZERO  
EAST FORTY FIFTH STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, FLIGHT ONE ZERO  
SIX

NEW YORK

PILOTS

E. L. FOSS, JR., P. O. BOX ONE ONE EIGHT, BRIDGEWATER,  
CONNECTICUT, FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX; E. D. HARTMAN, ELVEN WOOLEY LANE,  
APT. THREE J, GREAT NECK, NEW YORK, FLIGHT NINE ONE FIVE; D. W. GROSMAN,  
FIFTY THREE SUMMITT ROAD, OAK RIDGE, NEW JERSEY, FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX.

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1004PM URGENT 4-19-68 ENT

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS

FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 2P

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*Referred  
to St. Louis  
by [unclear]*

DAILY TELETYPE SUMMARY.

RE SUMMARY TEL TO BUREAU AND ALL OFFICES TODAY.

EXTENSIVE REINVESTIGATION OF PRIOR LEADS, KANSAS CITY DIVISION,  
REGARDING JAMES EARL RAY AND WALTER TERRY RIFE, NEGATIVE.

EXTENSIVE KANSAS CITY FILE REVIEW COMPLETED, ALONG WITH REVIEW  
OF RECORDS AT MISSOURI STATE PEN, JEFFERSON CITY, USP, LEAVENWORTH,  
KANSAS, U. S. PROBATION OFFICE, AND U. S. POSTAL INSPECTORS, KANSAS  
CITY, MISSOURI, AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, CREDIT BUREAU  
AND OTHER LOGICAL AGENCIES, THIS DIVISION. HANDWRITING SAMPLES OF  
RAY HAVE BEEN OBTAINED FROM MENTAL HOSPITAL, FULTON, MISSOURI, AND  
BEING FORWARDED BUREAU SEPARATELY.

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EXTENSIVE COVERAGE BEING MADE THROUGH NEWS MEDIA, LOGICAL INFORMANTS ALERTED, AND ALL PERTINENT INFO HAVING LEAD VALUE TELEPHONICALLY FURNISHED AUXILIARY OFFICES.

REFERENCED SUMMARY TEL SUBMITTED TO BUREAU AND ALL OFFICES WITH APPROPRIATE BACKGROUND FROM REVIEW OF CASE FILE AND RECORD CHECKS, KANSAS CITY DIVISION.

PHOTOS OF RAY AND RIFE BEING EXPEDITIOUSLY DISPATCHED, ALL DIVISIONS, AND EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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**Airtel**

**To: SAC'S, Chicago (44-1114)**  
**Memphis (44-1987)**

**From: Director, FBI (44-38861)**

**MURKIN**

**Re Chicago airtels 4-13 and 4-15, submitting major case prints of Susan L. Harris Flikeid, Thomas Martin Flikeid, and Ginger Nance.**

**Latent prints previously reported on Mustang recovered in Atlanta are not identical with the submitted major case prints.**

**Submitted major case prints being retained temporarily in Latent Fingerprint Section.**

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226AM URGENT 4-20-68 RJK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM,  
SPRINGFIELD, CHICAGO.

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775) 3P

MURKIN.

RE CHICAGO TEL TO BUREAU FOUR NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT.

JOHN RODGERS, CASHIER, CENTER STATE BANK ADVISED FOUR NINE-  
TEEN LAST THAT JERRY RAYNES, FATHER OF SUBJECT HAS RESIDED SOUTH  
EAST OF CENTER, MISSOURI, ON PROPERTY PURCHASED BY HIM SEPT.  
SIX, SIXTYSEVEN AT SHERIFFS SALE. RODGERS SUGGESTED  
CONTACT WITH RAYNES NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR HAROLD MAIDEN, ROUTE TWO,  
CENTER. MAIDEN ADVISED FOUR NINETEEN LAST RAYNES PURCHASED  
PRESENT PROPERTY IN FALL OF SIXTYSEVEN AND LIVES ALONE.  
RAYNES OPERATES SIXTYSEVEN WASH RAMBLER TAN, AND WHITE OVER RED  
SIXTYONE PLYMOUTH. RAYNES IS RETIRED, HAS EIGHT  
CHILDREN, BEEN MARRIED TWICE. THE MOTHER OF HIS CHILDREN IS  
DECEASED. A YOUNGER WOMAN WITH TWO SMALL CHILDREN VISITES RAYNES  
ON OCCASSIONAL WEEKENDS, BUT NO OTHER PERSONS HAVE VISITED TO  
HIS KNOWLEDGE. OBSERVATION OF RAYNES PROPERTY FOUR NINETEEN LAST  
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REFLECTED NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY. RAYNES SUBSEQUENTLY INTERVIEWED AFTER THOROUGH CHECK OF THE PROPERTY, ADVISED HE IS SIXTYNINE, DOB: [REDACTED] WAS MARRIED TO LUCILLE MAHER NOW DECEASED. SEVEN CHILDREN WERE BORN TO THIS MARRIAGE WHICH RAYNES DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, BUT WAS FUZZY IN HIS ABILITY TO THINK, AND COULD NOT RECALL SPECIFICS. RAYNES DOUBTS ALL THE CHILDREN ARE HIS, KNOWS NOTHING OF JOHN, BUT IS SURE SUBJECT IS HIS OWN CHILD.

FRANKLIN AKA BUZZY DECEASED (KILLED IN BRIDGE ACCIDENT AT QUINCY, ILL., ABOUT NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT.); JAMES EARL, BORN ALTON, ILL., NINETEEN TWENTYEIGHT; CAROL PEPPER, NOW RESIDING ON BELLEVUE AVENUE, ST. LOUIS; MELBA RAY, QUINCY, ILL., A MENTAL CASE AT ILLINOIS STATE HOSPITAL, JACKSONVILLE, ILLINOIS; [REDACTED] AND SUSIE ADDRESS UNKNOWN. LATTER TWO CHILDREN WERE GIVEN AWAY BY MOTHER AFTER THEIR SEPARATION; JERRY, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS; AND JOHN LOCATION UNKNOWN.

RAYNES ADVISED HE HAS HAD LITTLE CONTACT WITH CHILDREN DURING PAST SEVENTEEN YEARS EXCEPT FOR CAROL. LAST SAW SUBJECT SEVENTEEN YEARS AGO AND HAD NO DIRECT CONTACT SINCE. NAME OF RAYNES ALWAYS USED BY HIM, BUT SOME OF CHILDREN USED NAME OF RAY INCLUDING

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SUBJECT. RAYNE STATED HE KNEW NOTHING OF HIS SONS INVOLVEMENT THIS MATTER UNTIL PHONE CALLS RECEIVED FROM CAROL PEPPER STATING FBI HAD CONTACTED HER CONCERNING SUBJECT. RAYNE RECEIVED TWO CALLS NIGHT OF FOUR NINETEEN LAST, ONE FROM CAROL, SECOND FROM MELBA EACH INDICATING THAT NEWS ITEMS HAD INDICATED JAMES INVOLVEMENT. RAYNES UNAWARE OF HOW MELBA LEARNED OF WHEREABOUTS AS HAS NOT SEEN OR HEARD FROM HER IN SEVEN OR EIGHT YEARS. RAYNES EXPRESSED FEAR OF HIS SON, IS BARRING HIS HOUSE, AND WANTS NOTHING TO DO WITH SUBJECT. HE PROMISED COOPERATION SHOULD HE RECEIVE INFORMATION CONCERNING SUBJECTS WHEREABOUTS.

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212PM 4-20-68 DEC

TO SAC MEMPHIS

FROM SAC HOUSTON (44-1509)

MURKIN.CR.

REURTEL, APRIL SEVENTEEN, LAST.

HUGHES TOOL CO. RECORDS HOUSTON REFLECT INEZ COWART GALT EMPLOYED THAT COMPANY AND RESIDING TWO FIVE ZERO ONE GALVESTON ROAD, IN ONE NINE FOUR FIVE. MARY RICE, MANAGER OAK COURT APTS., TWO FIVE ZERO ONE GALVESTON ROAD, MANAGER SINCE NINETEEN SIXTY ONE BUT NO RECORDS PRIOR THAT TIME. INEZ COWART GALT UNKNOWN TO HER. HASTING MEADOWS, SIX ZERO SIX DELL COURT, HOUSTON, OWNER OF OAK COURTS APTS. SINCE NINETEEN SIXTY BUT INEZ COWART GALT UNKNOWN AND NO RECORDS PRIOR NINETEEN SIXTY. MEADOWS ADVISED OAK COURT APTS. PRIOR TO HIS PURCHASE HAD SEVERAL OWNERS, IDENTITIES UNKNOWN TO HIM. HE DOUBTS IF RECORDS ONE NINE FOUR FIVE STILL IN EXISTENCE.

HOUSTON STREET, CITY DIRECTORIES, CRIMINAL CHECKS, CREDIT CHECKS NEGATIVE RE INEZ COWART GALT.

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FBI KNOXVLE

4:25PM 4-19-68 URGENT BPW

TO MEMPHIS

FROM KNOXVILLE (44-696) (P)

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to ASAC  
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TOM DAILY, POSTAL INSPECTOR IN CHARGE, CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, TO DATE EXHIBITED TO SA M. JAY HAWKINS A LETTER ADDRESS IN HAND PRINTING TO MR. ERIC S. GALT, TWO SIX ZERO EIGHT HIGHLAND AVENUE, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, WHICH WAS POSTMARKED IN CHATTANOOGA ON APRIL SIXTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT. THERE WAS NO RETURN ADDRESS. THE LETTER HAS BEEN RETURNED WITH THE NOTATION MOVED, LEFT NO ADDRESS. LETTER WAS EXAMINED WITHOUT OPENING IT AND IT APPEARS TO CONTAIN A RELIGIOUS TRACT. INSPECTOR DAILY STATED THAT THIS LETTER WOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE DEAD LETTER OFFICE IN MEMPHIS WHERE IT WOULD BE OPENED.

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IF DETERMINED WORTHWHILE, MEMPHIS WILL CONTACT POSTAL INSPECTORS AND REQUEST PERMISSION TO EXAMINE CONTENTS OF ENVELOP AFTER IT HAS BEEN OPENED.

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44 4:40 PM IMMEDIATE 4-19-68 REM

TO: DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO, KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS,  
AND SPRINGFIELD

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775) 2P

MURKIN

RE BUTEL TODAY IDENTIFYING JAMES EARL RAY, FBI THREE  
ZERO SIX FOUR FOUR THREE A, AS ERIC STARVO GALT.

REINTERVIEW OF CAROL RYAN PEPPER, SISTER OF SUBJECT,  
TODAY REVEALED SUBJECT'S FATHER IS JERRY RAY, AGE FIVE NINE  
WHO IS RESIDING ON A FARM NEAR HANNIBAL, MO., EXACT LOCATION  
UNKNOWN, BUT WHO HAS TELEPHONE AT RESIDENCE.

ADDITIONAL RELATIVES IDENTIFIED AS SISTER MELBA RAY,  
AGE THIRTY, WHO IS SOMEWHAT RETARDED AND WAS REPORTEDLY IN  
JAIL, QUINCY, ILL., SHORTLY BEFORE CHRISTMAN, SIXTYSEVEN.

SUSIE (PHONETIC) RAY, ANOTHER SISTER, AGE ABOUT TWENTY,  
WAS RAISED BY AN UNIDENTIFIED FAMILY IN QUINCY, ILL., AND  
RECENTLY MARRIED A BAND LEADER. JOHN RAY, AKA JACK RAY, A

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BROTHER OF SUBJECT WAS IN ST. LOUIS, DECEMBER SIXTYSEVEN, WITH JERRY RAY, WHO WAS INTERVIEWED BY CHICAGO DIV., FEB. SEVEN, LAST, IS REPORTEDLY NOW IN THE VICINITY OF CHICAGO, WHOSE EXACT LOCATION SHOULD BE KNOWN BY JERRY RAY.

ST. LOUIS WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW SUBJECT'S FATHER, JERRY RAY AT HANNIBAL, MO.

SPRINGFIELD AT QUINCY, ILL., WILL IDENTIFY AND THEREAFTER LOCATE AND INTERVIEW MELBA RAY. DURING INTERVIEW OF MELBA RAY ASCERTAIN LOCATION OF SUSIE RAY AND TAKE NECESSARY ACTION TO EFFECT HER INTERVIEW.

CHICAGO, AT NORTH BROOK, ILL., WILL REINTERVIEW JERRY RAY FOR ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFO RE SUBJECT AND ASCERTAIN CURRENT LOCATION OF JACK RAY AND TAKE NECESSARY ACTION TO INSURE JACK RAY IS INTERVIEWED.

ALL OFFICES IN MAKING ABOVE INQUIRIES BE ALERT TO POSSIBILITY OF SUBJECT'S PRESENCE WITH ANY OF THESE RELATIVES.

RECEIVING OFFICES REFER TO UFAP - ROBBERY CASE, KANSAS CITY ORIGIN, CAPTIONED JAMES EARL RAY, AKA - FUGITIVE.

SUBJECT ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

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543PM URGENT 4/19/68 DFS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), SPRINGFIELD (44-561), MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

MURKIN, CIVIL RIGHTS.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL OFFICES THIS DATE AND SPRINGFIELD  
TELEPHONE CALL AND TELETYPE TO INDIANAPOLIS THIS DATE.

RE JAMES EARL RAY. ✓

E. L. POPHANKEN, PAYROLL SUPERVISOR, AMERICAN COMMERCIAL BARGE  
LINE, DIVISION OF AMERICAN COMMERCIAL LINES, IND., WHICH DIVISION  
HAS CUSTODY OF ALL CURRENT AND PAST EMPLOYEES OF THIS COMPANY AND OTHER  
BARGE COMPANIES WHICH MERGED IN NINETEEN SIXTYONE, SEARCHED RAY'S  
NAME AND ALL ALIASES AND ADVISED NO RECORD LOCATED INDICATING RAY EVER  
EMPLOYED BY THESE COMPANIES.

FOR INFO SPRINGFIELD, ALL EMPLOYMENT RECORDS PRIOR TO SIXTYONE  
HAVE BEEN DESTROYED. HOWEVER, ALL NAMES AND SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS  
PLACED ON IBM CARDS AND THESE CARDS, WHICH ALSO CONTAIN CURRENT EMPLOYEES  
WERE RUN THROUGH WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

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MEMPHIS (44-1987), LOS ANGELES, SALT LAKE CITY, SPRINGFIELD  
FROM OMAHA (44-310)

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RECORDS OF THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, LINN COUNTY, CEDAR RAPIDS,  
IOWA, REVEAL JAMES EARL RAY WAS TAKEN OFF A MILWAUKEE RR FREIGHT  
TRAIN AT MARION, IOWA, ON APRIL EIGHTEEN, NINETEEN FIFTY, BY  
DEPUTY SHERIFF HARLAN SNYDER AND AN UNIDENTIFIED OFFICER OF  
THE MARION POLICE DEPT. SNYDER IS NOW DECEASED. RAY WAS CHARGED  
WITH VAGRANCY AND WAS DESCRIBED AT TIME OF HIS ARREST AS A  
Z=<TS LE, BORN [REDACTED] PLACE NOT  
STATED, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE THIRTYFIVE LBS., SLENDER  
BUILD, BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES, DARK COMPLEXION, THREE INCH  
SCAR ON PALM OF RIGHT HAND. RAY GAVE HIS FATHER AS GEORGE E.  
RAY AND HIS MOTHER AS LUCILLE RAY, BOTH RESIDING AT ONE FOUR  
THREE NINE CEDAR STREET, QUINCY, ILLINOIS. HIS FATHER WAS  
EMPLOYED AS A SWITCHMAN ON THE CB AND Q RAILROAD. NO EMPLOYMENT  
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LISTED FOR MOTHER. RAY LISTED TWO BROTHERS, [REDACTED] AGE SIXTEEN,  
AND [REDACTED] AGE FOURTEEN, BOTH RESIDING AT HOME.

RAY GAVE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF HIMSELF AT TIME HE WAS CHARGED  
WITH VAGRANCY; ENLISTED IN U.S. ARMY IN FEBRUARY, NINETEEN  
FORTYSIX, AT ALTON, ILL. SERVED IN GERMANY TWO YEARS FIVE  
MONTHS. RECEIVED HONORABLE DISCHARGE. THEREAFTER WORKED IN  
CHICAGO THREE MONTHS AT DRYDEN RUBBER CO. LOCATED, ROOSEVELT  
ROAD AND KILADAIRE AVE., CHICAGO.

WENT TO LOS ANGELES WHERE WORKED FOR BRYNES SHEET METAL CO.  
LOCATED LOS ANGELES AVE. AS DRILL PRESS OPERATOR. WHILE WORKING  
FOR BRYNES SHEET METAL WAS ARRESTED BY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, LOS  
ANGELES, ON A Misdemeanor charge, ILLEGAL ENTRY OF BUILDING.  
STAYED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAIL FOR SEVENTYEIGHT DAYS AWAITING  
TRIAL AND THEN WAS SENTENCED TO NINETY DAYS IN COUNTY JAIL. ON  
RELEASE WAS PLACED ON PROBATION TO C. E. GLASCO, DEPUTY PROBATION  
OFFICER, LOS ANGELES COUNTY, TWO ZERO FIVE SOUTH BROADWAY, LOS  
ANGELES, WHO GAVE RAY PERMISSION TO LEAVE LOS ANGELES AND  
PROCEED TO HIS HOME AT QUINCY, ILL. RAY CLAIMED TO BE EN ROUTE  
QUINCY, ILL., AT TIME WAS REMOVED FROM FREIGHT TRAIN AT MARION, IA.  
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RAY STATED HE HAD BEEN BUMMING RIDES ON TRAINS FROM LOS ANGELES TO MARION AND HAD BEEN THROUGH NEEDLES, ARIZ., AND LAS VEGAS, NEV. RAY CLAIMED HE MET MAN NAMED BILL HOLLAND AND GAMBLED WITH BILL HOLLAND AT LAS VEGAS WHERE HE LOST MONEY, BUT DID RETAIN SEVERAL ROLLS OF SILVER WHICH HE HAD IN HIS POSSESSION AT TIME OF ARREST. FROM LAS VEGAS, STATED HE WENT BY TRAIN TO SALT LAKE CITY AND WAS EN ROUTE FROM SALT LAKE CITY TO QUINCY, ILL., AT TIME OF HIS ARREST AT MARION, IA. HE STATED BILL HOLLAND RESIDED SALT LAKE CITY BUT GAVE NO DESCRIPTIVE DATA REGARDING BILL HOLLAND.

WHILE RAY WAS BEING HELD IN LINN COUNTY JAIL, CEDAR RAPIDS, THE LINN COUNTY SO CONTACTED ALL CITIES WHERE HE WAS KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY IN AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE IF THE SILVER HE HAD IN HIS POSSESSION COULD BE STOLEN. ALL REPLIES WERE NEGATIVE, AND NO INDICATION RAY WAS WANTED IN ANY OF THOSE CITIES.

RAY WAS PHOTOGRAPHED ON APRIL EIGHTEEN, NINETEEN FIFTY, BY LINN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE. A COPY OF THIS PHOTOGRAPH HAS BEEN OBTAINED. THE NOSE OF THE SUBJECT, THE EARS AND THE MOUTH BEAR  
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RESEMBLANCES TO WANTED FLYER NO. FOUR FOUR TWO RE GALT. RAY  
WAS RELEASED BY LINN COUNTY SO, MAY EIGHT, NINETEEN FIFTY,  
AFTER BEING GIVEN FOUR MONTHS SUSPENDED SENTENCE ON VAGRANCY  
CHARGE. NO INDICATION IN RECORDS OF SO, CEDAR RAPIDS, THAT  
RAY WAS ACQUAINTED WITH ANY PERSON IN CEDAR RAPIDS DASH MARION,  
IOWA, AREA, OR THAT HE HAD BEEN IN THIS PRIOR TO HIS  
ARREST.

UNLESS PREVIOUSLY COVERED BY RESPECTIVE OFFICES, CHICAGO,  
SPRINGFIELD, LOS ANGELES AND SALT LAKE CITY WILL CONDUCT  
APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION REGARDING ABOVE.

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740PM URGENT 4-19-68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR, SPRINGFIELD, MEMPHIS

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

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RE SL TELCON TO SI INSTANT DATE

CONFIDENTIAL CHECK OF TELEPHONE TOLL CALLS OF ALBERT PEPPER,  
SIX FOUR FIVE DASH TWO NINE FOUR EIGHT, TWENTY TWENTY-FIVE BELLEVIEW,  
ST. LOUIS, INDICATE CALL MADE ON FEBRUARY THIRTEENTH LAST TO EAST ST.  
LOUIS, ILL. THREE THREE TWO DASH ONE ONE SEVEN ISSUED TO DAVID C. ORT,  
SEVENTEEN ZERO NINE HARVEST AVE.

SI IDENTIFY ORT, DETERMINE CONNECTION WITH PEPPER AND OBTAIN INFO  
OF VALUE. MRS. ALBERT PEPPER, CAROL, IS THE SISTER OF JAMES EARL RAY.

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FROM: LOS ANGELES (44-1574) 3P

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RE LA TEL APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST, AND BUTEL ALL OFFICES APRIL NINETEEN INSTANT.

RE: JAMES EARL RAY

JAMES EARL RAY ARRESTED OCTOBER ELEVEN, FORTY NINE, LA, SUSPICION BURGLARY COMMITTED ON OCTOBER SEVEN, FORTY NINE. DESCRIBED IN RECORDS OF LAPD AND LASO AS MALE, CAUCASIAN, BORN [REDACTED] AT ALTON, ILLINOIS, FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, ONE FIVE ZERO POUNDS, SLENDER, BROWN HAIR COMBED STRAIGHT BACK, BLUE EYES, FAIR COMPLEXION, SLOW SPEAKER WITH SOUTHERN ACCENT, LABORER, TRANSIENT FROM ILLINOIS, TEN YEARS SCHOOLING, SINGLE, LAPD NUMBER ONE THREE NINE SIX FOUR EIGHT. MUG PHOTOGRAPH OBTAINED AND RAY HAS RATHER LONG, SHARPLY POINTED NOSE AS NOTED BY SEVERAL WITNESSES.

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RE: IDENTIFICATION OF TV SET RECOVERED ATLANTA

MARIE MARTIN OBSERVED PHOTO OF TV AND IDENTIFIED IT AS IDENTICAL WITH SET SHE TRADED GALT. GINGER DAY, SUE HARRIS, AND TOM FLIKEID UNKNOWN TO MARTIN.

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RE: INVESTIGATION OF ADDRESSES LISTED TO PHONE NUMBERS CALLED FROM FOUR SIX NINE - EIGHT ZERO NINE SIX, NUMBER LISTED TO GALT AT ONE FIVE THREE FIVE N. SERRANO.

TELEPHONE NUMBER FOUR THREE SEVEN - TWO NINE FOUR ONE WAS CALLED FROM ABOVE NUMBER DECEMBER FOUR LAST. NUMBER LISTED TO U. S. COAST GUARD, NINETEEN PINE AVENUE, LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA. EMPLOYEES INTERVIEWED AND RECORDS CHECKED AT U. S. COAST GUARD, DISTRICT OFFICE, WITH NO POSITIVE RESULTS.

TELEPHONE NUMBER EIGHT TWO THREE - FIVE THREE THREE THREE CALLED FROM ABOVE NUMBER NOVEMBER TWENTY NINE LAST. NUMBER LISTED TO JAMAICA BAY INN, FOUR ONE SEVEN FIVE ADMIRALTY WAY, MARINA DEL REY, CALIFORNIA. EMPLOYEES INTERVIEWED AND RECORDS CHECKED AT INN WITH NO RESULTS.

RE: NAMES ANITA KATZWINKEL AND GINGER DAY FOUND IN MUSTANG. JOHN ROBERT GUERIN, FORMER RESIDENT OF APT. SIX, AT ONE FIVE THREE FIVE NORTH SERRANO AVE., LA, INTERVIEWED AND HE ADVISED RESIDED AT THAT ADDRESS FROM JULY TWENTY EIGHT SIXTY SEVEN TO OCTOBER ONE, SIXTY SEVEN. RECALLS SEEING WOMAN'S MAGAZINE AND ANOTHER UNRECALLED ITEM IN APARTMENT WHEN HE MOVED THERE. THIS ITEM HAD WRITING UNRECALLED BY HIM AND HE LEFT IT THERE WHEN HE MOVED IN OCTOBER, SIXTY SEVEN.

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RE: MAP FOUND IN STORAGE ROOM ATLANTA.

FIELD INTERROGATION CARDS AT VAN NUYS AND BEVERLY HILLS PD'S CHECKED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATIONS CONDUCTED AT SUNSET AND PALM, SUNSET STRIP, SOMMA WAY AND ROCCA PLACE MOUNTAINOUS SEMI - HIPPIE NEIGHBORHOOD, AND BUFFALO AND OXFORD IN VAN NUYS AREA WERE UNPRODUCTIVE.

RE: CIRCULARIZATION OF BANKS ON NAME ERIC STARVO GALT.

MR. ROBERT NOVAK, FIRST WESTERN BANK, LA, ADVISED HIS BANK WOULD CHECK ALL EIGHTY BRANCHES FOR ANY ACCOUNT FOR GALT.

RE: PASSPORT OFFICE, LOS ANGELES.

U. S. PASSPORT OFFICE, LOS ANGELES FURNISHED WITH PHOTO'S OF JAMES RAY AND STOPS PLACED FOR ANY APPLICATIONS.

ALL LEADS BEING PURSUED.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO MEMPHIS 44-1987 BIRMINGHAM 44-1740 ATLANTA 44-2386

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

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REBUTELCALLS APRIL NINETEEN.

LATENT FINGERPRINTS ON RIFLE AND TELESCOPIC SIGHT, Q TWO; ON BINOCULARS, Q ONE FOUR, ON NEWSPAPER, Q ONE NINE; ON AFTER SHAVE LOTION BOTTLE, PART OF Q TWO FOUR; AND ON SCHLITZ BEER CAN, Q FIVE THREE; FROM MEMPHIS AND TWO FINGERPRINTS ON MAP OF MEXICO, Q ONE NINE FOUR, FROM ATLANTA IDENTIFIED AS FINGERPRINTS OF JAMES EARL RAY, FBI NUMBER FOUR NAUGHT FIVE NINE FOUR TWO G.

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TO ALL SACSEXCEPT KANSAS CITY, ANCHORAGE, HONOLULU AND SAN JUAN

MESSAGE RELAY PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR 5P

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

JAMES EARL RAY, AKA. EARL JAMES RAY, W. C. HERRON, EARL JAMES,

JAMES MC BRIDE, JAMES O'CONNER, JAMES WALTON, JAMES WALYON, JIM

- FUGITIVE; UFAC - ROBBERY FIRST, BUFILE 88-41730. OO: KANSAS

CITY, KC FILE 88-9449; DETERMINED TODAY BY BUREAU TO BE IDENTICAL

WITH ERIC STARVO GALT, AGAINST WHOM FEDERAL COMPLAINT FILED APRIL

SEVENTEEN LAST IN CONNECTION WITH FATAL SHOOTING OF DR. MARTIN

LUTHER KING, JR.

JAMES EARL RAY, INMATE, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, JEFFERSON

CITY, MO., ESCAPED PEN APRIL TWO THREE, SIXTY-SEVEN. INVESTIGATION

INDICATED RAY CONCEALED HIMSELF IN A BREAD BOX AND ESCAPED FROM

TRUCK MAKING DELIVERY TO AN AUXILIARY FARM. RAY WAS SERVING TWENTY

YEARS ON CHARGE OF ARMED ROBBERY - FIRST DEGREE AND FOR OPERATING A

VEHICLE WITHOUT OWNER'S CONSENT. ON JULY TWENTY, SIXTY-SEVEN,

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FEDERAL COMPLAINT AUTHORIZED BY AUSA WILLIAM A. KITCHEN, WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI, KANSAS CITY, MO., FILED BEFORE USC, JEFFERSON CITY, MO., CHARGING RAY WITH VIOLATION TITLE EIGHTEEN, SECTION ONE ZERO SEVEN THREE, USC. WARRANT ISSUED.

INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN CONDUCTED BY CHICAGO, SPRINGFIELD, ST. LOUIS, AND KANSAS CITY OFFICES IN UNPRODUCTIVE EFFORT TO LOCATE THIS FUGITIVE. KANSAS CITY IS INSTITUTING A FULL AND COMPLETE REINVESTIGATION IN AN EFFORT TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND DATA, RELATIVES, AND ASSOCIATES OF SUBJECT, WHO MIGHT BE IN A POSITION TO ASSIST IN HIS LOCATION.

IN THIS CONNECTION, JAMES EARL RAY AND WALTER TERRY RIFE ON MARCH SEVEN, FIFTY-FIVE, BURGLARIZED THE U. S. POST OFFICE AT KELLERVILLE, ILL., AND STOLE SIXTY-SIX BLANK U. S. POSTAL MONEY ORDERS WHICH THEY PASSED DURING MARCH, FIFTY-FIVE, IN NUMEROUS STATES, WITH THE RESULT THAT BOTH WERE SENTENCED IN U.S.D.C., KANSAS CITY, MO., ON JULY ONE, FIFTY-FIVE, TO USP, LEAVENWORTH,  
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KANSAS. SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS A LONER AND RIFE APPARENTLY IS ONE OF HIS FEW CLOSE ASSOCIATES, SUGGESTING POSSIBILITY THEY COULD HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATES IN MURDER OF DR. KING, AND INVESTIGATION ALSO INSTITUTED IN KANSAS CITY AIRTEL TO SPRINGFIELD MARCH ELEVEN LAST TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND INFO RE RIFE AND TO LOCATE HIM FOR INTERVIEW. THIS INVESTIGATION SHOULD ALSO BE RECOVERED AND EXPEDITED TODAY, IT BEING NOTED RIFE AND RAY HAVE BACKGROUND HISTORY IN THE QUINCY, ILL., AREA.

PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND WALTER TERRY RIFE ARE BEING FORWARDED AMSD TO BUREAU AND ALL OFFICES.

FOLLOWING IS DESCRIPTION OF JAMES EARL RAY AS FURNISHED BY FBI IDENTIFICATION DIVISION UNDER FBI NO. THREE ZERO SIX FOUR FOUR THREE A: WHITE MALE, DOB  AT DECATUR, QUINCY OR ALTON, ILL.; APPROXIMATELY FIVE FEET TEN; ONE SEVEN FOUR LBS., IN SEPTEMBER SIXTY-SIX; RUDDY COMPLEXION; BLUE EYES; BROWN HAIR; MEDIUM BUILD; OCCUPATIONS LABORER AND BAKER; SCARS AND MARKS--SMALL SCAR ON CENTER OF FOREHEAD AND SCAR IN PALM OF RIGHT HAND. ADDRESSES--ST. LOUIS, MO., MARCH SIXTY, TWO ZERO ONE FIVE PARK, ST. LOUIS, MO., OCTOBER FIFTY-NINE; QUINCY, ILL., JULY FIFTY-FIVE, MARCH FIFTY-FIVE, AND APRIL FIFTY; HOTEL QUINCY, QUINCY, END PAGE THREE

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ILL., MARCH FIFTY-FIVE; VICTOR HOTEL, QUINCY, ILL., MARCH FIFTY-FIVE;  
EIGHT FIVE THREE WEST FULLERTON, CHICAGO, ILL., MAY FIFTY-TWO; EIGHT  
ZERO FIVE ALBY STREET, ALTON, ILL., JULY FIFTY-ONE. FPC--SIXTEEN,  
M OVER M, NINE OVER FOUR, U OVER W, OOO OVER IOI, TWELVE, REF NINE  
OVER TWELVE. NCIC FPC--ONE SIX ONE THREE ONE ONE ZERO ZERO ONE TWO  
ONE TWO I I ONE TWO I I ONE SEVEN. MILITARY RECORD--JAMES EARL RAY,  
SN [REDACTED], ENLISTED U. S. ARMY FEBRUARY  
FORTY-SIX, AT EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL., AND SERVED ON ACTIVE DUTY UNTIL  
DECEMBER TWENTY-THREE, FORTY-EIGHT, AT WHICH TIME GIVEN GENERAL  
DISCHARGE AS PRIVATE FIRST CLASS AT CAMP KILMER, N. J., BY REASON  
OF INEPTNESS AND LACK OF ADAPTABILITY FOR MILITARY SERVICE. RECORDS  
ALSO INDICATE HE RECEIVED TREATMENT FOR GONORRHEA AND SYPHILIS WHILE  
A MEMBER OF THE MILITARY.

FOLLOWING IS A DESCRIPTION OF ~~WALTER TERRY RIFE~~, FBI NO.

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FOUR FIVE FIVE EIGHT SEVEN SIX SIX, AS OBTAINED FROM FILES OF USP,  
LEAVENWORTH: WHITE MALE, AGE FORTY-FOUR, DOB [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] FIVE FEET NINE AND ONE HALF, ONE SIX ONE LBS., BROWN  
HAIR, EYES BLUE GRAY.

KANSAS CITY IS SETTING OUT ALL PERTINENT LEADS TODAY BY  
TELETYPE AND TELEPHONE FOLLOWED UP BY TELETYPE CONFIRMATION.  
ALL LEADS MUST BE COVERED WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS WITH BUREAU,  
KANSAS CITY, AND MEMPHIS BEING KEPT ADVISED BY APPROPRIATE  
COMMUNICATION OF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

SUGGEST BUREAU MAKE IMMEDIATE COMPARISON OF ANY LATENT  
FINGERPRINTS DEVELOPED DURING KING INVESTIGATION WITH THOSE  
OF WALTER TERRY RIFE TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL.

AIR MAIL COPIES SENT ANCHORAGE, HONOLULU AND SAN JUAN.  
LEGAT MEXICO CITY AND OTTAWA ADVISED.

SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF ROBBERY WITH DEADLY  
WEAPON, HAS BEEN CONFINED IN STATE HOSPITAL, FULTON, MO., IN  
SIXTY-SIX, AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS  
SAN FRANCISCO, SPRINGFIELD, ST. LOUIS  
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN.

REBUTEL TO ALL OFFICES INSTANT.

INTERVIEW OF BROTHER JERRY RAY.

JERRY WILLIAM RAY, BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], AT QUINCY, ILLINOIS, WHO IS DIVORCED FROM HIS WIFE,  
GJEREIS, NEE OLSON, AND WHO IS EMPLOYED AT SPORTSMAN COUNTRY  
CLUB, NORTHBROOK, ILLINOIS, RECEIVES MAIL THROUGH BOX  
TWENTY TWO, WHEELING, ILLINOIS, WAS EXHAUSTIVELY INTERVIEWED  
AT CHICAGO OFFICE TODAY AND ADVISED THAT OVER THE YEARS  
HE HAS HAD VERY LITTLE CONTACT WITH HIS OLDEST BROTHER,  
SUBJECT, JAMES EARL RAY. HE FURNISHED FOLLOWING FAMILY  
TREE:

FATHER, JAMES GERALD RAY, DECEASED, NINETEEN FIFTY ONE  
HANNIBAL, MISSOURI; MOTHER LUCILLE MARY RAY, NEE MAHER,  
WHO CHANGED HER NAME IN ABOUT NINETEEN FORTY NINE TO  
LUCILLE RYAN AND DECEASED JANUARY, NINETEEN SIXTY ONE, 44-1987-Sub-A-327  
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI. PARENTS HAD EIGHT CHILDREN AS FOLLOWS:

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ONE. SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY.

TWO. JOHN LARRY RAY, AGE THIRTY FIVE, NEVER MARRIED,  
LAST KNOWN TO BE IN MC ARTHUR HOTEL, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI,  
ABOUT FEBRUARY TWO NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT. EMPLOYED AS SOME TYPE OF  
TRAVELING SALESMAN AND APPARENTLY A "GENERAL DRIFTER."

THREE. JERRY WILLIAM RAY. BARTENDER.

FOUR. CAROL ANN PEPPER, NEE RAY, AGE TWENTY SEVEN,  
HUSBAND ALBERT PEPPER, RESIDENCE MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, SUBURB  
OF ST. LOUIS.

FIVE. FRANK DELANO RAY, WHO WOULD NOW BE TWENTY TWO  
YEARS, DECEASED NINETEEN SIXTY THREE ACCIDENTALLY  
DROWNED, WEST QUINCY, MISSOURI.

SIX. SUSAN (LNU), AGE ABOUT TWENTY ONE, WHO WAS  
ADOPTED OUT IN QUINCY, ILLINOIS, IN ABOUT FALL, NINETEEN  
FIFTY TWO.



EIGHT. MELBA RAY RYAN, AGE THIRTY, RESIDES QUINCY, ILL.,  
ON STATE DISABILITY, MENTAL.

MATERNAL AND PATERNAL GRAND PARENTS OF SUBJECT DECEASED.  
MATERNAL UNCLE, WILLIAM MAHER, AGE ABOUT SIXTY, LAST  
KNOWN TO BE IN SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, AND WORKED IN  
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GUAM AFTER WORLD WAR TWO IN ABOUT NINETEEN FORTY SIX OR SEVEN. POSSIBLY NOW DECEASED.

PATERNAL UNCLE, EARL RAY, WHO WOULD BE ABOUT SEVENTY AND WHO SERVED A TERM IN MENARD, ILLINOIS STATE PENITENTIARY, REPORTEDLY DECEASED AT SYRACUSE, NEW YORK, IN ABOUT NOVEMBER, NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT.

IDENTITY AND LOCATION OF SUSAN MAY BE KNOWN TO CAROL PEPPER WHO HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN INTERVIEWED IN FUGITIVE INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE SUBJECT.

JERRY STATES LAST SEEN SUBJECT APPROXIMATELY NINETEEN SIXTY FOUR WHEN IN PRISON, HAS HAD LITTLE CONTACT WITH HIM DURING HIS ENTIRE LIFE AND IS UNABLE TO MAKE AN EDUCATED GUESS AS TO SUBJECT'S POSSIBLE WHEREABOUTS.

BELIEVES SUBJECT WOULD BE AN ACTIVE WALLACE SUPPORTER.

STATES ERIC STARVO GALT PHOTOGRAPH OBTAINED FROM BARTENDER SCHOOL IN CALIFORNIA LOOKS GOOD DEAL LIKE SUBJECT.

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PARTICULARLY IN THE PHOTOGRAPH WITH HIS EYES CLOSED,  
BUT DOES NOT LIKE THE PHOTOGRAPH WITH THE EYES DRAWN  
IN BY ARTIST. UNABLE TO FURNISH BETTER DRAWING INFO.  
JERRY WAS EMPLOYED ON ALL PERTINENT DATES THIS  
CASE. VERIFIED WITH EMPLOYER.

JERRY RE QUESTIONED CONCERNING DISCREPANCY RE FATHER'S  
DEATH AND LOCATION. REITERATED ABOVE INFORMATION CORRECT  
TO BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE AS TOLD TO HIM BY HIS MOTHER AND  
UNAWARE OF WHERE CAROL MIGHT HAVE OBTAINED HER INFORMATION  
AS SHE LEFT MOTHER'S HOME ABOUT NINETEEN FIFTY SIX AT  
AGE FIFTEEN. ALSO ADVISED THAT PRIOR TO DEATH OF FATHER  
IN NINETEEN FIFTY ONE, HE WAS EMPLOYED BY THE RAILROAD  
AND WORKED ON A FARM VICINITY HANNIBAL, MISSOURI.

HE ALSO ADVISED THAT EACH OF THE CHILDREN LEFT HOME  
UPON REACHING AGE FIFTEEN TO SIXTEEN AND VERY LITTLE  
FAMILY CONTACT THEREAFTER. AFTER PARENTS SEPARATED IN  
APPROXIMATELY NINETEEN FORTY NINE, ALL OF THE YOUNGER  
CHILDREN WHO WERE AT HOME LIVED WITH MOTHER.

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JERRY QUESTIONED AS TO REASON FOR BROTHER'S ACTION AND UNABLE TO FURNISH ANY REASON, STATED DURING THE THREE OR FOUR TIMES HE TALKED WITH BROTHER IN THE LAST FIFTEEN YEARS, HE EXPRESSED NO PARTICULAR OUTWARD DISLIKE FOR THE NEGRO RACE, HOWEVER, JERRY HAD FEELING THAT SUBJECT WAS NOT FOND OF NEGROES. HE STATED THERE IS NO MEMBER OF THE FAMILY THAT SUBJECT WOULD LIKELY CONTACT INASMUCH AS HE IS A "LONER". THE ONLY OCCUPATION FOR SUBJECT KNOWN TO JERRY IS THAT LEARNED BY SUBJECT WHILE IN PRISON AS A BAKER. HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF ASSOCIATES OTHER THAN HE WAS ARRESTED WITH AND SERVED IN PRISON WITH WALTER TERRY RIFE. RIFE ALSO KNOWN TO JERRY AS HE SERVED TIME IN ISP, MENARD, ILLINOIS, AT SAME TIME RIFE INCARCERATED. JERRY HAS NO KNOWLEDGE AS TO RIFE'S PRESENT LOCATION AND HAS NOT SEEN HIM SINCE HIS RELEASE FROM PRISON IN NINETEEN SIXTY, BUT IS OF OPINION RIFE COULD HAVE RETURNED TO QUINCY, ILLINOIS. IT IS NOTED JERRY SERVED TIME FOR BURGLARY AT ISP, MENARD, AND ARMED ROBBERY AT MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY.

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JERRY ADVISED TO HIS KNOWLEDGE NEVER INFORMED SUBJECT OF HIS RESIDENCE ADDRESS, HOWEVER, HAS RECEIVED MAIL FROM SUBJECT WHILE IN PRISON ADDRESSED TO POST OFFICE BOX TWENTY TWO, WHEELING, ILLINOIS. HE HAS NO REASON TO BELIEVE SUBJECT WOULD CONTACT HIM AND EXPRESSED COOPERATION.

MAJOR CASE PRINTS, PHOTOGRAPHS AND HANDWRITING SAMPLES OBTAINED AND FORWARDED TO BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES.

LEADS

ALBANY AT SYRACUSE, NEW YORK. VERIFY DEATH OF PATERNAL UNCLE EARL RAY.

ST. LOUIS. ATTEMPT TO RECTIFY DISCREPANCY RE DEATH OF FATHER. ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RE BROTHER JOHN.

SPRINGFIELD. VERIFY DEATH OF BROTHER FRANK DELANO RAY. CONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE SUSAN RYAN LNU, AND [REDACTED] LNU. LOCATE AND INTERVIEW [REDACTED] LNU. ATTEMPT TO LOCATE  
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WALTER RIFE AT QUINCY, ILLINOIS.

SAN FRANCISCO. ATTEMPT TO LOCATE MATERNAL UNCLE  
WILLIAM MAHER.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND  
SPRINGFIELD.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) /3P/

MURKIN.

RE: HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER

REBUTEL TO SAN FRANCISCO AND MEMPHIS, THIS DATE, AND BUREAU  
PRESS RELEASE CONCERNING JAMES EARL RAY.

LOHMEYER REINTERVIEWED THIS DATE BY BUREAU AGENTS AND DOES NOT  
RECOGNIZE PHOTOGRAPH OF ERIC STARVO GALT, AKA. NAMES JAMES EARL RAY  
FAMILIAR TO LOHMEYER BUT HE CANNOT LINK THIS NAME WITH GALT'S  
PHOTOGRAPH. LOHMEYER WHO WAS REARED QUINCY, ILLINOIS, SERVED SENTENCE  
ILLINOIS STATE FARM, VANDALIA, APPROXIMATELY ONE NINE FIVE ZERO, AND  
ILLINOIS STATE PENITENTIARY, MENARD, ONE NINE FIVE FIVE TO  
ONE NINE FIVE EIGHT, ASSOCIATES NAME JAMES EARL RAY WITH QUINCY.  
LOHMEYER KNEW WALTER TERRY RIFE AS LOCAL CROOK IN QUINCY. ALSO AC-  
QUAINTED WITH LONNIE RIFE, YOUNGER BROTHER OF WALTER, AND SERVED TIME  
WITH LONNIE AT MENARD. STATES BOTH WALTER AND LONNIE WELL KNOWN  
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TO QUINCY PD. LOHMEYER DESCRIBED WALTER RIFE WMA, THIRTYNINE YEARS, DARK, LATIN APPEARANCE. LOHMEYER BELIEVES RAY AND RIFE WILL HAVE SIGNIFICANCE TO HIS BROTHER, THOMAS LOHMEYER, QUINCY, LAST KNOWN EMPLOYED AT A STOVE FOUNDRY. LOHMEYER UNABLE TO RECOGNIZE NAMES JAMES MC BRIDE, JAMES WALTON, W. C. HERRON, JAMES O'CONNOR, ALIASES OF RAY. LOHMEYER WAS ARRESTED WITH AND SERVED TIME WITH ROBERT KELLY, EARL HYLAND, AND JOHN O'DEAR, ALL OF QUINCY, IN CONNECTION WITH ONE NINE FIVE ZERO ARREST FOR INCITING RIOT PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED. THESE PEOPLE MAY KNOW RAY. LOHMEYER HAS NOT LIVED IN QUINCY SINCE ONE NINE FIVE FIVE AND HAS MADE ONLY ONE BRIEF VISIT TO ILLINOIS APPROXIMATELY THREE YEARS AGO.

LOHMEYER VIEWED NINETEEN SIXTY MUG SHOT OF RAY IN SAN JOSE NEWSPAPER THIS DATE AND COULD NOT RECOGNIZE THIS PHOTO. UPON FURTHER RECALL, LOHMEYER STATED THAT HE DID RECALL A JOHN RAY FROM QUINCY WHO DID TIME AT THE ILLINOIS STATE PENITENTIARY AND IS DESCRIBED AS A WMA, AGE THIRTYEIGHT, FIVE FEET NINE INCHES, ONE SIX FIVE POUNDS, WELL BUILT AND WHO ACCORDING TO LOHMEYER HAS A BROTHER FIRST NAME UNKNOWN.

LOHMEYER ADVISED THAT THE RAY FAMILY MOVED FROM QUINCY TO ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, AND THAT BROTHER OF JOHN RAY DID SERVE IN THE PENITENTIARY.

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SPRINGFIELD, FORWARD PHOTOGRAPHS WALTER AND LONNIE RIFE TO MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, AND SAN FRANCISCO, IN ORDER PHOTOGRAPHS CAN BE EXHIBITED WITNESSES AND TO HARVEY LOHMEYER AT SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA. ALSO OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPH VINTAGE ONE NINE FIVE FIVE IF AVAILABLE FOR RAY AND FORWARD SAN FRANCISCO. SPRINGFIELD RECONTACT THOMAS LOHMEYER AND OTHERS SUGGESTED BY HIM AND INTERVIEW CONCERNING RAY.

SAN FRANCISCO WILL CHECK ALL LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES SAN FRANCISCO AREA FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING RAY.

OTHER STATIONS NOTIFIED SEPARATELY.

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REKCTEL APRIL NINETEEN.

UNIDENTIFIED LATENT FINGERPRINTS AND LATENT IMPRESSIONS THIS  
CASE NOT IDENTICAL FINGERPRINTS VERNON ELMO RIFE AKA WALTER TERRY  
RIFE, FBI NUMBER FOUR FIVE FIVE EIGHT SEVEN SIX SIX. NO PALM PRINTS  
HERE FOR RIFE.

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TO DIRECTOR, KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS, AND ST. LOUIS  
FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

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REBUTEL ALL SACS FOUR NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT.

FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY INVESTIGATION SPRINGFIELD DIVISION  
FOLLOWING RECEIPT NATIONAL PRESS RELEASE:

CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH LOCATED SHOWING JAMES EARL RAY BORN  
[REDACTED] AT ALTON, ILLINOIS TO JAMES  
RAY AND LUCIE MAHER. BUREAU PRESS RELEASE MADE AVAILABLE  
ALL RADIO, TELEVISION, NEWSPAPERS AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS AND  
LEADS RESULTING THEREFROM GIVEN IMMEDIATE COVERAGE.

STATE AND FEDERAL PAROLE AND PROBATION RECORDS REVIEWED  
FOR JAMES EARL RAY, PHOTOS OBTAINED.

PAROLE LINES PREVIOUSLY CHECKED REGARDING GALT RECHECKED  
WITH NAME AND ALIASES OF RAY, NEGATIVE RESULTS.

DRIVERS LICENSE AND MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION, SELECTIVE  
SERVICE RECORDS, STATE OF ILLINOIS, CHECKED AND LEADS FURNISHED  
CHICAGO DIVISION.

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