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were kicked over a cliff into the surf below the hotel, after which the boys would dive into the surf as it rushed through a small inlet.

He recalls RAY once had another inmate, KENNY HURT, or HURTT, in about 1966, send out about \$15.00 for him once, purportedly for the purchase of stationery for legal papers. The prison authorities watch inmate expenditures closely and at the time, the inmates were allowed only about \$23.00 per month expenditures, but RAY had some income from his illegal activities in prison and needed to conceal the money in other than his own treasury account. HURTT got RAY's money and sent it out to a Mr. and Mrs. (name unrecalled) Stationery Company in St. Louis, Missouri, but no stationery ever came to HURTT, who worried about it and thought it might have been stolen until he was told it would never come, by RAY, who had used HURTT for getting rid of the money without HURTT's knowledge of what he was doing.

Former MSP inmate does not know who RAY might contact, other than the supposed friend at Campeche he named, and he has no knowledge of his whereabouts and no knowledge of his plans to escape, or activities following escape. He does not approve of the murder with which RAY is charged, however, and desired to furnish the above information to help if he can.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

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

Enclosed herewith to the Bureau are 3 copies of an investigative insert concerning an interview with CECIL CLAYTON LILLIBRIDGE, aka CARL LILLIBRIDGE, MSP #67755. LILLIBRIDGE is currently confined in the Cole County Jail, Jefferson City, Mo. and requested his identity be concealed. Therefore his name is not being set forth on the investigative insert.

2 copies above insert are enclosed to Memphis.

1 copy above insert enclosed to San Antonio, St. Louis and Chicago.

The pertinent portion of this information has previously been furnished by teletype, however the insert is being enclosed for complete information.

It is to be noted that the prison records reveal JOHN HURTT aka KENNETH HURTT, MSP #75502, on 1/20/67, sent a

4-Bureau (Enc. 3)
②-Memphis (Enc. 2) *JK*
1-San Antonio (Enc. 1)
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money order in the amount of \$15.25 to the Albert J. Pepper Stationery Co., 712A Shanendoah St., St. Louis, Mo. A review of the file reflects ALBERT J. PEPPER related to subject. In view of this it is felt that all the information furnished by LILLIBRIDGE may be correct.

Kansas City office is reviewing prison records in an attempt to locate KENNETH HURTT. Other leads in this matter were set out by teletype.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel dated 4/25/68 re threats against KING.

ReBairtel referred to matter captioned "ALLEGED OFFER OF \$100,000 BY WHITE KNIGHTS OF KU KLUX KLAN, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, TO ANYONE WHO KILLS MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM, RACIAL MATTER". Initial information in that case was received from DONALD JAMES NISSEN, who at the time he reported the information, was incarcerated in the Grayson County Jail, Sherman, Texas. NISSEN was released on \$1,000 bond on 6/19/67 and was believed to have returned to Atlanta, Georgia.

On 4/30/68, investigation at Sherman, Texas, revealed that the last known address of NISSEN, as of 6/19/67, was to be care of HAROLD B. FITZGERALD, SPENCER INTERNATIONAL PRESS, 3230 Peachtree Road, NE, Atlanta, Georgia, MARY LOU CROCKETT, Secretary to the County Attorney, Sheriff GEORGE W. BLANTON, and Court Appointed Attorney JOHN HILL, all of Grayson County, Sherman, Texas, advised they have heard nothing from NISSEN since his release on bond. The charge against him is still pending but the county has no intention of proceeding with prosecution.

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Jackson was designated office of origin in this matter and Dallas has had no investigative interest since submitting RUC letter to Bureau and interested offices dated 7/14/67.

Jackson should refer to their file captioned as set forth in paragraph one and conduct logical investigation to determine if NISSEN and persons referred to by him are implicated in KING's death.

Atlanta see urfile 100-5586. Locate NISSEN through above address and interview for any information he may have obtained re alleged offer to kill KING since NISSEN's release from jail on 6/19/67.

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

MURKIN. OO. MEMPHIS

RE TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUBJECT RAY EN ROUTE FROM
LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS. RE DALLAS TEL APRIL THIRTY
LAST.

THE FOLLOWING TELEPHONE CALLS FROM COIN TELEPHONES
ALONG ROUTE TAKEN BY RAY HAVE BEEN DETERMINED AND
INVESTIGATION IS BEING SET FORTH CONCERNING THESE
CALLS. SHOULD BE HANDLED AS SET FORTH IN RE TEL.

CALLS FROM COIN TELEPHONES LOCATED AT SANDERSON, TEXAS.

DECEMBER FIFTEEN LAST, ELEVEN FORTYEIGHT AM,
FOUR SIX FOUR THREE THREE FIVE FOUR, DONNA, TEXAS;

DECEMBER FIFTEEN LAST, ELEVEN THIRTYSIX AM,
SIX EIGHT SIX EIGHT THREE THREE SEVEN, MC ALLEN, TEXAS;

DECEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST, THREE O EIGHT PM,
SIX EIGHT SIX SEVEN THREE EIGHT SEVEN, MC ALLEN, TEXAS;

DECEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST, NINE THIRTYSEVEN AM,
FIVE SIX FIVE ONE SIX TWO NINE, MERCEDES, TEXAS;

DECEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST, ONE THIRTYEIGHT PM, 44-1987-Sub-G-542
SEVEN SEVEN THREE NINE NINE THREE NINE, EAGLE PASS, TEXAS;

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DECEMBER SIXTEEN LAST, FOUR THIRTYTHREE PM,
SEVEN THREE FIVE TWO SEVEN ZERO ONE, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS;

DECEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST, TWELVE FIFTYONE PM,
SEVEN EIGHT SEVEN THREE NINE EIGHT NINE, PRARR, TEXAS;

DECEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST, EIGHT TWENTYSEVEN PM,
NINE SIX FIVE TWO TWO SEVEN ONE, DILLEY, TEXAS;

DECEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST, NINE TWENTYFIVE AM,
EIGHT THREE THREE FOUR FIVE THREE THREE, BLANCO, TEXAS;

DECEMBER SIXTEEN LAST, EIGHT THIRTYNINE PM,
TWO TWO SIX NINE EIGHT TWO SEVEN, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS;

DECEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST, NINE THIRTY PM,
TWO TWO THREE ONE FIVE ONE SEVEN, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS;

DECEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST, NINE FIFTEEN AM,
SEVEN THREE SIX ZERO ZERO ONE SEVEN, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS;

CALLS FROM COIN TELEPHONES LOCATED AT ALPINE, TEXAS.

DECEMBER FIFTEEN LAST, EIGHT TWENTYTWO PM,
EIGHT SIX FIVE TWO FOUR TWO NINE, GATESVILLE, TEXAS;

DECEMBER FIFTEEN LAST, EIGHT EIGHTEEN AM,
NINE SIX FIVE TWO FOUR ONE TWO, DILLEY, TEXAS;

DECEMBER FIFTEEN LAST, TWELVE THIRTYONE AM,

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TWO SEVEN EIGHT NINE ONE SIX FIVE, UVALDE, TEXAS;

DECEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST, TEN TWENTYTWO AM,

THREE THREE ~~FOUR~~ TWO ONE FIVE FIVE; PEARSALL, TEXAS;

DECEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST, EIGHT FORTYFIVE PM,

FOUR SEVEN ONE ONE TWO NINE SEVEN, AUSTIN, TEXAS;

DECEMBER ~~SIXTEEN~~ LAST, NINE O THREE PM,

EIGHT SIX THREE THREE EIGHT ONE FIVE, GEORGETOWN, TEXAS;

DECEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST, SEVEN EIGHTEEN PM,

TWO EIGHT FIVE THREE NINE NINE FIVE, ELGIN, TEXAS;

DECEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST, THREE THIRTYSEVEN PM,

NINE TWO TWO NINE ZERO TWO FIVE, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS;

DECEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST, TEN TWENTYSIX AM,

NINE TWO TWO NINE ZERO TWO FIVE, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS;

DECEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST, NINE TEN PM,

SEVEN SEVEN FIVE THREE ONE EIGHT FIVE, DEL RIO, TEXAS;

DECEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST, NINE TWENTY PM,

SEVEN SEVEN FIVE TWO FIVE ZERO ONE, DEL RIO, TEXAS;

DECEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST, EIGHT O THREE PM,

FOUR FOUR TWO THREE SIX FOUR SEVEN, AUSTIN, TEXAS;

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DECEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST, NINE NINETEEN PM,
SIX SEVEN FOUR SIX THREE THREE ONE, LAKE LAND AFB, TEXAS;
DECEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST, EIGHT THIRTEEN PM,
SEVEN SEVEN THREE NINE ZERO EIGHT FOUR, EAGLE PASS, TEXAS;
DECEMBER SIXTEEN LAST, FOUR THIRTYEIGHT PM,
TWO SEVEN EIGHT THREE SEVEN ZERO ONE, UVALDE, TEXAS;
DECEMBER SIXTEEN LAST, ONE FORTYFOUR PM,
NINE EIGHT EIGHT TWO THREE SEVEN FOUR, SABINAL, TEXAS;
DECEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST, TWO FORTYTHREE AM,
FIVE SIX THREE TWO FOUR THREE THREE, BRACKETTVILLE, TEXAS;
DECEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST, TEN O NINE AM,
EIGHT FOUR NINE NINE TWO THREE ONE, ROMA, TEXAS;
DECEMBER SIXTEEN LAST, FIVE FORTYTHREE AM,
FIVE FOUR SIX ONE ZERO FIVE NINE, BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS;
DECEMBER FIFTEEN LAST, EIGHT FORTYONE PM,
SEVEN NINE SEVEN SIX FOUR EIGHT ONE, LA FERIA, TEXAS;
DECEMBER SIXTEEN LAST, TEN FORTYEIGHT PM,
SEVEN NINE SEVEN SIX FOUR EIGHT ONE, LA FERIA, TEXAS;
DECEMBER SIXTEEN LAST, EIGHT FIFTYFOUR PM,
NINE TWO THREE ZERO EIGHT ZERO FOUR, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS;

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DECEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST, ELEVEN THIRTYTHREE AM,
FOUR TWO THREE THREE SIX ONE ZERO, HARLINGEN, TEXAS.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA THOMAS H. WEAVER at Jefferson City, Missouri, on April 29, 1968:

A review of the records of the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) revealed that there is no inmate named WADE currently confined at the MSP.

Inmates with the last name WADE who were confined at the MSP during the time of JAMES EARL RAY's incarceration were identified through records as HAROLD WADE, # 10780; JAMES A. WADE, # 02913; JAMES DENNIS WADE, also known as DENNIS WADE FONTENNOT, # 04495, and KENNETH LEE WADE, # 08955.

HAROLD WADE is described as a white male, born [redacted] at Waynesville, Missouri; 5 feet, 10 inches; 160 pounds; brown hair, blue eyes, FBI # [redacted]. His parents are listed as Mr. and Mrs. BEN F. WADE, Route # 2, Waynesville, Missouri; brothers CLARENCE and VIRGIL WADE, Route 1, Rogersville, Missouri; sister DOROTHY WADE, Route 2, Waynesville. He was received at the MSP August 8, 1963, on a 4-year sentence on check charge violation, escaped October 29, 1963, and received two years' sentence for escape, transferred to Moberly April 3, 1967, then to Fulton State Hospital August 8, 1967, and released January 20, 1968, on a Warden's release. HAROLD WADE had one violation report noted for "Investigation of Fight," February 3, 1967, but charges were dismissed and details were not available in the file.

KENNETH LEE WADE, # 08955, FBI # [redacted], was received at the MSP, June 12, 1959, the first time, later discharged, and received again August 22, 1964, until final discharge on September 8, 1965. He is a former Unlawful Flight subject of the Kansas City Division, and he worked at the MSP in the kitchen from 1962 to 1963 and in the bakery, in Food Service, February to March 1964. He is described as white male, born [redacted], St. Louis, Missouri; 5 feet, 7 inches; 150 pounds, brown hair; brown eyes, mother Mrs. MILDRED WADE, 2150 East Cottage, St. Louis, Missouri, and he listed a friend as GINNY WILLIAMS, 2151 Sandy Ridge Road, East St. Louis, Illinois.

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A letter in his file dated August 23, 1967, indicated that KENNETH LEE WADE was received at the California State Penitentiary at Chino, California, under # B-10470, on August 22, 1967.

JAMES A. WADE, # 02913, was received June 7, 1961, from Vernon County, Missouri, on checks conviction and was discharged on February 12, 1964. He is described as a white male, born [redacted] at Arcade, Kansas; 6 feet, 2 inches; 180 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes, FBI # 2481633. His wife was listed as ALENE WADE, 2531 North Minneapolis, Wichita, Kansas, and he listed sisters LEONA THOMSSON, General Delivery, Augusta, Kansas, and NAOMI KEMP, General Delivery, Wichita, and an aunt Mrs. LEE CAIN, General Delivery, Independence, Kansas.

WADE is described as illiterate and can write only his name. On August 8, 1963, he was assigned to Food Service in the kitchen at the MSP, and he had one offense report for "fighting in the kitchen" August 13, 1963, with one month loss of privileges, but the offense report with the details has been destroyed. As of September 8, 1965, MSP records indicate that WADE was incarcerated at the State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, under # 72556 on a 7-year sentence for larceny of automobile.

DENNIS WADE FONTENNOT, # 04495, FBI # [redacted], was received at the MSP March 16, 1962, from Jackson County, Missouri, on two years' sentence for burglary and stealing, and he was discharged May 2, 1963. He is described as a white male, born [redacted], at New Orleans, Louisiana; 5 feet, 8 inches; 147 pounds; brown hair; brown eyes. He is described as illiterate, has Social Security No. [redacted] and he lists no brothers and sisters, stated his father died in 1946 and that he has not seen his mother since 1946. He had no relatives or correspondents listed in his file. FONTENNOT has Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department Nos. EX 45492 and 98630 and New Orleans Police Department # 74527.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-780) P
MURKIN

Re Dallas teletype to the Bureau, 4/27/68.

Referenced communication revealed subject, while in Missouri State Penitentiary, had an inmate named GREEN beaten up by two other inmates because of nonpayment for amphetamine powder. Inmate named (FNU) WADE believed to have been one of the prisoners who did the beating.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau and each receiving office is one copy of an investigative insert concerning all the inmates named WADE incarcerated at the Missouri State Penitentiary at the time subject was there.

LEADS

LOS ANGELES

AT CHINO, CALIFORNIA

Will review records of the California State Penitentiary under number B-10470 in an attempt to determine KENNETH LEE WADE's whereabouts in order to interview him regarding subject.

ST. LOUIS

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Attempt to locate and interview KENNETH LEE WADE

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for any information he may have regarding subject at residence of his mother, Mrs. MILDRED WADE, 2150 East Cottage, St. Louis, Mo.

KANSAS CITY

AT WAYNESVILLE, MISSOURI

Will contact Mr. and Mrs. BEN F. WADE, Route 2, in an attempt to locate HAROLD WADE to interview him regarding subject.

AT WICHITA, KANSAS

Will interview Mrs. ALBINE WADE, 2531 North Minneapolis, in an attempt to locate JAMES A. WADE in order that he may be interviewed regarding subject.

AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Will review records, Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, #EX45492 and #98630, in an attempt to determine whereabouts of DENNIS WADE PONTRINOT so that he may be interviewed regarding whereabouts of subject.

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FBI CHICAGO

1145AM URGENT 5/2/68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS (44-1987) ST. LOUIS (44-775)
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 2P

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RE ST. LOUIS TEL AND CHICAGO SUMMARY TEL BOTH MAY ONE LAST.

RE JOHN EUGENE GAWRON. INFO FURNISHED BY JERRY RAY *Rosen*

CONCERNING GAWRON WAS VOLUNTEERED BY HIM WITH STATEMENT THAT GAWRON WAS AN INDIVIDUAL HE PROBABLY SHOULD HAVE TOLD AGENTS ABOUT BEFORE SINCE HE WAS AWARE THAT GAWRON HAD SERVED TIME WITH SUBJECT. JERRY OF OPINION SUBJECT WOULD NOT CONTACT GAWRON BUT BELIEVES SUBJECT KNOWS GAWRON WELL AND CONSIDERS HIM TO BE SLIGHTLY "STIR CRAZY." NO INFORMATION ELICITED FROM JERRY INDICATING THAT GAWRON AND SUBJECT PARTICIPATED IN BURGLARIES TOGETHER. CHICAGO WILL ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP FROM JERRY HIS KNOWLEDGE AS TO CLOSENESS OF ASSOCIATION BETWEEN SUBJECT AND GAWRON. THIS WILL NOT BE DONE BY DIRECT INQUIRY BUT DISCREETLY SO AS NOT TO COMPROMISE GAWRON'S POSSIBLE USE AS SOURCE. NOTE THAT JERRY OF LIMITED MENTAL CAPACITY. IN
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INTERVIEWS JERRY EXPRESSES NO PERSONAL OPINION OF SUBJECTS ACTION IN KILLING BUT CONTINUALLY SETS OUT OPINIONS FROM NEWSPAPERS AND OTHER SOURCES THAT SUBJECT INNOCENT OF CRIME. STATES BOTH CAROL AND JOHN ALSO OF OPINION SUBJECT "SET UP" AND USED AS "FALL GUY" IN MURKIN; HOWEVER THEY GIVE NO REASON FOR OPINION OTHER THAN NEWS MEDIA.

JERRY CONTINUALLY DENIES POSSIBILITY THAT JOHN AIDED SUBJECT IN ESCAPE AND CAN OFFER NO INDIVIDUALS CLOSE ENOUGH TO SUBJECT WHO WOULD TAKE THAT CHANCE.

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223 PM URGENT 5/2/68 PHM

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS

FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 1P

MURKIN

RECORDS, MSP, AS REVIEWED THIS DATE, REVEAL THE FOLLOWING TWO INDIVIDUALS WERE RELEASED DURING THE PAST YEAR FROM THAT INSTITUTION:

EARL KNIGHT, MEMPHIS, TENN., MSP NO. SIX FIVE ZERO SEVEN EIGHT, PAROLED. SISTER LISTED AS SUE MC SPARIN, TWO SEVEN EIGHT WEST CALIFORNIA AVE., MEMPHIS, TENN.

ALSO, IVAN UNDERWOOD, MEMPHIS, TENN., MSP NO. ONE TWO NINE TWO SEVEN. WIFE MRS. KATHLEEN UNDERWOOD, EIGHT FIVE SEVEN BINGHAM, MEMPHIS, TENN.

MEMPHIS OFFICE ATTEMPT TO CONTACT THE ABOVE TWO INDIVIDUALS FOR ANY INFO THEY MAY HAVE REGARDING SUBJECT IN THIS MATTER.

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FBI BOSTON

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38361 AND MEMPHIS 44-1987

FROM BOSTON 157-644

MURKIN

RE BUTEL APRIL TWENTY NINE LAST WHICH REQUESTED CHECKS WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WHICH MAINTAIN UNIDENTIFIED LATENT FINGERPRINTS.

CHECKS OF IDENTIFICATION BUREAUS FOR MAINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE, RHODE ISLAND AND MASSACHUSETTS STATE POLICE NEGATIVE.

CHECKS IN MAJOR PDS WHICH MAINTAIN UNIDENTIFIED LATENT FINGERPRINTS OBTAINED FROM INVESTIGATIONS OF CRIMES UNDER THEIR JURISDICTION NO FINGERPRINTS RECEIVED SINCE APRIL TWENTY THREE, SIXTY SEVEN WHICH EVEN CLOSELY RESEMBLE THOSE OF SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND MEMPHIS 44-1987 AND SAN FRANCISCO
FROM BOSTON 157-644

MURKIN

RE DONALD STOUT, SUSPECT, CO-CONSPIRATOR.

RE SAN DIEGO TEL MAY ONE LAST.

TROOPER LAWRENCE HARDIN, MSP, LOGAN AIRPORT, EAST BOSTON,
MASS., ADVISED THIS DATE HE RECALLS INTERVIEWING INDIVIDUAL
WHOSE NAME MAY HAVE BEEN STOUT DURING SEPT., SIXTY SIX
CONCERNING SOME PERSONAL PROPERTY OF ANOTHER PERSON WHICH STOUT
ALLEGEDLY STOLE WHILE DRIVING ACROSS COUNTRY. HARDIN UNABLE
TO RECALL APPEARANCE OF STOUT.

SAN FRANCISCO FORWARD PHOTO DONALD STOUT FOR DISPLAY TO
TROOPER HARDIN AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS LOGAN AIRPORT.

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
MINNEAPOLIS
NEW YORK

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN.

RE DONALD STOUT - SUSPECT CO-CONSPIRATOR.

FOR CIRCULARIZATION AVIS AND HERTZ AT NEW YORK, AND NATIONAL CAR RENTAL AT MINNEAPOLIS, THE PRESENT LOCATION OF DONALD STOUT IS DESIRED BY FBI. STOUT IS WHITE MALE, FIVE FOOT SEVEN OR EIGHT, TWO HUNDRED TEN POUNDS, DARK HAIR WITH WAVE IN FRONT. EMPLOYED AS CAR JOCKEY TRANSPORTING RENTAL CARS THROUGHOUT U.S. FURNISH INFO OF HIS PRESENT LOCATION TO CENTRAL OFFICE RESPECTIVE CAR RENTAL AGENCY.

FOR INFO NEW YORK, HARRY P. STEWART, U.S. SECRET SERVICE, REPORTED HIS NEPHEW STEWART LINDAH, SAN FRANCISCO, CLAIMED HE AND TWO OTHERS THROUGH NEWSPAPER AD OBTAINED RIDE WITH STOUT. AT KANSAS CITY STOUT DISAPPEARED WITH THEIR EFFECTS AND PRIOR TO DISAPPEARANCE TOLD THEM HE WAS GOING TO SHOOT KING.

Airtel

Teletype RECORDS, FBI CHICAGO, REVEAL SIMILAR MODUS OPERANDI BY

A.M. DONALD LAWRENCE STOUT, AKA LAWRENCE DONALD STOUT, FBI NUMBER

A.M. FOUR NINE FIVE NINE THREE EIGHT ZERO, WHITE MALE, BORN

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Approved: R Jensen
Registered Special Agent in Charge

Sent mp 2:59 P M Per Rosen

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[REDACTED] DETROIT, MICHIGAN, SIMILAR DESCRIPTION, WHO HAS WORKED AS MERCHANT SEAMAN. STOUT CONVICTED MARCH TWELVE, ONE NINE FIVE FIVE, FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION, SEAGOVILLE, TEXAS, VIOLATION NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT, ONE YEAR ONE DAY. LATEST ARREST RECORD, IDENTIFICATION DIVISION FILES, APRIL TEN, ONE NINE FIVE EIGHT, POLICE, BERLIN, NEW HAMPSHIRE, THEIR NUMBER FOURTEEN, DRIVING NONREGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLE, FIVE DOLLAR FINE PAID.

MINNEAPOLIS AND NEW YORK UPON RECEIPT OF INFO RE STOUT'S WHEREABOUTS, ARRANGE TO HAVE HIM INTERVIEWED IMMEDIATELY.

A&D. P. END.

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

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352PM URGENT 5/2/68 WPK

TO BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) MEMPHIS (44-1987) KANSAS CITY SPRINGFIELD

AND ST. LOUIS

FROM DIRECTOR (44-38861) 2P.

MURKIN

RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE MAY ONE LAST, NO COPIES
ST. LOUIS, CONCERNING INTERVIEW OF JAMES W. BROWN AND
INFORMATION HE FURNISHED REGARDING RAY'S COMMENT THAT
COOLEY (PHONETIC) OR COOLEY'S ORGANIZATION WOULD PAY TEN
THOUSAND DOLLARS TO HAVE KING DEAD. FOR INFORMATION OF
ST. LOUIS, BROWN WAS INMATE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY FROM
APRIL NINETEEN SIXTY THROUGH JUNE NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE AND
ACQUAINTED WITH JAMES EARL RAY WHILE IN PRISON.

BIRMINGHAM REINTERVIEW BROWN THOROUGHLY REGARDING
RAY'S STATEMENT TO OBTAIN ALL INFORMATION PERTAINING TO
COOLEY. DETERMINE ANYONE ELSE FAMILIAR WITH THAT STATEMENT
AND IF COOLEY WAS IN OR OUT OF PRISON AT THE TIME. ATTEMPT TO
ESTABLISH WHERE RAY KNEW COOLEY.

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ALL OTHER OFFICES WHEN INTERVIEWING RAY'S PRISON
ASSOCIATES, ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP INFORMATION TO IDENTIFY
COOLEY OR INFORMATION WHICH WOULD SUBSTANTIATE OR ELIMINATE
THE STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO RAY.

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CORR SUBJECT CAPTION SHOULD BE "MURKIN"

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FBI-BUFFALO

4:42PM URGENT 5/2/68 AMM 2P

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), CHICAGO & MEMPHIS
FROM BUFFALO (44-374)

MURKIN

RE PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT ORDERED BY SUBJECT FROM SUPERIOR
BULK FILM COMPANY, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS UNDER NAME ERIC S. GALT.

RE CHICAGO TEL APRIL THIRTY LAST.

BERT S. LONNREN, COORDINATOR, OUTBOUND TRAFFIC, EASTMAN
KODAK COMPANY (EKCO), ROCHESTER, NEW YORK, ADVISED NO WARRANTY
GIVEN FOR ANY KODAK CAMERA EQUIPMENT AND SERIAL NUMBERS NOT
RECORDED WHEN SHIPPED BY COMPANY. RAYMOND PORTER, DIRECTOR OF
SECURITY, EKCO OFFICE, ROCHESTER, ADVISED WARRANTY IS FURNISHED
FOR KODAK PROJECTOR M-NINE FIVE Z AND APPROXIMATELY FIFTY PER
CENT ARE RETURNED BY PURCHASERS. APPROXIMATELY SIX THOUSAND
SOLD AND WARRANTY RETURNED SINCE OCTOBER, SIXTYSEVEN, AND CHECKS
BEING MADE TO DETERMINE IF WARRANTY RETURNED BY SUBJECT, WHICH WOULD
CONTAIN SERIAL NUMBER.

RICHARD TOWNSEND, GENERAL MANAGER, REPAIR CENTER, EKCO,
ROCHESTER, ADVISED CAMERAS RECEIVED FOR REPAIRS ARE RECORDED
BY NAME AND BY STATE IN WHICH RESIDING. TOWNSEND ALSO ADVISED
REPAIR OFFICES FOR COMPANY LOCATED NEW-YORK CITY, ATLANTA,
LOS ANGELES, SAN FRANCISCO, CHICAGO AND DALLAS, PLUS THIRTYFOUR
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CAMERA SHOPS RECOGNIZED BY COMPANY TO DO REPAIRS ON EQUIPMENT.
ALL CAMERA EQUIPMENT HAS GUARANTEE FOR ONE YEAR AFTER PURCHASE
IF DUE TO DEFECT BY MANUFACTURER, BUT NO CARD IS FURNISHED FOR
RETURN TO COMPANY IN THIS INSTANCE. CONTACTS BEING MADE WITH
KODAK EXECUTIVES FOR COOPERATION IN CHECK OF ALL REPAIR CENTERS
FOR SUBJECT.

INQUIRY DISCLOSED NO WAY TO DETERMINE PROJECTOR SOLD LOS
ANGELES AREA NOVEMBER, SIXTYSEVEN THROUGH MARCH, SIXTYEIGHT.

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TO DIRECTOR AND LOS ANGELES
FROM NEW ORLEANS 157-10673

RE JAMES EARL RAY - WANDA'S SEVEN SEAS RESTURANT, NEW
ORLEANS, DECEMBER, SIXTYSEVEN.

A REVIEW OF NEW ORLEANS CITY DIRECTORY AND OTHER AVAILABLE
SOURCES OF INFORMATION CONTAINED NO LISTING FOR WANDA'S SEVEN
SEAS RESTURANT IN NEW ORLEANS. LISTED WAS WANDA'S SEVEN SEAS
BAR, SIX ZERO EIGHT IBERVILLE STREET, NEW ORLEANS. CONTACT
WITH THIS BAR OWNER AND OTHER EMPLOYEES NEGATIVE RE ANY ARRESTS
AT THIS BAR DURING DECEMBER, SIXTYSEVEN INVOLVING ALLEGED
ARGUMENT OVER A DOG BROUGHT TO BAR BY A CUSTOMER. ALL AVAILABLE
PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECT DISPLAYED BUT WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.
CONTACT WITH OTHER BAR OWNERS IN SIX HUNDRES BLOCK OF IBERVILLE
AND WITH OTHER PERSONS KNOWN TO FREQUENT THESE BARS, INCLUDING
WANDA'S SEVEN SEAS BAR, WAS NEGATIVE RE AFOREMENTIONED INCIDENT
AND ALSO REGARDING SUBJECT.

REVIEW OF NEW ORLEANS PD MASTER LIST OF ALL COMPLAINTS
RECEIVED AND ARRESTS MADE DURING DECEMBER, SIXTYSEVEN, WHICH
NUMBERED NEAR FIVE THOUSAND, SHOWED ON DECEMBER SEVENTEEN
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SIXTYSEVEN, UNDER NEW ORLEANS PD ITEM NUMBER L ONE TWO FIVE FIVE FOUR - SIX SEVEN, THAT FOUR PERSONS WERE ARRESTED AT NINE FIFTYTHREE P.M., FOR FIGHTING AT SIX ZERO EIGHT IBERVILLE STREET. SUBSEQUENT INQUIRY DETERMINED THIS ARREST OCCURRED IN FRONT OF WANDA'S SEVEN SEAS BAR AND INVOLVED FIGHT BETWEEN A NEGRO MALE AND THREE WHITE MALES, ALL OF WHOM WERE ARRESTED FOR FIGHTING. THESE PERSONS WERE ALL RELEASED SAME DATE AFTER ARRESTING OFFICERS CONTACTED, RECALLED ARRESTS AND STATE ARRESTS WERE THE RESULT OF FIGHT BETWEEN YOUNG NEGRO MALE, NINETEEN, AND WHITE MALE, TWENTYSIX, AND TWO OTHER WHITE MALES WERE ALSO ARRESTED FOR INTERFERING. THESE OFFICERS VIEWED ALL AVAILABLE PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECT AND STATE POSITIVE NONE IDENTICAL OR EVEN LOOK LIKE SUBJECT.

CONTACT MADE WITH VARIOUS NEW ORLEANS PD DETECTIVES AND UNIFORMED POLICE OFFICERS WHO WORK IN AREA WHERE SEVEN SEAS BAR LOCATED AND NONE OF THESE PERSON RECALLED ANY ARRESTS

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BEING MADE DURING DECEMBER, SIXTYSEVEN INVOLVING ARGUMENT OVER
A DOG. ALSO, SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAPHS DISPLAYED AND AGAIN WITH
NEGATIVE RESULTS.

RE CHARLES STEIN - ARREST DISPOSITIONS
RECORDS, CLERK OF COURT, ORLEANS PARISH DISTRICT COURT,
RECORDS DIVISION; NEW ORLEANS PD ARRESTS OF CHARLES
STEIN, NEW ORLEANS PD NUMBER SIX SIX ONE TWO TWO :

ARRESTED MAY NINE, FIFTYTHREE, CHARGE NO MEANS OF SUPPORT,
DISPOSITION DISCHARGED NIGHT COURT MAY TEN, FIFTYTHREE.

ARRESTED OCTOBER TWENTYSIX, FIFTYFIVE, CHARGE VIOLATION
R S ONE FOUR, ARTICLE NINE ZERO - GAMBLING, LOCAL ORDINANCE
ONE SIX NINE ONE THREE - CONDUCTING A VICE GAME, LOCAL
ORDINANCE ONE THREE NINE SEVEN FOUR - VAGRANCY BY LOITERING,
DISPOSITION CHARGE REFUSED NOVEMBER TEN, FIFTYFIVE BY ASSISTANT
DISTRICT ATTORNEY RICHARD C. SEITHER FOR REASONS OF "INSUFFICIENT
EVIDENCE OF GAMBLING CONDUCTED AS A BUSINESS AND THAT NO
EVIDENCE THAT ANYONE WAS CUTTING THE GAME."

ARRESTED JULY FOURTEEN, SIXTYONE, CHARGE POSSESSION OF
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NARCOTICS AND POSSESSION OF STOLEN PROPERTY, R S ONE FOUR,
ARTICLE SIX NINE. DISPOSITION, CHARGES REFUSED JULY TWENTY,
SIXTYONE BY ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY E. ESTALOTE "INSUFFICIENT
EVIDENCE NARCOTICS, CANNOT FIND OWNERS OF STOLEN PROPERTY - JUST
POSSESSION OF PICTURES. "

ARRESTED APRIL FOURTEEN, SIXTYTWO, CHARGE PANDERING
SOLICITING FOR PROSTITUTION, CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY TO PANDER,
DISPOSITION SOLICITING AND CONSPIRACY NOLLIE PROSSED FEBRUARY TWO,
SIXTYSIX, PANDERING NOLLIE PROSSED DECEMBER FOURTEEN, SIXTYFIVE.

ARRESTED FEBRUARY SIXTEEN, SIXTYTHREE, CHARGE SOLICITING
FOR PROSTITUTION, POSSESSION OF BARBITURATES, DISPOSITION
POSSESSION OF BARBITURATES FEBRUARY TWENTYSIX, SIXTYFOUR
COURT SUSTAINED MOTION FOR DIRECTED VERDICT, COURT ORDERED
DISCHARGED. SOLICITING FOR PROSTITUTION JUNE TEN, SIXTYFOUR,
COURT ORDERED JUDGMENT OF NOT GUILTY.

RE FINGERPRINTS SUBMITTED BY NEW ORLEANS PD MARCH TWO,
FIFTYFIVE, CHARLES JOSEPH STEIN, L FOUR THREE SIX TWO,
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ALCOHOLIC AND BEVERAGE UNIT, NEW ORLEANS PD, ADVISES STEIN OPERATED TAVERN IN NEW ORLEANS FROM MARCH TO DECEMBER, FIFTYFIVE. THIS TAVERN IS SAME LOCATION STEIN ARRESTED OCTOBER TWENTYSIX, FIFTYFIVE. FINGERPRINTS RECEIVED BY BUREAU JULY TWENTYFIVE, SIXTYONE FROM NEW ORLEANS PD UNDER NAME CHARLES STEIN. THESE PRINTS REFERRED TO ARREST ON JULY FOURTEEN, SIXTYONE.

COPIES OF NEW ORLEANS PD REPORTS RE STEIN'S ARRESTS BEING FORWARDED LOS ANGELES FOR POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE IN FUTURE CONTACTS WITH STEIN.

RE ROSE WILLIAMS

IN AM OF MAY ONE, LOUIS TRENT, ATTORNEY, NEW ORLEANS TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED NEW ORLEANS OFFICE AND ADVISED THAT HE HAD CLIENT ROSE WILLIAMS, THAT WISHED TO FURNISH INFORMATION CONCERNING ERIC GALT BUT THAT WILLIAMS WOULD NOT FURNISH INFORMATION UNLESS HE WAS PRESENT. TRENT ADVISED THAT HE WOULD MAKE WILLIAMS AVAILABLE IN THE MORNING OF MAY ONE, AT HIS OFFICE.

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ROSE WILLIAMS ADVISES SHE IS A CLOSE FRIEND OF MARIE LEE.

WILLIAMS STATES SHE SAW GALT ON TWO OCCASIONS WHILE GALT WAS IN NEW ORLEANS IN DECEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN. THE FIRST TIME SHE SAW GALT WAS AT MARIE LEE'S APARTMENT ON BURGUNDY STREET. SHE WAS INTRODUCED TO GALT BY CHARLES STEIN. GALT DID ACKNOWLEDGE THE INTRODUCTION. SHE WAS IN GALT'S COMPANY ABOUT FIVE MINUTES. THE SECOND TIME SHE SAW GALT WAS THE DAY GALT AND STEIN DEPARTED NEW ORLEANS. SHE OBSERVED GALT, CHARLES STEIN, RITA STEIN'S TWO CHILDREN AND CHARLES DECARVELHO PACKING GALT'S WHITE MUSTANG. SHE DID NOT TALK WITH GALT ON THIS OCCASION. SHE ADVISED THAT STEIN ASKED HER TO DATE GALT, BUT SHE DECLINE. SHE STATED SHE WAS ADVISED BY CHARLES STEIN THAT GALT WAS COMING TO NEW ORLEANS ON BUSINESS AND ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE BY MARIE MARTIN TO HAVE CHARLES STEIN ACCOMPANY HIM ON TRIP.

SHE ADVISED SHE FEELS CERTAIN THAT CHARLES STEIN DID NOT KNOW GALT PREVIOUS TO THE TRIP AS STEIN INFORMED MARIE LEE OF THIS FACT AND STEIN WOULD NOT LIE TO HIS SISTER. SHE STATED BECAUSE OF THE SHORT PERIOD OF TIME THAT CHARLES STEIN KNEW GALT SHE DID NOT FEEL THAT GALT AND STEIN WERE INVOLVED IN NARCOTICS SALES IN LOS ANGELES. SHE ADVISED THAT STEIN WAS TO STAY IN NEW

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ORLEANS ONLY ONE DAY BUT REMAINED SEVERAL DAYS. SHE RECEIVED THIS INFORMATION FROM MARIE LEE AND WAS ADVISED BY LEE THAT STEIN REMAINED IN NEW ORLEANS AS GALT HAD SOME BUSINESS TO CONDUCT. MAIN PURPOSE OF STEIN'S TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS TO RETURN ITA STEIN'S TWO DAUGHTERS TO CALIFORNIA.

CHARLES STEIN INFORMED HER THAT HE IS A FIRM BELIEVER IN COSMIC PHILOSOPHY AND ALSO INFORMED HER THAT GALT PAID FOR ALL FOOD, GAS AND MOTEL BILLS ON THE TRIP. WILLIAMS DID NOT KNOW WHERE GALT AND STEIN STOPPED ON TRIP. SHE DID NOT KNOW IF STEIN FIXED GALT UP WITH ANY WOMEN WHILE THEY WERE IN NEW ORLEANS, BUT DOUBTED THIS AS STEIN WAS OUT OF TOUCH IN NEW ORLEANS DUE TO HIS ABSENCE.

WILLIAMS ADVISED DID NOT COME FORWARD SOONER PER REQUEST OF MARIE LEE AS LEE INFORMED HER SHE DID NOT FEEL SHE WILLIAMS COULD FURNISH FBI ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION.

LOUIS TRENT, ATTORNEY FOR ROSE WILLIAMS SUBSEQUENTLY, ADVISED CONFIDENTIALLY THAT ROSE WILLIAMS ADMITTED TO HIM THAT MRS. CLOWINA OLOVZO WAS PRESENT WHEN GALT AND CHARLES STEIN DEPARTED

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NEW ORLEANS AND SHE DID NOT ADVISE FBI OF THIS FACT BECAUSE OF
REQUEST FROM MARIE LEE NOT TO INVOLVE HER MOTHER, MRS.
CLOVINA OLONZO.

AM COPIES TO MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, ATLANTA, AND JACKSON.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) BOSTON, CHICAGO (44-1114) MEMPHIS (44-1987)
AND SAN DIEGO (44-387)
FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) 1P

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RE: DONALD STOUT - (SUSPECT, CO-CONSPIRATOR
RE SA- FRANCISCO TEL MAY ONE LAST.

ROBERT E. STOUT INTERVIEWED TODAY AND DETERMINED NOT IDENTICAL
TO LAWRENCE D. STOUT, AKA DONALD STOUT. STATED DONALD STOUT NOT
RELATED AND NOT KNOWN. ADVISED PHOTO FO DONALD STOUT SIMILAR TO
YELLOW CAB COMPANY DRIVER NICKNAME "PANCHO," FORMER EMPLOYEE OF
BARRETT TRANSPORTATION COMPANY, OPERATOR OF CABS BETWEEN SAN FRANCISCO
AND SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WHO SOLD OUT IN OCTOBER,
SIXTYFOUR.

"PANCHO" DETERMINED TO BE ADOLFO JOSE VALLE, YELLOW CAB
COMPANY EMPLOYEE, BORN [REDACTED] EL SALVADOR. VALLE
INTERVIEWED TODAY AND DETERMINED NOT IDENT TO DONALD STOUT.

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TO ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO, JACKSON, KANSAS CITY,
MEMPHIS, MOBILE, NEW ORLEANS, ST. LOUIS, SAVANNAH AND
SPRINGFIELD

FROM DIRECTOR (44-38861) 2P

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IT IS NOTED THAT SUBJECT APPARENTLY WAS NEAT IN HIS
DRESS AND REGULARLY UTILIZED LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANING
SERVICES.

THE ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, JACKSON, MEMPHIS, MOBILE AND
SAVANNAH OFFICES SHOULD GIVE CONSIDERATION TO CIRCULARIZING
ID'S AND/OR WANTED FLYERS TO ALL LAUNDRIES AND DRY
CLEANING ESTABLISHMENTS IN YOUR HEADQUARTERS CITY AND
OTHER LOGICAL POINTS IN YOUR TERRITORY. IN THE OTHER
OFFICES THIS CIRCULARIZATION MAY BE LIMITED TO SUCH
ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE LARGER CITIES AT THIS TIME. IT IS
SUGGESTED THAT THOSE ESTABLISHMENTS LOCATED IN THE LOWER
CLASS ROOMING HOUSE AREAS BE CONTACTED FIRST. IN ADDITION
PERSONAL CONTACT FOR PURPOSE OF SHOWING SLICK PHOTOGRAPHS
OF SUBJECT SHOULD BE UTILIZED WHERE JUSTIFIED.

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MEMPHIS IMMEDIATELY FURNISH EACH OFFICE SUFFICIENT
BACKGROUND REGARDING LAUNDRY MARKINGS AND ANY OTHER
PERTINENT INFORMATION ON THE LAUNDRY ASPECTS OF THIS CASE.

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TO BIRMINGHAM 44-1740 TAMPA 157-3231 MEMPHIS 44-1987
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

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REBHTEL MAY ONE LAST AND TPTTEL MAY ONE LAST RE
CHARLES RAY JOHNSON.

BIRMINGHAM, REINTERVIEW SPARKS CONCERNING INFORMATION
HE FURNISHED IN VIEW OF FACT HE IS UNKNOWN TO L. B. DEMAY.
BHTEL OF APRIL TWENTYEIGHT LAST STATES SPARKS SAW JOHNSON
IN TAMPA THREE DAYS PREVIOUS TO APRIL TWENTYEIGHT LAST
AND THAT HE FIRST SAW JOHNSON IN TAMPA ON APRIL EIGHT LAST,
AND OVSERVED HIM DAILY UNTIL HE, SPARKS, LEFT TAMPA. CONSIDER
FURNISHING TAMPA WITH PHOTOGRAPH OF SPARKS AND HIS WIFE TO
ASSIST TAMPA IN IDENTIFYING THEM.

TAMPA, RECONTACT PERSONNEL OF RAYAL AMERICAN SHOWS AND
HAVE THEIR RECORDS THOROUGHLY RECHECKED FOR ANY INFORMATION
RELATING TO SPARKS OR JOHNSON. FROM INFORMATION FURNISHED BY
SPARKS, IT IS APPARENT IF HE WAS NOT IN FACT EMPLOYED BY
ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS, HE IS AT LEAST AWARE OF THE IDENTITY OF
"HOT SHOT" WHO TAMPA HAS IDENTIFIED AS L. B. DEMAY.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES, SPRINGFIELD,

CHICAGO AND ST. LOUIS

FROM ATLANTA (44-2386) 1P

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SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION MAY TWO SIXTYEIGHT.

EXPANDED TAXICAB CHECK AND REVIEW OF TRIP SHEETS CONTINUING.

NEGATIVE TO DATE.

EXPANDED AIRLINES CHECKS CONTINUING. NO PERTINENT INFO
OBTAINED TO DATE.

CONTACT OF INDIVIDUALS OFFERING USED CARS FOR SALE IN
CLASSIFIED ADS CONTINUING. NEGATIVE TO DATE.

INVESTIGATION OF STOLEN CARS, INCLUDING THOSE FURNISHED BY
NCIC FOR THE PERTINENT PERIOD CONTINUING. NO PERTINENT INFORMATION
OBTAINED TO DATE.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), ST. LOUIS (44-775).

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FROM CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN SUMMARY

BROTHER JERRY WILLIAM RAY IN INTERVIEW THIS DATE
JERRY ADVISED HE HAD BEEN INTERVIEWED BY "SUN TIMES" REPORTER
FURNISHING ONLY FAMILY INFO. NO COMMENT MADE AS TO ANY INFO
HE HAD FURNISHED TO FBI. DID TELL REPORTER HE BELIEVES
FBI WILL FIND SUBJECT SINCE FBI FOUND HIM (JERRY) SO QUICKLY. NO
ADDITIONAL ASSOCIATES OF EITHER SUBJECT OR JERRY DEVELOPED.
STATES OCCASIONALLY USES PHONE IN COTTAGE, COMMON TO OTHER
ROOMERS, BUT ALSO MAKES CALLS FROM VARIOUS PAY PHONES WITHIN
COUNTRY CLUB. SURVEY THIS DATE REVEALS FOUR PRIVATE PHONES
AND SEVEN PAY PHONES AVAILABLE FOR JERRY'S USE. ALSO, THERE
IS SHOPPING CENTER WITHIN FOUR BLOCK AREA WITH NUMEROUS
PHONE BOOTHS.

IN CONVERSATION, ATTEMPTING TO DEVELOP FURTHER ASSOCIATES
OF SUBJECT, JERRY STATED JOSEPH AUSTIN WAS PROBABLY
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CLOSEST TO SUBJECT AT TIME OF THEIR ARREST AUGUST NINETEEN FIFTYNINE BUT KNOWS OF NO ASSOCIATION

RECENTLY. STATED JACK GAWRON NOT PARTICULARLY CLOSE TO SUBJECT BECAUSE OF TENDENCY TO TALK ABOUT "SCORES" (ROBBERIES OR BURGLARIES). NO KNOWLEDGE WHETHER GAWRON AND SUBJECT COMMITTED CRIMES TOGETHER BUT DOES NOT THINK THEY DID. NO OPINION STATED NOR ELICITED AS TO BELIEF WHETHER OR NOT SUBJECT MIGHT CONTACT GAWRON.

RE JAMES E. BODKER. INTERVIEWED THIS DATE. ELIMINATED AS SUBJECT OR CO CONSPIRATOR.

RE TOLL CALLS. IBT FURNISHING AVAILABLE TOLL TICKETS OF SUSAN DONIAN, SISTER, WITH FULL SECURITY. POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING TOLL CALLS FOR ALL PHONES AVAILABLE TO JERRY BEING EXPLORED. ALSO THROUGH ADDITIONAL SOURCES CHICAGO ATTEMPTING TO DETERMINE PHONE MOST COMMONLY USED BY JERRY.

LOOK ALIKE LEADS BEING HANDLED ON AN EXPEDITE CONTINUING BASIS. TWO ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUALS WHO MADE THREATS AGAINST KING ELIMINATED AS CO CONSPIRATORS. BUREAU ADVISED BY SEPARATE TEL. .

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1049PM URGENT 5-2-68 JHM

TO: DIRECTOR MEMPHIS KANSAS CITY CHICAGO

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN SUMMARY

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ST. LOUIS THIS DATE.

RE GRAPEVINE TAVERN.

LICENSE OBTAINED BY CAROL PEPPER, SUBJECTS SISTER, AS SOLE OWNER AND OPERATOR, WHEREAS JOHN LARRY RAY, SUBJECTS BROTHER, WHO HAS CRIMINAL RECORD, HAS EVERY APPEARANCE OF BEING ACTUAL OPERATOR. ALLOWING EX-SON TO OPERATE IS GROUND FOR LICENSE REVOCATION UNDER STATE LAW. LEASE IS IN NAME OF CAROL PEPPER, AND RENT PAID BY HER CHECKS. UTILITIES IN HER NAME. SUPPLIERS PAID IN CASH ON DELIVERY. JOHN RAY EXECUTED MORTGAGE FOR BEER COOLER WITH CAROL AS CO SIGNER. FACTS WILL BE DISCUSSED HYPOTHETICALLY WITH ATU TO DETERMINE IF SUFFICIENT TO CONSTITUTE VIOLATION OF TITLE TWENTY SIX, SECTION SEVEN TWO ZERO SIX PARAGRAPH TWO, U. S. CODE. IF SO, WILL BE USED AS LEVER TO OBTAIN COOPERATION OF BOTH.

TAVERN BEING COVERED BY SOURCES AND SPOT CHECKS IN CONNECTION WITH COVERAGE OF JOHN RAY. HE HAS NO TELEPHONE AT RESIDENCE. TOLL CALLS FROM TAVERN BEING COMPILED BY TELEPHONE COMPANY AT THIS TIME.

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RE JOHN LARRY RAY:

RE INTERVIEWED TODAY. APPEARED COOPERATIVE. SAID BROTHER JERRY ARRIVED NINE THIRTY AM APRIL THIRTY. THEY TALKED WITH CAROL PEPPER OF HARASSMENT BY REPORTERS. JERRY SAID IF IT CONTINUED HE WOULD QUIT JOB. JERRY LEFT FOR CHICAGO ELEVEN AM MAY FIRST. JOHN HAD NO REASON TO BELIEVE JERRY OR CAROL CONTACTED OR HEARD FROM SUBJECT SINCE ESCAPE. JERRY SAID IS ONLY MEMBER OF FAMILY WITH STABLE ADDRESS KNOWN TO SUBJECT, WHO HAS NOT MOVED SINCE ESCAPE. ADMITTED SENDING MONEY TO SUBJECT IN PRISON AS SUBJECT HAD DONE SAME FOR HIM. UNABLE TO RECALL SPECIFIC DATES OR AMOUNTS. BELIEVED IF SUBJECT KILLED KING HE WAS EITHER CRAZY OR PAID. IF CRAZY, WOULD NOT CONTACT FAMILY. IF FOR MONEY, WOULD NOT CONTACT AS WOULD NOT NEED HELP, AND WOULD PROBABLY BE KILLED BY PAYER. BELIEVED SUBJECT BECAME NARCOTICS USER IN ARMY AS HAS NOT SEEMED RIGHT SINCE. KNEW OF NO CLOSE FRIENDS OF SUBJECT. NO IDEA OF SUBJECTS WHEREABOUTS. WELCOMED RECONTACT AT ANY TIME.

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RE ALBERT PEPPER AND PEPPER STATIONERY CO.

NO INDICATION OF EXISTENCE OF PEPPER STATIONERY CO.,
TO WHOM SUBJECT ALLEGEDLY SENT MONEY THRU SUBTERFUGE FROM MSP.
ADDRESS GIVEN WAS FORMER RESIDENCE OF ALBERT PEPPER, HUSBAND
OF CAROL PEPPER, SUBJECTS SISTER.

ALBERT PEPPER REINTERVIEWED. NOT ANTAGONISTIC. DENIED
KNOWLEDGE OF RECEIPT OF FUNDS FROM SUBJECT IN MSP OR AT
STATIONERY CO., BUT INDICATED WIFE MIGHT HAVE, AS SHE IS HOME
AND HE IS GONE DURING DAY. NEVER MET SUBJECT. MARRIED CAROL
AFTER SUBJECT IN MSP. DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECTS WHEREABOUTS
OR ANY CONTACT WITH FAMILY. TOLD RUNNING OFF LIFE REPORTER WITH
CLUB. REALIZED FBI NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LIFE ARTICLE. AGREED
TO URGE CAROL TO COOPERATE WITH FBI. HE WILLING TO BE RE CON-
TACTED ANY TIME NECESSARY. PEPPER RESIDENCE COVERED BY NEIGHBOR,
SPOT CHECKS AND SA RESIDING IN AREA. PHONE COMPANY COMPILING
TOLL CALLS.

RE JOHN GAWRON.

REINTERVIEWED TODAY. LEARNED AT GRAPEVINE LAST NIGHT OF
JERRY RAY SL VISIT. DENIED TELLING JOHN RAY OF PREVIOUS FBI
CONTACTS. WAS CONVINCED FROM PREVIOUS TALKS WITH JOHN AND CAROL
SUBJECT HAD NOT COME TO SL AFTER ESCAPE. RECALLED SUBJECT
CONTACTED HIM THRU CAROL THREE TIMES WHILE IN MSP WITH REQUEST
HE PURCHASE CASE OF COLD INHALANT, PROBABLY BENZEDRINE.
UNIDENTIFIED MSP GUARD MADE TRIPS TO PICK UP SAME AND STATED
PAID ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS EACH TRIP. GAWRON BELIEVED SUBJECT

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BOILED DOWN FOR SALE TO PRISONERS AND ALSO HAD LOAN RACKET IN
MSP. WAS FURNISHED COPY OF LIFE AND AGREED TO VISIT CAROL F--
DISCUSSION THIS WEEKEND. JOHN RAY USES GAWRON ADDRESS FOR MAIL.
ALL LETTERS RECEIVED TO DATE HAVE BEEN APPARENTLY FROM LEGITIMATE
BUSINESSES.

RE JERRY RAYNES, FATHER.

NEIGHBORHOOD SOURCES IN RURAL AREA ADVISED TODAY
RAYNES HAD NO VISITORS PAST WEEK. CHECK MADE TO BE SURE JERRY
RAY HAD NOT SPENT NIGHT WITH ENROUTE SL.

RE MAX ANTHONY RYAN, BROTHER.

JOHN GAWRON ADVISED MOTHER LUCILLE ATTEMPTED UNSUCCESS-
FULLY TO LOCATE MAX BEFORE HER DEATH. IS CONVINCED NO MEMBER
OF FAMILY HAS SLIGHTEST IDEA OF HIS ADOPTED NAME OR WHEREABOUTS.
SL CONCURS WITH CHICAGO AND SPRINGFIELD RECOMMENDATION THAT
INTERVIEW WITH MAX BE HELD IN ABSENCE.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI CAN'T KEEP STORIES STRAIGHT
IN INVESTIGATION OF KING'S MURDER

PRELUDE: IS THE FBI BUNGLING THE INVESTIGATION OF CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.? IT WOULD APPEAR SO FROM THIS, THE FOURTH IN A SERIES BY FAMED NEGRO REPORTER LOUIS LOMAX, NOW RETRACING THE STEPS OF JAMES EARL RAY ON HIS JOURNEYS WITH HOLLYWOOD SONGWRITER CHARLES STEIN FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS. THE FBI HAS BEEN FORCED TO ADMIT THAT FINGERPRINTS, CIRCULATED AS THOSE OF RAY, WERE IN FACT OF SOMEONE ELSE. THIS IS BUT ONE OF A SERIES OF CONTRADICTIONS AND CONFUSIONS EMANATING FROM THE FEDERAL AGENCY.

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SAN ANTONIO, TEX., APRIL 29 (NANA)--AN FBI SEARCH OF THE 1966 WHITE MUSTANG DRIVEN BY JAMES EARL RAY, ALIAS STARVO GALT, AND THE ALLEGED SLAYER OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., UNEARTHED GREEN STAMPS THAT WERE ISSUED AS A RESULT OF A PURCHASE AT A BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA GAS STATION IN MID-FEBRUARY OF 1968. THIS REPORTER LEARNED OF THE GREEN STAMPS WHILE HERE IN SAN ANTONIO AND WAS ABLE TO CONFIRM THE ITEM BY TELEPHONE. THE BIRMINGHAM GAS STATION OWNER SAID THE STAMPS WERE ISSUED AT HIS STATION, AND HE ALSO IDENTIFIED A PICTURE OF RAY AS THAT OF THE MAN INVOLVED IN THE TRANSACTION. THE STATION OWNER RECALLS THE TRANSACTION BECAUSE THE WHITE MUSTANG HAD A CLUTCH PROBLEM.

FBI REPORTS CONSISTENTLY PLACE RAY IN LOS ANGELES AS A STUDENT AT DANCING AND BARTENDING SCHOOLS AT THE TIME OF THE GAS STATION TRANSACTION. HOWEVER, THESE REPORTS ARE BOLDLY CHALLENGED BY THE STATEMENT OF THE BIRMINGHAM GAS STATION OWNER. THIS IS BUT ONE OF A SERIES OF DISTURBING CONTRADICTIONS AND APPARENT "FBI" DISTORTIONS OF FACTS DISCOVERED DURING THIS REPORTER'S FOUR-DAY RETRACING OF RAY'S DECEMBER, 1967 AUTOMOBILE TRIP FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS. RAY MADE THE TRIP ON DEC. 15 WITH THE HOLLYWOOD SONGWRITER CHARLES STEIN AS A DRIVING COMPANION. STEIN IS MAKING THE DRIVE OVER THE SAME ROUTE WITH THIS REPORTER.

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THE FBI REPORTS INDICATE THAT CIGARETTE BUTTS AND ASHES WERE FOUND IN THE ASH TRAY AND ON THE FLOOR OF THE WHITE MUSTANG WHEN IT WAS RECOVERED IN ATLANTA, GA. I HAVE BEEN ON THE ROAD WITH STEIN, RAY'S DECEMBER DRIVING COMPANION FOR TWO DAYS AND HE DISTINCTLY RECALLS THAT RAY DID NOT SMOKE.

THE FBI REPORTS INDICATE THAT RAY WAS IN LOS ANGELES UNTIL MARCH 27TH; HE IS REPORTED TO HAVE BOUGHT THE FATAL WEAPON IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA., ON MARCH 30TH. THIS REPORTER DISCLOSED LAST WEEK THAT RAY DELIVERED A PACKAGE TO THE NEW ORLEANS FAMILY OF ONE OF HIS HOLLYWOOD GIRL FRIENDS DURING HIS LAST WEEK THERE. THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS, THEN, IS CLEARLY IMPOSSIBLE. THE FBI INTERVIEWED THE FAMILY FOLLOWING MY DISCLOSURE OF THE INCIDENT AND CONFIRMED THAT RAY HAD DELIVERED THE PACKAGE. THE TRIP FROM LOS ANGELES TO BIRMINGHAM VIA NEW ORLEANS IS IN EXCESS OF 2,500 MILES. RAY COULD NOT HAVE DRIVEN THAT ROUTE, PARTICULARLY IN A MUSTANG IN THE SHORT PERIOD BETWEEN MARCH 27TH AND MARCH 30TH. THERE IS AN OUTSIDE CHANCE THAT THE TRIP COULD HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED IF RAY HAD A DRIVING COMPANION AS HE DID IN DECEMBER. THERE HAVE BEEN NO INDICATIONS THAT HE DID HAVE A COMPANION.

--CONTRADICTIONS--

THESE CONTRADICTIONS AND CONFUSIONS ARE COMPOUNDED BY OTHERS THAT HAVE OCCURED DURING THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE SLAYING OF DR. KING. THE FBI ISSUED A REPORT THAT RAY HAD TAKEN DANCING LESSONS IN NEW ORLEANS DURING A TIME THE AGENCY'S OTHER REPORTS AND RECORDS SHOWED THAT RAY WAS IN PRISON.

THE FBI HAS BEEN FORCED TO ADMIT THAT THE FINGERPRINTS, CIRCULATED DURING THE EARLY DAYS OF THE MANHUNT WERE NOT THOSE OF RAY. THE BLAME FOR THIS, ACCORDING TO THE FBI, MUST BE ASSUMED BY THE WARDEN OF THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY. THE WARDEN, THE FBI CLAIMED, ISSUED MISTAKEN FINGERPRINTS ON RAY WHEN THE CONVICT ESCAPED FROM PRISON IN APRIL, 1967. THIS MEANS TWO THINGS: (1) HAD RAY BEEN ARRESTED AFTER HIS ESCAPE FROM PRISON; HE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN HELD BY THE LOCAL ARRESTING OFFICERS AS A FUGITIVE; (2) HAD RAY BEEN ARRESTED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SLAYING OF DR. KING THE MISTAKEN FINGERPRINTS WOULD HAVE CONFUSED THE INVESTIGATION AND POSSIBLY WOULD HAVE LED TO HIS RELEASE.

THE SIGNIFICANT FACT IS THAT THE GEORGIA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (CAPS G,B,I) HAD MISTAKEN FINGERPRINTS OF RAY UP UNTIL LAST WEDNESDAY. HAD RAY BEEN ARRESTED IN ATLANTA, THEN, ON THE DAY HE PARKED THE WHITE MUSTANG, THE GEORGIA AUTHORITIES WOULD HAVE BEEN ATTEMPTING TO IDENTIFY HIM BY MATCHING HIS FINGERPRINTS AGAINST A SET OF PRINTS THAT BELONGED TO SOMEBODY ELSE.

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THEN THERE ARE THE CREDIBLE OMISSIONS THAT HAVE BEEN DISCOVERED DURING THIS REPORTERS TRIP BACK INTO THE LIFE AND ACTIVITIES OF RAY. APPARENTLY IT NEVER OCCURED TO THE FBI TO RETRACE RAY'S TRIP WITH STEIN AS THIS REPORTER IS DOING IN SEARCH OF THE PHONE BOOTH FROM WHICH RAY MADE HASTY CALLS TO SOMEONE IN NEW ORLEANS. APPARENTLY IT ALSO DID NOT OCCUR TO THE FBI TO INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITY THAT RAY WAS IN TELEPHONE CONTACT WITH NEW ORLEANS WHILE HE WAS STILL IN LOS ANGELES. THIS REPORTER LOCATED THE PHONE BOOTH USED BY RAY IN THE LOBBY OF THE ST. FRANCIS HOTEL LAST WEDNESDAY. THE WALLS OF THE BOOTH WERE COVERED WITH GRAFFITI. ONE LINE READ "DOWN WITH MEXICANS, NIGGERS, AND MARTIN LUTHER COON."

--FATAL OVERSIGHT--

THE MOST FATAL OVERSIGHT WAS THE FBI'S FAILURE TO UNCOVER THE CONSOLE TELEVISION SET RAY GAVE TO A HOLLYWOOD GIRL FRIEND IN RETURN FOR HER PORTABLE. THE SWAP OCCURED AROUND VALENTINE'S DAY--FEBRUARY 14--AND RAY TOLD THE GIRL HE WAS LEAVING TOWN. THIS REPORTER FOUND BOTH THE GIRL FRIEND AND THE TELEVISION SET. THE BACK OF THE TELEVISION SET CONTAINED HANDWRITING BELIEVED TO BE THAT OF RAY AND CAN BE MATCHED AGAINST THE GRAFFITI ON THE WALLS OF THE TELEPHONE BOOTH.

A CLEAR READING OF THIS MAKES IT ALL BUT CERTAIN THAT RAY TOOK THREE TRIPS TO NEW ORLEANS BETWEEN DEC. 15 AND THE END OF MARCH. THERE WAS THE TRIP OF DEC. 15 WHICH STEIN AND I ARE NOW RETRACING; THERE WAS A SECOND TRIP THAT BEGAN ON VALENTINE'S DAY. FINALLY THERE WAS THE TRIP THAT BEGAN A FEW DAYS BEFORE THE END OF MARCH AND CULMINATED IN THE DEATH OF DR. KING.

THE VALENTINE'S DAY TRIP EXPLAINS THE GREEN STAMP TRANSACTION IN THE MIDDLE OF FEBRUARY. IT ALSO EXPLAINS THE MYSTERIOUS PHONE CALL TO THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES REQUESTING THAT A DUPLICATE OF "GALT'S" DRIVERS LICENSE BE SENT TO A BIRMINGHAM BOARDING HOUSE. THE LICENSE WAS MAILED ON MARCH 1, THE DAY BEFORE RAY IS ALLEGED TO HAVE GRADUATED FROM A LOS ANGELES DANCING SCHOOL. IT IS CLEAR THAT RAY "DROPPED OUT" FROM THE SCHOOL FOR SEVERAL DAYS TO MAKE THE SECOND TRIP.

THE ONE UNASSAILABLE FACT IS THAT RAY DID MAKE THESE TRIPS. AND THAT HE WAS IN TELEPHONE CONTACT WITH SOMEONE IN NEW ORLEANS. RAY TOLD STEIN THAT HIS CONTACT WAS AN IMPORTANT PERSON, A CONTRACTOR AND BUILDER. THE KEY, THEN, LIES IN LOCATING THE PHONE BOOTH ALONG THE HIGHWAY FROM WHICH THESE CALLS WERE MADE. TELEPHONE COMPANY OFFICIALS BELIEVE THEY CAN TRACE THE CALLS IF THE BOOTH CAN BE LOCATED.

CHARLES STEIN REMEMBERS GRAPHICALLY THE GAS STATION FROM WHICH THE CALLS WERE MADE. WE ARE NOW IN THE GENERAL AREA OF THE STATION. OUR HOPE IS TO LOCATE THESE PHONE BOOTHS BEFORE COMPLETING THE JOURNEY.

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RE HOUSTON TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MAY ONE LAST.

RE DENNIS WADE FONTENNOT, AKA JAMES DENNIS WADE, FBI
NUMBER [REDACTED]

INFORMATION DEVELOPED THAT RAY HAD AN INMATE OF MISSOURI
STATE PRISON BY THE LAST NAME OF WADE TO BEAT ANOTHER INMATE
BY THE LAST NAME OF GREEN BECAUSE OF NON-PAYMENT FOR
AMPHETAMINE POWDER. MSP RECORDS SHOW DENNIS WADE FONTENNOT,
ALIAS JAMES DENNIS WADE, MSP NUMBER ZERO FOUR FOUR NINE FIVE,
KANSAS CITY, MO. PD NUMBER NINE EIGHT SIX THREE ZERO, SERVED
TIME FROM MARCH SIXTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYTWO TO MAY TWO,
NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE. KANSAS CITY, MO. PD RECORDS REVEAL
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