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INFORMATION DEVELOPED IN KANSAS CITY RE FONTENNOT.

RE WILLIAM THOMAS JACOBS, FBI NUMBER [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

JACOBS WAS NOT LOCATED THROUGH CREDIT, CRIMINAL, AND
A CHECK OF ALL TRUCK DRIVER UNIONS IN KANSAS CITY.

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION REQUESTED TO FURNISH KANSAS
CITY WITH ARREST RECORD OF FONTENNOT, FBI NUMBER [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AND THE RECORD OF JACOBS, FBI NUMBER
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TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND SPRINGFIELD
FROM ATLANTA 44-2336 1P

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RAYMOND CURTIS REINTERVIEWED WHITFIELD CO. JAIL AND
ADVISED AFTER VIEWING PHOTO OF HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER THAT
NEITHER PHOTO NOR NAME WAS FAMILIAR TO HIM. HE STATED NEVER
GOT GOOD LOOK AT MAN HE MENTIONED AS KEEPING JAMES EARL RAY
IN SPENDING MONEY BUT DID NOT BELIEVE LOHMEYER WAS THAT
INDIVIDUAL.

CONCERNING MILLION DOLLAR BOUNTY AND HIS STATEMENT OF
BOUNTY TO BE PAID BY "KK OF THE SOUTH" AND THE SOUTHERN
BUSINESSMEN'S ASSOCIATION, CURTIS STATED THAT BY KK, HE DID NOT
MEAN KU KLUX KLAN BUT EITHER "KENNEDY AND KING" OR "KILL KING"
WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING OF THESE INITIALS WHEN HE HEARD THEM IN
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS

DATE: 5/1/68

FROM : SAC, PORTLAND (157-380) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: INTERVIEWS WITH U.S. RESIDENTS WHO
WERE AT HOTEL RIO, PUERTO VALLARTA,
MEXICO IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER, 1967

AT PORTLAND, OREGON

Mr. and Mrs. JOHN WADDINGHAM, 955 Westwood Drive, informed SA RONALD E. SHERK on 4/30/68 that they stayed at the Hotel Rio in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, only the night of 10/27/67, during a vacation trip to Mexico. They do not recognize JAMES EARL RAY by description, name, aliases or photographs as anyone they have ever seen at Puerto Vallarta, Mexico or elsewhere.

The only U. S. residents with whom they had contact at the Hotel Rio were Mr. and Mrs. HARVARD PALMER of Mercer Island, Washington, with whom they had dinner on the night of 10/27/67.

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REPORTING OFFICE JACKSON	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MEMPHIS	DATE 5/2/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 4/10 - 4/24/68
TITLE OF CASE JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE IO # 4182, WF # 442-A, TOP TEN FUGITIVE; Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. (DECEASED) - VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY SA JOHN L. PUDDISTER	TYPED BY clm
		CHARACTER OF CASE CR - CONSPIRACY; UFAC - ROBBERY	

REFERENCE:

Memphis report of SA JOE C. HESTER, 4/30/68.

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LEAD:JACKSONAT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

Will continue efforts to locate JAMES EARL RAY. All leads being handled immediately upon receipt.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN: PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES ☐ NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☐ NO
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

The Jackson Division, at the outset of this matter, conducted investigation concerning the names ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER and JOHN WILLARD in Federal agencies, state and local agencies, with negative results.

All credit and arrest agencies in the 82 counties in Mississippi were contacted. All city directories and telephone directories were checked. Selective Service System, State Office, as well as each local board, county voter registration records, county Departments of Public Welfare, county Tax Assessor Offices, county Clerks of Court, each county, marriage and divorce records, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Board of Health, Workmen's Compensation and Employment Security Commissions, all utility companies, electricity, gas and telephone, financial institutions, registrar's office in major universities, Port Director, Gulfport, Mississippi, all shrimp boat operators in the Gulf Coast area, all barge and towing companies at river ports at Greenville, Vicksburg and Natchez, Mississippi, were checked. One million, two hundred thousand drivers licenses checked through IBM computer concerning the birth date , all of the above with negative results.

All airports, motel and parking garage facilities in Mississippi were checked in an attempt to locate a 1966 white Mustang with negative results.

All dancing schools or academies were checked. Civilian personnel records, Keesler AFB, Biloxi, checked with negative results.

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Ingalls Shipyard at Pascagoula, Mississippi, checked with negative results.

All criminal and racial informants contacted with negative results.

Whereabouts of each major bombing suspect in the State of Mississippi checked and verified to eliminate as possible suspects.

In addition to the above, numerous lookalikes reported to the Jackson Office were located, interviewed and eliminated as possible suspects.

All of the above information has been reviewed, indexed, and filed in the Jackson Office.

For the sake of brevity, negative type information is not being set out in this report.

No copies of this report are being disseminated outside the Bureau; however, sufficient copies of report being furnished to the OO in the event of future dissemination.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA JOHN L. PUDDISTER
Date: May 2, 1968

Office: JACKSON

Field Office File #: JN 157-9586

Bureau File #: 44-38861

Title: JAMES EARL RAY;
Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
(DECEASED) - VICTIMCharacter: CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT - ROBBERY

Synopsis: Motels and Standard service stations on major highways in North Central and Northeastern section of State of Miss. contacted in attempt to identify individual depicted in artist conception of ERIC STARVO GALT, also known as Harry Lowmeyer, John Willard. Color photo received from Memphis FBI Office of a bedspread and bath towel exhibited to personnel at motels in attempt to identify as being property of the particular motel with negative results. Investigation at Southaven Minnow Shop, Highway 51, Southaven, Miss., just south of the Tenn. State Line, disclosed this shop is the only establishment located which handled Schlitz 12-ounce beer in pop-top cans, as well as Homestead Stubby No. 20, brown paper bags. One empty Schlitz beer can and one brown paper bag obtained from Southaven Minnow Shop and forwarded to FBI Lab., Washington, D. C., for examination purposes. Results of FBI Lab. examination discloses brown paper bag similar in all observable characteristics to paper bag previously submitted. Personnel at minnow shop unable to identify artist conception and unable to identify photo of JAMES EARL RAY as depicted on Wanted Flyer No. 442-A. IN VIEW OF THE CRIME FOR WHICH SUBJECT BEING SOUGHT, HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA JAMES W. SAMMON:

On the dates indicated, motels and Standard Service Stations on the below listed major highways in north central and northeastern portion of the State of Mississippi were contacted in this matter: Personnel at motels were exhibited composite drawings of ERIC STARVO GALT, also known as John Willard, Harvey Lowmeyer, received from the Memphis and Birmingham Divisions, along with a color photograph of a bedspread and bath towel received from the Memphis Division. Personnel at these motels failed to identify the composite photographs of GALT, as well as the bedspread or towel as property of their particular motel. The guest registration cards of motels contacted were personally checked by SA JAMES W. SAMMON from the period of March 29 to April 5, 1968, inclusive in an effort to determine if any guest using the name GALT, WILLARD, or LOWMEYER registered at that motel. These checks met with negative results.

Standard Service Stations on the indicated highways were also contacted and personnel at those service stations were also exhibited artist's conceptions of GALT, along with the colored photographs of the Standard Oil map of the United States and the Standard Oil map of Georgia - Alabama. Personnel at these service stations were questioned regarding a 1966 white Mustang with an Alabama tag. Contacts at these service stations also met with negative results.

April 10, 1968 - Highway 55 Interstate and Highway 51, north from Batesville, Mississippi, to the Tennessee State Line. Highway 78 southeast from the Tennessee State Line to the City Limits of Holly Springs, Mississippi.

April 11, 1968 - Highways 78, 6, and 45 within the City Limits of Tupelo, Mississippi. Highway 45 north from Tupelo, Mississippi, to Corinth, Mississippi. Highways 45

and 72 within the City Limits of Corinth, Mississippi.

April 12, 1968 - Highway 78 East from Tupelo, Mississippi, to the Alabama State Line. Highway 45 South from Tupelo, Mississippi, to Columbus, Mississippi. Highway 82 East from Mayhew, Mississippi, to the Alabama State Line. Highways 82 and 45 East within the City Limits of Columbus, Mississippi.

April 13, 1968 - Highway 82 West from Columbus, Mississippi, to Winona, Mississippi. Highway 51 North from Winona, Mississippi, to Grenada, Mississippi. Interstate 55 and Highway 51 North from Grenada, Mississippi, to Batesville, Mississippi.

April 16, 1968 - Highway 72 from the Alabama State Line to the Tennessee State Line. Highway 78 Southeast from Holly Springs, Mississippi, to Tupelo, Mississippi.

April 17, 1968, Highway 45 East from Shannon, Mississippi, to Columbus, Mississippi. Highway 278 East from Highway 45 East from New Wren, Mississippi, to the Alabama State Line. Highway 6 West from Tupelo, Mississippi, to Batesville, Mississippi. The notes from contacts with personnel at motels and Standard Oil Service Stations are being maintained in the Jackson file regarding this matter.

The following motels affiliated with Friendship Inns were contacted on the indicated dates and personnel there were interviewed as set forth above and in addition, the color photograph containing the Friendship Inn Cashmere Bouquet soap wrapper was exhibited with negative results.

MARY MILTON, Registration Clerk, Townhouse Motel, Friendship Inn, Highway 45 South, Tupelo, Mississippi, which motel uses Camay soap with Friendship Inn wrapper, on April 11, 1968.

Mrs. BROOKS PHILLIPS, Southern Motel, Friendship Inn, Corinth, Mississippi, which motel does handle Cashmere Bouquet with Friendship Motel wrapper, on April 11, 1968.

However, Southern Motel was negative on photographs of GALT; negative on bedspread; and negative on bath towel.

Mrs. ANNIE LOUISE HUDSON, Marshall Motel, Friendship Inn, Highway 45 North, West Point, Mississippi, contacted April 12, 1968.

WILLIAM DOVES, Registration Clerk, Columbus Motel, Friendship Inn, Highway 82 East, Columbus, Mississippi, does not use soap wrapped with Friendship paper, contacted April 12, 1968.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JAMES W. SAMMON on April 15, 1968, in the Southaven, Mississippi, area, Highway 51, south of the Tennessee State Line in Mississippi.

The following dealer outlets in that area were contacted in an effort to determine if they had any twelve-ounce Schlitz pop-top beer cans with the brewery date of March 15, 1968, which was sold by them in six packs held with a plastic ring. The following beer outlets in that area were contacted on April 15, 1968, with negative results:

SHIRLEY JERET, Stop and Go Store, Highway 51 South.
MARY SNELL, Cashier, BILL RAGLAND, Manager, and LESTER ENOCHS, Stock Man, A and P Supermarket, Highway 51 South, Southaven, Mississippi.

BILL BEALE, Seven Eleven Store, Highway 51 South, Southaven, Mississippi.

MARY DRUMMOND, Drummond Drive-Inn, Highway 51 South, Southaven, Mississippi.

The composite photographs of GALT from Memphis and Birmingham were also exhibited to the above individuals at beer outlets in Southaven, Mississippi, with negative results.

In contacting motels on Highway 51 North on April 10, 1968, RAYMOND ROBINSON, owner of the Thrift Courts Motel

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at Senatobia, Mississippi, advised that for the past three or four weeks, a white male, name unknown, 25 to 30 years old, had been staying at that motel. ROBINSON said that this individual is employed in Stray Horn, Mississippi, on Highway 4 where he is employed constructing a water tower. ROBINSON said that this individual drives a white Mustang with an Alabama license.

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Date 4/22/68

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DONALD DICKSON was located in Stray Horn, Mississippi, at the sight of the construction of a water tower. DICKSON said that he has been in the Senatobia, Mississippi, area for the past three weeks and that he is employed for R. D. Cole Manufacturing Company of Newnan, Georgia, which company constructs water towers. DICKSON said he has been so employed for the past nine years and is a foreman of that company.

DICKSON said that on April 4, 1968, he was in bed asleep at the Thrift Courts Motel in Senatobia, Mississippi, when one of his employees came into the room advising him that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING had been shot and killed in Memphis, Tennessee. DICKSON said that an employee, TOM CANNON, and DOUG IVEY can vouch for his presence at the motel when KING was assassinated. DICKSON said that his 1967 white Mustang automobile was parked at the motel at that time.

DICKSON said that he is not responsible for the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, nor can he furnish any information in that regard.

The following is a description of DICKSON obtained through observation and interview:

Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Age:	29
Date of Birth:	
Place of Birth:	Fayetteville, Georgia
Residence:	Route 1, Fayetteville, Georgia
Height:	6 feet
Weight:	160
Eyes:	Brown

On 4/10/68 at Stray Horn, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586

by SA JAMES W. SAMMON/bls Date dictated 4/15/68

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Hair:	Light brown, short, curly, and parted
Complexion:	Ruddy
Build:	Slender
Education:	10th grade
Marital Status:	Single
Military Service:	U.S. Army, [REDACTED] from 1961 to 1963 - honorable
Employment:	Foreman for R.D. Cole Manufacturing Company, Newnan, Georgia, for past nine years
Automobile:	1967 white Mustang, 1968 Georgia license 112-D-484
Previous Arrests:	No admits

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Date 4/22/68

DONALD SEWELL, employee, 7-11 Store, Number 34, 6099 Millbranch, Southaven, Mississippi, after being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the investigation, furnished the following information:

He stated that the 7-11 Store purchases its beer from the Service Beverage Company at Clarksdale, Mississippi.

He stated that the Schlitz delivery man appears at that store every Wednesday.

He advised after examining his stock of Schlitz 12 ounce pop top cans that he had two six packs in his refrigerator with the date March 15, 1968. He stated that this 7-11 Store uses Toreador paper sacks. He advised they do not utilize a number or size 20 paper sack.

He was displayed artist's conception drawings from Birmingham and Memphis, Tennessee.

SEWELL recalled that in the latter part of March, 1968, a white male approximately 5'9" to 5'10" in height, age 27 to 28 years of age, small frame, with a dark crew hair cut, wearing a gray suit with black pin stripes, glasses with black rims, purchased beer at that store.

SEWELL stated that he could not recall what brand of beer this individual bought or how he paid for it.

SEWELL stated that he recalled this incident as the authorities in Memphis, Tennessee, had put a curfew on beer and liquor sales and that at the same time this individual was in the checkout line, a highway patrolman came to the store and told him to cut off beer sales.

On 4/15/68 at Southaven, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586

by SA KENNETH P. HUGHES/pac Date dictated 4/19/68

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According to SEWELL, the patrolman advised him that the individuals in line could make their purchases but no other individuals would be allowed to purchase beer. SEWELL estimated the time at 3:30 p.m.

He stated that he recalled this incident as after this white male purchased the beer, he, SEWELL, had to request him to leave the store as he was "cursing" due to the fact that the beer sales had been cut off.

SEWELL stated that he had to tell this individual to leave the store.

SEWELL again stated that he believes this incident took place during the latter part of March, 1968, when the City of Memphis first experienced racial problems.

SEWELL stated that he had never seen this individual before and has not seen him since. He stated he did not see which way he turned when he left the store nor did he observe an automobile.

He stated that this individual vaguely resembled the artist's conception drawing from Birmingham.

SEWELL stated that he doubted he could recognize this individual if he saw him again.

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Located at the Southaven Minnow Shop, Highway 51, just south of the Tennessee State Line in Mississippi, were numerous six packs of Schlitz twelve-ounce beer in the pop-top can, held together in the six pack with a plastic ring, which beer was brewed by the date March 15, 1968. A can of this beer was obtained.

Also located in that minnow shop was a brown paper bag stamped "Homestead. Stubby. 20". One of the brown paper bags was obtained.

BILL and JANE MC LAUGHLIN and their son WILLIE MC LAUGHLIN, the proprietors of that minnow shop, were all interviewed in this matter, and composite photographs of GALT exhibited to them with negative results. Neither they nor LAWRENCE PARKER, a frequent customer to the minnow shop, could identify GALT by photograph, nor did they recall an individual driving a white Mustang with an Alabama license purchasing a six pack of twelve-ounce pop-top Schlitz beer from their minnow shop.

Mr. MC LAUGHLIN advised that GUS (last name unknown), a salesman for the Service Beverage Company of Clarksdale, Mississippi, delivers their beer to them, and that from his records, on April 1, 1968, he purchased 17 cases of twelve-ounce Schlitz pop-top beer; on April 10, eight cases; on April 11, six cases; and on April 15, 1968, two cases.

It was noted that the Southaven Minnow Shop is one-half mile south on Highway 51 from the Tennessee State Line in Mississippi and exactly three miles south of the Oliver Rexall Drug Store on Highway 51, Whitehaven, Memphis, Tennessee.

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LEW HOUSTON, Manager of Service Beverage, a Schlitz Beer Distributor, Clarksdale, Mississippi, advised that all their beer is brewed and sent to them from their Schlitz Brewery in Longview, Texas.

HOUSTON said that GUS THOMPSON is their truck salesman to the Southaven, Mississippi, area and does deliver Schlitz beer to the Southaven Minnow Shop in Southaven, Mississippi.

HOUSTON said on March 15, 1968, his company received 2100 cases of the twelve-ounce pop-top Schlitz beer from their Longview, Texas, brewery and all of that beer has been distributed.

HOUSTON said that on March 20, 1968, his company was shipped 924 cases of that beer from Longview, Texas, and that he has 35 cases of that particular beer left, which was brewed at Longview on March 15, 1968, which date is recorded on the cans. HOUSTON said that this particular shipment was sent on March 15, 1968, from Longview to him.

HOUSTON said that therefore all Schlitz beer brewed at Longview, Texas, on March 15, 1968, was received by him on March 20, 1968, and that of the 924 cases received, he has 35 cases remaining. HOUSTON said that from his records, the Southaven Minnow Shop on March 21, 1968, received four cases of the twelve-ounce pop-top Schlitz beer; on March 28, 1968, five cases; and on March 30, 1968, twelve cases. HOUSTON said that that beer received at the Southaven Minnow Shop would have been a portion of the beer brewed in Longview, Texas, on March 15, 1968, and received by him in Clarksdale on March 20, 1968.

On 4/17/68 at Clarksdale, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586
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Date 4/22/68

Mr. V. P. WAIT, Manager, Senatobia Tobacco Company, was interviewed concerning the distribution of a Number 20 brown paper bag with the name "Homestead Stubby" written on it, at which time WAIT furnished the following information:

WAIT advised that Senatobia Tobacco Company is a branch of Pettis Cigar Company and that they (Senatobia Tobacco) do handle a Number 20 brown paper bag with the name "Homestead Stubby" on it.

WAIT advised that the Southaven Minnow Shop, located on Route 51, adjacent to the Mississippi - Tennessee State Line, is the only store that is presently purchasing this bag. WAIT stated that the Southaven Minnow Shop has presently been purchasing about 250 of these bags every two weeks.

WAIT further advised that the Southaven Minnow Shop is the only store that is presently buying that particular bag in that area. WAIT stated that the "Market Place", located on Route 51, across from the Southaven Minnow Shop, had purchased this particular bag around Christmas of 1967, but this had only been a one time order.

WAIT advised that the closest store to the Southaven Minnow Shop that is presently using this particular bag is Treadways Grocery, which is in Cockrum, Mississippi, in the southern part of DeSoto County.

On 4/18/68 at SENATOBIA, MISSISSIPPI File # Jackson 157-9586
by SA WILLIAM P. LAWLER, JR. /jdh Date dictated 4/19/68

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Date 4/27/68

GROVER KINNY, Stock Manager, ~~Pettis Company~~, Oxford, Mississippi, was contacted concerning the distribution of a Number 20 brown paper bag with the name "Homestead Stubby" written on it, at which time KINNY furnished the following information:

KINNY advised that Pettis Cigar Company buys a Number 20 brown paper bag bearing the name "Homestead Stubby" from the Graham Paper Company in Memphis.

KINNY advised that distribution to stores in the extreme northern part of Mississippi is handled by Senatobia Tobacco Company, in Senatobia, Mississippi, which is a branch of Pettis Cigar Company, and that specific information concerning the sale of this bag would have to be obtained from Senatobia Tobacco.

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Date April 29, 1968

The wanted flier on JAMES EARL RAY, Wanted Flier Number 442-A, was exhibited to BILL MC LAUGHLIN; his wife, Mrs. BILL MC LAUGHLIN; and his seventeen-year-old son, WILLIAM MC LAUGHLIN, JR.

All advised that RAY is totally unknown to them and that they do not recall that individual purchasing a six-pack of twelve-ounce pop-top Schlitz beer, while driving a white Mustang automobile with an Alabama license.

On 4/24/68 at Southaven, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586

by SA JAMES W. SAMMON /blw Date dictated 4/27/68

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By communication dated April 17, 1968, the following items were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory, Washington, D.C., by the Jackson FBI Office:

One empty Schlitz beer can, 12-ounce size, from Southaven Minnow Shop, Southaven, Mississippi;

One brown paper bag from Southaven Minnow Shop, Southaven, Mississippi.

By communication dated April 24, 1968, the FBI Laboratory, Washington, D.C., furnished the following information:

Specimens received 4/19/68

K169 Empty Schlitz beer can, 12-ounce size, from Southaven
Minnow Shop

K170 Brown paper bag from Southaven Minnow Shop

Results of examination:

Marks appearing in the number impressions on the bottoms of K169 and the previously submitted Q53 can of beer were identified as having been made by the same number dies. The marks on the Q52 can of beer were not identified with K169 or Q53, possibly because the marks were not so deeply or completely impressed in Q52.

The K170 paper bag was found to be similar in all observable characteristics to the Q55 paper bag which was previously submitted.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA AND ALBANY
FROM MIAMI (44-1854) (P)

MURKIN - CR.

RE ATLANTA TEL TO DIRECTOR, APRIL THIRTY LAST, AND KANSAS
CITY TEL TO DIRECTOR, MAY FIRST LAST.

RE MICHEL ST. PIERRE.

NEIGHBORHOOD CHECKS VICINITY OF TWO ONE FIVE ONE NW ONE
HUNDRED NINETEENTH ST., RE MICHEL ST. PIERRE NEGATIVE. CHECKS WITH
POSTAL AUTHORITIES, MIAMI, NEGATIVE. NO FORWARDING ADDRESS FOR
MICHEL ST. PIERRE ON RECORD WITH MIAMI POSTAL AUTHORITIES.

MICHEL ST. PIERRE, TWO TWO FOUR ZERO COULONGES VILLE DE AND
THIRTY FOUR PRUDENTIAL - VERMONT (LOCAL ADDRESS TWO ONE FIVE ONE NW
ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH STREET, MIAMI) RENTED BOATS FROM CRAFTS LTD.,
INC., FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, SEPTEMBER TWO AND THREE, SIXTY SEVEN.
HE USED ~~SHUE~~ CREDIT CARD FIVE FIVE FIVE ZERO FOUR SEVEN ZERO SIX
SEVEN IN PAYMENT OF RENTALS, GAS AND OIL.

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RENTAL CONTRACTS SIGNED BY "SAL LAPI" AND "GORDON KNOLL", AGENTS FOR CRAFTS LTD., INC. LAPI SHOWN PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY AND STATES DUE TO LAPSE OF TIME AND PHOTOS, COULD NOT SAY IF IDENTICAL. NOTATION ALSO APPEARED ON CONTRACT OF FIVE ONE FOUR DASH SIX SIX THREE DASH TWO TWO EIGHT EIGHT. FIVE ONE FOUR AREA CODE FOR MONTREAL, CANADA.

JENNIFER WARREN, TITLE CLERK, SCOTT MOTORS, HALLANDALE, FLORIDA, ADVISED SHE HANDLED TRANSFER OF TITLE FOR MICHEL ST. PIERRE AT REQUEST OF ANGELO CIULLA, OWNER, AUTORAMA, FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA. AUTORAMA NO LONGER IN EXISTENCE AND CIULLA BEING SOUGHT FOR INTERVIEW IN CAR RING CASE INVOLVING CANADIAN CARS. HIS PRESENT WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN.

MRS. FLORENCE BLAKENEY, FORMER EMPLOYEE, SCOTT MOTORS, NOTARIZING FLORIDA TITLE FOR ST. PIERRE NO LONGER EMPLOYED THERE AND EFFORTS TO CONTACT AT RESIDENCE NEGATIVE.

MIAMI FILE TWENTY SIX DASH THREE TWO EIGHT SIX FOUR, ENTITLED "ROBERT ALLARD; ANDRE BEAUDIN; JEAN CLAUDE BEAUDOIN; FRANK COTRONI; JEAN CLAUDE BISSONNETTE, AKA CLAUDE DAOUST, JEAN DES MARAIS, REGGIE LALONDE; WILLIAM POMERLEAU; FRANK SAVARIA; STEVE SMITH,

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ITSMV", ALBANY FILE TWENTY SIX DASH ONE TWO FOUR NINE SIX, REFLECTS IN ALBANY TEL TO MIAMI DATED SEPTEMBER THIRTEEN SIXTY SEVEN, THAT QUEBEC PROVINCIAL POLICE, MONTREAL, ADVISED CLAUDE DAOUST, AKA BISSONETTE, ARRESTED EVENING SEPTEMBER TWELVE LAST IN POSSESSION WHITE SIXTY SEVEN OLDSMOBILE CONVERTIBLE. WHEN ARRESTED DAOUST HAD CANADIAN SHELL CREDIT CARD OF MICHAEL ST. PIERRE, TWO ONE FIVE ONE NW ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH ST., MIAMI, FLORIDA, AND HAD FLORIDA REGISTRATION ISSUED AUGUST THIRTY ONE LAST, FOR SIXTY SEVEN CADILLAC CONVERTIBLE, ID F SEVEN ONE ONE TWO SEVEN NINE FIVE, FLORIDA REGISTRATION ONE W ONE SEVEN NINE ONE THREE ZERO.

ALBANY DETERMINE SUBSCRIBER TO PHONE FIVE ONE FOUR DASH SIX SIX THREE DASH TWO TWO EIGHT EIGHT. INTERVIEW BISSONETTE CONCERNING BOAT RENTALS, FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, WHO ACCOMPANIED HIM TO FLORIDA AND DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT HE IS IDENTICAL TO SUBJECT RAY AND/OR MICHEL ST. PIERRE. ALBANY ALSO INTERVIEW BISSONETTE RE THEFT OF CADILLAC, IF NOT ALREADY DONE.

MEMPHIS ADVISED AM. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) (2P)

MURKIN.

RE BUTEL MAY TWO LAST.

ONE PAIR SHORTS AND T-SHIRT BELIEVED PROPERTY OF SUBJECT,
RECOVERED IMMEDIATELY AFTER SLAYING, BORE BLACK LAUNDRY MARKS
"O TWO B DASH SIX" ON RED THERMO SEAL TAPE. SHEET AND PILLOW
CASE FOUND IN ABANDONED MUSTANG AT ATLANTA BORE BLACK LAUNDRY
MARKS "TWO ZERO DASH THREE" ON WHITE THERMO SEAL TAPE.

IN VIEW OF RAY'S INDICATED TENDENCIES TOWARD PERSONAL
CLEANLINESS, PHOTOS OF RAY SHOULD BE SHOWN AT ALL LAUNDRIES
IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS OF REBUTEL AND CONSIDERATION

Airtel ~~GIVEN TO ALERTING LAUNDRIES ABOVE DESCRIBED TAGS MAY STILL~~
Teletype ~~BE AFFIXED TO SOME OF SUBJECT'S LAUNDRY.~~

A.M. ~~THE BUREAU MAY WISH TO FURNISH RECEIVING OFFICES WITH~~

A.M.S.D. TOR:jap

Spec. Del (1) *jap*Reg. Mail Approved: *R. G. [Signature]*
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PHOTOGRAPHS IN COLOR OF LAUNDRY MARKS.

A&D. P. END.

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236 PM URGENT 5-3-68 JGA

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 TAMPA 157-3231 AND MEMPHIS 44-1937
FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740

MURKIN.

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL, MAY ONE, LAST, AND TAMPA TEL, MAY ONE, LAST,
REGARDING CHARLES RAY JOHNSON.

JAMES AND LINDA SPARKS, BIRMINGHAM, REINTERVIEWED, AND
JAMES SPARKS REITERATED THAT HE WAS EMPLOYED AT ROYAL AMERICAN
SHOWS DURING THE SUMMER AND WINTER MONTHS FOR APPROXIMATELY
FIVE YEARS. HE ADVISED THAT HE WAS KNOWN ON THE FAIRGROUNDS AS
"CHEROKEE" AND THAT TED AND JOE PATTERSON, WHO WORKED IN THE SHOW
COOKHOUSE, WOULD REMEMBER HIM. HE ADVISED THAT HE HAS IDENTIFI-
CATION CARD MANIFEST NO. FIFTEEN, WHICH EXPIRES JUNE THIRTY,
SEVENTY, AND THAT HE HAS RECEIVED W-TWO FORMS FROM ROYAL AMERICAN
SHOWS UNDER HIS SOCIAL SECURITY NO. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. SPARKS FURTHER ADVISED THAT HE PERSONALLY
COOKED MEALS FOR "HOTSHOT", WHOM TAMPA HAS IDENTIFIED AS L.B.
DEWAY.

BOTH SPARKS AND HIS WIFE REITERATED PHOTO OF RAY RESEMBLES
MAN KNOWN TO THEM AS CHARLES RAY JOHNSON.

PHOTOS OF SPARKS AND WIFE FOLLOW AMSD FOR ASSISTANCE TAMPA.

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311 PM URGENT 5-3-68 JGA

TO DIRECTOR, KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS, AND NEW ORLEANS
FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740

MURKIN.

JAMES W. BROWN WAS REINTERVIEWED AT TALLADEGA, ALA.,
WHERE HE IS ATTENDING REHABILITATION STATE SCHOOLS FOR THE
BLIND. HE IS BLIND IN ONE EYE. BROWN WAS UNABLE TO FURNISH
ANY INFORMATION AS TO THE POSSIBLE IDENTITY OF THE COOLEY ORGANI-
ZATION. HE DID SAY THAT THERE WERE FOUR OR FIVE PERSONS PRESENT
WHEN RAY MADE THE REMARK THAT THE COOLEY ORGANIZATION WOULD
PAY TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS TO GET MARTIN LUTHER KING KILLED AND
HE WAS GOING TO KILL KING UPON HIS RELEASE. HE SAID JOHNNY
VALENTI, NOONIE EDEN (PH), AND CHESTER EALEY (PH) WERE THE ONLY
THREE NAMES HE CAN RECALL OF THESE PERSONS PRESENT. HE SAID
TO THE BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE ALL THREE ARE STILL CONFIEND TO
THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY. HE SAID THIS WAS IN THE LATTER
PART OF SIXTYTHREE. HE WILL TESTIFY TO THIS INFORMATION.
HE ALSO SAID HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY FURNISH ANY INFORMATION HE
DEVELOPS OR CAN RECALL TO THE FBI CONCERNING SUBJECT.

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Bayle *B*
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Dothan, Alabama
April 30th, 1968

Mr. William Alexander
Chief, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Mobile, Alabama

Dear Sir:

Re: James Earl Ray (one of most
wanted)

I am sending you some information which I
would ask that you will keep strictly confidential
from the public, as to name and source.

I own an Abstract Company in Dothan,
Houston County, Alabama, and have been in the Real
Estate and Title business about 35 years. The inform-
ation I am giving you is from the public records here,
and I would not want it advertised in any way publicly,
on account of probably hurting my business and my person.

The Ray family having so many relatives in,
and not too far distant from Springfield, Missouri, as
shown by the evidence sent you, it seems logical it
could be of benefit in your search, as the crime for
which he was serving occurred in Missouri.

It might not be of any value at all to you
and if not please return to me.

Yours very truly,

Ozie Scarborough
Mrs. Ozie Scarborough
603 Englewood Drive
Dothan, Alabama, 36301

Telephone after 5:00
o'clock P. M. 792 7006

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Mrs. Edith Ray Thompson was one of ten children who were natives of Springfield, Missouri. She resides in Dothan, Alabama for some thirty odd years. Mrs. Thompson was also known as Mrs. John (Jno) A. Thompson.

She was one of ten (Ray) children.

Listed below are the names of all ten:

1. Edith Ray Thompson
2. Norman (Normand) Ray
3. William J. Ray
4. Earl Ray
5. Eva Utley (Uttley)
6. Bessie Ray Bowser
7. Florence Ray Martin
8. Marie Butry (Buttrey)
9. Oscar N. Ray
10. Lester Ray

Oscar N. Ray died in Dothan, Alabama, leaving one son, Stanley Ray, and his widow, Stella Ray.

Lester Ray died in Dothan, Alabama, leaving one son, Charles Ray, and his widow.

These two brothers died before the death of Mrs. Thompson, and their remains returned to Springfield, Missouri.

Kathleen Jeck was connected with this estate in some way and she was a single person on June 18th, 1958 and resided in Springfield, Missouri.

Pat N. Lackey was connected with this estate in some way and she was a single person on May 11th, 1960 and resided in Springfield, Missouri.

Norman Edward Bartling was anephew of Mrs. Thompson and resided at 155 Nebraska, Casper, Wyoming on March 30th, 1956.

It is understood that:

One of three brothers listed, namely: Norman (Normand) Ray, William J. Ray and Earl Ray, had a son, James Earl Ray.

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Serials 566, 567, 568, & 569 returned to
contributor 5-8-68 % SA Ronan (1lh)

" (566 Ancillary will proceedings on the
will of EDITH R. THOMPSON, Deceased, filed
in Houston Co., Ala)
" (567 copy of deed dated ~~2-7-57~~ 9-7-57
listing heirs of EVA UTLEY)
" (568 Microfilmed copies of deeds showing
signatures of different heirs of Mrs.
Edith R. Thompson, Deceased)
" (569 Copy of deed signed by Mrs. Florence
Martin and Delbert Martin, Springfield, MO)

Employee

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To _____ From _____

Date charged

Employee

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Date: 5/1/68

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

I am in receipt of letter dated April 30, 1968, from Mrs. OZIE SCARBOROUGH, 603 Englewood Drive, Dothan, Alabama 36301 (who requested that her identity be kept strictly confidential), sending copies of public records of Houston County, Dothan, Ala., concerning a RAY family of Springfield, Missouri. She thought this family might have a connection with JAMES EARL RAY.

Her letter has been acknowledged, 5/1/68, and she was informed that the material would be promptly checked out to determine any possible connection.

I am enclosing to you the following:

1. Original letter from Mrs. OZIE SCARBOROUGH, 4/30/68, with typed second page listing members of the RAY family. (Mobile is retaining a Xerox copy of this letter from her.)

2. Ancillary will proceedings on the will of EDITH R. THOMPSON, deceased, filed in Houston County, Alabama. (Will originally probated Greene County, Missouri. Mrs. THOMPSON was formerly EDITH RAY.)

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3. Microfilmed copies of deeds showing signatures of different heirs of Mrs. EDITH R. THOMPSON, deceased.

4. Copy of deed signed by Mrs. FLORENCE MARTIN and DELBERT MARTIN, Springfield, Missouri.

5. Copy of a deed dated September 7, 1957, listing heirs of EVA UTLEY.

Memphis should review the enclosed material to determine if any of the persons named may be related to subject RAY and, if so, order any indicated investigation. In the event the material is not of any value to this investigation, it may be, if indicated, returned to Mrs. SCARBOROUGH, 603 Englewood Drive, Dothan, Alabama 36301.

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To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Reurtels 5/1/68.

Latent fingerprints and latent impressions previously reported and remaining unidentified in this case are not identical with the fingerprints of James Robert Vaughn, Memphis Police Department #74680; James William Vaughn, FBI [REDACTED]; James Ellis Vaughn, Jr., FBI # [REDACTED]; or with the fingerprints of one David Lindsey Wilson, born [REDACTED], in Westbourne, Tennessee, FBI # [REDACTED] who may or may not be the Wilson named in your teletype. No palm prints here for these four individuals.

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542PM URGENT 5-3-68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN.

RE KC TEL, MAY TWO, LAST, CAPTIONED "RE: FELLOW PRISONERS."

JOHN EDWARD JOHNSON, INMATE, MO. TRAINING CENTER, MOBERLY,
ADVISED KNEW SUBJECT WHILE INMATE JEFFERSON CITY, SIXTY DASH SIXTY-
FOUR. STATES NOT CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH HIM AND HAS NOT SEEN HIM
SINCE SIXTYFOUR. NEVER HEARD OF COOLEY OR COOLEY ASSOCIATES, NOR
ANY STATEMENT BY RAY THAT HE INTENDED TO KILL KING.

FRANK MAYBERRY, ANOTHER INMATE, STATES NEVER KNEW SUBJECT.
WAS IN "L" HALL OUTSIDE OF WALL WHEN AT JEFFERSON CITY. P.

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Date May 3, 1968

RE:

MURKIN

KC wants copy of this per 5/3/68 Tel

☐ For information ☐ Retention optional ☐ For appropriate action ☐ Surep, by _____
☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ Condensed all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.
☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____

sent 5/4/68 RL

Remarks:

See LATEL 5/3/68 11:27 PM

Enclosed are copies of another photograph taken of James Earl Ray, aka Eric S. Galt in Fall of 1967.

This photo from Pat. Anderson who gave to Port. Insp.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38361) MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS
FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 2P

MURKIN.

DAILY SUMMARY.

COMPLETE PSYCHIATRIC REPORTS REGARDING CARLOS LEE BILLINGS OBTAINED FROM MEDICAL CENTER FOR FEDERAL PRISONERS, SPRINGFIELD, MO., AND FORWARDED BUREAU AND MEMPHIS.

RECORDS MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY (MSP) REVEAL INMATES TOM BRITTON AND JAMES C. WOODS BOTH FROM ALABAMA WERE RELEASED DURING PAST YEAR. BIRMINGHAM ADVISED.

OFFICIALS MSP ADVISED THAT LEDGER BEARING SIGNATURES OF INDIVIDUALS VISITING PRISONERS AT THE PENITENTIARY COMPARED WITH SIGNATURE CARD, THEN DESTROYED AT END OF DAY. FBI LABORATORY ADVISED PERSON SIGNING SIGNATURE HARVEY LOWMYER CANNOT DEFINITELY BE IDENTIFIED AS SUBJECT. HOWEVER, SIGNIFICANT HANDWRITING SIMILARITIES WERE NOTED, THUS KANSAS CITY ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL HANDWRITING SAMPLES FROM RECORDS U. S. PROBATION OFFICE

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RE: BU AIRTEL DTD 11/3/86

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THIS AREA AND U. S. PENITENTIARY, LEAVENWORTH, KS. ADDITIONAL
SAMPLES MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE RECORDS U. S. PROBATION OFFICE,
ST. LOUIS, MO.

MSP INMATE RICHARD BEEMAN INTERVIEWED, COULD FURNISH NO
INFORMATION RE SUBJECT.

ST. LOUIS ADVISED JOHNNY VELLANTI RESIDING THEIR AREA, FRANK
WYBERRY AND JOHN EDWARD JOHNSON CURRENTLY AT MOBERLY, MO. JIMMY
Z. BRADLEY IDENTIFIED AS KINGPIN IN AMPHETAMINE BUSINESS IN MSP AND
CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF RAY. NONEY EDEN NOT IDENTIFIED YET FROM PRISON
RECORDS. EFFORTS CONTINUING. KANSAS CITY OFFICE REQUESTS MEMPHIS
FURNISH A COPY OF PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT OBTAINED FROM POSTAL
INSPECTORS, LOS ANGELES, CALIF. //

INTERVIEWS WITH PRISONERS CONTINUE. LOCAL LEADS GETTING
IMMEDIATE COVERAGE.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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726 PM 5/3/68 URGENT CEK

TO DIRECTOR AND CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, DENVER, NEWARK,
SEATTLE, AND ST. LOUIS
FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN, CR.

RE BUREAU TEL MAY ONE LAST.

RZ FULL COVERAGE OF RELATIVES.

THREE CLOSE RELATIVES OF SUBJECT RESIDE IN QUINCY,
ILLINOIS AS FOLLOWS:

SISTER - MELBA MARIE RYAN, VIRGINIA HOTEL, VIRGINIA
HOTEL TELEPHONE NUMBER TWO TWO THREE ZERO FOUR ZERO THREE.

STEPMOTHER - RUBY CARPENTER, SIX THREE ZERO NORTH
SIXTH STREET, TELEPHONE NUMBER TWO TWO THREE NINE FOUR SIX
FIVE.

AUNT - MRS. FRANK (MABLE) FULLER, TWO SIX ZERO ONE
CHESNUT STREET, TELEPHONE NUMBER TWO TWO TWO SEVEN ONE
FOUR TWO.

MELBA MARIE RYAN LIVES ON STATE WELFARE AND IS A MENTAL
CASE.

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RUBY CARPENTER WORKS AS BABYSITTER AND DOES HOUSE
WORK ON PART-TIME BASIS.

FRANK FULLER AND WIFE ARE ELDERLY AND RETIRED.

AGENTS IN DAILY CONTACT WITH PATRONS, VIRGINIA HOTEL,
INCLUDING CIS AND APPROPRIATE COVERAGE MAINTAINED ON
CARPENTER AND FULLER.

SOURCE, ILLINOIS BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY, (IBT), QUINCY,
ILLINOIS, STATES DUE TO STRIKE, NUMEROUS TOLL CALL SLIPS
FROM QUINCY, NOT FILED, WILL NOT BE FOR SOME TIME TO COME.

RECORDS, IBT, DO NOT SHOW ANY TOLL CALLS FOR NUMBER
TWO TWO TWO SEVEN ONE FOUR TWO FROM TWO FIFTEEN TO FOUR
SEVEN LAST.

RECORDS, IBT, SHOW FOLLOWING CALLS FROM NUMBER TWO TWO
THREE NINE FOUR SIX FIVE FROM MARCH TWENTYTHREE TO APRIL
TWENTYONE.

MARCH FOUR TO ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, ME ONE SEVEN SEVEN
SEVEN SEVEN:
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MARCH TWENTYFIVE TO CENTER, MISSOURI, NUMBER AM SEVEN
THREE FOUR SIX SEVEN;

MARCH TWENTYEIGHT TO CENTER, MISSOURI, SAME NUMBER AS
ABOVE;

APRIL SEVEN TO CENTER, MISSOURI, SAME NUMBER AS ABOVE;

APRIL SEVEN TO ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, MI FIVE TWO NINE
FOUR EIGHT;

APRIL TWENTYONE TO CENTER, MISSOURI, AM SEVEN THREE
FOUR SIX SEVEN;

THE FOLLOWING CALLS WERE MADE FROM THE VIRGINIA HOTEL
TELEPHONE NUMBER TWO TWO THREE ZERO FOUR ZERO THREE:

MARCH FIFTEEN TO TACOMA, WASHINGTON, FOUR SEVEN FIVE
FOUR FOUR ZERO ZERO, COLLECT;

MARCH TWENTYFIVE TO SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, FIVE TWO
EIGHT SEVEN ZERO ONE NINE;

MARCH TWENTYFIVE TO CHICAGO, ILLINOIS DI TWO FIVE FOUR
FOUR TWO;

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MARCH TWENTYFIVE TO CHICAGO, ILLINOIS CA SEVEN NINE FIVE
THREE TWO;

MARCH TWENTYEIGHT TO SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, FIVE TWO TWO
ZERO SIX THREE THREE;

MARCH THIRTY TO BAYLIS, ILLINOIS, COLLECT;

APRIL ONE, SEATTLE WASHINGTON, COLLECT;

APRIL TWO, CLINTON, ILLINOIS NINE THREE FIVE
SIX ZERO TWO FOUR;

APRIL TWO TO CLINTON, ILLINOIS, NINE THREE FIVE TWO
FIVE FIVE EIGHT;

APRIL TWO, CHEYENNE, WYOMING, SIX THREE TWO ZERO ZERO
ZERO ZERO;

APRIL THREE AURORA, ILLINOIS, THREE SIX FOUR NINE TWO
EIGHT TWO, COLLECT;

APRIL THREE, DENVER, COLORADO, THREE THREE THREE FIVE
FOUR EIGHT SIX;

APRIL FOUR, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, FIVE TWO EIGHT SEVEN
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ZERO ONE NINE:

APRIL EIGHT, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, VI OF UI SEVEN ZERO SEVEN
TWO SEVEN;

APRIL EIGHT, CRETE, ILLINOIS, OR TWO FIVE NINE NINE ONE;

APRIL EIGHT, CHICAGO HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS, SK SIX ONE
ZERO ZERO ZERO;

APRIL NINE, LONG BRANCH OR LONG BEACH, NEW JERSEY, TWO
TWO TWO THREE NINE SEVEN SIX COLLECT;

APRIL TEN, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, FIVE TWO EIGHT SEVEN
ZERO ONE NINE.

CHICAGO, DENVER, NEWARK, SEATTLE AND ST. LOUIS, WILL
DETERMINE HOLDERS ABOVE NUMBERS. THOROUGHLY CHECK OUT
TO DETERMINE ANY CONTACT BY SUBJECT.

SPRINGFIELD WILL DETERMINE HOLDERS OF ABOVE NUMBERS. P.

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TO DIRECTOR /44-38861/ MEMPHIS /44-1987/ ST. LOUIS /44-775/
FROM CHICAGO /44-1114/

MURKIN SUMMARY

RE CGTELS TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS, ST. LOUIS, NEWARK INSTANT.
THE VARIOUS NEWS MEDIA CONVERGED ON SPORTSMAN'S COUNTRY CLUB
LAST EVENING TO INTERVIEW JERRY RAY, AS RESULT, JERRY LEFT
EMPLOYMENT, STAYED IN A MOTEL LAST EVENING, AND CONTACTED CHICAGO
OFFICE THIS MORNING ADVISING HE WAS LEAVING FOR ST. LOUIS ABOUT
ONE FIFTEEN PM THIS DATE, DRIVING HIS POA. WILL STAY OVERNIGHT WITH
BROTHER JOHN THEN WITH FATHER JERRY RAYNES, CENTER, MISSOURI.
EXPECTS TO STAY THREE OR FOUR DAYS. WILL CALL EMPLOYMENT MAY SEVEN
NEXT TO SEE IF NEWS MEDIA INTEREST HAS ABATED. THEN RETURN.
INSTRUCTED TO CONTACT ST. LOUIS OFFICE.

LEADS BEING HANDLED ON A CONTINUING AND EXPEDITE BASIS.

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750PM URGENT 5-3-68 HEP

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, JACKSONVILLE
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) 1P

MURKIN

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL TODAY.

ON MAY THREE, INSTANT, MRS. MAE COOL, SIX TWO SEVEN
RATHROCK AVENUE, ATTALLA, ALA., ADVISED HER BROTHER, JAMES CURTIS
WOODS DIED JAN. NINETEEN, LAST, IN FLORIDA, CITY UNKNOWN, AND
WAS BURIED AT CLAYTON, ALABAMA.

JACKSONVILLE AT TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA, ATTEMPT TO VERIFY
DEATH.

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FBI ATLANTA

8:03 PM URGENT 5/3/68 LBN

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY,

OKLAHOMA CITY AND LOS ANGELES.

FROM ATLANTA (44-2386) 2P

MURKIN.

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION MAY THREE SIXTYEIGHT.

BILLY CHUMLEY, LOCATED ATLANTA AND INTERVIEWED. COULD
FURNISH NO INFORMATION CONCERNING RAY, BUT FURNISHED INFO RE
LEWIE DOUDA, FORMER INMATE MISSOURI STATE PEN. OKLAHOMA CITY,
DISCONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE CHUMLEY.

STORES HANDLING PORNOGRAPHIC LITERATURE ATLANTA AREA
CONTACTED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

JIMMY DELTON GARNER, OWNER OF ROOMING HOUSE WHERE RAY
RESIDED REINTERVIEWED. NOTHING NEW OF PERTINENCE LEARNED.
GARNER CONTINUES TO BE COOPERATIVE.

AIRLINES CHECKS CONTINUING. SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS WITH
LAST NAME RAY NOTED ON DELTA FLIGHTS ELIMINATED AS FEMALE DELTA
EMPLOYEE.

CONTACTS WITH SOURCES IN HIPPIE AREAS AND WITH SOURCES
WITH KNOWLEDGE NARCOTICS TRAFFICE CONTINUING. NEGATIVE TO DATE.
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ROOMERS AT ONE ZERO SEVEN AND ONE THIRTEEN FOURTEENTH STREET NE ARE BEING REINTERVIEWED. NO PERTINENT INFORMATION OBTAINED.

SEVERAL LOOK ALIKES BEING THOROUGHLY CHECKED OUT. ATLANTA CONTINUES TO RECEIVE NUMEROUS COMPLAINTS OF LOOK ALIKES.

SAFETY DEPOSIT CUSTOMERS AT TENTH STREET C & S BANK, THE ONLY BANK IN AREA OF RAY'S RESIDENCE HAVING SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES, CHECKED FOR ALL CUSTOMERS ENTERING SAFETY DEPOSIT VAULT APRIL FIVE AND TWELVE LAST. SEVERAL BEING FURTHER CHECKED OUT. NEGATIVE TO DATE.

EXPANDED CAB CHECK CONTINUING. TRIP SHEETS HAVE BEEN REVIEWED AND PERTINENT DRIVERS BEING INTERVIEWED. NO PERTINENT INFORMATION OBTAINED TO DATE.

CONTACTS OF INDIVIDUALS ADVERTISING CARS FOR SALE IN CLASSIFIED COMPLETED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

KANSAS CITY REQUESTED TO ADVISE ATLANTA OF IDENTITIES RELEASEES MISSOURI STATE PEN FROM ATLANTA AREA OR DESIGNATED ATLANTA AREA AS PLACE THEY WERE GOING FOLLOWING RELEASE.

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FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) 1P

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RE KANSAS CITY TEL TODAY.

WIFE OF TOM BRITTON ADVISED SHE HAS NOT COMMUNICATED WITH
HUSBAND FOR THREE WEEKS. HAS NOT SEEN HIM FOR SEVERAL WEEKS.
STATED THAT HE WAS EMPLOYED BY BRADSHAW CABINET SHOP, BIRMINGHAM,
WHEN HE PHONED HER THREE WEEKS AGO. NO BRADSHAW CABINET SHOP
LOCATED BIRMINGHAM.

KANSAS CITY IS REQUESTED TO REVIEW RECORDS OF MSP
FOR ALL DATA RE BRITTON AND FURNISH TO BIRMINGHAM ALONG WITH PHOTO
OF BRITTON IF AVAILABLE.

EFFORTS TO LOCATE BRITTON AT BIRMINGHAM CONTINUING.

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