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FBI DENVER

440PM URGENT 5-4-68 JRW

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS, LOS ANGELES, PHOENIX, LAS VEGAS, ALBUQUERQUE, EL PASO AND CHICAGO
FROM DENVER 45-7-203

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RELATEL THIS DATE TO DIRECTOR, CONCERNING CARL RAY.

TELEPHONE NUMBER THREE SEVEN SEVEN DASH ONE NINE EIGHT SEVEN,
IS LISTED TO MRS. ROSA M. NIENHAUS, TWO FIVE THREE SIX RACE ST., DENVER.
MRS. NIENHAUS IS AGED WIDOW WHO STATES DOES NOT KNOW CARL RAY,
NOR ANYONE FITTING DESCRIPTION OF CARL RAY. NO FRIEND OR RELATIVE
STAYED AT HER HOUSE IN RECENT PAST.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, AND CHICAGO

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

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JERRY RAY ARRIVED SL LAST NIGHT, TOLD BROTHER JOHN HE WAS GOING TO UN-NAMED HOTEL AND WOULD CONTACT HIM AT GRAPEVINE TAVERN NOON TODAY. ARRIVED GRAPEVINE THIS AFTERNOON AND IS STILL THERE. HAS NOT CONTACTED OFFICE AS DIRECTED. NO SL INTERVIEW CONTEMPLATED UNLESS HE DOES. IF CALLS, WILL BE GIVEN TELEPHONE NUMBER OF HANNIBAL, MO., RA AND TOLD TO CONTACT ON ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE, CENTER, MO. INTERVIEW ON DEPARTURE ANTICIPATED.

FELLOW PRISONER JOHN PAUL VELANTI INTERVIEWED. NO SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION. SUGGESTED FORMER INMATE, ORVILLE GANN MIGHT HAVE KNOWN SUBJECT. SL ATTEMPTING LOCATE GANN.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, PHOENIX, DENVER AND LOS ANGELES
FROM LAS VEGAS 157-133

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RE DNTEL FIVE FOUR INSTANT.

TICKET AGENT DARYLE V. HOLTE, FRONTIER AIRLINES, MC CARRAN AIRPORT, LAS VEGAS ADVISED FIVE FOUR INSTANT THAT REVIEW FRONTIER RECORDS DISCLOSED ON FOUR SIXTEEN INSTANT HE PERSONELLY ISSUED HERMAN SCHUMACHER, THREE SEVEN ZERO ONE EAST FIRST STREET, TUCSON, ARIZONA TWO REFUND CHECKS TOTALING TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIX DOLLARS AND SIXTY CENTS FOR TWO UNUSED ROUND TRIP FRONTIER TICKETS FROM PHOENIX TO ST. LOUIS AND RETURN PHOENIX NUMBERS ZERO TWO EIGHT TWO ZERO ONE SEVEN ONE ONE EIGHT FOUR ZERO AND EIGHT FOUR ONE.

HOLTE COULD NOT RECALL THE TRANSACTION SUFFICIENTLY TO IDENTIFY SCHUMACHER NOR COULD HE RECALL IF SCHUMACHER WAS ALONE OR ACCOMPANIED BY A WOMAN. HOLTE WAS SHOWN PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY BUT COULD EFFECT NO IDENTIFICATION.

FRONTIER RECORDS FURTHER DISCLOSED THAT TICKET AGENT NUMBER
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TEN (LARRY CLARK) BEGAN TO SELL MR AND MRS H. SCHUMACHER TWO TICKETS FROM LAS VEGAS TO DENVER TO TUCSON FOUR SIXTEEN INSTANT BUT THEIR TICKETS WERE VOIDED. CLARK THEN SOLD TWO ADDITIONAL TICKETS NUMBERS ZERO TWO EIGHT TWO ZERO ONE SEVEN TWO ZERO ONE TWO EIGHT AND ONE TWO NINE TO MR AND MRS H. SCHUMACHER FOR FLIGHT NUMBER SEVEN ONE ZERO FROM LAS VEGAS TO ST. LOUIS FOUR SIXTEEN INSTANT WITH RESERVATIONS CONTINUING FOUR EIGHTEEN INSTANT FROM ST. LOUIS TO TUCSON ON FRONTIER FLIGHTS SEVEN ZERO FIVE AND SEVEN ZERO SEVEN. THESE TICKETS WERE PAID FOR WITH FRONTIER TEMPORARY CREDIT CARD NUMBER FL [REDACTED]

ORIGINAL FRONTIER AIRLINE TRANSPORTATION RECEIPT FOR ABOVE CREDIT CARD PURCHASE SIGNED "H. J. SCHUMACHER" CAN BE LOCATED FRONTIER GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE, DENVER.

ATTEMPTS TO LOCATE LARRY CLARK FOR INTERVIEW CONTINUING.

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FBI ATLANTA

3:38 PM URGENT 5-4-68 ARK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MIAMI (44-1854), MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM AND
JACKSONVILLE.

FROM ATLANTA (44-2386) 2P

MURKIN

RE MIAMI TEL MAY THREE CONCERNING LETTER RECEIVED BY
BIRMINGHAM OFFICE ON FOUR TWENTYNINE FROM HAZEL V. PEACOCK
OKEECHOBEE, FLA.

BOTH EMPLOYERS OF CARPENTER AND SMITH POSITIVELY CONFIRM
THAT THEY WERE AT WORK IN GRAY, GEORGIA APRIL FOUR LAST.

SMITH'S EMPLOYER, LEE WILLIAMS NURSERY, ADVISED SMITH TOLD
HIM ON APRIL FIVE OR SIX LAST THAT CARPENTER HAD PLAYED JOKES ON
GIRL FRIEND IN OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA. STATED CARPENTER SAID HE AND
SMITH HAD KILLED DR. KING AND NEEDED TO BE PUT UP AND HIDDEN
OUT. WILLIAMS ADVISES HE REPRIMANDED SMITH STATING THAT THIS KIND OF
JOKING STATEMENTS WOULD CAUSE TROUBLE.

SMITH INTERVIEWED. CONFIRMED JOKE PHONE CALL AND ALSO
THAT CARPENTER HAS BEEN TELLING GIRL FRIEND HAZEL PEACOCK HORROR
STORIES AND ALL IS FALSE ABOUT SECRET ORGANIZATION, MURDERS, ETC.
SMITH REPRIMANDED BY AGENTS AND APOLOGIZED AND PROMISED TO DISASSOCIATE
SELF FROM CARPENTER. CARPENTER IS SHACKED UP WITH IDENTIFIED

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AT 44-2388

FEMALE MASON, GEORGIA, NOT TO RETURN TO GRAY, GEORGIA UNTIL MAY
SIX SIX EIGHT. CARPENTER WILL BE CONTACTED.

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307 PM URGENT 5-4-68 ARW

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES, KANSAS CITY
FROM ATLANTA (44-2386) 6P 1P

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SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION MAY FOUR INSTANT.

NUMEROUS LOOK-ALIKE COMPLAINTS CONTINUE TO BE RECEIVED AND
ARE THOROUGHLY CHECKED OUT.

INTERVIEW OF TAXI DRIVERS IN CONNECTION WITH EXPANDED
TAXI CAB CHECK CONTINUING. NO PERTINENT INFORMATION RECEIVED.

EXPANDED AIRLINE CHECK CONTINUING AND NEGATIVE TO DATE.

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FBI PHOENIX

10:10 PM URGENT 5/4/68 GRC

TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, LOS ANGELES, LAS VEGAS, AND DENVER

FROM: PHOENIX (44-371)

MURKIN.

RE DENVER TELS TO PHOENIX INSTANT DATE RE CARL RAY AND
HERMAN J. SCHUMACHER

INSTANT DATE ROBERT STRAITS, RESERVATIONS, FRONTIER
AIRLINES, PHOENIX, ADVISED THAT ON APRIL TWENTY SEVEN LAST HE
ISSUED TO A CARL RAY, TWO ROUND TRIP FLIGHT TICKETS FOR APRIL
TWENTY NINE LAST, FROM PHOENIX TO DENVER TO SAINT LOUIS ON
FRONTIER FLIGHTS SEVEN ZERO EIGHT AND SEVEN ZERO TEN, FIRST
CLASS AND CHARGED WITH CREDIT CAR #THREE ONE ZERO EIGHT EIGHT.
RAY DESCRIBED AS WM, FORTY, SIX FEET, ONE EIGHTY POUNDS, DARK
HAIR.

STRAITS FURTHER ADVISED THAT ON APRIL FIFTEEN LAST HE
ISSUED TWO ROUND TRIP TICKETS FROM PHOENIX TO SAINT LOUIS FIRST
CLASS, VIA DENVER, ON FLIGHT SEVEN EIGHT EIGHT FRONTIER
AIRLINES, TO A MR. SCHUMAKER ON TEMPORARY FAL CREDIT CARD [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. STRAITS DESCRIBED SCHUMAKER AS WM, FORTY

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TO FORTYFIVE, SIX FEET, TWO HUNDRED AND TEN POUNDS, BROWN
HAIR, SLOPPY DRESSED.

STRAITS ADVISED CARL RAY AND SCHUMAKER ARE NOT IDENTICAL
AND THAT SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY'S PHOTOS UNFAMILIAR TO HIM.

ON SAME DATE, MRS WANDA GARRETT, FAL, ADVISED ON APRIL
SEVENTEEN LAST SHE ISSUED TWO ROUND TRIP TICKETS TO MR.
SCHUMAKER, LAS VEGAS TO SAINT LOUIS, FIRST CLASS ON FLIGHT
SEVEN ONE ZERO, CHARGED ON FAL CREDIT CARD ONE NINE EIGHT ONE
EIGHT ISSUED APRIL NINTH LAST AT TUCSON. GARRETT DESCRIBED
SCHUMAKER SAME AS STRAITS AND ADVISED PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL
RAY UNFAMILIAR.

GARRETT FURTHER ADVISED NONE OF TICKETS PURCHASED ABOVE
HAD ANY ADDRESSES OR TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF CUSTOMERS, AND THAT
ALL INFO RE APPLICATION FOR CREDIT CARDS SHOULD BE IN DENVER.

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TO : SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760)
FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Kansas City teletype, 5/3/68.

Submitted herewith is a single copy of a photograph taken of JAMES EARL RAY, Aka Eric S. Galt, in the Fall of 1967. It is believed this is a copy of the photograph furnished by one PATRICIA ANDERSON to a U. S. Postal Inspector. RAY in his correspondence with PATRICIA ANDERSON did use the name ERIC S. GALT.

For information of Kansas City, investigation at Los Angeles on May 2, 1968 showed subject as ERIC S. GALT possibly submitted 5 letters of introduction and photographs of himself to "The Local Swinger," Post Office Box 3802, Downey, California. This is a correspondence club and letters presumably were sent for transmittal to individuals on club list. One PATRICIA ANDERSON, 2800 Glenview, Los Angeles, located and interviewed. She said she received, unsolicited, two advertisements from "The Local Swinger," one letter and photograph from ERIC GALT, which she furnished U. S. Postal Inspector. She said mail came to her addressed to "PATRICIA SCHUBERT," her maiden name. She claims no information concerning club and was not a member. Stated she had no contact with GALT, does not know him, and believes her name possibly secured from an old magazine subscription list.

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FBI ST LOUIS

629PM URGENT 5-5-68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND CHICAGO

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN - SUMMARY

SOURCES AND SPOT CHECKS DISCLOSE JERRY RAY STILL WITH
BROTHER JOHN AT RESIDENCE AND GRAPEVINE TAVERN. HAS NOT
CONTACTED SL OFFICE. NO ACTIVITY CAROL PEPPER RESIDENCES.

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Re: Telephone call to Springfield from Inspector THOMAS E. BISHOP, SOG, 4/24/68.

MARGRET CARMICHAEL STRADER, wife of ROBERT HOOD STRADER, was contacted at the residence of her father, E. P. CARMICHAEL, Route #1, Lexington, Illinois, on 4/30/68. Mrs. STRADER advised she and her husband were at the CARMICHAEL residence the weekend of 4/20-22/68. She advised that on the night of 4/21/68 or early morning of 4/22/68 her husband was awakened by the dogs barking outside the farm residence which is located up a farm lane one-half mile from the main rural road. She advised her husband and her father, E. P. CARMICHAEL, upon making a search of the outside area, found that the STRADER's 1967 Oldsmobile Delta "88", cream colored with black vinyl top, had been broken into. Mrs. STRADER advised nothing was missing from the car and no one was located or seen in the area. Mrs. STRADER advised her husband left alone from the CARMICHAEL residence on the morning of 4/22/68 en route Detroit, Michigan.

Mrs. STRADER advised that in a short period of time, Mr. STRADER returned to the CARMICHAEL residence. Upon his return,

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STRADER stated he had found a note in the recessed area of the speedometer of his car. (Mrs. STRADER pointed out that the speedometer has been broken; therefore, her husband was not normally attracted to the speedometer). She related this note was made up of words cut from newspapers and pasted on the back of a pocket calendar (unable to describe the calendar). Mrs. STRADER said the note read in substance, "If you go to the police or the FBI you will be killed." Mrs. STRADER advised her husband, after returning with the note, proceeded en route Detroit, Michigan, and after a short period of time had elapsed, he telephonically contacted her, stating he was at the Holiday Inn, Bloomington, Illinois. Mrs. STRADER stated her husband informed her that upon reaching the road one mile north of the CARMICHAEL residence, and Route 66, he saw a 1966 or 1967 Chevrolet, tan in color, no license information, with two men in the car, parked along the road. Mrs. STRADER stated her husband told her that this car followed him en route Bloomington. However, they did not turn into the Holiday Inn when he did. Mrs. STRADER advised her husband then told her he was proceeding on to Detroit, Michigan,

Mrs. STRADER advised upon discussing above with her parents, her mother, Mrs. E. P. CARMICHAEL, stated she had noticed a late model, tan car, making several trips on the main rural road near the CARMICHAEL residence on the early morning of 4/22/68.

Mrs. STRADER advised that on the night of 4/22/68 her husband telephonically contacted her, but he would not disclose his location as he stated he was afraid to mention his location over the phone. She related her husband told her that he stopped at a rest stop area after leaving Indianapolis, Indiana. Upon leaving his car and walking the direction of the men's restroom, he saw a tan automobile occupied by two men driving very slow. He stated at this time the rider in this automobile fired a shot at him. STRADER told his wife the shot just missed his ear and he, STRADER, hit the ground where he laid as if he had been hit. STRADER stated that the tan car disappeared and he has not seen it since.

Mrs. STRADER stated her husband believesthis action was due to his being in the men's restroom at the Gulf Truck Stop, Lebanon, Tennessee, on 3/27/68, where he allegedly overheard five men planning to kill Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. Mrs. STRADER stated her husband told her that one of the men in the restroom was RAY, whom he recognized after RAY's photograph was published. She stated he further informed her that he would be able to recognize the other men he saw in the restroom. Mrs. STRADER advised she recalls being at the Gulf Truck Stop at Lebanon, Tennessee, on 3/29/68. She stated upon their leaving the truck stop, her husband did not mention to her anything of hearing of the plan to kill KING. She stated she does recall her

husband remarked, "If King goes back to Memphis he will be killed!" Mrs. STRADER advised her husband did say he wanted to see CARL STERN of NBC, Washington, D.C, whom he knew but did not state why he desired to see STERN.

Mrs. STRADER advised her husband returned to the CARMICHAEL residence at Lexington, Illinois, on Friday, 4/26/68, where he stayed until the morning of Saturday, 4/27/68, at which time STRADER and his mother-in-law had an argument over Mrs. STRADER's son by a previous marriage. Mrs. CARMICHAEL told STRADER to leave, which he did.

Mrs. STRADER stated she told her husband she had contacted Mr. DONALD T. SULLIVAN, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Springfield Office of the FBI, and that he, STRADER, should call Mr. SULLIVAN and set up an appointment; that Mr. SULLIVAN had informed her he would make an appointment to meet STRADER at any location or at any time when STRADER was available. Mrs. STRADER stated her husband told her he was afraid to attempt to meet with FBI Agents, as he felt he was being followed. Mrs. STRADER stated she was unable to convince her husband to make arrangements for a meeting with the FBI. She advised her husband is very much interested in obtaining protection.

Mrs. STRADER advised of some of her husband's activities, which are not concerning the murder of Dr. KING. She advised that she does not know all of her husband's business and that she is sure he has not told her all he knows.

Mrs. STRADER advised her husband is acquainted with RAYMOND STARNES of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who told STRADER in the summer of 1967 that there were several businessmen in the area of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who were taking up a collection to obtain money to have KING assassinated. Mrs. STRADER advised her husband is well acquainted in the Baton Rouge and Denham Springs, Louisiana, area. She stated he was, in the summer of 1967, connected with the E.C. Donnell Construction Company of Denham Springs, La., which was doing construction work for the telephone company. She related E. C. DONNELL lives in Dallas, Texas. She related DONNELL had an equipment rental business and while STRADER and DONNELL were attempting to rent the equipment they were trying to gain financing for a recreational park in Louisiana similar to "Six Flags Over Texas." She related that some way they came in contact with a CHARLES and LILLIAN SHAPIRO (ph) of Miami, Florida, who advised they could finance same but were not interested, in a recreational park but would be interested in financing a horse racing track. Mrs. STRADER advised Mr. DONNELL obtained RAYMOND STARNES to help locate his land which could be used as a horse racing park. He also obtained sanction of the sheriff, (FNU) IRWIN and SAM BOSKO, both of Slidell, La; however, "things got out of hand" and an article

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appeared in "Life" magazine, and the Governor of Louisiana placed a stop to the entire operation.

Mrs. STRADER advised her husband is in telephonic contact with her daily but declines to furnish information as to his location over the telephone, as he is very afraid. Mrs. STRADER was advised to inform her husband if he has any information he desires to furnish to the FBI, he can contact any FBI Field Office, who will then arrange for an interview with him.

For information receiving offices, Inspector THOMAS E. BISHOP, SOG, on 4-24-68 advised he had received a telephone call from CARL STERN, Washington, D. C., NBC Office, who told him that a man (FNU) STRADER, whom he had met on one occasion while covering a story in the South, had, on 4-24-68, telephoned him from someplace around Toledo, Ohio. STRADER informed him he was en route to the home of his wife's parents in Lexington, Illinois. He then told STERN a "fantastic tale" about him, STRADER, overhearing a conversation on 3-29-68 in Lebanon, Tennessee, concerning the killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING. Apparently STRADER was of the impression that the people involved in the conversation knew he had overheard them, and they had taken his license number. STRADER believed there had been at least one shot fired at him since that time. STRADER informed STERN he had vital information concerning KING's murder and called STERN for advice as to what he should do. STERN advised STRADER to call the Springfield Office of the FBI and they would make arrangements to have someone meet him at his convenience in their territory. According to Mr. STERN, BISHOP stated that STRADER is afraid to approach any office and may desire to have someone meet him at a location other than an office.

The files of the Springfield Office contain the following references to ROBERT STRADER, however, it cannot be determined at this point whether or not they refer to ROBERT HOOD STRADER of Lexington, Illinois:

On 11-19-65 ROBERT STRADER, 6'1" - 2", 175 lbs., employed cutting timber near Edwardsville, Illinois, and in construction work at Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, Illinois, was considered a suspect in the robbery of the Hamel State Bank, Bufile 91-20560, Sifile 91-2642.

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In 10-66 prosecution of ROBERT H. STRADER was declined in an ITSMV matter which involved a rental car. ROBERT H. STRADER had represented himself as an employee of General Telephone Co., of Illinois, registering at two motels at Bloomington, Illinois, and had skipped without properly checking out and without paying for his room. SHRADER could not be located at that time but was described as a white, male, 35 - 40, 5'10" - 6', 150 lbs., dark brown hair, medium build and medium complexion. He was subject of Sifile 26-29006.

One ROBERT HOOD STRADER was subject of an ITSMV; UFAP - AUTO THEFT case in which Milwaukee was OO,9/63, Bufile 26-316708, Sifile 26-23403. This individual had a rather extensive arrest record dating back to 11/48 at which time he was AWOL and which involved record of arrest for issuing worthless checks, mail fraud, investigation of forgery, and defrauding an innkeeper. ROBERT H. STRADER, whose FBI No. was given as 244 633 A, was twice a patient at hospitals, one as a patient at the Patton State Hospital concerning which fingerprints were furnished by the State Bureau of Identification, Sacramento, California, on 8-3-60 and subsequently again on 9-21-60, was a patient at Atascadero State Hospital, California. That individual was described as white, male, approximately 6'3", 190 lbs., fair complexion, hazel eyes, brown hair and was considered to have suicidal tendencies.

A check through NCIC on 4-30-68 indicated ROBERT STRADER was not currently wanted.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2046) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE CARS STOLEN FROM STATE OF GEORGIA

Re Atlanta airtel dated 4/22/68, and
San Antonio airtel dated 4/24/68.

On 4/22/68, WYNN CLARK, National Auto
Theft Bureau (NATB), Dallas, Texas, advised SA
WALTER G. GARDNER that a check of his records
reflects that no cars have been recovered in Texas
since 4/4/68, which were stolen in Georgia which
were insured by the insurance companies supporting
NATB.

The 72 files of the Dallas Office which
have been opened since 4/4/68, were reviewed with
negative results concerning cars recovered which
were stolen in Georgia since 4/4/68.

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ON MAY THREE LAST, DELIA HERSHEY (PROTECT IDENTITY), ONE THREE THREE ONE EAST TWENTYTWO, OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, ADVISED SHE TRAVELED FROM SF TO OLYMPIA VIA GREYHOUND BUS, LEAVING GATE TWENTYTWO AT TEN TWENTY P.M. ON APRIL TWENTYNINE LAST, WITH MAN RESEMBLING SUBJECT AND ACTING SUSPICIOUS. HE ENTERED BUS AFTER WAITING AT GATE TWENTYTHREE FOR THE PORTLAND BUS WITH SEVERAL OTHER PASSENGERS. SHE BELIEVES HIM TO HAVE TRANSFERRED ONTO THE BUS, RATHER THAN ORIGINATING IF SF, DUE TO TYPE OF TICKET IN HIS POSSESSION. SHE DID NOT SEE HIM AFTER THE PORTLAND STOP. SUBJECT DESCRIBED: WMA, THIRTYFIVE TO FORTY, FIVE FEET EIGHT TO TEN INCHES, THIN BUILD, DARK BROWN HAIR, IN NEED OF HAIR CUT, AND HAIR DOWN BACK OF NECK, SPECKLED WITH GRAY, DEFINITE WIDOW'S PEAK IN FRONT, NEEDED SHAVING AND BEARD DARK BROWN, MUSTACHE LIGHT BROWN COVERING MOST OF UPPER LIP WITH "PHONY" APPEARANCE, FACE THIN AND TAN, WITH OILY
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FOREHEAD, POSSIBLY CAUSED BY SUNTAN MAKEUP. SKY BLUE EYES WITH NOSE
WHICH APPEARED SHARPER THAN THAT ON IO. WORE BUCKSKIN COLORED
SHIRT AND PANTS AND SWEATER OR JACKET. SUEDE TYPE CASUAL SHOES. TALKED
TO NO ONE ON BUS AND SAT NEAR REAR.

SAN FRANCISCO DETERMINE IDENTITY OF SAN FRANCISCO BUS
DRIVER AND INTERVIEW RE PERTINENT INFORMATION.

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A I R T E L

TO: SAC, PHILADELPHIA
FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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OO: MEMPHIS

At about 10:15 p.m., 5/2/68, Mr. CALVIN FLYLER, Bartow, W. Va., telephonically advised SA GEORGE A. PATTERSON that on 4/22/68 two white males in a 1961 or 1962 white Chevrolet Impala bearing Louisiana license, number unknown, purchased gas and tires in the amount of \$42.28 at FLYLER's Gulf Station in Bartow, using Gulf Credit Card # [REDACTED] in the name of B. G. STEINER, address not recalled in Louisiana. One of the men who was wearing cowboy hat and cowboy boots signed the purchase slip with the name, JAMES HANNONS. He stated he was from Oklahoma and had just arrived in the area to work with a core drilling outfit. FLYLER discovered that HANNONS left the area immediately after the purchase, and there are no drillers in the area. Also, this credit card had been cancelled about one week prior to 4/22/68.

On 5/2/68, FLYLER read in a newspaper that JAMES EARL RAY had an associate from New Orleans, La., named STRIN and similarities in names, STRIN and STEINER, caused him to conclude that HANNONS may have been RAY. He could not recall descriptions of the man with HANNONS, other than he was a white male with a "fat face." FLYLER said he recorded license number of the Chevrolet on the purchase slip, but no longer has record of the number as the slip has been forwarded to Gulf Oil Company Headquarters in Philadelphia, Pa. FLYLER also advised that information that the card had been cancelled came from Gulf headquarters in Houston, Texas.

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HOUSTON and NEW ORLEANS - INFORMATION

Information copies for Houston and New Orleans in the event investigation may be requested of these offices by Philadelphia.

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AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.

1. Contact Gulf Oil Corporation and ascertain identity of S. G. STEINER and JAMES HANNON; address of STEINER; and why Gulf Credit Card No. [REDACTED] was cancelled.
2. Obtain purchase slip, ascertain license number, and determine to whom license issued.
3. If this investigation does not eliminate possible connection with subject JAMES EARL RAY, investigation should be requested of New Orleans and Houston and purchase slip forwarded to FBI Laboratory for fingerprint examination.

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TELETYPE URGENT

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)
FROM NEWARK (44-854)

MURKIN

RE: CHICAGO TEL TO BUREAU APRIL TWO LAST, REQUESTING
TELEPHONE NUMBER OF MARJORIE FETTERS.

TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR MARJORIE FETTERS IS AREA CODE
SIX ZERO NINE, NINE SIX FOUR - FOUR NINE TWO THREE.

NEWSPAPER REPORTS THIS A.M. REFLECT THAT JERRY RAY,
BROTHER OF ~~SUBJECT RAY~~ HAS RESIGNED HIS POSITION IN CHICAGO
AND HIS WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN. CHICAGO IS REQUESTED TO
ADVISE ~~NEWARK~~ ~~IF~~ THIS IS THE SITUATION AS FETTERS HAS GIVEN
BIRTH TO A BABY BOY AND IS CURRENTLY IN WEST JERSEY HOSPITAL,
CAMDEN, N. J. NEWARK REQUESTS THIS INFORMATION AS THE
POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT IF JERRY RAY'S WHEREABOUTS ARE
UNKNOWN HE MAY POSSIBLY APPEAR IN THE CAMDEN, N.J., AREA.
NEWARK TAKING APPROPRIATE STEPS TO INSURE THAT IF HE DOES
APPEAR THEY WILL BE NOTIFIED.

MAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231) (P)

MURKIN
(OO:MEMPHIS)

Re Kansas City airtel, 4/27/68, enclosing FD 302s concerning CARLOS LEE BILLINGS.

Re airtel requested Tampa to locate and interview parents of JIM or GLENN BARBER, who were reportedly operating trailer park in Ft. Myers, Fla., in 1965.

The following contacts were made by SA A. LEWIS BARNETT in the Ft. Myers, Fla., area on May 2 and 3, 1968, in an effort to locate a family by the name of BARBER who operated a trailer park in Ft. Myers, in 1965, or to locate a record of JIM or GLENN BARBER. All contacts were negative:

PAM PETTIT, Lee County Zoning Board, Lee County Courthouse

EILEEN FARABEE, Lee County Tax Collector's Office, Lee County Courthouse. (It is noted that Mrs. FARABEE advised that a family by the name of BARBER had never obtained a permit to operate a trailer park in Lee County.)

Mr. PAUL CALDWELL, Lee County Clerk's Office, Land Records, Lee County Courthouse

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Mrs. RUTH BAUCOM, Lee County Clerk's Office,
Land-Lease Agreements, Lee County Courthouse

Mrs. RUTH WERTZ, Better Business Division,
Ft. Myers-Lee County Chamber of Commerce

MAY WISE, Caloosa Trailer Park, 1209 N.
Tamiami Trail, North, Ft. Myers, Fla.

ALBERT HUSTEDT, Hidden Cove Trailer Park,
2961 Frierson St., Ft. Myers.

Mrs. M. WELCH, Palm 'N Pine Trailer Town,
1016 Superior, Ft. Myers

Mr. WILLIAM SONNENBERG, Sun-N-Fun Trailer
Park, Rt. 80, Ft. Myers, Fla.

Mrs. GLADYS COON, Ft. Myers Trailer Park
and Supply, 311 Cleveland Ave., Ft. Myers

BYRON TENNISON, Secretary and Treasurer,
Florida Mobile Home Association, 311
Cleveland Ave., Ft. Myers. (Mr. TENNISON
advised that his organization keeps records of all major
trailer parks and, in his capacity as Manager of the
Ft. Myers Trailer Park and Supply Co., for the last 12
years, he has become familiar with all trailer parks in
the area of Ft. Myers. He stated he feels that had a
family by the name of BARBER operated a trailer park
for any length of time in the Ft. Myers area, he would
know about it. He stated he cannot associate the name
of BARBER with any trailer park operation in Lee County.)

HENRY WRIGHT, Identification Officer, Lee
County SO

SHELLY DEMKO, Records Clerk, Ft. Myers PD

CAROL BARRY, Lee County Credit Bureau.

The Ft. Myers telephone and city directories
shows no listing under the name of GLENN or JAMES BARBER
nor a Barber Trailer Park.

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669) P
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Los Angeles tel to Baltimore and Memphis,
4/26/68.

Mrs. STANLEY WHITNEY OLSON (MARGARET STELLA OLSON),
age 60, residing in a trailer home behind the Star-Lite Inn,
Pocomoke City, Maryland with mailing address of P.O. Box 245,
Pocomoke City, and having home telephone number (Area 301)
957-2337, provided the following information:

She advised that she is the mother of KATHERINE
PATRICIA OLSON WILLIAR, a white female born [redacted] at
Quantico, Virginia, 5'5" tall, 110-115 lbs., gray-green eyes,
brunette hair, attractive facial features. She is known
generally as PAT OLSON. Her husband, ROBERT WILLIAR, died
in Baltimore, Maryland about 6-7 years ago of a brain tumor.
Her child, DENISE DAWN WILLIAR, born [redacted] resides with
Mrs. STANLEY OLSON at Pocomoke City, Maryland.

About two years ago her daughter, hereafter referred
to as PAT, left Maryland and traveled to Coral Gables, Florida
in the company of an unknown man, leaving her daughter behind.
Her address or employment there unknown. She stayed for a
period in Florida, and then went to New Orleans where she re-
sided for a short period of time. Her address or employment
there also unknown to Mrs. STANLEY OLSON. She apparently

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was taking some type of drugs during this period, and was seldom in contact with her parents. She has no particular occupation, and has become a "drifter", according to Mrs. S. OLSON. She went to Mexico, location not known, after leaving New Orleans and after a short stay there, went to California, where she is currently believed to be residing.

Mrs. S. OLSON provided some letters from PAT from which the following addresses were obtained:

12/20/67 - PAT OLSON, 5842 Carlton Way, Hollywood, California. Letter with this return address was postmarked Los Angeles, California (36) on indicated date.

11/29/67 - PAT OLSON, 5842 Carlton Way, Los Angeles, California, Apt. 3.

11/25/67 - PAT OLSON, St. Francis Hotel, Room 527, Hollywood and Western Blvd., Los Angeles, California.

4/27/67 - PAT OLSON, 1746 North Gramercy Place, Apt. 16, Hollywood, California.

3/31/67 - K. WILLIAR, in care of TERRY CALLIGAN, 1746 South Gramercy Place, Hollywood, California.

Mrs. S. OLSON advised that on a date she recalls to be 3/18/68, PAT telephoned her from somewhere in California. The conversation was general, and PAT mentioned that she was babysitting for some woman in California, city not named. Nothing was said concerning anything relating to MURKIN. On about 4/3-4/68 PAT called again from California and the conversation again was general. PAT spoke most of the time with her daughter DENISE. Several days after receiving that last call on 4/3-4/68 Mrs. S. OLSON received an inquiry from the telephone operator concerning that call. The operator advised her that a PAT OLSON was using a telephone credit card of another person. No inquiries from the telephone company were received after the call of 3/18/68.

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Mrs. S. OLSON advised that she does not know any of PAT's friends in California. She has never heard the name of CHARLES or RITA STEIN, MARIE MARTIN or MARIN. The name, aliases and photograph of JAMES EARL RAY are unknown to her. Mrs. S. OLSON advised that her husband, age 50, is employed with the Contee Construction Co., Baltimore, Maryland, Telephone 636-3758, and is not home during the week. She is certain that he would not be familiar with the names of STEIN or MARTIN or RAY.

Los Angeles, determine if PAT OLSON is known to STEIN's and interview OLSON for knowledge of subject.

PM URGENT 5/4/68 OLP

TO DIRECTOR (44-361)
FROM NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) IP
MURKIN.

RE PHOENIX TEL TO DIRECTOR FIVE THREE LAST.

RE: TELCALL FROM EL PASO NUMBER SEVEN SEVEN
TWO ZERO SIX FOUR SIX TO NEW ORLEANS NUMBER
TWO EIGHT TWO - SEVEN FIVE NINE ONE,
DECEMBER SIXTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN.

NEW ORLEANS PHONE NO. TWO EIGHT TWO - SEVEN FIVE
NINE ONE A NON-PUBLISHED NUMBER LISTED TO ARNOLD THOMAS,
THREE FIVE TWO THREE, HAMBURG ST., NEW ORLEANS.

ON FIVE FOUR SIXTY-EIGHT ARNOLD AND ISABELLE THOMAS
INTERVIEWED AND COULD NOT RECALL PHONE CALL FROM EL PASO,
TEX., ON DEC. SIXTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN. THOMAS AND WIFE
BOTH NEGROES AND STATED THEIR SON HAD DIED IN LOS ANGELES
ON DEC. ELEVEN, SIXTYSEVEN, AND HIS BODY HAD BEEN CARRIED
BY HIS BROTHER FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS ARRIVING
NEW ORLEANS DEC. SEVENTEEN SIXTYSEVEN. THOMAS STATED
THIS CALL UNDOUBTEDLY FROM BROTHER TRANSPORTING BODY OF
DECEASED SON.

NEW ORLEANS INDICES CONTAIN NO INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE
WITH ARNOLD THOMAS OR ISABELLE THOMAS.

NEW ORLEANS LOCATING SON FOR INTERVIEW IN REGARDS INSTANT CALL.
AIRMAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS, PHOENIX, AND EL PASO.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-759) -2-

RE: MURKIN

Re Atlanta teletype to Director dated 4/3/68.

Referenced communication requesting Kansas City to advise Atlanta of identities of all recent releaseses from Missouri State Penitentiary from Atlanta area. These records reveal that the only releasese from Atlanta since 4/1/67 is a JOHNNY PELANTI who is now reportedly residing St. Louis, Missouri, area. St. Louis has been advised by teletype.

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TO MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND JACKSON (157-9536)

FROM CHICAGO 44-1114

MURKIN THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING.

MR. OAKLEY BROWNLOW TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THAT ABOUT ONE WEEK BEFORE KING WAS KILLED IN MEMPHIS HE WAS IN THAT CITY VISITING BROTHER WHO WAS PATIENT AT HOSPITAL. WHILE THERE, HE HEARD RUMOR SUPPOSEDLY PREVALENT IN MEMPHIS AT THAT TIME BECAUSE OF RIOTING AFTER DR. KING'S MARCH THERE. RUMOR TO EFFECT THAT BRADY CARROLL, FORMER CONSTABLE, GRENADA COUNTY, MISS., WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE STATED THAT IF KING CAME BACK TO MEMPHIS AFTER RIOTS WERE OVER, HE, CARROLL, WAS GOING TO HAVE HIM KILLED. BROWNLOW COULD FURNISH NO POSITIVE INFO ONLY THE FOREGOING RUMOR.

CHICAGO NOT AWARE IF ANY INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED RE GRADY CARROLL. MEMPHIS HANDLE. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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249PM URGENT 5-6-68 LCS

TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO, AND MEMPHIS
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN

RE ATLANTA TEL MAY ONE LAST.

CHARLES V. TYSON, MANAGER, HERTZ RENTALS, ALBANY, GA., ADVISED HE IS IN RECEIPT OF INFORMATION FROM HERTZ IN CHICAGO THAT VEHICLE DESCRIBED RETEL TURNED IN MAY TWO LAST, EVERGREEN PARK, ILL., TWO FIVE FIVE EIGHT WEST NINETYFIFTH ST. HE INSTRUCTED THEM NOT TO TOUCH VEHICLE UNTIL PROCESSED BY BUREAU.

CHICAGO, AT EVERGREEN PARK, ILL. CONTACT HERTZ OFFICIALS, DEVELOP INFO RE PERSON WHO TURNED IN VEHICLE, AND PROCESS VEHICLE FOR LATENT PRINTS FOR COMPARISON WITH PRINTS OF JAMES EARL RAY.

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320PM URGENT 5-6-68 BLW

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MIAMI, MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND

BIRMINGHAM

FROM TAMPA (157-3231) 3P

MURKIN

ON MAY SIX INSTANT, CAROL YVONNE CROWLEY, NEE RANKIN,
ADVISED SHE AND HER HUSBAND, ALTON RAY CROWLEY, HAD A DIS-
AGREEMENT AND HE HAD ABANDONED HER IN PINELLAS PARK, FLA.,
ON MAY FIVE LAST. SHE ADVISED SHE AND HER HUSBAND STAYED
AT BUENA VISTA HOTEL, FOUR ZERO NINE NORTH DIXIE, WEST PALM
BEACH, FLA., FROM APPROXIMATELY APRIL ONE EIGHT TO APRIL
TWENTY-FIVE LAST. SHE DESCRIBED THIS HOTEL AS A RUN DOWN
ROOMING HOUSE WITH APARTMENTS IN THE REAR. ON THE DAY SHE
AND HER HUSBAND DEPARTED WEST PALM BEACH, SEVERAL OCCUPANTS
OF THE ROOMING HOUSE HAD A DISCUSSION IN THE HALL OF THE
ROOMING HOUSE AT WHICH TIME SHE PAID PARTICULAR ATTENTION
TO ONE OF THE INDIVIDUALS INASMUCH AS HE WAS DRESSED IN A
NICE BUSINESS SUIT, BOW TIE AND SOME TYPE OF BOOTS, IT BEING

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UNUSUAL FOR ANYONE IN THIS ROOMING HOUSE TO BE WEARING A SUIT. DURING CONVERSATION, THIS INDIVIDUAL SAID HIS NAME WAS JESS (LNU) AND THAT HE WAS FROM TENNESSEE. DURING THIS CONVERSATION TWO BOYS, AGES TWELVE AND SEVENTEEN WHO LIVE WITH MOTHER ON THIRD FLOOR OF HOTEL, WERE ALSO PRESENT. CROWLEY WAS OF THE OPINION THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL ONLY HAD A ROOM AT THE HOTEL. SHE DESCRIBED HIM AS A WHITE MALE, TWENTY-EIGHT, FIVE FEET NINE INCHES TO FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE LBS. WITH DARK BROWN HAIR.

SHE AND HUSBAND TRAVELED TO COCOA, FLA., APPROXIMATELY APRIL TWENTY-FIVE LAST AND SAW PICTURE OF JAMES EARL RAY ON TV AND BOTH SHE AND HUSBAND FELT CERTAIN RAY AND PREVIOUSLY-DESCRIBED INDIVIDUAL IDENTICAL. STATED NEITHER SHE NOR HUSBAND KNEW TO WHOM THEY SHOULD REPORT THIS MATTER.

WHILE IN PINELLAS PARK POLICE STATION, TOLD LOCAL PD AND CROWLEY INTERVIEWED THIS DATE, BY BUAGENT AND WAS DISPLAYED IO AND WANTED FLYER OF SUBJECT. CROWLEY SAID SHE FELT

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ALMOST CERTAIN THAT SUBJECT IDENTICAL TO INDIVIDUAL MENTIONED ABOVE. IT WAS POINTED OUT TO CROWLEY THE DISCREPANCY IN AGES, HOWEVER, SHE MAINTAINED HER OPINION THAT SUBJECT AND INDIVIDUAL IDENTICAL. IT IS NOTED CAROL CROWLEY APPEARED TO BE AN EMOTIONALLY STABLE AND HONEST INDIVIDUAL.

MIAMI, AT WEST PALM BEACH, WILL CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION AT BUENA VISTA HOTEL TO LOCATE JESSE ABOVE AND DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL.

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446PM CDT URGENT 5-6-68 DMB

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS
FROM SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)

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MURKIN

RE KANSAS CITY TELETYPE, APRIL TWENTY NINE LAST TO BUREAU,
MEMPHIS AND SAN ANTONIO.

MARINE, CREDIT AND ARREST RECORDS AND ALL AVAILABLE WATER-
FRONT SOURCES, PORT BROWNSVILLE-PORT ISABEL (CAMERON COUNTY,
TEXAS) AREA NEGATIVE AS TO MATEO LOPEZ GARCIA OR MATEO GARCIA
LOPEZ. SOURCES ALERTED AS TO SUBJECT RAY.

THESE SOURCES ADVISE APPROXIMATELY FIVE HUNDRED SHRIMP
FISHING VESSELS OPERATE OUT OF THIS AREA, ALL OF WHICH FISH
SOUTHERN GULF AREA, INCLUDING BAY OF CAMPECHE AT VARIOUS TIMES.
SUCH BOATS USUALLY RENDEZVOUS IN SHALLOW WATER AREA, COMMONLY
KNOWN AS CAMPECHE FLATS WITHIN SIGHT OF CAMPECHE, MEXICO, TO
TRANSFER SHRIMP CATCH, SUPPLIES, ETC. AMERICAN SEAMEN ARE NOT
ALLOWED IN PORT OF CAMPECHE EXCEPT EMERGENCY BASIS, BUT FISHER-
MEN DESIRING TO VISIT PLACES OF AMUSEMENT CAN USUALLY ARRANGE TO
DO SO CLANDESTINELY THROUGH CONTACT WITH MEXICANS OPERATING SMALL
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VESSELS KNOWN AS "BUM BOATS" OR CAYUQUEROS," WHICH BRING WOMEN,
LIQUOR, MARIJUAN, ETC. OUT TO SHRIMP BOATS FROM CANPECHE, MEXICO,
FOR EXCHANGE FOR CASH, FRESHLY CAUGHT SHRIMP, BOAT EQUIPMENT OR
ANY OTHER DESIRED ARTICLES IN POSSESSION OF SUCH FISHERMEN.

KANSAS CITY FURNISHED AIR MAIL COPY.

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5:52 PM EDT URGENT 5/6/68 JLC

TO DIRECTOR, MIAMI AND MEMPHIS

FROM JACKSONVILLE (44-769) 2P

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RE UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL ABOARD TRANS CHAPLAIN.

ON MAY FIVE LAST MR. JAMES OWENS TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED AN INDIVIDUAL HE BELIEVES SIMILAR IN APPEARANCE TO PHOTOGRAPH OF JAMES EARL RAY WAS DRINKING IN THE GOLDEN EARRING LOUNGE, DUNNS AVENUE, JACKSONVILLE. UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL DEPARTED DURING TELEPHONE CALL IN VEHICLE LATER ASCERTAINED TO BE REGISTERED TO JAMES C. JOWERS, JACKSONVILLE. JOWERS IS ELDERLY RETIRED MERCHANT SEAMAN AND MET UNSUB AND ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL, NAME UNKNOWN, WHO IS REPORTEDLY CHIEF ENGINEER OF TRANS CHAPLAIN, A T TWO TANKER UNDER MSTs CHARTER ON MAY FIVE LAST. UNSUB REPORTEDLY DECK MAINTENANCE MAN ABOARD ABOVE SHIP; JOWERS SPENT MOST OF DAY WITH TWO SEAMEN. JOWERS STATED HE WAS NOT GOOD AT IDENTIFYING PHOTOGRAPHS OF INDIVIDUALS AND WOULD BE UNABLE TO FURNISH AN OPINION AS TO SIMILARITY IN APPEARANCE BETWEEN UNSUB AND SUBJECT. UNSUB ABOUT FORTY, DRESSED IN SUIT AND TIE, VERY NEAT IN APPEARANCE, SHORT HAIR, AND CASHED ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR BILL FOR PAYMENT OF DRINKS. TRANS CHAPLAIN DEPARTED JACKSONVILLE

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WEST, FLORIDA, TEN P.M. MAY FIVE LAST. APPROXIMATE RUNNING
TIME TO KEY WEST THIRTY SIX HOURS.

EDMOND BARZYK, OWNER, GOLDEN EARRING, WHO CASHED ONE HUNDRED
DOLLAR BILL RECALLED UNSUB BUT WAS UNABLE TO RECALL SUFFICIENTLY TO
EXPRESS OPINION AS TO SIMILARITY TO SUBJECT.

MIAMI AT KEY WEST ASCERTAIN IF UNSUB REPORTEDLY DECK MAINTENANCE
MAN ON TRANS CHAPLAIN IS IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT.

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120PM URGENT 5-6-68 JLS
TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND CHICAGO
FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKING - SUMMARY

JERRY RAY ALTH BROTHER JOHN IN SL AS OF FIVE TWENTY P.M.
THIS DATE. HAS NOT CONTACTED SL OFFICE.

JERRY RAYNES, FATHER, CENTER, MO., REINTERVIEWED. WAS
VISITED BY CAROL PEPPER AND CHILDREN YESTERDAY. UNABLE TO
SUGGEST WHEREABOUTS OF SUBJECT.

FELLOW PRISONER INTERVIEWS AND RESOLUTION OF LOCAL LOOK
ALIKES CONTINUING.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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7:33PM URGENT 5-6-68 DPK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS, AND BIRMINGHAM
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

RE DYRELL DENNIS

EDGAR JOHN PENDLETON INTERVIEWED MAY SIX INSTANT.

STATED HE RESIDED IN ST. FRANCIS HOTEL FROM MARCH EIGHT LAST TO
APRIL SIXTEEN LAST WHEN HE ENTERED ORTHOPEDIC HOSPITAL, LOS
ANGELES FOR SURGERY. PENDLETON IN RECEIPT OF LETTER FROM
DYRELL DENNIS, RETURN ADDRESS FOUR THREE FIVE WEST MICHIGAN
ST., APT. TWO ZERO EIGHT, MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, POSTMARKED MILWAUKEE
APRIL NINETEEN LAST, LETTER IN PART STATES "HAVE YOU SEEN RAY?
I HOPE HE IS OKAY."

PENDLETON ADVISED LOUIS LOMAX HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH
HIM ON TWO OCCASIONS, THE SECOND TIME AFTER ABOVE LETTER RECEIVED.
HE GAVE LOMAX DENNIS' ADDRESS AND TOLD LOMAX DENNIS WELL ACQUAINTED
WITH INDIVIDUAL KNOWN TO PENDLETON AS RAY SELMA (PH). PENDLETON
STATED LOMAX TOLD HIM MARIE (LNU), (REFERS TO MARIE MARTIN),
COCKTAIL WAITRESS AT SULTAN ROOM, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, HAD ADVISED
LOMAX THAT HE, PENDLETON, KNEW DYRELL DENNIS AND RAY SELMA.
PENDLETON ADVISED RAY SELMA IS MEXICAN-AMERICAN, THIRTY SEVEN TO
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FORTY YEARS OF AGE, DARK COMPLEXION, WINDY, LAST SEEN AT ST. FRANCIS HOTEL ON APRIL THIRTEEN OR FOURTEEN LAST. PENDLETON ADVISED DENNIS WAS NARCOTIC USER AND HE PRESUMED RAY SELMA ALSO A USER. (DENNIS HAS BEEN INTERVIEWED AT MILWAUKEE).

PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL RAY SHOWN PENDLETON WHO STATED HE COULD NOT RECOGNIZE THEM AS IDENTICAL TO RAY SELMA.

PRIOR INVESTIGATION AT LOS ANGELES INDICATES RAY SELMA REFERRED TO BY PENDLETON MAY BE IDENTICAL TO RAY FERNANDEL. INVESTIGATION CONTINUES AT LOS ANGELES TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW RAY FERNANDEL.

RE PUERTO VALLARTA

INVESTIGATION AT LOS ANGELES CONTINUES TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW HOTEL GUESTS AT THIS RESORT AT SAME TIME AS SUBJECT. THOSE INTERVIEWED, NEGATIVE TO DATE.

RE QUOTE THE LOCAL SWINGER END QUOTE.

RECIPIENTS OF "LOCAL SWINGER" INTERVIEWED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS RE WHEREABOUTS OF SUBJECT OR ANY CONTACT WITH HIM.

TELEPHONE SUBSCRIBERS ON VARIOUS LEADS ON LONG DISTANCE CALLS DECEMBER FIFTEEN THROUGH SEVENTEEN SIXTY SEVEN OBTAINED AND ALL BEING INTERVIEWED.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUES.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO MILWAUKEE AND ATLANTA.

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1054PM URGENT 5-6-68 GEB

TO BUREAU, ST. LOUIS, MEMPHIS, NEW ORLEANS, AND CHARLOTTE
FROM LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) P

MURKIN.

RE LITTLE ROCK TEL TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS, ST. LOUIS FOUR
TWENTYFOUR SIXTYEIGHT.

PCI RUSSELL LEE MARTIN (PROTECT IDENTITY) FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING
INFORMATION.

HE WAS IN ST. LOUIS FIVE FOUR - FIVE SIXTYEIGHT AND CONTACTED CARL
DRAKE WHO WAS DESCRIBED AS GOOD FRIEND OF RAY WHEN BOTH IN MISSOURI
STATE PRISON. STATED DRAKE LIVES SOUTH ST. LOUIS, IS A NARCOTIC ADDICK
AND PUSHER. HE GOT DRAKES TELEPHONE NUMBER FROM ST. LOUIS TELEPHONE BOOK.
HE STARTED CONVERSATION WITH DRAKE BY STATING HE WAS SHOCKED ON
LEARNING THAT RAY KILLED KING. DRAKE ANSWERED BY STATING RAY CALLED HIM,
DRAKE, TWICE SINCE KING WAS KILLED, ONCE FROM NEW ORLEANS, LA., AND ONCE
FROM NORTH CAROLINA. HE STATED DRAKE ALSO TOLD HIM THAT RAY WAS NOW
DRIVING WHITE CHEVROLET CAMARO AND HAD SUB-MACHINE GUN. DRAKE ALSO
STATED RAY TOLD HIM HE HAD PLENTY OF MONEY.

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Russell Lee Martin

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PCI TOLD DRAKE IF RAY CALLED AGAIN TO TELL HIM TO CONTACT PCI.
PCI GAVE DRAKE HIS ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER IN BLYTHEVILLE, ARKANSAS.

IN VIEW OF INFORMATION FURNISHED PCI REQUEST DRAKE NOT BE
INTERVIEWED AS HE FEELS DRAKE WOULD KNOW SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

RELIABILITY PCI NOT KNOWN AS HE HAS ONLY BEEN CONTACTED FOR TWO
WEEKS HOWEVER HE HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION REGARDING NARCOTICS.

LEAD PREVIOUSLY SET FORTH IN RE TEL FOR ST LOUIS TO INTERVIEW CARL
DRAKE, RESULTS OF WHICH NOT KNOWN TO LITTLE ROCK.

DRAKE SHOULD NOT BE INTERVIEWED AT THIS TIME IN VIEW OF INFORMATION
OBTAINED BY PCI AS PCI MAY BE ONLY PERSON DRAKE HAS TOLD.

WHEN DRAKE IS INTERVIEWED IN WEEK OR TEN DAYS INFORMATION FURNISH-
ED BY PCI SHOULD IN NO WAY BE DIVULGED TO DRAKE.

CONTACT WILL BE MAINTAINED WITH PCI.

NO SPECIFICS BEING SET FORTH FOR NEW ORLEANS AND CHARLOTTE, HOW-
EVER THESE OFFICES BEING FURNISHED THIS COMMUNICATION TO ALERT THEM OF
THE POSSIBILITY RAY MAY HAVE BEEN IN THEIR DIVISION INDICATED HEREIN.
ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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REJMAILTEL MAY TWO LAST SUBMITTING COPY OF
AUTOMOBILE REGISTRATION AND MAILTEL MAY TWO LAST
SUBMITTING ITEMS RELATING TO BOAT RENTALS ALL BEARING
SIGNATURE MICHEL ST. PIERRE.

CONCLUDED MICHEL ST. PIERRE SIGNATURES ON DOCUMENTS
SUBMITTED NOT PREPARED BY JAMES EARL RAY. LATENT REPORT
AND DISPOSITION OF EVIDENCE FURNISHED SEPARATELY. COPY
MAILED TO MEMPHIS, ATLANTA, KANSAS CITY AND ALBANY.

- 1 - Memphis (44-1987) - Airmail
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Note to Memphis: No Laboratory report will be submitted regarding
the results of the examination set out above.

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FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

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RE KANSAS CITY TEL TO BUREAU, MAY TWO, LAST.

ORVILLE ERNEST GANN, FORMER MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY (MSP) INMATE, # SIX NINE SEVEN TWO NINE, ADVISED THAT BOBBY ASH AND JIM BRADLEY, PRESENTLY INMATES MSP, ARE ONLY INMATES TO HIS KNOWLEDGE WITH "CONNECTIONS ENOUGH" TO HAVE INFORMATION CONCERNING ANY PLOT OR CONSPIRACY AGAINST DOCTOR KING.

KANSAS CITY, IF NOT ALREADY DONE, WILL CONSIDER INTERVIEWING ASH AND BRADLEY AT MSP.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
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MURKIN; CR.

SHELBY COUNTY GRAND JURY, MEMPHIS, TENN., RETURNED
INDICTMENT MAY SEVEN INSTANT CHARGING JAMES EARL RAY WITH
MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE. NO REQUEST MADE FOR TESTIMONY
BY FBI PERSONNEL.

INVESTIGATION AND ELIMINATION OF MISCELLANEOUS SUSPECTS
CONTINUES. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT BUREAU CONSIDER ADVISABILITY
OF PUBLISHING THE PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT OBTAINED FROM
PATRICIA ANDERSON IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE "LAW ENFORCEMENT
BULLETIN."

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P. END.

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TO ALL SACS RELAY MESSAGE PLAN
FROM DIRECTOR 1P

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TWO ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY WERE RELEASED TODAY TO NEWS MEDIA IN WASHINGTON. PHOTOGRAPH NUMBER ONE SHOULD BEAR CAPTION "JAMES EARL RAY (PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN IN MEXICO)." THIS IS THE PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY IN DARK GLASSES AND SPORT SHIRT. PHOTOGRAPH NUMBER TWO SHOULD BEAR CAPTION "JAMES EARL RAY (PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN LATE JANUARY OR EARLY FEBRUARY NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT IN CALIFORNIA)." THIS IS HEAD SHOT OF RAY IN BUSINESS SUIT WHICH SHOWS MARKED CLEFT IN CHIN. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO REPRODUCE COPIES OF THESE TWO PHOTOGRAPHS LOCALLY AND YOU SHOULD INSURE THEY RECEIVE WIDE-SPREAD DISTRIBUTION THROUGH ALL MEDIA CONTACTS. FIVE COPIES OF EACH OF THESE PHOTOGRAPHS PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED ALL OFFICES. LEGATS OTTAWA AND MEXICO ADVISED.

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TO DENVER 157-203 LOS ANGELES 44-1574 MEMPHIS 44-1987
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P.

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REBUTEL TO LOS ANGELES TODAY SETTING FORTH RESULTS
EXAMINATION OF AIR TRAVEL CREDIT CARD IN NAME OF CARL RAY AND
DENVER AIRTEL MAY FOUR LAST.

FOR INFORMATION MEMPHIS AND DENVER RETEL ADVISED
DIFFERENCES NOTED BETWEEN HAND PRINTING AND CARL RAY
SIGNATURE ON CREDIT CARD WHEN COMPARED WITH KNOWN WRITING
OF SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY BUT LIMITED NATURE OF QUESTIONED
MATERIAL PRECLUDED DEFINITE OPINION.

REDNAIRTEL SUBMITTING FRONTIER AIRLINES
TRANSPORTATION RECEIPT BEARING SIGNATURE "CARL RAY"
PURCHASED BY UTILIZING TEMPORARY CREDIT CARD [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] REFERRED TO ABOVE. NO CONCLUSION WHETHER
CARL RAY SIGNATURES ON CREDIT CARD AND FRONTIER AIRLINES
TRANSPORTATION RECEIPT BY SAME PERSON BUT DIFFERENCES
NOTED SUGGESTING POSSIBILITY OF DIFFERENT WRITERS.

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NO CONCLUSION WHETHER SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY
WROTE "CARL RAY" SIGNATURE ON FRONTIER AIRLINES
TRANSPORTATION RECEIPT, HOWEVER, SOME HANDWRITING
CHARACTERISTICS IN COMMON NOTED BETWEEN THIS "CARL RAY"
SIGNATURE AND KNOWN WRITING OF SUBJECT RAY. LIMITED
NATURE OF QUESTIONED SIGNATURE AND LACK OF SIGNIFICANT
HANDWRITING CHARACTERISTICS PRECLUDED DEFINITE OPINION.
RESULTS OF LATENT EXAMINATION OF FRONTIER
AIRLINES TRANSPORTATION RECEIPT WILL BE FURNISHED
SEPARATELY.

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652PM URGENT 5-7-68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, AND CHICAGO

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN - SUMMARY

RE JERRY RAY: JERRY RAY TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED SA HAROLD R. DOBSON. STATED WOULD CALL EMPLOYER TO DETERMINE IF PRESSURE STILL ON. IF SO WOULD PROBABLY SPEND FEW DAYS WITH FATHER OR IN PHILADELPHIA, PA., AREA USING SURNAME RYAN.

SUBSEQUENTLY ADVISED SITUATION QUIET AT EMPLOYMENT, BUT HE BELIEVED DESIREABLE TO RECHECK TOMORROW BEFORE DECIDING TO RETURN TO CG. STAYING WITH BROTHER JOHN. TO VISIT SISTER CAROL PEPPER THIS AFTERNOON.

ADVISED FOLLOWING VISIT PEPPER RELUCTANCE CAUSED BY POLICE REVELATION OF RAY RELATIONSHIP TO PEPPER EMPLOYER. SHE BELIEVES SUBJECT NOT GUILTY. HE WILL CONTACT CG EMPLOYER BY ELEVEN A.M. AND IF SAFE, WILL START FOR CG AT NOON. WILL CONTACT SA DOBSON PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.

RE CAROL PEPPER LIQUOR LICENSE: SL USA VERNE RIDDLE ADVISED IN CURRENT PROJECT TO DETERMINE NATURE AND EXTENT OF CRIMINAL OWNERSHIP OF TAVENRS NOT RELATED TO THIS CASE, HE HAD SECURED COOPERATION OF USPO AND STATE LIQUOR CONTROL OFFICIALS. STATE HAS MAILED

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