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OF ABOVE LISTED SUSPECTS AND WHO MIGHT BE WILLING TO TALK.

INFORMATION FURNISHED BY INFORMANT BEING FOLLOWED
CLOSELY AND PERSONS NAMED WILL BE LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED.

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Date 8/2/68

KATHERINE WILLIAR, nee OLSON, telephonically contacted the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Office on August 1, 1968 and was subsequently interviewed in the vicinity of Mount Royal and North Avenues.

WILLIAR advised that her mind was hazy as to dates. She said she is in the process of growing up and finding herself and has been very interested in Astrology, Scientology and the metaphysical theories of the Rosicrucians in this regard.

WILLIAR said she lived at the St. Francis Apartment Hotel, Los Angeles in November and December, 1967 and left there just before Christmas, moving to an apartment on Carlton Way, Los Angeles. While at the St. Francis she met a girl named MARIE who worked as a barmaid in the Sultan Room of the St. Francis. MARIE was a friend and possibly a relative of CHARLES STEIN and his sister, RITA STEIN. WILLIAR was under the impression that MARIE and RITA were from New Orleans. She met RITA at MARIE's apartment and met CHARLES STEIN at his residence 5666 Franklin Street, Los Angeles where RITA STEIN also lived with her four children.

At the suggestion of MARIE, WILLIAR stated that she started babysitting with RITA STEIN's children. These were two boys and two girls. She occasionally stayed overnight when she was babysitting at late hours and recalled one occasion when she was there for possibly two to three days with the children. WILLIAR commented that RITA STEIN had a boyfriend and that was the reason she was using WILLIAR as a babysitter. She said her association with the STEINS extended from shortly after Christmas, 1967 until she believes, sometime in March, 1968. She recalled having made a couple of phone calls from California to her mother in Maryland, one of them being from the STEIN's residence and commented that she still owed RITA STEIN for this bill. She advised that she left California suddenly after breaking up with her boyfriend and hitchhiked rides with truck drivers all across the country.

WILLIAR stated that she had no knowledge of any trips

On 8/1/68 at Baltimore, Maryland

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by SA JOHN J. GROGAN:jtk

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made by either CHARLES or RITA STEIN or any knowledge that RITA STEIN's two girls had been away from their mother at any time. She said that although she is 28 years of age she had never been in the Sultan Room at the St. Francis because she has lost her identification and could not prove her age. She stated that she never knew anyone named ERIC GALT or JAMES EARL RAY. The only time she recalls the name ERIC GALT having been mentioned by the STEINs was on one occasion when CHARLES STEIN showed her some newspaper article concerning GALT in which CHARLES STEIN's name was mentioned and that CHARLES seemed pleased because he had been able to put in a plug for his new song. She advised that CHARLES STEIN was a song writer and a promoter for musical entertainers and that he also did some house painting on the side to supplement his income. WILLIAR was shown several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and she stated that she did not recognize the photographs as being anyone she had ever met or had ever known.

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Baltimore airtel, 7/30/68.

Enclosed for Memphis are 15 copies of an FD 302 of
KATHERINE WILLIAR, nee OLSON.

During the interview, KATHERINE WILLIAR constantly
wandered from one subject to another, was obviously un-
certain of dates or happenings, and is a very neurotic
person. This is being called to the attention of Memphis,
in view of WILLIAR's remark that she left California in
March, but recalls a conversation re a newspaper clipping
concerning GALT, that could only have occurred after the
death of KING in April.

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TELETYPE

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (P 1)

MURKIN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU AUGUST FIVE LAST.
BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON NEWLY DEVELOPED SUSPECTS
CONTINUING.

PHYLLIS GRINDSTAFF, WIFE OF DELMAR GRINDSTAFF, ADVISED
HER HUSBAND LEFT FOR CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT IN VIET NAM AUGUST
ONE LAST. STATES HE IS CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF JOHN MC CLINTOCK
AND CLOSELY PARALLELS DESCRIPTION OF NUMBER ONE ROBBER AT
BANK OF ALTON. STATES, HOWEVER, HE NEVER MENTIONED TAKING
PART IN ANY BR NOR DID HE HAVE LARGE AMOUNTS OF CASE. STATES
HE FREELY TALKED ABOUT BURGLARY ACTIVITIES.

MARION ANN FOSSEN AND HOWARD SHELTON, ILLINOIS STATE
PAROLE OFFICERS REPORT NO POSITIVE RESULTS OF CONTACTS WITH
PAROLEES AND PROBATIONERS. WILL REPORT FURTHER CONTACTS
WHICH MAY DEVELOP.

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (2 PP)

MURKIN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED AUGUST SIX,
LAST.

SI SIXTEEN FOURTEEN DASH C ADVISED TODAY HE DEVELOPED
INFORMATION CONCERNING PERPETRATION OF BANK ROBBERY, THE
BANK OF ALTON, JULY THIRTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN, THE
RELIABILITY OF WHICH HE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO DETERMINE AT
THIS TIME. INFORMATION INDICATES PERSONS ENTERING BANK WERE
HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON AND DELMAR GRINDSTAFF; THAT JOHN
MC CLINTOCK WAS WHEEL MAN DRIVING STOLEN NINETEEN FIFTY-
THREE BUICK; THAT UNSUBS ESCAPED THROUGH TEN FOOT HEDGE
AT REAR OF BANK AND MET MC CLINTOCK ON BROWN STREET AFTER
WHICH THEY ESCAPED VIA LITTLE USED ROADS TO VICINITY OF
FOURTH AND BROADWAY, SWITCHING TO NINETEEN FIFTY-SEVEN
PLYMOUTH. SUBJECTS LATER THAT NIGHT DISPOSED OF BUICK IN

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INFORMANT INDICATES BANK LOOT SPLIT FIVE WAYS BETWEEN ABOVE THREE SUBJECTS AND ROGER ALLEN, TAVERN OWNER, AND LEON KOHLER, SUSPECTED FENCE.

INFORMANT CONTINUING EFFORTS TO VERIFY COMPLICITY OF ABOVE LISTED SUBJECTS AND DETERMINE PERSONS WHO CAN VERIFY:

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SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

8/7/68

SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P

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Re New Orleans letter to Kansas City 7/17/68.

Referenced communication requested Kansas City to advise if it is known whether there are any persons who were inmates at the Missouri State Penitentiary during the time JAMES EARL RAY was incarcerated who at the time they were released gave a New Orleans address for residence.

A review of prison records in the names of all inmates released for a one year period prior to the time of RAY's escape failed to reveal anyone listing a New Orleans address.

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RE: **MURKIN**

- For information Retention optional For appropriate action Surp. by Sub-2-801
- The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, conceal all sources, paraphrase contents.
- Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____

Remarks: **ReATAirtel and LHM dated 7-5-68. Page 1, paragraph 1, line 2 of reLHM has been amended to read as follows:Ebony Magazine, which letter is as follows; (the letter was semi literate and the following is not a direct quotation but sets forth the essentials:)**

Corrected 8/26/68 (W) **Make this addition on your copies** *44-1987-Sub-2-841A*

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

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RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED AUGUST SEVEN LAST.
SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR - C ADVISED TODAY HE HAS BEEN UNABLE
TO FURTHER VERIFY INFORMATION SET FORTH IN REFERENCED TEL.
HOWEVER, HE IS CONTINUING EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY PERSONS WHO COULD
ASSIST IN VERIFICATION.

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ROBERT L. STANTON REITERATED DENIAL HE WAS INVOLVED IN
ROBBERY AT BANK OF ALTON, HOWEVER, HE STATED HE HAS SOME INFOR-
MATION, WHICH HE FEELS MIGHT BE OF ASSISTANCE. HE STATES HE
HAS TO "THINK IT OVER" BEFORE DIVULGING INFORMATION. STANTON
WILL BE RECONTACTED AT AN EARLY DATE TO ELICITE FURTHER INFOR-
MATION FROM HIM.

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To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

JSA From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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You should provide Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General of Shelby County, Tennessee, the following investigative reports, copies of which are in your possession:

Report of Special Agent Henry A. Snow dated 4/17/68, at Birmingham, Alabama;

Report of Special Agent Joe C. Hester dated 4/17/68, at Memphis, Tennessee;

Report of Special Agent Alan G. Sentinella dated 4/18/68, at Atlanta, Georgia;

Report of Special Agent Leroy W. Sheets dated 4/18/68, at Los Angeles, California;

Report of Special Agent Stephen M. Callender dated 4/29/68, at New Orleans, Louisiana;

Report of Special Agent Joe C. Hester dated 4/30/68, at Memphis, Tennessee;

Report of Special Agent John L. Puddister dated 5/2/68, at Jackson, Mississippi;

Report of Special Agent Howard H. Rice dated 5/13/68, at Newark, New Jersey;

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Airtel SAC, Memphis
RE: MURKIN

Report of Special Agent Raymond B. Howe dated
5/15/68, at Kansas City, Missouri; and

Report of Special Agent Raymond B. Howe dated
6/14/68, at Kansas City, Missouri.

Enclosed you will find the following original set
and one copy of the set of documents provided to us by the
British authorities in regards to the extradition proceedings
of James Earl Ray:

1. Fingerprint comparison charts used in the
testimony by our Latent Fingerprint Examiner
George J. Bonebrake;
2. Fingerprints of Ray as taken on 6/8/68, by
British authorities;
3. Two separate orders issued by the Bow Street
Magistrates' Court dated 6/13/68, pursuant to
"The Extradition Act, 1870," relative to this
matter (One order relates to the murder charge
in Tennessee and the other to the escape charge
in Missouri.);
4. Medical Officer's Certificate dated 7/18/68,
issued by the authorities of Wandsworth Prison;
5. An order dated 7/18/68, commanding Ray to
be delivered to officials of the United States
Government; and
6. Court testimony of several individuals.

You should provide the original set of documents to
Mr. Canale and copy of the original set should be retained for
your records.

In addition, you may provide Mr. Canale the enclosed
report of New Scotland Yard. A copy of this report was
previously provided to you for your information.

Airtel SAC, Memphis
RE: MURKIN

In furnishing the above reports and documents to Mr. Canale, it must be with the complete understanding that the reports and documents and contents thereof are not to be released outside his office. You should insure that no administrative pages and administrative data are included in the reports disseminated to Mr. Canale.

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (61-38861)
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (157-1012) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Atlanta airtel, 7/1/68; Jackson airtel to Bureau, 7/1/68.

RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
MURKIN - CIVIL RIGHTS

Reference is made to the Bureau airtel in a copy of the Atlanta airtel, 7/1/68, and Jackson airtel to Bureau, 7/1/68.

On 7/2/68, Mr. J. G. [Name redacted], [Address redacted], furnished the following information:

[Large block of redacted text, mostly illegible]

1 - Bureau
2 - Jackson (157-1012)
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was kept somewhere on the Mississippi River. Mr. BARNETT believed the boat possibly was docked in the area of Greenville, Mississippi.

HELL WILLIE, widow of Mr. CHARLES WILLIE, married J. BURNETT of Monroe, Louisiana, and is now known as Mrs. J. BURNETT. Mrs. HELL BURNETT and Mr. J. BURNETT spend the majority of their time in the area of Monroe, Louisiana, but also reside some on the bayou farm at Wabbeoka, Arkansas, when they are in this area. Mr. J. BURNETT is believed to have been in the real estate business in Monroe, Louisiana. Mrs. HELL BURNETT and Mr. BURNETT are not in the area of Altholmer and Wabbeoka, Arkansas, at this time.

Mr. E. J. CANNON, Cashier-Vice President, First National Bank of Altholmer, advised SA GEORGE A. BARNON, JR., on 7/8/68 that Mr. CHARLES WILLIE was a well-suspected plantation owner and was formerly President of the Altholmer First National Bank, Altholmer, Arkansas, and has now been deceased about three years. He verified the information that Mr. CHARLES WILLIE's widow, HELL, had married Mr. J. BURNETT of Monroe, Louisiana, and that they spent a large amount of their time in Monroe. He advised that the BURNETTS are not in the Altholmer-Wabbeoka area and he did not know when they would return to this area.

Mr. JOHN HENRY JOHNSON, Wabbeoka, Arkansas, furnished the following information to SA BARNON on 7/8/68:

He checks on and takes care of the house and grounds at the bayou farm, Wabbeoka, Arkansas, for Mrs. J. BURNETT. Mrs. J. BURNETT and her husband are presently on a trip in Georgia and the Carolinas, and Mr. JOHNSON has no idea as to when they may return. He advised they may return to Monroe, Louisiana, before returning to Wabbeoka, Arkansas. Mr. and Mrs. J. BURNETT reside as much in Monroe, Louisiana, as they do in Wabbeoka, Arkansas. Mr. JOHNSON furnished the telephone

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number 357-0314, Area Code 513, as the telephone number in Monroe, Louisiana, where he reaches Mr. and Mrs. J. BURNETT when they are in Monroe, Louisiana. He further advised that Mrs. J. BURNETT had a cousin, JIM BURNETT, and that JIM BURNETT possibly could furnish information as to when Mr. and Mrs. BURNETT would be returning to either Monroe or Wabasha and could furnish information as how Mrs. BURNETT could be contacted. JIM BURNETT's telephone number in Monroe telephone number 355-0410.

LEADS:

NEW ORLEANS DIVISION

At Monroe, Louisiana. Will contact Mr. JIM BURNETT, telephone 355-0410, a cousin of Mrs. J. BURNETT (MILL BURNETT, former widow of Mr. CHARLES WILKER), and determine when Mrs. J. BURNETT will be returning either to Monroe, Louisiana, or Wabasha, Arkansas, and at which location she will first be available for interview by an FBI Agent.

2. Will attempt to locate Mrs. J. BURNETT through Monroe, Louisiana, telephone number 357-0314, and interview her in accordance with lead set forth in referenced Jackson teletype to Director, 7/5/68, to substantiate information set out in Atlanta teletype to Director and Jackson of 7/2/68.

If Mrs. J. BURNETT will not be available for interview at Monroe, Louisiana, will so advise Little Rock when Mrs. BURNETT is expected to be in Wabasha, Arkansas.

841 Federal Office Building
Memphis, Tennessee 38103
August 13, 1968

Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr.
District Attorney General
15th Judicial District
Memphis, Tennessee 38103

Dear Mr. Canale:

Enclosed you will find originals of the following documents which were given to us by British authorities in connection with the extradition proceedings against James Earl Ray:

1. Fingerprint comparison charts used in the testimony by our Latent Fingerprint Examiner George J. Bonebrake;
2. Fingerprints of Ray as taken on 6/8/68, by British authorities;
3. Two separate orders issued by the Bow Street Magistrates' Court dated 6/13/68, pursuant to "The Extradition Act, 1870," relative to this matter. (One order relates to the murder charge in Tennessee, and the other to the escape charge in Missouri.);
4. Medical Officer's Certificate dated 7/18/68, issued by the authorities of Wandsworth Prison;
5. An order dated 7/18/68, commanding Ray to be delivered to officials of the United States Government; and
6. Court testimony of several individuals.

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Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., August 13, 1968

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I am also delivering to you Federal Bureau of Investigation reports as listed below:

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9. Report of Special Agent Raymond B. Howe dated 5/15/68, at Kansas City, Missouri.
10. Report of Special Agent Raymond B. Howe dated 6/14/68, at Kansas City, Missouri.

Please be reminded that all the above documents are being furnished for your use and assistance and are not to be made available to persons outside your office except as necessary in your prosecution of James Earl Ray.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT G. JENSEN
Special Agent in Charge

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TO: DIRECTOR; FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)
SUBJECT: MURKIN ✓ 44-1987

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED AUGUST EIGHT,
LAST.

SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR -- C ADVISED HE IS ATTEMPTING TO
CONTACT THREE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED ABLE TO PLACE HAROLD
RICHARD COVINGTON, DELMAR GRINDSTAFF, AND JOHN MC CLINTOCK IN
STOLEN FIFTYTHREE BUICK AND LATER IN FIFTYSEVEN PLYMOUTH ON
DAY OF BR, THE BANK OF ALTON; FURTHER THEY CAN TESTIFY COVINGTON
WEARING DARK BLUE WINDBREAKER AND GRINDSTAFF WEARING LIGHT BLUE
COVERALLS.

PHYLIS GRINDSTAFF, WIFE OF DELMAR, STATES SHE CANNOT
RECALL COVERALLS, NOR CAN SHE RECALL DELMAR'S ACTIVITIES ON DAY
OF BR.

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ROBERT RIZZI, DEPUTY, MADISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE,
 EDWARDSVILLE, ILLINOIS, ADVISED AUGUST TWELVE, INSTANT,
DELMAR GRINDSTAFF, BELIEVED ARRESTED BY THAT DEPARTMENT
 FOR POSSESSION OF SAWED OFF SHOTGUN IN COLLINSVILLE,
 ILLINOIS. HE ADVISED THAT HE BELIEVED GRINDSTAFF ARRESTED
 IN THE COMPANY OF JOHN MC CLINTOCK. RIZZI ADVISED HE WOULD
 OBTAIN ALL THE INFORMATION HIS OFFICE HAS ON GRINDSTAFF
 AND FURNISH IT TO THE FBI. RIZZI FURTHER ADVISED THAT
WILLIE LEE HAS AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE PUBLIC DEFENDER,
 ROBERT TRONE, MADISON COUNTY COURT HOUSE, ON THE MORNING
 OF AUGUST SIXTEEN, NEXT, EXACT TIME UNKNOWN.

SPRINGFIELD WILL ATTEMPT TO INTERVIEW WILLIE LEE AT

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AUGUST SIXTEEN, NEXT, AND WILL OBTAIN INFORMATION PERTAINING
TO DELMAR GRINDSTAFF. WILL KEEP BUREAU ADVISED OF DEVELOP-
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

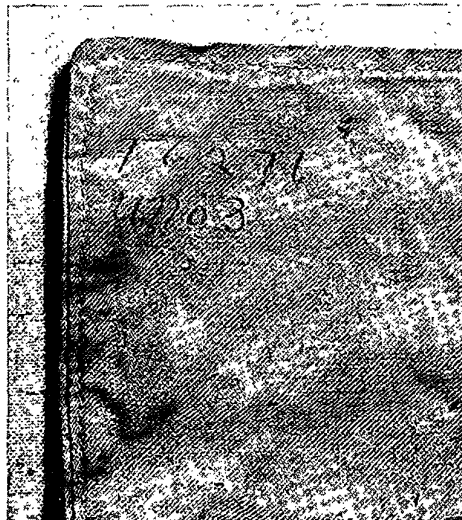
In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

August 12, 1968

TO ALL LAUNDRIES AND DRY CLEANING ESTABLISHMENTS:

On July 13, 1967, two unknown males, wearing stocking masks, robbed The Bank of Alton, Alton, Illinois, at gunpoint and obtained over \$27,000. Investigation of this crime led to the recovery of a white Van Heusen Vanguard shirt and a pair of tan trousers among other items.

The shirt bears laundry marks and the trousers dry cleaning symbols, facsimiles of which appear below. The laundry marks appear on the shirt collar, and dry cleaning symbols appear on the front and rear pockets on the right side of the trousers.



If, after review of the above facsimiles, you feel you have information which would be of assistance to the FBI, please call the nearest office of the FBI, the telephone number of which is in the front page of your telephone directory.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

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RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED AUGUST TWELVE, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT.

SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR - C ADVISED HE HAD BEEN UNABLE TO GATHER FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON AND ASSOCIATES. HE ADVISED HE WOULD CONTINUE TO DEVELOP INFORMATION THAT WOULD AID IN THE INVESTIGATION OF THE BANK ROBBERY OF THE BANK OF ALTON.

WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO INTERVIEW WILLIE LEE AND OTHER ASSOCIATES OF HAROLD COVINGTON AND WILL KEEP THE BUREAU ADVISED.

AIRMAIL COPIES OF THIS TELETYPE HAVE BEEN SENT TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, AND ST. LOUIS.

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