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THESE TAVERNS IN FIFTYEIGHT THROUGH SIXTY. RIVERVIEW IS IN REMOTE AREA AND DOES NOT ADVERTISE. ROSE'S PLACE IS ON OLD US HIGHWAY SEVEN EIGHT, NEAR DORA, ALA. CONCERNING THE ALL-STATE CAFE AND NIGHT CLUB, IDENTIFIED BY BRITTON AS ANOTHER PLACE REFERRED TO BY RAY IN CONVERSATIONS WITH BRITTON IN PEN, THIS IS COMBINATION CAFE AND NIGHT CLUB. THE CAFE IS ON THE GROUND LEVEL AND OPERATED BY ED AND ELEANOR HOLLIS. UNDERNEATH THE CAFE IS NOTORIOUS NIGHT CLUB AND DRINKING JOINT, WHICH IS OPERATED BY HOLLIS' BROTHER, HAROLD HOLLIS. THIS PLACE HAS BEEN IN OPERATION BY THE HOLLISES SINCE FIFTYSEVEN. BOTH ED AND HAROLD HOLLIS STATE PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECT NOT IDENTICAL WITH ANY CUSTOMER KNOWN TO THEM, EITHER DURING PERIOD FIFTYSEVEN THROUGH SIXTY, OR SINCE APR., SIXTYSEVEN. BOTH HOLLISES, MAMIE MITCHELL, AND GLADYS KEY ALL FURNISHED IO-S OF RAY, AND ALL STATE THEY WILL COOPERATE WITH FBI, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF REWARD OFFERED BY MEMPHIS NEWSPAPERS. ELEANOR HOLLIS AND HER COOK, MYRTLE NELSON, IN ALL-STATE CAFE, BOTH IDENTIFY SIXTY SEVEN AND SIXTYEIGHT PHOTOS OF RAY AS PERSON THEY HAVE SEEN IN CAFE, BUT BOTH STATE THEY ARE UNABLE TO FURNISHE ANY OTHER INFORMATION WHATSOEVER ABOUT THIS INDIVIDUAL, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION

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OR WHEN HE WAS SEEN BY THEM IN CAFE. BOTH STATE THEY WILL GIVE MATTER CONSIDERABLE THOUGHT IN EFFORT TO RECALL MORE DEFINITE INFORMATION. CONTACT WITH THESE TWO WOMEN WILL BE MAINTAINED BY BIRMINGHAM.

TOLL CALLS CHARGED TO TELEPHONE OF BRITTON FOR PERIOD OCT., SIXTYSEVEN, TO DATE OBTAINED AS FOLLOWS: CHATTANOOGA, TENN., TWO SIX SIX - ONE FOUR ZERO EIGHT, CALLED OCT SEVENTEEN, TWO NINE, NOV. THREE, TWO SIX, TWO NINE, FEB. FOUR, ELEVEN, MARCH FOURTEEN, FIFTEEN, SIXTEEN, TWENTY, LAST; JEFFERSON CITY, MO., SIX THREE SIX - EIGHT FIVE ONE ZERO, CALLED OCT. THREE, LAST; COLLECT CALL APR. FOUR, LAST, RECEIVED FROM HOPEWELL, VA., FOUR FIVE EIGHT - FOUR SIX ONE FIVE MONROEVILLE, ALA., SEVEN FOUR THREE - SEVEN TWO THREE SIX CALLED DEC. SIX LAST.

MOBILE, RICHMOND, KANSAS CITY, AND KNOXVILLE, IDENTIFY ONLY SUBSCRIBERS OF TELEPHONE NUMBERS IN YOUR AREA, AS LISTED ABOVE, AND CONDUCT INDICES CHECK AND DISCREET INQUIRY. DO NOT INTERVIEW, AT THIS TIME, AS SUCH MIGHT COMPROMISE OR ANTAGONIZE THOMAS BRITTON, WHO IS BEING DEVELOPED AS SOURCE. BIRMINGHAM WILL CONDUCT SIMILAR INVESTIGATION CONCERNING CALLS MADE TO TELEPHONES LOCATED IN DIVISION. NOTE NO CALLS MADE TO ANY TELEPHONE NUMBER KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN ACCESSIBLE TO RAY.

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215PM URGENT 5/9/68 EOM

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

MURKIN.

RE MILFORD ROHER.

PCI, CHICAGO, ADVISED THAT WILLIAM NETHINGTON AND HIS WIFE NORA, SULLIVAN, MISSOURI, ADVISED HIM ON MAY FIVE LAST THAT MILFORD ROHER, CITY POLICEMAN, SULLIVAN, MISSOURI, HAD TOLD THEM THAT THE ESCAPE OF JAMES RAY HAD BEEN PLANNED BY THE KU KLUX KLAN (KKK) SO THAT RAY COULD KILL KING. THEY ALSO TOLD INFORMANT THAT ROHER WAS A MEMBER OF THE KKK.

INFORMANT ALSO HAD CONVERSATION WITH ROHER BUT NOTHING OF VALUE OBTAINED. INFORMANT BELIEVES NETHINGTONS' ACCURATELY QUOTING ROHER TO HIM BUT IS OF OPINION ROHER IS A PREVARICATOR.

NETHINGTONS' RESIDENCE CAN BE REACHED BY LEAVING SULLIVAN, MISSOURI, WEST ON ROUTE SIXTY-SIX TURNING LEFT AT THE HIGH LOW MOTEL AND TRAVELING SIX MILES, PHONE NUMBER SEVEN THREE TWO-FIVE FOUR SIX EIGHT. K

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ST. LOUIS LOCATE AND INTERVIEW WILLIAM NETHINGTON.  
INFORMANT NOT CONCERNED ABOUT BEING COMPROMISED. THEN INTERVIEW  
ROHER.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (MAIL), AND SACS CHICAGO, INDIANAPOLIS,  
AND ST. LOUIS

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN; CR

RE MYTEL MAY FOUR LAST.

RE: JOSEPH ELMER AUSTIN, AKA; FORMER ASSOCIATE OF SUBJECT.

SPRINGFIELD DIVISION UNABLE TO VERIFY AUSTIN'S DEATH.

REVIEW OF MENARD STATE PENITENTIARY, ILLINOIS REVEALED AUSTIN,  
AKA JAMES FREELEY, "SHARKEY", "BLACKKEY", FBI NUMBER EIGHT TWO  
ONE SEVEN THREE THREE, DISCHARGED FEBRUARY TWENTY THREE NINETEEN  
SIXTY FIVE TO ST. LEONARD'S HOUSE, TWO ONE ZERO ZERO WEST  
WARREN AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS AND RECEIVED FINAL PAROLE  
DISCHARGED ON JULY ELEVEN NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN THROUGH PAROLE  
OFFICE ONE SIX ZERO NORTH LA SALLE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. AUSTIN  
FURTHER DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], FIVE FEET TEN AND ONE HALF INCHES TALL,  
ONE HUNDRED TWENTY NINE POUNDS, BLUE EYES, GREY HAIR, DARK

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COMPLEXION, OCCUPATION FARMER, SCAR ON CENTER OF FOREHEAD.  
 FAMILY INCLUDES BROTHER CHARLES, WAVERLY, ILLINOIS, BROTHER,  
 BERT, SPRINGFIELD, NIECE, MRS. JOE REESE, THREE ONE SIX NORTH  
 HOOSIER, BRAZIL, INDIANA, NEPHEW RALPH TANNEHILL, ONE FOUR THREE  
 TWO FOURTH STREET, MADISON, ILLINOIS, SISTER MRS. DOROTHY  
 SEYMOUR, FRANKLIN, ILLINOIS, COUSIN GERTRUDE WALLING, NINE ZERO  
 FOUR LIND STREET, QUINCY, ILLINOIS. AUSTIN'S CORRESPONDENCE  
 FILE ALSO REFLECTS THE FOLLOWING: ROBERT REED, CASE WORKER,  
 AND FATHER DOUGLAS WOLFE, BROTHER FROM ST. LEONARD'S HOUSE,  
 TWO ONE ZERO ZERO WARREN AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, ATTORNEY  
 J. EDWARD JONES, ONE FOUR THREE TWO WEST HARRISON STREET, CHICAGO,  
 A. A. FERRIS COMPANY, INC., ONE TWO TWO WEST LINCOLN, GOSHEN,  
 INDIANA, ST. ANTHONY'S INN, INC., TWENTY NINE SOUTH LA SALLE  
 STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, GIRARD LETTMAN, WARREN CLINIC, TWO  
 FOUR FOUR NINE WEST WASHINGTON BOULEVARD, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,  
 MR. AND MRS. (FNU) MYRICK, CASEYVILLE NURSING HOME, CASEYVILLE,  
 ILLINOIS, A. B. ROBERTSON, TWO ZERO ONE ONE ROAD STREET, MADISON,  
 ILLINOIS, WAUKEGAN RESCUE MISSION, WAUKEGAN, ILLINOIS, WILLIE  
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MAE MORGAN, WAVERLY, ILLINOIS, MYRTLE COOK, ACME HOTEL, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.

CHICAGO DIVISION AT CHICAGO AND WAUKEGAN, ILLINOIS, INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION AT BRAZIL AND GOSHEN, INDIANA, AND ST. LOUIS DIVISION AT ST. LOUIS, INVESTIGATE IN AN EFFORT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW AUSTIN. SPRINGFIELD CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION AT MADISON, WAVERLY, CASEYVILLE, FRANKLIN, QUINCY, AND SPRINGFIELD. MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY ADVISED BY MAIL. P.

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TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, MEMPHIS, KANSAS CITY AND ST. LOUIS.

FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740 4P

*Prisoners*

MURKIN.

RE BIRMINGHAM TELS TO BUREAU, MAY SEVEN, EIGHT AND TEN, LAST,  
AND ST. LOUIS TELS TO BUREAU, MAY TEN, ELEVEN AND TWELVE, LAST.

KANSAS CITY IS REQUESTED TO EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION REQUESTED AT  
MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY IN RE BIRMINGHAM TELS, IN ORDER THAT INFO  
FROM EX-CONVICTS BEING OBTAINED BY ST. LOUIS, BIRMINGHAM AND ATLANTA,  
MAY BE PROPERLY EVALUATED. KANSAS CITY IS REQUESTED TO SUTEL  
SPECIFICALLY INFORMATION DEVELOPED RE "COOLEY ORGANIZATION" AND/OR  
ANY PRISONER NAMED COOLEY; ALL INFO DEVELOPED RE PRISONERS NAMED  
CRAIG AND "BOSTON" AS IDENTIFIED BY EX-CONVICT THOMAS BRITTON; ALL  
INFO DEVELOPED RE ANY LOTTERIES OPERATED BY JOHN PAUL VELANTI AND HIS  
ITALIAN PARTNER FROM ST. LOUIS WHO HAS GUNSHOT WOUND IN FACE. KANSAS  
CITY ALSO SUTEL WHETHER SUBJECT RAY WAS EVER A "WALK BOY" IN "J HALL"  
NOVEMBER, SIXTYSIX, THROUGH APRIL, SIXTYSEVEN, AND WHETHER RAY EVER  
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EMPLOYED IN LICENSE PLATE FACTORY, MSP, SIXTYTHREE OR SIXTYFOUR. KANSAS CITY WILL ASCERTAIN IF THERE WAS EVER A PRISONER NAMED JIMMY RAY AS DESCRIBED BY VELANTI AND IF SO, FURNISH BIRMINGHAM AND RECEIVING OFFICES BACKGROUND AND PHOTO. KANSAS CITY ASCERTAIN EXACT DATES OF INCARCERATION FOR VELANTI, NOTING IN RE ST. LOUIS TEL, MAY TEN LAST, VELANTI CLAIMED HE WAS IN MSP, FEBRUARY THIRTEEN, FIFTY, UNTIL PAROLED MARCH, SIXTYSEVEN, AND WAS SERVING TWENTYYEAR SENTENCE FOR "NINETEEN FIFTYNINE" ARMED ROBBERY. KANSAS CITY ALSO ASCERTAIN IDENTITIES OF RESIDENCE HALLS AT MSP AND DATES OF RESIDENCE DURING THEIR IMPRISONMENT FOR SUBJECT RAY, AND VELANTI, THOMAS BRITTON, JAMES BROWN AND JAMES H. CARPENTER. ASCERTAIN IF RAY AND VELANTI EVER LIVEN IN SAME RESIDENCE HALL AT SAME TIME AT MSP.

KANSAS ALSO SUTEL RESULTS OF INQUIRY AT KANSAS CITY PD RE ARREST OF VELANTI.

FROM INFO AVAILABLE BIRMINGHAM AS RECEIVED FROM EX-CONVICTS AND THAT DEVELOPED BY ST. LOUIS AS RECEIVED FROM EX-CONVICTS CARPENTER AND VELANTI, IT APPEARS CARPENTER AND VELANTI POSSIBLY BOTH IN POSSESSION OF ADDITIONAL NECESSARY INFO RE RAY AND THEY SHOULD BE REINTERVIEWED IMMEDIATELY. ST. LOUIS ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN FROM CARPENTER

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HIS KNOWLEDGE OF ALL OF RAY'S ACTIVITIES DURING TIME CARPENTER KNEW RAY IN MSP. NOTING CARPENTER CLAIMS HE WAS ACQUAINTED WITH BOTH VELANTI AND RAY, ASCERTAIN IF VELANTI AND RAY WERE ASSOCIATED. DETERMINE IF CARPENTER KNOWS A "JIMMY RAYE" AS DESCRIBED BY VELANTI. ASCERTAIN CARPENTER'S KNOWLEDGE OF (FNU) CRAIG, "COOLEY ORGANIZATION" (OR ANY OTHER PRISONER ORGANIZATION WHICH OPERATED AS PROTECTIVE RACKET FOR PRISONERS), PRISONER NAMED "BOSTON2 AND ANY LOTTERIES OPERATED IN MSP. ASCERTAIN WHERE RAY WAS LIVING AND HANGING OUT IN ST. LOUIS, MAY TEN THROUGH SEVENTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN, WHILE HE WAS IN CONTACT WITH CARPENTER. DETERMINE HOW OFTEN CARPENTER HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH VELANTI IN ST. LOUIS SINCE HIS RELEASE FROM MSP AND DETAILS OF THESE CONTACTS, SPECIFICALLY IF CARPENTER EVER ADVISED VELANTI THAT CARPENTER HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH RAY IN MAY, SIXTYSEVEN. ST. LOUIS CIRCULARIZE WITH IO OF RAY LAUNDRIES AND CLEANERS IN AREA WHERE CARPENTER SAW RAY IN MAY, SIXTYSEVEN.

FROM VELANTI, OBTAIN COMPLETE BACKGROUND RE EACH OF HIS WIVES INCLUDING PAST AND PRESENT RESIDENCES. ASCERTAIN IDENTITY OF PRISONER WITH WHOM VELANTI HAD FIGHT OVER KENNEDY ASSASSINATION. IT IS NOTED BOTH EX-CONVICTS BRITTON AND BROWN STATE VELANTI AND RAY ACQUAINTED  
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WITH EACH OTHER WHEREAS VELANTI DENIES THIS ASSOCIATION. DETERMINE ALL TELEPHONES AVAILABLE TO VELANTI AND THEREAFTER OBTAIN TOLL CALLS CHARGED TO THESE TELEPHONES FOR PAST SIX MONTH PERIOD.

ASCERTAIN FROM ST. LOUIS PD ANY ROBBERIES COMMITTED IN MAY OR JUNE, SIXTYSEVEN, WHICH COULD POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN COMMITTED BY RAY, NOTING HIS CONTACT WITH CARPENTER.

ST. LOUIS AND KANSAS CITY ARE NOW IN POSSESSION OF RESULTS OF ALL INTERVIEWS TO DATE BY BIRMINGHAM OF BROWN AND BRITTON AND THESE SHOULD BE USED DURING REINTERVIEWS OF VELANTI AND CARPENTER AND PRISON RECORDS CHECKS.

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710PM URGENT 5-13-68 ELN  
TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS  
FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760)

*Prisoners*

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WEEKLY SUMMARY.

INTERVIEWS WITH PRISONERS MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY (MSP) CONTINUE. NO INFORMATION DEVELOPED RE COOLEY ORGANIZATION. SUBJECT NEVER EMPLOYED AT LICENSE PLATE FACTORY IN MSP. J AND K HALLS AT MSP ARE TOGETHER AND THEY CONTAIN THREE HUNDRED SIXTYFOUR CELLS. ROSTERS ARE NOT KEPT OF EVERYONE IN A SPECIFIC HALL; YOU HAVE TO GO TO THE INDIVIDUAL PRISONER'S RECORD TO GET THE LOCATION OF HIS CELL.

ANOTHER INMATE BY THE NAME OF JAMES DUANE WRAY CONTINUES TO BE INCARCERATED AT MSP. HE IS A WM IN K HALL, MSP NUMBER ZERO SIX SEVEN TWO ZERO AND HAS BEEN THERE SINCE APRIL SIXTYTHREE. BOSTON IDENTIFIED AS MILTON ZAVALOFSKI, MSP NUMBER ONE ZERO NINE EIGHT ZERO, WAS IN CELL J ONE EIGHT EIGHT FROM NOVEMBER SIXTYFIVE UNTIL MARCH SIXTYSIX WHEN HE WENT TO THE HONOR FARM. HE WAS RELEASED APRIL THIRD SIXTYSEVEN. JAMES W. BROWN, MSP NUMBER ZERO ZERO FOUR EIGHT THREE, FBI NUMBER FIVE ZERO FOUR NINE SEVEN SEVEN THREE, WAS INCARCERATED FROM MARCH TWENTYFIVE SIXTY UNTIL JUNE FIFTEEN SIXTYFIVE. HAD FIFTEEN CELL CHANGES NOT LISTED IN RECORDS. JAMES HIGH CARPENTER, MSP NUMBER ZERO ONE SEVEN

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SIX ONE, WAS IN THE PRISON FROM DECEMBER TWENTYONE SIXTY UNTIL MAY FIRST SIXTYSEVEN. NUMEROUS CELL ASSIGNMENTS NEVER CELLED WITH SUBJECT. CARPENTER WORKED IN THE VEGETABLE ROOM. VALENTI ALSO HAD NUMEROUS CELL ASSIGNMENTS BUT NEVER WITH THE SUBJECT.

GENE LNU IDENTIFIED AS GENE BARNES, MSP NUMBER SEVEN TWO TWO SEVEN ONE, STILL IN THE PRISON, INTERVIEWED THIS DATE ADVISED HE WAS IN THE SAME HALL AS SUBJECT BUT WAS NOT A FRIEND OF HIS AND COULD FURNISH NO PERTINENT INFORMATION REGARDING HIM. JOHN KENNETH HURTT, MSP NUMBER SEVEN FIVE FIVE ZERO TWO ALSO INTERVIEWED. ADMITTED SENDING FIFTEEN DOLLARS FOR STATIONERY BUT NOT CLOSE TO RAY AND SENT NO OTHER MONIES FOR HIM. COULD FURNISH NO PERTINENT INFORMATION.

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TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS, AND ST. LOUIS  
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

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SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED MAY THIRTEEN INSTANT.

DELTA AIRLINES HAS NOT RECEIVED TICKETS SOLD THROUGH  
TRAVEL AGENCIES AS YET.

EXPANDED CHECK OF SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES, ATLANTA,  
CONTINUING.

BILLY MACK WISDOM INTERVIEWED AT U. S. PENITENTIARY,  
ATLANTA, THIS DATE. STATES HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF  
SUBJECT'S WHEREABOUTS AND HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY PLOT  
TO KILL KING. STATED IN NOV. NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, SAW  
A PERSON IN THE FOURTEENTH ST. AREA OF ATLANTA WHO  
RESEMBLED SUBJECT. WISDOM STATES HE WOULD NOT FURNISH  
ANY INFORMATION EVEN IF HE HAD SUCH INFORMATION. IT IS  
NOTED MEMPHIS DIVISION INDICATES SUBJECT'S WHEREABOUTS  
OCT. NINETEEN THROUGH JAN. EIGHTEEN SIXTYEIGHT ESTABLISHED  
AS MEXICO AND LOS ANGELES.

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ATLANTA POLICE DEPARTMENT UNABLE TO IDENTIFY ANY BURGLARY OR ROBBERY IN WHICH SUBJECT MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED AS FILES ARE MAINTAINED ON DATE BASIS AND IN THE NAME OF THE VICTIM. ATLANTA AVERAGES EIGHTEEN BURGLARIES AND THREE ROBBERIES PER DAY.

JAMES WILLOUGHBY, FORMER TENANT AT ONE ONE THREE FOURTEENTH ST., NE, INTERVIEWED THIS DATE AND DID NOT KNOW ANYONE RESIDED IN APT. NO. TWO AT THE TIME OF WILLOUGHBY'S RESIDENCE. WILLOUGHBY RESIDED ONE ONE THREE FOURTEENTH ST. APPROXIMATELY APR. ONE THROUGH APR. TWELVE SIXTYEIGHT. ON ONE OCCASION IN EARLY APR. SIXTYEIGHT, HE OBSERVED THREE MEN TALKING TOGETHER ON ENCLOSED PORCH AT ONE ONE THREE FOURTEENTH ST., NE. HE DID NOT ENGAGE IN CONVERSATION WITH THEM NOR DOES HE KNOW THEIR IDENTITY. UPON VIEWING PHOTO OF SUBJECT, WILLOUGHBY STATES SUBJECT POSSIBLY ONE OF THE THREE MEN BUT NOTED HE HAS SEEN NUMEROUS PICTURES OF SUBJECT

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ON TELEVISION AND IN NEWSPAPERS. WILLOUGHBY BEING REINTERVIEWED TO ASCERTAIN IF HE CAN RECALL ANY FURTHER DETAILS OF HIS RESIDENCE AT ONE ONE THREE FOURTEENTH ST., NE.

ATLANTA DIVISION OBTAINED IN A RESTAURANT NOT FAR FROM SUBJECT'S RESIDENCE A BROCHURE OF THE ELECTRA-DATE CORP., NO. NINE NW TWENTYTHIRD AVE., BIRMINGHAM. THIS BROCHURE REFLECTED THIS COMPANY ARRANGED DATES BETWEEN INDIVIDUALS BASED ON THEIR COMMON LIKES AND DISLIKES.

BIRMINGHAM CONTACT ELECTRA-DATE CORP. DETERMINE IF SUBJECT HAS MADE ANY INQUIRY OF THAT CORP.

ST. LOUIS REQUESTED TO FURNISH ANY SPECIFIC DETAILS CONCERNING ROBBERY - BURGLARY SUBJECT REPORTEDLY INVOLVED IN ATLANTA AREA.

ADVISE IF VICTIM WAS OIL CO. OFFICE OR GASOLINE STATION AND APPROXIMATE DATE.

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TO: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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REBHTELS OF MAY SEVEN AND EIGHT LAST.

YOU SHOULD, IF NOT ALREADY DONE, LOCATE AND INTERVIEW ALL ASSOCIATES OF RAY AS GIVEN BY ONE THOMAS BRITTON OF HALEYVILLE, ALABAMA. YOU SHOULD ALSO PRESS EVERY EFFORT POSSIBLE TO DETERMINE ANY INFORMATION WHATSOEVER CONCERNING THE COOLEY ORGANIZATION. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THESE LEADS BE GIVEN TOP PRIORITY AND HANDLED IN A MOST EXPEDITIOUS MANNER.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS

FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 1P

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INDIAN BARBER IDENTIFIED AS MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY (MSP) INMATE ROMAN SAGE, NO. ONE FOUR THREE ONE NINE. HE ADVISED THIS DATE THAT HE NEVER KNEW OR EVER REMEMBERS SEEING THE SUBJECT. CARL CRAIG, MSP NO. ONE ONE ONE TWO SEVEN, RELEASED MAY ONE LAST TO RETURN TO SPRINGFIELD, MO. MOTHER LISTED AS IDA CRAIG, ONE EIGHT ONE FIVE W. THOMAN, SPRINGFIELD. ALSO A BROTHER, KENNETH CRAIG RESIDING SPRINGFIELD. CRAIG INTENDED TO WORK AT THE SAW MILL OF GENE SIKES, SPRINGFIELD, MO.

THE ASSOCIATE WARDEN ADVISED THAT EVERY ITALIAN INMATE THAT COMES TO THE PRISON IS CALLED DAGO AND UNLESS THERE WAS SOME MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION REGARDING DAGO, THEY WOULD BE UNABLE TO IDENTIFY THE INDIVIDUALS MENTIONED BY THOMAS BRITTON.

FURTHER INQUIRY AT THE PRISON FAILS TO REVEAL A COOLEYS ORGANIZATION INSIDE MSP.

KANSAS CITY AT SPRINGFIELD, MO., WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW CARL CRAIG REGARDING SUBJECT.

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RE YOUR TEL MAY TWO LAST.

ADDRESS OF SUE MC SPARIN, SISTER OF EARL KNIGHT, DETERMINED TO BE IN MIDDLE OF OPEN FIELD. RESIDENT AT ADDRESS OF MRS. IVAN UNDERWOOD, EIGHT FIVE SEVEN BINGHAM, STATES THE NAME UNDERWOOD UNKNOWN AS THEY HAVE BEEN TENANTS THERE FOR PAST SIX YEARS.

NEIGHBORHOOD AND REALTY COMPANY CHECKS NEGATIVE RE UNDERWOOD.

TENN. STATE PAROLE OFFICE HAD NO RECORD OF KNIGHT OR UNDERWOOD ENTERING THEIR JURISDICTION.

KANSAS CITY REVIEW RECORDS OF MSP TO DETERMINE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR EARL KNIGHT, MSP SIX FIVE ZERO SEVEN EIGHT AND IVAN UNDERWOOD, MSP ONE TWO NINE TWO SEVEN.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS, ST. LOUIS

FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 3P

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JAMES D. WALLACE, INMATE NO. SEVEN FIVE SIX EIGHT TWO, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY (MSP), JEFFERSON CITY, MO., ADVISED THIS DATE HE WAS RAISED WITH JIMMIE OWENS, WHO WAS ARRESTED WITH RAY PRIOR TO HIS INCARCERATION AT MSP. WALLACE HIMSELF WAS IN MSP FROM NINETEEN-FIFTYNINE UNTIL HE WAS PAROLED IN SIXTYFIVE. HE RETURNED TO PENITENTIARY IN MARCH, SIXTYEIGHT. WALLACE ADVISED THAT LAST SUMMER, MONTH UNKNOWN, HE WAS COMING OUT OF JEFFERSON-GRAVOIS BANK, ST. LOUIS, MO., WHEN HE OBSERVED JIMMIE OWENS AND SUBJECT COMING IN. HE STATED TO THE, "GLAD I GOT MY MONEY OUT BEFORE YOU GUYS GOT HERE." THEY STATED THAT "WE'RE PUTTING MONEY IN." WALLACE ADVISED HE HAD NO MORE CONVERSATION WITH THEM, HAS NOT SEEN THEM SINCE, AND CAN NOT EVEN DESCRIBE WHAT THEY WERE WEARING.

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WALLACE ALSO STATED THAT HE THOUGHT THE MENARD BROTHERS FROM ST. LOUIS MIGHT HAVE SOME INFO RE SUBJECT'S WHEREABOUTS. THESE THREE INDIVIDUALS ARE RAYMOND O. MENARD, FBI NO. FOUR SEVEN ONE EIGHT TWO TWO SEVEN; RICHARD MENARD, FBI NO. FOUR FOUR NINE SIX EIGHT FOUR EIGHT; AND LOUIS GENE MENARD, FBI NO. FIVE ONE SEVEN NINE EIGHT EIGHT A. MSP RECORDS REVEAL THAT THEY WERE ALL FORMER INMATES AT THAT INSTITUTION, AND THEIR MOTHER, HAZEL MENARD, CURRENTLY RESIDES AT TWO ONE ZERO FOUR S. EIGHTH ST., ST. LOUIS, MO.

MSP RECORDS REVEAL THERE ARE NO INDIVIDUALS CURRENTLY IN PENITENTIARY BY THE NAME OF COOLEY. IN THE PAST HISTORY OF THE PRISON, THERE HAVE BEEN TWELVE DIFFERENT COOLEYS INCARCERATED AT THAT INSTITUTION OVER THE YEARS.

JAMES DUANE WRAY, CURRENT INMATE AT MSP, ADVISED THAT HIS OLDER BROTHER, LARRY WRAY, IS LAURENCE EUGENE WRAY, CURRENTLY IN KANSAS CITY. WRAY STATED HE IS CERTAIN THERE IS NO SUCH ORGANIZATION AS A COOLEY GANG OPERATING IN PRISON.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF BUREAU, LAURENCE EUGENE WRAY, FBI. NO. NINE SIX EIGHT ONE ZERO FIVE B, IS SUBJECT OF ONE THREE SEVEN FILE IN KANSAS CITY OFFICE.

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ST. LOUIS CHECK BANK RECORDS. ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND  
INTERVIEW JIMMIE OWENS AND MENARD BROTHERS.

AM COPY BIRMINGHAM.

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614PM URGENT 5-14-68 DJB

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861), HONOLULU, MEMPHIS, ST. LOUIS,

& SPRINGFIELD

FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 3P

*Prisoner*

MURKIN.

FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RE JAMES LAOMA OWENS,  
NUMBER ZERO ZERO ONE EIGHT FOUR, WAS OBTAINED FROM THE MSP  
RECORDS. HE WAS RECEIVED MSP FEB FIVE NINETEEN-SIXTY FROM  
ST. LOUIS TO SERVE A SEVEN YEAR SENTENCE ON CHARGE OF ROBBERY  
FIRST. HE WAS DISCHARGED IN JAN TWO NINETEEN-SIXTYFOUR. A  
DETAINER IN FAVOR OF DIV OF SUPERVISION OF PAROLES,  
SPRINGFIELD, ILL., WAS FILED FEB TWENTYTHREE NINETEEN-SIXTY.

OWENS DESCRIBED WM, DOB   
ELVINS, MO., FIVE FEET FOUR INCHES, ONE HUNDRED FORTYNINE  
POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES, MEDIUM COMPLEXION, STOCKY  
BUILD, OCCUPATION BARBER, TATOO OF SHIP ON LEFT FOREARM.  
RELATIVES MOTHER IDA OWENS, FIVE ONE SEVEN FIFTH ST.,  
HONOLULU, HAWAII; BROTHER ERNIST OWENS, SAME ADDRESS; WIFE

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BETTY OWENS, NINE FOUR FOUR SEVEN ROSEMARY, BERKELEY, MO.  
WIFE REPORTEDLY DIVORCED AND REMARRIED. AUNT ANNA MERRITT,  
RURAL ROUTE ONE, ELVINS, MO.; COUSIN RHONDA MERRITT, SAME  
ADDRESS.

JIMMIE OWENS COMPLETED TEN GRADES AT THE BRIAN HILL  
SCHOOL, BRIAN HILL, MO. HAD NO VISITORS AND NO CORRESPONDENCE  
WHILE INCARCERATED. LISTED FORMER EMPLOYMENT AS A BOILER  
MAKER FOR THE COMBUSTION ENGINEERING CO., ST. LOUIS, IN  
NINETEEN-FORTYSEVEN.

SPRINGFIELD ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE LOCATION OF OWENS AT  
DIV OF SUPERVISION OF PAROLES.

HONOLULU CONTACT MOTHER AND BROTHER FOR LOCATION OF  
OWENS OR THE SUBJECT.

ST. LOUIS CONTINUE EFFORTS TO CONTACT RELATIVES AND  
FORMER EMPLOYER RE LOCATION OF JIMMIE OWENS.

FOR INFORMATION OF ALL OFFICES, SUBJECT WAS REPORTEDLY  
SEEN WITH JIMMIE OWENS IN ST. LOUIS DURING SUMMER OF NINETEEN  
SIXTYSEVEN AND OWENS WAS WITH HIM AT THE TIME OF HIS ARREST  
IN ST. LOUIS FOR ROBBERY WHICH RESULTED IN THEIR  
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INCARCERATION AT MSP.

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620PM URGENT 5-14-68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS, AND KANSAS CITY  
FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN

RE JOHN PAUL VELANTI ON FIVE FOURTEEN SIXTYEIGHT ADVISED THAT  
FOLLOWING PERSONS CAN FURNISH INFORMATION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT HE  
WAS ASSOCIATE OF SUBJECT RAY IN MSP.

ONE. MAJOR POIRY - FORMERLY IN CHARGE OF SECURITY MSP.

TWO. MARION "DITTY" JANSEN - FORMER CLERK-PRISONER MSP AND  
NOW ON PAROLE IN KC.

THREE. MSP INMATE (FNU) BAGBY, NM, AGE ABOUT SIXTY DOING  
THIRTY YEARS FOR MURDER AND FOR YEARS IN CHARGE OF  
MATTRESS FACTORY IN MSP.

KC INTERVIEW THESE INDIVIDUALS RE ASSOCIATION WITH SUBJECT RAY  
AND ADVISE BIRMINGHAM.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) & MEMPHIS

FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 2P

*Prisoners*

MURKIN.

DAILY SUMMARY

INTERVIEWS WITH INMATES, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY CONTINUE. INDIAN BARBER IDENTIFIED AND INTERVIEWED; FURNISHED NO PERTINENT INFORMATION RE SUBJECT OR COOLEY ORGANIZATION. INFORMATION RECEIVED SUBJECT AND JIMMIE OWENS SEEN TOGETHER IN ST. LOUIS BANK DURING SUMMER, SIXTYSEVEN. ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION RECEIVED FURNISHED OTHER OFFICES BY MOST EXPEDITIOUS MEANS. COMPLETE INFORMATION FROM MSP FILES ON OWENS FURNISHED INTERESTED OFFICES.

INMATE JAMES WRAY, YOUNGER BROTHER OF LAURENCE WRAY, SUBJECT OF KANSAS CITY ONE THREE SEVEN FILE, INTERVIEWED; FURNISHED NO PERTINENT INFORMATION.

JAMES SMITH, TRAVELING VIA AIRLINES FROM ATLANTA TO CHICAGO TO LOS ANGELES, APRIL NINE LAST, IDENTIFIED.

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ALL LOCAL LEADS BEING HANDLED IMMEDIATELY.

IT IS SUGGESTED IDENTIFICATION DIVISION COMPARE FINGERPRINTS  
OF JAMES LAOMA OWENS, MSP NUMBER ZERO ZERO ONE EIGHT FOUR, DATE OF  
BIRTH  ELVINS, MISSOURI,  
WITH ANY UNIDENTIFIED FINGERPRINTS IN THIS MATTER.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND ATLANTA  
FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN.

RE AT SUMMARY MAY THIRTEEN, LAST.

ONLY INFO KNOWN TO SL RE ALLEGED ROBBERY OF OIL CO. IN ATLANTA  
BY RAY AND JOHN PAUL VELANTI IS BASED ON BIRMINGHAM INTERVIEW OF  
EX-CON JAMES W. BROWN, OF DOUBTFUL CREDIBILITY, AS SET FORTH IN BH  
TEL MAY TEN LAST, ONE FIVE SEVEN PM, OF WHICH ATLANTA RECEIVED COPY.

VELANTI HAS DENIED ASSOCIATION WITH RAY. VELANTI STATES SEN-  
TENCED TWENTY YEARS ON FEB. ELEVEN, FIFTYNINE, FOR ARMED ROBBERY,  
RECEIVED MSP, FEB. THIRTEEN, SIXTY, TRANSFERRED TO MOBERLY, MO.,  
PRISON, DEC. SIXTYFOUR, AND PAROLED MARCH TWENTYONE, SIXTYSEVEN.

NOTE RAY ARRESTED SL, OCTOBER, FIFTYNINE, FOR ARMED ROBBERY.

WOULD APPEAR ATLANTA OIL ROBBERY, IF OCCURRED, WAS EARLY  
FIFTYNINE, OR PRIOR.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, (KANSAS CITY - AIRMAIL)

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

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*Prisoners*

RE KC TEL THIS DATE.

RE: FELLOW PRISONERS, MELVIN OLIVER GRIDLEY AND MILTON ZAVALCOFSKY

MELVIN OLIVER GRIDLEY, MISSOURI TRAINING CENTER FOR MEN NUMBER ZERO TWO FIVE ZERO THREE AND MILTON ZAVALCOFSKI (MTCM) NO. ZERO ONE SIX FIVE EIGHT, INTERVIEWED MOBERLY MO., THIS DATE. GRIDLEY IN CUSTODY JEFFERSON CITY, FORTWENTYTHREE SIXTY ON CHARGE OF BURGLARY UNTIL TRANSFERRED TO MOBERLY SEVEN SIXTYSEVEN. HE WAS "HALL TENDER" IN J HALL WHEN RAY HID IN PENITENTIARY FOR ONE WEEK IN SIXTYFOUR OR SIXTYFIVE. RAY WORKED UNDER GRIDLEY IN RECREATION SECTION. HE WAS CLOSE MOUTH, HAD FEW FRIENDS AND DIDN'T TALK MUCH TO ANYONE. GRIDLEY LOST CONTACT WITH RAY IN SIXTYFIVE OR SIXTYSIX WHEN RAY PLACE IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT.

GRIDLEY HAS NO INFORMATION REGARDING RAY OR COOLEY.

ZAVALCOFSKI SERVING TWENTY YEARS FOR ARMED ROBBERY. SENTENCED BEGAIN ELEVEN NINE SIXTY. HE HAS SERVED ALL HIS TIME FROM THEN UNTIL FOUR EIGHT SIXTY EIGHT WHEN HE TRANSFERRED TO MOBERLY. KNEW WHO RAY WAS AS AN INMATE. HE REMEMBERS HIM HIDING IN PENITENTIARY AND REMEMBERS HIS ESCAPE. SOME ONE MENTIONED HE ALSO WORKED IN RECREATION SECTION AT JEFFERSON CITY AFTER RAY'S PICTURE HAD BEEN ON T.V. HE HAS NO INFORMATION REGARDING RAY OR COOLEY.

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TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

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RE JAMES D. WALLACE, MSP INMATE WHO ALLEGEDLY SAW RAY AND JAMES LAOMA OWENS ENTER JEFFERSON-GRAVOIS BANK SL SUMMER SIXTYSEVEN.

CURSORY CHECK OF ALL CHECKING SAVINGS AND INSTALLMENT LOAN ACCOUNTS UNDER RAY NAME AND ALIASES AND JAMES LOAMA OWENS AT JEFFERSON-GRAVOIS BANK SL BY BANK VICE PRESIDENT TODAY UNPRODUCTIVE. CHECK IN DEPTH OF ALL BANK RECORDS, INCLDUING SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES, WILL BE MADE TOMORROW.

RE EX CONS JOHN PAUL VELANTI AND JAMES H. CARPENTER.

VELANTI TODAY ADVISED HE AND CARPENTER VISITED JOHN EUGENE GAWRON LAST NIGHT. ALLEGED GAWRON TOLD OF FBI INTERVIEW. BOTH VELANTI AND CARPENTER GAINED DEFINITE IMPRESSION GAWRON HAD HARBORED RAY AFTER ESCAPE, THO GAWRON DID NOT ADMIT TO SUCH IN SO MANY WORDS.

RE JOHN EUGENE GAWRON. GAWRON RRINTERVIEWED EXHAUSTIVELY. AGAIN DECLINED TO FURNISH SPECIFIC INFO RE DEEP SOUTH BANK ALLEGEDLY ROBBED BY UN-NAMED MAN AND RAY, JUNE JULY SIXTYSEVEN, ON GROUND WANTED FEW MORE DAYS TO DETERMINE IF SOMEONE ELSE AWARE OF SAME, SO HE WILL NOT BE FINGERED AS SOURCE. INSISTED SAW ACCOUNT OF ROBBERY IN CHICAGO

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TRIBUNE, BUT NOW PLACES TIME AS MUCH AS MONTH FOLLOWING HIS RELEASE JUNE TWENTY THIRD. NOTE CG CHECK OF TRIBUNE WAS TO END JULY SIXTY-SEVEN. PLACES VISIT OF UN-NAMED MAN FEW DAYS OR WEEKS AFTER TRIBUNE ARTICLE. NOW CLAIMS MAN TOLD HIM ON FIRST VISIT RAY WAS ACCOMPLICE. PLACES SECOND VISIT WITHIN THREE OR FOUR WEEKS OF FIRST, INSTEAD OF SIX WEEKS AGO, AS ORIGINALLY STATED. NOW SAYS MAN JUST CAME FOR CUP OF COFFEE, SECOND VISIT, AND THAT RAY OR TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLAR LOAN MADE ON PREVIOUS VISIT NOT MENTIONED. WHEN CONFRONTED WITH DISCREPANCIES STATED "AS I'VE TOLD YOU, MY BRAIN DON'T WORK RIGHT". STATED MAN MUST HAVE OBTAINED GAWRON ADDRESS FROM RAY AND RAY PROBABLY GOT FROM RELATIVES. NOW SAYS STATE LINE RIVER WAS MISSISSIPPI AND CITY WHERE BANK ROBBED ON EAST SIDE OF RIVER.

TOLD OF VISIT BY CARPENTER, WHO HE KNOWS AS JIM CRAWFORD AND ANOTHER MAN LAST NIGHT. SAID CRAWFORD ASKED FOR FOOD MONEY. GAWRON GAVE HIM THREE OR FOUR DOLLARS. THEY TALKED OF RAY BEING RED HOT NOW AND BOTH MEN LEFT.

GAWRON EMPHATICALLY DENIED HARBORING RAY, OR KNOWING WHEREABOUTS SINCE ESCAPE. WHEN ADVISED OF REPORT RECEIVED RAY SEEN NEAR HIS RESIDENCE HE STATED IF HE WAS, HE NEVER CAME INSIDE OR CONTACTED HIM IN ANY WAY.

GAWRON CLOSED AS PCI AS UNRELIABLE. BEING CONSIDERED POSSIBLE HARBORER.

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RE CAROL PEPPER ~~/~~ SISTER.

CAROL PEPPER ~~/~~ RE-INTERVIEWED TODAY. SPECIFICALLY DENIED CONTACT BY OR KNOWLEDGE OF RAY WHEREABOUT SINCE ESCAPE, OTHER THAN WHAT READ IN PAPERS AFTER START OF THIS CASE. SAYS BROTHER JERRY IS ONLY MEMBER OF FAMILY WHO HAS NOT MOVED SINCE ESCAPE, AND IS ONLY ONE WHOSE PRESENT MAILING ADDRESS KNOWN TO RAY. SAYS GRAPEVINE TAVERN BARELY MAKING EXPENSES AND MAY NOT CONTINUE.

RE JOHN LARRY RAY, ~~/~~ BROTHER.

JOHN RAY ONLY PERSON OPERATING GRAPEVINE TAVERN TODAY AND COULD NOT BE INTERVIEWED ~~/~~ BECAUSE OF CUSTOMERS.

RE JERRY RAYNES, ~~/~~ FATHER.

SOURCES AND SPOT CHECK DISCLOSED NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY.

FELLOW PRISONER INTERVIEWS AND LOOK ALIKE RESOLUTIONS CONTINUING.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI; ST. LOUIS, BIRMINGHAM, AND ATLANTA  
FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE ST. LOUIS TELETYPE MAY, TWELVE, LAST, NINE FORTYFIVE  
P.M.

JOHN PAUL DELANTI

JAMES W. BROWN

MYRTIS DYER, CREDIT BUREAU SHREVEPORT, LA., ADVISED ON MAY,  
THIRTEEN INSTANT SHE HAS NO RECORD FOR BETTIE VELANTI OR BETTIE  
PITTARD, PETERSEN, OR PRITCHARD.

FRANK WATSON, ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, SHREVEPORT, LA., AD-  
VISED ON MAY THIRTEEN INSTANT HE HAS NO RECORD FOR BETTIE VELANTI  
PITTARD, PETERSEN, OR PRITCHARD, AND DOES NOT RECALL THIS PER-  
SON AS A MEMBER OR FORMER MEMBER OF THE A.A. IN SHREVEPORT.

MRS. VERLIN FINCHER, KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN RR, SHREVEPORT,  
ADVISED ON MAY, THIRTEEN, INSTANT THAT RR IS ALSO KNOWN LOCALLY  
AS THE LA. AND ARKANSAS RR. SHE STATED BETTIE VELANTI, PITTARD,  
PETERSEN, OR PRITCHARD IS NOT EMPLOYED BY THAT RR AND SHE DOES

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NOT RECALL HER AS A FORMER EMPLOYEE. MRS. FINCHER SAID EMPLOYMENT RECORDS ARE LOCATED AT KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN OFFICES, KANSAS CITY, MO., AND SHE HAD THESE RECORDS CHECKED TELEPHONICALLY ON MAY THIRTEEN, INSTANT, AND RECORDS REVEALED FOLLOWING:

BETTYE PITTARD WAS EMPLOYED AS KEY PUNCH OPERATOR AT SHREVEPORT, LA., FROM OCTOBER SIXTEEN, FIFTYSEVEN, TO MAY, SEVENTEEN, FIFTYNINE, WHEN SHE FAILED TO REPORT FOR WORK AND WAS TERMINATED. THERE IS NO INFORMATION IN THE FILE TO SHOW HER PRESENT WHEREABOUTS. BETTYE PITTARD'S MAIDEN NAME WAS BURNETTE AND SHE WAS BORN AT ATLANTA, GA, AND ATTENDED COMMERCIAL SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL, ATLANTA UNTIL ABOUT FIFTYONE. SHE WAS EMPLOYED AS A KEY PUNCH OPERATOR FOR SOUTHERN RR, ATLANTA, UNTIL ABOUT FIFTYSEVEN. HER FATHER IS SHOWN AS GROVER W. BURNETTE, NO STREET ADDRESS SHOWN, ATLANTA. REFERENCES LISTED BY HER WERE MRS. DELORAS GORMAN, ONE ONE TWO THREE STEWART AVE., SOUTHWEST AND MRS. BARERA WILSON, EIGHT SEVEN SEVEN BOULEVARD NORTHEAST, BOTH ATLANTA. FORMER EMPLOYERS OF PITTARD LISTED AS COURTS AND CO.,

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IN FIFTYFOUR, ATLANTA, GENERAL DEPOT, CONLEY, GA., IN FIFTYTHREE,  
GENERAL FOODS CORP., ATLANTA, FIFTYTWO, AND FIRST NATIONAL BANK,  
ATLANTA, FIFTYONE.

ATLANTA AT ATLANTA, GA., WILL THROUGH FORMER EMPLOYER,  
REFERENCES AND FATHER, LOCATE AND INTERVIEW BETTYE PITTARD  
RE ASSOCIATION BETWEEN SUBJECT RAY AND JOHN PAUL VELANTI AS  
SET FORTH IN RE TELETYPE AND IN ST. LOUIS TELETYPE MAY ELEVEN,  
LAST, FOUR EIGHTEEN P.M. AM COPY TO MEMPHIS

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PLS HOLD FOR SIX MESSAGES AND ACK AFTER EACH ONE BECAUSE  
OUR WRU BUTTON IS INOPERATIVE

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TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS  
FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN.

WALTER ELLSWORTH NOLAN, SIX EIGHT, CLAIMS TO BE SUBJECT'S  
CLOSEST ASSOCIATE AT MSP PRIOR TO SUBJECT'S ESCAPE.

SW BELL TELE. CO. (PROTECT), ADVISED FOLLOWING CALLS CHARGED  
TO PHONE OF CARMEN PATTON, FIVE TWO ZERO SIX, WASH., SLMO, NOLAN'S  
LANDLADY: PHONE EIGHT FIVE THREE DASH FOUR NINE FIVE ONE, LORETTO,  
TENN., DEC. SIX; MEMPHIS PHONE TWO SEVEN FIVE DASH FIVE THREE TWO  
FIVE, DEC. TWENTY, TWO CALLS, FEB. TWENTYONE, MARCH TWENTYEIGHT  
AND APRIL TEN.

IMMEDIATELY IDENTIFY SUBSCRIBERS. UNLESS RELATIONSHIP TO NOLAN  
OR PATTON, APPARENT, INTERVIEW, COMPLETELY PROTECTING PHONE CO.,  
AND DETERMINE IF CALLS BEAR ON WHEREABOUTS OR ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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**TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES**  
**FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) (P)**

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**MURKIN**

Re Kansas City airtel to the Bureau, 5/1/68.

Referenced airtel set out lead for the Los Angeles Division, at Chino, California, to review records of the California State Penitentiary in an effort to determine the present whereabouts of KENNETH LEE WADE so that he could be interviewed concerning subject.

The St. Louis Office was also requested to attempt to locate WADE through his mother, Mrs. MILDRED WADE, 2150 East Cottage, St. Louis, Missouri.

Investigation at St. Louis, Missouri, has determined there is no such address as 2150 East Cottage and investigation has not located Mrs. MILDRED WADE. No recent information developed concerning location of KENNETH LEE WADE.

The Los Angeles Division, at Chino, California, will immediately advise the St. Louis Division if KENNETH LEE WADE is currently in custody at California State Penitentiary.

No further investigation is being conducted at St. Louis, Missouri, in an effort to locate WADE at this time until it is definitely determined whether or not WADE is incarcerated in California.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, AND INDIANAPOLIS.

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

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TO PHONE OF CARMEN PATTON, FIVE TWO ZERO SIX WASH., SLMO, NOLAN'S  
LANDLADY: PHONE EIGHT FOUR FIVE DASH TWO NINE NINE ZERO, CYNTHIANA,  
IND., NOV. SEVENTEEN TWO CALLS; FEB. TWELVE AND MARCH FIFTEEN.  
IMMEDIATELY IDENTIFY SUBSCRIBER. UNLESS RELATIONSHIP TO NOLAN  
PATTON APPARENT, INTERVIEW, COMPLETELY PROTECTING PHONE CO., AND  
DETERMINE IF CALL BEARS ON WHEREABOUTS OR ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT.

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LANDLADY: PHONE VI ONE DASH THREE FIVE TWO FOUR, DETROIT, DEC.  
TWENTY; AND TWO CALLS NOV. NINE TO PHONE SIX SEVEN SIX DASH NINE  
SEVEN EIGHT SIX, TRENTON, MICH.

IMMEDIATELY IDENTIFY SUBSCRIBERS. UNLESS RELATIONSHIP TO NOLAN  
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FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

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LADY: OCT. TWENTYNINE, SIXTYSEVEN, PHONE TWO SEVEN FIVE DASH FOUR  
FOUR SEVEN EIGHT, LEAMINGTON, UTAH.

IMMED. IDENTIFY SUBSCRIBER. UNLESS RELATIONSHIP TO NOLAN OR  
PATTON APPARENT, INTERVIEW, COMPLETELY PROTECTING PHONE CO., AND  
DETERMINE IF CALL BEARS ON WHEREABOUTS OR ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND OMAHA.

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

*Prisoner*

MURKIN.

WALTER ELLSWORTH NOLAN, SIX EIGHT, CLAIMS TO BE SUBJECT'S  
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LANDLADY: PHONE SEVEN FIVE THREE DASH ONE EIGHT THREE FIVE,  
BURLINGTON, IOWA, MARCH TWENTYFIVE, LAST.

IMMEDIATELY IDENTIFY SUBSCRIBER . UNLESS RELATIONSHIP TO NOLAN  
OR PATTON APPARENT, INTERVIEW, COMPLETELY PROTECTING PHONE CO., AND  
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4-59 PM URGENT 5/15/68 JRC  
TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS  
FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760)

*Prisoner*

MURKIN.

DAILY SUMMARY

REPORT SUBMITTED THIS DAT. PHOTOS OF JAMES L. OWENS  
OBTAINED FROM MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY. INMATES CONTINUE  
TO BE INTERVIEWED, NO PERTINENT INFORMATION RECEIVED RE  
COOLEY ORGANIZATION.

INVESTIGATION ELIMINATED LOOK ALIKE STEVEN L. DILLON  
REGISTERED OWNER OF LOUISIANA LICENSE FIVE N THREE ONE EIGHT,  
HE IS CURRENTLY GRADUATE STUDENT FT. HAYS STATE COLLEGE, HAYS,  
KANSAS.

LOCAL LEADS BEING HANDLED IMMEDIATELY.

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5:03 PM CST URGENT 5/15/68 IJS

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 MEMPHIS 44-1987 ST. LOUIS 44-775

FROM OMAHA 44-310 1P

MURKIN

RE ST. LOUIS TELETYPE INSTANT DATE.

TELEPHONE NUMBER SEVEN FIVE THREE DASH ONE EIGHT THREE FIVE LISTED TO MILES G. BYRUM WHO RESIDES TWO ZERO THREE ONE HALF SOUTH MAIN, APARTMENT ONE, BURLINGTON, IOWA, EMPLOYED AS BARBER, IOWA AMMUNITION PLANT, WEST BURLINGTON, IOWA. BYRUM INTERVIEWED STATES CARMEN PATTON, FIVE TWO ZERO SIX WASHINGTON, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, OLD GIRL FRIEND OF HIS WHO PERIODICALLY CALLS HIM LONG DISTANCE AND DISCUSSES PERSONAL MATTERS. BYRUM STATES TELEPHONE CALL RECEIVED BY HIM MARCH TWENTYFIVE, LAST, WAS CALL FROM PATTON. BYRUM STATES HE DOES NOT KNOW WALTER ELSWORTH NOLAN.

BURLINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT RECORDS NEGATIVE, OMAHA INDICES NEGATIVE, AND BURLINGTON CREDIT BUREAU CONTAINS BACKGROUND RE BYRUM WHICH INDICATES BYRUM A BARBER IN BURLINGTON, IOWA, AREA SINCE THIRTIES. NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION AT APARTMENT BUILDING TWO ZERO THREE ONE HALF MAIN, BURLINGTON, INDICATED BYRUM SEVENTY YEARS OLD RESIDES ALONE AND ONLY VISITOR A FEMAL FRIEND.

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538 URGENT 5/15/68 JRC

TO MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760)

MURKIN.

RE MEMPHIS TEL DATED MAY FOURTEEN LAST.

EARL KNIGHT RETURNED TO MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY  
ON MAY THREE LAST. INTERVIEW BEING HANDLED BY KANSAS CITY.

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815PM URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BUTTE AND SALT LAKE CITY

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN.

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FOUR FOUR SEVEN EIGHT, LEAMINGTON, ILL. POSTAL DIRECTORY LISTS  
LEAMINGTON, UTAH AS ONLY LEAMINGTON IN U. S.

BUTTE ADVISED LEAMINGTON, UTAH TELEPHONE SERVICE PROVIDED BY  
PHONE CO. IN SALT LAKE CITY.

SALT LAKE IDENTIFY LEAMINGTON SUBSCRIBER, ADVISE BUTTE.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P

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TO: ST. LOUIS  
FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN. CR.

RE KANSAS CITY AIRTEL TO BUREAU, MAY ONE LAST.

RE AIRTEL MENTIONS AN INMATE NAMED GREEN BEATEN UP BECAUSE OF NON-PAYMENT FOR AMPHETAMINE POWDER. GREEN MAY BE IDENT TO JAMES COOPER GREEN, FBI NO. FOUR THREE TWO THREE THREE EIGHT F, WM, AGE TWENTYONE, CURRENTLY ON BOND FOLLOWING INDICTMENT FGJ, MEMPHIS WITH DYER ACT VIOLATION. GREEN SENTENCED MSP FOR THREE YEARS COMMENCING NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR, NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE AND SUBSEQUENTLY RELEASED.

ST. LOUIS AT NINE FOUR TWO GRAND AVE., CARUTHERSVILLE, MISSOURI, INTERVIEW GREEN TO DETERMINE ASSOCIATION AND KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECT, AND KNOWLEDGE OF PEDDLING AMPHETAMINE POWDER AT MSP. NOTE PRIOR INTERVIEWS OF GREEN AT MEMPHIS

Airtel ~~REFLECT HE HAS TENDENCY TO EXAGGERATE FACT.~~

Teletype ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI ST LOUIS

955PM URGENT 5-15-68 JJR

TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND LITTLE ROCK

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

MURKIN.

RE: JOHN EUGENE GAWRON.

GAWRON LIVED WITH RAY'S MOTHER SEVERAL YEARS PRIOR TO HER DEATH AND IS CONSIDERED CLOSEST PERSON TO FAMILY. IS UNRELIABLE AND BEING CONSIDERED POSSIBLE HARBORER. RESIDES ONE EIGHT ZERO SEVEN SOUTH ELEVENTH, SLMO.

ONEFELLOW PRISONER CLAIMED SAW RAY THREE TIMES IN THAT AREA BETWEEN MAY TEN AND SEVENTERN, SIXTYSEVEN, AND BELIVES GAWRON MAY HAVE HARBORED.

JAMES HENRY RAMSEY RESIDED ONE EIGHT ZERO FIVE SOUTH ELEVENTH, SLMO, MAY ONE UNTIL ARRESTED AS FALL PARTNER WITH GAWRON ON TAVERN BURGLARY JUNE TWO, SIXTYSEVEN, AND AGAIN FROM SEPT. SIXTYSEVEN TO FEB. SIXTYEIGHT. SENTENCED NINE MONTHS PROBATION, OCT. SIXTYSEVEN.  
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SINCE, FEB. SIXTYEIGHT, RAMSEY REPORTED LIVING WITH PARENTS,  
C.W. AND HATTIE RAMSEY, WEINER, ARK.

LITTLE ROCK REQUESTED TO LOCATE RAMSEY, EXHIBIT RAY PHOTO,  
DETERMINE IF KNOWS, AND PARTICULARLY IF SAW HIM IN THAT OR  
ANY OTHER AREA FOLLOWING RAY'S MSP ESCAPE, APRIL TWENTYTHIRD,  
SIXTYSEVEN. DETERMINE ANY GAWRON CONVERSATIONS ABOUT RAY OR  
FAMILY.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P

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FBI MEMPHIS

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