

5/21/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Kansas City airtel to Bureau 5/17/68 enclosing an insert reflecting interview with CECIL CLAYTON LILLIBRIDGE ✓

Kansas City suggested that the Bureau might desire to disseminate this to Legats, Canada and Mexico. Memphis requests that the Bureau consider such dissemination in view of the fact that there appears to be a consistent thread of information in this investigation indicating that the subject had very definite plans to flee this country. It would appear at the moment that investigation in countries outside the United States is at least as important as any investigation we are conducting within this country, and it is suggested that the Bureau consider every possible avenue for the purpose of determining whether or not the subject may have gone to a foreign country.

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1002 A AM URGENT 5-21-68 PAB
TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS, ST. LOUIS
FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 1P

MURKIN.

RE J. D. DAILY PHONE CALL.

JEFFERSON CITY, MO. TELEPHONE NO. SIX THREE FIVE -
SEVEN ONE SIX SIX ASSIGNED GRAHAM AND HAWKINS LAW OFFICES.
ONE OF THE ATTORNEYS IN THIS FIRM, DAVID BRYDON, ADVISED THAT
J. D. DAILY CONTACTS HIM OFTEN TRYING TO GET A PAROLE FOR AN
INMATE SERVING LIFE IN MO. STATE PENITENTIARY WHO IS INFLICTED
WITH TUBERCULOSIS. BRYDON COULD FURNISH NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
REGARDING DAILY OR THE SUBJECT.

MAMIE HOOKER, LACLEDE COUNTY, MO., ADVISED THAT JAMES
DAVID DAILY WAS THE SON OF HER HALF BROTHER. SHE STATED THAT
SHE HAS NOT SEEN HIM FOR AT LEAST NINE YEARS, HAS NO CONTACT
OR ASSOCIATION WITH HIM AND DOES NOT KNOW ANY OF HIS FRIENDS
OR ASSOCIATES OR ACTIVITIES. SHE COULD FURNISH NO INFORMATION
REGARDING SUBJECT.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-33361, CHICAGO, MEMPHIS
FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 1P

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RE SAN FRANCISCO TEL TO DIRECTOR, MAY SEVENTEEN LAST.

RE COMMUNICATION REVEALED FORMER MSP INMATE KENNETH WADE
ADVISED THAT SUBJECT WAS A CLOSE FRIEND OF WILLIE SHOW OR SCHOAF
(PHONETIC) A SIXTYFOUR PAROLEE WHO ORIGINALLY CAME FROM CHICAGO,
ILL. AREA. WADE STATED WILLIE SHOW (PHONETIC) SENT SOME "STUFF"
BACK INTO THE PRISON FOR US AFTER HE GOT OUT.

RECORDS MSP FAIL TO LIST A WILLIE SHOW OR SCHOAF, BUT DO
REVEAL A WILLIAM F. SCHOLL, MSP NO. SIX SEVEN NINE NINE EIGHT,
FBI NO. TWO SIX EIGHT FIVE ZERO EIGHT A. HE WAS PAROLED ON AUG.
SIX SIXTYTHREE TO AN ADDRESS ONE ZERO THREE BOHLAND AVE., BELLWOOD,
ILL. HE REPORTEDLY WOULD BE ON PAROLE UNTIL SEVENTYTWO.

CHICAGO AT BELLWOOD, ILL., INTERVIEW WILLIAM F. SCHOLL FOR
ANY INFO HE MAY HAVE REGARDING SUBJECT.

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507PM URGENT 5/21/68 LMA

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), ST. LOUIS (44-775),
SAN FRANCISCO (173-65), AND SPRINGFIELD (44-461).

FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) P 1P

MURKIN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TEL MAY SEVENTEEN, LAST AND CHICAGO
TEL TO SAN FRANCISCO, MAY TWENTY, LAST.

RE ALLEGED ASSOCIATE ANDREW WILSON DE CORE, AKA BLACKIE.

DECORE'S SISTER, MRS. MARTHA BUTTITTO, NINE

TWO FOUR ONE NORTH MAPLE COURT, MORTON GROVE, ILLINOIS, ADVISED
TODAY ANDREW WILSON DE CORE WILL BE AT HER HOME EVENING MAY TWO
TWO, NEXT, FOR INTERVIEW BY BUAGENTS. CHICAGO WILL HANDLE.

DISCONTINUE INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE DE CORE.

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TO: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TEL MAY SEVENTEEN LAST CONCERNING RE
ALLEGED ASSOCIATE ANDREW WILSON DE CORE AKA BLACKIE.

INVESTIGATION CHICAGO AREA TO DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS
OF DE CORE NEGATIVE TO DATE.

INVESTIGATION INDICATES BROTHER, ANTHONY DE CORE,
~~PROBABLY~~ IDENTICAL WITH ANTHONY "BUDDY" DE CORE RESIDING
ONE NINE THREE EIGHT NORTH SEVENTEENTH AVENUE, MELROSE PARK,
ILLINOIS AT WHICH ADDRESS INVESTIGATION DISCLOSES "BUDDY"
CURRENTLY VISITING RELATIVES IN ^{FREMONT} CALIFORNIA.

SAN FRANCISCO IN INTERVIEW WITH DE CORE SISTER, MRS.
YALANDA DICASOLA, ^{FREMONT} ASCERTAIN WHERE "BUDDY" IS VISITING TO
INTERVIEW HIM IF NECESSARY TO LOCATE BLACKIE.

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700PM URGENT 5-21-68 ELN

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1937)

FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760)

MURKIN.

DAILY SUMMARY.

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MSP RECORDS REVEAL WILLIAM F. SCHOLL, FBI NO. TWO SIX EIGHT FIVE ZERO EIGHT A, WAS PAROLED IN SIXTYTHREE TO BELLWOOD, ILL. HE REPORTEDLY AN ASSOCIATE OF SUBJECT. CHICAGO ADVISED.

ATTORNEY PHILLIP BAKER, INDEPENDENCE, MO., ADVISED HE REPRESENTED SUBJECT IN HIS APPLICATION FOR A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS IN SIXTYTHREE. THE HEARING WAS UNSUCCESSFUL AND RAY PAID HIM FIFTY DOLLARS ATTORNEY'S FEES. HE ALSO ADVISED HE RECEIVED A LETTER JULY, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE FROM JERRY RAY, ST. LOUIS, STATING JAMES RAY WAS GOING TO SEND HIM MONEY AND LATER ON SEND MORE WHICH BAKER WAS TO SEND TO JERRY RAY.

MSP RECORDS FAILED TO REFLECT ANY PAYMENT FROM SUBJECT TO BAKER AND

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IN FACT, RECORDS REVEALED JUNE NINETEEN, SIXTYTHREE, BAKER SENT FIFTY DOLLARS TO RAY. BAKER, UPON RE-INTERVIEW, ADVISED IN A LETTER FROM RAY DATED MAY NINETEEN, SIXTYTHREE, HE INDICATED A MONEY ORDER WOULD BE SENT TO HIM AND HE SHOULD TAKE FIFTY DOLLARS OF IT. ANOTHER LETTER FROM RAY POSTMARKED JUNE ELEVEN, SIXTYTHREE, INDICATED RELATIVE WAS SENDING A MONEY ORDER FOR ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS. LETTER POSTMARKED JUNE TWELVE, SIXTYTHREE, UNSIGNED, ADVISED ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR CHECK WAS ENCLOSED FOR LEGAL FEES. THIS LETTER BORE RETURN ADDRESS NATHAN J. MURPHY, INMATE NO. ZERO FOUR SEVEN TWO FIVE, MSP. BAKER, ON JUNE SEVENTEEN, SIXTYTHREE, SAID HE SENT RAY A CHECK FOR THE FIFTY DOLLARS WHICH WAS IN EXCESS OF HIS FEE. BAKER CONTINUING TO CHECK HIS RECORDS FOR ANY INFO. WHICH MAY BE OF HELP. HE ADVISED RAY RECOMMENDED HIM TO A PRISONER BY THE NAME OF JOHN WILLIAM MYERS, MSP, WHO CONTACTED HIM IN JULY, SIXTYTHREE. BAKER REFUSED TO HANDLE THIS CASE.

KANSAS CITY WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW MYERS AND MURPHY.

AM COPIES FURNISHED CHICAGO AND ST. LOUIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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5/21/68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) (P)
RE: MURKIN
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(OO: ME)

Re St. Louis teletype to Bureau, Memphis and Little Rock, 5/15/68; Little Rock teletype to Bureau, St. Louis and Memphis, 5/16/68; and, Little Rock teletype to St. Louis, 5/20/68.

Re: JOHN EUGENE GAWRON

On May 20, 1968, JAMES HENRY RAMSEY, Route 2, Weiner, Arkansas, advised SA ESTES G. COLEMAN that he does not know anyone by the name of JAMES EARL RAY. After viewing photographs of RAY, he stated to his knowledge he had never seen RAY. He could not recall anyone fitting RAY's description visiting GAWRON at 1807 South 11th Street, St. Louis, Missouri. He pointed out he had lived at 1805 South 11th Street, St. Louis, from 1963 until June 1967, and again from September 1967, until February 1968. He could not recall having seen anyone fitting RAY's description in the company of GAWRON. He has never heard GAWRON speak of RAY in any manner.

A copy of this airtel is being furnished to St. Louis for information purposes since leads were outstanding in St. Louis to locate RAMSEY.

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712PM URGENT 5-22-68 ENT

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS CHICAGO ST. LOUIS
FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 2P

MURKIN.

DAILY SUMMARY.

RE KANSAS CITY DAILY SUMMARY TEL MAY TWO ONE LAST, AIR MAIL
COPIES CHICAGO AND ST. LOUIS.

RE INTERVIEW OF ATTORNEY PHILLIP BAKER, INDEPENDENCE, MO.
RECORDS MSP, JEFFERSON CITY, MO., REFLECT THAT FORMER INMATE, JOHN
WILLIAM, AKA. JOHN WILLIAM MYERS, MSP NO. ZERO THREE EIGHT FOUR
EIGHT, WAS DISCHARGED FROM MSP, APRIL FIVE, SIXTY-EIGHT, PROBABLE
RESIDENCE NOT GIVEN, BUT WHEREABOUTS CAN PROBABLY BE DETERMINED
THROUGH EITHER HIS MOTHER, LILLIAN MEYER, NUMBER ONE FOUR ZERO ON
ONE HUNDRED THIRTY AVE., GULFPORT, MISS., OR FRIEND, MRS. IRENE
COLLINS, FIVE FOUR FOUR SEVEN WEST CHICAGO AVE., CHICAGO. FORMER
INMATE NATHAN J. MURPHY, MSP NO. ZERO FOUR SEVEN TWO FIVE, WAS
PAROLED JULY TWO EIGHT, SIXTY-FOUR, FROM MSP, TO RESIDE WITH HIS
WIFE, NAME NOT LISTED, TWO EIGHT THREE SIX EADS AVE., ST. LOUIS.,
AND WAS DISCHARGED FROM PAROLE JAN. FOUR, SIXTY-SEVEN, AT WHICH
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TIME HE COULD BE REACHED THROUGH JOHN A. ZITZENZANICH, THREE ONE SEVEN SEVEN A OREGON ST., ST. LOUIS.

CHICAGO AND ST. LOUIS, INTERVIEW ABOVE ASSOCIATES OF MEYER AND MURPHY TO LOCATE THEM FOR INTERVIEW RE SUBJECT.

SEPARATE TEL TO JACKSON WITH INFO IN REFERENCED TEL.

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923PM URGENT 5-22-68 RFJ

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

FROM CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN.

RE CHICAGO TEL MAY TWENTY ONE LAST.

RE ALLEGED ASSOCIATE ANDREW WILSON DE CORE.

DE CORE INTERVIEWED, ADVISED WAS ACQUAINTED WITH SUBJECT
WHILE BOTH INCARCERATED MENARD PRISON. FRIENDSHIP ON
CASUAL BASIS AND AT NO TIME DID THEY ENGAGE IN LONG
CONVERSATIONS.

HAS NOT ASSOCIATED WITH RAY SINCE LAST SEEING HIM IN
MENARD. PICKED SIXTY PHOTOGRAPH AS BEST LIKENESS AS HE
RECALLS HIM. CANNOT FURNISH ANY IDENTITIES OF FELLOW
INMATES WHO WERE CLOSE TO RAY IN MENARD. SPECIFICALLY
COULD NOT RECALL ANYONE NAMED JAMES LOAMA OWENS.

STATES SHOULD HE EVER DEVELOP ANY INFO CONCERNING
SUBJECT'S PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OR RECALL ANY CLOSE ASSOCIATES
WILL IMMEDIATELY CONTACT FBI.

AM CCS TO ST. LOUIS, SAN FRANCISCO AND SPRINGFIELD.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS, ST. LOUIS
FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 1P

MURKIN

RE ST. LOUIS TEL TO BUREAU, MAY SIXTEEN, LAST.

BUREAU TEL MAY TWENTYTWO, LAST ADVISED BUREAU
CONTEMPLATING PLACING AN AD IN A PUBLICATION IN AN EFFORT TO
POSSIBLY SURFACE THE SUBJECT. IT MUST BE DETERMINED WHAT
PUBLICATIONS, IF ANY, WERE HABITUALLY READ BY SUBJECT. BUTEL
REQUESTS KANSAS CITY TO INTERVIEW JAMES L. OWENS, FELLOW INMATE,
TO DETERMINE WHAT PUBLICATIONS SUBJECT HABITUALLY READ.

RE COMMUNICATION REVEALS JAMES L. OWENS INTERVIEWED BY
ST. LOUIS THAT DATE.

ST. LOUIS WILL RE-INTERVIEW OWENS RE ABOVE.

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

SACRAMENTO (100-427)

FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)

MURKIN.

RE KANSAS CITY AIRTEL, FIVE EIGHT SIXTYEIGHT, AND
LOS ANGELES AIRTEL, FIVE TEN SIXTYEIGHT.

RE: MICHAEL KEY CLARK

RECORDS OF MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY (MSP),
JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, WERE REVIEWED ON MAY SIX, SIXTYEIGHT,
FOR INFORMATION ON INMATES RELEASED WITH CALIFORNIA ADDRESSES
SINCE APRIL ONE, SIXTYSEVEN. THE RECORDS REFLECT THAT MICHAEL
CLARK, MSP NUMBER ONE TWO ONE FIVE FIVE, WAS RECEIVED AT
MSP ON FIVE TWENTYSEVEN SIXTYSIX AND DISCHARGED FIVE TEN
SIXTYSEVEN. CLARK INDICATED HE WOULD BE EMPLOYED IN CALIFORNIA
BY BUD RAU, FOUR FOUR FIVE LAUREL AVE., HAYWARD, CALIF.

IT WAS ALSO RECORDED THAT HE HAD A GIRLFRIEND,
ELIZABETH ALEXANDER, ONE SEVEN SEVEN ONE ELLWELL, MILPITAS,
CALIF. INQUIRY AT FOUR FOUR FIVE LAUREL AVE., HAYWARD, CALIF.

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DETERMINED THAT THIS WAS A RUN DOWN APARTMENT HOUSE AND NO LISTING WAS LOCATED FOR CLARK OR RAU, AND APARTMENT TENANTS COULD NOT RECALL SUCH PERSONS RESIDING THERE.

ON FIVE TWENTY SIXTYEIGHT, NORMAN B. GRANT, FRONTIER REALTY, A STREET, HAYWARD, CALIF., ADVISED HE HANDLES ALL RENTLALS OF THE PROPERTY AT FOUR FOUR FIVE LAUREL AVENUE. HE ADVISED A SEARCH OF RENTAL RECEIPTS DISCLOSED HE HAD NO RECORD OF ANYONE NAMED CLARK OR RAU EVER RESIDING THERE.

JAMES ALEXANDER, JR., ONE SEVEN SEVEN ONE ELLWELL, MILPITAS, CALIF., IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS THE BROTHER OF ELIZABETH ALEXANDER. HE STATED THAT HIS SISTER IS ON A MOTOR TRIP AND IS NOT AVAILABLE. ALEXANDER ADVISED HE KNOWS CLARK, HAVING BEEN TOGETHER WITH CLARK IN THE CALIFORNIA YOUTH AUTHORITY (CYA) IN LOS ANGELES, CALIF. IN NINETEEN SIXTYSIX. ALEXANDER STATED HE GAVE CLARK HIS SISTER'S NAME AT ONE TIME AS A POSSIBLE CORRESPONDENT AND SAID HIS SISTER HAD NEVER SEEN CLARK NOR HAD SHE HEARD FROM HIM. ALEXANDER STATED IN NINETEEN SIXTYSIX CLARK WAS EXTRADITED FROM CALIFORNIA TO THE

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MSP AND THAT HE HAS NOT SEEN HIM OR HEARD FROM HIM SINCE.

SACRAMENTO AT SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA: WILL CONTACT THE STATE PAROLE OFFICE TO DETERMINE IF THEY HAVE ANY RECORD OF A MICHAEL KEY CLARK WHO WAS RELEASED FROM THE MSP ON FIVE TEN SIXTYSEVEN. HE HAS MSP NUMBER ONE TWO ONE FIVE FIVE AND WAS ESTRADITED FROM LOS ANGELES IN NINETEEN SIXTYSIX FROM CYA TO MSP.

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FBI ST LOUIS

810PM URGENT 5-23-68 JJR

TO: DIRECTOR ; MEMPHIS AND SPRINGFIELD

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775) 3P

MURKIN - SUMMARY

RE JOHN EUGENE GAWRON.

SPRINGFIELD SEE BUAIRTEL MAY SIXTEEN LAST FOR GAWRON ALLEGATIONS
OF RAY BR PARTICIPATION SIXTY SEVEN.

GAWRON REINTERVIEWED LATE LAST NIGHT. REVEALED LOCATION OF
BANK ROBBED TO BE ALTON, ILL., AND IDENTITY OF UN NAMED MAN WHO
ALLEGEDLY TOLD HIM HE AND RAY ROBBED SAME AS JIMMIE LNU. LAST
SAW JIMMIE WITH MAN PREVIOUSLY UNKNOWN TO HIM NAMED JOHNNY LNU
WHEN THEY VISITED HIM NIGHTS OF MAY THIRTEEN AND FOURTEEN LAST.
EX CONS JOHNPAIL VELANTI AND JAMES H. CARPENTER, FBI NUMBER TWO
THREE ZERO TWO FOUR THREE, ALL KNOWN TO HAVE VISITED GAWRON THOSE
DATES.

SL FILES INDICATE BANK OF ALTON, ALTON, ILL., ROBBED BY TWO
UNSUBS, JULY THIRTEEN SIXTY SEVEN, SEE BUFILE NINE ONE DASH TWO,
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SEVEN FOUR NINE FOUR, SPRINGFIELD FILE NINE ONE DASH THREE SIX NINE NINE. DESCRIPTION OF NUMBER TWO MAN COULD FIT RAY. DESCRIPTION NUMBER ONE MAN DOES NOT FIT CARPENTER WHO IS FIVE FEET EIGHT, ONE FORTY LBS, SLENDER.

SL CITY JAIL RECORD ESTABLISHED CARPENTER IN CITY JAIL, SL, FROM JUNE FIVE SIXTY SEVEN TO MARCH ONE SIXTY EIGHT. COULD THEREFORE NOT HAVE PARTICIPATED IN BR, OR HAVE CONTACTED GAWRON AS CLAIMED IN SIXTY SEVEN.

GAWRON LED AGENTS TO ABOVE BANK. IDENTIFIED IT AS ONE HE AND RAY HAD CASED IN FIFTY NINE. MO PLANNED WAS SUBSTANTIALLY SAME USED IN ACTUAL BR. SAID HAD DELIBERATELY MISLED SA'S AS TO AMOUNT OF LOOT AND LOCATION TO GAIN TIME TO BE SURE HE WOULD BE IN CLEAR. HE AND RAY PLANNED TO STAY WITH WEEK FOOD SUPPLY AT ROOMING HOUSE IN ALTON WHICH HE DESCRIBED AND LED SA'S TO AT ONE TWO ZERO NINE FOURTH STREET.

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IN VIEW OF ABOVE, GAWRON BEING CONSIDERED KNOWN UNRELIABILITY.
OTHER OFFICES RECEIVING REFERENCED AIRTEL BEING ADVISED BY AIRTEL.
RE JERRY RAYNES, JOHN LARRY RAY, CAROL PEPPER.

SOURCES AND SPOT CHECKS INDICATE NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY.
RE JUDGE JOHN C. CASEY

JUDGE CASEY NOT AVAILABLE THIS EVENING. WILL BE CONTACTED
PRIOR TO TIME COURT IN SESSION TOMORROW.
EFFORTS TO LOCATE FELLOW PRISONERS, TOLL CALL AND LOOK ALIKE
RESOLUTIONS CONTINUING.

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Date: 5/22/68

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Via TELETYPE - URGENT
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TO: JACKSON

FROM: KANSAS CITY 44-760

MURKIN.

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ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS. LETTER POSTMARKED JUNE TWELVE, SIXTY-THREE, UNSIGNED, ADVISED ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR CHECK WAS ENCLOSED FOR LEGAL FEES. THIS LETTER BORE RETURN ADDRESS NATHAN J. MURPHY, INMATE NO. ZERO FOUR SEVEN TWO FIVE, MSP. BAKER, ON JUNE SEVENTEEN, SIXTYTHREE, SAID HE SENT RAY CHECK FOR FIFTY DOLLARS WHICH WAS IN EXCESS OF HIS FEE. BAKER CONTINUING TO CHECK HIS RECORDS FOR ANY INFO. WHICH MAY BE OF HELP. HE ADVISED RAY RECOMMENDED HIM TO A PRISONER BY NAME OF JOHN WILLIAM MYERS, MSP, WHO CONTACTED HIM IN JULY, SIXTYTHREE. BAKER REFUSED TO HANDLE THIS CASE.

~~RE INTERVIEW OF ATTORNEY PHILLIP BAKER, INDEPENDENCE,~~
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Special Agent in Charge

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MSP NO. ZERO FOUR SEVEN TWO FIVE, WAS PAROLED JULY TWENTYEIGHT, SIXTYFOUR, FROM MSP, TO RESIDE WITH HIS WIFE, NAME NOT LISTED, AT TWO EIGHT THREE SIX, EADS AVE., ST. LOUIS, MO., AND WAS DISCHARGED FROM PAROLE JANUARY FOUR, SIXTYSEVEN, AT WHICH TIME HE COULD BE REACHED THROUGH JOHN A. ZITZANICH, THREE ONE SEVEN SEVEN A OREGON ST., ST. LOUIS, MO.

Jackson office
~~CHICAGO AND ST. LOUIS~~, INTERVIEW ABOVE ASSOCIATES *mother*
 OF MEYER AND ~~MURPHY~~ TO LOCATE ^{him} ~~THEM~~ FOR INTERVIEW RE SUBJECT.

SEPARATE TEL TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS, CHICAGO, AND ST. LOUIS.

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

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

5/21/68

SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)(P)

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Re San Francisco teletype, dated 5/17/68.

RE: KENNETH LEE WADE ✓

Enclosed are fifteen (15) copies of an insert for
the Memphis Office covering the interview of WADE on 5/17/68.

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TO: SACS, BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO, KANSAS CITY, LOS ANGELES
NEWARK

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

Circularization

MURKIN

BUREAU IS CONTEMPLATING PLACING AN AD IN A PUBLICATION
IN AN EFFORT TO POSSIBLY SURFACE THE SUBJECT. IT MUST
BE DETERMINED WHAT PUBLICATIONS, IF ANY, WERE HABITUALLY
READ BY SUBJECT RAY.

ACCORDINGLY, KANSAS CITY WILL INTERVIEW CECIL CLAYTON
LILLIBRIDGE AND JAMES L. OWENS, FELLOW INMATES OF SUBJECT,
TO DETERMINE WHAT PUBLICATIONS SUBJECT HABITUALLY READ.
BIRMINGHAM WILL INTERVIEW THOMAS BRITTON ALONG SAME LINES
AS SET FORTH FOR KANSAS CITY. NEWARK OFFICE WILL CONTACT
LOCKSMITHING INSTITUTE AT LITTLE FALLS, NEW JERSEY, TO
DETERMINE IN WHICH MAGAZINE THEIR AD WAS PLACED FROM WHICH
SUBJECT ORDERED CORRESPONDENCE COURSE. CHICAGO WILL CONDUCT
INVESTIGATION AT SUPERIOR BULK FILM COMPANY TO DETERMINE
IDENTITY OF PUBLICATION FROM WHICH SUBJECT AS GALT ORDERED
MERCHANDISE. LOS ANGELES WILL CONDUCT INVESTIGATION AT

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**NEWARK
RE: MURKIN**

**TIFFANY ENTERPRISES AND THE E. K. FORMULA COMPANY TO DETERMINE
FROM WHICH PUBLICATION SUBJECT ORDERED MERCHANDISE.**

EACH OFFICE SUTEL RESULTS OF INQUIRY.

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AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760)

MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS

Re Kansas City airtel to the Bureau, 5/17/68.

A photostatic copy of subject's Missouri State Penitentiary file was forwarded to the Bureau with referenced communication; however, some of the pages were too faint to read, thus the following seven copies, which are as legible as possible, are being furnished herewith to the Bureau.

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TO DIRECTOR, KANSAS CITY
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

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RFBUTEL TO CHICAGO, MAY TWENTYTWO, SIXTYEIGHT.

THOMAS BRITTON (PROTECT IDENTITY) HALEYVILLE, ALABAMA,
ADVISED THIS DATE HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE RE PUBLICATIONS SUBJECT
READ, BUT SUGGESTED MAJOR POIRY, SECURITY OFFICER, MSP, MIGHT
HAVE SINCE HE USE TO CHECK CELLS FOR CONTRABAND GOODS AND MIGHT
THEREFORE BE FAMILIAR WITH TYP. OF PUBLICATIONS FAVORED BY SUBJECT.

KANSAS CITY AT JEFFERSON CITY, MO., CONTACT MAJOR POIRY, MSP,
RE HIS KNOWLEDGE OF PUBLICATIONS READ BY SUBJECT. AM COPY MEMPHIS.

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SAC, DENVER (105-203)

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On 5/22/68, JOHN WESLEY MEWBOURNE, inmate #37548, Colorado State Penitentiary, Canon City, Colorado, was interviewed by SA WALLACE G. HAGUE at the request of MEWBOURNE.

MEWBOURNE, who has FBI #470625 A, stated he desired an interview inasmuch as he was acquainted with JAMES EARL RAY as an inmate of the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, during 1955. He stated he is of the opinion RAY was hired by members of the Ku Klux Klan and was killed by Klan members after the shooting of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

MEWBOURNE advised he is from Birmingham, Alabama, and in view of the fact he has been a criminal most of his life is acquainted with most bootleggers, criminals and Klan members in the Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi areas. He stated he will be transferred to the U. S. Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia, in approximately two months to serve the remainder of his sentence, and upon his release in about one year plans to locate the body of RAY, which he feels he can accomplish in approximately three weeks. He stated the only reason he is furnishing the above information is the fact he is certain RAY is dead and if not dead would furnish no information concerning RAY. He stated his only contact with RAY was at Leavenworth and he knows nothing concerning RAY's habits, associates, hangouts or possible whereabouts.

The above information is being furnished in the event the name of MEWBOURNE should come to the attention of the Bureau in the future.

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235PM URGENT 5-24-68 JDG

TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN.

RE KC TEL, MAY TWENTYTHIRD, LAST, REQUESTING JAMES L. OWENS REINTERVIEW TO DETERMINE PUBLICATIONS HABITUALLY READ BY SUBJECT, IN CONTEMPLATION OF PLACING AD.

JAMES LOAMA OWENS ADVISED RAY READ ALMOST EVERYTHING HE COULD GET HANDS ON, ESPECIALLY NEWSPAPERS, PARTICULARLY TWO SL DAILY METRO NEWSPAPERS GLOBE DEMOCRAT AND POST DISPATCH. UNABLE TO RECALL SPECIFIC MAGAZINES PERTAINING TO CARS AND GUNS, BUT VARIOUS SPORT MAGAZINES OF TYPE REPRESENTED BY FIELD AND STREAM AND ARGOSY WERE INCLUDED IN RAY'S READING. UNABLE TO BE MORE SPECIFIC IN IDENTIFYING PUBLICATIONS.

SUBJECT A & D. P

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313 PM URGENT 5-24-68 EOC

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS

FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 1P

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RE BUREAU AD IN PUBLICATION OF INTEREST TO SUBJECT.
CECIL C. LILLYBRIDGE, INMATE, COLE CO. JAIL, ADVISED THIS
DATE THAT ONLY MAGAZINE HE EVER SAW SUBJECT READ WAS TIME
MAGAZINE WHICH HE SEEMED TO RECEIVE EVERY WEEK. HE ADVISED
SUBJECT ALSO QUOTED U. S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT BUT HE NEVER
ACTUALLY SAW HIM READ THIS MAGAZINE. HE SAID TYPE OF MAGAZINES
YOU COULD GET INTO THE PRISON WAS VERY LIMITED AND THUS THE
PRISONERS DID NOT HAVE THE COMPLETE SELECTION THEY MAY DESIRE.
HE REMEMBERS RAY READING A BOOK BY NIETZSCHE, A GERMAN
PHILOSOPHER. HE ALSO STATED THAT RAY WAS AN ATHEIST. LILLYBRIDGE
SAID RAY WAS IMPRESSED BY GEORGE WALLACE'S PLATFORM FOR
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION. HE REMEMBERS RAY QUOTING WALLACE AS
SAYING, "I HAVE NOTHING AGAINST NEGROES, EVERYONE SHOULD OWN
AT LEAST TWO". LILLYBRIDGE ADVISED IT WAS NOT SUBJECT'S
STYLE TO PUT ADD IN PAPER, WANTED "PASSIONATE WOMAN" UNLESS
HE WAS DOING THIS TO GET A MESSAGE TO ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL.

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3:42PM 5-24-68 MO URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861), SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (LOO:427)

MURKIN, CR.

RESFTEL TO DIRECTOR MAY TWENTY-THREE, SIXTY-EIGHT.

RE: MICHAEL KEY CLARK.

RECORDS OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE PAROLE OFFICE CHECKED
THIS DATE AND CONTAINED NO INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE WITH
MICHAEL KEY CLARK.

AIRMAIL COPY TO SAN FRANCISCO.

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND ST. LOUIS (44-775)

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) 1P

MURKIN.

RE ST. LOUIS SUMMARY TELETYPE MAY TWENTY THREE LAST.
SINCE JAMES H. CARPENTER, FBI NO. TWO THREE ZERO TWO
FOUR THREE, WAS IN ST. LOUIS CITY JAIL FROM JUNE FIVE, SIXTY
SEVEN TO MARCH ONE LAST HE COULD NOT POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN
INVOLVED IN BANK ROBBERY AT ALTON, ILL., REFERRED TO BY
JOHN EUGENE GAWRON; HOWEVER, IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT GAWRON
POSSIBLY INTENDED TO IDENTIFY JOHN PAUL VELANTI AS PERSON
PERPETRATING THE ROBBERY AT ALTON WITH SUBJECT RAY.

IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, UNLESS RECORDS IN POSSESSION OF
ST. LOUIS INDICATE THAT VELANTI WAS IN JAIL DURING THE PERIOD
OF THE ALTON BANK ROBBERY ON JULY THIRTEEN, SIXTY SEVEN,
VELANTI SHOULD BE REINTERVIEWED REGARDING HIS POSSIBLE
PARTICIPATION IN THIS ROBBERY WITH SUBJECT RAY.

SPRINGFIELD ADVISED BY AIRMAIL.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS 44-1987

FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 1P

MURKIN - DAILY SUMMARY.

EFFORTS TO LOCATE RALPH RENFRO IN JOPLIN, MO., NEGATIVE.
LEADS SET OUT FOR LOUISVILLE AND OMAHA.

CECIL LILYBRIDGE, FORMER CELLMATE OF SUBJECT, ADVISED
THE ONLY MAGAZINE HE OBSERVED RAY READING WAS "TIME".

ORIGINAL RECORDS BELSAW LOCKSMITHING INSTITUTE, KANSAS
CITY, MO., BEING OBTAINED AND FORWARDED TO LAB FOR HANDWRITING
EXAMINATION. THESE RECORDS FROM APRIL ONE, LAST, TO THE
PRESENT TIME, INCLUDING ABOUT ONE HUNDRED TWENTYFIVE APPLICATIONS.

DRIVER'S LICENSE EXAMINATION OFFICES FOR ENTIRE STATE OF
MISSOURI BEING CIRCULATED WITH IDENTIFICATION ORDERS THROUGH DRIVER'S
LICENSE HEADQUARTERS AT JEFFERSON CITY, MO.

ALL LOCAL LEADS CONTINUE TO BE HANDLED IMMEDIATELY.

AM COPY ST. LOUIS.

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AIRTEL AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) (P)
RE: MURKIN

Re New Orleans teletype to Kansas City, 5/17/68;
Kansas City teletype to New Orleans, 5/21/68.

RE: CARLOS LEE BILLINGS

BILLINGS, inmate, Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, was first interviewed at the Medical Center regarding captioned matter on 4/26/68. It is apparent from this interview and subsequent interviews that he is primarily concerned about getting a Federal detainer lodged against him from Montgomery, Alabama, lifted. He has stated that he could furnish information that would assist in identifying the subject of this case if this detainer were lifted. It is doubtful in the mind of the interviewing agent that he has this information in his possession. In his interview of 5/20/68, BILLINGS indicated that the name ENIS HEAD was totally unknown to him. He denied that he stayed on a permanent basis at Carmerdelle's Canal Bank Inn continuously from May to December, 1965. He reported that when he stayed at this place initially in Apartment 6, it was already occupied by two men who were working off shore and that these men had rented this apartment from the owner. He stated that he and BEN BLACKWELL moved into the apartment when the occupants went to work off shore and would not be needing the apartment.

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He feels certain that in June, 1965, BLACKWELL paid the rent to the owner. He indicated that he left about June, 1965, and returned to Columbia, South Carolina, where he lived with a woman named JUNE TAYLOR. He stated he stayed in Columbia for about a month and then returned to New Orleans, but rather than staying at the Canal Bank Inn, he stayed at an unrecalled motel on Chef-Menteur Highway under his true name. He indicated he remained here for a month or a month and a half, during which time he just gambled at various establishments in Slidell, Louisiana, which is about 20 miles from New Orleans. He did visit BLACKWELL at the Canal Bank Inn during this time and BLACKWELL had another roommate, name unrecalled. He stated after he left New Orleans, he was in Dallas and Irving, Texas, and that he was here on two occasions; however, he cannot recall just exactly when this was. He stated he believes one of the times was in 1966, when he stayed at 1627 Cooper Street, in Irving, Texas, and had a job with a firm known as Shedd Bardish Foods, Inc.

Still in 1965, exact dates unrecalled, he traveled to Las Vegas, Nevada, where he stayed at the Horseshoe Club under the names of ROBERT JAMES, Dallas, Texas. He stated that while here he sent a telegram to his wife in Pennsylvania, and she joined him in Las Vegas. He stated they then traveled to Artesia, New Mexico. He believes he arrived in Artesia sometime in July, 1965, at which time he opened a fruit stand, which he called Robert's Produce, located in the 4900 block of Main Street. He stated he and his wife lived right behind the fruit stand. In August, 1965, he took his wife as far as Wilmington, Delaware, and called his brother and told him to come and return her to her home.

He then went to Hartford, Connecticut, and got a job at Williams Ford, where he took care of the used car lot. At this place of business he used the name JAMES ROBERTS and he stayed about two weeks. He stated that at the end of the second week he stole about \$1,500 from this company from a night deposit and left. He stated he does not recall the name of the place where he stayed in Hartford, Connecticut, but it was a room in some rooming house. He then traveled to Buffalo, New York, where he stayed at an unrecalled hotel under the name LAURENT RIQUIER. He stated this was in the latter

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part of 1965, and the only reason he went to Buffalo was so that he could travel to nearby Batavia, New York, to bet on the horses. He stayed about two weeks and then returned to New Orleans, where he continued his gambling activities in various clubs in Slidell and Covington, Louisiana. He stayed in a motel in New Orleans called "Monte Leon" under the name LAURENT RIQUIER. He stated that this was toward the end of 1965, and that BLACKWELL was still staying at the Canal Bank Inn. He stated he wanted to emphasize that the owner of the Canal Bank Inn is incorrect when he says that he stayed at the inn from May to December, 1965, on a continuous basis. He stated this is not so and that he was quite transient during most of this period.

BILLINGS stated he believes he can be of assistance in this investigation, however, he would have to have an assurance of a Federal detainer lodged against him at the Medical Center being dismissed. He was informed that no such promise could be made to him.

Again, for information of receiving offices, it is documented that BILLINGS has been and still is of questionable mental competency.

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Air Mail

TO: SAC, LOUISVILLE
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) -P-
RE: MURKIN

Reference St. Louis teletype to Bureau, 5/20/68.

For information of Louisville and Omaha Divisions, which did not receive referenced teletype, the St. Louis Division advised as follows on 5/20/68:

IVAN DALE UNDERWOOD, former inmate, Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, on 5/20/68 advised he was not acquainted with JAMES EARL RAY while UNDERWOOD was incarcerated at the Missouri State Penitentiary. On basis of name and photograph, UNDERWOOD believes RAY is identical with an individual who worked with RALPH RENFRO for a short period during the late 1950's at Joplin, Missouri. RENFRO carried on a furnace and heating business and would "finger" residence and business establishments in Joplin area. On pretext of free inspection of premises, RENFRO would gain entrance to case establishment for possible robbery or burglary, or if the owner was gullible, he would attempt to sell a new heating unit. As of 18 months ago, RENFRO was working at an independent oil company service station on 20th Street in Joplin, Missouri, and hung out at Elmer's Bar, Main Street, also at Joplin.

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UNDERWOOD claims he knew RAY only through their mutual association with RENFRO.

UNDERWOOD described RENFRO as a white male, age 42.

UNDERWOOD wishes his identity be concealed as the source of the above information.

In an effort to locate and interview RALPH RENFRO to determine if he had in the past employed JAMES EARL RAY or had any knowledge as to his whereabouts, the following investigation was conducted by SAs JOSEPH W. JACKSON and LAWRENCE R. NOLAN:

AT JOPLIN, MISSOURI

On 5/21/68 a review of Polk's City Directory for Joplin, Missouri, 1956-1967 editions, failed to reveal any information regarding RALPH RENFRO.

On 5/21/68 a review of the current combined telephone directory for Joplin, Carl Junction, Cartersville, and Webb City, Missouri, area failed to reveal a telephone listed to RALPH RENFRO.

On 5/21/68 IRENE CLARK, Clerk, Records and Identification Bureau, Police Department; CLENNIS EUGENE COPELAND, Chief Deputy Sheriff, and RACHEL BRAXTON, Credit Bureau, all advised records of their respective offices contained no reference to RALPH RENFRO and that they had never known anyone by that name as a resident of Joplin, Missouri.

On 5/21/68 the following individuals all stated they did not know RALPH RENFRO as either a present or former resident of Joplin, Missouri;

EARL FORTNER, Records and Identification Officer, Police Department;

WALTER H. FLENNER, Captain of Detectives, Police Department;

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HAROLD AEBEN, Detective, Police Department;

W. T. NAYLOR, Dispatcher, Police Department;

OLEN J. DANIELS, Detective, Police Department;

JOHN HUBANKS, Lieutenant, Police Department.

On 5/21/68 JAMES H. RENTFRO, Branch Manager, Lairmore's Armored Car Service, advised while he did not know RALPH RENTFRO it seemed to him RALPH RENTFRO about two years ago had briefly been employed at the Consumers Service Station, Inc., 2002 Main Street, Joplin. RENTFRO stated while he had never met RALPH RENTFRO, that he, JAMES H. RENTFRO, recalled having been asked by his brother-in-law, HAL N. STEPHENS, Manager, Consumers Service Station, Inc., if he was any kin to RALPH RENTFRO, an attendant at the station, and that he, JAMES H. RENTFRO, had replied that he had never heard of and was no kin to anyone named RALPH RENTFRO. In this regard, RENTFRO said he had never met RALPH RENTFRO and had no idea as to his present location.

On 5/21/68 Patrolman WILLIAM R. STEPHENS, Police Department, advised an individual named RENTFRO had briefly worked for HAL N. STEPHENS, his father, at the Consumers Service Station, Inc., 2002 Main; however, Patrolman STEPHENS related he had never met RENTFRO and had no information as to the latter named individual's whereabouts. He also advised he was of the opinion HAL N. STEPHENS had discharged RENTFRO nearly two years ago, possibly for drinking on the job.

On 5/22/68 HAL N. STEPHENS, Manager, Consumers Service Station, Inc., advised he had hired a drifter named RALPH RENTFRO to work as an attendant on 4/2/66, and had fired RENTFRO for drinking on the job on 6/22/66. RENTFRO was not reliable, drank heavily, always drew against his earnings, and has not been seen by STEPHENS since he was

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fired. STEPHENS did recall that at Christmas, 1966, RENFRO had mailed a Christmas card to the service station employees from some western state, possibly Washington; however, STEPHENS said he had thrown the Christmas card away and actually had not paid any attention to the postmark, but had only noted it was some western state.

STEPHENS said he did not know whether RENFRO was married or single, that he had never seen RENFRO in company with any person away from his place of employment, and did not have the slightest idea in what city RENFRO might be living at this time. He could only state that RENFRO had left Joplin nearly two years ago and that RENFRO's present whereabouts are unknown to him.

STEPHENS said RENFRO, Social Security [redacted] had lived at 2124 Adele, telephone MAyfair 4-9279, Joplin, Missouri, and STEPHENS did not know whether RENFRO had been a roomer at that address or had rented the entire house. Also as an employment reference, which had not been verified, RENFRO had listed that he had previously worked as a part-time service station attendant for CURTIS RENFRO, Standard Oil Company Service Station, Lexington, Kentucky.

On 5/22/68 it was determined telephone number MA 4-9279, furnished by RENFRO to HAL N. STEPHENS, was listed to EMMA JEAN WHIPPLE, aka Mrs. Floyd Whipple, 2124 Adele, Joplin, Missouri.

On 5/22/68 the house at 2124 Adele was found to be vacant.

On 5/22/68 JOHN HOSWELL, 2126 Adele, advised EMMA JEAN WHIPPLE, aka Mrs. Floyd Whipple, had moved from her home at 2124 Adele to Ames, Iowa, about a year ago, and that he was unable to furnish her residence or employment address at that city. He stated he did not know RALPH RENFRO as a former resident at 2124 Adele, but presumed he had been a roomer at that address prior to the departure of Mrs. WHIPPLE from Joplin.

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On 5/22/68 ELMER COY, owner, Elmer's Place, 903 Main, a tavern catering to "Skid Row" types, advised he recalled RALPH RENFRO as a drifter who had worked briefly at a service station in Joplin and as a former patron. COY said he had not seen RENFRO in Joplin in over a year and did not have the slightest idea where RENFRO might be located at this time.

On 5/22/68 HELEN GLOVER, Cook, Helen's Cafe, 903 1/2 Main, mother-in-law of GEORGE WAYNE DOTY, who was arrested by SA JOSEPH W. JACKSON on 12/28/67 for the armed robbery on 9/29/67 of the Scott Valley Bank, Fort Jones, California, advised she recalled RALPH RENFRO as a customer at the cafe when he had been employed as an attendant in an area service station. Mrs. GLOVER said RENFRO had disappeared from Joplin a year or so ago and that she did not have the slightest idea as to his present location.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

On 5/22/68 ROBERT BENTLEY, Superintendent of Mails, advised no change of address cards had been filed by either RALPH RENFRO or EMMA JEAN WHIPPLE, aka Mrs. Floyd Whipple, when they moved from 2124 Adele Street, Joplin, Missouri, and that the present location of these individuals is unknown to him.

LEADS:

LOUISVILLE DIVISION

At Lexington, Kentucky:

1) Will, through CURTIS RENFRO, Standard Oil Company Service Station, endeavor to establish the whereabouts of RALPH RENFRO, whose interview is desired in order to

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determine if RALPH RENFRO did in fact in the past employ JAMES EARL RAY in the furnace and heating business at Joplin, Missouri, and for any information RALPH RENFRO may be able to supply regarding RAY's background and possible whereabouts,

2) Will, in the event investigation establishes CURTIS RENFRO to be unknown at Lexington, submit request to Bureau for approval for a search to be made through records of Baltimore Confidential Source (FD-266) as to RALPH RENFRO, Social Security Number [redacted] in an effort to establish RENFRO's current or recent whereabouts.

OMAHA DIVISION

At Ames, Iowa:

1) Will, through established sources of information, locate and interview EMMA JEAN WHIPPLE, aka Mrs. Floyd Whipple, for the whereabouts of RALPH RENFRO as a possibility exists RENFRO may have corresponded with Mrs. WHIPPLE after RENFRO left Joplin, Missouri.

2) Will, in the event Mrs. WHIPPLE is able to furnish the whereabouts of RALPH RENFRO, set out lead to have RENFRO interviewed to determine if RENFRO did in fact in the past employ JAMES EARL RAY at Joplin, Missouri, and for any information RENFRO may be able to supply regarding RAY's background and possible whereabouts.

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Date: 5/24/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686) (P)MURKIN
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Re Oklahoma City airtel to Bureau 4/30/68; telephone call from JOE KELLY, Bureau Supervisor, Civil Rights Division to Oklahoma City 5/3/68; Oklahoma City teletype to Bureau 5/4/68; and Omaha teletype to Oklahoma City 5/4/68.

Re: LOCATION OF ROBERT DALE PORTER

The following is a summary of the investigation to re-locate ROBERT DALE PORTER after reBu telephone call.

At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

CARMEN RAMAGE, 1642 N. W. 12th; PCI HAROLD BAILEY ATLEE, Blood Plasma Center, 505 West Main; HERMAN SWAIN, Clerk, Hudson Hotel, 331 W. Sheridan; PCI MIKE MC FARLAND, Cedar Lounge, 738 North Indiana; BERTHA WILSON and WINONA RISCH, Winnie's Tap Room, 424 W. Sheridan; JAMES RALPH SPERRY, 814 W. Sheridan; and MINNIE HUGHES, Double R Bar, 510 W. Sheridan, have been contacted on a continuing basis since they are acquainted with PORTER and are persons he would logically contact if he were in Oklahoma City. None of the above persons have observed PORTER or heard of his whereabouts in Oklahoma City since he

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was last interviewed by BuAgents 4/29/68 at Oklahoma City. In addition to the above, contact has been made with numerous other sources in Oklahoma City without determining PORTER's whereabouts. All of the above have indicated they would notify the FBI immediately should any of them learn of PORTER's whereabouts.

LEADS

OMAHA DIVISION

At Waverly, Iowa

Will maintain contact with PORTER's family, and will set out logical leads to contact relatives of PORTER in an attempt to determine present whereabouts. Will advise Oklahoma City when ROBERT DALE PORTER located so that contact with logical persons in Oklahoma City may be terminated.

KANSAS CITY DIVISION

At Jefferson City, Missouri

Will advise Oklahoma City and Omaha results of interview with ex-guard JOHN STOUT when located and whether or not he is identical with ex-guard mentioned by PORTER to RAMAGE in telephone conversation so that contact with logical persons and family may be discontinued.

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5-28-68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) P
RE: MURKIN
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Re KC tel, 5-22-68.

RE: FORMER INMATE, NATHAN J. MURPHY

On 5-24-68, JOHN A. ZITZ, 3177a Oregon St., SLMO, was contacted at his residence whereupon he advised that his name was ZITZ and not ZITZENZANICH and that he did not remember a man by the name of NATHAN J. MURPHY. He said that he had a couple of former prisoners staying at his place for a short period about three or four years ago but he could not remember their names. He advised that since his wife left him and ran off with an ex-convict he wanted to forget the past. He could offer no additional information.

Several unsuccessful attempts were made on 5-24-68, in an effort to contact the residence of 2836 Eads Ave., SLMO.

On 5-27-68, CHARLES MOSS, mail carrier for the SL Post Office, Benton Rt. #427, SLMO, advised that he has been delivering mail for the past 10 years and that he did not recall the name of NATHAN J. MURPHY or Mrs. MURPHY as residing at 2836 Eads Ave.

He stated that the house located at 2836 Eads Ave. was vacant for approximately 6 to 7 months and that it was purchased approximately 8 to 9 months ago by an elderly man and wife by the last name of BOUDOU (phonetic). He stated that he did not know the man's name but indicated that the wife's first name was TRUDY.

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Date: 5/27/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (P)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE FLOYD EVANS HILL, aka
 Jimmy Lee Hill
 Former Missouri State
 Penitentiary Inmate
 with Subject.

Re San Francisco teletype to Los Angeles dated
 5/22/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA
 LEO C. BAILEY at Los Padres, California.

Records, State of California, Department of
 Corrections, California Men's Colony, East Facility, that
 were made available on 5/24/68 by Records Officer ROBERT
 TAKAHASHI, contained the following information on FLOYD
EVANS HILL, California State Prison No. B11112:

HILL, charged as JIMMY LEE HILL, was received
 by the California Department of Corrections on 10/3/67
 from Los Angeles County to serve a six months to ten years
 sentence for Grand Theft of a Firearm, which sentence was
 ordered to run consecutively to Missouri sentence to which
 HILL is subject. HILL was arrested on this charge on 6/17/67,
 at which time he had a revolver in the unlocked glove com-
 partment of his vehicle.

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These records revealed that HILL was convicted of Grand Theft in the Circuit Court, State of Missouri, County of Barton on 10/10/66, and was sentenced to State Prison. HILL was paroled to California from Missouri on 5/16/67.

A social evaluation of HILL reveals he has average intelligence, but has a noticeable difficulty accurately expressing himself. His lack of education tends to be magnified by his hillbilly accent, and backwoods logic.

HILL was on parole from Missouri and had been out of that institution only a very short period of time prior to his involvement leading to his arrest and continual confinement since 6/17/67.

On 5/24/68, FLOYD EVANS HILL, California State Prison No. B11112 was interviewed at the above institution and furnished the following information:

He was arrested 6/17/67 by Los Angeles Sheriff's Office near Compton, California, has been in continual confinement since, and is serving a sentence of six months to ten years for Grand Theft of Pistol.

He was arrested for Grand Theft of Copper Wire in Barton County, Missouri in October, 1966, convicted, and sentenced to the Missouri State Penitentiary for a two years period. By about 11/21/66, he arrived at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, to start serving his sentence, and where he was confined for about 1½ months thereafter being transferred to the Men's Institution Training Center, Moberly, Missouri, where he remained for about six months. From there, he was transferred to a Missouri State Penitentiary honor farm called Rinse Farm (phonetic) which is just across the bridge from the State Prison at Jefferson City, where he was confined for only a couple of weeks prior

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to release on parole on 5/16/67. When released on parole, he flew to California by airlines and was on the street about one month prior to his arrest confinement on 6/17/67.

At the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, he was confined in a two-man cell, but was moved around quite a bit and had quite a few different cellmates. At Moberly, Missouri, they had individual cells, and Rinse Farm housed them in barrack-type buildings.

HILL said he knew a lot of the inmates in the Missouri State Penitentiary at the above locations, but he does not know their names. He initially stated that he cannot place JAMES EARL RAY by name, photograph, or description as having been a cellmate at any of the above institutions. Upon further reflection and consideration, EVANS thought the center photograph on the FBI Wanted Flyer No. 442-A looked a little familiar to him, but he still definitely does not recognize RAY as having been one of his cellmates. He said that if RAY is identical to the person who he recalls resembled the center photograph on the above Wanted Flyer, that person was only a casual acquaintance of his. The man who resembled the center photograph on the Wanted Flyer walked back and forth to work with him at Moberly, Missouri Institution. The person who resembled the photograph on the Wanted Flyer worked in the woodshop at Moberly and HILL went to school there for a while and worked in the plumbing shop. HILL stated he did not get too well acquainted with this individual and can recall nothing of value about the person that he thinks resembles RAY except that person claimed to know quite a bit about safes, was to get out soon and wanted some help in writing up scores which HILL ignored since he wanted no part of it. As he recalls, the person he knew who resembled the center photograph on the Wanted Flyer of RAY wanted to score on safes in California and "go to Mexico and cool it." EVANS stated that since he was not interested in the matter, no specific place in California or Mexico was mentioned.

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EVANS repeatedly denied that he knows RAY or anything about RAY other than stated that above and was emphatic in pointing out that he had no contact with RAY or the person who resembled RAY when he, HALL, was in California on the street in May and April, 1967.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Kansas City teletype to the Director, Et Al, 5/21/68, re WILLIAM F. SCHOLL, and Los Angeles airtel to the Director dated 5/10/68 re GALE FISHER.

RE: FELLOW INMATES

On 5/23/68, WILLIAM FRED SCHOLL was located and interviewed at which time he advised that he was not acquainted with JAMES EARL RAY and could not recall any information of value concerning him.

On the same date, GALE FRANKLIN FISHER was located and interviewed and at first advised that he did not recall anyone by the name of JAMES EARL RAY at the Missouri State Penitentiary. After viewing a photograph of the subject, he immediately recognized it as an individual with whom he had worked for several months in the kitchen at Missouri State Penitentiary. FISHER said that he occasionally spoke to RAY and sometime saw him in the exercise yard but he was never close to him in any way and they never discussed any personal things.

FISHER said that he and the subject traveled in different crowds and RAY did not seem to be exceptionally friendly with anyone although he spent most of his time with

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