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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Police Department Saint Louis, Missouri	James Earl Ray #81071	October 16, 1959	suspicion of robbery stealing and fugitive other authorities	
State Penitentiary Jefferson City, Missouri	Janes Earl Ray #00416	March 17, 1960	"TC" operating motor vehicle without permission of owner robbery first "b/m DDW" (2 charges)	20 years (20, 7, 5, concurrent)
State Hospital Number 1 Fulton, Missouri	James Earl Ray #37045 C-5	September 8, 1966	Patient	

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	WANTED: James Earl Ray for escape April 23, 1967 (operating motor vehicle without permission of owner; robbery first degree "b/m of a D & DW") (will extradite) Notify Warden State Penitentiary Jefferson City, Missouri information received May 10, 1967.			

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	WANTED BY BUREAU: James Earl Ray, also known as, James McBride, James Walyon, W.C. Herron, James O'Conner, Jim, for unlawful flight to avoid custody-robbery first Fugitive Index #121426 Bureau file #88-41730 Office of Origin Kansas City information received July 27, 1967. CAUTION: ARMED AND DANGEROUS			
	Alias: James Walton			
44-388-1	WANTED BY BUREAU: Eric Starvo Galt, also known as Harvey Lowmyer, John Willard, Civil Rights-Conspiracy Fugitive Index #127540 Bureau File #44-38861 Office of Origin Memphis. Information received April 19, 1968. CAUTION: ARMED AND DANGEROUS	87-3650 88-2496	John F. Willard 66-869 77-872 116-872 77-2790	Memphis S. C. 10/6/68
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Director

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Date: APRIL 25, 1968

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861), MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, NEW
ORLEANS, LOS ANGELES AND SAN FRANCISCO

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (44-388) (P)

MURKIN

MILWAUKEE JOURNAL REPORTER TOM LUBENOW ^{TODAY} ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

AFTER READING RECENT "NEWSWEEK" ARTICLE FROM LOS ANGELES
RE JERRI PETERSON, W/F, HAIR, BLONDE, EYES, BLUE, REPORTEDLY
GIRL FRIEND OF JAMES EARL RAY, HE RECEIVED INFO FROM SOURCE
HE REFUSES TO IDENTIFY IN LA, INDICATING A FEMALE, MEETING SAID
DESCRIPTION, LEFT LA ABOUT A WEEK AGO AND REPORTEDLY CHECKED
INTO ROYAL HOTEL, MILWAUKEE, WITH MAN VAGUELY RESEMBLING RAY.
FEMALE REPORTEDLY NAMED DYRELL DENNIS.

DENNIS IMMEDIATELY LOCATED AT TOWNE HOTEL, MILWAUKEE,
AND INTERVIEWED. STATES SHE LEFT LA ALONE VIA GREYHOUND BUS
APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS AGO TO VISIT SEVENTEEN YEAR OLD SON,
[REDACTED] IN MILWAUKEE. STATES PREVIOUSLY EMPLOYED AT
BEVERLY WILSHIRE HOTEL, WILSHIRE BOULEVARD, LA, AS SWITCHBOARD

① - MILWAUKEE

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OPERATOR UNDER ABOVE NAME UNTIL MARCH NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT.
PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENTS, LA TIMES - NINETEEN FIFTY ONE TO
FIFTY FOUR; MOTION PICTURE STUDIO, NOW "DESILU" - NINETEEN
FORTY FIVE TO FORTY NINE. DENNIS FURNISHED HOME ADDRESS AS
✓ ELEVEN FIFTY ONE WILCOX, LOS ANGELES. DENNIS DENIES ANY

KNOWLEDGE OF JAMES EARL RAY OR ERIC STARVO GALT. *STATED INTENDS TO
REMAIN IN MILWAUKEE IF CAN OBTAIN EMPLOYMENT. WILL RETURN TO LA OTHERWISE*
DENNIS DESCRIBED AS W/F, FIVE FOOT THREE INCHES, ONE

HUNDRED TEN POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, GREEN EYES, DATE OF BIRTH,

AT JANESVILLE, WISCONSIN.

DENNIS REGISTERED ALONE AT ROYAL MOTEL, *ROOM #208* MILWAUKEE, FOUR
FOURTEEN TO FOUR TWENTY ONE DURING WHICH PERIOD ACTIVITIES
~~SUCH AS~~ NARCOTICS OR PROSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITIES *SUSPECTED*.

DENNIS ADMITS SAN FRANCISCO ARREST NINETEEN FIFTY SEVEN
AS VAGRANT AND ADDICT AND POSSIBLY ADDITIONAL ARRESTS LA AND
SAN FRANCISCO VICINITIES.

BASED UPON PREVIOUS INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM LA, IT WOULD
APPEAR LUBENOW'S SOURCE IN THIS MATTER IS LOUIS LOMAX, CONTROVERSIAL
NEGRO ^{TV} PERSONALITY WHOSE PROGRAM ^{WAS} RECENTLY TERMINATED AT LA AND DENNIS
IS ~~UNDENIABLY~~ ^{PROBABLY} IDENTICAL WITH JERRI (LNU), THE
MYSTERIOUS BLONDE REFERRED TO BY LOMAX IN
ARTICLES APPEARING 4/24 LAST AT LOS ANGELES
AND NEW ORLEANS.

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LA-DETERMINE AND ADVISE IF DENNIS LEGITIMATE PERSON
AND IF PERTINENT TO THIS INVESTIGATION.

SAN FRANCISCO-FURNISH LA WITH PHOTOGRAPH OF DENNIS
FOR POSSIBLE SHOWING TO WITNESSES WHO SAW RAY WITH BLONDE
FEMALE.

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Ray Reportedly Wanted 'Bounty'

From Press Dispatches

Dalton, Ga. - A prison friend of James Earl Ray said Tuesday that when Ray heard there was a "million dollar bounty" on the Rev. Martin Luther King, jr., he smiled and said: "I'll collect it."

Ray, a 40 year old fugitive from the Missouri state prison, is sought by the FBI in connection with the assassination of King in Memphis Apr. 4.

The prison friend, Raymond Curtis, 40, who is in the Dalton jail awaiting appeal on a murder sentence, said word of a million dollar kitty supposedly being raised by a Ku Klux Klan "businessmen's association" was circulated about a week after the assassi-

nation of President John F. Kennedy in November, 1963.

Curtis, who was in Missouri state prison with Ray at the time, said Ray's reaction to the Kennedy assassination was: "Well, somebody made a pretty penny on that."

No Evidence of Bounty

There is no evidence that a \$1 million bounty was ever started for the death of King, nor any evidence of such a klan "businessmen's association."

Curtis, who has been interviewed by the FBI in the King case, said he had known Ray in the Kansas City jail, in federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan., and in the state prison at Jefferson City, Mo.

He described Ray as likable, addicted to drugs, a "loner"

and a man concerned only with money.

Curtis said Ray never mentioned racial matters. "He never made no statements of any kind in a group," Curtis said.

Was "Mastermind"

According to Curtis, Ray could not "make a long conversation unless he was planning something."

"If he was planning something, you could bet they'd be thorough plans," Curtis said, adding that Ray had masterminded things "that would be small things outside, but were pretty big jobs in prison." He mentioned the theft of such things as eggs and drugs and cigarettes.

He said Ray told him that if he ever wanted to kill someone, he would buy a gun under a false name, and have everything ready for an escape. "He used to talk a lot about escaping to New Zealand, Brazil and Argentina," Curtis said.

In other developments in the King case:

Harold Swenson, warden at the Missouri state prison, said Ray's brother, John was visited in the prison a day before James escaped last year. An FBI complaint filed on Apr. 17 accused Eric Starvo Galt, whom the FBI has since identified as James Earl Ray, of conspiring with "an individual whom he alleged to be his brother," to violate King's civil rights.

A report that the FBI was still looking for Eric Starvo Galt in Florida was based on the use of old information, law officers in Tallahassee said Tuesday. An FBI alert distributed in Florida Monday disregarded the announcement last week that Galt and Ray "were one and the same person," an FBI agent said.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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MILWAUKEE JOURNAL
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

Date: 4/24/68

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Editor: RICHARD H. LEONARD

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (44-388) (P)

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : SA RALPH D. PERRIGO

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following investigation was conducted by
SA RALPH D. PERRIGO and SA DONALD E. REILLY:

On 4/22/68, ELMER GUESCH and EDGAR POE,
Bartenders, Hoppe's Bar, 40th and Fond du Lac Avenue,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin, were exhibited photographs
of JAMES EARL RAY, and each stated that he could not
recall having observed an individual at the Bar resembling
RAY.

On the above date, MICHAEL A. SABBATH, General
Manager, West Allis Inn, South 74th and West Greenfield
Avenue, West Allis, Wisconsin, RANDY PORUBCAN, DUANE
SWATEK, Bartenders, RUTH JOHNSON, and DONNA SILVERMAN,
Desk Clerks, were exhibited photographs of JAMES EARL RAY,
and all stated they could not recall having observed
anyone resembling RAY at the Inn.

A check was made of the registration cards for
the dates 4/17, 18, and 19/68, but failed to reveal
anyone registering under the name of JOHN, LNU, from
St. Louis.

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Post Office Box 663
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201
April 25, 1968

Commander Donald Hintze
United States Coast Guard
Marine Inspection Team
135 West Wells
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53203

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are four Wanted Flyers Number 442-A, which are furnished your office as a supplement to Wanted Flyers furnished your office on April 19, 1968.

It is noted that the enclosed Wanted Flyers are in the name of James Earl Ray, and although the pictures appear similar to those on the Wanted Flyers for Eric Starvo Galt, the difference is that the eyes drawn in on the enclosed Flyers are taken from known photographs of James Earl Ray.

Your continued efforts and cooperation in this matter are sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,

HAROLD E. CAMPBELL, JR.
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (44-388) (P)

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM Y. DORAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of SA J. RICHARD NICHOLS, 4/20/68.

On 4/20/68, SA's RALPH D. PERRIGO and DONALD E. REILLY interviewed BONNIE SPARZA, who was employed as a waitress at Dal's Hamburger Stand on the corner of 13th and Wisconsin Avenue, concerning information of re memo. Mrs. SPARZA stated she did not recall incidents reported in re memo nor did she recall seeing anyone resembling JAMES EARL RAY. Photographs of RAY were displayed to Mrs. SPARZA; however, she stated she still could not recall this man being in her establishment.

On 4/23/68, SANDRA PEKRUN, 1727 West Kilbourn, and ALICE HOLMES, the proprietors of Dal's Hamburger Stand, were both interviewed at the Hamburger Stand and advised that the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY appeared familiar to them, and that a man resembling RAY had been in the restaurant several times within the last year. They stated they could not say when this man was last seen. They stated he had a crewcut the last time they recalled seeing him, and the only picture of RAY he resembled was the one at the Missouri Penitentiary in 1960 when RAY had a crewcut. HOLMES and PEKRUN were asked to immediately notify the Milwaukee Office of the FBI should this man return to their establishment, which they agreed to do.

No further investigation is being conducted in this matter.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (44-388) (P)

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM Y. DORAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/22/68, at approximately 5 p.m., Detective DANIEL SCHRAMM, Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin, Police Department, telephonically contacted the Milwaukee Office of the FBI and furnished the following information:

He stated that on that date he received a call from his mother, EVELYN SCHRAMM, who is the operator of Schramm's Tavern, W164N9067 Water Street, Menomonee Falls. She stated that some of her customers had told her that one of her roomers looks very similar to the person being sought for the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING. She stated he moved in about a week ago and used the name JOHN BECKWITH. She further advised he is unemployed and has told her he works as a welder, long distance trucker, and construction worker. He also told her he comes from Appleton, Wisconsin. She described BECKWITH as a white male, 5'11" to 6', 35-40 years old, 170 lbs., with medium length hair, graying at the temples. BECKWITH was driving a 1964 white, two-door bearing 1968 Wisconsin Plates E30134. Detective SCHRAMM said he checked his plates and determined they are listed to a JOHN BECKWITH of 630 Elm Street, Waupaca, Wisconsin. SCHRAMM further advised he contacted the Waupaca Sheriff's Office on the same date where he learned that JOHN DAVID BECKWITH, date of birth [redacted] has lived in that area for many years, has no record, but is considered very odd. He stated he further contacted the Appleton Police Department where he determined the only record they have of JOHN BECKWITH is an attempted suicide on 2/23/64.

In view of the above information, the writer does not consider further investigation warranted in this matter as it is felt BECKWITH has been adequately eliminated by Detective SCHRAMM.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (44-388) (P)

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM Y. DORAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of SA RAYMOND L. JOHNSON, 4/22/68.

On 4/23/68, MARGUERITE LARSON of Apartment 101, 505 North 26th Street, was interviewed at her place of employment, the Towne Hotel, 723 North Third Street, by the writer and SA JAMES D. MOGRIDGE, at which time she furnished the following information:

She stated that the incidents recorded in re memo appear to have concerned a close friend of hers by the name of WILLIAM HUGHES. She stated that HUGHES formerly worked for her and is presently employed nights by the Randolph Hotel at Fourth and Wisconsin. She stated that HUGHES has been coming to dinner at her home every evening, and she has, on occasion, lent him the key to the front door of her apartment building. She stated that no other man has visited her home in the last few months other than WILLIAM HUGHES.

On the same date, WILLIAM HUGHES, 755 North 25th Street, was contacted by the same Agents and was immediately eliminated for consideration in this matter by his physical appearance.

Recontact with LESTER BLIFFERT, Apartment 101, 505 North 26th Street, determined that BLIFFERT was not absolutely sure that he had seen two different people at the LARSON residence. He stated that he had seen the face of only one of the men and therefore, could not be sure that the two individuals he saw at separate times were not one and the same person.

No further investigation is contemplated in this matter.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (44-388) (P)

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM Y. DORAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/25/68, NEVILLE NETHERTON, aka BUD, Chief Security Officer, J. C. Penney Company, 11800 West Burleigh, telephonically contacted the writer and stated he was calling in connection with a previous contact he made with SA DONALD E. REILLY concerning an individual by the name of EDWIN J. GAULT, who was employed by Penney's between 8/11 and 9/6/67. NETHERTON stated he had located GAULT's application for employment, and that by the said application, he had determined the following information concerning GAULT:

During GAULT's stay in Milwaukee, he resided at 5120 West Center Street, and he had come to Milwaukee from Gary, Indiana. His Social Security Number is

NETHERTON further advised that on 4/3/68, J. C. Penney received a letter from GAULT requesting a W-2 Form. The return address on said letter was U.S. Post Office, General Delivery, 822 C Street, Haywood, California. NETHERTON advised that GAULT's date of birth is

In view of the above information, it would appear that EDWIN J. GAULT is an obvious non-ident with instant case, and therefore, no further investigation appears warranted.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, Milwaukee (44-388)

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : SA DANIEL E. BRANDT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RICHARD VAN SCOY, Milwaukee Road RR detective, Milwaukee Road Depot, telephonically contacted Milwaukee Office 10:15 a.m. 4/18/68. He advised he had observed an individual in the Milwaukee Road Depot during the period of 12:30 a.m. - 1:45 a.m., 4/18/68. This individual had dinner and appeared to loiter in the depot. This individual returned at approximately 5:40 a.m. at which time he was observed by a baggage man CLAYTON DENASHUS (ph).

VAN SCOY described this individual as:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'8"
Weight	160-170
Age	35
Complexion	Dark
Hair	Dark - 2 days growth of beard
Wearing	Dark zipper jacket and dark hat

VAN SCOY advised this individual resembled description of ERIC STARVO GALT and suggested that a photo of GALT be exhibited to both himself and CLAYTON DENASHUS.

LEADS

MILWAUKEE OFFICE - AT MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Will secure photo of GALT for exhibiting to above individuals at Milwaukee Road Depot. (See attached)

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Stevens *CKS*

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Subsequent contact with the Milwaukee Road depot determined VANSCOY would not report for work until midnight but could be contacted at his home Route 1, Box 194, Franksville, Wisc., phone #425-3716.

It was also determined HENRY CLAYTON DENESEUS would also report for work at midnight, but could be contacted at his home, 5185 N. Hopkins, Milwaukee, Phone 462-4407.

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721 PM URGENT 4/25/68 VLB

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, NEW ORLEANS,

MILWAUKEE, ATLANTA AND SAN FRANCISCO

FROM: LOS ANGELES (44-1574)(P) 2P

MURKIN

RE MILWAUKEE TEL INSTANT DATE.

RE LOUIS LOMAX STORY REGARDING MYSTERIOUS BLOND.

MRS. GLORIA DAVIDSON, CALIFORNIA STATE NARCOTIC BUREAU,
VINEWOOD CENTER, ONE EIGHT THREE ONE NORTH VINE ST., LOS ANGELES,
ADVISED DYRELL DENNIS LEGITIMATE PERSON. FURTHER ADVISED DENNIS
HAS BEEN CONFINED AT NORCO STATE HOSPITAL, NORCO, CALIFORNIA
FOR PERIODS DATING BACK TO NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE AND WAS LAST
CONFINED TO HOSPITAL FROM MAY FOUR NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN TO
JANUARY ONE SIX NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT FOR NARCOTIC TREATMENT.
DENNIS RELEASED FROM HOSPITAL AND PLACED IN HALF WAY PROJECT
HOUSE AT VINEWOOD CENTER ON JANUARY ONE SIX NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT.
PERSONS REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN DAILY CONTACT AT CENTER AND DENNIS
DROPPED AS "AT LARGE" ON THREE TWENTY SIXTY EIGHT AND WARRANT FOR
ARREST NUMBER FOUR CRN ISSUED THREE TWENTY FIVE SIXTY EIGHT.
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SAC *KW*

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DENNIS STILL WANTED BUT STATE WILL NOT EXTRADITE ON THIS
TYPE OF WARRANT WHERE SUBJECT IS IN TREATMENT STATUS. RECORDS
OF NARCOTIC UNIT REFLECT DENNIS DOES HAVE SON SEVENTEEN YEARS
OF AGE BY NAME OF [REDACTED] AND SHE HAS BEEN EMPLOYED
AS SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR. DENNIS HAS CII NUMBER ONE TWO FIVE ONE
FOUR THREE FOUR. PHOTO'S BEING SECURED BY LOS ANGELES AND
INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

SAN FRANCISCO DISCONTINUE EFFORTS TO OBTAIN PHOTO.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-388)

FROM : ASAC THOMAS W. LEAVITT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/26/68

Reference is made to previous information received regarding one JERRI PETERSON from COP HAROLD BREIER.

Mr. JAMES KELLY, Executive Secretary and General Manager, Medical Society, 756 Mason, contacted the writer, 4/25/68, and advised that PETERSON had received emergency treatment from a local doctor during the period April 14 through 21, 1968. He related he was bringing this to our attention inasmuch as he had been contacted by a Journal reporter, ALEX DOBISH, who was making inquiry of the Medical Society regarding his doctor. He requested to be contacted by an Agent.

SA DORAN was contacted and instructed to see Mr. KELLY.

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Date: 4/24/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
AND ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) (P)

MURKIN

OO: Memphis

Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of photograph of subject JAMES EARL RAY, which was taken 1/4/66 at Missouri State Penitentiary.

Two copies of above-mentioned photograph are enclosed for each of the Continental Offices.

This additional photograph is being furnished, inasmuch as resemblance is quite different from previous photographs furnished, and it may be helpful in aiding sources to identify subject.

Also, it is to be noted that WALTER TERRY RIFE has been located and interviewed in this matter.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

3-Bureau (Enc. 4)
2-Each Continental Office (Enc. 2 each)
2-Kansas City
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M. J. Lawrence

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Approved: *[Signature]* Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-388)

FROM : SA (A) JOHN R. BABER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/26/68

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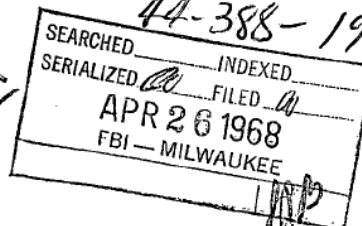
At 1:25 PM, TOM LUBINOW, Milwaukee Journal, telephonically contacted the office and insisted on contacting an Agent in the absence of ASAC THOMAS W. LEAVITT. I talked to him and he advised he had the woman in his office to whom SA WILLIAM DORAN had talked at the ~~Antlers~~ Hotel on the previous day. He requested an Agent to talk to DYRELL DENISS. He was advised that we were not planning to talk to her again as she had given her information previously. He stated she wanted to talk to an Agent.

I talked to a woman identifying herself as DYRELL DENISS and she advised she simply wanted to establish a place to live in Milwaukee as her 17-year-old son was here. She requested that the newspapers be advised to stop bothering her. I specifically advised her that the FBI did not have any control over what the newspapers did. She again requested that they be told we didn't have any further reason to talk to her.

Mr. LUBINOW again got on the phone and asked if we were going to talk to her. He was advised we had already talked to her and Mr. LEAVITT had already stated the FBI's position in the matter. He stated he would call Mr. LEAVITT again and hung up.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MILWAUKEE, MEMPHIS 44-1987

LOS ANGELES 44-1574, AND BIRMINGHAM 44-1740

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 1P

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RE: JAMES EARL RAY

FOR INFO MILWAUKEE, (NINETEEN SIXTYSIX MUSTANG ABANDONED BY RAY IN ATLANTA, APR. FIVE, LAST, HAS SEARS & ROEBUCK REPLACEMENT BATTERY. LOCATED ON TOP OF NEGATIVE POST IS NUMBER F FOUR ONE B E EIGHT. THE INSCRIPTION "SQUARE" FOUR EIGHT IS ON TOP OF A LEAD SHIELD WASHER AT THE NEGATIVE POST AND "C EIGHT" ON THE BOTTOM OF SAME WASHER.

MILWAUKEE REQUESTED TO CONTACT LARRY AMATEIS, FIELD SERVICE MANAGER, GLOBE UNION, INC., AND FROM THE ABOVE INFO ASCERTAIN SPECIFIC GLOBE UNION PLANT WHICH MANUFACTURED THIS BATTERY AND TO WHICH STATE, IF POSSIBLE, BATTERY WAS SHIPPED FOR SALE. SET OUT LEADS IF APPROPRIATE AND ADVISE ATLANTA, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM AND LOS ANGELES OF RESULTS.) P

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AND BIRMINGHAM (44-1740), ATLANTA (44-2386), LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (44-388)

RE JAMES EARL RAY

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, MILWAUKEE, MEMPHIS,
LOS ANGELES, AND BIRMINGHAM INSTANT DATE.

FOR INFO LOUISVILLE, RE TELETYPE ADVISED NINETEEN SIXTY SIX
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LARRY AMATEIS, FIELD SERVICE MANAGER, GLOBE UNION, INC., MILWAUKEE, ADVISED F-FOUR ONE INDICATES BATTERY MANUFACTURED AT LOUISVILLE PLANT, LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY AND THE "C EIGHT" INDICATES THAT THIS BATTERY WAS SHIPPED FROM THE LOUISVILLE PLANT TO A SEARS STORE IN MARCH OF SIXTY EIGHT.

HE ADVISED THAT LOUISVILLE SHIPS BATTERIES TO ALL OF KENTUCKY, MICHIGAN, OHIO, MISSOURI, N. E. PORTION OF INDIANA, SOUTHERN HALF OF W. VIRGINIA, NORTHERN PORTION OF TENNESSEE AND SOUTHERN HALF OF ILLINOIS.

HE ADVISED THE PERSONS TO CONTACT AT THE LOUISVILLE PLANT ARE MR. JOHN GAYHART OR MR. DARNELL, PHONE NO. FIVE ZERO TWO - NINE SIX FOUR - SIX FOUR THREE ONE.

HE STATED IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO DETERMINE EXACTLY WHAT SEARS STORE THIS BATTERY WAS SHIPPED TO. HE DOUBTS IF THE LOUISVILLE PLANT WOULD BE ABLE TO FURNISH THIS INFO UNLESS THERE WAS A WARRANTY CARD ISSUED WITH THE PURCHASE OF THE BATTERY.

LOUISVILLE AT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY. CONTACT MR. JOHN GAYHART FOR MORE SPECIFIC INFO RE INSTANT BATTERY.

~~AIRMAIL COPY TO ATLANTA.~~

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND
ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Atlanta airtel to Director, 4/22/68.

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AT 44-2386

For information those offices not receiving reairtel, it was pointed out therein that Subject JAMES EARL RAY, aka. was last known to be in the Atlanta, Georgia, area on 4/5/68. Intensive investigation by Atlanta to date has not established mode of transportation RAY may have used after 4/5/68. Receiving Offices were requested in reairtel to check cars recovered their division that were stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 4/4/68, and where the transporter of same was not identified or otherwise accounted for, investigation should be conducted to determine if RAY was person who may have stolen and transported same.

Investigation reflects Subject RAY can be placed in the Atlanta, Georgia, area 3/24/68.

In view of the above, all Continental Offices are requested to review car recoveries within their respective territories of cars stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 3/23/68, and where the transporter of same is not otherwise eliminated or accounted for, consider Subject RAY as suspect. Where there is any remote indication that Subject RAY may have been person transporting such a car, exhaustive and intensive investigation should thereafter be conducted.

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*James Redmond (neg) ch from 3/1/68. to
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TO: ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) -P-
RE: MURKIN
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Re ME airtel to All Continental Offices, 4/19/68, requesting that all laundries determined to be using Thermo-Seal laundry marking machines be contacted in effort to locate laundry marking "20R-3", and LA teletype to Bureau, 4/18/68.

All offices discontinue efforts to locate inasmuch as laundry mark identified as coming from laundry in Culver City, California, per Los Angeles teletype to Bureau, 4/18/68.

- 1 - Each Continental Office
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4:20 P.M. - 4-26-68 URGENT SCD
TO DIRECTOR AND MILWAUKEE
FROM OMAHA 44-310 1P

MURKIN

OMAHA RECEIVED HANDWRITTEN ANONYMOUS LETTER, WHICH WAS
MAILED IN OMAHA, APRIL TWENTY SIX. IT STATED THAT JAMES EARLE
RAY'S GIRLFRIEND IS JERRIE DURVAL OR DURUAL, COUNTY GENERAL
HOSPITAL, MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN. 25P-2040

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- Mrs. EDNA KRAHN, clk., Personnel Off.
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (44-388)

FROM : SA JOSEPH E. O'CONNELL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/26/68

At 12:30 p.m., 4/26/68, TOM LUEBENOW, Milwaukee JOURNAL newspaper reporter, was telephonically contacted at his office. LUEBENOW stated he had certain information concerning the assassination of KING and wanted to know "what's in it for me" if such information were furnished to the FBI. LUEBENOW was advised that the FBI had no comment on the KING case but if he had information to furnish to the FBI, we would be willing to accept such information. LUEBENOW stated that since that is the attitude of the FBI there is a waitress whose last name is ELLER working in the Royal Hotel, 5th and Michigan Streets, who has some information pertinent to the KING case.

Investigation conducted by the writer identified ELLERS as Mrs. HERBERT (LOIS) EHELER, 3236 West National Avenue, telephone No. 383-5967. Mrs. EHELER is employed as a waitress at the Royal Hotel Coffee Shop.

On 4/26/68, Mrs. EHELER furnished the following information:

She stated that a couple of days ago, she was speaking with MARY ANN WICKS, the switchboard operator of the Royal Hotel and that she mentioned to WICK that she recalled a customer in the coffee shop during March that resembled the wanted poster of RAY that she had seen published in the Milwaukee JOURNAL. She stated that WICK told her that if she thought this was the man who killed KING, she should furnish such information to the FBI.

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She stated that she told her husband about this and he told her to forget it since she undoubtedly sees many a bum at the Royal Hotel that may or may not be wanted by the FBI. Mrs. EHELER further stated that WICK told DAVE LEUSKI, the hotel manager, who in turn telephoned this information to the Milwaukee JOURNAL.

She said as a result of this she has been pestered by a reporter named TOM (LNU) who came to the coffee shop shortly after she arrived at 2:00 p.m. and told her he was putting her name in the newspaper.

Mrs. EHELER stated that the man whom she felt resembled the wanted poster of RAY was a guest at the hotel on March 26 - 28, 1968. She described him as a white male, 35 years of age, 5' 8", 175 pounds, dish-water blond hair worn long and bushy. She stated this individual was dressed in clean work clothes which she described as faded denim. Subject had a southern accent and always visited the coffee shop alone. She said even though he ordered substantial meals at the coffee shop, he never ate after being served the food and had complained to Mrs. EHELER that he was broke. She stated that one time he told her he was in Milwaukee looking for a job and that he was originally from Chicago.

On 4/26/68, MARY ANN WICK, switchboard operator of the Royal Hotel, stated that to the best of her knowledge, RAY has never been in the Royal Hotel.

Based upon the above information, no further investigation is being conducted at the Royal Hotel concerning the individual observed by Mrs. EHELER.

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TO: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Chicago airtel to Milwaukee, 4/19/68 and Milwaukee airtel to Chicago, 4/23/68.

Investigation at New York City disclosed that National Associations of Ballroom Dancers is unknown to officials of Dance Magazine Inc. and Ballroom Dancers Association. Also, no organization known that issues orange membership cards. Ballroom Dancers Association is a local club with approximately 75 members. Official advises she knows all members and none are similar to JAMES EARL RAY. No subscriptions located for RAY or FARBER.

Two other organizations were mentioned as possibilities they were: National Ballroom Operators Association, Box 624, Des Moines, Iowa and National Association of Dance Masters, 32 W. Randolph, Chicago, Illinois. Neither of these are known to issue orange membership cards. No leads being set out in view of Milwaukee establishing WILLIAM FERBER received traffic violations during period RAY was in jail.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (44-388)

FROM : SA DONALD E. REILLY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: April 26, 1968

Re Memo of SA DANIEL E. BRANDT to
SAC, Milwaukee, dated 4/18/68.

On 4/18/68, Mr. RICHARD VAN SCOY, Route 1,
Box 194, Franksville, Wisconsin, was shown additional
photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, in an effort to identify
him as the person being in the Milwaukee Railroad Depot
on 4/18/68.

RICHARD VAN SCOY examined the photos very
closely and advised that the individual he had seen in the
depot did not actually resemble the photos he was examining.
He advised the person that he saw at the depot had
extremely heavy type beard and was much older looking. He
stated that he does not know where this individual went.

On same date, Mr. HENRY CLAYTON DENASHUS, 5148
North Hopkins, Milwaukee was shown additional photos of
JAMES EARL RAY and stated that the individual he had seen
in the railroad depot on 4/18/68, was definitely not the
same person.

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TO ALL SACS RELAY MESSAGE PLAN
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P.

MURKIN.

THE MAIN FILE ON KING HAS BEEN REVIEWED AT THE BUREAU AND LEADS ARE BEING SENT OUT CONCERNING PERSONS INVOLVED IN PRIOR THREATS AGAINST KING. THESE LEADS AS WELL AS LEADS CONCERNING ANY OTHER SUSPECTS DEVELOPED FROM ANY SOURCE MUST BE GIVEN IMMEDIATE AND THOROUGH HANDLING ON A TOP PRIORITY BASIS. PROCESS HAS BEEN OBTAINED AGAINST JAMES EARL RAY AND EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING TO LOCATE RAY AND TO ESTABLISH MOTIVE OF CRIME. YOU HAVE BEEN AND WILL BE FURNISHED INFORMATION RELATING TO OTHER POSSIBLE CONSPIRATORS. THESE MUST ALL BE THOROUGHLY RESOLVED NO MATTER HOW REMOTE.

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11:17PM URGENT 4-26-68 REF

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, ATLANTA, NEW ORLEANS,
KANSAS CITY, MILWAUKEE, HOUSTON AND SAN ANTONIO
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) 7P

MURKIN

RE PURCHASE OF HANDCUFFS BY SUBJECT:

HERBERT F. GREENBERG, OWNER, INTERNATIONAL POLICE EQUIPMENT
CO., LOS ANGELES CONTACTED APRIL TWO SIX, INSTANT. HE MADE
AVAILABLE TYPEWRITTEN LETTER AND ENVELOPE FROM ERIC S. GALT, FIVE
FIVE THREE THREE HOLLYWOOD BLVD., HOLLYWOOD ADDRESSED TO TIFFANY
ENTERPRISES, EIGHT FIVE ONE TWO WHITWORTH DRIVE, LOS ANGELES.
ENVELOPE POSTMARKED PM, FEBRUARY TWO EIGHT, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT
AND LETTER DATED SAME. TYPED SIGNATURE OF ERIC S. GALT APPEARS
ON LETTER, AS DOES WRITTEN NAME. OTHER WRITING ON LETTER DONE BY
GREENBERG AT TIME ORDER FILLED. LETTER AND ENVELOPE BEING
FURNISHED FBI LABORATORY.

GREENBERG ADVISED SUBJECT MADE ORIGINAL ORDER FOR HANDCUFFS
TO TIFFANY ENTERPRISES ON FEBRUARY TWO SIX LAST. TIFFANY
DISTRIBUTES TO THEIR CUSTOMERS, OR SOMEONE ON THEIR MAILING LISTS,
BROCHURES OF GREENBERG'S WHICH CONTAINS AD FOR HANDCUFFS.
GREENBERG ADVISED SECRETARY FOR TIFFANY TOLD HIM APRIL TWO FIVE,
LAST, SHE NOW REMEMBERS ORDER. SHE ADVISED GREENBERG THERE WAS
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DELAY IN FILLING SUBJECT'S ORDER, AND GALT CALLED HER ON PHONE INSTRUCTING HER TO SEND HANDCUFFS IMMEDIATELY. SHE CALLED GREENBERG SAME DAY, GAVE HIM ORDER OVER PHONE. GREENBERG SENT HANDCUFFS FOLLOWING DAY, MARCH SIXTEEN LAST. SUBJECT PAID FOR PURCHASE BY MONEY ORDER IN AMOUNT OF NINE DOLLARS NINETY EIGHT CENTS. (PREVIOUS INQUIRY WAS CONDUCTED AT TIFFANY TO LOCATE REASON FOR THIS MONEY ORDER WHICH SUBJECT PURCHASED AT BANK OF AMERICA.)

RE RITA AND CHARLES STEIN:

REVIEW OF CALLS MADE LAST NINETY DAYS REFLECTS CALLS AS FOLLOWS FROM NEW ORLEANS OR TO NEW ORLEANS BY STEINS.

MARCH TWELVE, NINE FOUR SEVEN DASH ZERO NINE THREE ZERO, COLLECT FROM NEW ORLEANS.

MARCH TWENTY ONE AND TWENTY THREE, NINE FOUR FIVE DASH SEVEN THREE ONE TWO, COLLECT FROM NEW ORLEANS.

APRIL FOUR, NINE FOUR FIVE DASH SEVEN THREE ONE TWO, CALLED FROM LOS ANGELES.

FOR NO INFORMATION, STEIN PHONE AT LOS ANGELES IS TWO ONE THREE DASH FOUR SIX THREE DASH NINE FOUR FOUR NINE, LISTED IN NAME RITA RODE, FIVE SIX SIX SIX FRANKLIN AVENUE, LOS ANGELES.
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LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT ADVISED TODAY THEY ARE IN RECEIPT OF CALL FROM CARMEN RUBIO, NEW ORLEANS, FIVE TWO TWO DASH ONE TWO ONE TWO, THE GRANDMOTHER OF FOUR CHILDREN OF RITA ROSA (STEIN), AND SHE ADVISED SHE WAS AWARDED CUSTODY OF THEM AND IS TRYING TO GET THEM BACK.

LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S OFFICE (LASO) SHOWS ARREST RECORD FOR RITA (NMN) ROSAS, AKA STEIN. LASO PHOTO IDENTICAL TO RITA STEIN THIS CASE. ARREST MADE BY LAPD ON MAY EIGHTEEN, SIXTY SEVEN ON CHARGE OF PERMITTING GAMBLING. DESCRIPTION: WHITE FEMALE, DOB [REDACTED], POB NEW ORLEANS, LA., FIVE FEET THREE INCHES, ONE TWENTY TWO POUNDS, BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES, RESIDENCE THIRTY THREE FORTY FLOYD TERRACE, HOLLYWOOD, BROTHER CHARLES STEIN, SAME ADDRESS, OCCUPATION BARMAID AT "THE ORBIT", FOUR FOUR ZERO FOUR MELROSE, LOS ANGELES, SCAR ON RIGHT ARM AND LEFT CHEEK. BAIL SET AT TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY SIX DOLLARS. NO DISPOSITION SET FORTH. CALIFORNIA CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION AND INVESTIGATION NUMBER THREE DASH TWO SEVEN NINE DASH EIGHT SEVEN SEVEN. FINGERPRINT CLASSIFICATION FOURTEEN M ONE U OII EIGHT OVER 1 TWO U OIM NINE.

RE LOUIS LOMAX AND CHARLES STEIN:

LOS ANGELES HERALD EXAMINER APRIL TWENTY SIX INSTANT CARRIED
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EXCLUSIVE ARTICLE BY LOMAX RE TRIP BY LOMAX AND STEIN RETRACING TRIP TAKEN BY SUBJECT AND STEIN, LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS AND RETURN DURING DECEMBER SIXTY SEVEN. LOMAX ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE PHONE BOOTH FROM WHICH SUBJECT MADE PHONE CALLS AND SEARCH INVOLVES STRETCH OF HIGHWAY BETWEEN SAN ANTONIO AND HOUSTON. ARTICLE REPORTS SUBJECT MADE CONTACT WITH "TOMMY" LNU AT NEW ORLEANS TRADE MART, DECEMBER SEVENTEEN SIXTY SEVEN.

RE THREATS TO KING:

RE GILBERT:

KEITH DWAYNE GILBERT WAS SENTENCED IN NINETEN SIXTY SIX TO ONE TO TEN YEARS IN STATE PENITENTIARY FOR RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY WHICH CONSISTED OF FOURTEEN HUNDRED POUNDS OF DYNAMITE STOLEN FROM AN EXPLOSIVE FIRM. GILBERT IS NOW SERVING HIS TIME AT SAN QUENTIN PRISON IN CALIFORNIA.

WILLARD:

MR. HOWARD WILLARD, FATHER OF [REDACTED] [REDACTED], WAS CONTACTED THIS DATE AND HE ADVISED THAT HIS SON HAS OVERCOME HIS PSYCHIATRIC PROBLEMS AND IS NO LONGER ASSOCIATING WITH JOHN BIRCH MEMBERS. HIS SON IS PRESENTLY ATTENDING VALLEY STATE COLLEGE AS A LAW STUDENT AND IN ADDITION IS WORKING FULL TIME AT A STANDARD OIL

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STATION IN PANORAMA CITY, CALIFORNIA. MR. WILLARD STATED THAT HIS SON IS SO BUSY STUDYING AND WORKING THAT HE HAS NO TIME FOR OTHER ENDEAVORS.

JAMISON:

WILLIAM HOWARD JAMISON ON SEPTEMBER ONE NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE WAS FOUND GUILTY OF ARSON AFTER HE HAD THROWN TWO MOLOTOV COCKTAILS THROUGH WINDOW OF BOOKSTORE IN LOS ANGELS IN MARCH, NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE. HE WAS SENTENCED TO SERVE NINE MONTHS IN JAIL AND DENIED PROBATION. THE RECORDS OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT REVEAL THAT JAMISON MOVED TO FOUR SEVEN FIVE ONE WINDSOR STREET, SHAWNEE-MISSION, KANSAS AFTER HIS RELEASE. JAMISON IS DESCRIBED AS MALE, CAUCASIAN, BORN

[REDACTED] KANSAS OR MISSOURI, HIS WIFE BEING FRANCES STOKER JAMISON, WHO RESIDES WITH HIM IN KANSAS. HIS FATHER WAS LISTED AS HAROLD JAMISON, FIVE TWO THREE THREE VALL STREET, MISSION, KANSAS.

RE DYRELL DENNIS:

PHOTO'S OF DENNIS OBTAINED AND SHOWN. JOE PETERS, BARTENDER, SULTAN ROOM, FIVE FIVE THREE THREE AND ONE HALF HOLLYWOOD BLVD., LOS ANGELES IDENTIFIED PHOTO AS THAT OF FEMALE "LUSH" WHO FREQUENTED SULTAN ROOM DURING TIME RAY REGISTERED IN BUILDING AT ST FRANCIS HOTEL. STATED ONLY ASSOCIATION HE EVER OBSERVED BETWEEN RAY AND DENNIS WAS WHEN ONE DAY EXACT TIME NOT RECALLED RAY TALKED WITH DENNIS AT JUKE BOX IN SULTAN ROOM AND DENNIS APPEARED

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TO KEEP SHAKING HER HEAD IN A NEGATIVE MANNER. ADVISED HE HAS NEVER OBSERVED RAY AND DENNIS TO ASSOCIATE WITH EACH OTHER AND ADDED THAT HE TRIED TO KEEP DENNIS OUT OF BAR BECAUSE SHE HAD NO IDENTIFICATION. ALLEN THOMPSON, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, FIVE FIVE THREE THREE HOLLYWOOD BLVD., LOS ANGELES, ADVISED HE HAS NEVER SEEN DENNIS ASSOCIATED WITH RAY. JIM MORRISON, RABBITS FOOT CLUB, FIVE SIX TWO THREE HOLLYWOOD BLVD., LOS ANGELES, ADVISED HE HAS SEEN DENNIS IN HIS CLUB BUT HE HAS NEVER OBSERVED HER WITH A MAN OR ANY PERSON THAT HE IS ABLE TO IDENTIFY OR RECALL. REVIEW OF STATE NARCOTIC BUREAU FILE ON DENNIS REFLECTS DENNIS TO BE AN ADDICT WHO DRINKS TO EXCESS AND RESORTS TO PROSTITUTION. DENNIS HAS FBI NUMBER THREE EIGHT SIX DASH TWO SEVEN ONE D. SHE WAS EMPLOYED AS A SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR IN BEVERLY HILLS FROM ONE SIXTEEN SIXTY EIGHT TO TWO THIRTEEN SIXTY EIGHT WHEN SHE LEFT UPON LEARNING ALL EMPLOYEES MUST BE FINGERPRINTED.

RE SCOTT NORDAL (LOOK ALIKE - NEW ORLEANS) :

MRS. HELEN VAN WAGNER, CLERK PARAMOUNT HIGH SCHOOL, PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA; AND MRS. VIDA CRUNK, CLERK, COMPTON CITY SCHOOLS, COMPTON, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED ON APRIL TWENTY FIFTH LAST AND APRIL TWENTY SIXTH RESPECTIVELY, THAT A SEARCH OF SCHOOL RECORDS FAILED TO REVEAL ANY INDICATION NORDAL HAD ATTENDED EITHER PARAMOUNT HIGH SCHOOL OR COMPTON CITY SCHOOLS.

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LEADS:

NEW ORLEANS: IF NOT ALREADY DONE, CONSIDER INTERVIEW OF CARMEN RUBIO FOR BACKGROUND OF RITA AND CHARLES STEIN.

KANSAS CITY: BUREAU HAS REQUESTED THAT EVEN THOUGH JAMES EARL RAY HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS THE ASSAILANT, INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE CONDUCTED TO DETERMINE IF JAMISON MIGHT BE IMPLICATED AS A CONSPIRATOR. JAMISON, A FORMER JOHN BIRCH MEMBER ALLEGEDLY SAID "I AM GOING TO GET MARTIN LUTHER KING, HE IS MINE."

*Reinterview
Dennis*
MILWAUKEE SHOULD REINTERVIEW DENNIS NOTING BARTENDER INDICATES DENNIS AT LEAST ON ONE OCCASION WAS OBSERVED TALKING TO RAY.

Reply sent
COPY FURNISHED SAN ANTONIO AND HOUSTON SINCE LOMAX IN THEIR TERRITORY.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUES AT LOS ANGELES.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM AND LOS ANGELES
FROM MILWAUKEE (44-388)

MURKIN

RE MILWAUKEE TEL TO DIRECTOR FOUR TWENTYFIVE LAST AND
LOS ANGELES TEL TO DIRECTOR FOUR TWENTYSIX LAST.

RE DYRELL DENNIS.

DENNIS LOCATED BELMONT HOTEL, SEVEN FIVE ONE N. FOURTH ST.,
ROOM FIVE ZERO FOUR. STATED WAS RESIDING AT ST. FRANCIS HOTEL,
LOS ANGELES BETWEEN THREE ONE - NINE SIXTYEIGHT. DURING SAID
PERIOD SHE OCCASSIONALLY WENT TO SULTAN ROOM ON HOLLYWOOD BLVD.
ON ONE WEEK NIGHT DURING PERIOD, EXACT DATE UNKNOWN, WAS APPROACHED
BY MAN WHILE BOTH WERE SITTING AT BAR. UNKNOWN MAN INTRODUCED
HIMSELF TO HER AS ERIC (LNU). SHE DESCRIBED HIM AS W/M, LATE
THIRTIES OR EARLY FORTIES, FIVE FT. TEN IN., SLENDER BUILD, SALT
AND PEPPER HAIR, LIGHT BLUE EYES, DRESSED NEATLY IN SUIT, WHITE
SHIRT AND TIE, WELL GROOMED, POINTED FACIAL FEATURES, VERY NERVOUS,
SPOKE WITH NASAL TWANG, OLIVE OR TAN COMPLEXION, DRANK SCREWDRIVERS,
RECALLS HIM SAYING SOMETHING ABOUT WORKING WITH COMPUTERS. MAN

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ASKED IF HE COULD BUY HER DRINK AND SUBSEQUENTLY BOUGHT HER SEVERAL. DISPLAYED LARGE SUM OF MONEY IN TEN AND TWENTY DOLLAR BILLS. MAN GAVE HER MONEY TO PLAY JUKE BOX AT WHICH TIME SHE CONNED HIM OUT OF TWENTY DOLLAR BILL. LEFT SULTAN ROOM WITH ERIC AND WENT TO RABBITS FOOT CLUB ON HOLLYWOOD BLVD. FOR MORE DRINKS AND WENT TO HIS ROOM WHICH SHE BELIEVED TO BE NUMBER FOUR ZERO THREE AT ST. FRANCIS HOTEL. SHE ADVISED THAT THEY TALKED FOR A SHORT TIME IN ROOM AT WHICH TIME ERIC TOLD HER THAT HE COULD BECOME VIOLENT. SHE STATED SHE BECAME AFRAID HE WAS PSYCHOPATH AND DECIDED AGAINST HAVING RELATIONS WITH HIM. STATED WHEN ERIC LEFT ROOM FOR DRINKS SHE FLED OUT OF ST. FRANCIS HOTEL AND MET RAY ~~FERNANDEL~~ ^{FERNANDEL} (PH) A FRIEND OF HERS AND THEY RETURNED TO SULTAN ROOM WHERE THEY RAN INTO ERIC AND HE THREATENED TO CALL POLICE UNLESS SHE RETURNED TWENTY DOLLAR BILL WHICH SHE DID.

FERNANDEL DESCRIBED AS MEXICAN MALE, FORTIES, FIVE FT. SEVEN IN., ONE HUNDRED THIRTYFIVE LBS., BLACK HAIR, DARK EYES, FROM LOS ANGELES, EMPLOYED AS FRY COOK. KNOWN AT SULTAN ROOM.

DENNIS ADVISED THAT SHE WAS WITH ERIC FOR ABOUT THREE HOURS DURING WHICH TIME BOTH WERE INTOXICATED.

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DENNIS WAS SHOWN ALL AVAILABLE PHOTOS OF SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY AND SHE ADVISED THAT ONLY PHOTO THAT RESEMBLES ERIC (LNU) IS MISSOURI DEPT. OF CORRECTIONS PHOTO TAKEN ONE FOUR SIXTYSIX. IT IS NOTED THIS PHOTO WAS NOT AVAILABLE WHEN DENNIS INTERVIEWED FOUR TWENTYFIVE SIXTYEIGHT.

DENNIS ADVISED SAW ERIC (LNU) ONE OR TWO DAYS AFTER ABOVE EXPERIENCE WHEN SHE OBSERVED HIM LEAVING ST. FRANCIS HOTEL BY REAR ENTRY. HAS NOT SEEN NOR HEARD FROM ERIC SINCE.

DENNIS ADVISED WILL MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH FBI RE HER WHEREABOUTS.

W LOS ANGES LOCATE AND INTERVIEW RAY FERNANDEL TO VERIFY DENNIS'S STORY AND OBTAIN ANY PERTENINT INFORMATION.
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TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, MINNEAPOLIS AND SPRINGFIELD
FROM MILWAUKEE (44-388)

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TED WRUBLEWSKI, ASSISTANT PARK MANAGER INTERSTATE STATE PARK, ST. CROIX FALLS, WIS., TELEPHONICALLY ADVISES ARTICLE IN MINNEAPOLIS TRIBUNE FOUR TWENTYEIGHT SIXTYEIGHT, PAGE EIGHT-B, ENTITLED "MAN RESEMBLING RAY SEEN N.D." DATED LINED MANDAM, N.D. REPORTS THAT A MRS. RICHARD BUSHEE, WHO OPERATES THE MODERN FRONTIER MOTEL BETWEEN MANDAM AND BISMARCK WAS INTERVIEWED BY FBI AND REPORTED A MAN RESEMBLING RAY ACCOMPANIED BY A BLOND FEMALE AND WHO WAS DRIVING A PICKUP TRUCK REGISTERED THURSDAY.

WRUBLEWSKI ADVISES ON FOUR TWENTYTHREE SIXTYEIGHT A WHITE MALE, THIRTY - THIRTYTWO YRS., FIVE FT. TEN IN., ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY LBS., AND WHO GAVE NAME J. CARNAHAN OF SKOKIE, ILL., WAS ACCOMPANIED BY BLOND FEMALE, MID TWENTIES. THEY WERE DRIVING FORD PICKUP WITH CAMPER, ILL. LIC. B TWO NINE ONE SIX ONE SEVEN AND REGISTERED AT INTERSTATE PARK.

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HE RELATED THAT CARNAHAM SAID THEY HAD BEEN AT SAND BAY NEAR HURLEY, WISC. BUT LEFT BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T LIKE THE BEARS. WROBLEWSKI RELATES HE IS REPORTING THIS DUE TO ARTICLE IN MINNEAPOLIS PAPAR AS THE J. CARANHAM AND BLOND FEMALE PROBABLY IDENTICAL TO COUPLE REPORTED BY MRS. BUSHEE. WROBLEWSKI OF OPINION CARNAHAM NOT IDENTICAL TO RAY.

SPRINGFIELD DETERMINE IDENTITY HOLDER ILL. LIC. B TWO NINE ONE SIX ONE SEVEN. SET OUT LEADS TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL TO RAY.

CHICAGO DETERMINE IF J. CARNAHAM, SKOKIE, ILL., HAS FORD PICKUP WITH CAMPER, ILL. LIC. B TWO NINE ONE SIX ONE SEVEN AND IF CARNAHAM IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, MILWAUKEE
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (2P)

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RE MILWAUKEE TEL TO DIRECTOR FOUR TWENTY SEVEN LAST.

RE DYRELL DENNIS

GIL MARTIN, OWNER, SULTAN ROOM, ST FRANCIS HOTEL,
LOS ANGELES INTERVIEWED APRIL TWENTY SEVEN LAST. STATED
RAY FERNANDEL UNKNOWN TO HIM. NO FRY COOK EMPLOYED AT ST.
FRANCIS HOTEL OR SULTAN ROOM. PAUL MC KAY, NIGHT CLERK, ST.
FRANCIS HOTEL INTERVIEWED APRIL TWENTY SEVEN LAST. FERNANDEL
UNKNOWN TO HIM AND NOT RESIDENT AT HOTEL. JOE PETERS, FORMER
BARTENDER, SULTAN ROOM, INTERVIEWED APRIL TWENTY EIGHT. STATED
DENNIS AND RAY LNU, DESCRIBED MEXICAN, AMERICAN, FIVE FOOT
TWO OR THREE INCHES, ONE HUNDRED THIRTY POUNDS, DARK HAIR,
DARK EYES, SOMETIMES WORKS AT HAMBURGER STAND NEAR ST. FRANCIS
HOTEL, STAYED AT ST. FRANCIS HOTEL IN ROOM REGISTERED TO
JACK PENDELTON FOR SEVERAL DAYS, POSSIBLY EARLY MARCH SIXTY
EIGHT, WITH DENNIS. DENNIS AND RAY LNU DRUNK MOST OF TIME.
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RAY LNU IS WINO, AND HAS NO CONTROL OVER PHYSICAL EXCRETION FACULTIES, OBVIOUS TO THOSE IN HIS PRESENCE. PETERS DOES NOT KNOW LOCATION OF RAY LNU AT THIS TIME, WHO IS POSSIBLY IDENTICAL TO RAY FERNANDEL DESCRIBED BY DENNIS. PENDELTON PRESENTLY IN UNKNOWN HOSPITAL FOR AMPUTATION OF LIMB. INVESTIGATION CONTINUES AT LOS ANGELES TO LOCATE RAY FERNANDEL AND PENDELTON FOR INTERVIEW TO VERIFY STORY OF DENNIS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, MINNEAPOLIS, MILWAUKEE

FROM: CHICAGO (44-1114)

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REMILWAUKE AND SPRINGFIELD TELS THIS DATE.

JAMES J. MC GOVERN, ONE ZERO ZERO TWO THREE WEST DEVON
ROSEMONT, ILLINOIS, OWNS SIXTY SIX CHEVROLET PANEL TRUCK BEARING
SIXTY EIGHT ILL. LICENSE B TWO NINE ONE SIX ONE SEVEN, WHICH
VEHICLE OBSERVED THIS DATE AND BOTH LICENSE PLATES ATTACHED
THERE TO. HE COULD FURNISH NO INFORMATION THIS MATTER.

JOHN H. CARNAHAN, NINE ONE THREE EIGHT KILPATRICK, SKOKIE,
ILLINOIS, LOCATED AND INTEVIEWED. CARNAHAN ADVISED HE AND HIS
WIFE WERE CAMPING IN WISC. THIS WEEKEND AND HAD HIS FORD PICK-
UP BEARING SIXTY EIGHT ILL. LIC. B TWO SEVEN ONE SIX ONE SEVEN
AND RENTED CAMPER CARNAHAN OWNER OF SKOKIE AUTO AIR COMPANY
AND DETERMINED NOT IDENTICAL SUBJECT RAY.

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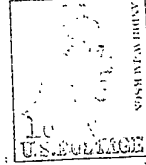
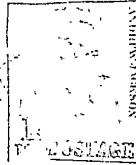
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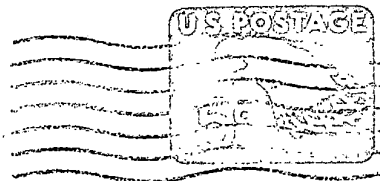
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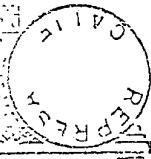
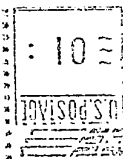


1/ Mrs. Dyrrell Dennis

c/o

1124 - 8th Ave.

Drafton, Wisconsin.



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Rodriguez

Wife

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Name Jessie L. RadtkeBox No. A-38949Date April 15th, 1968.

Dear Daryl:

I was quite surprised when I received your letter from Wis. For one thing, after my letter was returned, I gave up all hopes of ever hearing from you again. Ever since I received your second letter post-marked from La Puente, I knew ~~it~~ it would only be a matter of time before you'd leave Hollywood, but I never thought that you might go back home or that you'd keep in touch.

I don't know what to say about your sudden departure, although I agree that wanting to see your folks is a good enough reason, but other than that, anything that I'd have to say would not make too much difference now. You are the only one that really knows what was happening and I'm sure that after seriously considering everything, you knew what you were doing.

As for that other bit, it's all very beautiful the way you make it sound and I have given it a lot of serious thought, but I can't give you a true definite answer - at least not yet. You've told me alot & I don't doubt that you are sincere, but you still haven't showed me or proven anything. I'm sorry Daryl, but in matters like this one - words alone don't have too much influence on me. I could very easily lead you on, or if I really didn't care and