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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	James 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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	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 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			
	THIS IS THE ONLY RECORD NOT BEING PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.			

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC OKLAHOMA CITY

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : SA A [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Dallas teletype dated 4/23/68

Oklahoma tag 554-061 checks to a 1965 International 15,000 pound truck SN SB 548497 F, leased by National Trailer Convoy, 1925 Natingal Place, Tulsa.

D [REDACTED] A [REDACTED] of the Oklahoma City office of this firm, 1213 N. Indiana, said this unit is not one of hers, but that the driver's identity could be ascertained by contact with D [REDACTED] B [REDACTED] of the Legalization Department, Tulsa, TE 8 9811.

She said the number XTL 6200 would be needed by B [REDACTED]

She explained that this firm leases trucks from owners, and then gets the trucks properly listed in various states, whereupon the trucks are leased to drivers, usually the owners who had originally leased to National Trailer convoy.

The foregoing was given to SA D [REDACTED] W [REDACTED] at 4:20 PM, for handling by Agent working this case.

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Elon Handling

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AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686) P
MURKIN
CR
OO:Memphis

Reurairtel 4/17/68.

On 4/24/68, after previous efforts to locate H [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] H [REDACTED], who listed his address as [REDACTED]
Oklahoma City, he was contacted and denied being in Memphis,
Tennessee during April, 1968. He stated he has never stayed
at the Lorraine Hotel in Memphis and had no information whatever
concerning this case.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)
Attention: FBI Laboratory

FROM: SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686) (P)

MURKIN
OO Memphis

Re Memphis airtel to all continental offices 4/19/68.

Re: Laundry checks

Enclosed herewith for the Laboratory is a piece of white cloth containing samples of Thermo-seal laundry markings of the Clinton Laundry and Cleaners, Clinton, Oklahoma, and two pieces of paper containing Thermo-seal laundry markings of the Stillwater Laundry, Stillwater, Oklahoma.

On April 23, 1968, R [REDACTED] S [REDACTED], Assistant Manager, Stillwater Laundry, 402 South Main, Stillwater, Oklahoma, advised SA P [REDACTED] K [REDACTED] that Thermo-seal laundry mark 20R-3 is employed in his business. S [REDACTED] stated that the letters of the alphabet are used to designate a particular week and that each letter could be used only once every 26 weeks. The digits used in the code before the letter are used to designate a load number and digits used after the letter designate a particular order in that particular load. The color is changed at random and ten colors in all are used. S [REDACTED] produced laundry receipt number 13824 dated 1/30/68, in the name of J [REDACTED] I [REDACTED], no address, for two shirts, which had a Thermo-seal tape attached, red in

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color and imprinted with code number 20R-3. S█████ advised that D█████ is a regular customer and is well known to him. S█████ further advised that code number 20R-3 has not been used since 1/30/68, and would have been used prior to this in August of 1967, but due to the fact that no records are available, it would be impossible to determine who might have been assigned this code at that time or the color of the code used. S█████ furnished samples of Thermo-seal tape used in his business for submission to the FBI Laboratory.

S█████ was exhibited Wanted Flyer number 442-A for JAMES EARL RAY, at which time he advised that he could not identify this individual as being identical with anyone he has observed in the past.

On 4/23/68, R█████ P█████, manager, Clinton Laundry and Cleaners, Clinton, Oklahoma, advised SA W█████ F█████ that his firm uses a code such as 20R-3. The letter in the code is changed weekly and the entire alphabet is utilized. By calculating on a calendar P█████ was able to determine that the symbol 20R-3 would have been in use from noon, 9/22/67 through noon on 9/29/67. Prior to this time the code would have been used in March, 1967. In March 1968, the code would have been used again but in March, 1968, P█████'s firm was not using a Thermo-seal marking machine. Prior to September, 1967, the firm was using a Thermo-seal marking machine which is no longer in operation but this machine produced a wider tape. This particular tape was a wider tape than the current machine being used and the tape used was gold in color. P█████ stated his firm does not retain records on home delivery transactions over 3 months. They do have available records on cash items at the counter. These records were searched for the period 1/1/67 through 4/1/68 without locating any having the symbol 20R-3. Symbols 20R-2 and 20R-4 were located and P█████ stated this indicates 20R-3 was a home delivery on which no records are available. Samples of the Thermo-seal laundry markings were obtained from P█████ for submission to the FBI Laboratory.

REQUEST OF THE FBI LABORATORY

The FBI Laboratory is requested to compare the enclosed samples of Thermo-seal laundry markings with the questioned

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specimens previously submitted in this case to determine if the machine at Clinton, Oklahoma, or at Stillwater, Oklahoma, could have produced the questioned laundry markings.

The enclosed samples may be retained or discarded by the FBI Laboratory and need not be returned to Oklahoma City.

RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS

FBI OKLA CITY

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4:23 P.M. 4-24-68 URGENT TH

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS, KANSAS CITY 44-760,
ST. LOUIS, AND OKLAHOMA CITY
FROM OMAHA 44-310 5P

MURKIN

RE KANSAS CITY TELETYPE APRIL TWENTYTHREE LAST.

INVESTIGATION WAVERLY, IOWA, DISCLOSED ~~P~~ [REDACTED]
~~P~~ [REDACTED], FBI NUMBER FOUR FIVE NINE ZERO FOUR EIGHT TWO,
ARRIVED IOWA DECEMBER EIGHT OR NINE LAST FOLLOWING RELEASE
FROM MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, JEFFERSON CITY, WHERE
SENTENCE SERVED ON ROBBERY CHARGE. ~~P~~ [REDACTED] DEPARTED
WAVERLY FEBRUARY TWENTYSIX OR TWENTYSEVEN LAST AND HAS NOT
BEEN IN CONTACT WITH FAMILY SINCE. ~~P~~ [REDACTED] TOOK WATCH AND
RING FROM HIS MOTHER WHEN HE LEFT WAVERLY.

~~P~~ [REDACTED] ALSO TOOK PERSONALIZED CHECKS OF PARENTS, MR.
AND MRS. H. ~~P~~ [REDACTED], ONE ZERO THREE AND ONE HALF EAST
BREMER, WAVERLY, AND HAS PASSED FRAUDULENT CHECKS AT
DES MOINES, IOWA, AND NORTH PLATTE, NEBRASKA, IN EARLY MARCH
NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT. ~~P~~ [REDACTED]'S FORMER WIFE, M. ~~P~~ [REDACTED], WAS
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IN WAVERLY, IOWA, UNTIL MID MARCH, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, WHEN SHE RETURNED TO KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, AREA, PRESENT ADDRESS OR EMPLOYMENT UNKNOWN TO PORTER FAMILY.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK, WAVERLY, RECEIVED NO FRAUDULENT CHECKS WRITTEN BY R [REDACTED] P [REDACTED] ON PARENTS' ACCOUNT SINCE EARLY MARCH, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT. WAVERLY SHERIFF'S OFFICE HAS HAD NO INQUIRY ABOUT P [REDACTED] SINCE NINETEEN SIXTYONE, RECORDS SHOW HE HAS ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, POLICE DEPARTMENT NUMBER FIVE SIX TWO TWO NINE.

WAVERLY POLICE DEPARTMENT FILES SHOW PORTER RECEIVED MONEY IN FEBRUARY, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, FROM MRS. C [REDACTED] R [REDACTED], OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA, FOR BUS TICKET WAVERLY TO OKLAHOMA CITY. RAMAGE INTERVIEWED BY OKLAHOMA CITY DETECTIVE A.S. J [REDACTED], WHO INFORMED W [REDACTED] POLICE DEPARTMENT BY LETTER MARCH FOUR LAST THAT PORTER DID NOT ARRIVE OKLAHOMA CITY.

PORTER IS WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] AT CLARINDA, IOWA, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES,
ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES, TATTOOS
QUOTE MOM AND DAD END QUOTE ON LEFT FOREARM; QUOTE BOB LOVES
WINNIE END QUOTE ON RIGHT FOREARM; QUOTE CHERYLE END QUOTE
ON RIGHT BICEP; ARMY AIR FORCE INSIGNIA ON LEFT UPPER
ARM. P [REDACTED] HAS DAUGHTER VICKI PORTER, AGE TEN OR ELEVEN
YEARS BY FIRST MARRIAGE, LIVING CALIFORNIA, LOCATION UNKNOWN.

FOR INFORMATION ST. LOUIS AND OKLAHOMA CITY, REFERENCED
KANSAS CITY TELETYPE STATES JACK FOX LANPHERE, WARSAW
MISSOURI, FORMER INMATE, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, ADVISED
A R [REDACTED] P [REDACTED], FBI NUMBER FOUR FIVE NINE ZERO FOUR TWO,
MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH R [REDACTED] IN KING MURDER. STATED
P [REDACTED] CALLED HIM APRIL THIRTEEN LAST AT CITY UNION MISSION,
WARSAW, MISSOURI. L [REDACTED] BELIEVES PORTER RECENTLY
PAROLED MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY. P [REDACTED] TOLD HIM HE WAS
IN SERIOUS TROUBLE, HAD TO KEEP MOVING, AND WANTED L [REDACTED]'S
HELP. INDICATED WANTED MONEY FROM L [REDACTED] BUT TOLD PORTER
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HE DID NOT WANT ANYTHING TO DO WITH HIM AND DID NOT WANT TO SEE HIM. P [REDACTED] SAID HE WAS STAYING AT OSAGE HOTEL IN WARSAW AND THREATENED LANPHERE THAT WHEN HE RETURNED TO MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY FOR SOME VIOLATION P [REDACTED] FRIENDS WOULD KILL HIM IF HE DID NOT HELP P [REDACTED] NOW.

L [REDACTED] ADVISED P [REDACTED] KNOWS JAMES RAY VERY WELL. WAS AT MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY FROM NINETEEN SIXTY THROUGH FEBRUARY, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT. STATE P [REDACTED] IS A WHITE MALE, AGE FORTY, FIVE FEET NINE INCHES, HUNDRED SEVENTYFIVE, CREWCUT HAIR, GRAYING, PRESCRIPTION GREEN TINTED GLASSES. RELATIVES LIVE IN IOWA. PORTER HAS DONE TIME AT FORT MADISON, IOWA PENITENTIARY.

OWNER, OSAGE HOTEL, WARSAW, MISSOURI, ADVISED HER REGISTRATION BOOKS SHOW REGISTRATION FOR R [REDACTED] P [REDACTED], WAVERLY, IOWA, ON APRIL TWELVE, LAST, TOLD HER HE HAD BEEN HITCHHIKING, HAD COME FROM TEXAS, AND WAS EN ROUTE TO IOWA.

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HE WAS CARRYING ONLY A SMALL DUFFLE BAG.

KANSAS CITY ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW M [REDACTED] P [REDACTED]
FORMER WIFE, R [REDACTED] P [REDACTED], REPORTEDLY EMPLOYED AS
WAITRESS. M [REDACTED] P [REDACTED]'S PAST RESIDENCES OR EMPLOYMENT
PROBABLY SHOW MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY FILES.

OKLAHOMA CITY LOCATE AND INTERVIEW BETTY RAMAGE, ADDRESS
AVAILABLE THROUGH OKLAHOMA CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT RECORDS/

ST. LOUIS CHECK ST. LOUIS POLICE DEPARTMENT RECORDS.
ON R [REDACTED] P [REDACTED], NUMBER FIVE SIX TWO TWO NINE, FOR
ASSOCIATES AND SOURCES WHO MAY KNOW HIS PRESENT LOCATION.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

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551 PM URGENT 4/24/68 PHM

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, HOUSTON, DALLAS, OKLAHOMA CITY, AND
CHICAGO

FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 2P

MURKIN

F [REDACTED] G [REDACTED], PRISONER, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, ADVISED
SUBJECT WAS CLOSELY ASSOCIATED IN PRISON WITH N [REDACTED] A [REDACTED]
A [REDACTED] REPORTEDLY GAVE RAY THE IDEA OF ESCAPING IN A BREAD BOX
FROM PENITENTIARY. A [REDACTED] AND RAY WERE TOGETHER RECEIVING
BARBITUATES AND AMPHETAMINES. RAY WAS AWARE THAT SOME OF AEBY'S
BROTHERS WERE INVOLVED IN NARCOTICS IN TEXAS. HE STATED
ONE OF THE BROTHERS WAS ARRESTED IN DALLAS ON NARCOTICS
CHARGE IN ABOUT SIXTYSIX. BELIEVED THIS BROTHER TO BE NAMED
A [REDACTED] A [REDACTED] G [REDACTED] STATED N [REDACTED] A [REDACTED] IS PRESENTLY ON STREETS
AS HE RECEIVED POSTCARD FROM HIM TWO WEEKS AGO MAILED IN
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA. G [REDACTED] SAID HAD NO IDEA WHERE RAY MIGHT
GO. HE LIKED B [REDACTED] AND AMPHETAMINES AND COULD POSSIBLY CONTACT
SOME OF THE AEBYS IN TEXAS. HE ALSO REMEMBERED RAY SPEAKING OF
A BROTHER IN CHICAGO, ILL., WHO OWNED A BAR AND OF THE FACT HE WOULD
LIKE TO GO TO CHICAGO ON RELEASE AND WORK AS BARTENDER FOR HIS
BROTHER.

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PRISON FILE ON N [REDACTED] R [REDACTED] WM, DOB [REDACTED] [REDACTED],
SIX TWO, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY LBS., BLUE EYES, BROWN HAIR, FBI NO.
TWO EIGHT FIVE ONE ONE SEVEN FIVE, NINETEEN SIXTY ONE ADDRESS [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] HOUSTON, TEX; DALLAS, TEX. PD NO. TWO
TWO SIX TWO FOUR. WIFE LISTED AS J [REDACTED] E [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] HOUSTON, TEX.; BROTHER J [REDACTED] A [REDACTED], DALLAS, TEX.
RECORDS FURTHER REVEAL M [REDACTED] A [REDACTED] WAS EXTRADITED TO TEXAS APRIL
NINE, LAST AND RELEASED TO TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS,
HUNTSVILLE, TEX.

G [REDACTED] STATED POSSIBILITY EXISTS A [REDACTED] COULD HAVE WRITTEN
CARD MAILED IN OKLA. CITY WHILE BEING TRANSPORTED TO HUNTSVILLE.

DALLAS ATTEMPT TO LOCATE BROTHER UAJAMES A [REDACTED] AND INTERVIEW
RE SUBJECT AND ANY OTHER RELATIVES WHO MAY KNOW WHEREABOUTS OF
SUBJECT.

HOUSTON AT HUNTSVILLE, TEX., INTERVIEW A [REDACTED] RE SUBJECT.

HOUSTON AT HOUSTON, INTERVIEW J [REDACTED] A [REDACTED] RE SUBJECT OR ANY
RELATIVES WHO MAY BE IN CONTACT WITH HIM OR KNOW HIS WHEREABOUTS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

CORR PAGE TWO, LINE TWELVE, WD SIX....JAMES

P

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6:57 PM PST URGENT 4/24/68 WEH

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND OKLAHOMA CITY.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) /1P/

MURKIN.

RE: JAMES EARL RAY, AKA.

R [REDACTED] O [REDACTED] UNEMPLOYED ELECTRICIAN, ONE FOUR TWO THREE SAN PABLO, SEASIDE, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED THAT HE OBSERVED PICTURE OF SUBJECT ON TV WHICH CLOSELY RESEMBLES PERSON WHOM HE KNEW IN WICHITA, KANSAS, IN ONE NINE FIVE FIVE TO FIVE SIX, NAME NOT RECALLED. O [REDACTED] STATED THAT E [REDACTED] M [REDACTED] WHO IS EMPLOYED AS A UNITED STATES POSTAL CARRIER IN WICHITA, HAS A STEPFATHER NAMED D [REDACTED] C [REDACTED] (PHONETIC) WHO, ACCORDING TO O [REDACTED] SERVED TIME IN THE FEDERAL PENITENTIARY WITH SUBJECT IN THIS CASE.

OWEN ALSO ADVISED THAT PERSON HE KNEW WHO RESEMBLES SUBJECT FRE-QUENTED THE NIGHTCLUB IN WICHITA KNOWN AS THE "BUCKHORN."

OWNE FURTHER ADVISED THIS PERSON HE KNEW WORKED AS A TRUCK DRIVER FOR LOUIE MEYERS, A CATTLE HAULER IN HOMINY, OKLAHOMA, AND THAT M [REDACTED] WOULD BE ABLE TO FURNISH MORE INFORMATION CONCERNING PERSON RESEMBLING THE SUBJECT.

KANSAS CITY AND OKLAHOMA CITY HANDLE. SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END.

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Bales advised 9:30 AM 4/25/68 (WS)

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730PM URGENT 4-24-68 BJP

TO ALL SACS - RELAY MESSAGE PLAN
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P

MURKIN

CONTACTS SHOULD BE MAINTAINED WITH ALL MASS COMMUNICATIONS
MEDIA IN YOUR TERRITORY TO INSURE THAT THERE IS FREQUENT
REFERENCE TO RAY AND HIS CONNECTION WITH THIS CASE.

SINCE YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN ADVISED THAT JAMES EARL
RAY IS IDENTICAL WITH ERIC STARVO GALT AND YOU HAVE BEEN
FURNISHED IO'S AND WANTED FLYERS ON RAY, YOU ARE TO BE
CERTAIN THAT ALL APPROPRIATE STOPS HAVE BEEN RENEWED ON
JAMES EARL RAY AND UNDER ALL OF HIS KNOWN ALIASES AS SET
FORTH ON THE IO'S AND WANTED FLYERS. THIS IS TO INSURE THAT
THE BUREAU WILL BE IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED IF THE SUBJECT IS
ARRESTED OR COMES TO THE ATTENTION OF AUTHORITIES WITH WHOM
STOPS PLACED.

OFFICES COVERING DEPARTURE OR ARRIVAL OF OVERSEAS
FLIGHTS SHOULD HAVE RENEWED STOPS AND SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAPH
SHOULD BE DISPLAYED APPROPRIATELY.

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ALL OFFICES SHOULD CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION
AT ALL "HIPPIE" ROOMING HOUSES AND SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS TO
OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION WHATSOEVER CONCERNING RAY.

APPROPRIATE LEGATS BEING ADVISED SEPARATELY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

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FBI OKLA CITY

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Date: 4/24/68

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT
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PM CST URGENT 4/24/68 JWS

TO DIRECTOR / 44-38861 / MEMPHIS, KANSAS CITY AND ST. LOUIS
FROM OKLAHOMA CITY / 44-686 / 2P

MURKIN

E [REDACTED] C [REDACTED] FBI NUMBER ONE TWO SEVEN ONE ONE FIVE C,
INTERVIEWED APRIL TWENTYFOUR INSTANT, FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF INFORMATION
FROM AN INFORMANT HE HAD MADE REMARKS IN A LOCAL BAR INDICATING
HE WAS AN ASSOCIATE OF JAMES EARL RAY IN THE MISSOURI STATE PEN.

C [REDACTED] ADVISED HE WAS INMATE AT MSP FROM NINETEEN SIXTYONE UNTIL JUNE
TWENTYNINE, NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR, WHEN RELEASED AND DURING THIS PERIOD
WAS FRIENDLY WITH RAY. STATED HE WORKED WITH RAY IN PRISON BAKERY AND
WAS PARTNER WITH RAY IN OPERATING PRISON POKER GAMES. HE DESCRIBED RAY
AS A "LONER" WHO HAD NO CLOSE FRIENDS IN THE PRISON. STATED R [REDACTED]
INDICATED SOME INTEREST IN LEARNING TO SPEAK SPANISH AND SPENT SOME
TIME STUDYING SPANISH FROM A SPANISH DICTIONARY BELONGING TO C [REDACTED] HE
RECALLED R [REDACTED] ALSO READ SOME BOOKS ABOUT MEXICO WHICH HE OBTAINED FROM
THE PRISON LIBRARY.

C [REDACTED] RECALLED EXCHANGING ADDRESSES WITH R [REDACTED] IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO
HIS RELEASE FROM PRISON IN NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR, WITH NO SPECIFIC
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Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in ChargeSent WA-9:46 ME-9:52 KC-9:57 SL-10:07pm M Per

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UNDERSTANDING THAT EITHER WOULD EVER ATTEMPT TO CONTACT THE OTHER. HE BELIEVED RAY GAVE HIM THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF A BROTHER IN ALTON, ILLINOIS. HE WROTE THIS NAME AND ADDRESS ON THE BACK OF SOME GIRL'S PHOTOGRAPH AND HAS SINCE LOST OR DISCARDED THIS PHOTOGRAPH. HE STATED HE HAS NOT SEEN OR HEARD FROM RAY SINCE BEING RELEASED FROM MSP AND DOES NOT EXPECT TO HEAR FROM HIM.

SUBSEQUENT TO INITIAL INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED], HE TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED HE HAD SEARCHED HIS PERSONAL BELONGINGS AND LOCATED THREE NAMES AND ADDRESSES WHICH HE HAD WRITTEN ON PHOTOGRAPHS WHEN LEAVING MSP WHICH COULD POSSIBLY BE PERTINENT TO LOCATION OF RAY. THESE NAMES ARE (FNU) COLE, ROBBY'S BAR, FOUR FOUR SIX TAYLOR STREET, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI; ERIC LARSON, JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, AND SMILEY GENOVESE, PERSHING ROOM, FOUR NINE ZERO ZERO NATURAL BRIDGE, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI. C [REDACTED] IDENTIFIED E [REDACTED] L [REDACTED] AS AN INMATE SUPERVISOR AT THE MSP BAKERY WHO WOULD BE THE MOST LIKELY PERSON AT MSP TO KNOW THE WHEREABOUTS OF RAY. C [REDACTED] STATED HE DOES NOT KNOW C [REDACTED] OR S [REDACTED] GENOVESE BUT BELIEVES HE OBTAINED BOTH THESE NAMES FROM R [REDACTED]

C [REDACTED] IS A WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED] AND HAS A VERY EXTENSIVE CRIMINAL RECORD. THERE IS NO REASON TO BELIEVE HE WOULD BE COOPERATIVE OR TRUTHFUL WITH ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.

KANSAS CITY ATTEMPT TO LOCATE FNU C [REDACTED] AND E [REDACTED] L [REDACTED] AND INTERVIEW FOR ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION REGARDING R [REDACTED]

ST. LOUIS ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW SMILEY GENOVESE FOR ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION.

END ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

F B I

Date:

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FBI OKLA CITY

FBI DENVER

10-45 PM URGENT 4-24-68 BID

TO OKLAHOMA CITY

FROM DENVER 157-203

MURKIN

ON APRIL TWENTY THREE LAST, TERRY VANBERMOLEN, TWO
FOUR FOUR ONE QUITMAN, DENVER, ADVISED HE OBSERVED A
MALE AT VIP LOUNGE, WEST COLFAX, DENVER, WHO FIT
DESCRIPTION OF JAMES EARL RAY, AND WHO HAD VERY NOTICE-
ABLE SOUTHERN ACCENT.

INDIVIDUAL DRIVING NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN MUSTANG,
OKLAHOMA LICENSE SEVEN H NINE THREE SEVEN ZERO.

OKLAHOMA CITY THROUGH DEPARTMENT MOTOR VEHICLES
AND LOGICAL SOURCES, DEVELOP BACKGROUND CONCERNING OWNER
OF FORD TO DETERMINE IF HE WAS DRIVER AND IF IDENTICAL TO
RAY.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686)

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA D [REDACTED] R [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

F [REDACTED] D [REDACTED] Oklahoma tel. [REDACTED] advised this date that between approximately 1:20 and 2 PM, 4/7/68, she, her husband L [REDACTED] and Mrs. E [REDACTED] H [REDACTED] Lawton, were at the Big Town Truck Stop, 9600 Northeast Expressway, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. They stopped in the dining section of the truck stop and observed an individual who Mrs. D [REDACTED] feels strongly was identical to JAMES EARL RAY. This individual was sitting by himself near the window reading a newspaper and having a cup of coffee. After the waitress had removed the coffee cup, the individual remained at the window seat and continued to read the newspaper. This individual on a couple of occasions attempted to enter into the conversation that D [REDACTED] her husband and Mrs. H [REDACTED] were having. The only specific topics of conversation she could recall in which the individual attempted to participate in concerned whether or not the D [REDACTED] lived in Oklahoma City, a discussion of children and an article in the newspaper dealing with the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

Mrs. D [REDACTED] stated that when she went to the ladies room the individual remained at the seat near the window; however, when she came away from the ladies room, her purse caught on the door knob and she reached toward her purse to free it from the door knob. This all took place in the immediate vicinity of the pay telephone booth and Mrs. D [REDACTED] is of the opinion that as she reached for her purse the individual departed the Big Town Truck Stop restaurant at a rapid pace. She did not see his manner of departure once he got outside of the restaurant.

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Mrs. D [REDACTED] and her husband on 4/24/68, observed photographs of RAY in the current issue of Newsweek magazine they received 4/24/68. In discussing the above described situation, she and her husband agreed the person they saw in the Big Town Truck Stop strongly resembled RAY. However, Mr. D [REDACTED] felt that the picture reflected a man who was younger than the person they observed in the restaurant as he was of the opinion that the individual in the restaurant was approximately forty years of age. Upon checking the description of RAY as provided in Newsweek, it was ascertained that he was in fact 40 years of age at this time. Mrs. D [REDACTED] stated that the individual they observed had brown hair, was slightly taller than her husband, who is 5'8", was attired in a brown suit, white shirt and wearing no tie.

LEAD:

OKLAHOMA CITY DIVISION

At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Will display photo of RAY to employees at Big Town Truck Stop and particularly the waitress who was on duty at 2 PM, 4/7/68.

At Lawton, Oklahoma

Will display photo of RAY to L [REDACTED] D [REDACTED] and Mrs. E [REDACTED] H [REDACTED] to determine if they feel RAY is identical to the above described individual.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : All Investigative Employees

DATE: April 22, 1968

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE
I.O. #4182; W. F. #442-A
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY
INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ROBBERY
"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES" PROGRAM
RELEASE DATE: SATURDAY P.M., APRIL 20, 1968

THE CRIMES: Ray escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, on April 23, 1967, while serving a 20-year sentence for armed robbery and operating a motor vehicle without the owner's permission. He subsequently allegedly conspired, under the alias Eric Starvo Galt, to violate the civil rights of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., shot to death on the balcony of a Memphis, Tennessee, motel on April 4, 1968.

THE CRIMINAL: A 40-year-old white native of Illinois, who is known as a "loner" and "drifter" and has taken elaborate steps to establish a false identity, Ray has an extensive criminal record, including convictions for burglary, robbery and forging U. S. Postal Money Orders. Outstanding characteristics include a straight narrow nose, straight and even teeth, a noticeably protruding left ear and a nervous habit of tugging at an ear lobe. He has taken dancing lessons, attended bartending school, enrolled in a correspondence course in lock-smithing and traveled widely in a 1966 Mustang recovered in Atlanta, Georgia, a week after Dr. King's murder. Ray likes western and country music, drinks vodka and beer and has worked as a baker, laborer and color matcher.

PROCESS: A Federal warrant issued at Jefferson City, Missouri, on July 20, 1967, charges Ray with unlawful interstate flight to avoid confinement for robbery. Another Federal warrant, issued at Birmingham, Alabama, on April 17, 1968, charges Ray, as Eric Starvo Galt, with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a citizen.

"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES": Ray is a special addition to the list of "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives." The list as of Saturday p. m., April 20, 1968, was:

John William Clouser	I. O. #3837	Charles Lee Herron	I. O. #4163
Howard Callens Johnson	I. O. #4039	George Edward Wells	I. O. #4175
George Benjamin Williams	I. O. #4072	David Evans	I. O. #4177
Gordon Dale Ervin	I. O. #4087	Franklin Allen Paris	I. O. #4178
Carmen Raymond Gagliardi	I. O. #4101	David Stuart Neff	I. O. #4179
	James Earl Ray	I. O. #4182	

THEY ARE ALL ARMED AND DANGEROUS. If you receive any information, give it at once to your SAC or appropriate supervisor.
PHOTOGRAPHS, FINGERPRINTS AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA OF ALL FUGITIVES ON THE LIST ARE ON THE REVERSE SIDE.

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DAVID EVANS, also known as:
"Pee Wee."
N; born [REDACTED] 5'7"-5'8"; 140-150 lbs;
med bld; blk hair; brn eyes; lt comp;
ooo - lab, upholsterer. Wanted by FBI
for BANK ROBBERY and UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO
AVOID PROSECUTION (Burglary, Larceny,
and Receiving Stolen Goods).
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4177
FBI#-388 901 E
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1966

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CHARLES LEE HERRON, also known as:
Lee Jones.
N; born [REDACTED] (?); 5'7"-5'8"; 145-
150 lbs; sldr bld; blk hair; brn eyes;
dk comp; ooo - clerk. Wanted by FBI
for UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECU-
TION (Murder; Assault with Intent to
Commit Murder).
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4163
FBI#-313 926 G
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: UNKNOWN

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GEORGE EDWARD WELLS, also known as:
George W. Cox, Lloyd Kuczmarski.
W; born [REDACTED] 5'8"; 165-175 lbs;
med bld; brn hair, gr; brn eyes; med
comp; ooo - maintenance worker, painter.
Wanted by FBI for UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO
AVOID PROSECUTION (Armed Robbery);
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN
PROPERTY.
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4175
FBI#-1 467 173
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1967

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CARMEN RAYMOND GAGLIARDI, also known as: 17 M 29 W IOM
Carmelo Raimondo Gagliardi (true name), I 32 W OOI 20
Carmen R. Gagliardi.
W; born [REDACTED] 5'10 1/2"; 185-200 lbs;
hvy bld; blk hair; brn eyes; med comp;
ooo - lab. Wanted by FBI for UNLAWFUL
FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION (Murder).
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4101
FBI#-566 944 D
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1965



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GEORGE BENJAMIN WILLIAMS, 23 M 21 W IMO AMP Ref: 22
also known as: Allen I 31 W OOO 19 31
Benjamin Colby, Ben Jackson,
George Benjamin William.
W; born [REDACTED] 5'6"; 155 lbs;
med bld; brn hair, gr, balding;
bl eyes; rdy comp; rt ring ingr
amp; ooo - constr worker, dairy
worker, mech, miner, pipe fitter.
Wanted by FBI for BANK ROBBERY.
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4072
FBI#-497 062
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1965



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JAMES EARL RAY, also known as:
Eric Starvo Galt; W. C. Herron,
Harvey Lowmyer, James McBride,
John Willard, "Jin."
W; born [REDACTED] 5'10"; 165-174 lbs;
med bld; brn hair, poss out short; bl
eyes; med comp; ooo - baker, color matcher,
lab. Wanted by FBI for CONSPIRING TO
INTERFERE WITH A CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT OF
A CITIZEN AND UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID
CONFINEMENT (Robbery);
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4182
FBI#-406 942 G
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1968



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FRANKLIN ALLEN PARIS, also known as:
Franklin Allen Morrison, Al Paris,
Allie Paris, Frank Allen Paris, ll S 1 U OOO 14 Ref: 9
Franklin Allen Paris. M 1 U OOI 12 1
W; born [REDACTED] 6'2"; 190-210 lbs;
med bld; brn hair; brn eyes; med comp;
ooo - horse trader, horse trainer,
rancher. Wanted by FBI for UNLAWFUL
FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION (Burglary).
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4178
FBI#-595 084 A
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1966



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HOWARD CALLENS JOHNSON, also known as:
"Dirty Red."
N; born [REDACTED] (?); 5'9"; 160-170
lbs; med bld; blk hair; brn eyes;
med comp, freckled; ooo - brickmason,
carpenter, lab. Wanted by FBI for
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION
(Murder).
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4039
FBI#-1 501 725
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1959



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JOHN WILLIAM CLOUSER, also known as:
Jack Clouser, John William Clouser,
Chuck A. Williams.
W; born [REDACTED] 5'9"; 175-200 lbs;
sky bld; blond hair, may be dyed blk;
bl eyes; rdy comp; ooo - clerical
worker, stock clerk. Wanted by FBI
for INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLE.
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-3837
FBI#-229 125 C
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1963



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GORDON DALE ERVIN, also known as:
Dale Ervin.
W; born [REDACTED] 5'11"-6'0"; 170 lbs;
med bld; brn hair; bl eyes; med comp;
ooo - carpenter, lifeguard, mach shop
worker, locomotive fireman, salesman,
shipyard worker, typist. Wanted by
FBI for UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID
CONFINEMENT (Armed Robbery).
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4087
FBI#-290 533 A
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1965



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DAVID STUART NEFF, also known as:
Steven Andrews, Solomon Baker, Steven
Greene, George Medina, David J. Neff, 19 O 17 W IOO 18
David Stewart Neff, Donald O'Brien. L 19 W OOO 15
W; born [REDACTED] 5'8"-5'9"; 190-200 lbs;
hvy bld; brn hair; brn eyes; med comp;
ooo - horse trainer, lab, painter,
plumber, surveyor. Wanted by FBI for
BANK ROBBERY.
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4179
FBI#-524 874 D
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1965



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FBI DALLAS

1249PM URGENT 4-23-68 LMB
TO OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686)
FROM DALLAS (44-2649) 1P

MURKIN.

A [REDACTED] TWO NINE TWO ZERO PERRYTON DR., DALLAS,
ADVISED ON APRIL TWENTYTHREE LAST HE HAD SEEN INDIVIDUAL IN SOUREN'S
COFFEE SHOP, WYNNEWOOD SHOPPING CENTER, DALLAS, AT NINE THIRTY AM,
WHO CLOSELY RESEMBLED PICTURE OF JAMES EARL RAY. C [REDACTED] DESCRIBED
THE MAN AS WHITE MALE, AGE THIRTYFIVE TO FORTY, FIVE ELEVEN, ONE
HUNDRED FIFTYFIVE TO ONE HUNDRED SIXTYFIVE, BROWN HAIR. HE SAID THE
INDIVIDUAL WAS WEARING BROWN SUEDE COWBOY BOOTS, BROWN SLACKS AND DARK
SPORT SHIRT. HE SAID THIS INDIVIDUAL LEFT COFFEE SHOP AND DROVE AWAY
IN A RED NATIONAL TRAILER RENTAL TRACTOR, OKLAHOMA LICENSE FIVE FIVE
FOUR - ZERO SIX ONE. TRACTOR ALSO CONTAINED EIGHT OR TEN LICENSE
PLATES OF DIFFERENT STATES. SERIAL NUMBER ON RIGHT REAR OF TRACTOR
CAB WAS X T L SIX TWO TWO ZERO.

INVESTIGATION DALLAS DOES NOT REVEAL LOCAL OFFICE FOR NATIONAL
TRAILER RENTAL.

OKLAHOMA CITY CONTACT NATIONAL TRAILER RENTAL AND DETERMINE WHO
ABOVEMENTIONED VEHICLE WAS IN POSSESSION OF ON APRIL TWENTYTHREE LAST.
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TO: ALL FIELD DIVISIONS

4-23-68

FM: WASHINGTON

MURKIN ✓

R [REDACTED] TO ALL OFFICES APRIL 19 LAST FURNISHING BACKGROUND DATA CONCERNING JAMES EARL RAY.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED POSSIBLE SUSPECT IN ANY UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERIES, BURGLARIES OR ARMED ROBBERIES (POSSIBLE ITSP VIOLATIONS) OCCURRING AFTER APRIL 23, 1967. R [REDACTED] SHOULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED SUSPECT IN ANY FUTURE SUCH VIOLATIONS AND BUREAU ADVISED TELEPHONICALLY OF ANY TENTATIVE IDENTIFICATION.

ANY PERTINENT LEADS DEVELOPED DURING REVIEW OF PAST VIOLATIONS SHOULD BE EXPEDITIOUSLY RUN OUT AND BUREAU ADVISED.

SUBJECT'S HANDWRITING AND HAND PRINTING NOT IDENTIFIED IN BANK ROBBERY NOTE FILE AND HIS FINGERPRINTS ARE BEING SEARCHED AGAINST LATENTS SUBMITTED IN UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERY AND BURGLARY VIOLATIONS.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

TOR 3:16P.M. CST

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If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

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Date: 4/24/68

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TO: DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686) -P-
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Re Tampa airtel to Director 4/16/68; in case entitled "J. [REDACTED] C. [REDACTED] the following references: Jackson airtel to Oklahoma City 3/23/65, Oklahoma City airtel to Jackson 3/29/65; in case entitled "WHITE KNIGHTS OF KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI, RACIAL MATTER" the following references: Jackson airtel to Bureau 4/2/65, Oklahoma City airtel to Bureau 4/8/65, Jackson airtel to Bureau 4/8/65, Jackson airtel to Bureau 4/22/65, Phoenix airtel to Jackson 4/27/65, and Oklahoma City airtel to Bureau 5/17/65.

RE: DONALD EUGENE SPARKS, FBI [REDACTED]
 FORMER TOP TEN SUBJECT

Enclosed herewith for the information purposes to Jackson and Atlanta, is one copy of Tampa airtel to Director, 4/16/68, for background information.

Set forth hereafter is a recapitulation of investigation concerning D. [REDACTED] S. [REDACTED] (former Top Ten Fugitive) and his allegedly being offered money by the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi to murder Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., in 1964.

Jackson Division by airtel to the Bureau 4/2/65 in case "WHITE KNIGHTS OF KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI, RACIAL MATTER"

3 Bureau
 1 Atlanta (Info)(Enc. 1)
 2 Birmingham
 1 Jackson (Info)(Enc. 1)
 2 Memphis
 1 Tampa (Info)(157-3231)
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forwarded to the Bureau an original and 7 copies of a letterhead memorandum showing information received from J [REDACTED] C [REDACTED], a detective of the Jackson, Mississippi Police Department, considered by Jackson a reliable individual who is acquainted with members or former members of the WKKKKOM. C [REDACTED] in reporting this information that was overheard as general rumor among Klansmen and he did not know the source, was doubtful of its truthfulness.

The information in substance was that on 3/17/65, C [REDACTED] advised that he had received unverified information that in 1964, the original Knights of the KKK of Mississippi had hired a "killer" from the State of Oklahoma to murder MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. when KING was in Jackson, Mississippi. This "killer" was known as "TWO JUMPS" and came to Jackson, Mississippi to "case" the layout and while in Jackson, stayed at the Terrymore Motel. He was to use a high-powered rifle with telescopic sights. This deal allegedly fell through when the Klansmen could not raise the \$13,000 demanded by "TWO JUMPS."

C [REDACTED] also reported "TWO JUMPS" was allegedly also the killer of a Bureau Top Ten fugitive later identified as JOHN GIBSON DILLON. "TWO JUMPS" allegedly killed DILLON at the Flamingo Motel in Jackson, Mississippi and thereafter transported the body to Oklahoma or Kansas where it was dumped in an old well.

The Oklahoma City Division by airtel of 4/8/65, advised Bureau and Jackson Division that complete background in the case involving Top Ten Fugitive JOHN GIBSON DILLON did not substantiate that DILLON was killed in Mississippi. From facts available to Oklahoma City, it was doubtful in fact if DILLON was killed in Mississippi.

The Jackson Division on 4/2/65 interviewed PCI C [REDACTED] B [REDACTED] described by Jackson as a notorious confidence man and gambler who had at that time been under development as an informant of the Jackson Division for some two months.

B [REDACTED] was asked if he knew an individual named DONALD SPARKS or G [REDACTED] S [REDACTED] to which he promptly replied, "Who, TWO JUMPS?" He was thereafter shown a photograph of D [REDACTED] S [REDACTED], Tulsa, Oklahoma Police Department Number 38224 dated September 7, 1963. B [REDACTED] promptly identified this photograph of S [REDACTED] as being identical to the person he has known for many years as "TWO JUMPS." B [REDACTED] went on to relate that SPARKS got the nickname of "TWO JUMPS" from his ability as a cowboy and according to B [REDACTED], SP [REDACTED] was an excellent "broncho buster" and could ride almost any horse. B [REDACTED] considered SPARKS to be an extremely hard and tough individual who would not hesitate to kill anyone. Extensive investigation was conducted in several field offices to concretely identify "TWO JUMPS" and from the identification of PCI C [REDACTED] B [REDACTED] Jackson, Mississippi, it was felt that D [REDACTED] S [REDACTED] was identical to "TWO JUMPS."

Investigation by the Jackson Division at the Terrymore Motel in Jackson failed to disclose any registration that could be identified as being that of S [REDACTED]. In addition to the above identification of S [REDACTED] as "TWO JUMPS", Phoenix CI PX 737-C was interviewed at Phoenix on 1/26/65. This informant advised he knew D [REDACTED] S [REDACTED] and was well aware that S [REDACTED] nickname is "TWO JUMPS."

Based on this identification on 5/14/65, an attempt was made to interview D [REDACTED] S [REDACTED] Inmate Number [REDACTED] at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary. Following his being advised of his rights, S [REDACTED] stated at the outset he would not furnish any information. He did deny being contacted by anyone at any time to commit a murder and said he did not kill anyone for money or any other reason. He denied ever being hired by anyone in the South and specifically in Mississippi to commit any murder. He denied knowing anyone connected with the Ku Klux Klan.

S [REDACTED] at this time stated he had never cooperated with any police officers and did not intend to start doing so now. He said he had been contacted by numerous officers and would appreciate it if police officers would not bother him again since they wasted his time, as he was working in the plumbing shop in the Penitentiary and could not be away from his job. S [REDACTED] terminated the interview by getting up and leaving the room.

By airtel to the Bureau dated 5/17/65, in case "WHITE KNIGHTS OF KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI, RACIAL MATTER" the Bureau was advised of the attempted interview with S [REDACTED]. Additionally, 9 copies of an FD 302 dated 5/17/65, was furnished to the Jackson Division. This showed the interview with S [REDACTED]. At that time, it was the considered opinion of Agents that had worked cases involving S [REDACTED], his associates, and Agents who handled the former case involving former Top Ten Fugitive J [REDACTED] D [REDACTED] that information that S [REDACTED] was hired to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. and that he did kill D [REDACTED] was not accurate nor truthful information. It was pointed out that following D [REDACTED] murder there was a massive amount of rumor, speculation and hearsay information circulated among the criminal element concerning the death of D [REDACTED]. It was this hearsay information that was probably being reported by Jackson's informant in all honesty.

The Bureau's attention is directed to the fact that H [REDACTED] W [REDACTED] aka, ANTI-RACKETEERING, is the subject of a current pending file, Oklahoma City 92-588, Bureau file 92-9329. He is an Oklahoma ex-convict, Burglar, Armed Robber, who travels extensively throughout the United States. He was last interviewed by Bureau Agents, 3/5/68, where he was living at Bartlesville, Oklahoma. He was at that time employed at J [REDACTED]'s Lounge in Bartlesville.

LEADS

ATLANTA, JACKSON AND TAMPA DIVISION (INFORMATION)

Information copies of this communication are being furnished to Divisions above in the event additional inquiry appears necessary.

BIRMINGHAM DIVISION

At Fort Payne, Alabama

Although I [REDACTED] E [REDACTED] S [REDACTED] is notorious for his failure to cooperate with police officers, it is suggested an attempt be made to interview him concerning his using the name "TWO JUMPS" and being offered money by the Ku Klux Klan of

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Mississippi in 1964 to murder Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. An attempt should be made in the interview with SPARKS to determine if he is at all familiar with JAMES EARL RAY, present fugitive being sought for the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and exhibit photograph of RAY to him.

JAMES EARL RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Date: 4/24/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

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.

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3-Bureau (Enc. 4)
2-Each Continental Office (Enc. 2 each)
2-Kansas City
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SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

3-Bureau (Enc. 4)

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2-Kansas City

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Laundry Checks.

Enclosed herewith for the Laboratory is a piece of cloth ~~XXXXX~~ containing samples of Thermo-Seal laundry markings furnished on 4/23/68 by R [REDACTED] P [REDACTED], Clinton Laundry and Cleaners, Clinton, Oklahoma. Samples produced on ^{Thermo-Seal} unit #34444.

On 4/22/68, [REDACTED] advised SA W [REDACTED] F [REDACTED] that his firm uses a code such as 20R-3. The letter in the code is changed weekly and the entire alphabet is utilized. By calculating on a calendar, [REDACTED] was able to determine that the symbol 20R-3 would have been in use from noon, ~~XXXXXX~~ 9/22/67, through noon on 9/29/67. Prior to this time it was used in March, 1967, and again in March, 1968.

(Since R [REDACTED] was in custody during 3/67, this date was

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2 - Oklahoma City

WRF:

Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

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disregarded in contact with [REDACTED] Regarding 3/68, PO [REDACTED] said a Thermo-Seal machine was not in use at that time).

P [REDACTED] also noted that his firm does have Thermo-Seal machine #33294 but this machine has not been used ^{since prior to} ~~XXXXXX~~ the week of 9/22-29/67. The unit being used during 9/22-29/67 was #34444. #34444 uses a thinner tape and more narrow tape than #33294. Also, #34444 does use a decidedly yellow tape while #33294 uses a tape which is better described as gold in color.

The firm does not retain records on home delivery transactions over 3 months. They do have available records on cash items at the counter. On 4/23/68, these available records were searched for the period 9/1/67 through 4/1/68 without locating any having the symbol 20R-3. Symbols 20R-2 and 20R-4 were located and POOLE feels this indicates 20R-3 was a home delivery on which no records are available.

Since the record search was ~~XXXX~~ inconclusive, PO [REDACTED] provided the enclosed samples of the symbol pertinent to 9/22-29/67.

It is requested that the FBI Laboratory compare these samples with the questioned specimens previously submitted in this case in an effort to determine if the machine at Clinton produced the questioned material. The samples herein enclosed may be destroyed if of no value.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686) P

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM : SA M [REDACTED] HU [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following investigation was conducted by SAs M [REDACTED]
H [REDACTED] and D [REDACTED] LA [REDACTED]:

At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

On 4/24/68, E [REDACTED] C [REDACTED] (PROTECT IDENTITY),
WMA, DOB [REDACTED], FBI#
127 115 C and Oklahoma City Police Department# 78811, furnished
the following information:

He lives in the house at the northeast corner of S.W.
24th and Shartel Streets with his wife, B [REDACTED]. He is employed
as a Glazer for the Del City Glass Company, Del City, Oklahoma.

From sometime in 1961 until June 29, 1964, he was an
inmate at the Missouri State Reformatory, Jefferson City, Missouri.
During his period of incarceration, he became rather well acquainted
with one, JAMES EARL RAY (whom he identified from a photograph
exhibited to him) who was a fellow inmate at Jefferson City during
the same period. They worked together in the prison bakery and
were gambling partners at the prison. C [REDACTED] last saw R [REDACTED] on the
date of his release, June 29, 1964 and has had no other contact
with him since that date.

While an acquaintance of R [REDACTED] at Jefferson City, C [REDACTED]
noted that R [REDACTED] appeared interested in the Spanish language and
in "Old Mexico." R [REDACTED] borrowed a Spanish book from C [REDACTED] and, on
frequent occasions, asked C [REDACTED] to "break up" Spanish words for
him, even though C [REDACTED] himself, did not know much Spanish. C [REDACTED]
also obtained books about Mexico and the Spanish language for
R [REDACTED] from the prison library.

Shortly before leaving prison, C [REDACTED] exchanged addresses
with R [REDACTED] for points of contact where the two, perhaps, could obtain
information about the other's whereabouts. They made no definite
agreement between one another to meet after R [REDACTED]'s term expired;
however, and C [REDACTED] appeared to feel that the exchange of addresses
was little more than a gesture between parting acquaintances who
may never meet again. The addresses given to C [REDACTED] by R [REDACTED] were
written down on the backs of some pictures of women that C [REDACTED]
had in his possession. On one picture, C [REDACTED] wrote down the name
of a person he recalled to be the brother of R [REDACTED]. C [REDACTED] has since
lost or discarded this picture, but believes the town that he
wrote down on the picture was Alton, Illinois. On the back of
another picture, one which C [REDACTED] still had in his possession, were
the following names and addresses:

(2) (FNU) C [REDACTED] Robby's Bar, 446 Taylor Street, Kansas City,
Missouri.

MFH/mfh ERIC LARSON, Jefferson City, Missouri
Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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C [redacted] advised that the first of the above names, he recalls, was given to him by R [redacted] the second name is that of the inmate supervisor at the prison bakery at Jefferson City whom C [redacted] and R [redacted] worked for while they were inmates. C [redacted] further advised that if anyone at Jefferson City knew anything about the present whereabouts of R [redacted] it would be LARSON.

In addition to the above names, C [redacted] stated that on the back of another picture in his possession was the name, S [redacted] G [redacted], [redacted] St. Louis, Missouri. C [redacted] further stated that he could not recall whether or not he had obtained this picture from R [redacted] only that he got it while at Jefferson City and it may have come from him.