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TO: DIRECTOR MEMPHIS SPRINGFIELD

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN

RE BUTEL TO ABOVE OFFICES THIS DATE.

RE SAM RATLIFF LOCATED ELSBERRY, MO.

THE ONLY THREE COUSINS HE KNOWS OF IN THE ELSBERRY AREA ARE GUY RAY, OPERATOR OF THE R AND B QUARRY, EARL RAY, SUPERINTENDENT OF THE ELSBERRY DRAINAGE DISTRICT AND LEO RAY, RETIRED MECHANIC. HE HAS NO INFORMATION THAT THESE PEOPLE ARE HIS FAMILY OR ANY RELATION TO THE SUBJECT.

RATLIFF'S PERMANENT ADDRESS IS ROUTE THREE BOX TWO SEVEN SEVEN BUTLER, MO.

CHIEF OF POLICE JOHN W STEWARD ELSBERRY, MO., AND SHERIFF IRL ELLIOTT TROY, MO., BOTH ADVISED THAT GUY, EARL AND LEO RAY ALL OF ELSBERRY, MO., HAVE GOOD REPUTATIONS AND NO INDICATIONS SUBJECT IN THE AREA.

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THE ONLY THREE COUSINS HE KNOWS OF IN THE ELSBERRY AREA ARE GUY RAY, OPERATOR OF THE R AND B QUARRY, EARL RAY, SUPERINTENDENT OF THE ELSBERRY DRAINAGE DISTRICT AND LEO RAY, RETIRED MECHANIC. HE HAS NO INFORMATION THAT THESE PEOPLE ARE HIS FAMILY OR ANY RELATION TO THE SUBJECT.

RATLIFF'S PERMANENT ADDRESS IS ROUTE THREE BOX TWO SEVEN SEVEN BUTLER, MO.

CHIEF OF POLICE JOHN W STEWARD ELSBERRY, MO., AND SHERIFF IRL ELLIOTT TROY, MO., BOTH ADVISED THAT GUY, EARL AND LEO RAY ALL OF ELSBERRY, MO., HAVE GOOD REPUTATIONS AND NO INDICATIONS SUBJECT IN THE AREA.

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FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

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CHECK OF SUBJECTS FINGERPRINTS AGAINST SLPD UNIDENTIFIED
LATENTS NEGATIVE. SIMILAR CHECK BY SL COUNTY PD WILL BE
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