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THIS IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF POSSIBLY ESTABLISHING RAY'S PAST WHEREABOUTS AND SOURCE OF FUNDS. LEGATS OTTAWA AND MEXICO CITY REQUESTED TO DO LIKEWISE. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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On April 19, 1968, DAVID CLARENCE ORT was interviewed at his home at 1709 Harvest, Cahokia, Illinois, by SA BERNARD E. CURRIGAN and SA LARRY W. GREEN.

ORT was interviewed concerning his knowledge of ALBERT PEPPER and his associations with a person named PEPPER. ORT denied any knowledge of PEPPER and stated that he is totally unfamiliar with the person identified to him as ALBERT PEPPER. When asked if he received a call on February 13, 1968, from Mrs. ALBERT PEPPER or Mr. ALBERT PEPPER, ORT denied ever receiving such a call and a check of his telephone statements for the months of January, February and March, indicates that no long distance calls were made to PEPPER at 645-2948, Maplewood, Missouri. ORT's telephone number is 332-1117, Cahokia, Illinois.

During the interview, ORT mentioned that his neighbors do not have a telephone and have not had one since they moved in approximately five months ago. ORT stated that the neighbors next door to him at 1711 Harvest Street, Cahokia, Illinois, are tenants of his and have rented from him since they moved in. The neighbors at 1711 Harvest are identified as JAMES and BETTY DOSSETT, JR. ORT stated that on occasions the neighbors would come into his home and use his telephone to call numbers in Cahokia, Illinois, and sometimes to call relatives in Belleville, Illinois. ORT further stated that on occasions, the DOSSETTS would receive calls from persons unknown to him but when such calls came to his home for the DOSSETTS, he would go next door and get them to come and answer the telephone. He stated that he ordinarily knew who was calling since it was the DOSSETTS close relatives in Belleville, Illinois. ORT stated if DOSSETT received a call from either Mr. or Mrs. ALBERT PEPPER, such telephone call is unknown to him and that certainly it was not a call charged to his telephone number.

ORT is described as follows:

Race
Sex
Date of Birth
Place of Birth
Height

White

Male

November 8, 1928

Pollard, Arkansas

6'2"

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Weight	180 pounds
Build	Large
Complexion	Medium
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Gray
Selective Service Number	
Employer	Universal Match 5100 San Francisco Avenue St. Louis, Missouri
Arrest Record	None
Military Service	None
Wife	JOLENE BENSON ORT
Physical Defects	Slight hard of hearing in right ear

ORT maintains a janitorial service after his work hours at Universal Match in St. Louis, Missouri.

JAMES DOSSETT, JR., 1711 Harvest, Cahokia, Illinois, was interviewed by SA BERNARD E. CURRIGAN and SA LARRY W. GREEN at his residence, on April 19, 1968, concerning his knowledge of Mr. or Mrs. ALBERT PEPPER.

DOSSETT stated that he is not personally familiar with ALBERT PEPPER, but has met him through his father, JAMES DOSSETT, SR., who works with ALBERT PEPPER at Ace Hardware, Forrest Park area, St. Louis, Missouri. He states that his father has worked with PEPPER for some time but other than this, has no personal knowledge of either Mr. or Mrs. PEPPER. DOSSETT stated that some time in early February, he made a deal with ALBERT PEPPER to buy a 1962 black Fairlane sedan. He stated that the transaction was conducted largely on the telephone which calls he took at the home of DAVID C. ORT, whose telephone number is 332-1117. He said that he very likely received a call from ALBERT PEPPER on February 13, 1968, but can't be sure of this. He stated that in early February he went to the residence of ALBERT PEPPER in Maplewood, Missouri, with his father, JAMES DOSSETT, SR., to take a ride in the 1962 Fairlane Ford, to see if he was interested in purchasing it from PEPPER. DOSSETT stated that before the purchase of the car was negotiated, PEPPER was unknown to him.

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DOSSETT is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Residence	1711 Harvest Cahokia, Illinois
Employer	Mc Donald Aircraft St. Louis, Missouri
Height	Approximately 5'10"
Weight	145 pounds
Hair	Blond, crew cut
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Medium
Build	Medium

DOSSETT states that his father may be more familiar with ALBERT PEPPER and his wife CAROL in that he works with PEPPER at Ace Hardware; however, he states his father lives in sleeping rooms in St. Louis, Missouri, and he does not know his address from week to week.

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TO : SAC (137-2750)

FROM : SA Claude H. Gane

SUBJECT: Isaac Jr. Downs

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4/25/68

Titles and File #s on which contacted

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Purpose and results of contact

☒ NEGATIVE

☐ POSITIVE

☐ STATISTIC

Informant could offer no information at this time

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☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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Very Good

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TO : SAC (137-1681)

FROM : SA *Claude N. Gace*

SUBJECT: *Sc-1553-C*

D-TE: *4/25/68*

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)
☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R
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Dates of Contact <i>4/25/68</i>		
Titles and File #s on which contacted <i>Sc-44-561 (Murkin)</i>		
Purpose and results of contact ☒ NEGATIVE <i>Informant had no information</i> ☐ POSITIVE <i>at this time.</i> ☐ STATISTIC		
<i>Copy in #44-561</i>		
☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating <i>Very good</i>	Coverage <i>Same</i>
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Memorandum

TO : SAC (137-2666)

FROM : SA *Claude H. Grace*

SUBJECT: *Green Wynn*

DATE: *4/25/68*

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☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R
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Dates of Contact <i>4/25/68</i>		
Titles and File #s on which contacted <i>#44-561 - Murkin</i>		
Purpose and results of contact ☒ NEGATIVE <i>Had no information re matter.</i> ☐ POSITIVE ☐ STATISTIC <i>1 cc to 44-561</i>		
☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating <i>Very good</i>	Coverage <i>[Signature]</i>

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

DATE: 4/29/68

FROM : SA LEN S. BURTON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is to record additional information concerning LAWRENCE WAYNE FEGETT, who was the probable recipient of a laundry bundle bearing laundry mark 20R-3 in December, 1967.

On 4/25/68, Mr. and Mrs. TERRY FEGETT, were located in Oakwood, Illinois. Mr. FEGETT advised that his son has been a constant source of concern to him since he was about fifteen years of age. FEGETT said that his son had epilepsy and also drank heavily. FEGETT stated that this habit had caused his son to be arrested on several occasions and had caused his son's marriage to end in divorce.

FEGETT stated that his son was in the Army for approximately six months before his marriage but was given a medical discharge and had not been steadily employed since that time. FEGETT stated that his son had traveled with carnivals in Florida and in Michigan, both before and after his marriage.

FEGETT stated that after his son left the apartment on North Hazel Street in Danville, Illinois, in December, he moved to an apartment at 327 North Hazel Street, Apartment 8 in Danville but only stayed there about a week. FEGETT stated that his son then moved to Martinsville, Illinois, and had been there since that time as far as he knew. FEGETT stated, however, that he had not seen his son during that time.

FEGETT stated that during the summer of 1967, his son again joined the carnival and was in Florida and other southern states as well as in the state of Michigan. FEGETT stated that his son had just left the carnival when he came to Danville, Illinois, and rented the apartment at 805 North Walnut Street.

FEGETT said that his son had a child by a woman named HAZEL AYRES of Chrisman, Illinois. FEGETT stated that Mrs. AYRES was still married to her original husband but

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continued to visit his son, both while he was in Danville and since he had moved to Chrisman, Illinois. FEGETT said that Mrs. AYRES might be able to account for his son's location since he left Danville, Illinois.

FEGETT stated that on Tuesday, 4/23/68, his son, LAWRENCE WAYNE FEGETT was arrested in Martinsville, Illinois, for attempting to remove a candy dispensing machine from a service station. He stated that his son had been jailed at Marshall, Illinois, by the Sheriff's Department but was scheduled to be transported to the Peoria State Hospital for observation on 4/25/68.

FEGETT stated that his son was normal until he either had an epileptic seizure or had too much to drink. FEGETT said that on these occasions, however, his son became extremely violent and on one occasion had kicked the door in to his residence in an attempt to take his life. FEGETT said that it was necessary for he and his wife to hide until law enforcement officers could come and apprehend his son.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

FROM : SA JOHN W. LEWIS

SUBJECT: MURKIN;

DATE: 4/29/68

On 4/19/68 SA GEORGE LILLY, OSI, Scott AFB, Illinois, advised that at about noon on 4/19/68 Cafeteria No. 1 at Scott AFB, Illinois, an individual resembling ERIC GALT was reported to have been seen by a Scott AFB employee, Miss DONNA HINRICHS, MAX MORO Operations, Southwest Basement, Building P40.

DONNA HINRICHS was interviewed at the above location in her office at Scott AFB on 4/19/68 by SA JOHN W. LEWIS and EDWARD A. CARPENTER. She was shown photographs of ERIC GALT and stated that although the person she had seen in Cafeteria No. 1 at about 11:40 A.M. that day had resembled GALT, he was definitely not identical with GALT because the man she had seen had a much smaller neck and much smaller ears than GALT. She stated she had been accompanied in the cafeteria at lunch time that day by her friend, BEVERLY HACKSTADT, Room 26, Building P40, Scott AFB, Illinois.

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SA FRANK J. HABERSHAW

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MURKIN

The following investigation was conducted by the writer on 4/26/68 at Quincy, Illinois:

Pursuant to information that subject, JAMES EARL RAY, resided as a child with his grandparents, JAMES and LILLIAN or LOUISE RAY, at 1439 Cherry Street, and pursuant to Quincy Credit Bureau records which also listed subject's residence as 1403 Cherry Street, a neighborhood investigation was instituted for possible information as to subject's whereabouts, with negative results. It is noted that the residence at 1403 Cherry Street has been demolished and that contact was not made with the residents of 1439 Cherry Street or any of the other residents in the neighborhood. However, several Negro children were observed by the writer in the vicinity, indicating a race change regarding the residents of the neighborhood.

Pursuant to information that subject, JAMES EARL RAY, also resided for a number of years until approximately 1953 with his parents, JAMES JERRY and LUCILLE RAY, aka RYAN, RAYNES, at 214 Spring Street, a neighborhood investigation was instituted for possible information as to subject's possible whereabouts, with negative results. It should be noted that ROBERT AMES, 218 Spring Street, advised that he has owned the property at the above address since 1947 and has resided at such address since 1952. AMES could not recall any large family by the name of RAY, RYAN, or RAYNES living at 214 Spring Street. He further advised, after viewing a photograph of subject, that he could not recall any person resembling subject residing at 214 Spring Street.

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Memorandum

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UNITED STATES' GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) -P-

DATE: 4/30/68

FROM : SA LEN S. BURTON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/24/68, Mr. L. J. O'BRIEN, Model Star Laundry, 208 East Van Buren, advised that the laundry mark 20R-3 was one that his laundry had used. O'BRIEN stated that the 20 is the lot number. The R represents the week and the 3 represents the bundle number. O'BRIEN stated that the letter is changed every week and a check of his calendar indicated that the last week he had used the letter R was the week of December 3-9, 1967 and during that week, his tape machine was using yellow tape. O'BRIEN stated that his record showed that bundle 3 was checked into the laundry on 12/11/67, which was a Monday. He said that the record showed that bundle 3 was picked up by driver ED ORR who had route #5. O'BRIEN stated that this was the only information that could be determined about this bundle at this time because all of the tickets with the customers' names on them had been destroyed. O'BRIEN stated that bundle 3 of lot 20R had been washed on 12/11/67 as a part of load B and this load included bundles 1-18. O'BRIEN stated that the yellow tape marker 20R-1 and the yellow tape marker 20R-18 appeared on his slip to indicate that this was the first and the last bundle in load B on this day.

Mr. ED ORR stated that he had been driving for Model Star for about ten years and knew most of his regular customers very well. ORR said that he rarely ever got a bundle of laundry from a stranger. ORR said that he remembers picking up a bundle from a stranger at 805 North Walnut several months ago but he cannot recall what this person looked like. ORR said that when he returned the laundry to the 805 address, the individual told him that he was moving. ORR said that in addition to approximately eighty regular customers, he also picks up laundry at the Holiday Inn, the Grier-Lincoln Hotel, and the Plaza Hotel. ORR stated that the bundle 20R-3 did not come from these establishments, however, because their laundry was always on a special and if it had been picked

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up the week of December 3-9, 1967, it would have been washed during that week, also.

ORR viewed pictures of JAMES EARL RAY and stated that the individual at 805 Walnut was much younger than the photograph of RAY appeared.

JANICE BARKER, secretary, Brumaghim Real Estate, 302 West Fairchild, advised that her company handles the rental of the apartment at 805 West Walnut. Miss BARKER checked the records for 805 North Walnut and advised that a WAYNE FEGETT occupied the apartment from 11/8/67 through 11/7/67 when he was asked to move. Miss BARKER stated that FEGETT caused the other tenants trouble by being very demanding and the other tenants were afraid of him. She stated that he also had damaged the apartment by removing water pipes and electrical wiring and they had received word that he had burned down a house in Chrisman, Illinois. BARKER stated that the record indicated he paid his last week's rent on 12/7/67 and would have moved sometime during the next week. BARKER said that a Mrs. CHARLES NORWELL lived in the apartment above FEGETT and was one of the tenants who had complained about FEGETT's activities.

BARKER stated that FEGETT told her that he was going to Iowa to enter a hospital for treatment. She said that she had not seen WAYNE FEGETT since 12/7/67.

JANICE BARKER viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and stated emphatically that FEGETT and RAY were not identical. She stated that FEGETT was a smaller, younger, individual and had reddish - blond hair.

Mrs. EVELYN NORWELL, 805 Walnut Street, advised that she remembered the tenant who lived at 805 (downstairs) in December of 1967. Mrs. NORWELL stated that this man had entered her apartment on several occasions, without permission, and used the telephone. She said that he had made calls to Chrisman, Illinois on two occasions and she had received the bill for them. She stated that he had been very demanding of her and her husband and requested that they take him different places. She said that they had taken him to the Plaza Hotel to pick up his belongings

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when he first moved in but on subsequent demands by FEGETT, they had refused.

Mrs. NORWELL stated that FEGETT had a sister, Mrs. MARTHA FEGETT, who ran a beauty shop in Hillery, Illinois.

Mrs. NORWELL viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and stated that this was not the individual that she had known as WAYNE FEGETT.

The following information is a summary of information determined by credit and criminal checks at the Danville, Illinois PD, the Vermilion County, Illinois Sheriff's Office, and the Credit Bureau of Vermilion County.

LAWRENCE WAYNE FEGETT, FBI #536719E has been arrested on several occasions by the Danville, Illinois Police Department and the Vermilion County, Illinois Sheriff's Office for various charges including drunk and disorderly, public intoxication, disorderly conduct, and criminal damage to property. These arrests date back to 10/30/60 and the last arrest shown was 1/19/65 on a charge of battery. The records indicate that FEGETT has twice been a patient at the Kankakee State Hospital for a brief period. He also served one year in the State Farm for criminal damage to property in 1963.

Vermilion County Sheriff's Office complaint #18990 describes extreme force that was necessary in subduing FEGETT on one arrest and referred to the fact that force had to be used every time FEGETT was arrested. In 1963, FEGETT threatened a man's life with a knife.

The following is a composite of descriptive data available:

Name	LAWRENCE WAYNE FEGETT
Address	Box 23, Oakwood, Illinois
Date of Birth	1/13/41
Place of Birth	Collison, Illinois
Height	5'8"
Weight	155 pounds
Eyes	Blue

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Hair	Blond
Scars & Marks	Tattoo on both forearms
Marital status	married
Wife	PAMELA, Catlin, Illinois
Children	Two
Education	Eighth Grade
FBI Number	536719E

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JANICE BARKER, secretary, Brumaghim Real Estate, 302 West Fairchild, advised that her company handles the rental of the apartment at 805 West Walnut. Miss BARKER checked the records for 805 North Walnut and advised that a WAYNE FEGETT occupied the apartment from 11/8/67 through 11/7/67 when he was asked to move. Miss BARKER stated that FEGETT caused the other tenants trouble by being very demanding and the other tenants were afraid of him. She stated that he also had damaged the apartment by removing water pipes and electrical wiring and they had received word that he had burned down a house in Chrisman, Illinois. BARKER stated that the record indicated he paid his last week's rent on 12/7/67 and would have moved sometime during the next week. BARKER said that a Mrs. CHARLES NORWELL lived in the apartment above FEGETT and was one of the tenants who had complained about FEGETT's activities.

BARKER stated that FEGETT told her that he was going to Iowa to enter a hospital for treatment. She said that she had not seen WAYNE FEGETT since 12/7/67.

JANICE BARKER viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and stated emphatically that FEGETT and RAY were not identical. She stated that FEGETT was a smaller, younger, individual and had reddish - blond hair.

Mrs. EVELYN NORWELL, 805 Walnut Street, advised that she remembered the tenant who lived at 805 (downstairs) in December of 1967. Mrs. NORWELL stated that this man had entered her apartment on several occasions, without permission, and used the telephone. She said that he had made calls to Chrisman, Illinois on two occasions and she had received the bill for them. She stated that he had been very demanding of she and her husband and requested that they take him different places. She said that they had taken him to the Plaza Hotel to pick up his belongings

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when he first moved in but on subsequent demands by FEGETT, they had refused.

Mrs. NORWELL stated that FEGETT had a sister, Mrs. MARTHA FEGETT, who ran a beauty shop in Hillery, Illinois.

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The following information is a summary of information determined by credit and criminal checks at the Danville, Illinois PD, the Vermilion County, Illinois Sheriff's Office, and the Credit Bureau of Vermilion County.

LAWRENCE WAYNE FEGETT, FBI #536719E has been arrested on several occasions by the Danville, Illinois Police Department and the Vermilion County, Illinois Sheriff's Office for various charges including drunk and disorderly, public intoxication, disorderly conduct, and criminal damage to property. These arrests date back to 10/30/60 and the last arrest shown was 1/19/65 on a charge of battery. The records indicate that FEGETT has twice been a patient at the Kankakee State Hospital for a brief period. He also served one year in the State Farm for criminal damage to property in 1963.

Vermilion County Sheriff's Office complaint #18990 describes extreme force that was necessary in subduing FEGETT on one arrest and referred to the fact that force had to be used every time FEGETT was arrested. In 1963, FEGETT threatened a man's life with a knife.

The following is a composite of descriptive data available:

Name	LAWRENCE WAYNE FEGETT
Address	Box 23, Oakwood, Illinois
Date of Birth	1/13/41
Place of Birth	Collison, Illinois
Height	5'8"
Weight	155 pounds
Eyes	Blue

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Hair	Blond
Scars & Marks	Tattoo on both forearms
Marital status	married
Wife	PAMELA, Catlin, Illinois
Children	Two
Education	Eighth Grade
FBI Number	536719E

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC SPRINGFIELD

44-561

DATE: 4/27/

FROM : SA CONNELLEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

re SI tele. to Bureau dated 4/24/68. Telephone call to ROBERTS
on 4/26/

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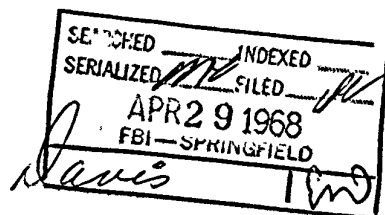
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Confirm identity of ROBERT J. FRY, 625½ N. 4th. Street, Quincy

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DATE: 4/30/68

FROM : SA JAMES M. BACHMAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Christian County

The following persons in Christian County were contacted on 4/10/68 regarding ERIC STARVO GALT with negative results.

GORDON PERRY, Deputy Sheriff, Christian County Sheriff's Office.

EVA PICKETT, Credit Bureau of Christian County.

MARVIN MC CALEB, Chief of Police, Taylorville, Illinois.

CONNIE MEADOWS, cashier, First National Bank of Taylorville.

PATTY EGGERMAN, loan officer, First Trust and Savings, Taylorville, Illinois.

Mrs. JOHN INNMAN, dispatcher, Pana Police Department.

L. D. RICHARDSON, cashier, First National Bank of Pana.

GEORGE ROMINE, assistant cashier, Peoples Bank of Pana.

The city directories, county directories, and telephone directories were checked for Christian County and the towns of Pana and Taylorville with negative results.

Shelby County

The following persons were contacted in Shelby

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County with negative results regarding ERIC STARVO GALT.

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Moultrie County

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R. J. GETZ, Vice President, First National Bank of Sullivan.

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GLEN AUSTIN, The Scott State Bank, Bethany, Illinois.

Mr. PAUL SMOCK, President, the Ayers State Bank of Moweaqua, Illinois.

GENNIEVE SARBER, cashier, State Bank of Cowden, Cowden, Illinois.

RAY RICHARDS, Vice President, Stewardson National Bank, Stewardson, Illinois.

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April 22, 1968
111 W. Lawrence Ave.
Eff., Ill. 62401

Dear Sir:

My step-son-in-law is named Cecil Ray. He was raised to the best of my knowledge in Vandalia community. Do not know much about his background, but know enough that he was raised in carefree manner and comes from the type family, "You dare me I dare you". Separated from wife and children. Last known address to me was in Joliet, working for gas and oil filling station. Driving large truck on long hauls out of town. Just to-day, friend said Cecil has been making visits back to Vandalia recently. His wife and family live in Highland. In the past Cecil referred to a James Ray, cousin to my deceased husband and I. Meant nothing to me.

SA Green Highland
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Whitaker

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at time:

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Robert [unclear]

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To: SACs, Chicago
Springfield

From: Director, FBI

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Re Mrs. Alberta L. French, Effingham, Illinois.

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Cecil Ray should be thoroughly interviewed with respect to whether or not he is related to the subject, James Earl Ray or is any way acquainted with him.

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6:53 PM URGENT 4/30/68 LBN

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES, KANSAS CITY,
AND SPRINGFIELD
FROM ATLANTA (44-2386)

MURKIN

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION APRIL THIRTY INSTANT.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING AMONG HIPPIE ELEMENT, ATLANTA.
THIS PHASE ALSO INVOLVED WITH INDIVIDUALS FAMILIAR WITH NARCOTIC
AND DRUG TRAFFIC. NOTHING OF SIGNIFIGANCE OBTAINED TO DATE.

CHECK OF SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES CLOSED DURING PERTIMENT
PERIOD AT BANK IN AREA OF RESIDENCE WHICH HANDLES SAFETY DEPOSIT
BOXES COMPLETED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

EXPANDED AIRLINES CHECKS CONTINUING, NEGATIVE TO DATE.

CHECK OF NEWSPAPER WANT ADS AND FOLLOW UPS ON USED CARS
FOR SALE CONTINUING. NEGATIVE TO DATE.

INVESTIGATION OF STOLEN CARS DURING PERTIMENT PERIOD
CONTINUING. NO SIGNIFIGANT INFORMATION OBTAINED.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES, KANSAS CITY AND
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FROM ATLANTA (44-2386) (P) 3P

MURKIN

44-561-316 P.E.

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION APRIL TWENTYNINE INSTANT.

INTERVIEW OF WILLIAM ERNEST HARPER, COLUMBUS, GA.,
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CHECK OF DRIVERS LICENSE RECORDS FOR NEW DRIVERS LICENSES IN STATE OF GA. FOR PERTINENT PERIOD CONTINUING. NEGATIVE TO DATE.

CHECK OF SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES CLOSED DURING PERTINENT PERIOD IN ONLY BANK IN AREA SUBJECT'S RESIDENCE WHICH HAS SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES CONDUCTED THIS DATE. TWENTYFIVE BOXES CLOSED DURING PERIOD, MAJORITY OF WHOM ARE WELL KNOWN CUSTOMERS, REMAINDER BEING CHECKED OUT.

AIRLINE CHECKS BEING EXPANDED.

NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION IN AREA OF ABANDONMENT OF CAR AND AREA OF RESIDENCE EXPANDED, BUT NO ADDITIONAL INFO OBTAINED.

JIMMIE DELTON GARNER REINTERVIEWED THIS DATE, RECOVERING FROM PROLONGED DRUNK. NOTHING ADDITIONAL OF SIGNIFICANCE OBTAINED.

FORMER HEAD OF HIPPIES, ATLANTA, WHO IS PRESENTLY INCARCERATED NARCOTICS CHARGE INTERVIEWED. FURNISHED INFORMATION RE POSSIBLE DRUG SOURCES IN HIPPIE AREA. HE WAS IN JAIL DURING PERTINENT PERIOD WHEN RAY IN ATLANTA.

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ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED NARCOTICS ASPECT WITH
COOPERATION NARCOTICS OFFICERS ATLANTA PD.

CONTACT OF KLAN INFORMANTS RE POSSIBLE BOUNTY ON KING'S
LIFE CONTINUING. NEGATIVE TO DATE.

LEWIE RAYMOND DOWDA REINTERVIEWED APRIL TWENTY NINE.
STATED ANOTHER INMATE AT MISSOURI STATE PRISON, NAME UNRECALLED
KNEW RAY. LEADS BEING SET FORTH BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATION.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END.

- DJK

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CHECK OF DRIVERS LICENSE RECORDS FOR NEW DRIVERS LICENSES IN STATE OF GA. FOR PERTINENT PERIOD CONTINUING. NEGATIVE TO DATE.

CHECK OF SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES CLOSED DURING PERTINENT PERIOD IN ONLY BANK IN AREA SUBJECT'S RESIDENCE WHICH HAS SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES CONDUCTED THIS DATE. TWENTYFIVE BOXES CLOSED DURING PERIOD, MAJORITY OF WHOM ARE WELL KNOWN CUSTOMERS, REMAINDER BEING CHECHED OUT.

AIRLINE CHECKS BEING EXPANDED.

NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION IN AREA OF ABANDONMENT OF CAR AND AREA OF RESIDENCE EXPANDED, BUT NO ADDITIONAL INFO OBTAINED.

JIMMIE DELTON GARNER REINTERVIEWED THIS DATE, RECOVERING FROM PROLONGED DRUNK. NOTHING ADDITIONAL OF SIGNIFICANCE OBTAINED.

FORMER HEAD OF HIPPIES, ATLANTA, WHO IS PRESENTLY INCARCERATED NARCOTICS CHARGE INTERVIEWED. FURNISHED INFORMATION RE POSSIBLE DRUG SOURCES IN HIPPIE AREA. HE WAS IN JAIL DURING PERTINENT PERIOD WHEN RAY IN ATLANTA.

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ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED NARCOTICS ASPECT WITH
COOPERATION NARCOTICS OFFICERS ATLANTA PD.

CONTACT OF KLAN INFORMANTS RE POSSIBLE BOUNTY ON KING'S
LIFE CONTINUING. NEGATIVE TO DATE.

LEWIE RAYMOND DOWDA REINTERVIEWED APRIL TWENTY NINE.
STATED ANOTHER INMATE AT MISSOURI STATE PRISON, NAME UNRECALLED
KNEW RAY. LEADS BEING SET FORTH BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATION.

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RE EARL EVERETT RAY (DECEASED).

MR. C.D. IREY, SPECIAL AGENT, C.B.&Q. RAILROAD, GALESBURG,
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NAME CHECKS AT THE GALESBURG PD, KNOX COUNTY SO, AND
CREDIT BUREAU FAILED TO DEVELOP ANY INFO. FORMER RESIDENCE
AREA OF ONE SIX FOUR SOUTH ACADEMY IS NOW A CEMETARY.

OMAHA AND KANSAS CITY ARE REQUESTED TO CHECK FORMER
EMPLOYMENTS OF EARL RAY, FOR ANY INFO OF LEAD VALUE RE
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