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Transmit the following in _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, MEMPHIS
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)
MURKIN.

REFERENCE MINNEAPOLIS TELETYPE TO BUREAU SIX SEVEN INSTANT.

JIMMY POE, FBI NUMBER EIGHT EIGHT FIVE SEVEN SEVEN FIVE C,
DOB NINE TWENTYEIGHT FORTYTWO, PARGOULD, ARKANSAS, LOCAL HOODLUM
GRANITE CITY, ILLINOIS. POE PRESENTLY BEING SOUGHT GRANITE
CITY PD ON BURGLARY WARRANT. WIFE RESIDES SEVEN ONE EIGHT
TWENTYSEVENTH PLACE, N. GRANITE CITY. NEIGHBORHOOD INQUIRY
REFLECTS POE REPORTEDLY WORKING OUT OF STATE, POSSIBLY KENTUCKY.
GRANITE CITY PD SPOT CHECKING POE'S RESIDENCE APPROXIMATELY
PAST THREE MONTHS AND HAVE INFORMANTS AND SOURCES ALERTED TO
ADVISE WHEN HE RETURNS. PD WILL ADVISE FBI IF POE APPREHENDED.

SPRINGFIELD AT GRANITE CITY WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE
AND INTERVIEW POE.

AIRMAIL COPY SENT MINNEAPOLIS.

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③ - Springfield (44-561)
cc: Sac, Minneapolis (AM)
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Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 15, 1968

A review of the records of the Illinois Bell Telephone Company, 414 Main Street, Quincy, Illinois, shows that telephone #223-0404 is issued to the Virginia Hotel, 534 North Second Street, Quincy, Illinois.

A review of the records of the Illinois Bell Telephone Company shows that the following toll calls were made from Quincy telephone #223-0403 through the period of March 13, 1968 through April 10, 1968:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CITY CALLED</u>	<u>TELEPHONE NUMBER CALLED</u>	<u>NUMBER OF MINUTES OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION</u>	<u>TIME CALL PLACED</u>
March 13, 1968	St. Louis, Missouri	MA1-8900	2	22:44
March 15, 1968	Clinton, Illinois	935-2558	1	22:39
March 15, 1968	Springfield, Illinois	528-7019	4	22:40
March 15, 1968	Tacoma, Washington (Collect)	475-4400	6	Unknown
March 17, 1968	Seattle, Washington (Collect)	Unknown	8	Unknown
March 21, 1968	Springfield, Illinois	528-9132	1	13:23
March 25, 1968	Springfield, Illinois	528-7019	2	00:05

On 5-3-68 at Quincy, Illinois File # SI 44-561 - 577

by SA ELYON H. DAVIS *gd* /ras Date dictated 5-9-68

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March 25, 1968	Chicago, Illinois	DI2-5442	1	22:39
March 25, 1968	Chicago, Illinois	CA7-9532	2	23:16
March 28, 1968	Springfield, Illinois	522-0633	2	10:02
March 30, 1968	Baylis, Illinois (Collect)	Unknown	3	Unknown
April 1, 1968	Seattle, Washington (Collect)	Unknown	1	Unknown
April 2, 1968	Clinton, Illinois	935-6024	1	12:34
April 2, 1968	Clinton, Illinois	935-2558	1	12:36
April 2, 1968	Clinton, Illinois	935-6024	2	14:29
April 2, 1968	Cheyenne, Wyoming (Collect)	632-0000	1	Unknown
April 2, 1968	Cheyenne, Wyoming (Collect)	632-0000	3	Unknown
April 3, 1968	Aurora, Illinois (Collect)	364-9284	6	Unknown

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April 3, 1968	Denver, Colorado (Collect)	333-5486	6	Unknown
April 4, 1968	Springfield, Illinois	528-7019	1	23:01
April 8, 1968	Chicago, Illinois	VI7-0727	3	20:39
April 8, 1968	Crete, Illinois	OR2-5991	2	20:43
April 8, 1968	Chicago Heights, Illinois	SK6-1000	5	20:46
April 9, 1968	Long Branch, New Jersey (Collect)	222-3976	9	Unknown
April 10, 1968	Springfield, Illinois	528-7019	1	19:54
April 10, 1968	Chicago, Illinois (Collect)	Unknown	2	Unknown

The above information is considered confidential
and may be obtained only with a subpoena duces tecum directed
to:

WILLIAM HICKLE
Service Representative
Illinois Bell Telephone Company
414 Main Street
Quincy, Illinois

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 15, 1968

The records of the Illinois Bell Telephone Company, 414 Main Street, Quincy, Illinois, reflect that Quincy telephone #223-9465 is issued to RUBY CARPENTER, 630 North Sixth Street, Quincy, Illinois.

The records of the Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Quincy, Illinois, shows the following toll calls made from telephone #223-9465 for the period March 23, 1968 through April 21, 1968:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CITY CALLED</u>	<u>TELEPHONE NUMBER CALLED</u>	<u>NUMBER OF MINUTES OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION</u>	<u>TIME CALL PLACED</u>
March 4, 1968	St. Louis, Missouri	ME1-7777	2	09:08
March 19, 1968	Center, Missouri	AM7-3467	3	20:17
March 25, 1968	Center, Missouri	AM7-3467	23	20:12
March 28, 1968	Center, Missouri	AM7-3467	3	07:47
April 7, 1968	Center, Missouri	AM7-3467	4	21:20
April 7, 1968	St. Louis, Missouri	MI5-2948	7	21:34
April 21, 1968	Center, Missouri	AM7-3467	6	11:23

On 5-3-68 at Quincy, Illinois File # SI 44-561 - 578

by SA ELYON H. DAVIS *[Signature]* /ras Date dictated 5-9-68

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duces tecum directed to:**

**WILLIAM HICKLE
Service Representative
Illinois Bell Telephone Company
414 Main Street
Quincy, Illinois**

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 15, 1968

A review of the records of the Illinois Bell Telephone Company, 414 Main Street, Quincy, Illinois, shows that Quincy, Illinois, telephone #222-7142 is issued to FRANK FULLER, 2601 Chestnut Street, Quincy, Illinois.

A review of the records of the Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Quincy, Illinois, did not show that any long distance telephone toll calls had been placed to or from Quincy #222-7142 for the period from February 15, 1968 through April 7, 1968.

No information was available from these records for the period after April 7, 1968.

The above information is considered confidential and may be obtained only with a subpoena duces tecum directed to:

WILLIAM HICKLE
Service Manager
Illinois Bell Telephone Company
414 Main Street
Quincy, Illinois

On 5-3-68 at Quincy, Illinois File # SI 44-561-579
by SA EMMETT H. DAVIS *ED* /ras Date dictated 5-9-68

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. SI 44-561

421 South Sixth Street
Springfield, Illinois 62701

May 16, 1968

Gentlemen:

Enclosed for your information are two recent photographs, one newspaper mat and one proof concerning one JAMES EARL RAY, also known as ERIC STARVO GALT. RAY is being sought as a fugitive by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in connection with the assassination of the Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is requesting the aid of the nation's press in bringing about the prompt apprehension of this badly sought fugitive and your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Troy Coleman

TROY COLEMAN
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Albany

DATE: May 20, 1968

for
FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: MURKIN
PUBLICITY ON REWARDS OFFERED

Each Special Agent in Charge and Legal Attache is instructed to promptly remind their established cooperative news sources, in a discreet and tactful manner, of the existence of substantial reward money for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killer of Dr. Martin Luther King. This money now totals at least \$100,000. The FBI should not, however, be publicized as the source of this reminder.

While the Bureau's continuing policy is to encourage the public to furnish information to law enforcement authorities as a matter of good citizenship, without expectation of financial reward, it is fully recognized that monetary rewards are often necessary to motivate some individuals. The knowledge of the existence of the substantial rewards available in the Murkin case could possibly prove of value in the solution of this major investigation.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

DATE: 5/23/68

FROM : SAS ARTHUR LEE WOODS AND FRANK J. HABERSHAW

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Springfield teletype to Chicago dated 4/26/68.

On May 17, 1968, STOW E. SYMON, Supervising Sociologist, Illinois State Penitentiary, Pontiac, Illinois, advised SA FRANK J. HABERSHAW that the prison has approximately 25 record books, each containing approximately 500 pages for names of prison inmates. He said that in order to determine the identity of those inmates assigned to the Honor Farm during the period which JAMES EARL RAY was incarcerated, a search of those record books must be made before a review of each inmate's file could be instituted. He said that such would be a voluminous amount of work and time consuming.

The above information was brought to the attention of ASAC SULLIVAN and SA ROBERTS and it was decided that, in view of the negative results of interviews with several former inmates, whose identity had already been established, and since the institution of a record search was based on information that RAY was being financially provided for by a former cellmate at Menard Penitentiary and not at the Illinois State Penitentiary, Pontiac, Illinois, such a project would not be undertaken at this time.

Inquiry at the Illinois State Prison, Pontiac, Illinois, on April 26, 1968, revealed the only known living former employee of the Prison Honor Farm who would have been at the Farm at the time of RAY was D. LANCE JONES, 615 Payson Street, Pontiac, Illinois. It was learned Mr. JONES is elderly and of ill health.

JONES was contacted on April 26, 1968, by SA WOODS. JONES advised he recalls RAY as being a kitchen helper-cook at the Honor Farm. JONES was unable to recall any known associate of RAY. He stated he is unable to

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recall what other inmates were assigned to the kitchen.
JONES advised to his knowledge all the other former guard
help at the Honor Farm are deceased.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-561)

FROM : SA ROBERT BLUM RASCOE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/23/68

On 4/29/68, GARY WILLIS, Sergeant, Springfield, Illinois Police Department, was advised that any fingerprints of subject JAMES EARL RAY as set forth on IO to be compared with latents obtained since his escape from Missouri State Penitentiary on 4/23/67 in order to establish RAY'S past whereabouts and source of funds.

On the same date, EDWARD RYAN, Sheriff, Sangamon County, was advised of the above.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND SAC MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN.

RE CHICAGO TEL MAY TWENTY ONE LAST.

RE ALLEGED ASSOCIATE ANDREW WILSON DE CORE.

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

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

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

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

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

- 1 - St. Louis (44-775) (AM)
 - 1 - San Francisco (173-65) (AM)
 - ① - Springfield (44-461) (AM)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Springfield (44-561)

DATE: 5/23/68

FROM : Joseph L. McKinstry

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following investigation was conducted by SA Joseph L. McKinstry:

AT GRANITE CITY, ILLINOIS

DELMAR BELL, 2111 Lincoln St., advised that he owns the house at 2251 Monroe St., and that CARL HOFFMAN never lived in that house. He advised that HOFFMAN did rent a room at 2111 Lincoln for a short time about 3 years ago. He advised that while HOFFMAN himself was alright, he associated with boisterous friends who came to the apartment and caused trouble, parking their cars improperly and making excessive noise. He advised he finally gave HOFFMAN notice to move and he did move, and he has not heard from him since.

BELL was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and stated he had never knowingly seen this person.

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Joseph L. McKinstry

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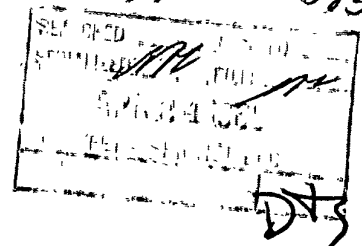
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OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION OF ERROR

Date May 23, 1968

To SAC, Kansas City (44-760) From Director, FBI (44-38861)

Subject: James Earl Ray, aka - Fugitive, I.O. #4182, W.F. #442-A,
Top Ten Fugitive; Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (Deceased) - Victim
CR - Conspiracy; UFAC - Robbery

Reference: ☐ Cover pages of SA ☒ Report of SA Raymond B. Howe ☐ Letterhead memo
 dated 5/15/68 at Kansas City
☐ Letter ☐ Teletype ☐ Airtel ☐ Radiogram ☐ Cablegram
 dated _____ from _____ to _____
 Your mail dispatch of _____, registry number _____

☒ **Nonsubstantive Error** - notify appropriate personnel; make notation in error folder; and consider in next performance ratings. Consider employees' work records as to any needed action.

☐ **Substantive Error** - return original of form to Bureau promptly with explanations and recommendations.

Take appropriate action in connection with error in subject matter checked below:

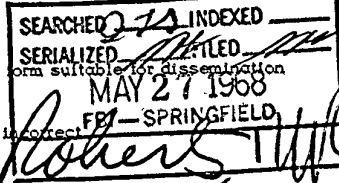
- ☐ 1. Administrative Data
- ☐ a. Failed to submit letterhead memo re subject who is Government employee
 - ☐ b. Omission of "Property of FBI" statement on letterhead memo
 - ☐ c. Reason for protecting source not given
 - ☐ d. Pretext not described
 - ☐ e. Documentation re FISUR Agents omitted
 - ☐ f. Failure to meet 5-day reporting rule after arrest
- ☐ 2. Delayed
- ☐ a. Investigation ☐ c. Transcription
 - ☐ b. Dictation ☐ d. Reporting
- ☐ 3. O.O. incorrect (O.O. is _____)
- ☐ 4. Reporting office
- ☐ 5. Date of communication
- ☐ 6. Investigative period
- ☐ 7. Title
- ☐ a. Incomplete ☐ d. Incorrectly ☐ e. Fugitive
 - ☐ b. Misspelled ☐ 1. Changed ☐ 1. Omitted
 - ☐ c. Omitted ☐ 2. Carried ☐ 2. Incorrectly carried
 - ☐ 1. I.O. No.
 - ☐ 2. Wanted Flyer No.
 - ☐ 3. Check Circular No.
- ☐ 8. Character
- ☐ a. Incomplete ☐ b. Incorrect ☐ c. Omitted
- ☐ 9. Synopsis
- ☐ a. Incomplete or inadequate
 - ☐ b. Facts not in detail or vice versa
 - ☐ c. Fails to show
 - ☐ 1. Owner notified
 - ☐ 2. Employed key facility
 - ☐ 3. Has access classified data at key facility
 - ☐ d. Recovery value not set out
 - ☐ e. "Caution" statement
 - ☐ 1. Omitted
 - ☐ 2. Failure to delete
- ☐ 10. Status
- ☐ a. Incorrect ☐ b. Omitted
- ☐ 11. Not approved by SAC (original returned for approval and forwarding)
- ☐ 12. Copies
- ☐ a. Not legible
 - ☐ b. Not furnished
 - ☐ 1. Auxiliary office
 - ☐ 2. U. S. Attorney
 - ☐ 3. _____
 - ☐ c. Incorrect no. of copies to
 - ☐ 1. Bureau
 - ☐ 2. _____
 - ☐ d. Reason for information copy
- ☐ 13. Bufile Number should be _____
- ☐ a. Incorrectly reported
 - ☐ b. Files consolidated at Bureau
- ☐ 14. Details
- ☐ a. No description
 - ☐ b. Stops not removed
 - ☐ c. Subject in custody, complaint and warrant issued but immediate hearing before USC not reported
 - ☐ d. Delay in receiving information from P.D. indicates lack of police liaison
 - ☐ e. Incomplete reporting
 - ☐ f. Administrative data in details
 - ☐ g. Incorrect code section cited
 - ☐ h. Failed to
 - ☐ 1. Take sworn statement
 - ☐ 2. Show employed key facility
 - ☐ 3. Show date information received
 - ☐ 4. Show name of Agent conducting interview
 - ☐ 5. Show has access classified data at key facility
 - ☐ i. Characterization omitted
 - ☐ j. "Place" omitted in jurat of sworn statement
 - ☐ k. Form
 - ☐ 1. Incomplete
 - ☐ 2. Incorrect
 - ☐ l. No indication U. S. Marshal notified
- ☐ 15. Enclosures
- ☐ a. Not received ☐ c. Not submitted
 - ☐ b. Not described ☐ 1. Disposition Sheet
 - ☐ 2. Probation Flash
- ☐ 16. Security Classification
- ☐ a. Incorrect ☐ c. Classification omitted ☐ d. Reason not shown
 - ☐ b. Declassify ☐ Protective ☐ Group
- ☐ 17. Leads
- ☐ a. Not set out ☐ b. Too vague
- ☐ 18. Informants
- ☐ a. FBI No. not given ☐ e. Date of FBI Identification Division record check not listed
 - ☐ b. 45-day contact missed ☐ f. Failed to submit evaluation memo
 - ☐ c. Incorrect T symbol
 - ☐ d. Not identified
- ☐ 19. Reference
- ☐ a. Incorrect ☐ b. Omitted
- ☐ 20. Abstract
- ☐ 21. Form FD-122
- ☐ 22. Misspelling, page _____
- ☐ 23. Typographical error
- ☐ 24. Incorrect use of
- ☐ a. Airtel
 - ☐ b. Teletype
- ☐ 25. Resubmit promptly in form suitable for dissemination
- ☐ 26. Parole Report
- ☐ a. Not submitted
 - ☐ b. Violation block incorrect
- ☐ 27. Incorrect date(s)
- ☐ 28. Miscellaneous
- ☐ 29. Bureau mailing instructions, Manual of Rules and Regulations, Part II, Section 3, B, 2, Item e. _____ not followed.
- ☐ 30. Submit appropriate amended pages.

Remarks:

page 45 of report, first paragraph should be July 18, 1967, instead of 1968. Bureau copies corrected.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

DATE: 5/27/68

FROM : SA LOUIE F. DEAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memorandum of SPC DAVID J. KAPP, 5/21/68.

On 5/24/68, Mrs. DAVID JOHN BLACKMAN, 949 East Pells, Paxton, Illinois, advised that her husband, DAVID JOHN BLACKMAN, is a sergeant in the U.S. Air Force stationed at Chanute Air Force Base, Rantoul, Illinois.

She further advised that she was aware of the fact that he desired to contact the FBI with reference to an individual who he and his friend Sergeant SCALES said they had seen on 5/21/68 walking on Illinois Route 45 near Rantoul, Illinois.

She advised that her husband and Sergeant SCALES could be contacted at Chanute Air Force Base.

After contact with Mrs. BLACKMAN, the writer telephonically contacted SA TRAVELSTEAD, Urbana RA and advised him that Sergeant BLACKMAN and Sergeant SCALES could be contacted at Chanute Air Force Base, Rantoul, Illinois at which time he stated that he would have Special Agent GERALD E. MC DANIEL, JR. contact Sergeant BLACKMAN and Sergeant SCALES this date at Chanute Air Force Base.

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Date: 5-23-68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) .P

RE: MURKIN 44-561-P

REBUAIRTEL, 5-16-68, concerning allegation by JOHN EUGENE GAWRON that subject and an unnamed man robbed bank June - July, 1967.

On re-interview late 5-22-68, GAWRON revealed location of bank as Alton, Ill., and identity of unnamed man who robbed same with subject as JIMMIE (LNU). Stated he was visited by JIMMIE nights of 5-13 and 5-14-68.

One JAMES H. CARPENTER, FBI # 230 243 is known to have visited GAWRON on those dates with another individual.

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- 1 - Indianapolis (Info)
- 1 - Jackson (Info)
- 1 - Kansas City (Info)
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SL: 42-775

SL files disclose BANK OF ALTON, Alton, Ill., was robbed by two unknown subjects on 7-13-67 (Bufile 91-27494) (Sifile 91-3699) (SLfile 91-3877). Description of number two man could fit RAY. Number ~~two~~ ^{one} man description does not fit CARPENTER, who is 5'8", 140 #, slender build.

St. Louis City Jail records established CARPENTER was in City Jail from 6-5-67 to 3-1-68, and therefore could not have participated in the Alton BR, or met GAWRON during 1967 as alleged.

In view of foregoing, GAWRON is being considered as being of known unreliability.

Subject should STILL be considered as a possible suspect in all unsolved bank and other robberies subsequent to 4-23-67.

Subject A & D.

5/24/68

TELETYPE

URGENT

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

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) 1P

MURKIN.

RE ST. LOUIS SUMMARY TELETYPE MAY TWENTY THREE LAST.

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

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

SPRINGFIELD ADVISED BY AIRMAIL.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS P.

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① - Springfield
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② Harris RA

Sears Roebuck & Co. (16)
320 E. Second St.
Owensboro, Ky.

Sears Roebuck & Co. (5)
4133 Dixie Highway
Shively, Ky.

Sears Roebuck & Co. (22)
1010 State Street
Bowling Green, Ky.

Sears Roebuck & Co. (4)
2102 Williams St.
Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Sears Roebuck & Co. (13)
1500 Broadway
Paducah, Kentucky

Sears Roebuck & Co. (13)
213 E. Main Street
Lexington, Kentucky

Sears Roebuck & Co. (64)
3708 Grand Blvd.
St. Louis, Missouri

Sears Roebuck & Co. (7)
7412 Manchester Rd.
Maplewood, Missouri

✓ Sears Roebuck & Co. (17)
309 Piasa Street
Alton, Illinois

Sears Roebuck & Co. (25)
13 West 7th Street
Covington, Kentucky

Sears Roebuck & Co. (24)
820 West Broadway
Louisville, Ky.

Sears Roebuck & Co. (26)
4121 Shelbyville Road
St. Matthews, Kentucky

Sears Roebuck & Co. (7)
U.S. 60 East
Frankfort, Kentucky

Sears Roebuck & Co. (76)
1408 N. Kingshighway
St. Louis, Missouri

✓ Sears Roebuck & Co. (34)
1005 State Street
East St. Louis, Illinois

✓ Sears Roebuck & Co. (2)
112 E. Main Street
Belleville, Illinois

Sears Roebuck & Co. (42)
15 Crestwood Plaza
St. Louis, Missouri

Sears Roebuck & Co. (69)
11100 St. Charles Rodk Road
St. Ann, Missouri

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947) (P)
RE: MURKIN *44-561*

Re Louisville teletype to Director dated 4/26/68;
Atlanta teletype to Louisville dated 4/30/68; Atlanta
telephone call to Louisville, 5/22/68; and Louisville tele-
phone call to Atlanta, 5/23/68.

Re: Sears Roebuck Battery located in 1966 Mustang

With further reference to the tracing of Sears
Roebuck All-State Battery located in 1966 Mustang recovered
at Atlanta, Ga., on 4/5/68, and with particular reference
to telephonic conversation between Supervisor CHARLES HARDING,
Atlanta Office, and SA C. ADDISON KINCAID of the Louisville
Office, the following additional facts are being furnished:

On 5/22/68, Mr. JOHN DARNELL, Globe Union Company,
Louisville, Ky., manufacturers of All-State Automobile
Batteries of the type recovered in instant 1966 Mustang,
stated that this battery is a Model 52 which carries a
stock number of 22-F. Mr. DARNELL informed that in a 1966
Mustang the battery normally installed would be a Model
25, 35 or 36 or Stock No. 24-F. He stated that this battery

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could be purchased in any of the Sears Roebuck retail automobile store outlets located in Eastern Missouri, Southern Illinois, all of the State of Indiana, all of the State of Ohio, all of the State of West Virginia, or all of the State of Kentucky. He stated that as of the present time, there are 133 retail Sears Roebuck automobile stores which stock and sell this battery.

With reference to the possibility of obtaining this battery through mail order, Mr. DARNELL stated that this could be possible but only upon referral of the mail order to the Louisville plant of Globe by Sears Roebuck in Chicago, Illinois, for delivery direct from the Louisville plant. It is to be noted that the central distributing point and warehouse of Sears Roebuck in Chicago would not stock a 22-F battery manufactured at the Louisville plant inasmuch as Chicago is served by the Milwaukee plant of Globe Union.

With reference to the possibility of purchase of the battery by mail order, Mr. DARNELL checked all mail orders filled by the Louisville plant upon such referral by Sears Roebuck in Chicago and stated that no mail order received was for a Model 22-F battery, thus eliminating the possibility of purchase of instant battery through mail order.

Pursuant to conversation held with Supervisor CHARLES HARDING of the Atlanta Office, Mr. DARNELL was requested to furnish and did furnish copies of the Sears Roebuck retail automobile store outlets in the area surrounding Memphis, consisting of stores in the Greater St. Louis, Missouri, area and Southeastern Missouri, as well as Southern Illinois as far North as Alton, Illinois, as well as stores in Western Kentucky. Next to the name and address of the Sears Roebuck stores so listed in parenthesis are listed the total number of the type 22-F battery furnished these various stores during the pertinent period from 2/22/68, to April 5, 1968. It is to be noted that while instant battery carries a date code of 3/68, Mr. DARNELL explained that the code date is effective on the 21st of each month indicating that this battery was distributed possibly as early as 2/22/68, as a March product.

For the information of offices not previously receiving correspondence regarding tracing of instant

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battery, this battery is described as an All-State high voltage, internal connector battery with the identifying Model 52 contained in white letters in a small circular plastic case on three sides of the battery. It also bears the marking "F-41 B E 8, square 48" located on the top of the lead shield washer on the negative post. The date code "C-8" indicating the battery was manufactured in March, 1968, is contained in a small white decal on the side of the battery.

Enclosed for the Bureau and each receiving office is a copy of the list of Sears Roebuck retail stores carrying this battery and through which retail outlet same may have been purchased during the above period from 2/22 to 4/4/68.

No leads are being set forth herewith by the Louisville Office relative to further tracing of this battery but same is being left to the descretion of the OO as indicated in referenced teletype of the Louisville Office dated 4/26/68.

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Date: 5/27/68

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (ATTENTION: NCIC)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (91-0)

SUBJECT: JOHN MASON
POSSIBLE BR

On 5/22/68, DON BRANDT, Assistant Cashier, Illinois State Bank of East Alton, Illinois, advised that JOHN MASON had deposited \$8,000.00 in the Citizens Savings and Loan of East Alton, Illinois, and that he had the money at his bank. BRANDT furnished the serial number of 20 \$100 bills and 120 \$50 bills which were deposited by JOHN MASON on 5/21/68 at the Citizens Savings and Loan, East Alton, Illinois.

The serial numbers are as follows:

\$100 Bills

H04572285A	Series 1950 D
B01336165	Series 1950 E
H01934827	Series 1950 B
L07004199A	Series 1950 C
L07540155A	Series 1950 C
G13743218A	Series 1950 D
G13871888A	Series 1950 D
G14596648A	Series 1950 E
B03398564A	Series 1950
B04679834A	Series 1950 A
E09476292A	Series 1950 D
D00495749A	Series 1950
H04992408A	Series 1950 D

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H04985640A Series 1950 D
H00553780 Series 1950 C
H04975387A Series 1950 D
H02648573A Series 1950 B
H04912238A Series 1950 D
K00222805A Series 1934
A02490084A Series 1950 B

\$50 Bills

H03416821A - H03416880A Series 1950 D
H02447076A Series 1950 C
G12760049A Series 1950 D
J02742048 Series 1950 D
G15823454A Series 1950 D
F01118524A Series 1950
E05870162A Series 1950 A
B35166362A Series 1950 D
L00103408 Series 1963 A
G01000250 Series 1950 D
E07756231A Series 1950 B
H03229553A Series 1950 D
D00467899 Series 1950 B
E11609035A Series 1950 D
H03372525A Series 1950 D
L00778025A Series 1963 A
H02993486A Series 1950 D
H03397932A Series 1950 D
H03643837A Series 1950 D
G01308381A Series 1963 A
H00552124 Series 1950 B
H03207896A Series 1950 D
H03228634A Series 1950 D
H03891665A Series 1950 D
G16303173A Series 1950 D
H02760862A Series 1950 D
H02759604A Series 1950 D
H02683532A Series 1950 C
L04871892A Series 1950 B
G13262394A Series 1950 D
B24032261A Series 1950 B
H00723490 Series 1950 D
H01548130A Series 1950 A
H00586682 Series 1950 C

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K01349048A Series 1950 A
G09446495A Series 1950 B
B20528282A Series 1950 B
C04754681A Series 1950 B
G16427591A Series 1950 D
H02944064A Series 1950 D
H03189755A Series 1950 D
H02934253A Series 1950 D
H03221694A Series 1950 D
H03228633A Series 1950 D
H03337389A Series 1950 D
H03393533A Series 1950 D
H03397313A Series 1950 D
H03397314A Series 1950 D
H03397378A Series 1950 D
208585462A Series 1950 D
H00713260 Series 1950 C
H02019370A Series 1950 B
G12181525A Series 1950 C
G15170116A Series 1950 D
B37441311A Series 1950 D
B31809577A Series 1950 D
G02711574A Series 1950
E11586003A Series 1950 D
D12261655A Series 1950 D
C10276090A Series 1950 D
K00156641 Series 1950 A

Notes. All of above enumerated bills are Federal Reserve

WALTER MAY, Cashier, Citizens Savings and Loan,
East Alton, Illinois, furnished the following description
and information pertaining to subject.

Name: JOHN MASON
Age: Late thirties
Weight: 180 - 190
Build: Stocky
Hair: Dark brown, very close to black
wavy, combed straight back, appeared
to be styled and had a receding hair
line.
Eyes: Unknown
Complexion: Clear
Speech: Spoke with somewhat of a Texan accent.
Employment: Truck Driver, Atlas Plumbing Company,
St. Louis, Missouri.

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LEAD:

NCIC

Compare these serial numbers with bait money serial numbers entered into NCIC taken in bank robberies and burglaries.

SPRINGFIELD DIVISION

At East Alton, Illinois

Will display appropriate photographs, including photograph of JAMES EARL RAY.

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FBI ST LOUIS

110 PM URGENT 5-27-68 GMC

TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND SPRINGFIELD
FROM ST. LOUIS 44-775

MURKIN.

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SPRINGFIELD IDENTIFY LEAMINGTON SUBSCRIBER.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

DATE: 5/27/68

FROM : SA GERALD E. MCDANIEL, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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BLACKMAN advised that later that day after he had gotten home he saw a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY in a newspaper, and thought that possibly the unknown individual might be RAY.

In view of the lack of description or further information, no other action is being taken.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, SPRINGFIELD

DATE: 5/28/68

FROM : SA FREDERICK E. GRAPER

☐ CI ☒ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: SI 1557-C

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Dates of Contact		
5/13/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted.		
MURKIN	SI-44-561	
HOWARD BAKER, ETAL	SI-66-696	
Purpose and results of contact		
☐ NEGATIVE		
☒ POSITIVE		
☐ STATISTIC		
The informant when contacted was displayed photographs of subject EARL RAY and was furnished a copy of a Wanted Flyer with instructions that if any information comes to his attention concerning this individual, he should immediately notify the FBI. Informant stated that he did not know subject RAY but would be on alert for any information concerning him. Concerning HOWARD BAKER, the informant stated that BAKER recently has been traveling to Florida, purpose unknown, but is still maintaining the operation of the Town and Country Motel and Lounge located at Mc Clure, Illinois. The informant states that he services vending machines in the area of Mc Clure and to date has been unable through his sources to determine if any gambling presently exists at the BAKER establishment. The informant reported that the motel operated by BAKER is		
☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage
	Very good	very good
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utilized by "over the road truckers" as a rest stop since the motel is located adjunct to one of the large truck terminals.

The informant further advised that BAKER lost control of the Colony Club which he held for a very brief period of time.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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DATE: 5/28/68

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SUBJECT: SI 1599-C

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SUBJECT: ABSTRACT RANSOM

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

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN

UNSUBS (2);
The Bank of Alton,
Alton, Illinois,
7/13/67
BR

Being submitted under separate cover via Registered Mail are the following items of evidence recovered in connection with captioned bank robbery.

1. Item Q3 - A Van Heusen Shirt
2. Item Q6 - Man's brown trousers
3. Slides of hair samples prepared by the Laboratory of hair recovered from previously submitted evidence.

The Laboratory is requested to compare the above submitted evidence with items to be submitted by the Memphis Division in connection with the MURKIN investigation to determine if there is any similarity or identification between the two cases.

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For further information of the Bureau, inquiry of employees and officials at The Bank of Alton has disclosed that no exact figure or breakdown of the bills incorporated in the loot money obtained is available since the bank was robbed near the end of the business day and the tellers had no exact accounting of denominations taken. It is the opinion of employees that a large amount of \$20 bills was obtained and further that one teller specifically recalls she had twenty-one \$100 bills in her teller's cage.

Investigation continuing Springfield Division to develop information concerning information furnished by GAWRON.

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For further information of the Bureau, inquiry of employees and officials at The Bank of Alton has disclosed that no exact figure or breakdown of the bills incorporated in the loot money obtained is available since the bank was robbed near the end of the business day and the tellers had no exact accounting of denominations taken. It is the opinion of employees that a large amount of \$20 bills was obtained and further that one teller specifically recalls she had twenty-one \$100 bills in her teller's cage.

Investigation continuing Springfield Division to develop information concerning information furnished by GAWRON.

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