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OF ABOVE LISTED SUSPECTS AND WHO MIGHT BE WILLING TO TALK.

INFORMATION FURNISHED BY INFORMANT BEING FOLLOWED

CLOSELY AND PERSONS NAMED WILL BE LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED.

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PM URGENT 8-1-68 DJM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (P1)

MURKIN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU JULY THIRTYONE LAST.  
ROBERT L. STANTON INTERVIEWED MADISON COUNTY JAIL,  
EDWARDSVILLE, ILLINOIS; DENIES COMPLICITY IN BANK ROBBERY  
AT THE BANK OF ALTON.

STANTON MEETS PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION UNSUB NUMBER ONE  
IN ABOVE BANK ROBBERY; HAS HISTORY OF USING AUTOMATIC PISTOL  
SIMILAR TO THAT USED BY UNSUB NUMBER ONE AND EMPLOYED PART  
TIME FOR CAB COMPANY WHICH HAS STAND DIRECTLY ACROSS STREET  
FROM BANK.

STANTON REPORTED INVESTED HEAVILY IN NEW CABS SHORTLY  
AFTER BANK ROBBERY.

ALL OF ABOVE BEING FOLLOWED CLOSELY TO VERIFY AND STANTON  
WILL BE INTERVIEWED.

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PM URGENT 8-2-68 DJM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (2PP)

MURKIN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED AUGUST ONE,  
LAST.

SI SIXTEEN FOURTEEN DASH C ADVISED TODAY HE HAS DEVELOPED INFORMATION THAT ON THE MORNING OF ROBBERY THE BANK OF ALTON HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON, DELMER GRINDSTAFF, AND JOHN MC CLINTOCK WERE IN STOLEN NINETEEN FIFTY-THREE BUICK WHITE OVER BLUE DOOR; THAT COVINGTON WAS WEARING DARK BLUE WINDBREAKER, JACKET, AND GLOVES, GRINDSTAFF WAS WEARING LIGHT BLUE AIR FORCE TYPE COVERALLS. CLOTHING DESCRIBED BY INFORMANT POSSIBLY IDENTICAL TO THAT UTILIZED TO UNSUBS INSTANT BR. INFORMANT FOLLOWING INFORMATION CLOSELY TO DETERMINE ACTIVITIES OF COVINGTON, GRINDSTAFF, AND MC CLINTOCK DURING DAY OF ROBBERY AND UNTIL COVINGTON AND MC CLINTOCK LEFT ALTON FOR CALIFORNIA SHORTLY AFTER BR.

INFORMANT FURNISHED NAMES OF BILL DIXON AND GEORGE GOFF AS PERSONS WHO POSSIBLY HAVE INFORMATION CONCERNING ACTIVITIES

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (1 P)

MURKIN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED AUGUST TWO, LAST.  
BACKGROUND DATA BEING DEVELOPED ON ALL NEW SUSPECTS  
UNCOVERED DURING INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION OVER PAST SEVERAL  
WEEKS. ON COMPLETION BACKGROUND DATA, ALL WILL BE INTENSIVELY  
INTERVIEWED AND ALIBIES CHECKED OUT.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED AUGUST TWO, LAST.  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (P 1)

MURKIN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU AUGUST FIVE LAST.  
BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON NEWLY DEVELOPED SUSPECTS  
CONTINUING.

PHYLLIS GRINDSTAFF, WIFE OF DELMAR GRINDSTAFF, ADVISED  
HER HUSBAND LEFT FOR CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT IN VIET NAM AUGUST  
ONE LAST. STATES HE IS CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF JOHN MC CLINTOCK  
AND CLOSELY PARALLELS DESCRIPTION OF NUMBER ONE ROBBER AT  
BANK OF ALTON. STATES, HOWEVER, HE NEVER MENTIONED TAKING  
PART IN ANY BR NOR DID HE HAVE LARGE AMOUNTS OF CASH. STATES  
HE FREELY TALKED ABOUT BURGLARY ACTIVITIES.

MARION ANN FOSSEN AND HOWARD SHELTON, ILLINOIS STATE  
PAROLE OFFICERS REPORT NO POSITIVE RESULTS OF CONTACTS WITH  
PAROLEES AND PROBATIONERS. WILL REPORT FURTHER CONTACTS  
WHICH MAY DEVELOP.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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 FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (2 PP)

MURKIN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED AUGUST SIX,  
 LAST.

SI SIXTEEN FOURTEEN DASH C ADVISED TODAY HE DEVELOPED  
 INFORMATION CONCERNING PERPETRATION OF BANK ROBBERY, THE  
 BANK OF ALTON, JULY THIRTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN, THE  
 RELIABILITY OF WHICH HE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO DETERMINE AT  
 THIS TIME. INFORMATION INDICATES PERSONS ENTERING BANK WERE  
 HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON AND DELMAR GRINDSTAFF; THAT JOHN  
 MC CLINTOCK WAS WHEEL MAN DRIVING STOLEN NINETEEN FIFTY-  
 THREE BUICK; THAT UNSUBS ESCAPED THROUGH TEN FOOT HEDGE  
 AT REAR OF BANK AND MET MC CLINTOCK ON BROWN STREET AFTER  
 WHICH THEY ESCAPED VIA LITTLE USED ROADS TO VICINITY OF  
 FOURTH AND BROADWAY, SWITCHING TO NINETEEN FIFTY-SEVEN  
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STONE QUARRY, WEST ALTON, MISSOURI.

INFORMANT INDICATES BANK LOOT SPLIT FIVE WAYS BETWEEN ABOVE THREE SUBJECTS AND ROGER ALLEN, TAVERN OWNER, AND LEON KOHLER, SUSPECTED FENCE.

INFORMANT CONTINUING EFFORTS TO VERIFY COMPLICITY OF ABOVE LISTED SUBJECTS AND DETERMINE PERSONS WHO CAN VERIFY:

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FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) - P -

MURKIN

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED AUGUST SEVEN LAST.  
SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR - C ADVISED TODAY HE HAS BEEN UNABLE  
TO FURTHER VERIFY INFORMATION SET FORTH IN REFERENCED TEL.  
HOWEVER, HE IS CONTINUING EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY PERSONS WHO COULD  
ASSIST IN VERIFICATION.

ROBERT L. STANTON REITERATED DENIAL HE WAS INVOLVED IN  
ROBBERY AT BANK OF ALTON, HOWEVER, HE STATED HE HAS SOME INFOR-  
MATION, WHICH HE FEELS MIGHT BE OF ASSISTANCE. HE STATES HE  
HAS TO "THINK IT OVER" BEFORE DIVULGING INFORMATION. STANTON  
WILL BE RECONTACTED AT AN EARLY DATE TO ELICIT FURTHER INFOR-  
MATION FROM HIM.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED AUGUST SEVEN LAST.

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TO: DIRECTOR; FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED AUGUST EIGHT, LAST.

SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR - C ADVISED HE IS ATTEMPTING TO CONTACT THREE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED ABLE TO PLACE HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON, DELMAR GRINDSTAFF, AND JOHN MC CLINTOCK IN STOLEN FIFTYTHREE BUICK AND LATER IN FIFTYSEVEN PLYMOUTH ON DAY OF BR, THE BANK OF ALTON; FURTHER THEY CAN TESTIFY COVINGTON WEARING DARK BLUE WINDBREAKER AND GRINDSTAFF WEARING LIGHT BLUE COVERALLS.

PHYLIS GRINDSTAFF, WIFE OF DELMAR, STATES SHE CANNOT RECALL COVERALLS, NOR CAN SHE RECALL DELMAR'S ACTIVITIES ON DAY OF BR.

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FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN

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LAST.

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RICHARD CONVINGTON, DELMAR GRINDSTAFF, AND JOHN MC CLINTOCK IN  
STOLEN FIFTYTHREE BUICK AND LATER IN FIFTYSEVEN PLYMOUTH ON  
DAY OF BR, THE BANK OF ALTON; FURTHER THEY CAN TESTIFY CONVINGTON  
WEARING DARK BLUE WINDBREAKER AND GRINDSTAFF WEARING LIGHT BLUE  
COVERALLS.

PHYLIS GRINDSTAFF, WIFE OF DELMAR, STATES SHE CANNOT  
RECALL COVERALLS, NOR CAN SHE RECALL DELMAR'S ACTIVITIES ON DAY  
OF BR.

COPIES MAILED TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, AND ST. LOUIS, O.

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FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (2 PP)

MURKIN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR DATED AUGUST ~~NINE~~, TEN -  
LAST.

ROBERT RIZZI, DEPUTY, MADISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE,  
EDWARDSVILLE, ILLINOIS, ADVISED AUGUST TWELVE, INSTANT,  
DELMAR GRINDSTAFF, BELIEVED ARRESTED BY THAT DEPARTMENT  
FOR POSSESSION OF SAWED OFF SHOTGUN IN COLLINSVILLE,  
ILLINOIS. HE ADVISED THAT HE BELIEVED GRINDSTAFF ARRESTED  
IN THE COMPANY OF JOHN MC CLINTOCK. RIZZI ADVISED HE WOULD  
OBTAIN ALL THE INFORMATION HIS OFFICE HAS ON GRINDSTAFF  
AND FURNISH IT TO THE FBI. RIZZI FURTHER ADVISED THAT  
WILLIE LEE HAS AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE PUBLIC DEFENDER,  
ROBERT TRONE, MADISON COUNTY COURT HOUSE, ON THE MORNING  
OF AUGUST SIXTEEN, NEXT, EXACT TIME UNKNOWN.

SPRINGFIELD WILL ATTEMPT TO INTERVIEW WILLIE LEE AT

- ① - Springfield (44-561)
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MADISON COUNTY COURT HOUSE IN EDWARDSVILLE, ILLINOIS, ON  
AUGUST SIXTEEN, NEXT, AND WILL OBTAIN INFORMATION PERTAINING  
TO DELMAR GRINDSTAFF. WILL KEEP BUREAU ADVISED OF DEVELOP-  
MENTS. P.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (2PP)

MURKIN.

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LAST.

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SPRINGFIELD WILL ATTEMPT TO INTERVIEW WILLIE LEE AT

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MADISON COUNTY COURT HOUSE IN EDWARDSVILLE, ILLINOIS, ON  
AUGUST SIXTEEN, NEXT, AND WILL OBTAIN INFORMATION PERTAINING  
TO DELMAR GRINDSTAFF. WILL KEEP BUREAU ADVISED OF DEVELOP-  
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RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED AUGUST  
TWELVE, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT.

SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR - C ADVISED HE HAD BEEN UNABLE  
TO GATHER FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING HAROLD RICHARD  
COVINGTON AND ASSOCIATES. HE ADVISED HE WOULD CONTINUE TO  
DEVELOP INFORMATION THAT WOULD AID IN THE INVESTIGATION OF THE  
BANK ROBBERY OF THE BANK OF ALTON.

WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO INTERVIEW WILLIE LEE AND  
OTHER ASSOCIATES OF HAROLD COVINGTON AND WILL KEEP THE BUREAU  
ADVISED.

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540PM URGENT 8-13-68 DJK  
TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)  
FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561) 1P

MURKIN

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED AUGUST TWELVE, LAST.  
SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR - C ADVISED HE HAD BEEN UNABLE TO GATHER  
FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON AND ASSOCIATES.  
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WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO INTERVIEW WILLIE LEE AND OTHER  
ASSOCIATES OF HAROLD COVINGTON AND WILL KEEP THE BUREAU ADVISED.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (PP. )

MURKIN

RE SITEL TO BUREAU AUGUST THIRTEEN, LAST.

DON SANDIDGO, DETECTIVE, ALTON, ILL., PD, ADVISED THAT JUDY MILLER, WOODRIVER, ILL., HAD BEEN CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH JOHN MC CLINTOCK AND HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON DURING NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN AND JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT. HE ADVISED SHE MIGHT POSSIBLY BE ABLE TO FURNISH INFORMATION CONCERNING THEIR ACTIVITIES DURING THAT TIME.

SPRINGFIELD, AT ALTON, WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW JUDY MILLER CONCERNING HER KNOWLEDGE OF HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON AND JOHN MC CLINTOCK.

WILL KEEP BUREAU ADVISED.

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PM URGENT 8-14-68 DJM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (1P)

MURKIN

RE SITEL TO BUREAU AUGUST THIRTEEN, LAST.

DON SANDIDGO, DETECTIVE, ALTON, ILL., PD., ADVISED THAT JUDY MILLER, WOODRIVER, ILLINOIS, HAD BEEN CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH JOHN MCCLINTOCK AND HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON DURING NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN AND JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT. HE ADVISED SHE MIGHT POSSIBLY BE ABLE TO FURNISH INFORMATION CONCERNING THEIR ACTIVITIES DURING THAT TIME.

SPRINGFIELD, AT ALTON, WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW JUDY MILLER CONCERNING HER KNOWLEDGE OF HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON AND JOHN MC CLINTOCK.

WILL KEEP BUREAU ADVISED.

AM COPIES SENT MEMPHIS , ST. LOUIS AND CHICAGO.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (1 PG)

MURKIN

RE SPRINGFIELD AIRTEL TO BUREAU DATED AUGUST FIFTEEN LAST.

PUBLIC DEFENDER ROBERT TRONE ADVISED HE WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO INTERVIEW OF WILLIE LEE AND WILL ARRANGE INTERVIEW AT EARLY DATE.

ILLINOIS STATE PATROL OFFICERS HOWARD SHELTON AND MARION VAN FOSSEN ADVISED THEY HAVE COMPLETED CONTACT WITH PAROLEES AND PROBATIONERS; HAVE DEVELOPED NO INFORMATION RE BR AT THE BANK OF ALTON OR PRESENCE OF JAMES EARL RAY IN ALTON DURING JULY, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN.

MAIL COPIES SENT CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, AND ST. LOUIS.

2 - Springfield (1: 44-561)  
(1: 91-3699) (Bank of Alton)  
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428PM URGENT 8-15-68 DJM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (1PG)

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Via A I R T E L REGISTERED MAIL  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (44-569) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN *44-561*

Re Bureau airtel 7/29/68; Chicago airtel to Director, 7/24/68.

Enclosed for Springfield are two separate lists of cleaning establishments, one of members of the National Institute of Dry Cleaners and the second non-members of that organization. (Both lists are in the form of labels on a tape).

On 8/12/68, MRS. CECIL BONIS, National Institute of Dry Cleaning, 909 Burlington Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland, made available the above described enclosures.

As per prior correspondence, Springfield will utilize the enclosed labels.

- 3 - Bureau (REGISTERED MAIL)
  - 2 - Memphis (REGISTERED MAIL) (AIRMAIL)
  - 2 - Springfield (Encl-2) (REGISTERED AIRMAIL)
  - 1 - Indianapolis (info) (REGISTERED AIRMAIL)
  - 1 - St. Louis (info) (REGISTERED AIRMAIL)
  - 1 - Chicago (info) (REGISTERED AIRMAIL)
  - 1 - Baltimore
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN

RE SI TEL TO BUREAU AUGUST NINETEEN LAST.

SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR DASH C ADVISES HE HAS MADE NO  
PROGRESS IN EFFORTS TO CONTACT SOURCES MENTIONED IN RETEL.  
EFFORTS TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW WILLIE LEE UNPRODUCTIVE.

MAIL COPIES TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS.

- ① - Springfield (44-561)
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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)  
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MURKIN

RE SPRINGFIELD TEL TO BUREAU AUGUST NINETEEN LAST.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN.

RE SI TEL TO BUREAU, EIGHT FIFTEEN LAST.

PUBLIC DEFENDER ROBERT TRONE, EDWARDSVILLE, ILLINOIS,  
ADVISED WILLIE LEE HAD NOT REPORTED TO HIM AS OF THREE P.M.  
TODAY.

EFFORTS TO CONTACT SI SIXTEEN FOURTEEN - C UNPRODUCTIVE.

COPIES MAILED CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS. P.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN

RE SI TEL TO BUREAU AUGUST SIXTEEN LAST.

SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR DASH C ADVISED TODAY HE HAS BEEN  
UNABLE TO DATE TO CONTACT SOURCES BELIEVED ABLE TO PLACE  
JOHN MC CLINTOCK, HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON AND DELMAR  
GRINDSTAFF IN ALTON ON JULY THIRTEEN NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN  
AND TO ATTEST TO CLOTHING WORN BY COVINGTON AND GRINDSTAFF  
ON THAT DATE.

PUBLIC DEFENDER ROBERT TRONE STATES WILLIE LEE HAS NOT  
CONTACTED HIM AND HE COULD NOT REACH LEE WHEN HE ATTEMPTED  
TO CONTACT HIM AT KNOWN TELEPHONE NUMBERS.

MAIL COPIES TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN

RE SI TEL TO BUREAU AUGUST SIXTEEN LAST.

SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR DASH C ADVISED TODAY HE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO DATE TO CONTACT SOURCES BELIEVED ABLE TO PLACE JOHN MC CLINTOCK, HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON AND DELMAR GRINDSTAFF IN ALTON ON JULY THIRTEEN NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN AND TO ATTEST TO CLOTHING WORN BY COVINGTON AND GRINDSTAFF ON THAT DATE.

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FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)  
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RE SI TEL TO BUREAU AUGUST TWENTYONE LAST.

SI ONE FIVE FIVE TWO - C, SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR - C,  
AND PCI HELEN GRABLE CONTACTED. INFORMATION DEVELOPED THAT A  
WILLIE LEE, BELIEVED A QUOTE WEAK LINK END QUOTE AMONG ASSOCIATES  
JOHN MC CLINTOCK, DICK COVINGTON, AND DELMAR GRINDSTAFF, HAS  
LEFT THE STATE BECAUSE SOMEONE IS QUOTE OUT TO GET HIM END  
QUOTE.

MC CLINTOCK DUE FOR TRIAL MADISON COUNTY COURT ON  
BURGLARY CHARGE.

WHEREABOUTS OF COVINGTON AND GRINDSTAFF UNKNOWN TO  
INFORMANTS OR ASSOCIATES.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

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RE SI TEL TO BUREAU AUGUST TWENTYONE LAST.

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FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN

RE SPRINGFIELD TEL TO BUREAU AUGUST TWENTY LAST.

SI ONE FIVE FIVE TWO DASH C, WHO FURNISHED ORIGINAL INFORMATION INDICATING JOHN MC CLINTOCK WAS ONE OF THOSE INVOLVED IN ROBBERY THE BANK OF ALTON, STATED TODAY HE KNOWS JAMES EARL RAY AND IS VIRTUALLY CERTAIN RAY WAS NOT IN ALTON DURING JULY NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN; THAT INFORMATION REGARDING MC CLINTOCK'S COMPLICITY IN BANK ROBBERY ACCURATE AND THAT THERE IS NO CONNECTION BETWEEN MC CLINTOCK AND RAY. INFORMANT INTENSIFYING INQUIRY TO FURTHER ELABORATE ON INFORMATION.

MAIL COPY TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN

RE SPRINGFIELD TEL TO BUREAU AUGUST TWENTY LAST.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)  
SUBJECT: UNSUBS (2);  
The Bank of Alton,  
Alton, Illinois  
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OO: SPRINGFIELD

On 8/21/68, circulars regarding laundry and dry cleaning marks obtained at captioned bank robbery were furnished to all laundries in the Chicago Division through the Illinois Launderers Association, mailing list and to all dry cleaners in the Chicago Division, through the National Dry Cleaning Institution mailing list furnished by the Baltimore Office.

3-Bureau  
(1-91-27494)  
②-Springfield (44-561)  
(1-91-3699)  
2-Chicago  
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Via TELETYPE URGENT  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)  
MURKIN

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU DATED AUGUST TWENTY THREE LAST.

SUSPECT JOHN MC CLINTOCK ARRESTED BY ALTON PD THIS DATE FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR ON BENCH WARRANT ISSUED L.A. COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, ARISING OUT OF BURGLARY CHARGE. MC CLINTOCK TRANSPORTED TO MADISON COUNTY JAIL AND EFFORTS BEING MADE TO OBTAIN HIS RELEASE BY ASSOCIATES. EFFORTS MADE TO INTERVIEW BUT UNSUCCESSFUL.

MAIL COPIES SENT TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, AND ST. LOUIS.

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(1: 91-3699)  
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Approved: *C/DTB*  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent *5:21 P* M Per *[Signature]*

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PM URGENT 8-26-68 DJK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561) 1P

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MAIL COPIES SENT TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS.

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Via TELETYPE URGENT  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN

RE SI TEL TO BUREAU AUGUST TWENTYTWO LAST.

CHIEF WILLIAM H. PETERSEN (NA), ALTON PD, ADVISED NO INFORMATION DEVELOPED THAT JAMES EARL RAY IN ALTON SUBSEQUENT TO ESCAPE FROM MSP. FURTHER, THAT HE HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY WRITERS PREPARING BOOKS AND ARTICLES ON RAY AND IN CONVERSATION THEY INDICATE THEY HAVE INTERVIEWED INNUMERABLE PERSONS AND NONE CAN PLACE RAY IN ALTON.

PAUL COUSLEY, EDITOR, ALTON EVENING TELEGRAPH, ADVISED NO SOURCES OF THE PAPER OR CITIZENS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO FURNISH ANY INFORMATION INDICATING RAY PARTICIPATED IN ROBBERY THE BANK OF ALTON OR WAS EVER IN ALTON AREA IN NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN.

MAIL COPY TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

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8/24/68

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) -P-  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Since May, 1968, daily intensive investigation has been conducted concerning the robbery of the Bank of Alton on 7/13/67 with a view to determining if JAMES EARL RAY was a participant and used his share of the loot to finance his subsequent travel and activity.

A summary of investigation conducted is as follows:

1. Clothing recovered after the robbery of the Bank of Alton as well as hair samples were compared at the FBI Laboratory with evidence recovered in the MURKIN case. The laboratory reported that the hair samples in the two matters were not identical.
2. Canvass of rooming houses, apartments, hotels, and motels including display of photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and associates was conducted without effecting an identification.
3. Photographs of RAY and his associates were displayed to witnesses at the Bank of Alton without effecting identification.
4. Neighborhood investigation in the vicinity of the Bank of Alton and on 4th Street in the

3 - Bureau (44-38861)  
② - Springfield (②:44-561)  
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vicinity where clothing and the shotgun were recovered was intensified and photographs displayed. No identification was made as the result of this investigation.

5. Laundry and dry cleaning establishments in the Greater Alton area were canvassed. Laundry and dry cleaning symbols not positively identified and photos of RAY and his associates were unfamiliar to persons contacted.
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FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) -P-  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

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