

Re: James Earl Ray

Companies C and B, 382nd Military Police Battalion, APO 69, Bremerhaven, Germany, December, 1946 to April, 1948. It is noted that during this assignment he was temporarily assigned to "D/S W/Brake MP School, APO 751, Bremen, Germany", February to March, 1947;

Company B, 7892nd Infantry Regiment, APO 757, Frankfurt, Germany, April to June, 1948;

Company B, 16th Infantry, APO 757, and 696 (note APO 696 was Firth), June to December, 1948;

7749th Staging Area, APO 69, Bremerhaven, Germany, December, 1948.

His description during his Army service was --
born [redacted] Alton, Illinois, 5'11", 145 pounds,
white, black hair, blue eyes, occupation, Military Policeman.

It is requested that an attempt be made to reconstruct his background while overseas; to identify his girl friend and alert her and appropriate individuals to report any contact with him or any information that he is in Germany.

RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

4/22/68

AIRTEL AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) P
SUBJECT: MURKIN
OO: Memphis

Re SI tel to Director, 4/20/68; and SL tel to Director, 4/22/68.

Enclosed to the Bureau are six copies of LHM.

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Re SI teletype set forth interview with JAMES EARL RAY's sister, MELBA MARIE RYAN, Quincy, Ill., who recalled that subject RAY had spoken of enjoying his military duty in Germany and had indicated he had a girl friend there. She speculated that he would attempt to return to Germany. That teletype requested that his military record be reviewed, and that a lead be set forth for Legate, Bonn, to reconstruct his background overseas and attempt to identify his girl friend.

The enclosed LHM identifies his duty stations while in Germany, and requests coverage as indicated above.

RAY CONSIDERED ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

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KANSAS CITY

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

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LETTER RECEIVED THIS DATE FROM MRS. HUGH L. KING, FOUR SIX THREE TWO, PERSHING PLACE, ST. LOUIS, MO., STATING SHE OBSERVED INDIVIDUAL OF SUBJECT RAY'S APPEARANCE DRIVING CAR WITH TENNESSEE LICENSE J H SIX FIVE SEVEN EIGHT NEAR HARLANVILLE, KY., APRIL FIVE, LAST. NO DESCRIPTION OF CAR.

MEMPHIS, DETERMINE IDENTITY THROUGH LICENSE REGISTRATION AND DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS PERTINENT DATES.

subject armed and dangerous

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6:10PM URGENT 4/22/68 LJH

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

FROM LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) 3P

MURKIN. C R. MEMPHIS ORIGIN.

INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM INDIVIDUAL, BLYTHEVILLE,
ARK., THAT RUSSELL LEE MARTIN, AKA RUSTY, WHILE DRINKING,
MADE STATEMENTS TO THE EFFECT THAT HE, MARTIN, WAS IN THE
MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY WITH JAMES EARL RAY. MARTIN
STATED WORKED IN BAKERY WITH RAY AND WAS THERE WHEN RAY
ESCAPED. SOURCE STATED HE ASKED MARTIN LOCATION OF RAY AND
MARTIN STATED, "YOU DON'T THINK I'D TELL YOU THAT," OR WORDS
TO THAT EFFECT. SOURCE STATED MARTIN RESIDING AT ARCADIA
MOTEL, BLYTHEVILLE, ARK.

RECORDS, ARCADIA MOTEL, REFLECT MARTIN MADE NUMEROUS
LOCAL CALLS AND MADE LONG DISTANCE CALLS ON APRIL EIGHT TO
AREA CODE THREE ONE FOUR, SIX NINE FIVE, REST OF NUMBER NOT
KNOWN, AND ON APRIL EIGHTEEN MADE TWO LONG DISTANCE CALLS
TO AREA CODE THREE ONE FOUR, THREE EIGHT FIVE AND ON
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APRIL NINETEEN, TWO CALLS TO THE SAME NUMBER AS ON APRIL EIGHTEEN.

SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY, LITTLE ROCK, ARK., RECORDS REFLECT INDIVIDUAL NAMED MARTIN, ROOM SIXTEEN, ARCADIA MOTEL, MADE PERSON TO PERSON CALL TO AN OWEN FOX AT THREE ONE FOUR DASH THREE EIGHT FIVE DASH SEVEN SIX FOUR FOUR. INDIVIDUAL AT TELEPHONE COMPANY STATED CITY WHEREIN THIS TELEPHONE NUMBER LOCATED NOT KNOWN TO HIM AND LOCATION OF PHONE COULD BE DETERMINED FROM TELEPHONE COMPANY AT EITHER ST. LOUIS OR KANSAS CITY.

SOURCE AT TELEPHONE COMPANY STATED THAT DUE TO STRIKE, WOULD BE UNABLE TO LOCATE COMPLETE NUMBER FOR CALL MADE N APRIL EIGHT, NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT, UNTIL PROBABLY APRIL TWENTY-NINE, NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT.

ST. LOUIS AT ST. LOUIS, WILL, AT TELEPHONE COMPANY, DETERMINE IF THREE ONE FOUR DASH THREE EIGHT FIVE DASH SEVEN SIX FOUR FOUR IS A NUMBER WITHIN YOUR DIVISION AND, IF SO, CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY OWEN FOX.

KANSAS CITY AT KANSAS CITY, WILL CONDUCT SAME INVESTIGATION AS ST. LOUIS.

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AT JEFFERSON CITY, WILL VERIFY FACT THAT RUSSELL LEE
MARTIN WAS AN INMATE, MISSOURI STATE PRISON, SAME TIME AS
RAY. IF MARTIN HAS BEEN INMATE, FURNISH PHOTOGRAPH TO
ST. LOUIS AND LITTLE ROCK.

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909PM URGENT 4/22/68 CAB

TO ST. LOUIS 44-775

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P.

MURKIN.

RESLAIRTEL APRIL TWENTY LAST SUBMITTING GUEST
REGISTRATION CARD OF THE CONGRESS AIRPORT INN FOR ONE
JAMES RAY.

IT WAS CONCLUDED THAT THE MOTEL REGISTRATION
CARD WAS NOT EXECUTED BY JAMES EARL RAY, THE SUBJECT IN
THIS CASE.

LATENT RESULTS FURNISHED SEPARATELY. COPY
BEING SENT AIRMAIL TO MEMPHIS.

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*Says with
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FBI JACKSVLE

914 PM EST URGENT 4-22-68 JLC

TO: DIRECTOR, CHICAGO , MEMPHIS, ST. LOUIS.

FROM: JACKSONVILLE (44-769) 1P

MURKIN. CR. OO MEMPHIS

RE ST. LOUIS TELETYPE TO BUREAU , ETAL., APRIL TWENTY, LAST.
RE MARRIAGE OF RAYNES AND MAHER.

RECORDS , BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS, FLORIDA STATE BOARD OF
HEALTH, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, WERE CHECKED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS
FROM A PERIOD OF NINETEEN TWENTYSEVEN THROUGH NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN
UNDER THE NAMES OF JERRY RAYNES AND RAINES.

A PERIOD OF NINETEEN TWENTYNINE THROUGH NINETEEN
THIRTYTHREE WAS CHECKED UNDER THE NAME JERRY RAY WITH NO RECORD
IDENTIFIABLE.

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TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775)

DATE: 4-22-68

FROM : SPC JOHN L. SINGLETON

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

At 9:27pm, this office was telephonically contacted by SA WILLIAM ROBERTS, SPRINGFIELD DIVISION who advised that the following was obtain from the Adams County Probation officer, concerning the suspect RAY:

- a. There are a total of EIGHT Member in his family.
- b. GRANDMOTHER: MARY MAHER, 1913 Hickory St., SLMO *dead*
- c. FATHER: JERRY RAYNES, dob [redacted] as of 1966. *Teletype says he*
Working for JACK RANDOLPH, J & R Auto Sales,
5901 Broadway, SLMO
- c. MOTHER; LUCILLE RAY, RYAN, BERNES. Address *dead*
as of July '57, 1135 South 10th St., Apt 8,
SLMO, later, 1913 Hickory St., SLMO
- d. JULY '57, FATHER, 4149 West Pine, SLMO

He further advised that this office will receive detailed teletype 4-23-68.

Leads assigned back on Teletype

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8:15 PM URGENT 4/22/68 KCK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), CHICAGO, INDIANAPOLIS, KANSAS CITY,
MEMPHIS (44-1987), NEW YORK AND ST. LOUIS
FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) (2P)

MURKIN

RE: JOHN LARRY RAY

RE CGTEL, APRIL NINETEEN, LAST.

RECORDS OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE BUREAU OF CRIMINAL
IDENTIFICATION AND INVESTIGATION (CII) REFLECTED THE FOLLOWING
INFORMATION RE JOHN LARRY RAY:

HE HAS CII NUMBER SEVEN FOUR ONE SEVEN FOUR ZERO, FBI
NUMBER THREE SIX EIGHT SEVEN TWO FIVE A, AND WAS BOOKED AS A
"SLEEPER" AT HOLTVILLE, CALIFORNIA, ON DECEMBER THREE, ONE NINE
FIVE TWO, HOLTVILLE PD NUMBER ONE THREE FOUR ONE, AT WHICH TIME
HE WAS DESCRIBED AS WMA, FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, ONE FIVE FIVE
POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, BROWN EYES, DATE OF BIRTH

HE LISTED HIS HOME ADDRESS AS ONE NINE
THREE SEVEN LINCOLN AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, AND HIS MOTHER
AS LUCILLE RAY, SAME ADDRESS.

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CII RECORDS REFLECT JOHN LARRY RAY WAS ARRESTED BY INDIANA STATE POLICE ON DECEMBER THIRTY, ONE NINE FOUR NINE, AT LIGONIER AND WAS CONFINED TO THE INDIANA STATE REFORMATORY AT PENDLETON, INDIANA, ON JANUARY TWO FOUR, ONE NINE FIVE ZERO, THEIR NUMBER THREE FIVE TWO NINE SEVEN, ON A SECOND DEGREE BURGLARY CHARGE.

ON NOVEMBER TWO FIVE, ONE NINE SIX SEVEN, A RECORD CHECK RECEIVED BY CII FROM A DETECTIVE THORNBERRY OF THE ST. LOUIS PD ON JOHNNY LARRY RAY, AKA JERRY WILLIAM RYAN, DOB [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RECORD OF ST. LOUIS PD INDICATED RAY LISTED PREVIOUS RESIDENCES AT MAPLEWOOD AND ST. LOUIS MISSOURI; BLOOMINGDALE, ILLINOIS; CONCORD HOTEL, KIAMESHA LAKE, NEW YORK; AND ONE FOUR SIX ZERO SUTTER STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

LEADS: CHICAGO, INDIANAPOLIS, NEW YORK, AND ST. LOUIS: ATTEMPT TO LOCATE JAMES EARL RAY'S BROTHER IN YOUR DIVISION OR INFORMATION AS TO HIS PRESENT WHEREABOUTS.

SAN FRANCISCO: WIHL DAPARIINE AT ONE FOUR SIX ZERO SUTTER STREET ANY INFORMATION ON JOHN LARRY RAY.

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Date: 4/19/68

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TO: SAC, ST. LOUIS
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P
RE: MURKIN

Remy telephone call instant.

The following is a summary of leads for your division which the Bureau has instructed be handled immediately in an effort to apprehend subject JAMES EARL RAY:

St. Louis will contact appropriate officials, review records, conduct logical investigation.

Subject was involved with stolen money orders in 1955:

Missouri State Highway Patrol, Macon, Missouri, # B-3376, 3/23/55 - Cashing stolen postal money orders.

PD, Hannibal, Missouri, # 40714, 3/23/55 - Investigation - Breaking and Entering Post Office.

JAMES EARL RAY and WALTER PERRY RIFE were arrested 3/22/55, Hannibal, Missouri, on charge of forgery U. S. Postal Money Orders. WALTER PERRY RIFE, 3/24/55, advised Postal Inspectors that money orders were purchased from a "wino" named WILLARD J. MC BRIDE at St. Louis, Missouri.

St. Louis, Mo., PD # 81071, 10/16/59, suspect - Robbery.

Will contact the following for information to locate and apprehend subject RAY:

② St. Louis
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H. A. HARROR
Desk Clerk, McArthur Hotel
Chestnut and Broadway
St. Louis, Missouri

Mrs. CAROL RYAN PEPPER
2025 Belleview
St. Louis, Missouri
Telephone 645-2948

Mrs. CAROL RYAN PEPPER, nee RAY, has husband or former husband in St. Louis named ALBERT S. PEPPER.

Mr. and Mrs. ERNEST N. COOK
712 Shenandoah
St. Louis, Missouri

JAY and ROSEMARY SHIRLEY
Formerly 712 Shenandoah
St. Louis, Missouri
(Possibly sister of ALBERT PEPPER)

JOHN RAY
McArthur Hotel
Broadway Street
St. Louis, Missouri
(Brother of subject)

ROY WILLIS
Policeman
Hannibal, Missouri
Residence 303 North 4th Street
Purchased a 1949 Lincoln from RAY, RIFE and CUTSINGER

JAMES EARL RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

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402PM URGENT 4/22/68 GJM

TO ALL SACS RELAY MESSAGE PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN

YOU ARE REMINDED THAT ALL LEADS IN THIS CASE MUST BE COVERED WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS, AND ALL LEADS MUST BE SET FORTH BY TELEPHONE OR TELETYPE. ALL BORDER OFFICES COVERING ENTRY INTO MEXICO AND CANADA AND EXIT THEREFROM SHOULD INSURE THAT APPROPRIATE STOPS ARE MAINTAINED RE SUBJECT AND ALL NAMES KNOWN TO BE USED BY HIM AT RESPECTIVE OFFICES OF U. S. IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PATROL. YOU SHOULD ALSO INSURE THAT PREVIOUS STOPS PLACED WITH ANY FACILITY SHOULD INCLUDE ALL NAMES USED BY THE SUBJECT.

DISTRIBUTE SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES OF WANTED FLYERS AND IO'S TO NARCOTIC INVESTIGATIVE AGENCIES IN ORDER THAT THEIR INFORMANTS MAY BE CONTACTED. YOU SHOULD CONTACT ALL CRIMINAL INFORMANTS AND APPROPRIATE RACIAL AND SECURITY INFORMANTS. LEGATS OTTAWA AND MEXICO CITY BEING ADVISED SEPARATELY.

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TO : Director, FBI (44-38861)

FROM : SAC, Kansas City (44-760)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/19/68

Enclosed to the Bureau are six copies and to each office one copy of the following photographs:

JAMES EARL RAY, Missouri Department of Correction #00416, dated 3/17/60 and 9/8/66

WALTER TERRY RIFE, Kansas City SO #29636
FBI #4558766

Stand up photographs of RAY on the left, Kansas City SO #29637 and RIFE, Kansas City SO 29236, taken 3/28/55.

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738PM URGENT 4-22-68 AJD

TO ST. LOUIS

FROM LOUISVILLE (44-947)

MURKIN, CR. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE ST. LOUIS TEL FOUR TWENTYONE, LAST.

SOURCES IN BALLARD, CARLISLE, HICKMAN, AND FULTON, COUNTIES,
KENTUCKY CONTACTED INSTANT DATE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS CONCERNING
SUBJECT, JAMES DAVID DAILEY OR FARM OWNED BY DAILEY OR FAMILY.

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600PM URGENT 4-22-68 DJK

TO DIRECTOR (MAIL) AND ST. LOUIS (44-775)

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561) 1P

MURKIN.

RE JAMES DAVID DAILEY.

REURTEL APRIL TWENTYONE, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT.

SPRINGFIELD DIVISION NOT IN POSSESSION OF ANY INFORMATION
CONCERNING DAILEY, HIS FAMILY, OR THE BOOTHEEL AREA OF MISSOURI.

COPIES MAILED MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY.

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TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, KANSAS CITY AND SPRINGFIELD
FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN.

FOLLOWING ARREST OF RAY AND WALTER TERRY RIFE, MARCH TWENTYTWO, FIFTYFIVE, HANNIBAL, MO., FOR FORGING P. O. MONEY ORDERS, RIFE TOLD P. O. INSPECTORS MONEY ORDERS WERE PURCHASED FROM WINO NAMED WILLARD J. MC BRIDE, SLMO.

SPRINGFIELD DETERMINE FROM RIFE WHETHER MC BRIDE IS REAL PERSON; EXTENT OF MC BRIDE'S ASSOCIATION WITH RAY; AND WHEREABOUTS OR IDENTIFYING DATA TO ASSIST IN LOCATION.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P

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TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775)

FROM : SA DOUGLAS ROSENBERGER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/22/68

Re MI tel to SL 4/11/68.

The following investigation was conducted by the writer at Hayti, Mo.:

On 4/12/68 ARLENE MARTIN, a domestic for JESSE JAMES, SR., advised that she had heard some conversation between BOBBY JAMES and his mother on 4/5/68, concerning Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. She stated she cannot recall the exact words, however BOBBY's mother jokingly asked him if he had "been the one who had killed Dr. King."

Inquiry at Hayti, Mo., indicates that BOBBY is ROBERT DEAN JAMES, son of JESSE JAMES, SR., and that he resides at Memphis, Tenn., at 26-1481 Netherland Wood, apartment 5, and is employed at the Memphis Light and Gas Co. *aka Jesse Jr.*

He is a white, male, 5'8", 30 years of age, reddish brown wavy hair, 160 pounds and stocky build.

ROBERT was in Hayti, Mo., on 4/5/68 at which time he borrowed \$225 from his father in order to put his wife into a Memphis hospital.

At the time ROBERT was in Hayti, he was driving a yellow Ford Mustang.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, KANSAS CITY, AND CHICAGO

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN CR 00:ME SUMMARY

JAMES DAVID DAILEY INDICATED BELIEF SL BONDSMAN HOMER TOWNSLEY WAS SOURCE OF ALLEGATION HE HARBORED SUBJECT FOLLOWING MSP ESCAPE. TOWNSLEY, FORMER SL ONE TWO ONE FIVE DASH C, STATED SUBJECT FREQUENTED HIS BAR FIFTY EIGHT DASH FIFTY NINE. FURNISHED NAMES OF OTHERS WHO KNEW HIM THIS PERIOD. HAS NOT SEEN SUBJECT SINCE. HEARD SUBJECT CAME TO SL FOLLOWING ESCAPE TO KILL PERSON HE BELIEVED RESPONSIBLE FOR CONVICTION. CLAIMED DAILEY TOLD HIM RAY CONTACTED HIM AFTER ESCAPE AND THAT HE HAD KNOWN RAY A LONG TIME. WAS PUZZLED WHY DAILEY GAVE UP HALF WAY TAVERN SLMO AND MOVED TO BOOTHEEL AS HE HAD RECENTLY PURCHASED NEW FIXTURES. DID NOT BELIEVE DAILEY STORY MOVE WAS BECAUSE LANDLORD REFUSED TO WIRE BUILDING. ADMITTED FORMER ENMITY TO DAILEY, BUT THOUGHT DIFFERENCES PATCHED UP. DENIED RESPONSIBILITY FOR JUNIOR RAY CONWAY BREAKING WINDOWS AND BEATING DAILEY. KNEW DAILEY HARBORED ESCAPEE CREWS, (BELIEVED TO BE THOMAS BEECHUM CREWS FBI NUMBER FOUR NINE FOUR SIX ZERO SIX SEVEN), SUMMER NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN. BELIEVES JOHN LNU (JOHN LARRY RAY) MORE LIKELY

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TO HARBOR SUBJECT THAN DAILEY.

RONALD BOCKENKAMP, SLPD INTELLIGENCE UNIT, STATED DAILEY WAS LIAR IF HE DENIED KNOWING SUBJECT, ALTHOUGH HE HAD NEVER SEEN THEM TOGETHER. FOLLOWING RAY ESCAPE, BOCKENKAMP RECEIVED TIP FROM SOURCE HE DECLINED TO IDENTIFY DAILEY WAS HARBORING SUBJECT. HE SHOOK DOWN WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. SAME SOURCE GAVE TIP WHICH RESULTED IN CREWS ARREST. SAID SUBJECT IN MSP SAME TIME AS CRES WHO COULD HAVE TOLD HIM TO CONTACT DAILEY. HE KNEW DAILEY TOOK FREQUENT TRIPS BY HONOR FARM, JEFFERSON CITY, MO., AND DROPPED WHISKEY, CIGARETTES AND MONEY ON ROAD FOR PRISONER. BOCKENKAMP AND SGT. ED SCHAFF DENIED TOWNSLEY WAS SOURCE OF HARBORING ALLEGATION AGAINST DAILEY.

DAILEY LANDLORD CONFIRMED MOVE CAUSED BY HIS REFUSAL TO RE-WIRE BUILDING. NEIGHBORING TAVERN OWNER STATED DAILEY TOOK NEW FIXTURES WITH HIM.

SLPD REPORT OF KORGER ROBBERY OCTOBER TEN FIFTY NINE WHICH RESULTED IN RAYS CONVICTION LISTS JAMES LOAMA OWENS, BORN [REDACTED] [REDACTED] ELVINS, MO., SLPD NUMBER FOUR TWO EIGHT EIGHT FOUR, AS PARTICIPANT BELIEVED STILL IN MSP JEFFERSON CITY MO.

MRS. ORVILLE ROBBINS, FLORISSANT, MO. WAS SCHOOL MATE OF SUBJECT AT EWING, MO., UNTIL NINETEEN FORTY THREE, EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATION WHEN HIS FAMILIED MOVED TO HANNIBAL, MO.

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INVESTIGATION CONTINUING REGARDING CAROL PEPPER LIQUOR
LICENSE FOR GRAPEVINE TAVERN OPERATED BY JOHN LARRY RAY; TO LOCATE
JUNIOR RAY CONWAY; AND IDENTIFY ASSOCIATES OF SUBJECT.

KC AT JEFFERSON CITY, MO., INTERVIEW PRISONERS THOMAS BEECHUM
CREWS AND JAMES LOAMA OWENS MSP RE SUBJECT AND DAILEY AND IDENTI-
FICATION OF OTHER ASSOCIATES.

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8:14 PM 4-23-68 URGENT TRB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) (KAJSA CITY (LOS ANGELES, LAS VEGAS,
MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND ST. LOUIS
FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) (2P)

MURKIN

RE SF TEL FOUR TWENTY TWO LAST.

RE: JOHN LARRY RAY, BROTHER OF JAMES EARL RAY.
ON APRIL TWO TWO, LAST, MRS. CHARLES F. TERRY, MANAGER, ONE FOUR
SIX ZERO SUTTER ST., SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED ONE JOHN RAY
RESIDED IN APARTMENT FIVE FROM JULY TWO THREE, LAST, TO AUGUST FIFTEEN,
LAST, BUT HAD PAID RENT UNTIL AUGUST THREE ONE, LAST, AND DID NOT
REQUEST RENT REFUND.

TERRY STATES RAY INDICATED HE CAME TO SAN FRANCISCO FROM ST.
LOUIS, NOT EMPLOYED WHILE LIVING IN SAN FRANCISCO, SPENT MOST OF THE
TIME IN HIS APARTMENT. AT THE TIME HE MOVED HE STATED HE WAS
GOING TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, TO LOOK FOR A TAVERN TO BUY. IF
UNSUCCESSFUL THERE, HE WOULD GO TO RENO, NEVADA, TO LOOK FOR A TAVERN
TO BUY. TERRY STATED RAY HAD NO FRIENDS OF ASSOCIATES, NO VISITORS,
RECEIVED NO PHONE CALLS OR LETTERS. TERRY STATED JOHN RAY HAD
AUTOMOBILE BUT UNABLE TO DESCRIBE IT. CHARLES F. TERRY, HUSBAND,
STATED RAY SEEMED SLIGHTLY EFFEMINATE IN HIS MANNERISM AND WONDERED IF
HE MIGHT HAVE HOMOSEXUAL TENDANCIES. TERRY STATED RAY WOULD HAVE MADE
END PAGE ONE

*Memphis Called
10:30 pm - said they
would advise us
SF to check up
since John
located here
this*

*Sign Walter
Shaw*

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TWENTY DOLLAR DEPOSIT WITH PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC WHICH HE MAY NOT HAVE GOTTEN BACK. HE STATED RAY HAS ABOUT THRITY-FIVE DOLLARS DUE HIM FOR UNUSED RENT. WILL ADVISED FBI IF RAY CONTACTS HIM.

FOR INFORMATION LOS ANGELES AND LAS VEGAS, JOHN RAY HAS FBI NUMBER THREE SIX EIGHT SEVEN TWO FIVE A, CII NUMBER SEVEN FOUR ONE SEVEN FOUR ZERO AND IS DESCRIBED WMA, DOB [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RECORDS OF CII REFLECT HE WAS BOOKD AS "SLEEPER" BY HOLTVILLE, CALIFORNIA PD DECEMBER THREE, ONE NINE FIVE TWO, THEIR NUMBER ONE THREE FOUR ONE.

LEADS: LAS VEGAS AT RENO AND LOS ANGELES: THROUGH LOGICAL SOURCE ATTEMPT TO LOCATE INFORMATION RE JOHN RAY.

SAN FRANCISCO: WILL CONTACT PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC FOR INFORMATION REGARDING RAY AND WILL PLACE A STOP REGARDING REFUND.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

OTHER OFFICES ADVISED

JLS

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438 PM URGENT 4-23-68 TRB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO, KANSAS CITY,
MEMPHIS (44-1987, ST. LOUIS, LOS ANGELES, LAS VEGAS, AND SPRINGFIELD
FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) 2P

MURKIN

RE HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER, SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA.

LOHMEYER REINTERVIEWED AT SAN JOSE BY BUREAU AGENTS TODAY. HE IS UNABLE TO RECOGNIZE ANY PHOTOGRAPH OF JAMES EARL RAY, HOWEVER, NAME EARL RAY IS FAMILIAR TO LOHMEYER. HE IDENTIFIED ONE NINE FIVE FIVE PHOTOGRAPH OF WALTER TERRY RIFE AS INDIVIDUAL HE KNEW IN QUINCY, ILLINOIS, PRIOR TO ONE NINE FIVE FIVE. ALSO ADVISED HE KNEW JOHN RAY AND HIS BROTHER, JERRY RAY. THESE PEOPLE ALSO USED NAME RYAN. LOHMEYER SERVED TIME AT MENARD, ILLINOIS, WITH JOHN RAY AND LONNIE RIFE, BROTHER OF WALTER.

DURING PERIOD ONE NINE FIVE FIVE TO ONE NINE FIVE EIGHT THE RAY (RYAN) FAMILY CONSISTING OF MOTHER AND SISTER OF JOHN RAY MOVED FROM QUINCY TO ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI. DURING THIS PERIOD ONE OF RAY FAMILY, POSSIBLY JERRY OR EARL RAY, WAS ARRESTED IN MISSOURI FOR CRIME INVOLVING POSTAL MONEY ORDERS ACCORDING TO LOHMEYER. LOHMEYER WORKED IN PRISON KITCHEN WITH JOHN RAY WHEN RAY WAS EIGHTEEN
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TO NINETEEN YEARS OF AGE. STATES RAY HAD STRONG PREJUDICE AGAINST NEGROES BUT EXPAINED THIS WAS GENERAL FEELING AMONG WHITE INMATES. LOHMEYER CONSIDERS JOHN RAY OF TEMPERMENT TO COMMIT MURKIN BUT PROBABLY WOULD BE INVOLVED AS HIRED ASSASSIN. THIS OPINION WAS NOT SOLICITED BUT WAS INTRODUCED IN INTERVIEW BY LOHMEYER WHO HAS CLOSELY FOLLOWED THIS CASE THROUGH NEWS MEDIA.

ALL OFFICES CONSIDER RAY BROTHERS AND AINE BROTHERS AS POSSIBLE ACCOMPLICES OF JAMES EARL RAY.

SPRINGFIELD AND ST. LOUIS ATTEMPT TO FURTHER IDENTITY JOHN LARRY RAY (RYAN) AND ASCERTAIN CURRENT ACTIVITIES. *already done*

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

OTHER OFFICES ADVISED

JLS

FBI ST LOUIS

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TO : MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM : ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN. OO MEMPHIS

RE SUSPECT MYRLE HAGGERTT - LOOKALIKE.

may miss

KENNETH ROBERTS, USED CAR DEALER, FOUR FIVE ZERO SOUTH HIGHWAY SIX SIX, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MO., ADVISED INDIVIDUAL USING NAME MYRLE HAGGERTT, A WELL KNOWN WESTERN COUNTRY SINGER, WAS STAYING AT MERAMEC MOTEL, FOUR FIVE EIGHT SOUTH HIGHWAY SIX SIX ON APRIL SIXTEEN AND SEVENTEEN, LAST. BELIEVES HAGGERTT AN IMPOSTOR AND BEARS A CLOSE RESEMBLANCE TO JAMES RAY. INVESTIGATION SHOWS MYRLE HAGGERTT AND WOMAN, CLAIMING TO BE BONNIE OWENS STAYED APRIL SIXTEEN AND SEVENTEEN AT MERAMEC MOTEL, WERE DRIVING A SIXTYFOUR GREEN CHEVROLET BEARING SIXTYEIGHT TENNESSEE LICENSE B G THREE ZERO ONE THREE AND GAVE ADDRESS OF SIX ONE EIGHT BROADWAY, NASHVILLE. WITNESSES WHO TALKED TO HIM AND HEARD HIM SING STATE HE DOES NOT RESEMBLE RAY BUT ARE POSITIVE HE IS NOT MYRLE HAGGERTT AS CLAIMED.

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IDENTITY.

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AIRTEL AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775)
MURKIN

RE: Memphis airtel 4/17/68.

RE: RONALD WILLARD SPIVEY - Lookalike

forwarded
Personnel at MPRC, SLMO, this dated advised unable to locate service record for SPIVEY in absence of date and place of birth or serial number.

2 - Memphis
1 - St. Louis
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775)

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA EDWARD M. MORELAND

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Rebulet, 4/12/68.

On 4/19/68, Warden JAMES HENDLEY, St. Louis County Jail, Clayton, Mo., was contacted and receipt of his letter to the Director orally acknowledged.

Inmates ORVIL CHESTER and OSCAR WHEELER were also interviewed at the same time and receipt of this sketch drawn by them, which was sent by Warden HENDLEY, was also acknowledged. They were unable to furnish any name of suspects who may be identical to UNSUB.

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SAC *Thomas J. Deady*

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In view of necessity for determining the source of subject's funds, the Bureau has directed that all law enforcement agencies be contacted to determine if they have any unsolved robberies, or burglaries where the UNSUB is of similar description as subject, or where latent prints were recovered. Results, the negative, should be reflected in a memo for the Murkin file.

You are reminded that all leads in this case must be covered within 24 hours, and any additional leads set out by telephone or teletype.

Further memos reflecting your contacts with all CIs, PCIs, SIs, PSIs, RAC and RAC (PROB) informants as well as logical sources by number or name on 4/5/68, following the assassination, 4/18/68, following identification of ERIC STARVO GALT as the subject in this case, and 4/22/68 following identification of JAMES EARL RAY as the true name of GALT, should be designated for this file.

SAC *Thomas J. Security*

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TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, MIAMI, BALTIMORE AND KANSAS CITY
FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN.**RE: JOHN LARRY RAY**

RE New YORK TEL TO ABOVE THIS DATE. SUBJECT'S BROTHER,
JOHN LARRY RAY, LOCATED ST. LOUIS.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.**END****HRD:wma****(1)**

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FBI KAN CITY

11-55 AM URGENT 4/23/68 PHM

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, ST. LOUIS, SPRINGFIELD
FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760

MURKIN

JEROME CARPENTER, INMATE, MO. STATE PENITENTIARY, ADVISED THAT SUBJECT'S FATHER MARRIED HIS MOTHER, RUBY CARPENTER, SOME TIME AGO. HE STATED THAT SINCE THAT TIME APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS AGO RUBY CARPENTER AND SUBJECT'S FATHER SEPARATED. HE ADVISED THAT HIS MOTHER, RUBY CARPENTER, CURRENTLY RESIDES SIX THREE ZERO NORTH SIXTY ST., QUINCY, ILL. CARPENTER FURTHER ADVISED PERSON CLOSEST TO SUBJECT IN MO. STATE PENITENTIARY IS INDIVIDUAL BY NAME OF CARL BENTON DRAKE, WHO WAS RELEASED FROM PENITENTIARY SOMETIME DURING SIXTYFIVE. CARPENTER ADVISED HE DID NOT KNOW DRAKE'S WHEREABOUTS; HOWEVER, PRISON RECORDS REVEAL HIS MOTHER TO BE OLA DRAKE, TWO ONE ONE EIGHT NORTH NINTH, ST. LOUIS, MO., AND HIS WIFE TO BE BETTY DRAKE, THREE ZERO EIGHT MILL ST., POPLAR BLUFF, MO. FULL DETAILS WILL FOLLOW.

ST. LOUIS ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS AND INTERVIEW CARL BENTON DRAKE.

SPRINGFIELD AT QUINCY, INTERVIEW RUBY CARPENTER FOR ANY INFORMATION SHE MAY HAVE RE SUBJECT OR HIS FAMILY.

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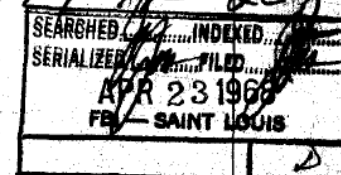
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The following is the record of FBI number 768642

J. E. Hoover
 Director.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Special Agent, Chicago and Alton RR., Kansas City, Mo	William Edward Maher, # ---	10-15-33	robb., 1st. deg. auto theft- aslt. to kill	
SP, Jefferson City, Mo., # ---	William Maher, #721, St. Intermediate Ref., Algoa, Mo.	11-22-33	robb., 1st. deg.	10 yrs.
ONI, Wash., D. C. MID, Wash., D. C.	William Edward Maher, #1203	applicant for position, Laclede Steel Co., Alton, Ill., 4-2-41		
Naval Government (Guam PD) San Fran Calif PD Alton Ill	William Edward Maher #3791	6-19-49	susp of drunken driving & dist the peace	\$125 fine \$10 costs 6-20-49
PD St Louis Mo	William Edard Maher #7473	6-2-51	intox	fined & rel
	William Edward Maher # ---	2-6-54	invest	
PD Quincy Ill	William Edward Maher # ---	3-15-57	OMVWI	pd \$230.30



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D.C., 20537

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J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

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The following FBI record, NUMBER 768 642 , is furnished FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY.

All descriptive factors (if any) furnished by you match those in our identification file unless herein quoted.

DESCRIPTION AND RELATED DATA:

Race: white

Sex: male

Height: 6'2"

Weight: 210

Hair: brown & gray

Eyes: blue

Date and Place of Birth: , Bridgeton, New Jersey

Scars & Marks: 2" cut scar on right cheek, cut scars on bridge of nose. Impediment of speech. Both ears stand out well from head. 4" cut scar left forearm outer near wrist.

Address: 3-15-57 listed as 1118 East 7th St. Alton, Illinois

Occupation: sign board advertising and painter, laborer

Information shown on this Identification Record represents data furnished FBI by fingerprint contributors. Where final disposition is not shown or further explanation of charge is desired, communicate with agency contributing those fingerprints.

Notations indicated by * are NOT based on fingerprints in FBI files but are listed only as investigative leads as being possibly identical with subject of this record.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20537

TO: **SAC, ST. LOUIS**

Date **4-21-68**

MURKIN

Your inquiry
SAC-SI tel
4-20-68

- ☐ Attached furnished in reply to your inquiry.
- ☒ Attached furnished in compliance with request from **SAC, Springfield**
- ☐ Only record available attached.
- ☐ This matter is receiving attention and you will be advised at an early date.
- ☐ Supplementing FBI Laboratory report dated
- ☐ Records FBI #
- ☐ are furnished since there is a possibility that one may pertain to the subject in whom you are interested.
- ☐ Fingerprint files fail to disclose
- ☐ Confirming FBI wire of
- ☐ A wanted notice has not been placed as subject appears to be in custody.
- ☐ When you no longer desire your notice maintained, please advise.
- ☐ If you determine subject to be in custody, please advise so that your notice may be canceled.
- ☐ Subject of your inquiry searched in name indices only. Enclosed record(s) possibly identical. If identical, resubmit request and wanted (or flash) notice will be placed.
- ☐ If it is determined that the subject of this record is not the individual in whom you are interested, please advise.
- ☐ Your communication is returned.
- ☐

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TO ST. LOUIS AND CHICAGO
FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN, CR, OO: MEMPHIS.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELEPHONE CALL TO ST. LOUIS, APRIL TWENTY
TWO, LAST.

RE: JAMES EARL RAY

REVIEW OF PROBATION RECORDS ADAMS COUNY, QUINCY, ILLINOIS,
REVEALED THE FOLLOWING LEAD INFORMATION BE SUBJECT RAY AND
FAMILY.

AS OF NINETEEN FIFTY FIVE CHILDREN OF JERRY AND LUCILLE
RAY WERE JOSEPH, TWENTY SIX; JOHN, TWENTY FOUR; MARJORIE,
DECEASED; JERRY, TWENTY; MELBA, NO AGE GIVEN; [REDACTED], FOURTEEN;
[REDACTED], TWELVE; [REDACTED], EIGHT; AND [REDACTED]

RE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
RECORDS ALSO REVEALED SUBJECT'S

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AUNT SADIE FITZSIMMONS, ALTON, ILLINOIS. SUBJECT ARRESTED
AUGUST TWENTY, FIFTY NINE IN ALTON WITH ONE JOSEPH ELMER AUSTIN
FOR ARMED ROBBERY. FILE ALSO REFLECTS MARY MAHER, GRANDMOTHER

OF SUBJECT, FORMER ADDRESS NINETEEN THIRTEEN HICKORY STREET,
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, AND FATHER OF SUBJECT, JERRY RAYNES, DOB

[REDACTED] WHO IN NINETEEN
-SIXTYWASEMPLOYED FOR JACK RANDOLPH AT J & R AUTO SALES,
FIVE NINE ZERO ONE BROADWAY, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI. SUBJECT'S
MOTHER LUCILLE RAY, AKA. RYAN, BERNES, AS OF JULY, NINETEEN
FIFTY SEVEN, RESIDING ELEVEN THIRTY FIVE SOUTH TENTH APARTMENT
EIGHT, ST. LOUIS, AND ON SEPTEMBER TWENTY FOUR, NINETEEN FIFTY
NINE WAS RESIDING AT NINETEEN THIRTEEN HICKORY, ST. LOUIS. ALSO
AS OF JULY FIFTY SEVEN SUBJECT'S FATHER WAS RESIDING FOUR ONE FOUR
NINE WEST PINE, ST. LOUIS

THE FILE ALSO REFLECTS THAT SUBJECT'S BROTHERS JACK AND
JERRY RAY ONCE WENT TO CHICAGO TO WORK AS GROUNDS KEEPERS AT
A GOLF COURSE IN MT. PROSPECT. AREA.

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CHICAGO, ST. LOUIS AND SPRINGFIELD WILL CONDUCT APPROPRIATE
INVESTIGATION.

AIRMAIL COPY SENT BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY.

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TO: ALL SAC'S

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

MURKIN

REMEAIRTEL 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. RAY 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.

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TO: DIRECTOR
MEMPHIS
KANSAS CITY

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN.

SUBJECT'S BROTHER, JOHN LARRY RAY, OPERATES GRAPEVINE TAVERN, ONE NINE EIGHT TWO ARSENAL, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, OWNED BY SISTER, CAROL PEPPER. LOCAL STATE LIQUOR CONTROL OFFICE ADVISES LIQUOR LICENSE GRANTED HER, DBA JACK'S PLACE, DECEMBER NINETEENTH, SIXTYSEVEN, UNDER CONTROL NUMBER SIX TWO FOUR THREE AND THAT APPLICATION AND RESULTING INVESTIGATION SHOULD INCLUDE EXTENSIVE BACKGROUND ON PEPPER, INCLUDING RESIDENCES FOR PAST TEN YEARS, WHERE MONEY TO PURCHASE OBTAINED, AND PHOTOGRAPH. PREVIOUS LICENSE THAT ADDRESS, GRANTED GEORGENE AUDREY MC GUIRE, JULY ONE, SIXTYSIX, FOR ONE YEAR, NOT RENEWED.

KANSAS CITY, AT JEFFERSON CITY, CONTACT HARRY WIGGINS

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STATE LIQUOR CONTROL OFFICE; REVIEW AND OBTAIN COPY OF APPLICATION, INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS AND OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION AVAILABLE; OBTAIN AUTHORITATIVE STATEMENT OF PENAL AND OTHER POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES UNDER MISSOURI LAW OF HYPOTHETICAL CASE WHERE PERSON WITH CRIMINAL RECORD, OTHER THAN LICENSEE, OPERATES TAVERN, FOR POSSIBLE USE AS LEVER ON PEPPER AND JOHN RAY.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI MEMPHIS

334PM URGENT 4-23-68 MCP

TO ST. LOUIS

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 1 P

MURKIN.

RE INVESTIGATION AT CONTINENTAL DANCE STUDIO.

RE MIAMI TEL TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO,
KNOXVILLE, ST. LOUIS, LOS ANGELES, NEW ORLEANS APRIL EIGHTEEN,
LAST.

ST. LOUIS DISCONTINUE ATTEMPTS TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW
CHARLES HARTZELL. HARTZELL INTERVIEWED MEMPHIS RE ABOVE
CAPTIONED MATTER. P. END.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS
FROM SAC, KANSAS CITY 44:760

MURKIN.

INMATES, MSP, ADVISED THAT A WALTER E. NOLAN, FORMER INMATE,
MSP, AND A CON-MAN AND RACIAL EXTREMIST, KNEW SUBJECT WELL AT
PEN. IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THEY GOT TOGETHER UPON NOLAN'S RELEASE
DURING SUMMER, SIXTYSEVEN. RECORDS REVEAL NOLAN BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FBI NO. FOUR ONE EIGHT FOUR SEVEN,
HAS UNCLE, SAM KRAMER, SEVENTEEN FORTYONE CRYSTAL, ST. LOUIS, MO.

ST. LOUIS ATTEMPT TO LOCATE NOLAN THROUGH UNCLE AND INTERVIEW
RE SUBJECT.

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FBI NEW YORK

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TO DIRECTOR, ST LOUIS, MIAMI, BALTIMORE AND MEM

HIS

FROM NEW YORK 44-1609

MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS; OO: ME.

RE: JOHN LARRY RAY

RE SF TEL TO WA, DATED APRIL TWENTY TWO LAST AS TO JOHN
LARRY RAY OF WHICH ST. LOUIS RECEIVED A COPY.

RECORDS OF CONCORD HOTEL, KIAMESHA LAKE, NEW YORK,
SHOW THAT JOHN, RAY, DOB,
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

WAS EMPLOYED THERE FROM JANUARY TWENTY,
NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE TO JANUARY TWENTY FOUR NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE
AS A PORTER. HE LISTED HIS FATHER AS JAMES RAY, ONE EIGHT
ZERO SIX PARK AVENUE, ST. LOUIS, MO., AND A PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT
AT THE EVERGLADES, FLAMINGO, FLORIDA.

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LEADS: MM AND LS ATTEMPT TO LOCATE JAMES EARLY RAY'S BROTHER
IN YOUR DIVISION OR INFORMATION AS TO HIS PRESENT WHEREABOUTS.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO CONSIDER INSTRUCTING BALTIMORE TO
CHECK SOURCE FOUR AS TO JOHN RAY.

JAMES EARL RAY ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

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4:45PM 4-24-68 URGENT SCC

TO DIRECTOR (MAIL) AND ST. LOUIS

FROM JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN

RE MOBILE TELEPHONE CALL TO JACKSON.

ROBERT ANDERSON, KREOLE, MISS., TELEPHONICALLY
CONTACTED MOBILE STATING HE HAD INFORMATION RE KING'S
KILLER, BUT WOULD NOT DISCUSS ON TELEPHONE. ANDERSON
WAS LOCATED AT KREOLE, MISS., AND FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING
INFORMATION REQUESTING HIS IDENTITY BE CONCEALED. ONE
BOB BOSSIER (PHONETIC) WHITE MALE, THIRTYFOUR TO THIRTYFIVE,
FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SIXTYFIVE POUNDS,
BROWN HAIR, BUCK TEETH, WORKS FOR JOHN WESLEY ANDERSON,
FIVE ONE FIVE NORTH SEVENTH STREET, DESOTO, MISSOURI, AS
A ROOFER. ACCORDING TO SOURCE BOSSIER MAY BE AN ESCAPEE
FROM STATE OF MICHIGAN ON ARMED ROBBERY CHARGE. BOSSIER
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