

METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT -- CH

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POLICE REPORT

1. TYPE OF INCIDENT GENERAL Peace Dist. RESISTING Arrest		2. COMPLAINT RECEIVED () RADIO () STATION () CITIZEN 43A ON VIEW		3. FIELD CODE	4. OFF. NO. 121000 C.A.H.	5. FILE	6. COMPLAINT NUMBER 138723						
7. DATE AND TIME OF OCCURRENCE 4-14-68 1:15 A.M.		8. DATE AND TIME REPORTED TO POLICE 4-14-68 1:15 A.M.		9. LOCATION CODE 801 V 16									
10. LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE 801 No. Broadway		11. DIST. 4	12. TYPE OF PREMISE (BRO. STORE, GARAGE, ETC.) Bus Station										
13. AGENCY (IF FROM, NAME AND TYPE OF BUSINESS) Greyhound Lines		14. RESIDENCE ADDRESS		15. RES. PHONE									
		16. BUSINESS ADDRESS 801 No. Broadway		17. BUS. PHONE - EXT. CEI-7800									
18. VICTIM'S PEDERFER	19. RACE	20. SEX	21. AGE	22. PERSON REPORTING INCIDENT # 13				23. RESIDENCE ADDRESS	24. RES. PHONE	25. BUS. PHONE - EXT. # 17			
26. WITNESS NAME A.		27. RESIDENCE ADDRESS		28. RES. PHONE		29. BUS. PHONE - EXT.							
B.													
30. PERSON WANTED OR LANCASTER Robert Ray		RESIDENCE ADDRESS T.O. Box 47 Bumpus Mills, Tenn		ARREST REGISTER NO. 4 1503									
EST. ()	RACE	SEX	AGE	WGT.	HAIR	EYES	COMPLEXION	BUILD	CLOTHING				
ACTUAL ()	W	M	26	6'0	215	BLK	GRN	Light	NAVY TANK TOPS, Orange Shirt				
PERSON WANTED OR ARRESTED R. N/A		RESIDENCE ADDRESS		ARREST REGISTER NO.									
EST. ()	RACE	SEX	AGE	WGT.	HAIR	EYES	COMPLEXION	BUILD	CLOTHING				
ACTUAL ()													
31. VEHICLE N/A		LIC. YEAR / STATE /		LICENSE NO.		SERIAL OR MOTOR NUMBER							
MAKE: YEAR /	MAKE: /	MODEL (FAIRLANE, 33, ETC.)		COLOR:	TOP /	BOTTOM (OR ONE COLOR)		BODY STYLE (COUPE, SEDAN, ETC.)					
32. UNITS NOTED (GIVE NAME AND EXTENSION NUMBER)													
ID.		LAB.		OTHER									
QUANTITY	33.	DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY (INCLUDE BRAND & SERIAL NO.)				VALUE							
						MONEY	JEWELRY	FURS	CLOTHING	AUTO	MISC.	TOTAL	REC'D.
34. NARRATIVE: GIVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OF INCIDENT; USE CONTINUATION SHEET IF NECESSARY. At or about 1:15 A.M. this date, Reporting Officer while patrolling assigned beat 43A at Greyhound Bus Terminal, was summoned by means of Public Address System to boarding Car No. 8 for a disturbance. Upon arrival said scene this officer observed Defendant pinned to the pavement and restrained by two bus drivers, one													
35. REPORT NUMBER N/A		36. REFERENCE NO. N/A		37. SUBMITTED BY: OFFICER, D.C. ASSIGNMENT Charles J. [Signature] 5677/304		38. DATE OF REPORT 4/14/68		39. P. 1 OF 3					
40. SERGEANT'S SIGNATURE [Signature]		41. REVIEWING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE, DESK [Signature] 126-Area 43-304											

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of whom identified himself as: Cook, Troy J. W/M/26
D.O.B. 4-13-42 residing 1416 JEFFCO, Arnold, Mo., Tel 287-4134
Greyhound Driver of Bus No. 5512 bound for Jacksonville, Tenn.

Upon attempting to ascertain nature of situation, during which
time Defendant became exceedingly loud, abusive and profane
which attracted to the scene a crowd of approximately 35 persons,
the Driver, Cook, stated that he advised the Defendant that
due to his intoxicated state he would not be permitted to board
the bus. Defendant at this time became loud, and then tried
to strike the driver but missed.

Driver Cook further stated that at this time he was
joined by two other bus drivers - names unknown - who as-
sisted Cook in subduing Defendant and restraining him to
the pavement, on which he struck his head. And, it was at
this time that Reporting Officer arrived at scene.

During this time numerous attempts were made to have the
Defendant silence himself, to which he replied: "Go to Hell,
Motherfucker, Go ahead. Hit me with your stick!"

When all attempts had been exhausted ^{to silence} and with the gathering
of the crowd, Defendant was informed that he was under
arrest for General Disturbance of the Peace. At which time
he grew louder in his abuse and profanities and grabbed
this Officer's Jacket lapel and pulled himself to a seated
position pushing Driver Cook away and began attempting
to kick him.

It was at this time it became necessary for this

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Officer to strike Defendant twice with a Department issued Night-stick. At which time he fell backwards to the pavement, again striking his head. At this point all struggle ceased and Defendant was handcuffed.

He was then conveyed via patrol car E-4, Patrolman Chobes 4855 to City Hospital No. 1 where he was examined, partially treated and released by Dr. Ceraatelli for multiple lacerations of the head. During said treatment by Dr. Ceraatelli, Defendant elected to decline further medical treatment. He then signed City Hospital Form 23, Release From Responsibility, concurring with his refusing treatment.

Defendant was conveyed to Prisoner Processing where he was booked per AR No 4-1503 for the aforesaid charges. When advised of the charges against him and informed of his rights, Defendant declined making a statement.

No Wanted Cards nor prior record indicated per Clerk Lon Smith 4869. Criminal Information sheet prepared. City Information to be sought by this Officer this A.M. from Office of City Counselor.

No waiver form (MPD-200-15) required.

Respectfully

Charles J. Wolfmeyer 5677/304

[Signature] 1206
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SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

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COMPLAINT
NUMBER 139195

1. CONCERNING: <u>Gen'l Pc Dist/Resis Arst</u> Type of Original Report		2. ORIGINAL C.N. <u>138723</u>	3. DISTRICT REPORTING <u>4</u>	4. DATE OF THIS REPORT <u>4/14/68</u>
5. DATE AND TIME OF OCCURRENCE <u>4/14/68 1:15 A.M.</u>	6. PLACE OF OCCURRENCE <u>801 No. Broadway</u>	7. DISTRICT <u>4</u>	8. CENSUS TRACT	9. CITY BLOCK
10. VICTIM (IF FIRM, NAME AND TYPE OF BUSINESS) <u>ORLYNOUND LINES</u>		11. HOME ADDRESS		
		12. BUSINESS ADDRESS <u>801 No. Broadway</u>		

13. ADDITIONAL DETAILS

WARRANT INFORMATION REPORT (Prepare on regular form Original and 3 carbon copies)

PRISONER: LANCASTER, ROBERT RAY

(incl. arrest.
register no.) 4-1503

CHARGE(S)	ISSUED REFUSED	CIRCUIT ATTORNEY, PROSECUTING ATTORNEY OR CITY COUNSELOR
A <u>GENERAL PLACE DISTURBANCE</u>		<u>[Signature]</u>
B <u>RESISTING ARREST</u>	<u>1551</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
C		

IF WARRANT IS REFUSED STATE REASON: (A)

DISTRIBUTION:

Original - Record Room
Prisoner Processing
cc-Attach to Arrest Register
cc-District of Arrest
cc-Applying Officer

MPD Form 45

Date: 4/14/68 (warrant applied for)

Time: 11:20 A.M.

Officer: WOLFMAYER 5677/304

DSN 5677 Dist. 304

PRISONER PROCESSING OFFICER RECEIVING REPORT

Name [Signature] DSN 1296

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Metropolitan Police Department — City of St. Louis

INTRA-DEPARTMENT REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE SHEET

Date: 4-18-68

To: Captain Bernard Mundt

From: Detective Thomas J. Murphy-dsn=3082

Subject: Investigation at City Workhouse

Copies Sent To: (no distribution)

Sir;

Pursuant to your instructions, relative to interviewing one;

LANCASTER, ROBERT RAY a white, male, 26 years of age, d/o/b/
7-4-41, p/o/b/ New Mexico, married,
a Merchant Seaman, giving a current
address of Post Office Box #47 in
Bumpus Mills, Tenn.,

will state for your information the following;

This subject was arrested by our department on 4-14-68 on one count of General Peace Disturbance and one count of Resisting Arrest. On the latter, the subject was sentenced to 10 days in the City Workhouse. A report of this incident is filed under complaint number 138-723, a copy of which is hereto attached.

At 1:00 o'clock p.m. this date, an investigation was made at the workhouse at which time it was learned that the subject arrived there on 4-15-68 and was released on 4-17-68, after a fine of \$24.00 was paid by one JACK BRANDON giving an address of #43 Moorland Drive. An attempt was made to obtain a description of BRANDON, but it proved to be fruitless.

A check of both the City and County Directories, reveals that the above address does not exist. There is one Jack Brandon listed, giving an address 8922 Sumter, telephone number being UN-9-1630. (No contact made) Also there is a listing for a John Brandon, giving an address of 416 Monroe and telephone number being TA-1-7740. (Also no answer on this line.)

This department does not have on file, any fingerprints or photographs of LANCASTER and from the computer center it was learned that there are no Field Interview reports and no records of arrest on either subject.

The workhouse record reveals that Lancaster has a living father, A. E. Lancaster, mother, Elizabeth and wife, Berabra, all giving an address in Tenn.

Lancaster is further described as being 5 feet 11, 200 pounds, a Protestant, with a High School Education and left the workhouse wearing a white sweater, red shirt and brown trousers. The Beat and Car Officers assigned to and around the Bus Terminal where the subject was first encountered, have been alerted and advised that this subject is wanted for questioning.

Respectfully

Det. Thomas J. Murphy dsn=3082

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

FROM : SA MICHAEL M. WILLIAMSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/22/68

Enclosed is SLPD report of Sgt. JAMES. B. LEBERMAN, 4/14/68 and SLPD Intra-Department report dated 4/18/68.

On 4/20/68 Capt. BERNARD MUNDT, 4th District, SLPD, made available the enclosed SLPD reports and stated that ROBERT RAY LANCASTER, subject of enclosed reports, was not photographed or fingerprinted by SLPD. Judge NATHAN YOUNG, City Court 2, may be able to provide more information.

It is noted that the actual description obtained at the time of ROBERT RAY LANCASTER's arrested differs considerably in weight and age.

Williamson advised he was at PD on another matter when Capt Muntz furnished about because persons middle name is Ray. Description not same as subject. No further action.

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Memorandum

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

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA GEORGE M. PEET

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re R.T. Hayes local lookalike

On the night of 4/19/68, Sergeant GEORGE LASK, 9th District, St. Louis PD, telephonically advised that Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES HOLDEN, Biltmore Hotel, St. Louis, had observed a photograph of subject RAY and thought that an individual, registering 4/12/68 and departing the afternoon of 4/19/68 in the name R. T. HAYES, might be identical with subject RAY. In addition, LASK stated he had talked to one ART STERGION, who operates a night club on Gaslight Square, who had indicated to LASK that he was acquainted with subject RAY and indicated that after subject RAY had gotten out of the penitentiary at Jefferson City he had resided for a few weeks with a female in St. Louis, later determined to be LOU ELLEN JACKSON, SLPD #95688.

On 4/20/68, SAs GEORGE M. PEET and ROBERT A. HESS contacted the HOLDENS at the Biltmore Hotel, 3643 Washington, who advised they have been running the hotel since 12/67. They made available a registration card in the name R. T. HAYES, SR., Rural Route 1, Union, Missouri, who checked in 4/12/68, paid \$37.49 for one week's rent in advance, and was assigned apartment 6A. They advised that HAYES spent most of his time in his room. He rented a TV set on the first night. They recalled during the week he was residing in the hotel he had a slight altercation with another tenant in the building. On Wednesday night he was sitting in the lobby and followed Mrs. LARRY THOMPSON (CAROL) out of the lobby and tried to pick her up. As a result of this, LARRY THOMPSON and Mr. HOLDEN and Mrs. THOMPSON went to HAYES room, where he admitted trying to pick up Mrs. THOMPSON and said he was sorry. On 4/19/68, at 6:30 PM, HAYES came in, said he was checking out, packed his car (a red Corvair), and left.

Mr. and Mrs. HOLDEN described HAYES as a white male, 35-38 years, 5' 10", 135-150 pounds, neat, generally wearing

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a suit or dark trousers and white shirt. They observed 1954, 1959, and 1966 photographs of subject RAY and stated that he most closely resembled the 1954 photograph.

Mrs. HOLDEN was requested to estimate the age of interviewing Agents, and she guessed one as 10 years and the other as 8 years older than actual age.

LARRY THOMPSON, Apartment 357, Biltmore Hotel, recalled the incident concerning the individual who followed his wife out of the Biltmore Lobby and attempted to pick her up outside the hotel. After his wife returned to the apartment and told him of the incident they went to Apartment 6A, where the occupant admitted attempting to pick up THOMPSON's wife and said he was sorry. He described this individual as a white male, 24 years, 5' 9-10", 155 pounds, rough face, small features. THOMPSON was shown the 1954, 1959, 1960, and 1966 Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and stated he bore some resemblance to the 1954 photograph but that the man occupying apartment 6A was certainly no where near 40 years of age.

THOMPSON explained that he was a student at St. Louis University and he would guess that this individual was perhaps one or two years older than he.

ELBERT PRUITT, 2951 Montgomery, and JOHN MUCKERMAN, both of whom are employed on the parking lot at the Biltmore Hotel, 3643 Washington, were questioned concerning the tenant that had been there the previous week driving a maroon Corvair. Both MUCKERMAN and PRUITT recall having seen an individual who said his name was RAY HAYES on several occasions as he came in and out of the parking lot. He told them that he was working for a finance company, and that MUCKERMAN and PRUITT would guess HAYES' age as 25 to 27 at the most.

In the presence of CHARLES HOLDEN, SAs PEET and HESS checked apartment 6A and located therein a note with the name Dr. ROBERT WEINHAUS, 7165 Delmar Boulevard, University City, Missouri, 11:30 AM.

On 4/20/68, Dr. ROBERT WEINHAUS was telephonically contacted at his residence, at which time he advised that the name R. T. HAYES was not familiar to him but that it may have been the name of a patient examined at his office. He indicated he would check his records and advise on 4/22/68.

On 4/22/68, Dr. ROBERT WEINHAUS advised that

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R. T. HAYES was examined for the Pacific Finance Company on 4/15/68, at 11:30 AM. The local manager of Pacific Finance is Mr. WILLIAM COX, 6219 Easton, telephone CO 1-4414.

In view of the fact that investigation revealed that R. T. HAYES is 14 to 15 years younger than the subject, it is believed that he cannot possibly be identical with subject RAY and, therefore, no further investigation is being conducted concerning him.

The individual who had spoken with Sergeant LASK, and who operates a place on Gaslight Square, was determined to be ART STERGION who was contacted at his residence, 8503 Big Bend, Webster Groves, telephone WO 1-7986. STERGION was shown several photographs of subject RAY and stated that he did not know RAY and did not recall ever having seen him. He did identify the photograph of LOU ELLEN JACKSON, SLPD #95688, as a hustling girl whom he had been acquainted with and spoken to on occasion. He recalled that during a conversation with her at the corner of Grand and Olive three or four months ago, that she had previously lived at the Biltmore Hotel, and that she was living with an individual named RAY (STERGION did not know whether RAY was the first name or last name or nickname) and that this RAY was a friend or jail partner of her husband.

On 4/20/68, Detective Sergeant JAMES HACKETT advised that he recalled LOU ELLEN JACKSON but that he had not seen her for a year or two and that so far as he knew, her last arrest was in 11/66 when she was residing at 5547 Waterman Avenue, and that at that time she was residing with GEORGE RIPPLEY, who is either in State Prison or was returned to Federal Prison. HACKETT stated that she used to frequent the Aristocrat Bar a number of years ago and that she worked out of the Legionaire Bar near Sarah and Olive, but that this bar is now closed, and he has no idea where she may be.

On 4/22/68, NOBY LA PLANT, 5561 Waterman, apartment manager, recalled that LOU ELLEN JACKSON resided in apartment 11 at 5547 Waterman and that she had been asked to move out at the time RIPPLEY was arrested. It was Mrs. LA PLANT's recollection that JACKSON was on ADC at the time she moved out but she has heard nothing more current or recent concerning her residence.

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*Memorandum*TO : SAC **ST. LOUIS (137-13602)**DATE: **4/26/68**FROM : SA **ROBERT A. HESS**☒ CI ☐ SI☐ PCI ☐ PSISUBJECT: **1382-C**

Dates of Contact 4/19/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
CRIME CONDITIONS, ST. LOUIS DIVISION	SL 92-702	
JACK SCHNEBLEY	SL 31-8076	
MURKIN	SL 44-775	
Purpose and results of contact		
☐ NEGATIVE ☒ POSITIVE Efforts on 4/2/68 and 4/14/68 to telephonically reach captioned informant met with negative results. On 4/19/68, informant advised that she has been working as a barmaid during the day at the Tahiti Lounge on Page Blvd. She stated that JEAN ERDELEN is the current owner and operator of this tavern. Informant further advised that during the evening she is working as a waitress at Sir Robin's Den at 10335 Page. This establishment is owned and managed by DON ROBINSON and has only been open since 4/1/68. According to the informant, ROBINSON was formerly the owner of the Peppermint Lounge in University City.		
☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Very Good	Coverage AR; WSTA
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 1 - 44-775 (MURKIN)

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SL 92-702**

Informant stated that she had no information regarding the whereabouts of FRED DIETRICH and/or BUDDY SCHOOK except they had been together the previous Friday and had left town supposedly in the same automobile, which she believed was DIETRICH's. The informant stated that she had heard that DIETRICH had close to \$9000 on his person when he left, however she had no direct knowledge of this.

**JACK SCHNEBLEY
WSTA
SL 31-8076**

The informant stated that JOYCE STEWART continues to operate as a prostitute from the Georgetown Apartments, however she is planning on moving in the near future to the Carrollton Woods Apartments, exact location unknown.

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The informant stated she had this date observed the photographs in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch of JAMES EARL RAY; however, stated she did not believe he was known to her nor did she possess any information regarding associates or his current whereabouts.

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Director.

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
SP Menard Ill	Elmer Austin #7132	12-21-25	murder	25 yrs
SP Joliet Ill	Elmer Austin #23	8-2-34 in trans fr SP Joliet Ill	1-murder 2-robb armed	1-25 yrs 2-10 yrs to life 3 sents conc
SP Menard Ill	Elmer Austin #13997	8-14-36 in trans fr SP Joliet Ill	murder & robb etc murder mittimus held on minus robb arm mittimus paroled 7-22-40 Pleasant Plains Mo Ill 6-2-48 paroled 4-8-54 par term 4-27-56 paroled 5-7-59	25 yrs & 10 yrs life 9-20-39 exp & disch fr
SO Springfield Ill	Joseph Elmer Austin #W2638	12-8-50	par viol	ret to Menard Pen
ATU Springfield Ill	Joseph Elmer Austin #111-S-1035(NFA)	12-8-50	Vio NFA	
SO Fort Worth Texas	Joseph E. Austin #22595	1-20-55	inv pro viol	
SP Menard Ill	Elmer Austin #13997	not given FP 2-8-55	murder & robb	10-life & 25 yrs
USM Nashville Tenn	Elmer Joseph Austin #502	4-22-57	kidnapping	9-11-57 rel to St of Ill
SO Nashville Tenn	Joseph Elmer Austin #4719-G	4-20-57	kidnapping	
SPol Frankfort Ky	Joseph Elmer Austin #23783	4-20-57	2-2478 armed robb 2-2479 kidnapping on chg of 2-2481-armed robb kidnapping	filed away

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SP Menard Ill	Elmer Austin #13997	9-17-57	murder & Robb	25 yrs & 10-life (parole violator)
PD Alton Ill	Joseph Elmer Austin #8813	8-21-59	armed robb	
SO Edwardsville Ill	Joseph Elmer Austin #787	8-26-59	armed robb	
SP Menard Ill	Elmer Austin #13997	9-23-59	FV mur rob etc	25 yrs 10-life
Cook Co Jail Chgo Ill	Elmer Austin #382273	5-14-66	SKPA	

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	Elmer Austin, Illinois State Penitentiary Menard Illinois, number 13997 date arrested or received 8-14-36 on charge of Murder & Robbery, Etc. Paroled 2-23-65 per Dispo received Ident. Div. 3-4-65 ejf			
	SUPPLEMENT			

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.

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TO:

Date 4/25/68

SAC, St. Louis

Your inquiry
SI - teletype
4/24/68

MURKIN.

- ☐ 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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*Memorandum*TO : SAC **ST. LOUIS (137-16056)**DATE: **4/29/68**FROM : SA **ROBERT A. HESS**☐ CI ☐ SI☒ PCI ☐ PSISUBJECT: **LYNN COLEMAN
PCI**

Dates of Contact 4/22/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
CRIME CONDITIONS, ST. LOUIS DIVISION	SL 92-702	
WSTA MATTERS	SL 31-0	
JACK SCHNEBLEY	SL 31-8076	
MURKIN	SL 44-775	
Purpose and results of contact		
☐ NEGATIVE ☒ POSITIVE		
CRIME CONDITIONS ST. LOUIS DIVISION SL 92-702 WSTA MATTERS SL 31-0		
Informant stated that she had on 4/19/68 been contacted by BERNIE STEIGER, Attorney at Law, who wanted all the information from her she had regarding the disappearance of FRED DIETRICH and JOHN PAUL SCHOOK. STEIGER knew of her recent involvement with SCHOOK in regards to a fur coat she had purchased from him and she related the details of this to him, however provided him with no further information. Informant stated that she had heard that SCHOOK had a contract on DIETRICH. However, she did not know who gave the order for DIETRICH to be "hit" although she learned		
☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Very Good	Coverage AR; WSTA 44-775-431
Personal Data Residence phone JA 4-0403; trick phone VO 2-4319; trick pad Apt. E, 19 Lee St., Clayton, Mo.		SEARCHED INDEXED SERIALIZED FILED APR 29 1968 <i>Robert A. Hess</i>

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1 - 44-775 (MURKIN)

SL: 137-16056

while talking with SADIE FAHEEN on 3/25/68 that GUGI FAHEEN had suspected DIETRICH of burglarizing his residence.

The informant also stated that SCHOOK has been staying with CANDY JOHNSON, known prostitute, during recent weeks and she is currently among the missing also.

Informant stated that SHARON HOLIDAY, aka SHARON HOWSER, had approximately two weeks ago married RAY GEROWITZ and they are currently living some place on Keokuk.

Informant related that on 4/15/68, she had observed BILLY DICKENS at the Parkway House on Forest Park Blvd. parked at the rear of that motel in a beige colored Cadillac. She stated that DICKENS blew the horn on the car and two girls, unknown to the informant, came from a room in the motel, got into the car and then DICKENS drove away.

JACK SCHNEBLEY
SL 31-8076

The informant stated that on 4/15/68 she had observed JACK SCHNEBLEY at Slay's For Steaks on Hampton Avenue. He was in the company of a young girl whom the informant did not recognize.

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The informant advised she was not familiar with JAMES EARL RAY and had no information re his current whereabouts.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SL (44-775) ATT: SA HAROLD BOBSON

DATE: 4-26-68

FROM : SA JAMES A. DUFFEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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ADMINISTRATIVE

INFORMANTS

The following were contacted by SA JAMES A. DUFFEY with negative results:

SL 1338C 4/12,23,26/68

SL 1180C 4/8,19,22,26/68

SL 1290C 4/10,25/68

CHAUNCEY GILLENWATER, PCI, Perry, Mo. 4/23/68

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SL 1089C on 4-22-68 advised subject's photo is familiar, and he recalls that this man was arrested several years ago along with WALTER RIFE, and a BUSKIRK girl. All he recalled were from Quincy, Ill., He added that JAMES EARL RAY was at that time a Quincy hoodlum who used to hang out at the Virginia Hotel. CI stated he hasn't seen RAY for years, was never an associate of his, but had seen him with other Quincy hoodlums at Quincy in the mid-1950s.

CI stated that he will advise should he hear anything about the subject.

Postmaster WILBURN MANFORD, Clarence, Mo. originally was contacted 4-25-68 concerning any record of a ~~JAMES~~ JERRY RAY, and stated none was available. On 4-26-68 Mr. MANFORD stated that a RUBY CARPENTER had lived at Rt. 1, Clarence, Mo. and had furnished a forwarding order, undated, several years ago giving an address of 1711½ Broadway, Quincy, Ill.

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Memorandum

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

FROM : SA GEORGE M. PEET

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/29/68

RE ALBERT PEPPER

PEPPER is employed by a Schneider (phonetic) hardware store on West Pine. He works outside the store proper in the service department and is supervised directly by young SCHNEIDER, the son of the owner. PEPPER was arrested by Ninth District officers on 4/16/68, charged with individual peace disturbance, victim WILMA SHIRLEY. Sgt. JAMES HACKETT, Ninth District Detective Bureau, has for a number of years been friendly with young SCHNEIDER and as a result of this association after PEPPER's arrest young SCHNEIDER asked Sgt. HACKETT to look into the matter to see if there was anything he could do for PEPPER.

HACKETT said that shortly after this arrest he obtained and reviewed the police report of this incident and told SCHNEIDER that there did not appear to be much of a case against PEPPER.

On 4/24/68, Sgt. HACKETT said that young SCHNEIDER had left word for him (HACKETT) to contact him re PEPPER and HACKETT was contacting the FBI to see if we were desirous of pushing the individual peace disturbance charge against PEPPER. HACKETT said that he had learned through young SCHNEIDER that PEPPER had been uncooperative during interview with Buagents and that he was particularly upset over the thought of newspaper publicity reflecting his relationship with RAY, which might result in his name and address being put in the paper thus subjecting him and his family to possible reprisals in the way of fire bombings, etc.

After conferring with you, I advised HACKETT on 4/25/68 that we were not interested in pushing the individual peace disturbance charge but that if through young SCHNEIDER he could insure that PEPPER would be made aware that the FBI is not interested in getting his (PEPPER's) name in the paper and that he should cooperate then HACKETT should go ahead and proceed along these lines.

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George: Boss wants Pepper charged pressed now, so can we as lever. PLS advise Hackett

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Later the same day HACKETT advised that he had talked with young SCHNEIDER and young SCHNEIDER had reported to him that he had suggested to PEPPER that he cooperate with law enforcement authorities but that in PEPPER's present state of mind he did not think a direct contact with PEPPER would be productive. During SCHNEIDER's conversation with PEPPER he learned that PEPPER had been approached by Life Magazine and offered money for information and pictures concerning the family and members thereof. PEPPER reportedly told Life Magazine that he did not want any of that kind of money. HACKETT indicated that he would maintain contact with SCHNEIDER and any pertinent information would be related to this office immediately.

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Date: 4/30/68

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

Re Jackson teletype to Bureau, 4/24/68.

Enclosed for Kansas City and Oklahoma City are copies of re teletype.

On 4/25/68, Mrs. ROBERT BOSHERS, (phonetic BOSSIER), in re teletype, 401 Wine St., DeSoto, Mo., advised her husband ROBERT has deserted her and his whereabouts are unknown. She related that BOSHERS is an alcoholic and has done this in the past. She stated she believes that BOSHERS had stolen some checks from JACK W. ANDERSON and cashed these checks before leaving the DeSoto, Mo., area.

Mrs. BOSHERS stated that she does not believe her husband has any knowledge of JAMES EARL RAY, that if he did she believes he would make some comment in view of the widespread publicity.

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2 - Kansas City (Encl. 1)
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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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She stated he has served time in El Reno Federal Penitentiary, and the Missouri State Penitentiary, but she does not know of any sentence in the State of Michigan, and she does not believe he is wanted in that state.

Chief of Police LLOYD DAVIS, DeSoto, Mo., advised that ROBERT BOSHERS had taken two or three checks from the checkbook of JOHN W. ANDERSON, 515 N. Seventh St., who he was employed by, and two checks have been cashed for over \$100.00 each. He advised he has no warrant at this time for BOSHERS. He advised BOSHERS is a big boozier and to his knowledge has not mentioned anything about being associated with JAMES EARL RAY.

For the information of Jackson it appears your source ROBERT ANDERSON, Kreole, Mississippi, is relative of JOHN WESLEY ANDERSON, DeSoto, Mo., and became aware of BOSHER's theft of checks and wanted BOSHER located so local warrants could be issued for BOSHER.

For the information of Detroit, ascertain through State Penitentiary system and other sources if ROBERT BOSHERS (given as BOSSIER) in re teletype has record in State of Michigan or wanted on him in Michigan.

Kansas City and Oklahoma City Divisions, will review records for ROBERT BOSHERS at Jefferson City, Mo., and El Reno Penitentiary respectively as requested of Detroit Division.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SL (137-978)

DATE: 4-26-68

FROM : SA **DUFFIN**

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: SL 1089C

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Dates of Contact 3/27, 29; 4/12, 19, 22/68	
Titles and File #s on which contacted ALL RECENT I.O.s, All recent memo for 137-148, 44-775 MURKIN,	
Purpose and results of contact ☐ NEGATIVE ☒ POSITIVE ☒ STATISTIC Unless set forth below this source was unable to furnish any info of value and SAs to whom assigned were advised.	
42-9717	JERRY A. HARRIS FUDE CI viewed subject's photo and advised that subject was or appeared similar to a man employed at Avery-Burch Furniture Co., Hannibal, Mo. He stated this man had recently been in the pawn shop and had made a purchase and he believed that he indicated he lived on Center, St. As a result subject was arrested at Avery-Burch on 4-19-68 (One fugitive)
44-775	JAMES EARL RAY-AKA, FUG. MURKIN-CR CI on 4-22-68 stated that subject's photo appeared familiar to him. He said that this is the man arrested with WALTER RIFE and the BUSKIRK girl several years ago in Hannibal. He stated subject was a Quincy hoodlum, and he had not seen him for years.
☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating EXCELLENT
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FBI KAN CITY

1109 AM URGENT 5/1/68 JLH

TO DIRECTOR 44-3886L, MEMPHIS, TAMPA, ST. LOUIS
FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 1P

MURKIN

RE MIAMI TEL TO BUREAU APRIL TWENTY SIX, LAST.

RECORDS MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY REVEAL LEO BARNETT,
FBI NO. TWO SEVEN THREE SIX EIGHT SIX B WAS PAROLED ON
AUGUST ELEVEN, SIXTY SIX, TO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., WITH PAROLE TIME TO BE SERVED CON-
CURRENTLY WITH FLORIDA SENTENCE AND BARNETT WAS FORMERLY
AT RAYFORD PRISON, FLA., UNDER NO. SIX SIX THREE TWO THREE.

THESE RECORDS FURTHER REVEAL A FRED MILLER NO. ZERO TWO
TWO SEVEN THREE, FORMER INMATE, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY,
WAS TRANSFERRED TO MISSOURI TRAINING CENTER FOR MEN, MOBERLY,
MO. ON MAY TWENTY NINE, LAST AND FRED HENRY MILLER,
NO. SIX SIX FIVE THREE FIVE WAS ASSIGNED TO MOBERLY MARCH
FOUR, LAST.

TAMPA AND ST. LOUIS INTERVIEW FORMER INMATES
CONCERNING ANY INFORMATION THEY HAVE REGARDING SUBJECT.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

FROM : SA KENNETH A. WILLIAMS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5-1-68

On 4-25-68, Mr. WILLIAM C. MASON, Clerk, USPO, Bremen Post Office, 3400 N. 9th St., SLMO, advised GEORGE and MATTIE RAY rented a PO box at the Bremen PO on 1-21-67, while living at 198 Warren St., SLMO. Mr. RAY drove a 1950 Plymouth and exhibited an Ohio driver's license for identification when renting the box. They later moved to 2909 Park Ave. and then to 2933 St. Vincent Ave. The PO box was discontinued on 8-22-67.

Mr. MASON stated that GEORGE RAY in no way resembles JAMES EARL RAY, however, he was reporting this information on the basis that their last names are identical.

On 4-25-68, it was observed that the residence at 2933 St. Vincent Ave. was boarded up. Inquiry in the neighborhood revealed that GEORGE RAY and his wife moved out a month ago. Individuals contacted advised that GEORGE RAY does not remotely resemble the photograph of subject JAMES EARL RAY.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN

KANSAS CITY HAS PREVIOUSLY INDICATED THE AVAILABILITY OF A LIVE INFORMANT WHO CAN BE USED IN A FIELD DIVISION OTHER THAN KANSAS CITY. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT KANSAS CITY AND ST. LOUIS CONSIDER THE ADVISABILITY AND MAKE APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BUREAU REGARDING HAVING THIS INFORMANT MAKE CONTACT WITH THE SUBJECT'S BROTHER, JOHN LARRY RAY, WHO OPERATES A TAVERN AT ST. LOUIS. IT IS NOTED JOHN LARRY RAY VISITED THE SUBJECT IN PRISON ON APRIL TWENTY TWO, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN, THE DAY BEFORE THE SUBJECT'S ESCAPE, AND IT IS FELT JOHN LARRY RAY HAS NOT BEEN ENTIRELY COOPERATIVE.

COMPANIES AT MEMPHIS, TENN., WHICH OPERATE BARGE LINES OR WHICH SERVICE WATER CARRIERS HAVE BEEN CONTACTED FOR INFORMATION RE EMPLOYMENT BY THE SUBJECT UNDER HIS TRUE NAME OR KNOWN ALIASES. INVESTIGATION THUS FAR IS NEGATIVE.

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MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS INDICATED THAT THEY ARE CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF SEEKING A MURDER INDICTMENT BEFORE A LOCAL GRAND JURY ON OR ABOUT MAY THREE NEXT. IT IS NOT YET KNOWN IF AGENT TESTIMONY WILL BE REQUIRED.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUES IN TENNESSEE TO IDENTIFY STOLEN CARS LOCATED IN TENNESSEE WHICH WERE STOLEN IN GEORGIA ON OR ABOUT APRIL FIVE LAST. ALL SUCH LEADS ARE BEING HANDLED EXPEDITIOUSLY.

NUMEROUS SUSPECTS CONTINUE TO BE REPORTED TO AND ELIMINATED BY BOTH THE MEMPHIS OFFICE AND THE MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO KANSAS CITY AND ST. LOUIS. P. END.

FBI ST LOUIS

FBI KAN CITY

834PM URGENT 5-2-68 DJB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS, NEW ORLEANS, & ST. LOUIS
FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 2P

MURKIN.

RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE MAY ONE LAST.

BIRMINGHAM ADVISED FORMER MSP INMATE JAMES W. BROWN
INTERVIEWED AND ADVISED CLOSE ASSOCIATES OF RAY AT MSP,
JEFFERSON CITY, MO., WERE JOHNNY VELLANTI, JOHNNY JOHNSON
SERVING TWENTY YEARS FROM KANSAS CITY; NONEY EDEN SERVING
FIVE YEARS, RICHARD BEEMAN AND FRANK MAYBERRY FROM WEST
PLAINS, MISSOURI.

RICHARD BEEMAN LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED MAY TWO INSTANT
BUT COULD FURNISH NO INFORMATION AND DID NOT KNOW RAY WELL.

JOHNNY VELLANTI NUMBER ZERO ZERO TWO THREE THREE, PAROLED
MARCH TWENTY EIGHT, SIXTY SEVEN, AND LAST ADDRESS IS ONE SIX
THREE TWO SOUTH EIGHTEENTH STREET, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, WHERE
HE IS EMPLOYED BY WMARY FM RADIO. NONEY EDEN NOT IDENTIFIED.

JOHN EDWARD JOHNSON NUMBER ZERO ZERO EIGHT SEVEN SIX SERVING
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assign Johnson + Mayberry leads to Duffy
assign Vellanti lead Warfield, Bidwell

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TWENTY FIVE YEARS FROM JACKSON COUNTY ASSIGNED MENS TRAINING SCHOOL AT MOBERLY JANUARY TWENTY THIRD, SIXTY SEVEN, AND FORMERLY WAS IN MOBERLY JUNE TWENTY FOUR, SIXTY FOUR, TO AUGUST TWENTY THREE, SIXTY SIX WHEN HE WAS PAROLED. RETURNED ON REVOCATION DECEMBER TWO SIXTY SIX. FRANK MAYBERRY NUMBER ONE THREE SEVEN SIX THREE ALSO ASSIGNED TO MOBERLY.

ST. LOUIS AT ST. LOUIS INTERVIEW JOHNNY VELLANTI CONCERNING BACKGROUND ASSOCIATES FOR WHEREABOUTS OF RAY.

AT MOBERLY, WILL SIMILARLY INTERVIEW JOHN EDWARD JOHNSON AND FRANK MAYBERRY. INQUIRY MSP DOES NOT REFLECT WALTER E. NOLAN DISCIPLINED FOR HAVING AMMUNITION IN HIS POCKET. MAJOR BERNARD POIRY RECALLS INCIDENT THREE OR FOUR YEARS AGO WHEN AMMUNITION FOUND IN WORK SHOP OF PENITENTIARY AND THIS TRACED TO JIMMY Z. BRADLEY WHO HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AS "KING PEN" IN AMPHETAMINE BUSINESS IN MSP AND WHO IS A CLOSE FRIEND OF RAY. ST. LOUIS BEING FURNISHED SEPARATELY WITH BACKGROUND DATA ON NOLAN AND VELLANTI.

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☐ Radio

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☒ Teletype

5-2-68

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS

FROM: KANSAS CITY

MURKIN

RE MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO BUREAU, APR. 29, LAST, REQUESTING KANSAS CITY'S AND ST. LOUIS' RECOMMENDATION REGARDING A LIVE INFORMANT IN THE KANSAS CITY AREA.

THIS PCI, LAWRENCE E. WRAY, FBI NO. 68105B, WAS A FORMER INMATE IN THE MO. STATE PENITENTIARY AT THE TIME SUBJECT WAS INCARCERATED THERE.

KANSAS CITY OFFICE RECOMMENDS THIS INDIVIDUAL NOT BE USED AT THIS TIME BECAUSE OF HIS PSYCHOLOGICAL PROBLEMS IN THE PAST, HE IS CURRENTLY ON PAROLE WITH THE STATE OF MO., AND INASMUCH AS HE STATED HE WAS A CELLMATE OF RAY, WHICH WAS NOT SUBSTANTIATED BY RECORDS. ALSO, CHICAGO'S SOURCE IS IN A MUCH BETTER POSITION TO HELP IN THIS MATTER.

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404PM URGENT 5/2/68 WPK

TO BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) MEMPHIS (44-1987) KANSAS CITY SPRINGFIELD
AND ST. LOUIS

FROM DIRECTOR (44-38861) 2P

MURKIN

RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE MAY ONE LAST, NO COPIES
ST. LOUIS, CONCERNING INTERVIEW OF JAMES W. BROWN AND
INFORMATION HE FURNISHED REGARDING RAY'S COMMENT THAT
COOLEY (PHONETIC) OR COOLEY'S ORGANIZATION WOULD PAY TEN
THOUSAND DOLLARS TO HAVE KING DEAD. FOR INFORMATION OF
ST. LOUIS, BROWN WAS INMATE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY FROM
APRIL NINETEEN SIXTY THROUGH JUNE NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE AND
ACQUAINTED WITH JAMES EARL RAY WHILE IN PRISON.

BIRMINGHAM REINTERVIEW BROWN THOROUGHLY REGARDING
RAY'S STATEMENT TO OBTAIN ALL INFORMATION PERTAINING TO
COOLEY. DETERMINE ANYONE ELSE FAMILIAR WITH THAT STATEMENT
AND IF COOLEY WAS IN OR OUT OF PRISON AT THE TIME. ATTEMPT TO
ESTABLISH WHERE RAY KNEW COOLEY.

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ALL OTHER OFFICES WHEN INTERVIEWING RAY'S PRISON
ASSOCIATES, ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP INFORMATION TO IDENTIFY
COOLEY OR INFORMATION WHICH WOULD SUBSTANTIATE OR ELIMINATE
THE STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO RAY.

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FBI CHICAGO

1149AM URGENT 5/2/68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS (44-1987) ST. LOUIS (44-775)
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 2P

MURKIN.

RE ST. LOUIS TEL AND CHICAGO SUMMARYTEL BOTH MAY ONE LAST.
RE JOHN EUGENE GAWRON. INFO FURNISHED BY JERRY RAY
CONCERNING GAWRON WAS VOLUNTEERED BY HIM WITH STATEMENT THAT
GAWRON WAS AN INDIVIDUAL HE PROBABLY SHOULD HAVE TOLD AGENTS
ABOUT BEFORE SINCE HE WAS AWARE THAT GAWRON HAD SERVED TIME
WITH SUBJECT. JERRY OF OPINION SUBJECT WOULD NOT CONTACT
GAWRON BUT BELIEVES SUBJECT KNOWS GAWRON WELL AND CONSIDERS HIM
TO BE SLIGHTLY "STIR CRAZY." NO INFORMATION ELICITED FROM
JERRY INDICATING THAT GAWRON AND SUBJECT PARTICIPATED IN
BURGLARIES TOGETHER. CHICAGO WILL ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP FROM
JERRY HIS KNOWLEDGE AS TO CLOSENESS OF ASSOCIATION BETWEEN
SUBJECT AND GAWRON. THIS WILL NOT BE DONE BY DIRECT INQUIRY
BUT DISCREETLY SO AS NOT TO COMPROMISE GAWRON'S POSSIBLE USE
AS SOURCE. NOTE THAT JERRY OF LIMITED MENTAL CAPACITY. IN
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INTERVIEWS JERRY EXPRESSES NO PERSONAL OPINION OF SUBJECTS ACTION
IN KILLING BUT CONTINUALLY SETS OUT OPINIONS FROM NEWSPAPERS AND
OTHER SOURCES THAT SUBJECT INNOCENT OF CRIME. STATES BOTH
CAROL ^{LEPPER} AND JOHN ALSO OF OPINION SUBJECT "SET UP" AND USED AS "FALL
GUY" IN MURKIN; HOWEVER THEY GIVE NO REASON FOR OPINION OTHER THAN
NEWS MEDIA.

JERRY CONTINUALLY DENIES POSSIBILITY THAT JOHN AIDED
SUBJECT IN ESCAPE AND CAN OFFER NO INDIVIDUALS CLOSE ENOUGH
TO SUBJECT WHO WOULD TAKE THAT CHANCE.

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FBI ATLANTA

859 PM URGENT 5-2-68 ARK

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES, SPRINGFIELD,
CHICAGO AND ST. LOUIS
FROM ATLANTA (44-2386) 1P

MURKIN

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION MAY TWO SIXTYEIGHT.

EXPANDED TAXICAB CHECK AND REVIEW OF TRIP SHEETS CONTINUING.
NEGATIVE TO DATE.

EXPANDED AIRLINES CHECKS CONTINUING. NO PERTINENT INFO
OBTAINED TO DATE.

CONTACT OF INDIVIDUALS OFFERING USED CARS FOR SALE IN
CLASSIFIED ADS CONTINUING. NEGATIVE TO DATE.

INVESTIGATION OF STOLEN CARS, INCLUDING THOSE FURNISHED BY
NCIC FOR THE PERTINENT PERIOD CONTINUING. NO PERTINENT INFORMATION
OBTAINED TO DATE.

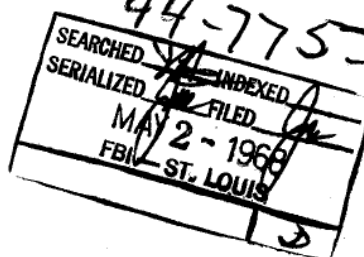
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441PM URGENT 5/2/68 EOM

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) ST. LOUIS (44-775) KANSAS CITY (44-760)
SPRINGFIELD (44-561) AND NEWARK (44-854)
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 3P

MURKIN

RE BUTEL MAY ONE LAST.

RE FULL COVERAGE OF RELATIVES. B. EGGENBERGER, CHIEF
SECURITY OFFICER, ILLINOIS BELL TELEPHONE (IBT), CHICAGO,
ADVISES TOLL CALL RECORDS ONLY MAINTAINED FOR SIX MONTH PERIOD.
ALSO DUE TO IBT STRIKE DIFFICULTY WILL BE ENCOUNTERED OBTAINING
TOLL CALL RECORDS BUT WILL DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. FULL
SECURITY AND BUREAU'S INTEREST WILL BE FULLY PROTECTED. TOLL
CALLS FROM PHONE OF SISTER SUSAN DONIAN BEING OBTAINED. NOTE
THAT POSSIBILITY OF SUBJECT KNOWING HER WHEREABOUTS EXTREMELY
REMOTE.

RE BROTHER JERRY RAY. JERRY TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTS
CASE AGENT DAILY AND IS PHYSICALLY CONTACTED BY ANOTHER AGENT
ON A DAILY BASIS. HIS EMPLOYER AND COUNTRY CLUB MANAGER COM-
PLETELY COOPERATIVE AND WILL ADVISE OF ANY UNUSUAL ACTIVITY
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ON PART OF JERRY. IN ADDITION SECURITY GUARD SERVICE FOR COUNTRY CLUB MAKES HOURLY CHECKS DURING EVENING TO DETERMINE THAT JERRY AT WORK.

AS PREVIOUSLY NOTED JERRY IS MAINTENANCE MAN FOR COUNTRY CLUB FROM ELEVEN PM UNTIL FINISHED NEXT MORNING, THEREBY HAS ACCESS TO FOUR PRIVATE PHONES AND SEVEN PAY PHONES LOCATED ON COUNTRY CLUB PREMISES. THE PAY PHONE IN THE COTTAGE WHERE JERRY RESIDES IS UTILIZED BY ALL OTHER MEMBER OF THE COTTAGE. IN LETTER TO MARJORIE FETTERS, CAMDEN, N.J., JERRY MAKES COMMENT INDICATING THAT PAY PHONE USED DURING CONTACT WITH HER. FEASIBILITY OF CONTINUING CHECKS ON TOLL CALLS FROM THE ABOVE MENTIONED PHONES AT COUNTRY CLUB BEING DISCUSSED WITH IBT WHO ARE OF THE OPINION THAT DUE TO NUMBER OF CALLS THEY MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO HANDLE.

IN THIS REGARD OFFICES RECEIVING THIS TELE FURNISH PHONE NUMBERS OF RELATIVES AND KNOWN ASSOCIATES. NEWARK FURNISH PHONE NUMBER OF MARJORIE FETTERS. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF TELEPHONE COVERAGE EFFECTED.

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RE ASSOCIATES AND INDIVIDUALS MAKING FREQUENT CONTACTS WITH RELATIVES. SUSAN DONIAN COOPERATING WITH THIS OFFICE. BOTH SHE AND HUSBAND VERY APPREHENSIVE OF CONNECTION WITH SUBJECT BECOMING KNOWN. ALSO, DUE TO INFORMATION SET FORTH IN "LIFE" MAGAZINE, HUSBAND CONCERNED OVER POSSIBLE LOSS OF BUSINESS FROM RESULTING NOTORIETY SINCE HIS CONTACTS ARE ON PERSONAL BASIS. ACCORDINGLY, NO DIRECT CONTACT WITH DONIAN'S ASSOCIATES CHICAGO WILL BE MADE PENDING ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION DEVELOPING ANY ASSOCIATION OR POSSIBILITY SUBJECT AWARE OF SUSAN'S LOCATION, UACB.

FROM INTERVIEWS AND INVESTIGATION, JERRY RAY FRIENDLY WITH EMPLOYEES AT COUNTRY CLUB BUT HAS ONLY TWO CLOSE ASSOCIATES, BOTH EMPLOYEES. ONE IS SINGLE AND RESIDES IN SAME COTTAGE AT COUNTRY CLUB. THE OTHER MARRIED RESIDES IN MT. PROSPECT, ILLINOIS. ALSO DURING BRIEF MARRIAGE THIS AREA, JERRY DID NOT DEVELOP ANY ACQUAINTANCES OR ASSOCIATES AMONG EX-WIFE'S FRIENDS OR RELATIVES. AM CC TO MEMPHIS.

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TO ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO, JACKSON, KANSAS CITY,
MEMPHIS, MOBILE, NEW ORLEANS, ST. LOUIS, SAVANNAH AND
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FROM DIRECTOR (44-38861) 2P

*Index Circularization of
Laundries + Dry Cleaners*

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IT IS NOTED THAT SUBJECT APPARENTLY WAS NEAT IN HIS
DRESS AND REGULARLY UTILIZED LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANING
SERVICES.

THE ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, JACKSON, MEMPHIS, MOBILE AND
SAVANNAH OFFICES SHOULD GIVE CONSIDERATION TO CIRCULARIZING
IO'S AND/OR WANTED FLYERS TO ALL LAUNDRIES AND DRY
CLEANING ESTABLISHMENTS IN YOUR HEADQUARTERS CITY AND
OTHER LOGICAL POINTS IN YOUR TERRITORY. IN THE OTHER
OFFICES THIS CIRCULARIZATION MAY BE LIMITED TO SUCH
ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE LARGER CITIES AT THIS TIME. IT IS
SUGGESTED THAT THOSE ESTABLISHMENTS LOCATED IN THE LOWER
CLASS ROOMING HOUSE AREAS BE CONTACTED FIRST. IN ADDITION
PERSONAL CONTACT FOR PURPOSE OF SHOWING SLICK PHOTOGRAPHS
OF SUBJECT SHOULD BE UTILIZED WHERE JUSTIFIED.

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MEMPHIS IMMEDIATELY FURNISH EACH OFFICE SUFFICIENT
BACKGROUND REGARDING LAUNDRY MARKINGS AND ANY OTHER
PERTINENT INFORMATION ON THE LAUNDRY ASPECTS OF THIS CASE.

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TO: DIRECTOR MEMPHIS KANSAS CITY CHICAGO
FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ST. LOUIS THIS DATE.
RE GRAPEVINE TAVERN.

LICENSE OBTAINED BY CAROL PEPPER, SUBJECTS SISTER, AS
SOLE OWNER AND OPERATOR, WHEREAS JOHN LARRY RAY, SUBJECTS BROTHER,
WHO HAS CRIMINAL RECORD, HAS EVERY APPEARANCE OF BEING ACTUAL
OPERATOR. ALLOWING EX-CON TO OPERATE IS GROUND FOR LICENSE
REVOCATION UNDER STATE LAW. LEASE IS IN NAME OF CAROL PEPPER,
AND RENT PAID BY HER CHECKS. UTILITIES IN HER NAME. SUPPLIERS
PAID IN CASH ON DELIVERY. JOHN RAY EXECUTED MORTGAGE FOR BEER
COOLER WITH CAROL AS CO. SIGNER. FACTS WILL BE DISCUSSED
HYPOTHETICALLY WITH ATU TO DETERMINE IF SUFFICIENT TO CONSTITUTE
VIOLATION OF TITLE TWENTY SIX, SECTION SEVEN TWO ZERO SIX PARAGRAPH
TWO, U. S. CODE. IF SO, WILL BE USED AS LEVER TO OBTAIN COOPERATION
OF BOTH.

TAVERN BEING COVERED BY SOURCES AND SPOT CHECKS IN
CONNECTION WITH COVERAGE OF JOHN RAY. HE HAS NO TELEPHONE AT
RESIDENCE. TOLL CALLS FROM TAVERN BEING COMPILED BY TELEPHONE
COMPANY AT THIS TIME.

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RE JOHN LARRY RAY:

RE INTERVIEWED TODAY. APPEARED COOPERATIVE. SAID BROTHER JERRY ARRIVED NINE THIRTY AM APRIL THIRTY. THEY TALKED WITH CAROL PEPPER OF HARASSMENT BY REPORTERS. JERRY SAID IF IT CONTINUED HE WOULD QUIT JOB. JERRY LEFT FOR CHICAGO ELEVEN AM MAY FIRST. JOHN HAD NO REASON TO BELIEVE JERRY OR CAROL CONTACTED OR HEARD FROM SUBJECT SINCE ESCAPE. JERRY SAID IS ONLY MEMBER OF FAMILY WITH STABLE ADDRESS KNOWN TO SUBJECT, WHO HAS NOT MOVED SINCE ESCAPE. ADMITTED SENDING MONEY TO SUBJECT IN PRISON AS SUBJECT HAD DONE SAME FOR HIM. UNABLE TO RECALL SPECIFIC DATES OR AMOUNTS. BELIEVED IF SUBJECT KILLED KING HE WAS EITHER CRAZY OR PAID. IF CRAZY, WOULD NOT CONTACT FAMILY. IF FOR MONEY, WOULD NOT CONTACT AS WOULD NOT NEED HELP, AND WOULD PROBABLY BE KILLED BY PAYER. BELIEVED SUBJECT BECAME NARCOTICS USER IN ARMY AS HAS NOT SEEMED RIGHT SINCE. KNEW OF NO CLOSE FRIENDS OF SUBJECT. NO IDEA OF SUBJECTS WHEREABOUTS. WELCOMED RECONTACT AT ANY TIME.

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RE ALBERT PEPPER AND PEPPER STATIONERY CO.

NO INDICATION OF EXISTENCE OF PEPPER STATIONERY CO.,
TO WHOM SUBJECT ALLEGEDLY SENT MONEY THRU SUBTERFUGE FROM MSP.
ADDRESS GIVEN WAS FORMER RESIDENCE OF ALBERT PEPPER, HUSBAND
OF CAROL PEPPER, SUBJECTS SISTER.

ALBERT PEPPER REINTERVIEWED. NOT ANTAGONISTIC. DENIED
KNOWLEDGE OF RECEIPT OF FUNDS FROM SUBJECT IN MEP OR AT
STATIONERY CO., BUT INDICATED WIFE MIGHT HAVE, AS SHE IS HOME
AND HE IS GONE DURING DAY. NEVER MET SUBJECT. MARRIED CAROL
AFTER SUBJECT IN MSP. DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECTS WHEREABOUTS
OR ANY CONTACT WITH FAMILY. TOLD RUNNING OFF LIFE REPORTER WITH
CLUB. REALIZED FBI NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LIFE ARTICLE. AGREED
TO URGE CAROL TO COOPERATE WITH FBI. HE WILLING TO BE RE CON-
TACTED ANY TIME NECESSARY. PEPPER RESIDENCE COVERED BY NEIGHBOR,
SPOT CHECKS AND SA RESIDING IN AREA. PHONE COMPANY COMPILING
TOLL CALLS.

RE JOHN GAWRON.

REINTERVIEWED TODAY. LEARNED AT GRAPEVINE LAST NIGHT OF
JERRY RAY SL VISIT. DENIED TELLING JOHN RAY OF PREVIOUS FBI
CONTACTS. WAS CONVINCED FROM PREVIOUS TALKS WITH JOHN AND CAROL
SUBJECT HAD NOT COME TO SL AFTER ESCAPE. RECALLED SUBJECT
CONTACTED HIM THRU CAROL THREE TIMES WHILE IN MSP WITH REQUEST
HE PURCHASE CASE OF COLD INHALANT, PROBABLY BENZEDRINE.
UNIDENTIFIED MSP GUARD MADE TRIPS TO PICK UP SAME AND STATED
PAID ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS EACH TRIP. GAWRON BELIEVED SUBJECT

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BOILED DOWN FOR SALE TO PRISONERS AND ALSO HAD LOAN RACKET IN
MSP. WAS FURNISHED COPY OF LIFE AND AGREED TO VISIT CAROL F--
DISCUSSION THIS WEEKEND. JOHN RAY USES GAWRON ADDRESS FOR MAIL.
ALL LETTERS RECEIVED TO DATE HAVE BEEN APPARENTLY FROM LEGITIMATE
BUSINESSES.

RE JERRY RAYNES, FATHER.

NEIGHBORHOOD SOURCES IN RURAL AREA ADVISED TODAY
RAYNES HAD NO VISITORS PAST WEEK. CHECK MADE TO BE SURE JERRY
RAY HAD NOT SPENT NIGHT WITH ENROUTE SL.

RE [REDACTED]

JOHN GAWRON ADVISED [REDACTED]

SL CONCURS WITH CHICAGO AND SPRINGFIELD RECOMMENDATION THAT
INTERVIEW WITH [REDACTED] BE HELD IN ABEYANCE.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO ST LOUIS 44-775
FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 1P

MURKIN; CR.

RE ST. LOUIS TEL TO BUREAU MAY TWO, LAST, CONCERNING
unknown male driving car with
TENN. LICENSE KN FIVE DASH SEVEN FIVE NINE ZERO.

TENN. LICENSE PLATES HAVE TWO LETTER PREFIXES FOLLOWED BY
OUR NUMBERED DIGITS. SINCE RE TEL CONTAINS A TENN. LICENSE
NUMBER WITH FIVE NUMERICAL DIGITS, ST. LOUIS DIVISION IS
REQUESTED TO ADVISE MEMPHIS IF THERE IS ERROR IN THE
TENN. LICENSE PLATE NUMBER FURNISHED MEMPHIS.

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RE MEMPHIS TEL THIS DATE.

RE: TENN. LICENSE KN FIVE SEVEN FIVE NINE ZERO.

VERNA FUCHS RECONTACTED. CONSULTED ORIGINAL NOTES
WHICH LIST LICENSE AS ABOVE. SHE CONCLUDED HAD MADE MISTAKE
IN LISTING AND HAD NO WAY OF DETERMINING CORRECT NUMBER NOW.

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756PM 5/3/68 URGENT CEK

TO DIRECTOR AND CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, DENVER, NEWARK,
SEATTLE, AND ST. LOUIS
FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN, CR.

RE BUREAU TEL MAY ONE LAST.

RE FULL COVERAGE OF RELATIVES.

THREE CLOSE RELATIVES OF SUBJECT RESIDE IN QUINCY,
ILLINOIS AS FOLLOWS:

SISTER - MELBA MARIE RYAN, VIRGINIA HOTEL, VIRGINIA
HOTEL TELEPHONE NUMBER TWO TWO THREE ZERO FOUR ZERO THREE.

STEPMOTHER - RUBY CARPENTER, SIX THREE ZERO NORTH
SIXTH STREET, TELEPHONE NUMBER TWO TWO THREE NINE FOUR SIX
FIVE.

AUNT - MRS. FRANK (MABLE) FULLER, TWO SIX ZERO ONE
CHESNUT STREET, TELEPHONE NUMBER TWO TWO TWO SEVEN ONE
FOUR TWO.

MELBA MARIE RYAN LIVES ON STATE WELFARE AND IS A MENTAL
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