

RE:LOOK-ALIKE

The following investigation was conducted by SA JAMES A. DUFFEY:

AT ELMER, MO.

on 5-15-68
Mayor HERMAN SPENCER, Elmer, Mo. /advised he had called the FBI at
Kansas City at the insistence of Mr. NEWTON HANEY who claimed he had
seen JAMES EARL RAY in ELMER, Mo. recently. Mr. SPENCER stated that
Mr. HANEY is a reliable person though somewhat excitable is not
given to snap judgments. Mr. SPENCER stated that he had not seen the perso
referred to by Mr. HANEY.

(INSERT #1X 302 of Mr. HANEY)

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Mr. NEWTON HANEY, Elmer, Mo. stated he had observed a man in Elmer, Mo. at the tavern Friday night 5-10-68 and eating at the cafe at 9:00AM Sunday, 5-12-68 that he believed was JAMES EARL RAY.

He explained that after seeing this man he had gone to the Post Office and again looked Wanted Flyer 44-2A, and he concluded the man he had seen was RAY, and thereafter had asked Mayor HERMAN SPENCER to call the F.B.I.

Mr. HANEY stated that the man he had seen wore a white shirt, honey-colored slacks, black shoes and socks. On Friday night he entered FRIEDA TATES Tavern, bought a case of Budweiser Beer and departed. This was about 8:30 PM. He did not see anyone with this man, nor did he see the man enter any type vehicle.

On Sunday at 9:00 AM this same man entered the cafe operated by MAXINE HOFFMAN. He sat in the second booth next to the west wall, ordered bacon and eggs. After eating he departed. He was alone, and no vehicle was observed.

He described this man as: W.M., XXX 3--45 years, 5'8", 150#, black hair, eyes unknown. Fair complexioned, clean shaven. Nose narrow at base and pinched in at sides. Dressed the same on each occasion he was seen.

On 5-15-68 at _____File# 44-775by SA JAMES A. DUFFEYDate dictated R/D 5-16-68

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Mrs. FRIEDA TATE, Operator of Tate's Tavern, Elmer, Mo. on 5-15-68 advised she recalled that a stranger had purchased a case of Budweiser Beer from her tavern on Friday night. She stated she has only a vague idea about him, other than he came in alone, was in only long enough to buy the beer, and walk out the front door. She was shown the photos of the subject and Flyer 442A. She stated the man who bought the beer, did not in her opinion, look like subject.

Mrs. MAXINE HOFFMAN, Operator of the Elmer Cafe, on 5-15-68 was shown the photos of the subject. She stated that there was something vaguely familiar, but she could not associate the photo with any customer. She was then asked if she recalled serving a customer Sunday, 5-12-68 at the second booth on the west side of the cafe, at 9:00AM, who wore a white shirt, black shoe and honey colored slacks. Mrs. HOFFMAN stated she did recall this person, and that there was something familiar with the front view of RAY's photo, however, she stated this man has eaten in this cafe off and on for the past five months. She stated that he is a brother-in-law of FRANKLIN GREENSTREET, who lives two miles south of Elmer.

Mr. ~~KRENEER~~ HERMAN SPENCER, was recontacted, and he advised that FRANKLIN GREENSTREET, Son of Mrs. OLETHA GREENSTREET, is in Military service. Last year he married MARY, nee CROSS from Callao, Mo. Mary is presently living and is employed at Macon, Mo. and frequently visits her mother-in-law on weekends.

Mrs. OLETHA GREENSTREET, Rt. 1, Elmer, Mo. on 5-15-68 advised that on Friday evening 5-10, 1968, JAMES CROSS, Callao, Mo. brought her daughter-in-law, MARY GREENSTREET to her home. He left and returned with some Budweiser Beer. After spending a short time he departed for his farm home near Callao, Mo. with the understanding that he would return and pick up his sister, MARY on Sunday. He returned on Sunday Morning. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ On both occasions he was wearing sports clothing, a white sport shirt, honey colored slacks, and black shoes. Mrs. GREENSTREET was shown a photo of the subject, and stated there is a vague similarity in the appearance of RAY and JAMES CROSS but CROSS is definitely not identical with RAY. CROSS is 26, 5'10", 150-160#, Brown hair, and eyes, occupation farmer, Callao, Mo.

Mr. DONALD TEETER, Callao, Mo. stated that JAMES CROSS is a young farmer, a native of this area, and the brother of MARY GREENSTREET. He is a person of excellent reputation. Mr. TEETER added after viewing the Wanted Flyer 442A that there is a vague resemblance between CROSS and RAY.

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The following FBI record, NUMBER **1 397 707**, is furnished FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD, St. Louis, Mo.	James Loma Owens #42884	3-6-37,	robbery	10-8-37 7 yrs. in Mo.S.Int. Ref.
St. Int. Ref., Jefferson City, Mo.	James L. Owens #2445	10-28-37	robbery lst.	7 yrs. - *escaped 6-27-38 ret. same day trans. to Mo. SP. as #51226
SP., Jefferson City Mo.	James L. Owens #51226	7-19-38	PG robbery lst (3 chgs)	7 yrs. - par. by the Governor 8-3-40
ONI, Wash DC MID, Wash. DC	James Loama Owens #--	applicant for position Combustion Engr. Co. Inc. Maine Boiler Division St. Louis, Mo. 8-15-41		
Capt, of the Port New York, N.Y.	James Loama Owens, #031-1085614-B	ident. card 6-17-43		
SOS War Dept.	James Loama Owens #32-ORS	welder 7-17-43		
U.S. Comm., Wash., D. C.	James L. Owens Residence: H.P.D. San Fran. Calif. Born: 	F.P. 8-17-45 Hunters Point, San Fran. Calif.	Position: electric welder, U.S. Naval Drydocks, Hunters Point, San Fran Calif.	
PD East St. Louis, Ill.	James Loama Owens #3769	9-4-46	armed robbery	

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SP, Menard, Ill.	James Owens #20208	3-12-47	robbery	1-20 yrs. 6-28-52 paroled paroled 7-7-59 disch 6-27-65
PD, St. Louis, Mo.	James Loma Owens #42884	1-24-48	inquiry	
PD St Louis Mo	James Loma Owens #42884	8-8-54	sus burg	4-29-55 PG sent on ea chg to 6 yrs in Mo SP to run concurrently on chg of burg 2nd deg & larc rape passing worthless checks 2 chgs larc of auto
SP Jefferson City Mo	James Loama Owens #69846	5-18-55	burg 2nd & larc obt money & goods b/m of bogus ck obt money b/m of a bogus ck (3 chgs)	6 yrs paroled 6-8-57 on chg of burg & larc
SP Menard Ill	James Owens #20208	6-8-57	robb etc	1-20 yrs (par viol)
PD St Louis Mo	James Loma Owens #42884	10-10-59	susp robbery	
PD St Louis Mo	James Loma Owens #42884	10-16-59	susp fug Alton Ill-susp rob susp parole viol	
SPen Jefferson City Mo	James Laoma Owens #00184	2-5-60	PG: robb 1st means of D & DW	7 yrs disch 1-2-64
SPen Menard Ill	James Owens #20208	1-2-64	PV etc (rob etc)	1-20-yrs

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD Long Beach Calif	James L. Owens #226302	10-15-66*	intox	BF
USCG	James Loama Owens #Z-512077 AP	FP 1-20-67		

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: DIRECTOR, FBI Attention: Identification Division Date **5-8-68**

Re **MURKIN (OO: Memphis)** SLFILE: **44-775**

Furnish The Known Identification Record of the Following:

Name **JAMES LAOMA OWENS** FBI No. **5-10913** Other No. **Mo. Prison (MSP # 00184)**

Aliases **James Loma Owens**

Sex M	Race W	Birth Date	Birthplace Elvins, Mo.	Residence St. Louis, Mo.
Height 5'4"	Weight 149	Build Medium	Hair Brown	Eyes Blue
			Complexion Medium	Age 48

Fingerprint Classification Scars, marks and tattoos
Tattoo of ship on left forearm.

Also Furnish:

- Photo
- Fingerprints
- Handwriting Specimens

Return Reply to: **SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775)** Identification Division's Reply **5-15-68**

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SL (44-775)

FROM : SA JAMES A. DUFFEY (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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DATE: 5-10-68

OO:ME

RE Miami Tel 4-22-68, KC AT 4-29-68, Memo SA JAMES A. DUFFEY dated 5-9-68.

The following investigation was conducted by SAS WILLIAM R. DUNCAN, and SA JAMES A. DUFFEY:

On 5-9-68 a spot surveillance was maintained at the farm of Mr. JERRY RAYNES, RFD, Center, Mo. No activity was observed. After some time a check was made of the house, no one was located there and a check was made of all outbuildings, and the area around these buildings to the south and west. Mr. RAYNES was not located however both cars were parked near the house. The Nash Station Wagon was observed and it was determined it has no license and is not operable as the head of the engine has been removed.

The white over red Plymouth Sedan, bears Mo. 1969 License CC7-303.

Mrs. HAROLD MAIDEN, next door neighbor of Mr. JERRY RAINES was recontacted 5-9-68. She stated that Mr. RAYNES was at home but had been plowing with his tractor in a small field east of his house. She stated that to her knowlegde he has had no recent visitors. She pointed out that during the past two weeks the foliage had become so dense that it is no longer possible to observe the RAYNES house from her home. She passes the property several times a day, and has made additional trips recently for the purpose of observing any activity there. She added that after night-fall they retire early, usually by 10:PM She stated she will advise of any untoward activity at the RAYNES home that comes to her attention.

(Attached is a 302 reflecting interview with Mr. RAYNES who was located in a field to the east and rear of his property.)

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

MURKIN

RE ST. LOUIS TEL RE JUDGE JOHN C. CASEY AND PHONE CALL FROM BUREAU SUPERVISOR DICK LONG, THIS DATE.

INTERVIEW WITH JUDGE CASEY ACTUALLY MAY TEN, NOT TODAY, AS SHOWN IN RETEL. RETEL INADVERTENTLY NOT SENT LAST NIGHT.

ST. LOUIS AS AUXILIARY OFFICE NOT AWARE OF ALL FACETS INSTANT INVESTIGATION BUT BASED ON WHAT IS KNOWN, IT DOES NOT APPEAR EITHER METHOD MENTIONED BY CASEY WOULD BE PREJUDICIAL TO INVESTIGATION OR BUREAU INTEREST.

FIRST METHOD OF SUMMARY DISMISSED^{AL} HAS ADVANTAGE OF NO OR MINIMAL PUBLICITY BUT DISADVANTAGE OF NO PUBLIC NOTICE TO RAY, WHICH WOULD NEGATE POSSIBILITY OF GIVING SELF UP.

SECOND METHOD, PUBLIC ORDER TO APPEAR BY CERTAIN DATE

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OR MOTION WILL BE DISMISSED HAS ADVANTAGE OF REMOTE POSSIBILITY THAT IF SUBJECT ALIVE HE MAY RECOGNIZE PROBABILITY OF GAINING FREEDOM ON ROBBERY CHARGE, FEEL CAN BEAT KING CHARGE BEFORE SOUTHERN JURY AND GIVE SELF UP. DISADVANTAGE IS THAT RESULTANT PUBLICITY MIGHT FURNISH NEWS MEDIA AND BLEEDING HEART ELEMENT BASIS FOR SPECULATION AND CRITICISM THAT RAY IMPRISONMENT UNJUST, AND HAD THIS NOT BEEN SO HE WOULD NOT HAVE ESCAPED AND PROBABLY WOULD NOT HAVE KILLED KING.

NOTE CASEY FAVORS SECOND METHOD.

WHILE POSSIBILITY OF RAY GIVING SELF UP ON THIS BASIS IS RECOGNIZED AS EXTREMELY REMOTE, PRIMARY PURPOSE OF INVESTIGATION IS TO LOCATE RAY AND EXPLOITATION OF EVEN THIS TENUOUS POSSIBILITY MAY ASSUME SUCH IMPORTANCE AS TO OUTWEIGH FORSEEABLE DISADVANTAGES.

ST. LOUIS INCLINED TO RECOMMEND SECOND METHOD, AS BUREAU SHOULD NOT BE PLACED IN POSITION OF HAVING FAILED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF EVERY POSSIBLE MEANS OF LOCATING.

REASON FOR REQUESTING BUREAU OBSERVATIONS BY MAY THIRTEEN

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IS THAT CASEY HAS FILE, WHICH IS PUBLIC RECORD, IN PERSONAL POSSESSION, AND HAS THUS FAR COUNTERED NEWS INQUIRIES BY REFERRING TO SOUTHWESTERN SECOND CITATION MENTIONED IN RETEL RE APPEAL. DOES NOT KNOW HOW LONG CAN MAINTAIN EXCLUSIVE POSSESSION. WAS ADVISED HE WOULD BE CONTACTED ON THIRTEENTH WITH BUREAU OBSERVATIONS, BUT IT IS PRESUMED MORE TIME ALLOWABLE IF NECESSARY.

NOTE RAY MOTION AND SUPPORTING ARGUMENT PREPARED PERSONALLY BY RAY. ARE ABLY DONE. ON PAR WITH SIMILAR WORK OF PRACTICING ATTORNEYS AND EVIDENCE THOROUGH KNOWLEDGE AND PREPARATION. IN THEMSELVES WOULD FURNISH BLEEDING HEART BASIS PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P

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FBI MEMPHIS

FBI ST LOUIS

935 AM URGENT 5-11-68 GMC
TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS
FROM ST. LOUIS 44-775

MURKIN

John forget to send this 5-10's

*Yesterday Bureau Davis
St. Louis advised
telephonically
5-11-68*

CIRCUIT JUDGE JOHN C. CASEY, SL TODAY ADVISED HE SENTENCED
RAY TO TWENTY YEARS ON KROGER FIFTY NINE ARMED ROBBERY.
RAY LOST APPEAL, SEE THREE FIFTY FOUR SOUTHWESTERN SECOND
PAGE EIGHT FORTY. THEREAFTER FILED MOTION TO VACATE JUDGEMENT
UNDER SECTION TWO SEVEN POINT TWO SIX MO. RULES OF CRIMINAL
PROCEDURE AUGUST FOUR SIXTYSIX ALLEGING IMPROPER INTRODUCTION
OF SIGNED STATEMENT, FAILURE TO AFFORD SANITY HEARING, FAULTY
JURY INSTRUCTIONS, PERJURED STATE TESTIMONY AND FAILURE TO
FURNISH ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE OF LAWYER IN VARIOUS STAGES
OF TRIAL AND APPEAR.

*Index as law book in which appeal of James Earl Ray of those convicted
as reported*

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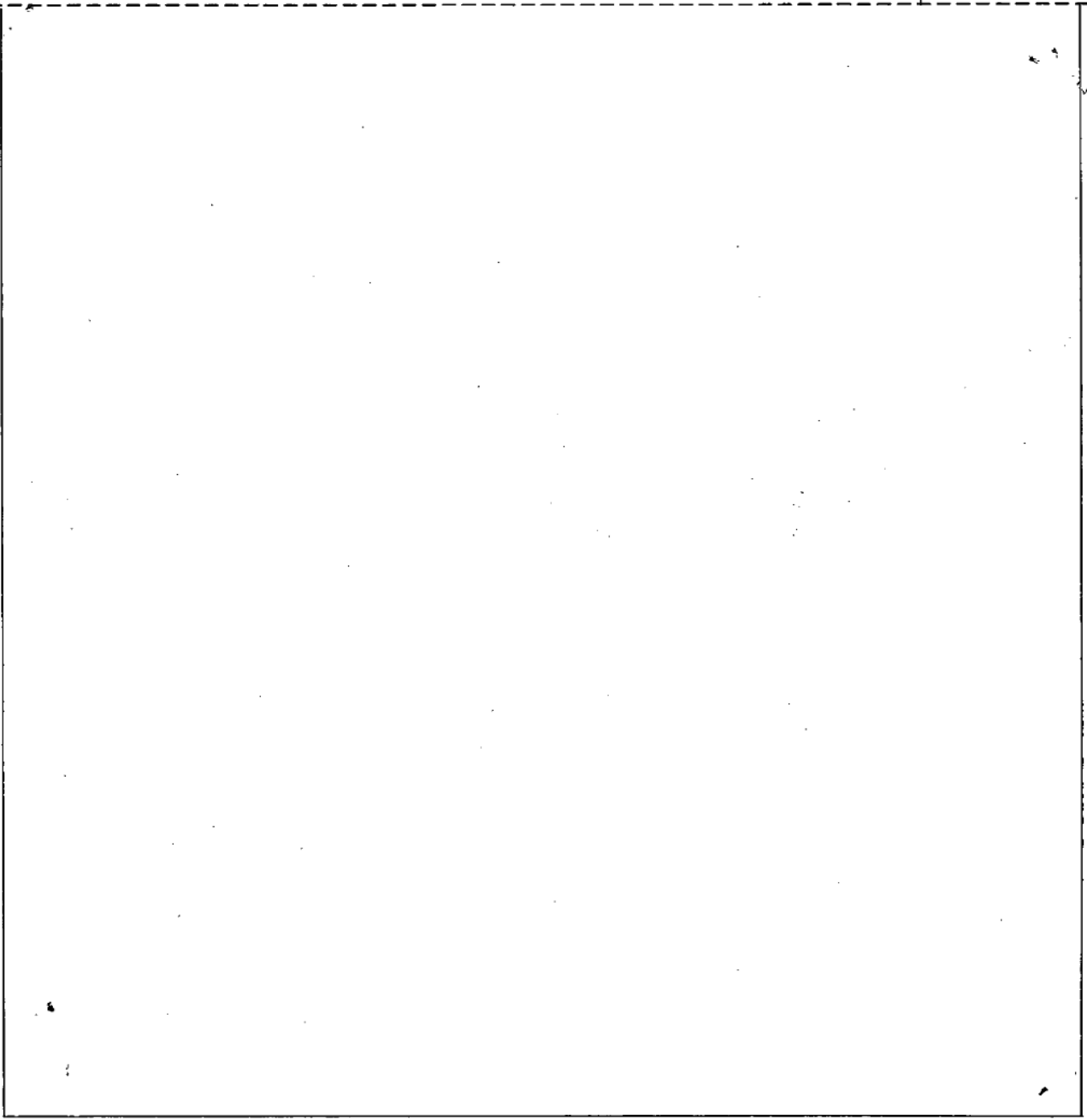
MOTION OVERRULED. MISSOURI SUPREME COURT REVERSED
ON APRIL TWELVE AND ORDERED RESTORED TO DOCKET JUNE FIFTEEN
SIXTY SEVEN, BUT MATTER ACTUALLY BECAME ACADEMIC DUE TO
RAY ESCAPE.

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CASEY, NOT AWARE OF ESCAPE UNTIL FAIRLY RECENTLY, CONFIRMED
BY CALL TO WARDEN. COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY JOHN D. SCHNEIDER FILED
REPORT MAY ONE SIXTYEIGHT THAT SUBJECT ESCAPED AND NO ACTION POSSIBLE
SUMMARY OF SAME PUBLISHED IN DAILY RECORD MAY EIGHT LAST NOT YET
PICKED UP BY NEWS MEDIA. CIRCUIT ATTORNEY HAS FILED

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MOTION TO DISMISS SUBJECTS MOTION ON GROUNDS POST CONVICTION
REMEDY IN ABOVE SECTION NOT AVAILABLE TO PERSON NOT IN CUSTODY.

CASEY BELIEVES RAY WOULD HAVE EXCELLENT CHANCE
OF VACATING ORIGINAL JUDGEMENT AND SENTENCE, UNDER
MIRANDA AND SIMILAR DECISIONS.

CASEY BELIEVES TWO COURSES OPEN: FIRST, TO
SUMMARILLY SUSTAIN STATE MOTION AND ORDER, DISMISSED WITHOUT
Judged as James Earl Ray, citation of leading case giving precedent to summary dismissal of a
PREJUDICE, BASED ON STATE VS CARTER ELEVEN SOUTHWESTERN PAGE NINE *10*
SEVEN NINE, WHICH IN HIS ESTIMATION WOULD NOT ATTRACT INTEREST
OF PRESS AND RESULT IN LITTLE IF ANY PUBLICITY; SECOND, TO ENTER
AN ORDER PUBLICALLY NOTIFYING RAY THAT UNLESS HE GIVES SELF UP AND
PROSECUTES MOTION BY JUNE THIRD IT WILL BE DISMISSED.
PREFERS SECOND METHOD DUE TO PROBABILITY THAT IF
SUBJECT IS ALIVE AND RECOGNIZES POSSIBILITY OF GAINING
FREEDOM ON ARMED ROBBERY SETENCE, HE MAY FEEL HE CAN
BEAT KING CHARGE BEFORE A SOUTHERN JURY, AND GIVE
SELF UP.

CASEY DESIRED TO BRING MATTER TO ATTENTION OF BUREAU TO
BE SURE NEITHER ACTION WOULD PREJUDICE INVESTIGATION THIS
CASE, AND LEARN WHICH, OF EITHER METHOD MIGHT BE DEEMED MOST
ADVANTAGEOUS TO BUREAU INTEREST.

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BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO FRURNISH ANY OBSERVATIONS IT MAY
HAVE ON MATTER BY MAY THIRTEEN NEXT FOR CONFIDENTIAL TRANSMITTAL TO
CASEY.

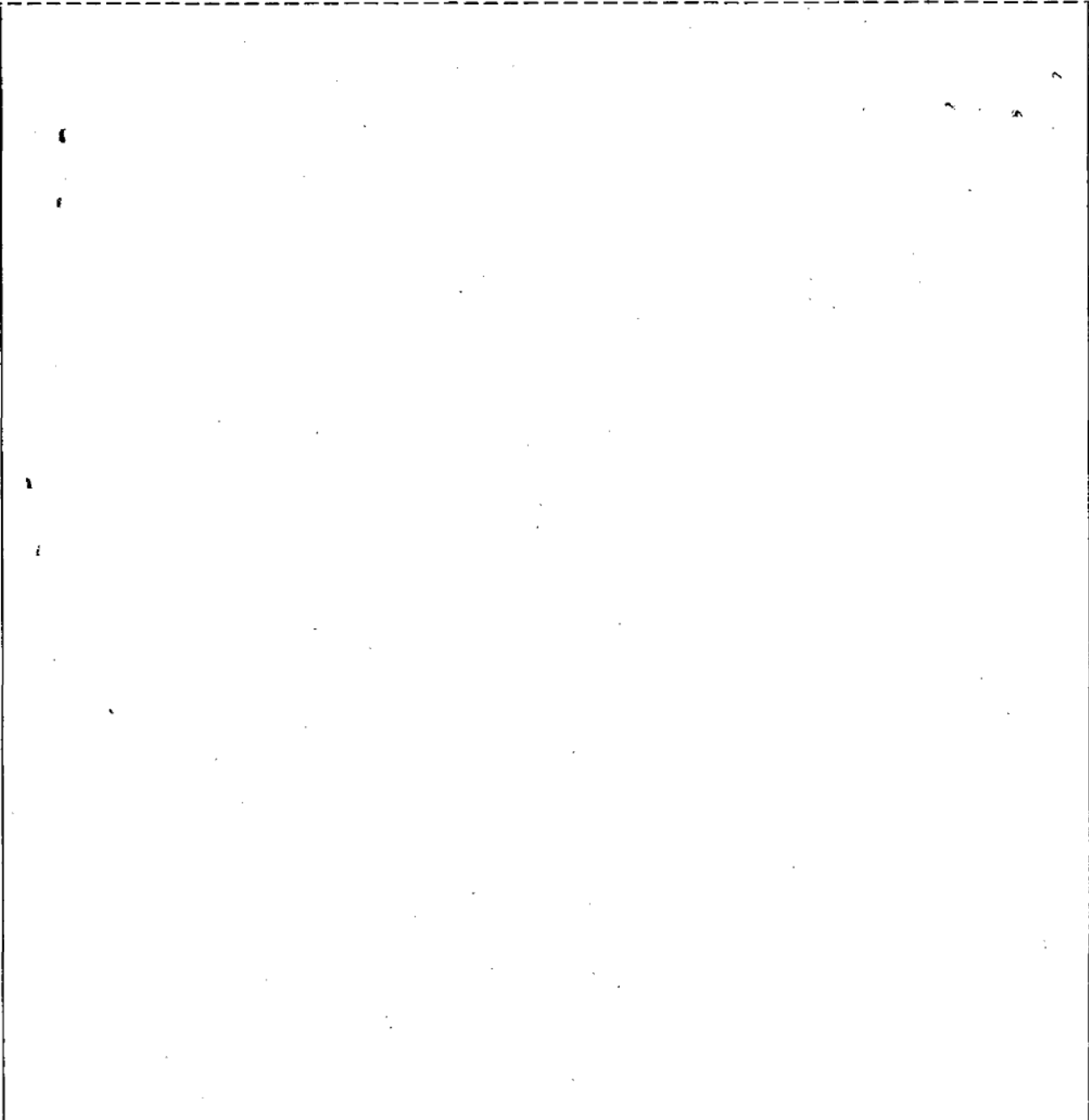
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TO ST. LOUIS

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN. CR.

RE KANSAS CITY AIRTEL TO BUREAU, MAY ONE LAST.

RE AIRTEL MENTIONS AN INMATE NAMED GREEN BEATEN UP BECAUSE OF NON-PAYMENT FOR AMPHETAMINE POWDER. GREEN MAY BE IDENT TO JAMES COOPER GREEN, FBI NO. FOUR THREE TWO THREE THREE EIGHT F, WM, AGE TWENTYONE, CURRENTLY ON BOND FOLLOWING INDICTMENT FGJ, MEMPHIS WITH DYER ACT VIOLATION. GREEN SENTENCED MSP FOR THREE YEARS COMMENCING NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR, NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE AND SUBSEQUENTLY RELEASED.

ST. LOUIS AT NINE FOUR TWO GRAND AVE., CARUTHERSVILLE, MISSOURI, INTERVIEW GREEN TO DETERMINE ASSOCIATION AND KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECT, AND KNOWLEDGE OF PEDDLING AMPHETAMINE POWDER AT MSP. NOTE PRIOR INTERVIEWS OF GREEN AT MEMPHIS REFLECT HE HAS TENDENCY TO EXAGGERATE FACT.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

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JDG

FBI ST LOUIS

TKSX

*Burton advised
9:30*

*assign
lead*

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XXXXXX 1017AM URGENT 5-13-68 SAA

TO ST. LOUIS

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

MURKIN.

REURTELS MAY ELEVEN.

ADVISE JUDGE CASEY THE ACTION HE TAKES IS ENTIRELY
WITHIN HIS OWN DISCRETION AND THE FBI IS NOT IN THE POSITION
TO ADVISE HIM OR MAKE ANY RECOMMENDATION.

Remain Silent

CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THIS SITUATION AND KEEP BUREAU
CURRENTLY ADVISED OF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS. COPY MAILED
MEMPHIS.

END

GJP

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TO SAC, ST. LOUIS
 FROM SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

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Re SI airtel to SL 5/9/68.

RALPH HOWARD, Indianapolis, Indiana, was member of State Department of Correction. Contact 5/14/68 with widow, MELVA B. HOWARD, reveals he has been dead four years.

2 - St. Louis
 1 - Memphis (Info)
 1 - Springfield (Info)
 1 - Chicago (Info)
 1 - Indianapolis

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TO DIRECTOR, KANSAS CITY, SAN FRANCISCO, AND ST. LOUIS
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN. OO MEMPHIS.

RE KC REPORT MAY FIFTEEN LAST AND SL REPORT MAY TEN LAST.
MEMPHIS PD RECEIVED TODAY ANOTHER LETTER FROM SAME
INDIVIDUAL AT HAMILTON, ONTARIO. THIS LETTER STATES SUBJECT IS
DEAD AND BURIED IN MEXICO CITY, COPILED RUINS, AND CONTAINS A
ROUGH HANDDRAWN MAP INDICATING SPOT WHERE BURIED, COPY OF
THIS LETTER BEING FURNISHED BUREAU BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATION FOR
TRANSMISSION TO LEGATS OTTAWA AND MEXICO CITY.

SAN FRANCISCO IN INTERVIEW WITH KENNETH LEE WADE WAS TOLD
THAT SUBJECT, WADE AND THREE OTHERS WERE EARNING ONE THOUSAND DOLL
PER MONTH FROM SALE OF NARCOTICS IN MSP. KANSAS CITY REPORT DOES
NOT INDICATE ANY SUCH SIZEABLE TRANSACTIONS IN SUBJECT'S PRISON
ACCOUNT.

SAN FRANCISCO REQUESTED TO REINTERVIEW WADE AND DETERMINE
THIS MONEY WAS GOTTEN OUTSIDE MSP. SAN FRANCISCO SHOULD BEAR IN
MIND EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED IN BELIEF THAT SUBJECT
MAY HAVE MADE SCORE AFTER ESCAPE FROM MSP AND WOULD BE IN

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KING. IF WADE'S INFORMATION IS CORRECT, SUBJECT MAY HAVE HAD ON DEPOSIT OUTSIDE THE PRISON A LARGE AMOUNT OF MONEY. IT IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE THAT SAN FRANCISCO RESOLVE THIS MATTER TO DETERMINE IF WADE IS TRUTHFUL. SAN FRANCISCO SUBMIT RESULTS ALL INVESTIGATION IN FORM SUITABLE FOR INCLUSION IN REPORT.

KANSAS CITY SHOULD CONDUCT NECESSARY INVESTIGATION TO PROVE OR DISPROVE WADE'S STATEMENT THAT HIS GROUP WAS EARNING ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS PER MONTH.

KANSAS CITY ALSO REQUESTED TO EXPLAIN TRANSACTIONS IN SUBJECT'S PRISON ACCOUNT, SUCH AS HOW WAS SUBJECT ABLE TO EARN MONEY IN PRISON AND HOW MUCH WAS HE PAID FOR WORKING IN PRISON BAKERY. ALSO DETERMINE IF MSP REQUIRES INMATES TO EXPLAIN SOURCE OF MONEY SENT OUTSIDE PRISON. PAYMENTS MADE BY SUBJECT TO HIS BROTHER SEEM EXCESSIVE AND SHOULD BE EXPLAINED.

BASED ON INFORMATION CONTAINED PAGES SIXTY - SIXTYONE OF KANSAS CITY REPORT, ST. LOUIS REQUESTED TO EXHAUSTIVELY INTERVIEW ROBERT LYNN POWELL REGARDING HIS ASSOCIATION WITH AND HIS KNOWLEDGE OF THE LOCATION OF SUBJECT.

ST. LOUIS FURTHER REQUESTED TO EXHIBIT PHOTOS OF RAY TO RITA BROCKELMAN AND GEORGE MC QUADE, JR., IDENTIFIED ON PAGE FORTYSIX.

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OF KANSAS CITY REPORT TO RESOLVE THE IDENTIFICATION OF THEIR
SUBJECTS TO BE LEO PARKER.

ST. LOUIS WILL ALSO REVIEW ST. CHARLES, MO., "DAILY HANDEL"
OF JULY TWELVE, LAST, RELATIVE TO THE DESCRIPTION OF THE
KIDNAPER, NOTING RAY AND PARKER ALLEGEDLY ARE SIMILAR, WITH THE
EXCEPTION OF THE COLOR OF THEIR EYES.

MEMPHIS SUBSCRIBED TO TELEPHONE RECEIVING CALLS FROM
RESIDENCE OF WALTER ELLSWORTH NOLAN IDENTIFIED AS GLADYS BRIGHT
WHO RECEIVED CALLS FROM HER BROTHER, CLARENCE PEMBERTON,
RESIDING GARMEN PATTON'S ROOMING HOUSE, ST. LOUIS. P.

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FBI ST LOUIS

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URGENT 5-17-68 JJR

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

MURKIN - SUMMARY

RE JAMES LOAMA OWENS

OWENS INTERVIEWED AT LENGTH, WAS FALL PARTNER OF RAY ON FIFTY NINE KROGER ROBBERY. FURNISHED CONSIDERABLE INFORMATION REGARDING CHARACTER AND HABITS OF RAY OBSERVED BY HIM, SET OUT IN DETAILED PREVIOUS TELETYPE. DENIED CONTACT WITH RAY SINCE OWENS LEFT MSP, OR KNOWLEDGE OF WHEREABOUTS SINCE. OFFERED FULL COOPERATION. NEVER MET MSP INMATE JAMES D. WALLACE TILL FIFTYNINE. ADMITS SAW WALLACE AT ENTRANCE OF JEFFERSON GRAVOIS BANK SL, BUT CLAIMS WAS SUMMER OF SIXTY FIVE; THAT HE WAS ALONE; AND THAT WALLACE WAS WITH UNKNOWN FEMALE, KC HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO RESOLVE.

RE JERRY RAYNES, FATHER:

RAYNES REINTERVIEWED. RECALLED STATEMENT MADE BY SON JERRY RAY DURING RECENT OVERNIGHT VISIT BY JOHN AND JERRY RAY, THAT SUBJECT IN CHICAGO SUMMER SIXTYSEVEN. UNABLE TO RECALL MORE SPECIFIC INFO RE STATEMENT. JOHN AND JERRY DRINKING AT TIME. ADMITS HE MAY HAVE
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MISUNDERSTOOD. CHICAGO HAS BEEN REQUESTED IN PREVIOUS DETAILED TELETYPE TO QUESTION JERRY REGARDING THIS. JOHN WILL BE INTERVIEWED RE MATTER TOMORROW AND PHOTO OF JAMES DAVID DAILY WILL BE EXHIBITED FOR POSSIBLE IDENT AS J D MENTIONED IN PREVIOUS I INTERVIEW.

RE JOHN LARRY RAY AND CAROL PEPPER SOURCES AND CONTACTS INDICATE NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY TODAY.

BUREAU OBSERVATIONS AS TO POSSIBLE USE OF POLYGRAPH ON JOHN LARRY RAY AND JOHN EUGENE GAMRON RESPECTFULLY REQUESTED VIA SEPERATE TELETYPE.

LOCAL LOOK ALIKE RESOLUTIONS, FELLOW PRISONER INTERVIEWS AND RESOLUTION OF TOLL CHECKS CONTINUING.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END.

FBI ST LOUIS

FBI CHICAGO

1229PM URGENT 5/17/68 JLS

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

MURKIN.

RE ST. LOUIS TEL TO DIRECTOR MAY SIXTEEN LAST.

RE JERRY RAYNES FATHER. RETEL SETS FORTH THAT RAYNES
RECALLS JERRY MENTIONING SOMETHING ABOUT SUBJECT HAVING BEEN
IN CHICAGO SUMMER SIXTY SEVEN FOLLOWING ESCAPE. ST. LOUIS
REFER TO PAGE SEVENTY EIGHT CHICAGO REPORT DATED MAY TEN LAST
CAPTIONED MATTER AND CHICAGO TEL TO DIRECTOR ET AL MAY TWELVE
LAST, THREE TWENTY THREE PM, WHERE JERRY RAY INTERVIEWED AND
FURNISHED INFORMATION THAT IT WAS BROTHER JOHN IN CHICAGO
SUMMER SIXTY SEVEN.

CHICAGO ALSO RECEIVED INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY ON MAY
THREE LAST FROM FRIEND OF JERRY'S EX-WIFE INDICATING THAT
EX-WIFE HAD TOLD FRIEND THAT BROTHER HAD STAYED IN NORTHBROOK,
ILLINOIS, DURING APRIL SIXTY SEVEN. INTERVIEW OF EX-WIFE,
GJERDIS, WHO IS MENTALLY RETARDED, DEVELOPED SHE RECALLED JERRY,
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AND A BROTHER TRADING CARS AT THE NORTHBROOK RESIDENCE SOME-
TIME IN APRIL SIXTY SEVEN. GJERDIS STATED THIS BROTHER WAS
ABOUT FORTY FIVE HAD DARK HAIR BUT WAS NOT JAMES. ALSO STATED
SHE WAS VERY CERTAIN SHE HAD NEVER SEEN SUBJECT.

JERRY RAY RE-INTERVIEWED THIS DATE. STILL INSISTS
BROTHER JOHN WAS THE ONE AT RESIDENCE IN JUNE OR JULY SIXTY
SEVEN AND DEFINITELY NOT SUBJECT. REITERATED NOT SEEN NOR
HEARD FROM SUBJECT SINCE ESCAPE.

OXXX FOREGOING BEING FURNISHED INFORMATION ST. LOUIS IN
CONDUCTING INTERVIEW BROTHER JOHN AS SET FORTH IN RETEL.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

MJD

FBI ST LOUIS

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS
FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN - SUMMARY

RE JAMES EARL RAY

BASED ON DESCRIPTIVE DATA AND INFO FURNISHED BY JAMES LOAMA OWENS
THAT SUBJECT DISPLAYED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS IN TRAVELERS CHECK IN FIFTY
NINE BANK ACCOUNT BELIEVED TO BE THAT OF SUBJECT, UNDER NAME JAMES CARL
OCONNOR LOCATED AT MANUFACTURERS BANK SLMO. OPENED MARCH NINE FIFTY
NINE, CLOSED JULY TWENTY FIFTY NINE. ORIGINAL SIGNATURE CARD OBTAINED
AND WILL BE FORWARDED FBI LAB. ONLY FACE PHOTOS OF CHECKS AVAILABLE.
WERE PAYABLE TO OCONNOR, CAROL RYAN AND Y. P. WEBBE. INVESTIGATION TO
IDENTIFY WEBBE BEING CONDUCTED. OCONNOR GAVE RESIDENCE ONE SEVEN TWO
SEVEN SOUTH ELEVENTH, SLMO, WHICH IS ADDRESS CAROL PEPPER SAID SHE
RESIDED WITH FATHER WHEN FIRST CAME TO SL. SEARCH OF BANK TRAVELERS
CHECK REGISTER FOR FIFTY NINE FAILED TO DISCLOSE SALE OF TRAVELERS
CHECKS TO RAY OR OWENS UNDER TRUE NAME AND ALL KNOWN ALIASES.

RE JOHN LARRY RAY.

NO OTHER EMPLOYEES AVAILABLE AT GRAPEVINE TAVERN AND JOHN RAY

COULD NOT BE SATISFACTORILY INTERVIEWED DUE TO CUSTOMERS. HE ADVISED
PREVIOUS STATEMENT OF BELIEF THAT RAY HAD PLENTY OF MONEY ON ESCAPE

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FROM ALLEGED PRISON DEALING IN AMPHETAMINE WAS PURE CONJECTURE. SINCE HE CLAIMS NOT TO HAVE SEEN OR HEARD FROM RAY SINCE ESCAPE, HE HAS NO IDEA HOW SUBJECT WOULD HAVE SPENT ANY MONEY EARNED IN PRISON. NEVER HEARD ANYONE SAY SUBJECT WAS IN CHICAGO SUMMERS SIXTY SEVEN. WAS IN CHICAGO HIMSELF AND TRADED CARS WITH BROTHER ~~JERRY~~^{RAY} SIXTY SEVEN. NO OPPORTUNITY TO EXHIBIT PHOTO OF JAMES DAVID DAILEY OR QUESTION WHETHER IDENTICAL TO MAN KNOWN AS J.D.

JEFFERSON-GRAVOIS BANK RECORDS DISCLOSE JOHN RAY OPENED CHECKING ACCOUNT [REDACTED] WITH SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS CASH AND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS IN TRAVELERS CHECKS. REVIEW OF BANK REGISTER OF TRAVELERS CHECK SALES JAN THRU AUG SIXTYSEVEN DISCLOSED NO SALE TO SUBJECT UNDER TRUE NAME AND ALL KNOWN ALIASES, OR TO ANY RELATIVE. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING TO TRACE ORIGIN OF TAVELERS CHECKS.

RE CAROL PEPPER AND JERRY RAYNES. SOURCES AND SPOT CHECKS DISCLOSED NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY.

SIXTY EIGHT DODGE, VIN L H FOUR ONE D EIGHT B THREE TWO THREE TWO FOUR NINE, BEARING GA. SIXTY EIGHT LIC. ONE D FOUR EIGHT TWO EIGHT THREE, RECOVERED SL AIRPORT YESTERDAY PROCESSED. RESULTS WILL BE FORWARDED FBI LAB. ATLANTA IS CONTACTING OWNER, NATIONAL CAR RENTAL FOR DOCUMENTS RELATED TO RENTAL.

MANUAL CHECK OF SLPD THIRD DISTRICT FIELD INTERROGATION REPORTS FOR PAST TWELVE MONTHS, COMPLETED. UNPRODUCTIVE.

RESOLUTION LOCAL LOOK A LIKES, FELLOW PRISONER INTERVIEWS AND RESOLUTION OF TOLL CALLS CONTINUING.

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TO DIRECTOR (MAIL) ST. LOUIS, CHICAGO, AND SAN FRANCISCO.
FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561) 3PP

MURKIN, CR.

RE ST. LOUIS TELETYPE MAY SIXTEEN LAST AND CHICAGO TELETYPE
MAY SEVENTEEN INSTANT.

FOR INFO SAN FRANCISCO, BLACKIE DE CORE, ALLEGEDLY ASSOCIATE
OF RAY. DE CORE SERVED TIME MENARD PRISON, CHESTER, ILLINOIS.

MENARD PRISON RECORDS REFLECT ANDREW WILSON DE CORE, AKA
DE CORA AND BLACKIE DE CORE, MENARD NUMBER TWO THREE FOUR ONE
FIVE, RECEIVED MENARD PRISON JUNE FIFTEEN, NINETEEN FIFTYTHREE,
ON TRANSFER FROM JOLIET, ILLINOIS, PRISON TO SERVE SENTENCE OF
ONE TO TWENTY YEARS FOR ROBBERY. DE CORE PAROLED JUNE FIFTEEN,
NINETEEN FIFTYNINE, TO REV. JAMES WINENEGAR, ST. LOUIS RESCUE
MISSION, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI. RETURNED AS PAROLE VIOLATOR TO
MENARD, JULY NINETEEN, NINETEEN SIXTY. PAROLED JANUARY FIFTEEN,
NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE, TO BAPTIST RESCUE MISSION, COLLINSVILLE
AVENUE, EAST ST. LOUIS, ILLINOIS. RETURNED TO MENARD AS PAROLE
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VIOLATOR, MAY TWENTYEIGHT, NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE. DISCHARGED UPON EXPIRATION OF SENTENCE, DECEMBER TWENTY, NINETEEN SIXTYSIX. UPON DISCHARGE, EXPRESSED INTENTION OF GOING TO SISTER-S RESIDENCE, MRS. YALANDA DI CASOLA AND HUSBAND, VINCENT, THREE SEVEN FIVE FIVE GLENMORE DRIVE, FREEMONT, CALIFORNIA. OTHER FRIENDS AND RELATIVES CONTAINED IN PRISON RECORDS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

BROTHER, ANTHONY DE CORE, SEVEN ONE THREE SOUTH CLAREMONT, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS OR ONE NINE THREE EIGHT NORTH SEVENTEENTH, MELROSE PARK, ILLINOIS.

SISTER, MRS. MARTHA BUTTITTO, HUSBAND BENNIE, NINE TWO FOUR ONE NORTH MAPLE COURT, MORTON GROVE, ILLINOIS.

SISTER, NANCY COSENTINO, FIVE ZERO TWO EAST MEMORIAL, BENSINVILLE, ILLINOIS.

NIECE, MRS. GEORGE ROGERS, TWO ZERO TWO ZERO NORTH LE CLARK, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

COUSIN, PAT COLLESE, ONE SIX FOUR ONE NORTH LATROBE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

FIANCE, MISS HELEN HARE, THREE ZERO TWO ZERO WEST MADISON, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

BROTHERS, HARRY DE CORE AND NICK DE CORE, ADDRESSES UNKNOWN.
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FRIEND, ~~MISS MARY SAWYER~~, CITY HOSPITAL NUMBER ONE,
ONE FIVE ONE FIVE LAFAYETTE STREET, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.

SAN FRANCISCO ATTEMPT TO LOCATE DE CORE THROUGH SISTER
AT FREEMONT, CALIFORNIA, AND INTERVIEW RE ASSOCIATION WITH RAY.

CHICAGO, ST. LOUIS, AND SPRINGFIELD CONDUCT SAME
INVESTIGATION RE INDIVIDUALS RESIDING IN THIER DIVISIONS.

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TO SALT LAKE CITY

FROM BUTTE 173-2

MURKIN.

RE ST. LOUIS TEL TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, AND BUTTE.

LEVEL MISDIRECTED TO BUTTE.

WALTER ELLSWORTH NOLAN, SIX EIGHT, CLAIMS TO BE SUBJECT'S
CLOSEST ASSOCIATE AT MSP PRIOR TO SUBJECT'S ESCAPE.

SM BELL TEL. CO. (PROJECT), ADVISED FOLLOWING CALL CHARGED
TO PHONE OF CARMEN PATTON, FIVE TWO ZERO SIX WASH., SLMO, NOLAN'S
LANDLADY: OCT. TWENTY NINE, SIX SEVEN, PHONE TWO SEVEN FIVE DASH
FOUR FOUR SEVEN EIGHT, LEANINGTON, UTAH.

IMMED. IDENTIFY SUBSCRIBER. UNLESS RELATIONSHIP TO NOLAN
OR PATTON APPARENT. INTERVIEW COMPLETELY PROTECTIVE PHONE CO.,
AND DETERMINE IF CALL DEPENDS ON WHEREABOUTS OR ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT.

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FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)
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Re St. Louis teletype to Memphis, 5/15/68, 12:02 P.M., concerning WALTER ELLSWORTH NOLAN, associate of subject.

Mrs. J. B. SUMMERFIELD, 2107 Monroe Ave., Memphis, Tenn., advised on 5/16/68 that Telephone No. 275-5325 is listed to her, but she knows no one from St. Louis and received no phone calls from St. Louis. Mrs. SUMMERFIELD said she rents out rooms to a Mr. and Mrs. PHILLIP MANN and a Miss GLADYS WRIGHT.

Mr. and Mrs. MANN of 2107 Monroe Ave., Memphis, Tenn., advised on 5/16/68 that they know no one in St. Louis and received no phone calls from St. Louis.

Miss GLADYS WRIGHT, 2107 Monroe Ave., Memphis, Tenn., advised on 5/16/68 that her brother CLARENCE M. PEMBERTON lives at 5206 Washington, St. Louis, Mo., and that he called Miss WRIGHT on 4/10/68, and calls at least once a month, but she could not recall any specific dates. Miss WRIGHT advised that she has talked to CARMEN PATTON, but does not know WALTER ELLSWORTH NOLAN. Miss WRIGHT advised that she had talked to CARMEN PATTON, but does not know WALTER ELLSWORTH NOLAN. Mrs. WRIGHT said she has no information to offer concerning the assassination of Dr. KING and upon viewing photographs of subject advised she had never seen him before in her life.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: LOUISVILLE (44-947)

MURKIN

RE ST. LOUIS TEL MAY FIFTEEN, LAST.

[REDACTED] SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY, PADUCAH, KENTUCKY, (PROTECT IDENTITY), ADVISED BARDWELL TELEPHONE SIX TWO EIGHT - FIVE FOUR NINE FOUR LISTED FOR BEARDSLEY CHEVROLET CO., BARDWELL AND BANDANA NO. TWO TWO FOUR - FOUR THREE ONE ONE IS LISTED TO STOWELL HOBBS, ROUTE THREE, KEVIL, KENTUCKY. BEARDSLEY CHEVROLET CO., REPORTEDLY HAS CUSTOMERS FROM THE MISSOURI AREA AND HOBBS IS REPORTED TO BE A PROMINENT FARMER WITH LARGE LAND HOLDINGS IN BOTH KENTUCKY AND MISSOURI.

UACB BEARDSLEY CHEVROLET CO. OR HOBBS ARE NOT BEING INTERVIEWED.

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On May 1, 1968, JAMES D. WALLACE, MSP #75682, born in 1933, said he is the clerk of C Hall. He said he "fell" from St. Louis in 1959 for Armed Robbery and other charges. He was paroled in 1965 and was returned for violation by reason of drunk driving on March 11, 1968.

He said he was raised with JAMES L. OWENS, the "fall partner" of JAMES EARL RAY. He said he knew OWENS in the Penitentiary and saw him on three or four occasions in St. Louis, Missouri, while he was out. He said he recalled that he was C Hall tender when RAY tried to go over the walls and his ladder or rope or something broke about 1966. He said he was not a good friend of RAY's in the Penitentiary and knew him only to speak with him. He said he saw RAY in St. Louis sometime during the summer of 1967. He said it was probably the early part of the summer. He said RAY was with OWENS. He was just coming out of the Jefferson-Gravois Bank, located at the same address. RAY and OWENS were just entering the bank. He stopped and said to them that he was glad he got his money out before they got in. He said RAY laughed and said that "they were putting in". He said his wife was waiting in a car at the curb and he did not stop to talk and he went on out and drove off.

He said he had no way to fix the date. He said he reflected, at the time, that RAY must have escaped because he knew he had attempted to escape and had been "set back" on parole and he had too much time to have been released.

He said he saw OWENS on other occasions. He recalled that in 1966 he went to take a Missouri State Driver's license examination. OWENS was there and they got to talking about the Penitentiary and the examiner made OWENS leave because he apparently thought he was getting answers to the questions. He said the people at the examining station mentioned that OWENS had been there before and caused them some trouble.

WALLACE said that RAY had the reputation of being the type of person who served his time without comment and did not "mess" in the affairs of other people. He said he did not think that RAY would kill anyone as he is just not the type. He also said he has never heard of any organization in the Penitentiary and has never heard the name of COOLEY used in connection with any type of business or "racket" inside the walls and he did not know anyone by that name.

He said that inmates have over the years used cigarettes as medium of exchange in lieu of money and they make "parlay" bets on baseball games, horse races and other types of contests similar to bets made with money outside. He said he knew of no "lottery" as such involving cigarettes, but he said this might exist. He said there are "cliques" of prisoners who connive together for various reasons, and who become close associates, but there is no wide-spread organization and never has been to his knowledge. He said he certainly would be in position to know about it if there was and would have no hesitation in saying so if such existed.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P
MURKIN

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau and receiving Offices, is a self-explanatory investigative insert concerning an interview with JAMES D. WALLACE, an inmate at the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP).

It is to be noted that WALLACE stated he saw subject with JAMES L. OWENS in St. Louis during the Summer of 1967. Also enclosed is a photograph of JAMES L. OWENS taken at the MSP.

The following is a description of JAMES LAOMA OWENS as it appeared in the MSP records:

Inmate #	00184
Race	White
Sex	Male
Born	[redacted] at Elvins, Mo.
Height	5'4"
Weight	149 lbs.
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue

add KC location + name of wife so we can interview

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