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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND KANSAS

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN - SUMMARY

RE JOHN LARRY RAY. REINTERVIEWED. CONTINUES TO DENY CONTACT WITH SUBJECT OR KNOWLEDGE OF WHEREABOUTS SINCE MSP ESCAPE. HAS NOT BEEN CONTACTED BY BROTHER JERRY RAY SINCE LATTERS RETURN TO CHICAGO. PRESSURE OF PRESS IN QUIRIES SUBSIDED. BELIEVES SUBJECT PROBABLY OUT OF COUNTRY OR DEAD AS WOULD HAVE BEEN CAUGHT OTHERWISE. ASSOCIATE CLARENCE HAYNES IS IN LOCAL DRAYAGE BUSINESS WHICH EXPLAINS INABILITY TO LOCATE DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS. HAYNES WIFE RUBY IN HOSPITAL DUE TO HEART DIFFICULT. FULL INTERVIEW WITH JOHN NOT POSSIBLE. DUE TO ARRIVAL OF CUSTOMERS.

NOTE RECENTLY DEVELOPED PCI NAOMI REGAZZI RE EMPLOYED AS GRAPEVINE BARMAID.

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

RE FELLOW PRISONER RICHARD RENO. RENO, WHO WAS FORMERLY SL ONE TWO ZERO NINE DASH C PRIOR TO IMPRISONMENT, INTERVIEWED IN ~~DEPTH~~ TODAY BY ORIGINAL HANDLING SA. KNEW RAY CASUALLY OCTOBER

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SIXTY FOUR TO ESCAPE. EXCHANGED GREETINGS AND FEW WORDS INFRE-  
QUENTLY. RAY QUIET, RESERVED, KEPT TO SELF, NEVER JOKED OR  
MIXED. NEVER ~~WORKED~~ <sup>WORKED</sup> WITH IN SAME AREA OR RESIDED SAME HALL EX-  
CEPT BRIEF <sup>PERIOD</sup> IN K HALL SIXTY FIVE. NO KNOWLEDGE OF READING HABITS.  
NO ~~INDICATION~~ <sup>INDICATION</sup> RAY USED NARCOTICS, BUT HEARD ONCE HE TRIED TO  
SELL AMPHETAMINE POWDER. SCUTTLEBUT INDICATED INMATE BOBBY ASH  
~~DEALT~~ IN AMPHETAMINE. UNAWARE OF ANY RAY CONNECTION WITH ASH,  
BUT ASH COULD HAVE POSSIBLY BEEN RAY SOURCE.

RAY NOT KNOWN TO HAVE ANY CLOSE ASSOCIATES, BUT APPEARED  
FRIENDLY WITH INMATES RAY CLANTON, FROM ARKANSAS, BELIEVED NOW  
RELEASED, AND HERBERT PHELPS, STILL INCARCERATED.

RENO DROVE BREAD TRUCK IN WHICH RAY ALLEGEDLY ESCAPED.  
TRUCK ~~LEAD~~ <sup>LOADED</sup> OUT OF RENO'S PRESENCE. ASSOMPANIED BY GUARD NAMED  
<sup>FNU</sup> BURKHART ALL TIMES AFTER LOADING. NO STOPS EXCEPT FOR TRAFFIC  
SIGNALS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL AT RENZ FARM, WHERE BREAD DISCOVERED  
SCATTERED IN BOX. POSSIBILITY OF ESCAPE NOT RECOGNIZED UNTIL  
LATER BY BURKHART WHICH RESULTED IN REPRIMAND.

KC INTERVIEW BOBBY ASH, BURKHART, RAY CLANTON AND HERBERT  
PHELPS IF NOT ALREADY DONE.

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RE JOHN EUGENE GAWRON. WILL INTERVIEW EXHAUSTIVELY TOMORROW AS TO ANY KNOWLEDGE OF IDENT OF ALTON BANK SUBJECTS SINCE PERSON PREVIOUSLY IDENT BY HIM COULD NOT HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE DUE TO INCARCERTAION.

RE JOHN PAUL VELANTI AND JAMES H. CARPENTER. VELANTI ~~UNABLE~~ <sup>UNABLE</sup> TO APPEAR WITH CARPENTER FOR INTERVIEW TODAY DUE TO ILLNESS OF FELLOW EMPLOYEE NECESSITATING HIS WORKING DOUBLE SHIFT. WILL POSTVELY APPEAR TOMORROW MORNING.

EFFORTS TO LOCATE FE LOW PRISONER ROBERT LYNN POWELL INTENSIFIED.

SUBJECT ARMED AND D ANGEROUS .

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ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALL

At 3:30 p.m. on May 6, 1968, an anonymous male, with a deep, southern voice, telephonically contacted the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Office and inquired of Special Agent (Accountant) JOHN J. BUCKLEY whether or not the FBI was looking for JAMES EARL RAY. He was advised in the affirmative and then stated that RAY would be located at the Chase Park Plaza Hotel in the Tack Room on May 7, 1968, between 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m.

The caller then stated he would furnish no further information and then terminated the call.

On May 7, 1968, Special Agents ROBERT J. WILKISON and ROBERT L. BENDER took a position near the entrance and exit to the Tack Room, Chase Park Plaza Hotel, where they observed all persons entering and exiting that dining room. No one resembling JAMES EARL RAY was observed.

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UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUAL WEARING EASTERN  
AIRLINES UNIFORM, ST. LOUIS AIRPORT,  
APRIL 10, 1968

On April 18, 1968, the Bureau telephonically advised of receipt of information from CLARA PRINGLE NEEL of Henderson, Kentucky, by telephone to the effect that she had recognized an individual wearing an Eastern Airlines Uniform at the St. Louis, Missouri, Airport on April 10, 1968, as resembling the general description of subject, ERIC STARVO GALT.

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent WALTER C. JOHNSON:

On April 19, 1968, Mr. ERNEST GEORGE, Station Manager, Eastern Airlines, St. Louis Airport, viewed the photograph of subject and advised no one connected with Eastern Airlines Maintenance Crews resembled GALT. He stated that he is well acquainted with all ground crew members under his supervision.

Eastern Airlines ground crew employees servicing airplanes all wear white coverall type uniforms but none are engaged in loading food aboard planes, this being the responsibility of the employees of Hull Bobbs, the St. Louis concessionaire who supplies food for most airlines servicing St. Louis. Mr. GEORGE said ROBERT KIMMELL, Eastern Airlines Dining Service Agent, knew all the Hull Bobbs employees servicing Eastern Airlines at St. Louis.

On April 19, 1968, Mr. ROBERT KIMMELL examined the photograph of GALT, who he readily recognized from recent publicity, and advised that none of the Hull Bobbs employees resembled him. He pointed out that almost one hundred percent of concessionaire employees servicing Eastern Airlines were Negro and that all wore dark brown uniforms.

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RE: SUSPECT - CLIFFORD SCOTT  
FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

On April 6, 1968, a male individual, who declined to furnish his name, telephonically advised Special Agent RICHARD T. HRADSKY that on April 3, 1968, he casually met a man in the Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Greyhound Bus Terminal who identified himself as CLIFFORD SCOTT from Fort Smith, Arkansas. During their conversation, SCOTT mentioned that he had been in a hospital and included mention of the city of Norman, Oklahoma. The caller stated that he did not specifically recall that SCOTT said Norman, Oklahoma, was the location of the hospital in which he had received treatment. He stated that SCOTT claimed to be a veteran, to be an expert on guns and had expressed hatred for Negroes.

The caller stated that SCOTT was described as a white male, approximately thirty-five years of age, 5 feet 11 inches tall, weighing 175 to 180 pounds, and bearing a tattoo of some nature on his right forearm. No additional identifying information was available.

The caller stated he was advising the Federal Bureau of Investigation because he believed there was a mental hospital in Norman, Oklahoma, and when SCOTT left him he stated he was going south for a while; that he had a job to do which would upset a lot of people; that SCOTT was not riding a bus but claimed he was driving a car, although none was seen by the caller; and he may have been the assassin of Dr. KING.

The caller stated that he did not desire to furnish his name and address, as he had three children and did not want to jeopardize his family.

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