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AIRTEL AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) P
RE: MURKIN

Re SI airtel, 5-25-68.

RE: FORMER NEIGHBOR

Investigation at the Village of LaGrange, Mo., 5-29-68, by SA JAMES A. DUFFEY indicated that LAFAYETTE DILTS and his girl-friend, MAHALA LA MARR, have never resided in LaGrange. One commercial fisherman, BURT SMITH, stated he has known DILTS in the past, last knew him he resided at Quincy, Ill., address unknown. He stated DEWEY LOCK, a commercial fisherman, Quincy, Ill., will know DILTS' whereabouts and believes LOCK can be located through YANCEY's FISH MARKET, Foot of Broadway, Quincy, Ill. States DILTS will also be known there.

THE SPRINGFIELD OFFICE AT QUINCY, ILL.:

Will contact employees of YANCEY's FISH MARKET in an effort to locate DEWEY LOCK and for info re LAFAYETTE DILTS' whereabouts, in order that he may be interviewed re any information he may have concerning subject or subject's family.

A & D.

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1 - Memphis (44-1987)
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FBI MEMPHIS

646 PM URGENT 5-29-68 DND

TO SAN ANTONIO (44-1242) AND ST. LOUIS
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN.

INVESTIGATION HAS REVEALED THAT SUBJECT IS NOT KNOWN TO USE CHECKING OR SAVINGS ACCOUNTS SUBSEQUENT TO HIS SCAPE FROM PRISON, HOWEVER, HAD USED A BANK SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX WHILE IN BIRMINGHAM, FROM AUGUST THIRTY LAST TO THE TIME HE DEPARTED BIRMINGHAM IN OCTOBER LAST.

SUBJECT RAY IS KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN CONSERVATIVE IN HIS HANDLING OF CASH AND IS BELIEVED THAT HE MAY HAVE RENTED ANOTHER BANK SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX PRIOR TO HIS TRIP TO MEXICO IN OCTORER LAST.

IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, SAN ANTONIO IS REQUESTED TO CHECK BANKING FACILITIES IN THE AREA OF LAREDO, TEXAS, TO ASCERTAIN IF SUBJECT UNDER HIS TRUE NAME OR KNOWN ALIASES MAY HAVE RENTED A BANK OR OTHER BANKING INSTITUTION SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX FROM THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER ONE LAST THROUGH DECEMBER ONE LAST.

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L *I will check Bank
Round Robin*

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IN VIEW OF PRESENCE SUBJECT'S RELATIVES ST. LOUIS AREA,
ST. LOUIS WILL ALSO CONTACT BANKING ESTABLISHMENTS TO ASCERTAIN IF
SAFE DEPOSIT BOX WAS RENTED BY SUBJECT FOR PERIOD ENCOMPASSING DATE
OF ESCAPE, MSP, THROUGH JULY EIGHTEEN LAST. *Kennedy is marshaling bank
contacts to start round robin*

ST. LOUIS, ALSO, IN VIEW OF QUESTIONABLE METHOD OF ESCAPE
OF RAY FROM MSP, UNASSISTED, WILL ENDEAVOR TO ESTABLISH
LOCATION OF JOHN RAY AND CAROLE PERRER DURING PERTINENT PERIOD
TO ELIMINATE THEM FROM HAVING RENDERED AID TO SUBJECT.

*Rushing
+ Bradley
adv.*

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

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Ray safety deposit box check

URGENT 5-29-68 JJR

TO: DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS
FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775) 2P

MURKIN - SUMMARY

RE JERRY RAYNES:

REINTERVIEWED. NO WORD FROM OR OF SUBJECT OR WHEREABOUTS.
RECALLED RAY WENT TO LIVE WITH GRANDMOTHER WHEN FAMILY LEFT
EWING, MO. WORKED AT SHOE CO TANNERY IN ILLINOIS UNTIL ENTERED
ARMY. SAVED MONEY, HAD FOURTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS AT ARMY ENTRANCE.
GRANDMOTHER KEPT FOR HIM, NEVER USED BANK. RAY SHY, COUNTRYFIED.
HAD GOOD TEETH THEN, WHICH MAY HAVE TURNED BAD SINCE, RAYNES BELIEV
RAY NOT SMART ENOUGH TO PLAN KING KILLING. CONJECTURES SOMEONE
ELSE MUST HAVE PLANNED AND LATER KILLED HIM.
RE CAROL PEPPER - JOHN LARRY RAY.

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SOURCES AND SPOT CHECKS REVEALED NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY.
RE FELLOW PRISONER JOHN PAUL VELANTI:

REITERATED MAY HAVE SEEN RAY AT MSP BUT NEVER ASSOCIATED
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OR HAD ANY CONNECTION WITH. HAS NO INFO CONCERNING HIM. NO INFO AS TO WHO ROBBED BANK OF ALTON, ILL., JULY THIRTEEN LAST. CLAIMED WORKING THAT DATE. RECORDS OF BARGETTE PRINTING CO., SL, BY WHOM VELANTI THEN EMPLOYED CONFIRM HE WAS WORKING AT TIME OF BR. RE JOHN EUGENE GAWRON:

UNABLE TO LOCATE GAWRON TODAY. WILL INTERVIEW AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY.

INTENSIFIED EFFORT TO LOCATE ROBERT LYNN POWELL CONTINUING.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Special Agent in Charge

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URGENT 5-30-68 JJR

TO: DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM : ST. LOUIS (44-775) 1P

MURKIN - SUMMARY

RE JERRY RAYNES, CAROL PEPPER, JOHN LARRY RAY.

; SOURCES AND SPOT CHECKS INDICATE NO SIGNICATE ACTIVITY.

RE JOHN EUGENE GAWRON . DRUNK.

NO PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS OTHER PHASES OF INVESTIGATION TODAY.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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MR-6:35p

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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC

DATE: May 30, 1968

FROM : SA Robert L. Bender

SUBJECT: MURKIN

For information purposes Agent William Roberts of the Springfield division telephonically contacted this office on this date and desired to know if JERRY RAY was in St Louis. SA Dobson was contacted who advised that JERRY RAY is currently in Chicago and that the Chicago officae is in contact with him.

This info was provided to the Springfield Office who advised that they would contact Chicago to handle a lead to interview JERRY RAY per a Los Angeles teletype.

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Date: 5-31-68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND SPRINGFIELD
 FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)
 MURKIN - SUMMARY
 RE JOHN EUGENE GAWRON

REINTERVIEWED. PHOTO OF JAMES H. CARPENTER, FBI NUMBER THREE ZERO TWO FOUR THREE EXHIBITED. GAWRON POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED SAME AS BEING OF PERSON WHO VISITED HIM JULY SIXTYSEVEN, TOLD HIM HE AND RAY HAD ROBBED ALTON ILL., BANK, AND GAVE TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS. IDENTIFIED ~~ONE~~ POSITIVELY AS PERSON WHO VISITED HIM MAY THIRTEEN DASH FOURTEEN LAST WITH JOHNNIE (LNU). WAS THEN ADVISED THAT PERSON WAS IN JAIL AT TIMES OF ROBBERY AND ALLEGED VISITS SIXTY SEVEN.

GAWRON HESITATED, THEN SAID ~~HE~~ HAD REALIZED PAST EIGHT DAYS AND "BUM BEEF" ON ALTON BANK HE HAD GIVEN FBI QUOTE BUM STEER UNQUOTE AND CARPENTER, WHOSE NAME HE THEN RECALLED. STATED HAD BEEN THINKING ABOUT IT AND DECIDED IT WAS ANOTHER JIMMIE, (LNU), WHOSE IDENTITY WOULD BE KNOWN ONLY TO RAY, WHO HAD VISITED AND TOLD HIM OF RAY PARTICIPATION IN ALTON ROBBERY. WAS REMINDED THAT IF HE HAD LIED ABOUT CARPENTER, HE MIGHT ALSO BE LYING ABOUT RAY PARTICIPATION. HE INSISTED THE OTHERWISE UNKNOWN JIMMIE (LNU) HAD VISITED HIM IN SIXTYSEVEN AS

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 Special Agent in Charge

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PREVIOUSLY STATED AND TOLD HIM OF RAY PARTICIPATION IN ROBBERY.
COULD THINK OF NO ONE OTHER THAN RAY WHO WOULD KNOW THIS INDIVIDUALS
IDENTITY.

AS THE BUREAU HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY ADVISED, GAWRON IS SEVENTY
YEARS OLD, ON VERGE OF SENILITY, EXTREMELY RAMBLING IN CONVERSATION,
WITH SAs EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTY KEEPING INTERVIEWS ON PERTINENT
TRACK, AS WELL AS SEPARATING POSSIBLE FACT FROM CONJECTURE. JERRY
RAY HAS DESCRIBED HIM AS KOOK, AND OTHER SOURCES REGARD HIM AS
CRAZY OLD MAN WHO TALKS TOO MUCH.
RE EX-CON RUSSELL PERRY BRANNEN.

EX-CON JOHN PAUL VELANTI HAS PREVIOUSLY ADVISED OF EX-CON
WHOSE IDENTITY HE HAD BEEN ASKED NOT TO REVEAL FROM WHO HE HAD
RECEIVED IMPRESSION THAT RAY HAD BEEN SEEN BRIEFLY IN SL BY HIM
TWO WEEKS FOLLOWING MSP ESCAPE. ON LAST INTERVIEW VELANTI REVEALED
IDENTITY OF THIS PERSON AS RUSSEL BRANNEN. BRANNEN INTERVIEWED.
WAS IN MSP FIFTY TWO TO SEPTEMBER SIXTYFOUR. UNABLE TO RECALL RAY
BUT BELIEVED PHOTO VAGUELY FAMILIAR. BELIEVED RAY MUST HAVE SPENT
MUCH TIME IN SOLITARY OR WOULD KNOW HIM. POSITIVELY DENIED HAVING
SEEN RAY AFTER ESCAPE OR HAVING ANY KNOWLEDGE OF WHEREABOUTS.
VOLUNTEERED RECENT CONVERSATION WITH VELANTI CONCERNING RAY IN
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WHICH THEY BOTH UNSUCCESSFUL IN RECALLING RAY AT MSP. REMEMBERED
THEY SPECULATED ON METHODS HE MIGHT HAVE USED TO ESCAPE.

RE JERRY RAYNES, CAROL PEPER, JOHN LARRY RAY.

SOURCES AND SPOT CHECKS DISCLOSED NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Date: 5/29/68

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

Re St. Louis teletype 5/27/68.

On 5/28/68, PETTY COYLE (protect identity), Manager, General Telephone Company, Equality, Illinois, advised SA JIMMIE C. WHITAKER that telephone number 618-275-4478 was listed to LEROY BAKER, R.R. #2, Equality, Illinois. She further advised that this phone has been in service since March of 1964.

Mr. LEROY BAKER, age 53, R.R. #2, Equality, Illinois, advised SA JIMMIE C. WHITAKER on May 28, 1968, that the name WALTER ELSWORTH NOLAN was unknown to him. Mrs. BAKER advised that this name is unfamiliar to her.

Mr. and Mrs. BAKER viewed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that this individual is unknown to them.

The BAKER's telephone number was observed to be 275-4478, area code 618.

Mr. BAKER advised that all of his neighbors have telephones and that they are on a party line. He further advised that no one has ever made a telephone call from his telephone other than members of his family, to the best of his knowledge.

Springfield indices negative re BAKER.

- 3 - Bureau (44-38861)
- ② - St. Louis (44-775)
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 2 - Springfield (44-561)

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*Memo for SAC 44-775
From SA J. A. Duffey
Re Murkin*

SPOT SURVEILLANCES

Spot Surveillances have been maintained at the home of Mr. JERRY RAYNES, RFD, Center Mo. on 5-27 and 5-29-68 without noting anything unusual.

NEIGHBORHOOD SOURCE

RFD Center, Mo.

Mrs HAROLD MAIDEN was contacted on 5-29-68. She stated there has been no unusual company and no strange cars at the JERRY RAYNES Farm to her knowledge. She stated his daughter visited one afternoon over the past weekend. She added to her knowledge Mr. RAYNES has not left his farm for any reason since Friday afternoon 5-24-68 when he went to the store in Center. He was gone about an hour, and as her curiosity was aroused she drove into town also and observed him doing some shopping for groceries. She saw him leave Center, and follow him back and observed him park his car and enter his house.

Full as is. No need to retype.

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To: SACs, Kansas City (44-760)
~~St. Louis (44-775)~~
Springfield (44-561)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

ReSLtel 5/23/68 to Bureau, Memphis and Springfield re information furnished indicating bank of Alton, Illinois, was the bank which Garrow and Ray had cased.

If not already handled, Springfield should take necessary action to see that following items are covered:

Photographs of Ray should be exhibited to the bank robbery witnesses.

Advise Kansas City of complete description of clothing found and Kansas City will determine whether any items of clothing are possibly prison issued.

Springfield also furnish Kansas City with pertinent identity of laundry marks so that Kansas City can determine if any of these marks were possibly placed on items of clothing at the Missouri State Penitentiary.

Springfield should contact local sporting goods stores with respect to the cap which was found which contains a fishing emblem.

If not already handled, have Louisville attempt to identify the Mens' Style Shop, Gray and Wilson, Mayfield, Kentucky, for any information regarding purchaser of the hat.

1 - Memphis (44-1987) (for info)

*Garrow to be in today
for any further info*

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Airtel SACs, Kansas City, St. Louis, Springfield
RE: MURKIN

The manufacturer of the sawed-off shotgun should be contacted for any pertinent information that firm may be able to furnish.

The bank robbery file discloses that laundries in Alton, Illinois, have been checked with respect to the laundry marks on the clothing found; however, there is no indication of laundries having been checked in surrounding areas. Be certain this is done.

Springfield request the Laboratory to compare the hair specimens obtained in the bank robbery case to hair specimens obtained in the Murkin case.

Recontact suspects and informants for any information they may have regarding Ray and whether or not he could have been involved in the bank robbery.

Recontact Ray's uncle, William E. Mayher, 118 East Seventh Street, Alton, Illinois, for any information he may have regarding the bank robbery.

All leads are to be given continuous and expeditious attention.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

Sutel daily results of investigative activity concerning this bank robbery. Such teletypes are to be submitted under the "MURKIN" caption and are to continue until the issue is fully resolved as to whether Ray was or was not involved in the bank robbery.

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TELETYPE

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN, CR.

RE BUREAU AIRTEL MAY TWENTY NINE, LAST.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY AND KNOWN ASSOCIATES DISPLAYED TO
WITNESSES AT BANK OF ALTON. NO IDENTIFICATION EFFECTED.

WALTER BLACK, BLACK'S SPORTING GOODS, ALTON, ADVISED
MAN'S CAP WITH FISHING EMBLEM IS COMMON ITEM SOLD IN COUNTLESS
STORES, INCLUDING SPORTING GOODS, VARIETY AND DEPARTMENT
STORES; THAT TRACING ORIGIN OF ONE PARTICULAR CAP WOULD THERE-
FORE BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT WITHOUT SOME DISTINGUISHING MARK
OR LABEL.

WILLIAM MAHER, RAY'S UNCLE, ALTON, ILLINOIS, REITERATED
HE HAS NOT SEEN OR HEARD FROM RAY SINCE NINETEEN FIFTY NINE;
THAT RAY NEVER MENTIONED PLANNING OR CONTEMPLATING ANY BANK
ROBBERY IN HIS PRESENCE.

BY COMMUNICATION TODAY, BOSTON, LOUISVILLE AND KANSAS
CITY INSTRUCTED TO CONDUCT REQUESTED INVESTIGATION OUTLINED
REAIRTEL. AIRMAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS.

1 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)
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2 - Springfield (1: 44-561)(1: 91-3699)
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TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN - SUMMARY

RE JERRY RAYNES, CAROL PEPPER, JOHN LARRY RAY.

SOURCES AND SPOT CHECKS DISCLOSED NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY.
NO PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS OTHER PHASES OF INVESTIGATION TODAY.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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PM URGENT 6-2-68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN - SUMMARY

RE JERRY RAYNES, CAROL PEPPER, JOHN LARRY RAY.

SOURCES AND SPOT CHECKS DISCLOSED NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY.
NO PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS OTHER PHASES OF INVESTIGATION TODAY.
RE DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN.

ATTENTION DIRECTED TO MYTEL THIS DATE CAPTIONED "DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN, ATTACKS AGAINST FBI", REGARDING REMARKS OF MOYNIHAN RE MURKIN AND KENNEDY CASES IN COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS SL UNIVERSITY.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

FROM : SA E. E. BROWN

SUBJECT: M U R K I N

DATE: 5-15-68

HOMER TOWNSLEY, a SL bondsman and former SL CI, advised he thinks J. D. DAILEY told him RAY had contacted DAILEY after RAY escaped from the MSP. DAILEY said he had known RAY for a long time. TOWNSLEY did not know whether DAILEY helped RAY.

DAILEY denied knowing RAY.

SW BELL TELEPHONE CO. records reflect the following call made from the phone of J. D. DAILEY, 402 W. 9th St., Portageville, Mo., phone 379-3136:

SW 2-9686, Holcomb, Mo., 3-21-68.

SA DUNCAN should immediately identify this subscriber, and unless the relationship to DAILEY is apparent, interview him, completely protecting the telephone Co., for the purpose of determining whether these calls relate to the whereabouts or activities of the subject.

1 - SA DUNCAN

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

FROM : SA E. E. BROWN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5-15-68

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DAILEY DENIES knowing RAY.

SW BELL TELE. CO. records reflect the following calls made from the phone of J. D. DAILEY, 402 W. 9th St., Portageville, Mo., phone 379-3136:

~~ED 3-0516, Caruthersville, Mo. (3/23) ✓~~
~~ED 3-4113, Caruthersville, Mo. (3/22 - 2 calls) ✓~~
~~FL 9-1333, Hayti, Mo. (3/31) ✓~~
~~MA 8-3405, Wardell, Mo. (3/24, 28) ✓~~
~~MA 8-3421, Wardell, Mo. (4/5, 9) ✓~~
~~MA 8-3514, Wardell, Mo. (3/22, 28; 4/6) ✓~~
~~MA 8-3515, Wardell, Mo. (3/21). ✓~~

These towns are in the territory covered by SA BURTON. He should immediately identify subscribers and unless their relationship to DAILEY is apparent, interview them, completely protecting tele. Co., for the purpose of determining whether these calls relate to the whereabouts or activities of the subject.

1 - SA BURTON

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

DATE: 4-23-68

FROM : SA SPURGEON J. PETERSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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AT PORTAGEVILLE, MO.:

SA DOUGLAS ROSENBERGER furnished following data
re telephones for: (37 is same as DR)

J. D. DAILEY, residence 402 W. 9th St., Portageville,
#379-3136.

LaFont's Cafe, Hwys. 61 and 62, Portageville, billed
in DAILEY's name, #379-9577.

LaFont's Sinclair Service Station, Hwys. 61 and
62, Portageville, #379-3502 (pay phone 379-9594).

On 4-20-68, SA SPURGEON J. PETERSON contacted Mr.
ERNEST GLAZIER (protect identity, confidentially furnished),
Special Agents Office, Southwestern Bell Telephone Co., SL,
for any toll information available re the four above phone
numbers.

He determined that toll tickets are sent into SL
each day by special **pick-up** service. He was able to get to
see the Portageville tickets covering period up to midnight,
4-19-68. GLAZIER advised three calls were made from 379-9594:

At 7:00 p.m. to FL 9-1372, Hayti, Mo.; ~

At 7:30 p.m. to JA 2-9175, SLMO; ✓

At ? to 386-3468, Auxvasse, Mo. ✓

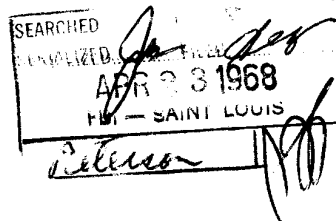
A fourth call was made from one of the four above
phones but it was not identified. It was to OLIVE 2-2584,
SLMO. The time is not available. Mr. GLAZIER was unable
to hold any of these tickets out and they have gone through
the billing machines and not further available. 44-775-
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GLAZIER pointed out there are a number of telephones in Portageville in the name of LA FONT. They are as follows:

GENE LA FONT, 424 N. Main St., residence (owner of LaFont Restaurant)(non-pub) 379-5285;

BUB LA FONT, 507 W. Main St. residence, 379-3422 (Raur Service Station);

ELLA LA FONT, 613 Huffman, 379-5307.

GENE LA FONT, 424 N. Main, 379-4211.

HARRY LEE LA FONT, 506 W. Main St., 379-3486;

J. G. LA FONT, RFD #1, Portageville, 379-5346;

Mr. GLAZIER has placed a stop on toll tickets on all of the above phones covering period from 12:01 a.m., 4-20-68, to midnight, 4-20-68. He will check them when they get to SL the AM of 4-21-68.

GLAZIER stated that as soon as he can identify the subscriber to the two SL numbers called from Portageville he will let us know.

It will be Monday before the Hayti and Auxvasse, Mo., calls can be checked out.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

The following FBI record, NUMBER **4 718 / 227**

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
NRS St Louis Mo PD St Louis Mo	Raymond Louis Menard Jr. #-- Raymond Louis Owen Menard #55352	applicant 11-13-42 2-24-46	robb	7-26-46 sent to 2 yrs in Mo St Intermediate Ref
Intermediate Ref Jefferson City Mo	Raymond Louis Owen Menard #5790	10-17-46	AW/I to rob	2x2x2 yrs (conc)
PD St Louis Mo	Raymond Louis Owen Menard #55352	6-17-49	robb	
SO Edwardsville Ill	Raymond L. Menard #1812	9-3-49	burg	
SO Edwardsville Ill	Raymond L. Menard Jr. #2537	3-5-50	attempt burg	
SP Jefferson City Mo	Raymond Louis Menard Jr. #63389	3-16-50	burg 2nd deg	2 yrs 5-26-51 disch under commutation of sent by Gov.
PD St Louis Mo	Raymond Louis Owens Menard #55352	7-29-53	burg	11-3-54 sent to 15 yrs in the Mo SPen to run conc with sent rec on 10-7-54 on chg of burg & larc
PD New Orleans La	Raymond Louis Menard #70058	5-5-54	fug fr just St Louis Mo hold for Fed Auths	returned 5-13-54
USM New Orleans La	Raymond Louis Owen Menard #2655	5-6-54	unlawful flight (burg)	5-13-54 rel to St Louis PD
PD St Louis Mo	Raymond Louis Menard #55352	5-13-54	burg	10-7-54 sent to 15 yr in the Mo SPen on chg of burg & larc
SPen Jefferson City Mo	Raymond Owen Menard #69079	11-10-54	4 prior conv of a felony burg 2nd & larc (3 chgs burg 2nd)	15 yrs

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	WANTED BY THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION: Raymond Louis Owen Menard for unlawful flight to avoid pros (burg). I.O. #2712 issued 3-22-54. MAY BE ARMED AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED EXTREMELY DANGEROUS. NO LONGER WANTED: Located 5-5-54 by PD New Orleans La per inf rec 5-5-54.			

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	Aliases: Raymond O. Menard, Raymond L. O. Menard			
	WANTED BY BUREAU: Raymond Louis Menard, Jr., wa., Raymond Louis Owen Manard Fug Index #38050 Bu file #88-8845 O.O. St Louis Mo inf rec 2-18-54. NO LONGER WANTED: Per Bu Memo dated 5-5-54 (located 5-5-54 by PD New Orleans La.			
	WANTED BY BUREAU: Raymond Louis Owen for unlawful flight to avoid pros (burg). Notify			
	This case is entered in the Single Fingerprint Files of this Bureau under #S4964.			
	CC: FBI New Orleans La			

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
St Training School Boonville Mo	Richard Menard #9748	10-15-43	Delinquency	2 yrs.
St Highway Patrol Kirkwood Mo	Richard Lawrence Menard #C6876A	9-18-45	Juvenile by B and L	9-26-45 3 yrs. Boonville Training School for Boys
St Training School Boonville Mo	Richard Lawrence Menard #3434	11-10-45	Delinq.	3 yrs. 1-22-47 paroled 3-17-48, trans to MSP
PD, St. Louis, Mo.	Richard Lawrence Menard #57548	5-8-47	burg. and larc. and par. viol.	6-12-47 sent. to 6 mos in the City Work House on chg burg in the 2nd deg. and larc.
St Hwy Patrol, Jefferson City, Mo	Richard Lawrence Menard #F-3871	3-8-48	burg. and larc. (viol. of parole).	Trans. from Mo. Trng. School, Boonville, Mo., to Mo. SP., Jefferson City, Mo.
SP, Jefferson City Mo	Richard Lawrence Menard, #--	3-18-48	del. based on in trans. car theft from St. Tr. Sch. Boonville Mo.	3 yrs.
PD St Louis Mo.	Richard Lawrence Menard #57548	12-8-49	Robbery & Larc of Auto	
SP Jefferson City Mo	Richard Lawrence Menard #63823	6-29-50	aslt, w/1 to robb; CCW; L of M/V	4 yrs disch under comm of sent by governor
PD St Louis Mo	Richard Lawrence Menard #57548	3-4-53	Inv	3-5-53 rel
PD St Louis Mo	Richard Lawrence Menard #57548	7-29-53	burg & Larc & poss burg tools	

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD St Louis Mo	Richard Lawrence Menard #57548	1-28-54	rape	
SPen Jefferson City Mo	Richard Lawrence Menard #68550	6-8-54	robb 1st 2-chg burg 2nd & larc 2- chg burg 2nd fel poss burg tools grand larc rape	18 yrs, disch by Govenor
PD St Louis Mo	Richard Lawrence Menard #57548	7-29-65	disobeyed stop sign CCW (gun) resist arr	
PD St Louis Mo	Richard Lawrence Menard #57548	9-5-65	armed rob, CCW	
PD St Louis Mo	Raymond Keith Phillips #57548	9-18-65	poss narc par res arr	refuse
PD St Louis Mo	Richard Lawrence Menard #57548	9-23-65	CCW (gun) Impropr state lic impropr start fr stop position no city lic common aslt	
PD St Louis Mo	Richard Lawrence Menard #57548	11-29-65	safekeeper (hold for USM)	other
USM St Louis Mo	Richard Lawrence Menard #388 1807	11-30-65	bank robbery with dangerous weapon	25 years and \$10,00 fine

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
SO Hillsboro Mo	Richard Lawrence Menard #65-731	11-29-65	arm rob Bank	TOT Auth
St Hwy Pat Kirkwood Mo	Richard Lawrence Menard #C-6876A	11-29-65	1-bank robbery 2-auto theft	TOT Fed Auth
Medical Center For Fed Prs Springfield Mo	Richard Lawrence Menard #O-975-H	1-22-66 trans fr USM St Louis Mo	bank rob	T 18 S 4244
USPen Terre Haute Ind	Richard Lawrence Menard #B-365-TH	5-5-66	armed bank robb & jeopardizing lives	25 yrs (max under 4208b)
USP Leavenworth Kans	Richard Lawrence Menard #A 83068-L	8-3-66	bank robbery	15 yrs

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD St Louis Mo	Louis Gene Menard #--	8-22-50	no state driver lic	
PD St Louis Mo	Louis Gene Menard #64070	9-21-50	inv	9-23-50 rel
Intermediate Ref Jefferson City Mo	Louis Gene Menard #7083	11-29-50	burg 2nd deg	2 yrs 2-3-52 commutation
SO Clayton Mo	Louis Gene Menard #4590	7-11-52	Statuary rape	Warrant issued
PD St Louis Mo	Louis Gene Menard #64070	10-8-52	robb	
SPen Jefferson City Mo	Louis Gene Menard #67431	9-8-53	robb 1st	7 yrs comm 12-5-57 on chg of robb/m DDW
PD St Louis Mo	Louis Gene Menard #64070	1-4-58	sus steal	
PD Granite City Ill	Louis James Menard #2244	1-26-58	inv	rel
PD St Louis Mo	Louis Gene Menard #64070	2-5-58	susp steal	
PD St Louis Mo	Louis Gene Menard #64070	9-6-58	inv sus burg and steal burg 2nd steal 0 50	
PD St Louis Mo	Louis Gene Menard #64070	10-6-58	susp steal	
SP Jefferson City Mo	Louis Gene Menard #75969	2-13-59	TC burg 2nd & steal & prior conv of a fel	15 yrs (10.5 CS) Commutation of Sentence 7-17-67

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
*	MTS Boonville Mo for auto T	Auto T	Bellfountain Farms	18 mos

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

Date 5-16-68

Your inquiry 5-16-68

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MURKIN

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- ☒ Attached furnished in reply to your inquiry.
- ☐ Attached furnished in compliance with request from
- ☐ 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 (44-775)

FROM : SA MICHAEL M. WILLIAMSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/20/68

Re memorandum to the SAC from SA EARL E. BROWN,
5/16/68.

The following investigation was conducted on May 17,
1968:

ARTHUR BRUCE, Chief of Police, Sikeston, Missouri, advised that P.J.'s Auto and Home Supply, South Kingshighway, Sikeston, Missouri, telephone 471-4008, was a reputable business establishment owned by P. J. SCHLOSSER, who resides at 927 North Ranney Street, Sikeston, Missouri.

Chief of Police, Hayti, Missouri, Fritz MC Kay, advised that Gwin's Cafe, 400 East Madison, Hayti, FL 9-1715, is a reputable business establishment owned by ROY ARNWORTH, a resident of Hayti, Missouri.

W. W. CHISM, 400 East Madison, FL 9-1226, and MILTON KELLY, 110 East Main, FL 9-3330, are both considered to be very substantial citizens of the Hayti community. MILTON KELLY is the owner of Kelly Electrical Construction Company, Kennett, Missouri, but he resides in Hayti, Missouri. W. W. CHISM is the local representative for Triple A Auto Club in Hayti, Missouri.

WOODROW WILSON CHISM, 400 East Madison, Hayti, Missouri, advised that he has never known JAMES EARL RAY or J. D. DAILEY. Upon observing the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY on wanted flier 442A, dated April 19, 1968, CHISM stated that he has never had any dealings with a man of that description.

MILTON KELLY, 110 East Main, related that he has never known JAMES EARL RAY or anyone who resembles his photograph. The name J. D. DAILEY is familiar, but there are many DAILEYS who reside in the Hayti area.

Chief of Police H. EDWARDS, Caruthersville, Missouri, advised that the following business establishments located in Caruthersville, Missouri, were reputable to the best of his knowledge:

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Dennis Cain Motor Company, Inc.,
111 East Fourth Street
ED 3-0298;

Home Oil and Gas Company Office
424 Ward
ED 3-1111;

B. F. Goodrich Company,
500 Walker
ED 3-2515;

J. P. Berry Welding Company
200 Walker
ED 3-0611;

Broadway Music Company
109 West Fifth Street
ED 3-4113;

ELOISE LA FONTE, 1805 West Parkview, Caruthersville, Missouri, ED 3-1707, advised upon observing photograph of JAMES EARL RAY from wanted flier 442A, dated April 19, 1968, that she has never known the subject nor has she been acquainted with anyone recently who answers his description. She is not acquainted with J. D. DAILEY and her husband, HAROLD LA FONTE, is an officer of the Hayti, Missouri, Police Department.

JANIE DONAHUE, 1805 Carroll, ED 3-0516, related that she has never known anyone who resembled JAMES EARL RAY nor is she acquainted with a person named J. D. DAILEY.

Chief of Police ED FULLER, Kennett, Missouri, Police Department, advised that McCall's Tire and Appliance Store, TU 8-4561; Smith and Son Transmission Service, TU 8-9212; Legionnaire Grill, 888-9901, are all reputable business establishments located in Kennett, Missouri.

W. F. WILLIAMS, Route 2, Kennett, Missouri, TU 8-9112, advised, upon observing a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, that he has never known RAY nor has he known anyone recently who resembled RAY. He is not acquainted with J. D. DAILEY.

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WILLA DEAN PARR, 711 Slicer, Kennett, Missouri,
TU 8-9704, advised that the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY
is totally unfamiliar to her and that she has never known
anyone named J. D. DAILEY.

DALLAS HICKERSON, Postmaster, Wardell, Missouri,
advised that the following persons were considered to be
reputable citizens of Wardell, Missouri:

JEWEL MATHIS

Route 1

MA 8-3257,

Mrs. ELLA BLURTON

Route 1

MA 8-3405,

LILLIE GASKIN

MA 8-3421,

LIN E. BANKSTON

MA 8-3514;

ED MARTIN

Route 2,

Portageville, Missouri

MA 8-3515,

JEWEL MATHIS, Route 1, MA 8-3257, Wardell, Missouri,
stated that he has never known JAMES EARL RAY nor has he known
anyone who resembled RAY, but he does know J. D. DAILEY since
DAILEY resided in the Wardell area before he departed for
St. Louis sometime ago.

Mrs. ELLA BLURTON, Route 1, MA 8-3405, stated, upon
observing a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY on wanted flier 442A,
April 19, 1968, that she has never known RAY nor anyone who
resembled him. ELLA BLURTON related that she is acquainted with
J. D. DAILEY because he is the brother-in-law to her daughter-
in-law.

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LILLIE GASKIN, MA 8-3421, advised that she has never known JAMES EARL RAY nor anyone who resembled RAY and that she was related to J. D. DAILEY since he is married to her daughter.

LIN E. BANKSTON, advised that he is not acquainted with JAMES EARL RAY nor anyone who resembles RAY, but that he has known J. D. DAILEY for some years since DAILEY once resided in the Wardell area.

ED MARTIN, Route 2, Portageville, Missouri, MA 8-3515, advised that he is not familiar with JAMES EARL RAY or J. D. DAILEY.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

FROM : SA THOMAS L. BUCKLEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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OO: ME

DATE: 5/20/68

On 5/16/68, Mr. LEONARD REHG, District Manager, Southwestern Bell Telephone Co., 800 Broadway, Cape Girardeau, Mo., furnished the names and addresses of the subscribers of the following numbers. REHG advised that all of these numbers were regularly listed numbers which could be obtained by reference to the telephone book or through information service, with the exception of #379-9594, which is a pay telephone located in LaFont's Service Station at Portageville, Mo., and #888-9901, another pay-telephone located at the Legionnaire Grill in Kennett, Mo. REHG advised that these numbers were not listed in the telephone book and were not recorded with the information operator only because they were intended for transient use and not because the subscriber had requested that they be non-published numbers:

Cape Girardeau	ED 5-3044	General Sign Co., Box 216 Cape Girardeau
Gideon	HI 8-3650	J. D. WILLIAMS - Gideon
Lilborn	OV 8-2732	BOB NESSELRODT, Lilborn
New Madrid	748-2353 748-5166 748-5501 748-5588 748-5843	DAVID FULLER, No. Kingshighway EASTMAN FULLER, 741 Scott Fuller Builders' Supply, Hwy 61 Seeman-Monan Motor Co., 423 Main River Roads Inn, Hwy. 61
Portageville	DR 9-3319 DR 9-3357 DR 9-3502 DR 9-5438 379-9594	BIG JOHN'S DRIVE-IN, Hwy. 61 No. GENE FARMER, W. 9th LaFont's Sinclair Station Delta Auto Parts & Salvage Unlisted Pay Station-LaFont's Service Station

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Sikeston	471-4008	P. J.'s Auto & Home Supply Sikeston, So. Kingshighway
Risco	EX 6-5511	Farmers State Bank
Holcomb	SW 2-9686	ROBINSON D-X Service Station (Inside Pay Station, 205 W. Main)
✓ Caruthersville	ED 3-0290	Dennis Cain Motor Co., Inc., 111 E. 4th
	ED 3-1111	Home Oil & Gas Co. Office, 424 Ward
	ED 3-1707	ELOISE LaFONTE, 1805 W. Parkview
	ED 3-2515	B. F. Goodrich Co., 500 Walker
	✓ ED 3-0516	JANIE DONAHUE, 1805 Carroll
	✓ ED 3-4113	Broadway Music Co., 109 W. 5th
	ED 3-0611	J. P. BERRY Welding Co., 200 Walker
✓ Hayti	FL 9-1226	W. W. Chism, 400 E. Madison
	FL 9-1715	Gurn's Cafe, 101 No. 61 Drive
	✓ FL 9-1333	Milton Kelly, 110 E. Main
✓ Kennett	TU 8-4561	McCalls Tire & Appliance Store
	TU 8-9112	W. F. WILLIAMS
	TU 8-9212	SMITH & SON TRANSMISSION SERVICE
	TU 8-9704	WILLA DEAN PARR, 711 Slicer
	888-9901	Unlisted pay station - Legionnaire Grill
Malden	CR 6-2566	HAROLD PINKLEY, 404 Burkhart
	CR 6-4131	N. A. HAYNES, 508 N. Douglass
	CR 6-4577	PEPSI-COLA BTLG. CO., N. Douglass

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Poplar Bluff

SU 5-2519

CROWE TIRE & TEXACO SERVICE
1100 WEST PINE

WARDELL

MA 8-3257
MA 8-3405
MA 8-3421
MA 8-3541
MA 8-3515

JEWEL MATHIS, Wardell
Mrs. ELLA BLURTON, Rt. 1, Wardell
LILLIE GASKIN, Wardell
LIN E. BANKSTON, Wardell
ED MARTIN, Rt. 2, Wardell

On 5/17/68, the following persons were contacted regarding the below listed businesses. None of these persons furnished any information which would indicate that these businesses are not entirely legitimate, nor was any information developed indicating that the businesses were frequented by hoodlums or other undesirable characters. In view of this, these businesses were not contacted as part of this investigation:

COP IRVING BEARD, Cape Girardeau PD, re General Sign Co., Inc., 39 No. Broadway, Cape Girardeau, Mo., phone ED 5-3044;

Deputy Sheriff WALTER IVY, New Madrid County SO, New Madrid, Mo., re FULLER Builders Supply, Highway 61, New Madrid, Mo., phone 748-5501; Seeman-Monan Motor Co., 423 Main St., New Madrid, Mo., phone 748-5588; River Roads Inn, Highway 61, New Madrid, Mo., phone 748-5843; Farmers State Bank, Risco, Mo., phone Ex-6-5511.

Officer ROBERT DOCKIN, Malden, Mo. PD, re the Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co., No. Douglass St., Malden, Mo., phone CI 6-4577;

Officer ROBERT DOCKIN, Malden PD, and City Marshal WILLIS WINGO, Gideon, Mo., re ROBINSON's DX Service Station, 205 West Main, Holcomb, Mo., phone SW 2-9686;

Deputy ROY HURLEY, Portageville, PD, re BIG JOHN's Drive-In, Highway 61, North Portageville, phone DR 9-3319; DELTA Auto Parts and Salvage, Portageville, phone DR 9-5438;

COP ROBERT J. MONTAGUE, Crowe Tire and Texaco Service, 100 West Pine, Poplar Bluff, Mo., phone SU 5-2519.

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On 5/17/68, WALTER IVY advised that DAVID and EASTMAN FULLER are the proprietors of FULLER's Building Supply, Highway 61, New Madrid, Mo. IVY stated he knew nothing derogatory about either of the FULLERS.

On 5/17/68, both DAVID and EASTMAN FULLER examined photos of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that they had never seen this individual before. The FULLERS advised that they are formerly from Portageville, Mo., and are aware that the cafe at LaFont's Service Station is being operated by a new owner but they do not know who he is.

On 5/17/68, COP JOHNNY MARTIN, Lilborn, Mo., advised that BOB NESSELRODT is a reputable farm who lives on a large farm near Lilborn. He advised that the family has lived in the area for several generations, and is well thought of in the community.

On 5/17/68, ROBERT A. NESSELRODT examined photos of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that he has never seen this person. NESSELRODT stated he is aware that there is a new proprietor at LaFont's Cafe but does not know him by name or otherwise. NESSELRODT stated he never frequents LaFont's Cafe in Portageville.

On 5/17/68, Officer ROBERT DOCKIN, Malden PD, advised that HAROLD PINKLEY is part owner of Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co., in Malden, Mo., and enjoys an excellent reputation in the community. DOCKIN further advised that Mr. N. A. HAYNES is the minister of the Penecostal Church in Malden and also enjoys an excellent reputation in the community. He knew nothing derogatory about either PINKLEY or HAYNES.

On 5/17/68, NALLEN A. HAYNES examined photos of JAMES EARL RAY and was unable to identify RAY as anyone he has ever known. HAYNES stated that he does not know JAMES D. DAILY who operates the cafe at LaFont's Service Station in Portageville. He advised, however, that his son, EDWIN, sold a car to LaFont's Service Station about one month ago.

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On 5/17/68, CLARENCE EDWIN HAYNES was unable to identify photo of JAMES EARL RAY as anyone he had ever seen. He stated that approximately one month ago he sold an old auto formerly owned by him to LaFont's Service Station but had no contact with anyone named JAMES D. DAILY during this transaction and does not know DAILY.

On 5/17/68, City Marshal WILLIS WINGO, Gideon, Mo., advised that he has known J. D. WILLIAMS for many years and that WILLIAMS works for the Fletcher Gin Co., as a heavy machine operator. He stated WILLIAMS enjoys an excellent reputation in the community.

On 5/17/68, J. D. WILLIAMS, who sometimes signs his name JAY DEE WILLIAMS, examined photos of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that RAY is unknown to him. WILLIAMS stated he does not know JAMES D. DAILY who operates the cafe at LaFont's Service Station, but added that his wife, who recently left him, was running around with a man who works at LaFont's. WILLIAMS advised that he has not been in LaFont's Service Station for three or four years, but that he used to have occasion to visit at Greyhound Bus Stop at LaFont's to pick up machinery parts shipped by bus from Memphis, Tenn., and left there for his company.

On 5/17/68, Deputy ROY HURLEY, Portageville PD, advised that GENE FARMER is a life-long resident of Portageville and works at the garage in the rear end of LaFont's Service Station. HURLEY advised that he knows nothing derogatory about GENE FARMER who enjoys an excellent reputation in the community.

On 5/17/68, GENE FARMER examined photos of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that except for pictures he has seen in newspapers he has never seen this individual before. FARMER stated he has known J. D. DAILY since DAILY took over LA FONT's Cafe. FARMER advised he works at LA FONT's Service Station and drinks coffee about three times a day in the cafe only because it is convenient. FARMER stated that he is of the opinion that DAILY has a quick temper and is a little on the shady side and he consequently has no desire to associate with him. FARMER advised that DAILY lives about one block from him in Portageville but he has had no social contact with DAILY.

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Source was recontacted May 9, 1968, by SA PATRICK W. BRADLEY and SA ALBERT J. RUSHING, at which time he furnished the following additional information.

From about 10:00 p.m. on the night of May 8, 1968, until 1:00 a.m. that night, source was at the Grapevine Tavern, at which time JOHN RAY was also there. JOHN RAY drove source home at about 1:00 a.m. On this occasion JOHN RAY told source that JERRY RAY was still in the St. Louis area but had been at the residence of their father in north Missouri. JOHN RAY expressed expectation that JERRY would be coming in during the course of the evening while source was at the tavern. JERRY did not appear there, however, and at the time of this interview, source has not seen JERRY. On this occasion source had no conversation with JOHN RAY regarding subject JAMES EARL RAY. Source has not seen nor talked with CAROL PEPPER since the time source was previously contacted.

Interviewing Agents made reference to source during this interview of the information he had previously furnished to the effect that JOHN RAY and CAROL PEPPER had indicated to source in about the latter part of June, 1967, that they had knowledge of the subject's whereabouts at that time in Omaha and Los Angeles. Source was advised that this had not been corroborated in interviews with JOHN RAY and CAROL PEPPER, who had denied to the FBI that they had any knowledge regarding subject's whereabouts since subject's escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP). It was explained to source that it was very important to resolve this conflict and inquiry was made of him as to whether he was quite certain that the information he had furnished in this regard previously was absolutely true and accurate. He stated that he was quite certain in this regard and that the information he had furnished was positively true but that he could add no further details regarding the information he had furnished, since this was all the information that had been provided him. It

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by SA PATRICK W. BRADLEY
SA ALBERT J. RUSHING AJR:paw/ral Date dictated 5-15-68

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was pointed out to source that under the circumstances it appeared that either he or JOHN RAY and CAROL PEPPER had lied to the FBI, and he was specifically asked whether he had in any manner lied to us concerning this information, and it was pointed out to him that if he had lied in any way, it would be much better for him to correct such falsification now than at a later date. Source said he had positively not lied. He reluctantly acknowledged that if JOHN RAY and CAROL PEPPER had denied any knowledge of subject's whereabouts after his escape from the penitentiary, then they had lied in that regard, although he added in that connection that he could not say that JOHN RAY and CAROL PEPPER had had direct contact with the subject, but their information may have come to them indirectly so far as source was aware.

With regard to the information source claimed to have received indicating that subject had been in Omaha or Los Angeles as previously referred to, inquiry was made of source as to whether it was JOHN RAY or CAROL PEPPER who had made the specific statements and furnished the specific information to source. He stated it was his recollection that although JOHN RAY was the one who did most of the talking in the conversations referred to, CAROL PEPPER also indicated by her comments that she and JOHN RAY both had the same information regarding the alleged presence of subject in Omaha and Los Angeles.

Source commented that he had read in the papers that subject, under the name GALT, had apparently had considerable amount of money and had been able to peel off \$20 bills from a large roll of money when he purchased an automobile. In that regard source said he had some idea as to what might have been the source of that money and he hoped and expected that within a week or so he would be able to furnish his ideas in that regard. When pressed for further details at this time, the following information was elicited from source.

After source was released on bail from the St. Louis City Jail on June 23 or 24, 1967, he read in the Chicago "Tribune" newspaper a few days later, possibly only a day or two after his release from jail, of a bank robbery which had occurred in a southern state. He recognized this bank and

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its location as a bank which he and subject RAY had cased on two Fridays during the period in 1959 when source and subject were closely associated. They traveled by automobile from St. Louis on those occasions in casing the bank, and on two or three subsequent occasions when subject and source were in the same vicinity they again looked the bank over. They had planned to hit the bank in a robbery on a Friday as they were aware that that was a payroll day when the bank handled considerable amounts of money. When they initially cased the bank they observed several police officers in uniform who were around the bank, but on later occasions they did not observe the presence of police officers. At that period of time, when they were casing the bank and planning a possible robbery, source was suffering a physical disability because of injuries to his legs and feet which had occurred earlier in the course of the commission of a burglary in northern Missouri when source was almost caught and had to drop from an upper story window, causing his legs and feet to be seriously injured, resulting in his hospitalization for a time. Because of this, source concluded that he was not physically able to go on the robbery at the time they were casing the bank and the job never came off, and subject was thereafter apprehended at St. Louis in a robbery and sentenced to the penitentiary.

A few days after source read in the Chicago "Tribune" of the robbery of this bank, he was visited at his residence by an unnamed middle-aged man, whom source had previously known in St. Louis in 1959, and whom he thinks he probably introduced to subject in 1959. This man, whom source declined to name, told source he had been on a bank robbery and he displayed a valise full of money. Source, during the visit, had told his visitor that he was hard up and broke at that time and the man took \$250 from the valise and gave it to source, which source assumed was in the nature of a loan. Information furnished by the man to source was to the effect that the money in the valise was the loot from the bank robbery. Either from what the man told source or from the news article previously referred to, source learned that the amount of loot obtained in the robbery was approximately \$50,000, and that an additional sizeable amount of money had been missed in the robbery, which money was in the bank vault. The \$250 given to source by the man consisted of one \$50 bill, according to source's recollection,

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and other smaller bills. Source is uncertain in his recollection, but either from what the man told him or from what source had read in the newspaper he understood that the bank referred to by the man was the bank referred to in the news article.

It is source's recollection that the visit from this man who gave source \$250 occurred a few days prior to his conversations with JOHN RAY and CAROL PEPPER, in which they indicated to source that they had knowledge of subject's whereabouts, including his alleged presence in Omaha and Los Angeles.

Source has had contact with the man who visited him as referred to on only one subsequent occasion, and he estimates this was about six weeks ago, at which time the man again stopped by source's residence for a short visit. Although source had originally assumed that the \$250 was a loan from this man, the matter of the \$250 was not brought up by either of them at the time of this latter visit. From his conversation with this man, source learned that the man's accomplice in the bank robbery previously referred to was subject, JAMES EARL RAY, and source gained the impression from the man that there were probably one or more additional accomplices who were not identified to source.

Source stated he was not ready at this time to furnish further details regarding the exact location of the bank or the identity of the man who gave him \$250. He was pressed for information pertaining to the identity and location of the bank, and it was elicited from him that the bank was in a southern state. He acknowledged that by a southern state he meant a state far south, such as Louisiana or Alabama, and he added "or Mississippi" but denied that the state was actually Mississippi. He said the place where the bank was located was not just a small town and that the city or town was located near a river which constitutes a state boundary. Source learned from the unnamed man that the persons who robbed the bank were in the bank for only a minute or two and made a getaway in which they crossed the river on a bridge into an adjoining state. Source said that it was entirely possible that they could have been across this bridge and in another state within five minutes from the time they left the bank.

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Source said he wanted to wait at least a few days before he furnished further information, implying that within that period of time he might again be in touch with the unnamed man and would endeavor to ascertain the identities of any additional accomplices. He said he was not sure he was ready at this time to reveal the identity of the unnamed man and wanted to defer this decision. It was discussed with source the possibility of whether he might immediately reveal all details in his possession if a payment of money could be made to him for such, and he indicated he would be receptive to such payment, but concluded after some apparent consideration that he felt it would have to wait for at least a few days. He made a comment to the effect that he wanted to make sure he was "clear" himself. It was elicited from source that the unnamed man he referred to has not been a resident of St. Louis but is believed by source to be from the "southwest part of the country", and source believes he has served time in a penitentiary, possibly in Arkansas. Source also indicated he has gained an impression that the man has probably spent some time in Mexico.

Source said the reason he had not mentioned the matter of the bank robbery earlier was because he had felt that there was already enough of a rap against subject RAY, and he did not believe that there would be any great interest in the additional charge involving the robbery. Source said that he hoped to be able within a few days or a week or so to furnish additional details and that he would do so at a later time if possible.

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Source was recontacted on May 14, 1968, by SA GEORGE M. PEET and ALBERT J. RUSHING. Inquiry was made of source at this time regarding other occupants of the two buildings at 1805-1807 South Eleventh Street of which source is the caretaker. It was ascertained that source is currently the only occupant of the 4-unit building facing the street and numbered 1805-1807 South Eleventh Street. Source's unit which he occupies is on the first floor at 1807 South Eleventh. The last previous occupant of the unit on the first floor numbered 1805 South Eleventh was JAMES H. RAMSEY who, according to source, moved in there about the first of May, 1967. Source and RAMSEY were both arrested on June 2, 1967, by the St. Louis Police Department on a burglary charge for which source was thereafter confined in the city jail as has been previously referred to.

Both source and RAMSEY were released on bond from the city jail on about June 23 or June 24, 1967, and RAMSEY at that time stayed for a couple of days with source at 1807 South Eleventh. RAMSEY then went back to Weiner, Arkansas, where his parents reside for a time but came back to St. Louis in the latter part of September, 1967, and again lived at 1805 South Eleventh on the first floor. Both source and RAMSEY were sentenced on the burglary charge in St. Louis in October, 1967, source receiving six months probation and RAMSEY receiving a sentence of nine months probation which source believes expires in July, 1968. In February, 1968, RAMSEY left 1805 South Eleventh Street, St. Louis, and returned to his home and the home of his parents at Weiner, Arkansas, with the permission of his probation officer.

With regard to the building at the rear of the building referred to above source advised the rear building bears only the number 1805 South Eleventh. It also is a 2-story 4-family unit but neither of the two units on the first floor is occupied at this time. The second floor front is currently occupied by a woman named JUANITA HERNANDEZ (phonetic) and the second floor rear is occupied by a woman named MURIEL MC NICKOLS.

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