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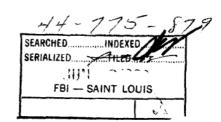
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Ex-convict JAMES W. BROWN reinterviewed at his present residence, Talladegs, Ala., and following is synopsis of additional information obtained:

HROWN was shown all available photos of JAMES HAKL HAY and picked out photo taken at bartending school as one most resembling RAY. Concerning other photo taken of RAY in California in January or Pebruary, 1968, BROWN said this did not resemble RAY, but did strongly resemble a person who came to a gas station where BROWN worked in June, 1967, in Referm, Ala. This person was driving a late-model red Mustang, and was accompanied by two white males, one being an ex-convict from the Missouri State Pen, FMU ALLEM, other unknown to BROWN. BROWN had no conversation with driver of Mustang, but ALLEM, whom BROWN had known in the pen, told BROWN that he and his two friends were going to Tuscaloosa, Ala., from Columbus, Ga. ALLEM had been released from pen few months before BROWN (June, 1965.) BROWN claimed he had seen ALLEM and RAY in conversations in the pen on several occasions and that BROWN was positive that ALLEM and BROWN knew each other.

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HROWN claimed that ALLEN was considered to be a "stool pigeon" inside the pen. ALLEN came from Kennett, Mo., and had been convicted of robbery. BROWN claimed that RAY was living in F Hall when BROWN met him through JOHNNY VELANTI, and that ALLEN also lived in F Hall. (Review of Kannas City report dated 5/15/68 fails to indicate that RAY ever lived in F Hall; however, it is noted that in St. louis report of 5/10/68, VELANTI claimed that RAY did live in F Hall.)

BROWN claimed the information he was furnishing concerned JAMES EARL RAY and he did not have him confused with any prisoners with similar names such as JAMES RAYE (as claimed by VELANTI) or JAMES WRAY.

EROWN claimed that VELANTI once said be, VELANTI, could get along in Mexico if he ever got there, and that he, VELANTI, would go to some small town past Mexico City to hide out, if he ever escaped. VELANTI named the town, but BROWN can not recall name. This claim was made in presence of MAY. VALENTI also claimed he had run off from an orphans' home at the age of 14, and was later "taken in" and raised by a Sheriff. VELANTI then became involved in allowing the escape of several prisoners being held by this Sheriff in Louisiana. Because of their close association in the pen, BROWN said it was most likely that RAY and VELANTI would get together outside.

EXCYN continued to claim he had no knowledge of any convict organization in the pen, but it appeared to interviewing agents that he was possibly withholding information when pressed on this point. He said there were several poker games operated by certain convicts and that some others took bets on sporting events. One of these was JOHNNIE JOHNSON, who operated a game with his "half-brother" HONBY ASHE. EROWN claimed he had seen JOHNSON and HAY in several conversations together and that RAY usually always played in the game operated by JOHNSON and ASHE.

DECWN identified one "SLICK" STEPHAN (ph) as a poker game operator who also was used to collect gambling debts inside the sen.

BROWN identified his closest friends in the pen as DONALD COX from St. Louis, who left in 1963 after serving

five years on robbery conviction; CHESTER RELEY (ph) from St. Louis, who is still confined; CHARLIE LAWSON, from St. Louis, who was released in 1965 after serving assault sentence, and WALTER STRAKEY, who is now believed to be in the Texas State Pen.

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AT ST. LOUIS, NO.:

Reinterview JOHNNIE VELANTI, as to his association with RAY, as claimed by BROWN, and as to all background of VELANTI as furnished by BROWN. Obtain further identification of JAMES RAYE and/or JAMES FRAY, from VELANTI. From VELANTI ascertain what hall RAY resided in during VELANTI's association with him. Ascertain if he knew RAY to work as a "walk boy" in any hall; if he knew RAY to participate in poker games, and, if so, who operated the game, and if RAY ever bet on any sporting events, and, if so, with whom. Ascertain if VELANTI's wife was injured in the same accident in which VELANTI's oldest child was killed, as claimed by REOWN. Identify place in Mexico where VELANTI claimed he could go to and hide and get along with the people.

Upon identification of FNU ALLEN from Rennett, No., will locate and interview ALLEN as to his knowledge of RAY and the identities of the two persons with him in the red Eustang in June, 1967, in Columbus, Ca.

KANSAS CITY:

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MO.:

Will identify the persons identified by BROWN as his closest friends in the pen and set out leads to have them interviewed as to the veracity of BROWN, their knowledge of his association with VFLANTI and/or RAY, their knowledge of any convict organization in the pen.

Will ascertain identity of "SLICK" STEDEAN and JOHNNIE JOHNSON and have them located and interviewed as to

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their knowledge of RAY, his gambling habits, and their association with him, if any. Will determine if JOHNSON and BOBBY ASHE are related.

Will identify FMU ALLEN from Kennett, No., and set out lead to have located and interviewed per information furnished by EROWN.

Will review records of RROWN for any information as to his stability, reliability and veracity. Will furnish photos of all persons identified by EROWN, as set out above, to be used in reinterview of EROWN, if deemed appropriate by Birmingham.

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GEA GEN. NO. 17

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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On May 28, 1968, SL 1209-C furnished the following information to SA ALBERT J. RUSHING:

Informant was an inmate at the Missouri State Penitentiary beginning in October 1964 and he thereby knew JAMES EARL RAY casually until RAY's escape in April 1967. He occasionally exchanged greetings and a few words with RAY on the infrequent occasions when he encountered RAY in the penitentiary. Informant and RAY never worked in the same area or resided in the same hall except for a brief period in 1965 when they were both assigned to K Hall. Informant observed that RAY was quiet and appeared to be a "loner" who kept to himself, never joking or mixing with the other inmates. There was no indication to informant's knowledge that RAY was on narcotics or junk. Informant knew nothing of RAY's reading habits although he assumed RAY might well have been reading on occasion when RAY was in his cell inasmuch as RAY would appear to stay in his cell a great deal of the time. Informant heard on one occasion from some inmate that RAY tried to sell amphetamine powder to some inmate and informant suggested a possibility that RAY might have been selling it for BOBBY ASH, who was an inmate from Kansas City who would have been a logical person from whom amphetamine powder might have been obtained for selling. There was "scuttlebutt" in the penitentiary indicating that BOBBY ASH did doal in amphetamine.

Informant had no specific knowledge of RAY's having been in a "loan shark" business in the penitentiary although many inmates did engage in such activities and RAY might have done so.

It was informant's observation that RAY attended to his own business and never appeared to have trouble with anyone. Informant gained no indication of RAY's attitude with respect to Negroes.

RAY did not appear to have any close associates but persons whom informant recalls now having seen in frequent conversation with RAY on some occasions were the following: RAY CLANTON from Arkansas, believed to have been released from the Missouri State Penitentiary about July or August 1967, and

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HERBIE PHELPS, an inmate from Kansas City whom informant believes is still an inmate at the Missouri State Penitentiary.

Informant has not seen nor heard anything of RAY since the latter's escape except what informant has learned from public news sources.

In April 1967 imbrmant was the driver of the prison truck in which RAY reportedly escaped from the penitentiary. Informant at that time was assigned at Renz Farm (the number two honor farm of the penitentiary) and as the driver of the prison truck he made daily trips in the truck between Renz Farm and the main prison halls accompanied by a guard. truck was used to obtain supplies, equipment, food, and various other things such as laundry for Renz Farm from both the main prison and other places in the town of Jefferson City. morning seven days a week informant drove the truck to obtain bread for Renz Farm from the bakery at the main prison. such occasions informant as an inmate at the farm was not permitted actually to go behind the prison walls at the main prison but left the truck at the truck tunnel (entrance) and the guard then accompanied the truck to the point behind the walls where the bread was loaded on the truck. Informant understood that the customary procedure was for other inmates so assigned in the bakery to place the bread in a bread box which in turn was loaded on the truck. It is informant's recollection that the box being used for the bread in the period of RAY's escape was a box about three feet by two and one half feet by three and one half feet and the top of the box opened on hinges. The bread, which was already sliced but was unwrapped, was placed in the box in layers which were separated by brown wrapping paper. The guard on the truck during this period of time was a guard named BURKHARDT and he was the guard on the truck at the time RAY reportedly escaped. Informant recalls that the day of RAY's reported escape was a Sunday. On Sundays the truck made no scheduled stops upon leaving the main prison until it reached Renz Farm except for numerous stop signs and traffic lights. arrival at Renz Farm on the day of RAY's reported escape the truck was stopped as was customary after it entered the entrance at Renz Farm in order to make a delivery of a small amount of

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bread to the residence of CARL MILLS, Superintendent of the farm whose residence is inside the gate. Two or three wrapped loaves, which were placed at the top of the bread box, were customarily delivered to MILLS' residence. On this particular occasion when informant went to the back of the truck to get the loaves of bread for delivery to the MILLS residence he saw that bread was scattered in the truck. Informant called the attention of the guard BURKHARDT to this situation and when the truck arrived at its destination at Renz Farm other guards there were also advised.

Neither informant nor anyone else so far as he was aware realized at first that the condition of the bread was an indication that someone had escaped. Upon arrival at the destination it was noted that the bread box was not as full as usual. A few hours later on the same day informant heard of a report to the effect that RAY had been found missing at the penitentiary at the time of a head count there and informant then heard that it was believed RAY had escaped in the bread box in the truck. Informant understood that since RAY had on some previous occasion hid out at the penitentiary prison officials apparently assumed that he may have hid out again inside the penitentiary and, therefore, the escape was not immediately reported officially according to what informant understood.

Informant expressed the observation that whoever loaded the bread box on the truck at the penitentiary must have known that RAY was inside the bread box. These persons would have been inmates assigned in the bakery but informant did not know their identities. Informant understood that RAY was assigned in the penitentiary kitchen which adjoins the bakery at the penitentiary.

The informant advised that the guard, BURKHARDT, was with him and the truck continuously from the time the truck left the main prison until it reached Renz Farm. Informant understood that BURKHARDT was subsequently reprimanded because the possibility of escape was not immediately recognized when the scattered bread was found in the truck.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO

SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775)

DATE: 6/7/68

FROM :

SA SPURGEON J. PETERSON

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

Re Springfield teletype dated 5/3/68.

On 5/15/68, Mr. T. EDWARD UMPERES, Area Security Supervisor, Southwestern Bell Telephone Co., St. Louis, advised that telephone number ME 1-7777 is issued to RAY BEZDEK doing business as RAY's Sporting Goods at 284 Lemay Ferry Road, St. Louis, Mo.

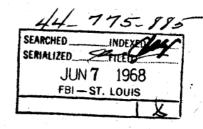
It should be noted that a call was made on 3/4/68 to this number by RUBY CARPENTER (stepmother of subject) from 630 North 6th St., Quincy, Ill., telephone number 223-9465.

It is also to be noted that ME 1-7777 was also called on 11/5/67 from the phone of JERRY RAYNES (subject's father) at Center, Missouri, phone 267-3467.

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Memorandum

TO

SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775)

DATE: 6/7/68

FROM

SA SPURGEON J. PETERSON

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

On 5/15/68, Mr. T. EDWARD UMPHRES, Area Security Supervisor, Southwestern Bell Telephone Co., St. Louis, Mo., in response to a subpoena dated 4/30/68 made available to SA SPURGEON J. PETERSON toll call information on the phone of LaFont's Sinclair Service Station, Portageville, Mo., PR 9-3502. The period covered was from 9/30/67 through 4/12/68. A xerox copy of the billings is filed in the lA serial of this file.

Individual leads have been set out.

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Memorandum

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SA JAMES A. DUFFEY(P)

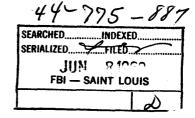
SUBJECT:

MURKIN

Attached is R/D 302 reflecting interview with JERRY RAYNES 6-6-68.

SPOT SURVEILLANCE

Spot surveillanceswere maintained on two occasions at the JERRY RAYNES Farm on 6-6-68. First in early PM and later in PM just prior to interview with Mr. RAYNES. There appeared no activity at either time. The interview with Mr. RAYNES was at the house and there is no indication of any change and the house was empty except for Mr. RAYNES and no indication any other person has been living there.





OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10 MAY 1962 EDITION GSA FPMR (41 CFR) 101-11.6

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO

SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775)

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SA SPURGEON J. PETERSON

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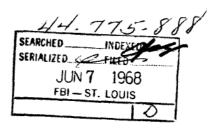
Re memo of SA SPURGEON J. PETERSON dated 4/25/68 (serial 44-775-303).

On 5/15/68, T. EDWARD IMPHRES, Area Security Supervisor, Southwestern Bell Telephone Co., advised that telephone number MA 8-3401 is a published number for the Pemiscott Packing Co., Wardell, Mo.

Telephone number FA 8-9990 is a published number for the Broseley Laundromat at Broseley, Mo.

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FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861

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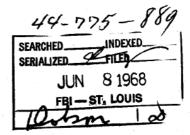
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-3886L), LOUISVILLE (44-947), AND ST. LOUIS (44-775)

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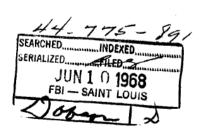
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Re memo of SA DOBSON, 5-23-68.

SA DOBSON

There are no Salvation Army Headquarters or professionalcharitable type missions in the Rolla, Mo. RA territory.





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Memorandum

TO

SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) ATTENTION: SA DOBSON 6-11-68

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FROM

SA S. J. PETERSON

SUBJECT:

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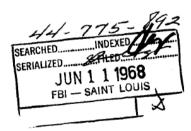
Re memo of SA BROWN, SLMO, 5-15-68. Re memo requested info confidentially obtained frim to 11 tickets re telephone of JERRY RAYNES, Center, No., 267-3467.

The telephone number MI 5-2948, is the former phone number of CARROLL PEPPER, daughter of RAYNES, who lives in SLMO.

Phone number MI 1-7771 is listed issued to RAY BEZDEK doing business as RAY's SPORTING GOODS CO., 284 Lemay Ferry Road, SLMO. This subscriber and his connection with JERRY RAYNES or subject should be further determined.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO

SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) ATTENTION: SA DOBSON DATE: 6-11-68

FROM :

SA S. J. PETERSON

SUBJECT:

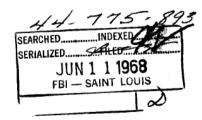
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A subpoena was directed to T. EDWARD UMPHRER, Area Security Supervisor, Southwestern Bell Tele. Co., SLMO, 4-30-68. As a result, on 5-15-68, the confidentially furnished the toll info re telephone number 379-3136, of J. D. DAILAY, 402 W. 9th St., Portageville, Mo. The period covered is from 3-21-68 to 4-9-68. This was the first bill issued on this subscriber.

Zerox copy of billing has been filed in the 1 A serial of this file.

Appropriate leads have been set out.

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TO:

SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM:

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ReBuairtel to Memphis and St. Louis 6/4/68. Remyairtel 6/12/68.

RE: Suspects, W. Davis, B. Chidlow, Vincent Walker, and Lawrence Rand.

The following investigation was conducted by SA THOMAS L. BUCKLEY at St. Louis, Missouri:

On 6/12/68 VINCENT JOSEPH WALKER, 547% Oriole, advised that he was in St. Louis, Missouri, on April 4 and 5, 1968, and that, in fact, he has seldom been out of the State of Missouri during his entire lifetime. He recalled that he did take one trip to Mississippi when he was about 18 years old and on this occasion he hitchhiked. He stated he has never been to Texas and has never flown on a commercial airline. Neither does he own a gray suit, or for that matter, any suit at all. He lives at 5471 Oriole with his father, VINCENT WALKER, and a brother, THOMAS WALKER. He is separated from his wife and a daughter by their marriage, KIMBERLY ANN, age 2, lives with him. WALKER advised that he is currently unemployed and was also unemployed in April, 1968, and that probably no one aside from his father and brother could likely verify his presence in St. Louis on April 4 and 5, 1968.

The following description of WALKER was obtained by observation and interview:

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VINCENT JOSEPH WALKER White Male 5'8" 150 Medium Medium brown Blue Medium Tattoos:

Upper outer left arm, eagle's head; Outer left forearm, letter V enclosed in a circle. under which is the number 13: Inner left forearm, letters KKK; Webbing of left thumb, pachuco mark; Knuckles of left hand, letters HATE; Upper outer right arm, name Vince: Outer right forearm. numbers (his social security number) The above social security number was partially obscured by a large burn scar which covers most of the inner right forearm from the wrist to the elbow; Letters LOVE on right knuckles. Upper right front tooth missing.

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For the information of Memphis, it was noted that the subject's face appeared to be a little thinner than depicted in photographs forwarded in referenced airtel dated 6/12/68. In view of WALKER's comments, St. Louis is holding further investigation in abeyance pending exhibiting of WALKER's photograph to appropriate witnesses by the Memphis Division.

TO:

SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

FROM:

SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) P

RE:

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Reurairtel to Bureau, 5-29-68.

Ex-con DONALD GARFIELD COX has advised he was in the MSP, 9-60 to 9-63. He recognized the photo of subject as being a prisoner who knew slightly there. He stated RAY was a "loner", did not associate with other prisoners, and was not generally well liked by other inmates. RAY was not known to him to gamble.

COX was unable to recall a prisoner named ALLEN, but thought he might recognize a photo of such an individual if it is available.

He recalled fellow inmate JAMES BROWN as being a notorious lier and teller of tallitales who always had some big deal going for which reason he shuned BROWN whenever possible.

The Bureau and Memphis have previously been advised of the above by TT.

Ex-con JOHN PAUL VELANTI has steadfastly maintained he does not know subject other than being generally aware subject was a fellow inmate at MSP during the time he was incarcerated there. VELANTI states he never held conversations with subject, does not recall ever having been housed in the same hall with him. VELANTI has admitted running a poker game and lottery at the prison in which he had numerous other inmates working for him. He is positive he never employed RAY in any of these undertakings. He has specifically denied ever planning or executing a burglary or robbery of any oil

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He admitted/with an unidentified prisoner outside the Catholic Chapel following President KENNEDY's assassination, due to the derogatory remark about KENNEDY being a Catholic. He stated such prisoner could not have been subject. No charges were filed as a result of this instant.

He recalled an inmate named JIMMY RAYE who was somewhat active in gambling activities at the prison. This individual was a white male, doing 25 years for rape. RAYE also played basketball at the prison. VELANTI also recalled RAYE was in trouble with an inmate gambler, TEX MARTIN, due to a gambling debt. VELANTI persuaded MARTIN to "lay off" RAYE.

VELANTI recalled BROWN as a good friend with whom he "celled" and also "took care of" at MSP. He first met BROWN at the prison although they were in the Kansas City, Mo. jail at the same time in different tanks. He associated with BROWN both at the MSP and at the Minimum Security Prison at Moberly. He described BROWN as a friend who would have no reason to lie about him.

SL does not contemplate further questioning of VELANTI, concerning BROWN's allegations.

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TO:

SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM:

SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) P

RE:

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REBUAIRTEL, 6-4-68, re suspects W. DAVIS, B. CHIDLOW, VINCENT WALKER and LAWRENCE RAND.

Enclosed herewith, pursuant to reairtel, are two photos of VINCENT JOSEPH WALKER, FBI # 52 651 D, as obtained from SLPD.

SL endeavoring to locate.

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TO:

SAC, SPRINGFIELD

FROM:

SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) P

RE:

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REURTEL, 5-3-68.

It was indicated that SL telephone number ME 1-7777 had been called on 3-4-68, by RUBY CARPENTER, step-mother of subject, from Quincy, Ill.

SL coverage of relatives also disclosed this number was called by subject's father, JERRY RAYNES.

SA SPURGEON J. PETERSON determined from MR. T. E. UMPHRES, Area Security Supervisor, SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE CO., SLMO, (PROTECT), that ME 1-7777 is issued to RAY BEZDEK doing business as RAY's SPORTING GOODS, 284 Lemmy Ferry, SLMO.

On 6-7-68, RAY REZDEK, 284 Lemmy Ferry, SLMO, advised SA JOSEPH A. DUBJAK that he was unable to recognize the photo of subject as being anyone known to him and that the names JAMES EARL RAY, and aliases used by subject, were likewise unfamiliar to him.

The names JERRY RAYNES and RUBY CARPENTER did have a familiar ring and after some consideration he recalled that in connection with an automobile license application and title transfer service, which he operates in conjunction with his sporting goods business, he was contacted in either Oct. or Nov. 1967, by one JERRY RAYNES who desired to transfer the title of two automobiles to RUBY CARPENTER of Quincy, Ill. The transfer necessarily went through the Mo. State Motor Vehicle Office, Jefferson City and some problems arose in connection therewith which occasioned this receipt of several calls from both RAYNES and CARPENTER. He was of the opinion that RAYNES was the only individual who had ever appeared at his store and he was unable to recall ever having seen CARPENTER.

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MR. BEZDEK stated he would have forgotten the entire matter had not he recently received a call from RUBY CARPENTER in which she stated she was attempting to get in touch with RAYNES and wanted to know if he had any info as to his whereabouts. MR. BEZDEK stated he did not have such information.

TO:

SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

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ReLAtel to Director, 5-17-68, AM copy to SL, re LA Times informant "BOB" (LNU).

SL indices, City and County directories, telephone book, SL City and County PD records, SL Credit Bureau, and canvases of sources have failed to identify or disclose identifiable references to EEN or JACK STURGIS "of St. Louis, who used to work bar on Second Street, Reno, mentioned on page 6 of retel.

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Re Springfield tel, 6-10-68.

JOHN EUGENE GAVRON, during several interviews, has repeatedly denied any centact with subject subsequent to subject's escape from MSP. There is no reason to believe he would furnish any different information at this time, however, in view of subject's capture, SL contemplates reinterview with GAVRON to afford him an opportunity to furnish any information he may previously have withheld. Due to GAVRON'S proven unreliability in the past, it would appear extremely doubtful that he could furnish any information of value.

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