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| Duclos          | Garrad-Jones    | Carmel Delane    |
| Dasilva         | Petchora        | Signor Tomelli   |
| Clements        | Donovan         | Rene Mathis      |
| Caffery         | Harthrop-Vane   | Monsieur Versoix |
| Fawcett         | Ventnor         | Adolph Gettler   |
| Herr Nummer     | Mace            | Herr Gettler     |
| Herr Ziffer     | Savarin         |                  |
| Smersh          | Mathis          |                  |
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THE DIAMOND SMUGGLERS

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| Donald Miles                     | Leiser Weitman     |
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Donovan Grant

"Red" Grant

Krassno Granitsky

"Granit"

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Drax

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Fouche

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Darko Kerim

Lermontov

Swaine

Adeney

Wilkinson

Kerim Bey

Cecil Beaton

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Croesus  
David Somerset  
Bianco  
Major Dansey  
Gyllius  
Vavra  
Krilencu  
Zora  
Vida  
Boris Kerim  
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Kurt Goldfarb  
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"Tempo"  
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GOLDFINGER

Blackwell  
Schwab  
Santos  
Johnny Crawford  
Auric Goldfinger  
Mr. Armour  
Jill Masterton  
Colonel Smithers  
Sassoon  
Ellerman  
Lord Cowdray  
Rothschilds, Barings, Jed Midnight  
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Williamson  
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Hopton Wood  
Alfred Blacking  
Farquharson  
Hawker  
Lord Lonsdale  
Homer  
Philip Scrutton  
Foulks  
Hagen  
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Le Touquet  
Tilly Masterton  
Dr. Foch  
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Helmut M. Springer  
Billy (The Grinner) Ring  
Jack Strap  
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Jim Colossimo  
Slappy Hapgood  
Giulio  
Bloody Morgan  
Cortez

GOLDFINGER

O' Brien  
Weathership Charlie  
Dutch Schuyts  
Napoleon, Hitler

LIVE AND LET DIE

Grady  
Arthur Fein  
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Tee-Hee Johnson  
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Flannel  
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Quarrel

THE MAN WITH THE GOLDEN GUN

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Captain Walker  
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Deutz

Guderian

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Jack Hobbs

Gordon Richards

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Tranby Croft

Steffi Esposito

Meyer

Gibbon

Longchamp

Brevett

Canfield

Dangerfield

Max

Porterfield

Grimley

General Bealey

Duff Sutherland

Morphy

Ronnie Vallance

Tallon

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Group Captain Tandy

Peter Trimble

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Vivian



ON HER MAJESTY'S SECRET SERVICE

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ON HER MAJESTY'S SECRET SERVICE

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| George Albert Windsor       | Don Shirley              | Captain Stonor        |
| Ernst George Blofeld        | James Grant              |                       |
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| Herr Graf                   | Nosy Parker              |                       |
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| Simon de Bleuville          | Bill Kenny               |                       |
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**THUNDERBALL**

Bircher-Brenner  
Kneipp  
Preissnitz  
Rikli  
Schroth  
Gossman  
Bilz  
Joshua Wain  
Alan Moyle  
Heinkel  
Count Lippe  
Beresford  
Jules  
Gregor Karliski  
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Giuseppi Petacchi  
Fidelio Sciacco  
Bruno Bayer  
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Emilio Largo  
Kotze  
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Roddick  
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Kono  
Kazama  
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In connection with the captioned case there has been speculation that James Earl Ray concocted the alias of Eric Starvo Galt by combining the names of characters from books by Ian Fleming and from a book "Atlas Shrugged" by Ayn Rand. This speculation is based on the fact that in the James Bond books by Ian Fleming there is a character named Ernst Stavro Blofield and in "Atlas Shrugged" there is a character named John Galt, as well as one named Eric Starnes. Ernst Stavro Blofield is a formidable person, John Galt is a "social drop out" and Eric Starnes is described in the book as a "whiner" from a low-class family.

In view of the above and in order that Agents handling this investigation can be alert to the possibility of Ray's utilizing an alias based on characters in Fleming's books, there is set out as an attachment to this airtel a list of various characters in those books for your assistance.

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AIRMAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

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

BROWN was shown all available photos of JAMES EARL RAY and picked out photo taken at bartending school as one most resembling RAY. Concerning other photo taken of RAY in California in January or February, 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 Reform, 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, FNU ALLEN, other unknown to BROWN. BROWN had no conversation with driver of Mustang, but ALLEN, whom BROWN had known in the pen, told BROWN that he and his two friends were going to Tuscaloosa, Ala., from Columbus, Ga. ALLEN had been released from pen few months before BROWN (June, 1965.) BROWN claimed he had seen ALLEN and RAY in conversations in the pen on several occasions and that BROWN was positive that ALLEN and BROWN knew each other.

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*Check by lab type of Donald Lee interview  
Birmingham ask by airtel of Lee + Valenti interview  
re further interview re Valenti regarding  
Brown allegation re: St. Louis by SL*

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BROWN 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 Kansas 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.

BROWN claimed that VELANTI once said he, 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 RAY. VELANTI also claimed he had run off from an orphan's 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.

BROWN 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" BOBBY ASHE. BROWN claimed he had seen JOHNSON and RAY in several conversations together and that RAY usually always played in the game operated by JOHNSON and ASHE.

BROWN identified one "SLICE" STEPHAN (ph) as a poker game operator who also was used to collect gambling debts inside the pen.

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



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five years on robbery conviction; CHESTER KELEY (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.

LEADS

ST. LOUIS:

AT ST. LOUIS, MO.:

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 WRAY, 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 BROWN. 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 Kennett, Mo., will locate and interview ALLEN as to his knowledge of RAY and the identities of the two persons with him in the red Mustang in June, 1967, in Columbus, Ga.

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 VELANTI and/or RAY, their knowledge of any convict organization in the pen.

Will ascertain identity of "SLICK" STEPHAM 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 FNU ALLEN from Kennett, Mo., and set out lead to have located and interviewed per information furnished by BROWN.

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

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC **ST. LOUIS (137-7517)**

DATE: **6/6/68**

FROM : SA **ALBERT J. RUSHING**

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SUBJECT: **SL 1209-C**  
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| Dates of Contact<br><b>5/28/68</b>   |  |   |
| Titles and File #s on which contacted  |  |   |
| <b>MURKIN</b>  |  | <b>44-775</b>                                       |
| <b>UNSUB;</b>  |  | <b>91-2653</b>                                      |
| <b>United Savings and Loan Assn.</b>   |  |   |
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| Purpose and results of contact   |  |   |
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| <p>Informant viewed the artist's conception prepared by the Bureau of the UNSUB in above captioned case. He said this artist's conception resembles a person he has encountered two or three times in recent months in South St. Louis whose last name informant believes is GOFF (phonetic). Informant believes this individual also answers the description of the UNSUB as provided by witnesses. Informant will attempt to obtain identifying information re the person he referred to and this will be followed with the informant.</p> |  |   |
| <p><i>Copy (with deleted copy) furnished to Joseph Cross Dept of Justice on 8-19-76</i></p>  |  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.   | Rating<br><b>Good</b>                        | Coverage <b>ITSP; BR; BB; GIIF FUGITIVE MATTERS</b> |
| Personal Data<br><b>Informant released MSP 10/67 now residing with wife and family 411 E. Swon, Webster Groves, Mo., phone WO 1-3208. Employed as route salesman by Shenandoah Bakery, 3135 Park Ave., SLMO.</b>   |  |   |

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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 deal 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 informant 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. The 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. Every morning seven days a week informant drove the truck to obtain bread for Renz Farm from the bakery at the main prison. On 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. On 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.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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

FROM : SA SPURGEON J. PETERSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 6/7/68

Re Springfield teletype dated 5/3/68.

On 5/15/68, Mr. T. EDWARD UMPHRES, 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)

FROM : SA SPURGEON J. PETERSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 6/7/68

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 1A serial of this file.

Individual leads have been set out.

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# Memorandum

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

DATE: 6-7-68

FROM : SA JAMES A. DUFFEY (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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

## SPOT SURVEILLANCE

Spot surveillances were 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.

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# Memorandum

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

FROM : SA SPURGEON J. PETERSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 6/7/68

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

On 5/15/68, T. EDWARD ~~EMPHRES~~, 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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103PM URGENT 6/8/68 GJM

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861

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SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY APPREHENDED AT LONDON,  
ENGLAND, JUNE EIGHT INSTANT. DISCONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE  
AND REMOVE ALL STOPS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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437PM URGENT 6-10-68 DMJ

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-3886L), LOUISVILLE (44-947), AND ST. LOUIS  
(44-775)  
FROM SPRINGFIELD) (44-561)

MURKIN

REFERENCE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU SIX SEVEN LAST AND  
LOUISVILLE TELETYPE TO BUREAU SIX SIX LAST.

WITNESSES THE BANK OF ALTON RECONTACTED, ADVISE THEY  
DO NOT FEEL THEY COULD MAKE POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION OF UNSUBS  
DUE TO SILK STOCKING MASKS.

LOUISVILLE AT MAYFIELD, KENTUCKY, DISPLAY PHOTOS JAMES EARL  
RAY TO LARRY MC INTOSH, MENS STYLE SHOP TO DETERMINE IF RAY  
KNOWN THERE. FURTHER DISPLAY PHOTOS TO SOURCES AND POLICE  
AGENCIES FOR SAME PURPOSE.

ST. LOUIS REINTERVIEW <sup>John</sup> GAWRON TO DETERMINE IF HE WAS  
CONTACTED BY RAY SUBSEQUENT TO ESCAPE MSP AND BR JULY THIRTEEN  
LAST.

AIRMAIL COPIES SENT CHICAGO AND MEMPHIS FOR INFO.

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# Memorandum

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

FROM : SA A. D. PARK

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 6-10-68

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

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

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# Memorandum

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

FROM : SA S. J. PETERSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 6-11-68

Re memo of SA BROWN, SLMO, 5-15-68. Re memo requested info confidentially obtained from toll tickets re telephone of JERRY RAYNES, Center, Mo., 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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# Memorandum

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

FROM : SA S. J. PETERSON

SUBJECT: M U R K I N

DATE: 6-11-68

A subpoena was directed to T. EDWARD UMPHREY, Area Security Supervisor, Southwestern Bell Tele. Co., SLMO, 4-30-68. As a result, on 5-15-68, he confidentially furnished the toll info re telephone number 379-3136, of J. D. DAILEY, 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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Via **TELETYPE** \_\_\_\_\_ **URGENT** \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Priority)

**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)**

**FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)**

**MURKIN**

**RE SI TEL TO BUREAU JUNE TEN LAST.**

**CONTACTS INITIATED WITH LAUNDRIES ALTON AREA AND  
 DISPLAY OF PHOTOS JAMES EARL RAY AND ASSOCIATES UNPRODUCTIVE.  
 CONTACTS WITH LAUNDRIES CONTINUING.**

**AM COPIES SENT CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS FOR  
 INFORMATION.**

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 Special Agent in Charge



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**AIRTEL AIRMAIL**

**TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)**  
**FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) P**

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ReBuairtel to Memphis and St. Louis 6/4/68. ReNyairtel 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, 5472 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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| Name            | VINCENT JOSEPH WALKER   |
| Race            | White   |
| Sex             | Male  |
| Height          | 5'8"  |
| Weight          | 150   |
| Build           | Medium  |
| Hair            | Medium brown  |
| Eyes            | Blue  |
| Complexion      | Medium  |
| Scars and marks | Tattoos:<br><br>Upper outer left arm,<br>eagle's head;<br>Outer left forearm,<br>letter V enclosed in a circle,<br>under which is the number 13;<br>Inner left forearm,<br>letters KKK;<br>Webbing of left thumb,<br>pachuco mark;<br>Knuckles of left hand,<br>letters HATE;<br>Upper outer right arm,<br>name Vince;<br>Outer right forearm,<br>numbers [redacted] (his social<br>security number)<br>The above social security number<br>was partially obscured by a large<br>burn scar which covers most of<br>the inner right forearm from the<br>wrist to the elbow;<br>Letters LOVE on right knuckles.<br>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.

6-12-68

AIRTEL AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)  
FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) P  
RE: MURKIN

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 liar and teller of tall tales who always had "some big deal" going for which reason he shunned 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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**AIRTEL            AIRMAIL**

**TO:            SAC, MEMPHIS    (44-1987)**  
**FROM:        SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) P**  
**RE:            M U R K I N**

**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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**AIRTEL AIRMAIL**

**TO: SAC, SPRINGFIELD**  
**FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) P**  
**RE: MURKIN**  
**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 Lemay Ferry, SLMO.

On 6-7-68, RAY BEZDEK, 284 Lemay 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.

6-13-68

**AIRTEL AIRMAIL**

**TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)**  
**FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) P**  
**RE: MURKIN**

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 BEN 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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**AIRTEL AIRMAIL**

**TO: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)**  
**FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) P**  
**RE: MURKIN**

Re Springfield tel, 6-10-68.

JOHN EUGENE GAWRON, during several interviews, has repeatedly denied any contact 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 GAWRON to afford him an opportunity to furnish any information he may previously have withheld. Due to GAWRON'S proven unreliability in the past, it would appear extremely doubtful that he could furnish any information of value.

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