

**REPORT  
of the****FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)  
Re: MURKIN  
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Date: April 17, 1968  
FBI File No. 44-38861  
Lab. No. D-560665 JK  
D-560666 JK  
D-560667 JK

Specimens received from Los Angeles, 4/12/68

- Q127 White envelope bearing typewritten address "MR DALE L. DYKEMA, Receiver 3325 Wilshire Boulevard Los Angeles, California. 90005." postmarked "Los Angeles California Annex JA 22 AM 1968"
- Q128 Typewritten letter dated 1/21/68, beginning "DEAR SIR, I AM WRITING..." and signed "Eric S. Galt"
- Q129 Letter dated 12/21/67, addressed to "Eric Galt 1535 North Serrano, Hollywood, California," beginning "Dear Mr. Galt: As you know..." and signed "Dale L. Dykema"

Specimens received from Chicago, 4/12/68

- Q130 Typewritten letter dated 10/5/67, beginning "Dear Sir: I received..." and signed "Eric S. Galt"
- Q131 Typewritten letter dated 10/22/67, beginning "Dear Sir, I ordered four..." and signed "Eric S. Galt"
- Q132 Typewritten letter dated 11/20/67, beginning "Dear Sir, While in Birmingham..." and signed "Eric S. Galt"
- Q133 Order Blank of the Superior Bulk Film Co., Chicago, Ill. for order in the amount of \$337.24, to be shipped to Eric S. Galt, 2608 Highland Ave., Birmingham, Alabama

ALSO SUBMITTED: Six miscellaneous items of correspondence of the Superior Bulk Film Co.

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Specimens received from Newark, 4/13/68

Q134 Enrollment Form of the Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, N. J., dated 7/31/67, in the name "Eric S. Galt"

Q135 "Confidential Information" form of the Locksmithing Institute, bearing the signature "Eric S. Galt"

Result of examination:

The "Eric S. Galt" signatures on Q128, Q130, Q131, Q132 and Q135 were prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on items previously submitted in this case.

The typewritten impressions appearing on Q127, Q128, Q130, Q131, Q132 and Q135 were found to be the same style of type but the lack of identifying defects precluded a determination as to whether the same typewriter prepared all of these items; however, no significant differences were noted between the impressions appearing on these items. The style of type appearing on these specimens conforms to a standard for Royal pica style of type spaced ten letters to the inch. This style of type also appears on a typewriter sold under the Singer name.

It was determined that the hand printing appearing the Q133 order blank and the Q134 enrollment form was prepared by the same individual. No questioned hand printing appears on the other items received.

Indented impressions were noted on the reverse side of the Q128 letter. The names "Ray," "Galt" and "Rily" and numerals "ET3623" were some of the notations interpreted on this item. A photograph of the indented writing is enclosed for the information of Los Angeles.

The submitted evidence has been retained.

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On April 30, 1968, Mr. GUNNAR BURKE, Superior Bulk Film Company, 442 North Wells, advised SA LEONARD F. KACZMAREK the company does not maintain serial numbers of cameras or projectors on incoming or outgoing shipments. BURKE added the company purchases its equipment from the Eastman Kodak Company, Oakbrook, Illinois.

On April 30, 1968, Miss COLLEEN DREW, Eastman Kodak Company, 1901 West 22nd, Oakbrook, Illinois, advised the company only maintains serial numbers of cameras and projectors on incoming shipments from the Kodak Company in Rochester, New York. The Oakbrook branch does not maintain serial numbers of outgoing shipments and, therefore, cannot establish the serial numbers sent to individual mail order houses or individual customers. Regarding warranties, Miss DREW advised all warranty slips received at the Oakbrook branch are mailed to the main office of Kodak in Rochester, New York, and the local branch does not maintain any records concerning warranties. The Rochester Office maintains records of warranties under names of individuals on which the serial number is entered by the customer. The warranties are of one year duration.

On April 29, 1968, the Identification Division, Latent Fingerprint Section, advised that the latent fingerprint previously reported on the letter Q130 has been determined to be of no value in instant matter.

On July 2, 1968, the Buffalo Division advised that inquiry at the Eastman Kodak Company, Rochester, New York, developed that no warranty given for any Kodak camera equipment and serial numbers was recorded when shipped by company. A warranty is furnished for Kodak Projector M952 and approximately 50 per cent of the slips are returned by purchasers. Checks presently being made to determine if warranty returned by the subject under his true name and known aliases in an effort to determine serial number of projector.

Investigation from the various subscription lists of the magazines utilized by Superior Bulk Film Company did not develop any subscriber identifiable with the subject.

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CHAMBERLAIN described GJIRDIS OLSEN as a woman still in her twenties, mentally retarded who he believes is presently residing with her parents, possibly a Mr. and Mrs. PAUL A. OLSEN, 1344 Hazel Avenue, Deerfield, Illinois. This address and the name of her parents was given to the club by OLSEN at the time she started her employment as a waitress.

A review of RAY's cancelled checks appears that he does his banking at the Wheeling Trust and Savings Bank, Wheeling, Illinois. All the checks observed were cashed at this bank.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN advised that he has no objection to the FBI using his parking lot to maintain a constant surveillance on RAY. He also stated that he will immediately contact RAY and talk to him concerning the necessity of RAY's complete cooperation with the FBI. The patrol service used by the Sportsman Country Club is the Glenbrook Patrol Service, Glenview, Illinois, a service operated by THOMAS BUCKLIN with telephone number Park 4-3434.

RAY, according to CHAMBERLAIN, had a brother whose first name was unknown to him who, according to RAY, was employed as a bartender approximately one year ago at the Indian Lake Country Club near Ealingdale, Illinois. The club is owned by the Braninger Organization. This brother was also a bartender supposedly employed by the Green Bakers Country Club which is located a short distance east of the Sportsman Country Club.

As to RAY's divorced wife, GJIRDIS OLSEN, Mr. CHAMBERLAIN was of the impression that RAY had to marry GJIRDIS due to her being pregnant.

RAY has no close friends at the club, associates with no one and seldom leaves the club other than on a Tuesday which is his regular day off.

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Mrs. MARGUERITE WELCH, who resides at 287 Crestwood Village, Northfield, Illinois, home phone HI 6-6087, who is in charge of personnel at the Sportsman Country Club located on Dundee Road, Wheeling, Illinois, advised SA HARRY A. WALKER as follows on April 24, 1968:

She has been acquainted with JERRY RAY, the maintenance man at the Sportsman Country Club, since approximately September, 1964, when he started employment as a dishwasher at the country club coming to the club from the Bell Employment Service, Chicago, Illinois. RAY left shortly after his employment started; however, returned within one or two months and continued his employment as a dishwasher. He eventually became night maintenance man at the club and has always in this capacity performed his work in a capable manner and was honest in every respect; however, she is of the opinion that RAY has a low mental capacity.

RAY at no time has ever visited her home at the above address and she has had no contact with RAY since he left the Sportsman Country Club on April 23, 1968, which is his day off, until the present time. RAY on his day off which falls on a Tuesday usually takes a bus to Chicago, visits a theater, sometimes staying in Chicago and returning the next day either for lunch or dinner.

RAY has spoken of a brother who she believes is from the St. Louis, Missouri area; however, he never provided any additional information concerning this brother other than the fact that he was a bartender. RAY also had a child during his marriage to GJIRDIS RAY, nee OLSEN, a former waitress at the country club; however, GJIRDIS was pregnant by a former husband whose last name she remembers as STRIET (phonetic) and the baby was born shortly after RAY's marriage to GJIRDIS RAY, nee OLSEN. To the best of her recollection, GJIRDIS RAY no longer has this baby turning it over to a welfare agency for adoption. RAY also has an ex-wife, possibly in Nashville, Tennessee, and had a son and a daughter by this marriage who should be in the vicinity of from eight to ten years old. Approximately three years ago at Christmas during his employ-

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ment at the club, RAY flew to Tennessee to visit these two children; however, she knows nothing further concerning these children or their mother or where the family is presently residing in Tennessee.

RAY has no close friends at the club; however, in the past has filled in for other employees of the club in addition to his own duties when the employees wanted time off and needed someone to work in their place. He at no time spoke of other members of his family other than to say that he had a brother that was a bartender in the St. Louis area and she had no idea that RAY was incarcerated in the past. Her records revealed that RAY worked steadily during the night at the Sportsman Country Club from Wednesday evening, April 3, 1968, through Monday, April 8, 1968, without having any time off.

She is of the opinion that RAY is not cooperating with the FBI in every respect, does not feel that some of the questions asked of him are important enough for him to give any thought in answering; however, it could be that due to his low mental condition that he is not capable of answering the questions asked of him. However, she is going to talk to RAY telling him that she "thinks" that this is an extremely important part of his life to cooperate with the FBI in every respect.

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Mrs. MARGUERITE WELCH, immediate supervisor of JERRY RAY at the Sportsman Country Club, Dundee Road, Northbrook, Illinois, and Mr. RICHARD CHAMBERLAIN, owner of the club, were contacted by SA HARRY A. WALKER on the evening of April 24, 1968, and given the background of JERRY RAY's visit to "Life Magazine," Chicago, Illinois. Both people who expressed surprise of RAY's contact with "Life" were advised that "Life" did not learn the identity of JERRY RAY from the FBI.

The above people also advised that before JERRY RAY left Sportsman Country Club voluntarily on April 24, 1968, for the Chicago Office of the FBI, they talked to him attempting to impress upon RAY the necessity of RAY fully cooperating with the FBI at all times in this investigation.

Both of the above people advised that one or the other will know if JERRY RAY does not report for work and if he does not, they will immediately contact the Chicago Office of the FBI.

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Captain THOMAS S. BUCKLIN, Director, Glenbrook Patrol Service, Incorporated, 1132 Waukegan Road, Glenview, Illinois, telephone Park 4-3434, advised SA HARRY A. WALKER on April 26, 1968, that his company is the patrol service for the Sportsman's Country Club, Dundee Road, Northbrook, Illinois.

BUCKLIN stated that under an agreement with Mr. RICHARD CHAMBERLAIN, owner of the Sportsman's Country Club, his men have to personally contact JERRY RAY nightly at the club at 12:00 Midnight, 2:00 AM, and 4:30 AM, with the exception of Tuesday, RAY's day off, and if RAY is not working at the time of any of the contacts they are to immediately contact Mr. CHAMBERLAIN and advise him of this fact. BUCKLIN advised that these instructions were given to him by CHAMBERLAIN at the time his company took over the patrol service for the Sportsman's Country Club.

It was related by BUCKLIN that Lieutenant GLENN TIBBS and Sergeant THOMAS PODUCH are the patrolmen from his agency that personally contact JERRY RAY, each on alternate nights, and RAY almost immediately after the publicity broke concerning JAMES EARL RAY confided in both men that he was the brother of JAMES EARL RAY.

BUCKLIN stated that he will immediately advise both of his above patrolmen to also immediately contact the Chicago Office of the FBI if JERRY RAY disappears at any time during the midnight, 2:00 AM, and 4:30 AM contacts with RAY at Sportsman's Country Club.

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Re: JERRY'S EMPLOYMENT AT  
NORTH SHORE COUNTRY CLUB

The following investigation was conducted by SAs  
WILLIAM M. O'BRIEN, LAURENCE SCHENCK, JR. and PHILIP R. TRACY, JR.  
at Glenview, Illinois, on May 3, 1968:

Mr. KARL HALLERBERG, Manager of the North Shore  
Country Club in Glenview, Illinois, telephone number 729-1200,  
advised that a check of their files was negative for JAMES  
EARL RAY but that these files contained the following informa-  
tion regarding JERRY WILLIAM RAY:

JERRY RAY was employed as a locker room man from  
May 15, 1962, until about February, 1964, when he left without  
giving any notice. RAY was engaged by Mr. VICTOR CHIGAS, who  
was general manager at the time and who would know JERRY RAY  
well. VICTOR CHIGAS is presently an investment broker for  
Walston and Company, Incorporated, 111 West Jackson, Chicago,  
Illinois, office telephone number 427-7101, home address  
1326 Prairie Lawn, Glenview, Illinois, home telephone number  
729-3826.

RAY listed the following information on an application  
form for employment, dated June 28, 1962:

Position	Locker room assistant
Social Security Number	<input type="text"/>
Residence Address	North Shore Country Club Glenview, Illinois
Marital Status	Married
Place of Birth	Quincy, Illinois
Date of Birth	<input type="text"/>
Age	26
American Citizen	Yes
Nationality	Irish-French
Religion	Catholic
Height	5'9"
Weight	155 pounds
Color Eyes	Brown

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Color Hair	Brown
Dependents	Four, wife-children
Insurance Carried	None
Physical Defects	None
Work Time Lost Due To Illness	None
Have You Ever Been Bonded	No
Education	Grade School, Quincy, Illinois, Graduated 1952; Sheridan, Illinois, High School, did not graduate
Any Other Schooling	No
Military Service	No
References	Mr. ALBER PEPPER - Mechanic 174 Lafayette St. Louis  Mr. FRED HAINES - Furniture Mover 1818 South 12th St. Louis
Previous Employment	Rolling Green Country Club Arlington Heights, Houseman, \$50 per week, laid off, worked for Mr. CHIGAS
Person To Notify In Case of Illness	Mr. FRANK RAY 2342 Park Avenue St. Louis

Also contained in RAY's records is a memorandum dated February 15, 1964, with the notation, "Jerry Ray, 1713 Lafayette, St. Louis, Mo., ret. to work." Also written on the memorandum was the address 2342 Park Avenue, St. Louis.

Also contained in RAY's records was the following letter dated February 13, 1964:

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"Dear Mr. Chigas:

"I hope this letter finds you in much better shape then my last one did.

"I had a unfortunate accident while working at Medinah Country Club, I got run into by a car and was unconious for Five days plus for six weeks had to stay in bed.

"I didn't just write to you to tell you the troubles Ive had, the main reason is to see if you have any openings, if not or you can't hire me for reasons we both know of then thanks for taking time to read this letter. Tell everybody hello for me and take care of yourself.

"As Ever  
"Jerry Ray  
"1602 Mississippi  
"St. Louis, Mo."

Also contained in RAY's records is a memorandum, undated, with the following written thereon:

Mr. Jerry Ray  
L.D. OPR. 30  
Morristown, Tenn.  
586-8351  
Mrs. Carol Ray calling  
Sickness in family  
Call back after 4 o'clock  
our time

Also contained in RAY's records was a letter dated February 17, 1964, from V. CHIGAS to JERRY RAY, 1602 Mississippi, St. Louis, Missouri, as follows:

"Dear Jerry:

"We have been trying to locate you, and this short note is to say we will hire you again.

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"Please let us know when you expect to be available for work.

"Yours very truly,"

Also contained in RAY's records was the following note:

"Mrs. C. Pepper, 1334 Lume St., St. Louis, Mo.  
Carol Satain, 605 Hilltop Dr., Morristown, Tenn.

Jerry Ray, P.O. Box 269, Glenview, Ill.  
was in this morning 6-3-64."

Mr. HALLERBERG advised that this note was probably written by GOERGE SIMCOX who was the steward at this country club at the time. SIMCOX is presently employed as a general manager for FRANCIS SHAW at the Arlington Racetrack, Western Concessions. SIMCOX had probably known JERRY RAY when they worked for this country club.

Also contained in RAY's records was the following letter which was postmarked at St. Louis, Missouri, on June 15, 1964, to the North Shore Country Club, Glenview, Illinois, from JERRY RAY, 1324 Lomi (illegible), St. Louis, Missouri:

"Thursday

"Dear Sir

"Enclosed you'll find my name and address to send my tax statements to

Jerry W. Ray  
712 A Shenadaugh  
St. Louis, Mo."

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Also contained in RAY's records was the following note dated February 10, 1965:

"Dear sir

"please send my income tax statements as your earliest convenience

"truly yours  
Jerry Ray  
712A Shenodaugh  
St. Louis, Mo."

Mr. HALLERBERG was exhibited photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and a photograph of JERRY RAY and he advised that he was not familiar with any persons who might resemble these photographs. He stated that he would not know JERRY RAY, since he only started as manager for this country club on December 1, 1967. He stated that HERB HINZE, Locker Room Manager at this country club, would probably know JERRY RAY, since he ~~was~~ employed here at that time.

On May 3, 1968, Mr. HERB HINZE, home address 910 Revere Road, Glenview, Illinois, telephone number 724-4724, advised that he is the locker room manager at the North Shore Country Club in Glenview, Illinois. He stated that JERRY RAY was employed as a clean-up man in the locker room for about one or two years on an intermittent basis. A photograph of JERRY RAY was exhibited to HINZE and he stated that this was the same JERRY RAY who was employed here. Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were exhibited to HINZE and he stated that he had not seen this individual before. He stated, however, that he recalls that JERRY RAY had taken his brother, name unknown, to see Mr. CHIGAS in order to obtain employment. He stated that he does not remember when this occurred and that he had never observed JERRY RAY's brother and could provide no further information regarding RAY's background. He described JERRY RAY as a quiet, harmless sort of guy, who was not too bright. He stated that the question of RAY's racist attitudes never came up, and that he could never believe that JERRY RAY would ever be involved in shooting anyone. He stated that he never associated with RAY outside of the country club and would not be aware of his personal activities. HINZE stated that the country club provided room and board for RAY during his employment.

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JERRY WILLIAM RAY was interviewed at the Chicago FBI Office and furnished the following information:

He was shown a photograph of an individual identified as ERIC STARVO GALT and taken in Los Angeles, California, about March 1, 1968, and in which photograph GALT had his eyes closed. RAY stated that the photograph was above his brother JAMES EARL RAY. He was questioned as to whether he was certain that the photograph depicted his brother and he said "I'll put it this way. If I was a citizen and knew that you were looking for JAMES EARL RAY and saw the individual depicted in the photograph, I would immediately call the proper authorities and notify them that I had seen the individual that was wanted."

He was shown the same photograph in which eyes had been drawn by an FBI artist. He said that he did not like the eyes in the picture as they were drawn because they did not truly represent his brother's eyes.

RAY stated that he is employed as a maintenance man and handyman at the Sportsman Country Club located at Northbrook, Illinois, on Dundee Road. He said that he was steadily employed at the country club from late March, 1968, to the date of interview.

RAY stated that he has served prison sentences in the Illinois State Penitentiary at Menard, Illinois, and believed his inmate number was 2497J. He said that he had served time in Illinois State Penitentiary at Pontiac, Illinois, and believed that his inmate number was 20229. He said that he had also been confined in the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri; however, he was unable to recall his inmate number. He gave his Social Security Number as

He said that his brother, JAMES EARL RAY, has been in prison on several occasions serving sentences for ~~burglary but that these burglaries were for things like~~

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SAs ROBERT F. PEVAHOUSE, P. WAYNE ROBBINS  
by and RAMON W. STRATTON: pas Date dictated 4/25/68

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stealing gas from a gasoline station and that his brother was really not much of a "real burglar". He said that he last seen his brother in about 1964.

RAY related that the family has never been real close and that mostly the children had been born in the Quincy, Illinois area. He said that the only family member that he has really been close to is his sister, CAROL ANN PEPPER, who resides in Maplewood, Missouri. He advised that he frequently visits with CAROL because she is the only real family that he has.

He said that he knew of no reason why his brother would have killed MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr., because he had never known his brother to have any particular hate for members of the Negro race or of KING himself.

JERRY WILLIAM RAY was requested to furnish his family tree and furnished the following information:

He said that his father was JAMES GERALD RAY who died in 1951 at Hannibal, Missouri, just across the line from Quincy, Illinois.

He advised that his mother was LUCILLE MARY RAY, nee MAHER, who at one time changed her name to LUCILLE RYAN after separation from his father in 1948 or 1949, and he claimed that his mother had died in January, 1961, at St. Louis, Missouri.

There were seven children born of this marriage and he identified them as follows:

1. JAMES EARL RAY, age 39 or 40, who has never been married, whereabouts unknown.
2. JOHN LARRY RAY, age about 35, who has never married, address unknown, but whom JERRY last seen at the MacArthur Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri, about February 2, 1968.
3. JERRY WILLIAM RAY, born [redacted], at Quincy, Illinois, residing at the Sportsman Country Club, Northbrook, Illinois, divorced from wife GJEREIS, nee OLSON.

4. CAROL ANN PEPPER, age about 27, married to ALBERT PEPPER, and residing in Maplewood in suburb of St. Louis, Missouri.

5. FRANK DELANO RAY, age 22, who drowned in an accident in 1963 on the Missouri side of the river at Quincy, Illinois, at West Quincy, Missouri.

6. SUSAN (LNU), age about 21, who was adopted by some family in the Quincy, Illinois area in about the fall of 1952. He believed that CAROL would know SUSAN's full name and address.

7. [REDACTED]

He said that the only maternal relatives he has is his mother's brother, WILLARD MAHER, age about 60, whom he believes resides in San Francisco, California, and the only employment he could recall for WILLARD was in Guam after World War II in about 1946-1947.

He said that the only paternal relatives he has is his father's brother, EARL RAY, age about 70, who was released from the Illinois State Penitentiary in Menard, Illinois, in about May, 1958, and died possibly in the fall of 1958 at Syracuse, New York.

RAY said that he was unable to recall any other relatives on either his father or mother's side such as aunts, uncles, cousins, etc.

RAY advised that he normally receives his mail at Box 22, Wheeling, Illinois, but sometimes receives mail at the Sportsman Country Club, Northbrook, Illinois.

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JERRY WILLIAM RAY, who was present in the Chicago FBI Office, was requested to furnish his fingerprints, including sides and tips and palm prints. He was also requested to pose for photographs. He complied with both requests and also furnished handwriting samples.

Based on information furnished by the St. Louis Division, JERRY was questioned concerning the discrepancy as to the identity of his father and present whereabouts. He advised that JERRY RAYNES, Center, Missouri, was not his father and reiterated that his father was JAMES GERALD RAY, who died in 1951 at Hannibal, Missouri. He said that the information concerning his relatives and parents is correct to the best of his knowledge because it was told to him by his mother. He said that he is unaware of where CAROL PEPPER might have obtained her information since she left the mother's home in about 1956 when she was 15 years old. He then stated that prior to his father's death in 1951, he was employed by the railroad (identity unknown), and worked on a farm in the vicinity of Hannibal, Missouri.

He further related that all of the children left home upon reaching the age of 15 or 16 and there was very little family contact thereafter. When the parents separated in 1949, all of the younger children who were then at home went with the mother.

In response to a question as to the reason for his brother's commission of the murder of KING, JERRY advised that he was unable to furnish any reason. He went on to say that during the three or four time that he has talked with his brother in the last 15 or 16 years, JAMES never expressed any particular outward dislike for members of the Negro race. But JERRY did have the feeling that the subject was not particularly fond of Negroes.

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On \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ File # \_\_\_\_\_  
by SAs RENE J. DUMAINE  
and ROBERT F. PEVAHOUSE/laj Date dictated 4/23/68

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JERRY said that he is not aware of JAMES' present whereabouts and has no idea where JAMES has been since his escape from prison. He said that he has not been contacted by JAMES in any manner. He classifies JAMES as a "loner" and does not know of any member of the family that JAMES would likely contact. The only occupation for JAMES that he is aware of is that of a baker, which JAMES learned in prison.

JERRY informed that he has only seen his brother once outside of prison and that was sometime in 1951. All of his other contacts with his brother have been when either he, JERRY, has visited his brother in prison, or JAMES has visited him while he was in prison. JERRY said that he has no knowledge of his associates other than WALTER TERRY RIFE, who was arrested with his brother and served in prison with him. WALTER RIFE is also known personally to JERRY since they both served time together in the Illinois State Penitentiary, Menard, Illinois. JERRY has no information as to the present whereabouts of RIFE and has not seen him since JERRY's release from prison in 1960. He is of the opinion that RIFE could have returned to Quincy, Illinois. JERRY also knows LONNIE RIFE since he did time in Menard with him, also. He said that the name of ROBERT JOHNS was not known to him.

JERRY advised that to the best of his recollection, he never informed JAMES of his residence address; however, he has received mail from JAMES from prison addressed to Post Office Box 22, Wheeling, Illinois. JERRY said that he obtained this box so that his brother could write to him and that mail from the Penitentiary would not be going to JERRY's employment. He said that he has no reason to believe that JAMES would contact him. JERRY said that he feels that he would cooperate with the FBI in this matter but that it would take considerable thought on his part to turn his brother in. He said that he thought that if he was telephonically contacted by his brother, he would not talk to him but would hang up. JERRY was asked how his brother would know his phone number if he was not aware of his residence and employment. JERRY said that he has no reason to believe that his brother is aware of his phone number, that he never gave it to him and made the foregoing statement about a phone call merely as a matter of conjecture.

He said that he has no idea of the present whereabouts of his brother JOHN, stating that the last time he saw him was in February, 1968, at the McArthur Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri. He said that on this occasion, he and his brother went to their sister Carol's house and stayed until three or four in the morning. They both returned to the hotel where they had several drinks in the bar and then JOHN left. JERRY assumed that JOHN was staying in the McArthur Hotel but could not furnish a room number nor was he ever in JOHN's room.

He said that he did not know his brother JOHN's present occupation but that he has worked in the past as a bartender, painter and laborer. JERRY noted that JOHN had attended bartender's school in Chicago, Illinois. He said that JOHN, to his knowledge, has never been married. JERRY further related that his brother JAMES also has never married and that he knows of no girl friends with whom his brother JAMES had associated. He said that JAMES would usually pick up a girl in the hotel, or go to a hotel and obtain a girl through the bellboy or patronize houses.

He said that he was not aware of his brother visiting any private doctors but did recall that one time when his brother was in prison, he was sent for psychiatric treatment to Fulton, Missouri. As JERRY recalls, this was for a nervous condition and his brother JAMES was there about a month.

JERRY said that the reason that he went to Kansas City in February, 1968, was to visit with his sister since "she is all the family I have." He denied that he had seen his brother JAMES while in St. Louis. He also advised that he makes the trip from Chicago, Illinois, to St. Louis, Missouri, about once every six or seven weeks.

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Date 4/26/681

JERRY WILLIAM RAY stated that he and JOHN RAY were in St. Louis, Missouri, on February 2, 1968, and were at sister CAROL's residence to visit with her as he has previously stated. He stated that he is of the opinion that his brother JOHN was registered at the McArthur Hotel, but he did not register with him and he was not in his room. He said, to his knowledge, JOHN has never married and has no information concerning a Mrs. JOHN RAY. He did note that his brother JOHN was in the habit of using the McArthur Hotel for occasional dates with women. He assumes that the Mr. and Mrs. JOHN RAY registering at the McArthur Hotel on February 17, 1968, could be JOHN and a woman.

He again stated that the only individuals at his sister CAROL's residence were JOHN, JERRY, CAROL, her husband and their children. JERRY emphatically denied that the subject was present at this occasion or, in fact, any other occasion when he was in CAROL's residence. JERRY insisted that he has no information as to the present whereabouts of either JOHN or JAMES RAY.

JERRY stated that JERRY RAYNES is the step-father of the subject and definitely not the subject's father. He restated that the subject's father died in 1951.

JERRY advised that the last contact that he knew of between WALTER RIFE and the subject was in 1954 at Leavenworth.

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JERRY WILLIAM RAY was interviewed at the Sportsman's Country Club, Northbrook, Illinois. RAY advised he also uses the name of JERRY WILLIAM RYAN and that due to the fact he could never locate a birth certificate in the name of RAY and his mother had used the name RYAN, he registered for the draft under the name of RYAN and has used the name RYAN on all legal documents.

RAY advised since he last was interviewed by the FBI, he talked with his sister, CAROL, on the phone. He stated his conversation with CAROL did not produce any information as to the current whereabouts of his brother, JAMES EARL RAY.

JERRY RAY advised he did not think his brother, JAMES RAY, would contact any of the immediate members of his family, as he felt JAMES would not want to get any of his close relatives in trouble. JERRY RAY stated there was a possibility that if JAMES RAY contacted any relative, he would contact his uncle, WILLIAM MAHER, 118 East 7th Street, Alton, Illinois. MAHER is a painting contractor. JERRY advised both he and JAMES RAY have stayed with MAHER in the past. He stated the reason he thinks JAMES would contact MAHER is that he has stayed with him in the past, however, he is not particularly close to or fond of this uncle, and therefore, he would not be afraid of getting MAHER in trouble from such a contact.

JERRY RAY advised his father's sister, MELBA FULLER, who was married to FRANK FULLER, resides in Quincy, Illinois, and would be able to identify members of the family on his father's side that he, JERRY RAY, was not familiar with. He stated MELBA FULLER is not close to himself or any of his brothers and sisters.

In recalling his brother's habits, RAY stated he is not very familiar with his brother's habits as he has not seen his brother, JAMES RAY, outside of some prison visits since he, JERRY RAY, was age 13. He did recall of past

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conversations with JAMES RAY where he talked of the cheap living in Tijuana, Mexico. JERRY RAY advised as far as he knew, JAMES used to like to frequent "rough house" bars.

JERRY RAY was asked if his brother contacted him would he notify the FBI. RAY advised he did not know if he would call the FBI if he heard from JAMES. He stated he did not feel that he would have this problem because he did not think JAMES would contact him, however, if he did contact him, he felt he would probably immediately hang up the phone so as not to get involved.

JERRY RAY was advised by interviewing Agents of the Provisions of the Harboring Statute. He was told any assistance he gives his brother could possibly be a violation of that statute and interviewing Agents solicited the full cooperation of JERRY RAY in locating his brother to include the immediate contact of the FBI in the event he were contacted by his brother, JAMES RAY.

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At the outset of the interview, JERRY WILLIAM RAY was advised of the provisions of Section 1001, Title 18, United States Code. He was advised that he did not have to talk to the interviewing Agents but that they wished to stress to him the importance of his cooperation and truthfulness in the matter of the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.

It was pointed out to JERRY that he had lied to the Agents in the previous interviews in that the FBI had located his brother, JOHN, and that it would have been impossible for JERRY not to have known his whereabouts. He then stated that he had lied but only in an effort to protect his brother JOHN's investment in a bar in St. Louis. JOHN had put up \$2500 to purchase the bar and JERRY was of the opinion that if FBI Agents harassed JOHN, he would lock up the bar, take a loss and leave. The bar, known as "The Grapevine", is located in St. Louis, Missouri, and is licensed in the name of CAROL PEPPER, their sister. He said that he has no information nor does he believe that JAMES RAY has been in contact with JOHN since his escape from prison in April, 1967. JERRY went on to say that he doubted very much that JAMES RAY was aware of the present whereabouts of JOHN since JOHN was classified as a "drifter". It was pointed out to JERRY that JOHN had been a visitor to the Missouri Prison on the day before JAMES RAY's escape. In answer to a direct question, JERRY then admitted that it would be possible for JAMES RAY to know the location of his brother's tavern. He said that he doubted if JAMES RAY knew his, JERRY's, present employment at the Sportsman's Club, Northbrook, Illinois, but that he might be aware of it since he had written a letter to the Parole Board in which he might have mentioned his present employment saying that he possibly could obtain employment for his brother, JAMES RAY, either at the country club or in the immediate neighborhood. He denied that he had ever furnished JAMES RAY with his present employment. He said that to his positive knowledge, the only way that JAMES could get in touch with

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him was through P. O. Box 22, Wheeling, Illinois, since he, JERRY, had obtained this box for the specific use of his brother since he did not want mail from the penitentiary coming to the country club.

JERRY related that JOHN came to this area sometime around 1964 and stayed for about 2½ years. To the best of JERRY's recollection, JOHN first worked at Murphy's Steakhouse, then went to the Rolling Green Country Club and from there to the White Pines Country Club where he was employed as a pot washer. JOHN then went to bartending school in Chicago and went to work for the Indian Hills Country Club in Itasca, Illinois. JERRY is of the opinion that his brother, JOHN, uses the name RYAN.

JERRY said that on April 20 or 21, 1968, he telephonically contacted his sister, CAROL PEPPER, and explained that the uncooperative attitude of both CAROL and JOHN arose from the harassment of the newspaper reporters in the neighborhood and that both were afraid of unfavorable publicity which would adversely effect the tavern business causing them to sell out and move. He said that his sister, CAROL, has told him that she feels that she now has to move from the particular neighborhood where she resides in St. Louis, Missouri. CAROL has commented to him that the picture in the newspaper of JAMES RAY does look something like him. JERRY said that he agrees with this but that felt it could not be his brother because he read in the newspapers that the person sought by the FBI for the KING murder had attended dancing school in New Orleans, Louisiana, in 1964 and 1965, but since his brother was imprisoned during these years, he knew it could not be him.

Concerning his trip to St. Louis, Missouri, in February, 1968, JERRY advised that he stayed at the MacArthur Hotel for one night; he believes the date to be February 2, 1968, and that his brother, JOHN, either stayed in an apartment over the tavern or nearby, but not at the hotel as he previously implied. He said that about every six or seven weeks he drives to St. Louis, Missouri, to visit with

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CAROL and sometimes JOHN since they are the only family he has. He denied that his brother, JAMES RAY, had been at this family reunion at this last or any other time.

JERRY advised that he owns two automobiles, one a 1960 light green four-door De Soto which presently is parked in front of the cottage at the Sportsman's Country Club. The other, a 1961 two door white over red Plymouth. Both of these cars were purchased from a stepfather, JERRY RAYNES, who resides on a farm in Center, Missouri. He exhibited a receipt from the Dunhurst Currency Exchange showing that Missouri driver's license R250-6227-822-98-473MO, plus title and registration for 1960 De Soto had been turned in. The receipt was in the name of JERRY WILLIAM RYAN, 2897 Techny Road. JERRY said that he had turned over these items April 24, 1968, and expected to obtain his Illinois driver's license and license tags within the next several days.

JERRY further related that he paid \$200 for the 1961 Plymouth and has owned it for about six months. The car is presently at his stepfather's farm and is not registered. The reason it is not registered is that the title to this car was filed by his stepfather in St. Louis, Missouri, but was not returned. Both he and his stepfather made inquiry concerning the title, but it was evidently lost. JERRY said that he has driven the car to Chicago and in this area on one occasion utilizing license plates from a junk car. CAROL PEPPER has also driven the car on several occasions with the same plates. However, the plates have since been removed from the car and destroyed.

In response to questions concerning Post Office Box 22, Wheeling, Illinois, JERRY reiterated that the only person who has ever written to him was his brother JAMES RAY with the rare exception that he might receive some advertising literature of no consequence. He persisted in stating that that he had received no communications at this Post Office box within recent weeks. After further questioning, JERRY admitted that on April 23, 1968, he received a telegram addressed to him at P. O. Box 22. He then made available a copy of this telegram which read as follows:

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"JERRY RAY

"PO BOX 22 WHEELING ILL

"(RTE WATS CHGO)

"PLEASE CONTACT ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, COLLECT AT 217-224-1710  
ROOM 230, OR MYSELF OR GERALD MOORE 312-467-9700. I HAVE A  
METTER OF IMPORTANCE TO DISCUSS AND SOME MONEY FOR YOU

"DICK WOODBURY LIFE MAGAZINE"

He then related that on April 23, 1968, he went to "Life" magazine offices where he was interviewed concerning his brother, other family members and family residences and background. He stated that it appeared to him that what "Life" magazine was interested in was the family history. He also advised that his picture was taken and that for his services he was paid \$150. According to JERRY, his sister, CAROL PEPPER, refused to talk with the "Time" and "Life" reporters but that his uncle, WILLIAM MAHER, cooperated freely. MAHER also told the reporters that SUE (SUSAN DONIAN) had a family album in which there were pictures of JAMES RAY, including a picture in uniform. Concerning SUE, JERRY related that he does not know SUE's present whereabouts and is certain that JAMES also is not aware of her present address. He requested to be informed of her whereabouts which was denied.

He related that his usual day off is Tuesday, and that on occasion, he will go to Northbrook, Illinois, where he gets a train to the Union Station and spends some time in Chicago, Illinois. The evening of April 23, 1968, he spent at the Victoria Hotel, Clark and Van Buren Streets.

JERRY advised that sometime around September, 1960, shortly after his release from prison, he was unemployed in St. Louis and he was contacted by his brother, JOHN, who told him to come to the Chicago area which JERRY did. He commenced employment at the Rolling Greens Country Club, Arlington Heights, Illinois, from September, 1960, until January, 1962. He then returned to St. Louis, Missouri, and returned sometime in April, 1962, where he obtained employment at the North Shore Country Club, Glenview, Illinois. He also worked for the Olympia Fields Country Club for 13 days and then went to work for the Medinah Country Club until sometime in December, 1963, when he was hit by a car as he was walking along a highway. JERRY spent some time in the hospital as a result of these injuries and then went back to St. Louis, Missouri, with JOHN. He again returned to this area and was employed at the Flossmoor Country Club, from April until September, 1964. At that time, he commenced his present employment at Sportsman Country Club.

JERRY said that he had resided at the Sportsman Country Club except for a short period of time from March to September, 1967, when he resided at 2897 Techny Road, Northbrook, Illinois, with his wife GJERDIS STREET who presently resides on Wisconsin Avenue, Lake Forest, Illinois. He said that while they were married, she had a child, however, this child was by her previous husband. He went on to say that he and his wife separated in August of 1967 and the divorce was finalized on January 25, 1967. Later in the interview, JERRY advised that he was married in August, 1966, and that the divorce was final January 25, 1968.

When questioned as to whether or not he had been married previously, JERRY replied that he hadn't, but that he had lived common-law with CAROL SARTAIN who is presently residing in Morristown, Tennessee. He did know that CAROL is presently married but he did not know CAROL's married name. CAROL and JERRY had one child, MICHAEL, age 6, who is presently living with CAROL's parents, Mr. and Mrs. WILLARD SARTAIN, Route #2, Whitesburg, Tennessee.

This town is located 24 miles outside of Knoxville, but JERRY does not know exactly where the SARTAINS live. He said that he doubted that the subject would be aware of the SARTAINS identity since JAMES was in prison before JERRY met his ex-wife.

JERRY related that his take-home pay is approximately \$113 per week and that he also receives room and board. He said that he has no money to speak of, at the present time, since all of his savings had been expended in his ill-fated marriage. He said that he sends money to his sister, CAROL, which she deposits in her account to keep for him. He estimated that he has approximately \$200 in that account. He denied that any of his money had been utilized by his brother JOHN in the purchase of the tavern in St. Louis.

JERRY sends money to the SARTAINS spasmodically, about \$50 at a time and estimates that since December, 1967, he has sent them approximately \$150. He also sends clothing and other items for MICHAEL's use. He also advised that he expends a great deal of money on automobiles and since he has been in this area has had at least 12 cars but never seems to be able to purchase a newer model than a 1962. He informed that his marriage "cost him a fortune" indicating that in the first two months he was married, his wife ran up \$300 in phone bills. He also paid \$135 to send her to driving school after which she had three automobile accidents and in one completely demolished one car so that he had to buy another. His ex-wife was also extravagant and spent money freely through charge accounts.

JERRY related that he has never heard of anyone named JAMES DAVID DAILEY, THOMAS BEECHUM CREWS or JUNIOR RAY CONWAY.

JERRY advised that he was not aware that JOHN registered at the Mac Arthur Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri, during the time that he, JERRY, was there. He said that he did know that JOHN used the Mac Arthur Hotel whenever he was able to "pick up a woman". He said that JOHN has never married and has no knowledge that JOHN is presently going with or residing with any particular woman.

He related that he has no idea as to the present whereabouts of his brother, JAMES, and believes that he is either dead or out of the country. He could offer no reason for JAMES alleged murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr., but did say that JAMES would have to have been paid for this murder in view of the purchase of the car and the dance school payments which JAMES made which information he obtained from reading the newspapers. JERRY did speculate that if anyone did pay JAMES for this murder, it would have to be someone he met after his escape because he doubted that anyone in prison or anyone that he knew in JAMES' life prior to being in prison would have the money or the desire to kill KING. JERRY said that all of the other crimes committed by JAMES were small scores and that he knew he never realized much money from them.

JERRY further related that it is his opinion that JAMES would never get in touch with anyone in the family no matter how bad he needed help.

JERRY RAY was then interviewed by SAC MARLIN W. JOHNSON and ASAC KYLE G. CLARK in an effort to obtain his complete cooperation in this matter. After discussion, JERRY gave his word that he would not lie in the future and that if his brother did contact him, he would contact the FBI. He reiterated that he had no reason to believe that JAMES would contact him.

JERRY advised that he sends his money to his sister, CAROL, because he would spend it if it was available to him. He sometimes sends her his whole paycheck to put in the account. He wants the money to save to put as a downpayment on opening a bar.

Concerning his automobile accident, JERRY advised that he was walking along the highway when he was struck by a car and that he was taken to the hospital at Elmhurst, Illinois, where he was semi-conscious for three days. He

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stayed in the hospital for 13 or 17 days and his pelvis bone had been broken. He entered into a lawsuit in an effort to recover damages, however, he was only paid \$1,00 and believes he owes the hospital around \$400.

He again stated that he had absolutely no idea as to his brother's whereabouts and then advised that if there was anyone else involved in the crime with JAMES, it was JERRY's opinion that JAMES would never divulge this person's identity. He said that at the time his brother received the 20 years' sentence, from which he escaped, he had been offered eight years to turn state's evidence but did not do so. The other person involved with JAMES did turn state's evidence and received a six year sentence. JERRY opined that even if JAMES was offered a sentence, of five years against death in the electric chair, he would not implicate a partner if in fact he had one.

The following description of JERRY WILLIAM RAY was obtained through interview and observation:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	Quincy, Illinois (No birth certificate, doctor died two days after birth)
Height	5'9" tall
Weight	178 pounds
Build	Medium, stocky
Hair	Brown, receding
Eyes	Brown
Scars and Marks	Circle scar $\frac{1}{4}$ " diameter above left eyebrow;
Tattoos	"J.R." left forearm outer; "J.R." in scroll right forearm outer
Other employments	Knodel Bakery Company St. Louis, Missouri, oven worker, one day, 1963-64; Sunset Sanitarium, St. Louis, Missouri 12 days, 1963-64; Keeshen's, cannot recall working there
Marital Status	Divorced

JERRY then advised that he used the Bell Employment Service, Chicago, since his brother JOHN had used it because the fee was only \$15 or \$30 to locate a job. He then related that he came to Sportsman's Country Club from Flossmoor Country Club where he had been a bar waiter. He said he started out at Sportsman's as a dishwasher and then went to work for the Marx Maintenance Company as a maintenance man in the country club. Sometime thereafter, the country club dropped the maintenance service and hired JERRY. He also advised that his brother JOHN was employed at the Indian Hills Country Club, Elmhurst, Illinois, not at Indian Lake. He then recalled that his brother was also employed at Green Acres Country Club, about 2½ miles from Sportsman's in Northbrook, Illinois.

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JERRY WILLIAM RAY advised that he had never discussed photography with his brother JAMES and had no knowledge that JAMES was in any way interested in or proficient in photography. He never knew of him to make any comments concerning the taking of pictures of nude women and in fact, never knew JAMES to be particularly interested in women. In this regard, he advised that JAMES never had any lasting attachment with a woman and that he would usually either pick them up in a bar or go to a hotel and contact the bellhop. He knew of no associate of his brother in Atlanta, Birmingham, New Orleans, or Los Angeles. He could offer no suggestions as to the person allegedly contacted by his brother via long-distance telephone calls while on a trip to New Orleans in December, 1967.

JERRY then advised that he had lied previously when he said that his father died in 1961 at Hannibal, Missouri. The true father for all of the children born to JERRY and LUCILLE RAY, RYAN, or RAYNES is JERRY RAYNES, Center, Missouri. He said that his father and other members of the family variously used the names set forth previously but that his father's birth certificate is in the name of RAY. He also advised that his sister, MELBA, now uses the surname of FULLER. JERRY also advised that his paternal grandfather's name is GEORGE RAY.

JERRY advised that he had never heard his brother JAMES mention the name ALFRED GEORGE SCHNEIDER or NEAL AEBY. He said that the only individuals with whom he knew JAMES was friendly with in prison were RALPH "RAT" DAVIS (deceased), WALTER TERRY and LONNIE RIFE. He said that he did not know if JOSEPH "BLACKIE" AUSTIN had done time with his brother but that he was arrested with the subject in Quincy, Illinois, on an armed robbery charge. JERRY said that he was acquainted with AUSTIN while they both were in the Illinois State Penitentiary, Menard, Illinois. He said he thought that AUSTIN is presently on parole but he does not know whether he is in St. Louis or Chicago. JERRY doubts that there is any close contact between AUSTIN and JAMES RAY now.

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Concerning his father, JERRY did not furnish a reason for the various names but said that for the last fourteen years his father has been using the name JERRY RAYNES. JERRY made the statement that "I was about 20 years old before I knew my name."

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JERRY WILLIAM RAY advised that he has no information as to any available photographs of his brother and that the only one he can recall ever seeing was a photograph of his brother in Army uniform. JERRY thinks that the last time he saw that photograph was in 1953 but that he cannot recall who had it.

JERRY said that he considered the \$150 he received from "Life" Magazine as payment for the information for the article, as his brother's and when his brother is found he will give him this money to use for his defense.

He also advised that he gave the phone number of the cottage where he resides to the "Life" Magazine reporter and that the reporter has called him at that number.

He said that he has no information indicating that his sister SUSAN has any type of a family album and in fact, doubts that she does.

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JERRY WILLIAM RAY advised that he had accidentally met with his ex-wife, DJERDIS, in Wheeling, Illinois, at which time she told him that she had moved to that area.

During conversation with her about his brother JAMES, DJERDIS asked him if she had ever met him. JERRY told her that she had not and then in further conversation, she pointed out that one of the brothers had been to Northbrook, Illinois, to visit with them when they were married. JERRY told her that this was his brother JOHN. JERRY advised that he thinks that JOHN came to the Northbrook residence sometime in March, 1967, and that he sold JOHN an older model Rambler and that JOHN took the Rambler back to Missouri with him. JERRY is of the opinion that this car is now at his father's farm in Missouri.

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JERRY WILLIAM RAY advised that from 1948 to 1952 or 1953, he was residing in Quincy, Illinois, and that during 1950, he was sent to the reformatory at St. Charles, Illinois. He said that all of the addresses in Chicago where his brother JAMES resided meant nothing to him and he knew of no acquaintances or relatives of his brother JAMES in Chicago, Illinois. He said that the last time he saw his brother JAMES outside of prison was in 1951. The last time he saw him in prison was in 1964. He said that on several occasions, he had sent money to his brother JAMES while he was in prison and that JAMES had sent him out about \$40 or \$50. He said that this was a total accumulation of three or four amounts sent to him while JAMES was in prison. He did remember that JAMES came to the Illinois State Penitentiary, Menard, Illinois, to visit JERRY while he was in prison.

He said that the names of VERONICA WOODHOUSE and PHILLIP BAKER meant nothing to him.

He furnished CAROL PEPPER's phone number as 311-645-2948. He stated he did not have his brother JOHN's phone number either at his residence or tavern.

Concerning JAMES, he did not know of any country club employment for him in this area. The only schools that he recalls his brother attending were in Ewing, Missouri.

JERRY advised that he had received the 1968 Illinois license tags for his automobile and they are numbered KX 5820. He also stated that he had seen his wife yesterday afternoon which was the first time he had seen her since her divorce. She has never met JAMES but did meet JOHN.

JERRY related that he was leaving for St. Louis, Missouri, about 1:00 p.m. this date and would probably stay with either his brother JOHN or his sister, CAROL. His plans at the present time were to drive to St. Louis and return about 4:00 or 5:00 p.m. on May 1, 1968.

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JERRY WILLIAM RAY advised that he left Chicago, Illinois, at about 1:00 PM, April 29, 1968, driving his 1960 light green Desoto. He became sleepy while driving and stopped at a motel in Braidwood, Illinois, where he slept and stayed until about 4:00 AM, April 30, 1968. He arrived in St. Louis at 9:00 AM that day and went immediately to his brother JOHN's apartment on Lemp Street, where he stayed until noon.

Then JOHN and he went to his sister CAROL PEPPER's residence, where they stayed for approximately two hours. JERRY and JOHN then returned to JOHN's tavern and JERRY said he drank too much beer, became sleepy and feel asleep that evening. He said that he could not recall very much about the evening after he returned to the tavern and that he stayed with JOHN at the apartment until leaving St. Louis, Missouri, about 11:00 AM, May 1, 1968.

JERRY advised that he, his brother JOHN, and CAROL have read almost every article in the newspapers concerning their brother. He commented that while he was in St. Louis this last time, most of the conversation centered around the article in "Life" magazine and that there was no indication in the conversation with JOHN or CAROL that they were aware of the subject's whereabouts or his whereabouts since his escape until September 1, 1967. JERRY was advised that the FBI was very much interested in attempting to determine his brother's whereabouts from the period of time from his escape until he first appeared in Birmingham, Alabama, about September 1, 1967. JERRY advised that he had no information as to his brother's whereabouts either during the above time or his present whereabouts. JERRY explained that JOHN, CAROL's and his own information concerning the whereabouts of the subject came from their aforementioned following of the KING murder in the newspapers and that he noted in one article that his brother obviously, using the name ERIC STARVO GALT, first appeared in a rooming house in Birmingham, Alabama, around September 1, 1967.

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JERRY denied having any information which would in the slightest way indicate that his brother or his sister aided the subject in his escape and have had any idea of the subject's whereabouts since his escape.

JERRY then stated that his brother JOHN had told him that the FBI had combed a two-block area looking for a JACK GAWRON, since it had been developed that GAWRON had been acquainted with JAMES. JERRY said that JOHN knows that GAWRON has been interviewed by the FBI but JOHN did not indicate to JERRY that GAWRON had ever stated what he had told the FBI.

JERRY said that in the past, he had driven GAWRON around looking at possible burglary scores at which time GAWRON would pay the expenses. To JERRY's knowledge, GAWRON never committed any burglary in any of the places in which they had "cased" and in JERRY's opinion, GAWRON is "living on past glories." JERRY then stated that GAWRON was a name that he probably should have given to the Agents before since he, JERRY, was aware that GAWRON had served time with his brother JAMES. JERRY expressed the opinion that JAMES would not contact GAWRON but believes that JAMES does know GAWRON well, considering him to be slightly "stir crazy." JERRY did not mention whether or not GAWRON and JAMES participated in burglaries together and made no comment as to the closeness of association between them.

JERRY advised that WALTER RIFE was JAME's rap partner in Leavenworth and that he, JERRY, has served time with both LONNIE and WALTER RIFE in Menard.

JERRY advised that he has given the matter of what he would do if his brother contacted him considerable thought. He is now of the very strong opinion that he would assist the FBI if it could be handled in such a manner so as not to compromise him and also if he could be assured that every effort would be made to apprehend his brother without hurting him.

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JERRY WILLIAM RAY advised that of all of the individuals that his brother JAMES committed crimes with, he was probably closer to "BLACKIE" AUSTIN than any other. JERRY said that he has no information as to any association between AUSTIN and his brother since AUSTIN was released from prison and in fact, did not know AUSTIN's present whereabouts. He said that JAMES was also close with WALTER RIFE but did not think JAMES would contact him because WALTER continually brags about everything he does. He said that for the same reason he would doubt that his brother would contact JACK GAWRON although he felt that GAWRON and his brother were also fairly close. He again stated that he did not know whether GAWRON and his brother committed jobs together and expressed the opinion that they did not. JERRY indicated that any information in his possession about the associations of his brother would be mostly speculation because of the lack of contact he has had with his brother outside of prison.

JERRY said that his closest associates at the Sportsman's Country Club were AL WRIGHT, who is married and lives in Mount Prospect, Illinois, and HUEY MALONE, who is single and resides in the same cottage with JERRY.

JERRY advised that he was calling from the pay phone in the cottage and that this is the phone he usually uses for his personal calls.

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On April 22, 1968, SAs JOSEPH M. BURKE and ROBERT F. PEVAHOUSE observed a 1960 De Soto, white over green, bearing Missouri license plates CC7-363, parked in front of the employee's cottage at the Sportsman's Country Club, Northbrook, Illinois. This car is known to be operated by JERRY WILLIAM RAY.

On April 25, 1968, the Latent Fingerprint Section, Identification Division, FBI Laboratory, advised that the remaining unidentified latent prints in this case are not identical with finger or palm prints of JERRY WILLIAM RAY, FBI Number 862 651 A.

On May 1, 1968, JERRY RAY was advised by SA DUMAINE that information had come to the FBI's attention that a local newspaper reporter had been able to determine JERRY's employment based upon the information that JERRY had furnished to "Life" magazine. JERRY advised that he had no desire to furnish information to any newspaper and if contacted would not give them an interview. JERRY was informed that the FBI was under no circumstances instructing him not to cooperate with the news media and that any decision in that regard would be entirely his own.

On the evening of May 2, 1968, Mrs. MARGUERITE WELCH, Manager, Sportsman's Country Club, telephonically contacted SA DUMAINE, at which time she advised that there were numerous people from the various news media present at the club attempting to locate and interview JERRY RAY, which apparently was based upon the news stories which appeared in the Chicago "Sun-Times". Mrs. WELCH advised that she was going to see that JERRY was placed in a motel that evening and would release to the newspapers that he had quit his employment and present whereabouts unknown.

On the morning of May 3, 1968, JERRY RAY telephonically contacted SA DUMAINE and advised that he was leaving for St. Louis, Missouri, at about 1:15 PM, that date, driving his 1960 Desoto. He indicated that he would probably stay overnight with his brother JOHN and then stay with his father JERRY RAYNES on the farm at Center, Missouri. He expects to stay there three or four days and will call the country club on May 7, 1968, to see if the news media interest has abated. If so, he will return to Chicago and continue his employment in the club.

REPORT  
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 25, 1968

Re: MURKIN  
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-561276 JK

Specimens received 4/22/68

K191 Six handwriting sample forms bearing known handwriting  
and hand printing of JERRY WILLIAM RAY

ALSO SUBMITTED: Major case prints of JERRY WILLIAM RAY

## Result of examination:

Differences were noted between the "Harvey Lowmyer" signature on Q72 when compared with the known handwriting of JERRY WILLIAM RAY, K191. Because of the limited questioned writing involved and the lack of comparable letters and letter combinations in the known material, a definite opinion was not reached.

It was concluded that the other questioned writings attributed to Eric S. Galt were not prepared by JERRY WILLIAM RAY, K191.

Specimen K191 and the ALSO SUBMITTED material are retained.

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RE: SUSAN JANE RYAN DONIAN  
Subject's sister

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The following investigation was conducted at Chicago, Illinois, by SAs ROBERT P. BRANNIGAN and THOMAS M. HENDERSON:

On April 20, 1968, Mrs. SUSAN JANE RYAN DONIAN, 3414 Bryn Mawr, home phone 588-1410, housewife, advised that she is subject's sister. She added that when she was in the first grade, she was turned over to an orphanage in Alton, Illinois, where she remained for approximately eight years. She stated she then was sent to a foster home and lived with her foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. ROMAN KLINNER, Rural Route 3, Quincy, Illinois, until she reached 18 years of age. She stated that she then came to Chicago, Illinois, where she was employed as a go-go dancer for approximately two years until she married MICHAEL DONIAN. She stated that she has had no contact with subject and does not believe she would even recognize him. She stated that she has no knowledge regarding whereabouts of her father, and added that her mother is deceased.

She stated to the best of her knowledge, there were nine children in the RAY family and she listed them as follows:

JAMES EARL RAY, about 40 years of age

JOHN or JACK RAY, 36 years of age

JERRY RAY (male), age not known

MELBA RYAN, age 30

CAROL PEPPER age 27

[REDACTED]

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BUZZY or FRANK RAY, age 24 - deceased (killed in car crash)

Mrs. DONIAN added that there was an oldest girl, name unrecalled, who was killed, details unknown, which girl she felt was the first born in the family.

She added the last time she actually saw subject was when she was in the first grade in Quincy, Illinois.

She stated that in her opinion, the family member closest to JAMES would no doubt be JOHN RAY.

At this time, she supplied the following known addresses of some of the family members:

CAROL PEPPER

St. Louis, Missouri

MELBA RYAN, believed to live in a hotel across from the public library in Quincy, Illinois

She added that her natural grandparents are dead.

She stated that she recalls an uncle, WILLIAM H. MAHER, a painter by trade, residing in Alton, Illinois, who in the past has kept in touch with her brother, JOHN RAY.

Mrs. DONIAN advised that she had no pictures of any of the members of her family.

She added that her natural father remarried sometime when she was in high school and she believes the woman he married is RUBY RAY CARPENTER, who is presently residing in Quincy, Illinois.

She stated that she has not seen her brother, JOHN, for many years and made available three postcards which were written by him, one postmarked 1960 Windsor Ontario, Canada, one marked July 27, 1972, Highwood, Illinois, and

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the other postmarked July 29, 1962, Washington, D. C. She said that this is the last contact she has had with JOHN and added that he is known to be a drifter.

She stated that her husband, MICHAEL DONIAN, is presently employed as the Assistant Manager at Jody's Drive-In, Devon and Kedzie, and his business phone is 743-0744.

Mrs. DONIAN was completely cooperative with the interviewing Agents and expressed a desire to be of assistance to the FBI in this case. She said that she doubts very much as to whether or not the subject knows of her present whereabouts but in the event that he contacts her or she develops any information concerning his present whereabouts, she will immediately contact the interviewing Agents.

She would request that any information furnished by her to the FBI would be on a confidential basis.

On April 22, 1968, Mrs. DONIAN telephonically advised SA RENE J. DUMAINE that she entered the Catholic Charities Home, 1400 State Street, Alton, Illinois, in 1952. She did not know whether or not [REDACTED] had ever been adopted but that Mrs. HAZEL HAMILTON, Catholic Charities, Quincy, Illinois, would undoubtedly have that information. In discussion, Mrs. DONIAN was informed that one JERRY RAYNES had indicated to Agents that he was the natural father of JERRY and JAMES RAY. Mrs. DONIAN said that she was not aware of this but did recall that her mother supposedly remarried and that this man could be her stepfather. However, both JAMES and JERRY were born prior to this remarriage.

She had no information as to the present whereabouts of her uncle, WILLIAM MAHER other than the fact that she has resided for many years in Alton, Illinois, and has his own business in that town, namely, a painting contractor.

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To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 25, 1968

Re: MURKIN  
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FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-561483 JK

Specimens received 4/23/68

K196 Three post cards, two addressed to "Miss Suzy Ryan" and the other addressed to "Miss Carol Ryan" bearing purported known handwriting of JOHN RAY, aka JACK RAY

Result of examination:

Differences were noted between the "Harvey Lowmyer" signature on Q72 when compared with the known handwriting of JOHN RAY, K196, but the limited questioned signature and the lack of comparable material precluded a definite opinion from being reached.

It was concluded that the other questioned writings submitted in this case were not prepared by JOHN RAY, K196.

K196 is returned to Chicago. Photographs are retained.

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Continuing contact has been maintained with SUSAN DONIAN by SA DUMAINE. She has expressed her desire to be of assistance to the Bureau but expresses her doubts that the subject has any idea as to her present whereabouts.

On April 25, 1968, Mrs. DONIAN advised that she had been contacted by a representative of "Life" magazine, requesting that she furnish family information and the pictures of the subject in his Army uniform from the family album, supposedly in her possession. Mrs. DONIAN advised the reporter that she did not have any pictures and that she did not desire to be interviewed. Mrs. DONIAN could not understand how the reporter received the impression that she would have pictures of the subject nor where he got the impression that there was a family album in existence. She said that she cannot ever recall seeing a photograph of the subject and knows of no family album.

On the same date, MICHAEL DONIAN advised that he also had been contacted by a "Life" reporter requesting similar type information as from his wife. He said that he also refused to discuss any matters with this reporter.

On April 30, 1968, Mrs. SUSAN DONIAN advised that she had no information that [REDACTED] had been adopted, could not furnish any information as to his present whereabouts and was of the strong opinion that [REDACTED] would have no information concerning the subject.

She said that it would be extremely impossible that the subject would have any way of knowing [REDACTED] present address.

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CHICAGO BACKGROUND INFORMATION RE SUBJECT

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Re: CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT,  
COOK COUNTY JAIL AND ILLINOIS  
STATE PENITENTIARY, JOLIET,  
ILLINOIS, RECORDS RE SUBJECT

On April 19, 1968, the records of the above listed police agencies were reviewed and the information concerning the subject which is set forth on the following pages was obtained.

The records of the Chicago Police Department, Bureau of Records and Communications, under card no. 334468 revealed the following information concerning JAMES RAY:

Date and Place of Birth	<div></div> Alton, Illinois
Height	5'11"
Weight	155 lbs.
Complexion	Light
Build	Slender
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown
Marital Status	Single
Occupation	Laborer
Place of Employment	409 East Ohio
Address	8535 Fullerton (9 months) Chicago, Illinois
Date and Place of Arrest	2:55 PM, 5/6/52 19 West Delaware Street
Arresting Officers	MC DONOUGH, GREEN
Charge	Robbery (Indicted 5/9/52)
Complainants	LEWIS KNOX 6945 North Paulina (Cab driver); EARL DOCKER 1015 North Clark
Chicago Police Department No.	D90696

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Prev. No.

Reg. No.

D90696

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Group

Date of Arrest

5-6-52

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NAME

JAMES RAY

Alias

Residence

853 N. FURNERTON AVE.

FOREHEAD

Incln

Age

24

Height

5'10"

Height

Nativity

Tenn.

Outs. Arms

Width

Occupation

HAB.

Trunk

Pecul

Weight

150

Length

Chin

REG.

Width

Ridge

Beard

NONE

Cheekbones

Base

Hair

MEDCH

Ear Lgth

Root

Comp

FAIR

Pecul

Length

Married

NO

L. Foot

Project

Teeth

FULL

L. M. finger

Breadth

Build

MED

L. I. finger

Pecul

Held

G. 3000.00

Forearm

Judge

H. RIGAN

Remarks

Circle

BLUE

Officer

G. R. &amp; M. DONOUGH

Periph, 2

District

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Pecul

Remarks

Crime

ROBBERY (GUN)

Measured by

Hulton

NO.

MARKS, SCARS, MOKES, ETC.

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GUN SHOT WOUND IN F.A.

II

Nil

No. D-90696Name James RayCharge Robbery (Gun).

May 9, 1952, Held over to Grand Jury, \$3,000.00 Bond.  
Judge Hartigan.

Arr. Offs. Green & McDonough, 35th Dist.  
WITNESSES

Complainant Louis Knox, 6945 N. Paulina St.,

Trial before Judge

*6-13-52. Crowley 6-4-52. Joint Pen 32419 Robb. 1-2 yrs Plea H. Robb  
Trans. 7-7-52 to S.D. Pontiac, Ill. 1952  
JBI #306443-A DISCH. 3-12-54 EXP. of SENT.  
PREVIOUS RECORD*

*Co. James Earl Ray.*

*10-11-49 S.D. Los Angeles Calif. Supp Burg. 8 mos. Co. J  
Supp. 2 yrs Prob 1st 90 days Co. J*

*4-18-50 S.D. Cedar Rapids Ia. Vag.*

*7-23-51 Alton Ill. No. 6 per St. Louis City his rel to pay later*

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