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is located north of San Francisco, California.

DOWDA advised that RAY and other inmates that might have DOWDA's address would have a Route 1, Sanford, Florida, address, and would not know that he is presently in Marietta, Georgia. He stated his father, STEVEN C. DOWDA, presently resides at 110 South Chandler Street, Deland, Florida, and that anyone inquiring for him at Sanford, Florida, would be sent to Deland, Florida. DOWDA claims he has not been contacted by RAY and has heard nothing to indicate RAY has attempted to contact him. He stated RAY had talked about traveling over all the United States, but had never mentioned anything which would indicate RAY was associated with anyone in the Atlanta, Georgia, area. DOWDA stated the only other prisoner he knew who was from the State of Georgia, who was an inmate at the Missouri State Prison was one JERRY WHITE from Calhoun, Georgia. He advised WHITE had a Federal detainer against him and believes WHITE is still incarcerated at the Missouri State Prison.

DOWDA advised he had made a trip to California in November of 1967, and that he and his wife had spent Thanksgiving Day visiting her uncle, BOB GRAHAM, who resides at Palos Verdes, California. He stated GRAHAM is Regional Manager for IBM in that area. He stated that he and his wife had stopped at Jefferson City and while there, contacted a Missouri State Prison guard, Mr. "PETE" PETRIE. He stated he had not made any inquiry concerning RAY and was not aware that RAY had escaped. He stated he had not made any inquiry concerning inmates inasmuch as his wife did not know he was a former inmate of the Missouri State Prison. He stated he had stopped in the Kansas City, Missouri, area and attempted to locate PAUL ALVIN LAIL, JR., who had been in the Missouri State Prison as PAUL ALVIN CARTER. He stated LAIL had been released approximately a year before he had and that they had agreed to attempt to get together

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after their release from prison. He stated LAIL worked in the license shop at the Missouri State Prison and although he was acquainted with RAY, he did not believe LAIL was a particularly good friend of RAY. He stated after his return from California, he was contacted by PAUL ALVIN LAIL, JR. He stated LAIL owns a home at 34 Barbodos Drive, Palm Springs, West Palm Beach, Florida, Telephone Number 965-4221. He stated LAIL in February of 1968 was out of a job and had come to Marietta, Georgia, looking for employment. He stated LAIL had come to Marietta, Georgia, with his wife and a small baby and had resided with DOWDA for approximately one and one-half weeks, leaving approximately two or three days after DOWDA was arrested, DOWDA having been arrested on March 4, 1968.

DOWDA advised he could recall nothing else concerning RAY which might assist in his location, but in the event he remembered anything additional, he would contact the FBI.

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) -P-
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Atlanta teletype to the Bureau, 4/25/68.

Referenced communication enclosed six copies of an insert reflecting interview with LEWIS R. DOWDA.

Four of these are being returned to the Atlanta Office inasmuch as airtel from the Bureau dated 5/7/68 advised the Atlanta Office and other offices to put the results of their investigation to date in a report form.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-33861)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
OO: Memphis

Re San Diego airtel to Bureau 4/30/68 and Los Angeles airtel to Bureau 5/2/68.

RE: LEWIE RAYMOND DOWDA

For the information of Bureau, Office of Origin, and Atlanta, Mr. ROBERT E. GRAHAM, uncle of DOWDA's wife, advised on reinterview 5/3/68 that he had consulted his wife concerning the particulars of the DOWDA's visit to the GRAHAM residence during the Thanksgiving Season, 1967.

GRAHAM stated that LEWIE DOWDA and Mrs. DOWDA arrived at the GRAHAM residence, 5419 Diversity Drive, Palos Verdes, California, driving a Volkswagen automobile bearing Georgia license plates the date prior to Thanksgiving, 11/28/67, as he recalled. After having Thanksgiving dinner with the GRAHAMS, the DOWDA's left in their Volkswagen at approximately 4:00 p.m. to see a friend of DOWDA's who allegedly worked in a hospital, believed in Santa Barbara, California. DOWDA also expressed his consideration of seeking employment at this hospital.

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The DOWDA's returned to the GRAHAM residence on Friday, 12/1/67, and immediately upon arrival, Mrs. GRAHAM telephoned GRAHAM at his office telling of the DOWDA's arrival from Northern California.

DOWDA advised that he had lost his wallet in Santa Barbara, California, while swimming and GRAHAM had to loan or give DOWDA sufficient funds to drive back to Atlanta. The DOWDA's left the GRAHAM'S residence on Saturday, 12/2/68, enroute to Atlanta via San Diego, California.

GRAHAM stated that he knew DOWDA by first name "WHITEY". DOWDA stated he was a dietician and had attended three years college in the State of Missouri, perhaps the University of Missouri.

GRAHAM stated that he was of the opinion that DOWDA was prone to stretch the truth and he, GRAHAM, personally doubted his veracity for the short period of time he was acquainted with him.

The above information is furnished to Atlanta in slight variation of re Los Angeles airtel to Bureau.

GRAHAM stated that the information furnished in this communication was more nearly correct as to exact dates inasmuch as he had contacted his wife and the two of them had more accurately pinpointed the times and dates in question.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Los Angeles dated 4/24/68;
and Los Angeles airtel to Bureau dated 4/30/68 (ALMENA
LOMAX - complainant).

On 5/9/68, after several unsuccessful attempts,
Mrs. LOMAX was telephonically contacted and stated she had
been so busy she had not found time to list the subscribers
to the "Tuskegee Tribune" whom she believed to be white.
She stated she would copy them on this date if she found
time, prior to leaving for Berkeley, California, and would
mail them to this office. Mrs. LOMAX declined the offer
of an agent to come to her residence or copy the list for
her.

- 2 - Bureau
- ① - Atlanta (44-2386) (Info)
- 1 - Birmingham (44-1740) (Info)
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)
- 2 - Los Angeles

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P)

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Re Memphis teletype to Atlanta, et al., 5/8/68.

LAURA WINGFIELD, Travel Associates, Pascagoula, Miss., advised ticket number 396-718-957, was issued to JACK WALTON, 3706 Forrest St., South Burnaby, British Columbia, telephone 433-8319, on 4/5/68.

She said WALTON was a Canadian shipyard employee who came to Pascagoula on 2/6/68, as a temporary employee of Ingalls Shipbuilding Corporation and that he purchased above ticket to return home.

WALTER POL, Security Officer, Ingalls Shipbuilding Corporation, advised that JACK WALTON, a Canadian employee of this company, resigned on 4/5/68, to return to Canada.

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SAC FRANK V. RITT

GEORGE McMILLAN

On 5/7/68, **GEORGE McMILLAN** of #5 Baltimore Place, NW, Atlanta, Georgia, Tele. 874-0375, telephonically contacted me and advised the purpose of the call was to make it a matter of record that he is preparing a biography on **JAMES EARL RAY**.

It is being prepared by **McMILLAN** for **LITTLE-BROWN and COMPANY**, Publishers, 34 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

McMILLAN stated the book which he expects to spend at least a year preparing is to be on the man and not the crime. The purpose of the book is to understand the matter, why he would commit the killing and to point out how he could hate and could commit a killing without knowing it.

McMILLAN stressed that he was not endeavoring to solve the crime but was interested in writing the biography. He pointed out that he previously worked for **NBC-TV** on the Kennedy Assassination, that he has written articles for **Life Magazine** in the past and that he wrote articles for the **Saturday Evening Post**, including an article on Klan people and another on the Birmingham bombing. He pointed out that his wife is writing a book on **MARIA OSWALD** and **MARIA OSWALD's** life and in order to prepare herself for this, lived with **MARIA OSWALD** for seven months.

McMILLAN was advised that the foregoing information would be made a matter of record.

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