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"MURKIN"

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Date: 5/24/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947) (P)
RE: MURKIN

Re Louisville teletype to Director dated 4/26/68; Atlanta teletype to Louisville dated 4/30/68; Atlanta telephone call to Louisville, 5/22/68; and Louisville telephone call to Atlanta, 5/23/68.

Re: Sears Roebuck Battery located in 1966 Mustang

With further reference to the tracing of Sears Roebuck All-State Battery located in 1966 Mustang recovered at Atlanta, Ga., on 4/5/68, and with particular reference to telephonic conversation between Supervisor CHARLES HARDING, Atlanta Office, and SA C. ADDISON KINCAID of the Louisville Office, the following additional facts are being furnished:

On 5/22/68, Mr. JOHN DARNELL, Globe Union Company, Louisville, Ky., manufacturers of All-State Automobile Batteries of the type recovered in instant 1966 Mustang, stated that this battery is a Model 52 which carries a stock number of 22-F. Mr. DARNELL informed that in a 1966 Mustang the battery normally installed would be a Model 25, 35 or 36 or Stock No. 24-F. He stated that this battery

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1-Springfield (Enc. 1) (Info)
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could be purchased in any of the Sears Roebuck retail automobile store outlets located in Eastern Missouri, Southern Illinois, all of the State of Indiana, all of the State of Ohio, all of the State of West Virginia, or all of the State of Kentucky. He stated that as of the present time, there are 133 retail Sears Roebuck automobile stores which stock and sell this battery.

With reference to the possibility of obtaining this battery through mail order, Mr. DARNELL stated that this could be possible but only upon referral of the mail order to the Louisville plant of Globe by Sears Roebuck in Chicago, Illinois, for delivery direct from the Louisville plant. It is to be noted that the central distributing point and warehouse of Sears Roebuck in Chicago would not stock a 22-F battery manufactured at the Louisville plant inasmuch as Chicago is served by the Milwaukee plant of Globe Union.

With reference to the possibility of purchase of the battery by mail order, Mr. DARNELL checked all mail orders filled by the Louisville plant upon such referral by Sears Roebuck in Chicago and stated that no mail order received was for a Model 22-F battery, thus eliminating the possibility of purchase of instant battery through mail order.

Pursuant to conversation held with Supervisor CHARLES HARDING of the Atlanta Office, Mr. DARNELL was requested to furnish and did furnish copies of the Sears Roebuck retail automobile store outlets in the area surrounding Memphis, consisting of stores in the Greater St. Louis, Missouri, area and Southeastern Missouri, as well as Southern Illinois as far North as Alton, Illinois, as well as stores in Western Kentucky. Next to the name and address of the Sears Roebuck stores so listed in parenthesis are listed the total number of the type 22-F battery furnished these various stores during the pertinent period from 2/22/68, to April 5, 1968. It is to be noted that while instant battery carries a date code of 3/68, Mr. DARNELL explained that the code date is effective on the 21st of each month indicating that this battery was distributed possibly as early as 2/22/68, as a March product.

For the information of offices not previously receiving correspondence regarding tracing of instant

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battery, this battery is described as an All-State high voltage, internal connector battery with the identifying Model 52 contained in white letters in a small circular plastic case on three sides of the battery. It also bears the marking "F-41 B E 8, square 48" located on the top of the lead shield washer on the negative post. The date code "C-8" indicating the battery was manufactured in March, 1968, is contained in a small white decal on the side of the battery.

Enclosed for the Bureau and each receiving office is a copy of the list of Sears Roebuck retail stores carrying this battery and through which retail outlet same may have been purchased during the above period from 2/22 to 4/4/68.

No leads are being set forth herewith by the Louisville Office relative to further tracing of this battery but same is being left to the discretion of the OO as indicated in referenced teletype of the Louisville Office dated 4/26/68.

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Sears Roebuck & Co. (16)
512 E. Second St.
Owensboro, Ky.

Sears Roebuck & Co. (5)
4133 Dixie Highway
Shively, Ky.

Sears Roebuck & Co. (22)
1010 State Street
Bowling Green, Ky.

Sears Roebuck & Co. (4)
2102 Williams St.
Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Sears Roebuck & Co. (13)
1500 Broadway
Paducah, Kentucky

Sears Roebuck & Co. (13)
213 E. Main Street
Lexington, Kentucky

Sears Roebuck & Co. (64)
3708 Grand Blvd.
St. Louis, Missouri

Sears Roebuck & Co. (7)
7412 Manchester Rd.
Maplewood, Missouri

Sears Roebuck & Co. (17)
309 Piase Street
Alton, Illinois

Sears Roebuck & Co. (25)
13 West 7th Street
Covington, Kentucky

Sears Roebuck & Co. (24)
820 West Broadway
Louisville, Ky.

Sears Roebuck & Co. (26)
4121 Shelbyville Road
St. Matthews, Kentucky

Sears Roebuck & Co. (7)
U.S. 60 East
Frankfort, Kentucky

Sears Roebuck & Co. (76)
1408 N. Kingshighway
St. Louis, Missouri

Sears Roebuck & Co. (34)
1005 State Street
East St. Louis, Illinois

Sears Roebuck & Co. (2)
112 E. Main Street
Belleville, Illinois

Sears Roebuck & Co. (42)
15 Crestwood Plaza
St. Louis, Missouri

Sears Roebuck & Co. (69)
11100 St. Charles Rodk Road
St. Ann, Missouri

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

MURKIN

ReNKteletype 5/20/68.

Enclosed herewith for the FBI Lab are two United States Postal Money Orders bearing signature ERIC S. GALT.

Number one Money Order # 1,916,211,078, dated 3/8/68, in amount of \$15.00 purchased Los Angeles, California, payable to Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey. GALT lists address as 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

Number two Money Order # 5,615,057,923, dated 3/28/68, purchased Atlanta, Georgia, in amount of \$7.50, payable to Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey. GALT lists address as 113 14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia.

Money orders furnished to SA SIDNEY H. ROCHE on 5/22/68, by JOHN R. TAKACH, Chief, Money Order Branch, Government Accounting Office, Washington, D.C.

Laboratory requested to compare signature on money orders with known handwriting of RAY to determine if identical.

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- 4 - Bureau (Enc. 2)
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)
- 1 - Newark (44-854) (Info)
- 1 - Los Angeles (44-1574)
- 1 - Atlanta (44-2386)
- 1 - WFO

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

DATE: 5/23/68

FROM : SA BRUCE D. THOMSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO:MEMPHIS)

Re memos of SA RICHARD H. DAVIS, 4/22/68 and JOHN F. LEUCK 4/25/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA BRUCE D. THOMSON and JACK M. WEBRECK on the dates and at the places indicated:

On 4/26/68, Mr. FORREST HAGAN, Clerk, Cedartown, Georgia Police Department advised his records are negative re RUBY DUGGAR.

A review of the Polk City Guide for Cedartown, Ga. (1966 edition) reflects that RUBY DUGGAR 416 Park Street is employed at the Polk County Hospital as a practical nurse.

Efforts to locate RUBY DUGGAR at 416 Park Street reflects that she had moved and left no forwarding address.

Investigation at the Polk County Hospital on the same date reflects that she has not been employed by this concern since early in Feb. 1967.

Post Master G. FIELDS WHATLEY (Protect Identity) Cedartown post office advised his records do not reflect that a RUBY DUGGAR or MARIE RUFF receive mail in the city of Cedartown. WHATLEY advised that he would contact the rural mail carriers and attempt to ascertain if any of these individuals are familiar with these persons.

On 5/17/68 WHATLEY advised that he had ascertained that RUBY DUGGAR is residing on the "Old Mill Road", Route 2, Cedartown, possibly in a house trailer.

Efforts to locate RUBY DUGGAR on the Old Mill Road to date have met with negative results.

LEAD

AT CEDARTOWN, GA.

Will continue efforts to locate RUBY DUGGAR and MARIE RUFF on the Old Mill road and upon location will interview them re their knowledge of EUGENE RAY and any possible connection he might have re subject of instant matter.



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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: ME)

REVIEW OF TICKETS FOR UAL FLIGHTS
FROM ATLANTA, APRIL 5-12, 1968

Re Chicago teletype, 5/22/68.

Enclosed herewith for Memphis are 15 copies of an insert reflecting investigation at Mobile identifying the passenger J. D. O'CONNOR. One copy of this airtel and insert is being furnished to Chicago and Atlanta for information so that these offices may be advised that O'CONNOR is eliminated, as he is an employee of the U. S. Engineers in Mobile, and has been for the past 19 years.

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2 - Memphis (Enc. 15)
① - Atlanta (Enc. 1) (Info)
1 - Chicago (Enc. 1) (Info)
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REVIEW OF TICKETS FOR UAL FLIGHTS
FROM ATLANTA, APRIL 5-12, 1968

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOSEPH T. BOSTON on May 23, 1968, at Mobile, Alabama:

Mobile City Directory reflects that JOHN D. O'CONNOR resides at 2906 Jennings Drive and is employed as an engineer for the U. S. Corps of Engineers in Mobile.

Mr. A. S. BREWER, Personnel Manager, U. S. Corps of Engineers, advised that JOHN D. O'CONNOR has been employed by the U. S. Corps of Engineers for the past nineteen years and is an engineer who travels considerably in connection with his employment. He is described as a white male, born [REDACTED] at Mobile, Alabama, 6'1" tall and weighs 150 pounds.

JOHN D. O'CONNOR advised that his records reflect that on April 8, 1968, he traveled from Mobile, Alabama to Atlanta, Georgia by United Airlines flight number 360 and the same date flew from Atlanta, Georgia to Bristol, Tennessee on United Airlines flight number 796. He flew back from Bristol to Atlanta on April 11, 1968 on Piedmont Airlines and from Atlanta to Mobile on April 11, 1968 on Eastern Airlines flight number 103. Payment for fare on this roundtrip flight was made by Travel Request Number N9244503.

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Date: MAY 22, 1968

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Via Teletype

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND SAC Memphis:

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

RE: MURKIN

RE LA PHONE CALL TO BUREAU AND LA TELSMAY SEVENTEEN
LAST CONCERNING LA TIMES INFORMANT - "BOB" LNU.

INFORMATION DEVELOPED WHICH INDICATES INDIVIDUAL
KNOWN TO LEAMONT ANDERSON WHITE, EMPLOYEE OF WESTERN UNION,
LOS ANGELES, AS BOB BRICKLEY (ALLEGED TO BE BROTHER OF
FRANK BRICKLEY) IS IN REALITY LESTER EDWARD PACKETT FBI
NUMBER EIGHT TWO SEVEN ONE SEVEN ZERO A, SUBJECT OF BUFILE
EIGHTY SEVEN DASH FOUR SIX TWO EIGHT TWO, IN WHICH KC WAS
OO; KC FILE EIGHTY SEVEN DASH EIGHT TWO ZERO NINE; KX FILE
EIGHTY SEVEN DASH TWO EIGHT SEVEN EIGHT; ME FILE EIGHTY
SEVEN DASH FOUR NINE ZERO ZERO; MM FILE EIGHTY SEVEN DASH
ONE ZERO FOUR NINE NINE. ALSO SUBJECT OF KX FILE TWENTY SIX
DASH ONE THREE FOUR FOUR EIGHT, LA FILES EIGHT SEVEN DASH

AIR MAIL COPIES TO FOLLOWING OFFICES:

2 - ALBANY (Encl. 1 photo)	1 - DETROIT
1 - ATLANTA	1 - MOBILE
1 - BIRMINGHAM	1 - KNOXVILLE
1 - KANSAS CITY	1 - CHARLOTTE
1 - MIAMI	
1 - LAS VEGAS	

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NINE FOUR ZERO ZERO, AND TWENTY SIX DASH THREE THREE NINE SIX ZERO.

PHOTO OF LESTER PACKETT EXHIBITED TO LEAMONT ANDERSON WHITE WHO IDENTIFIED IT AS INDIVIDUAL HE KNEW AS BOB BRICKLEY. NANCY BURGDORF, APT. MANAGER, EIGHT ONE TWO SOUTH WESTLAKE, L.A., IDENTIFIED SAME PHOTO AS FORMER RESIDENT THAT APT. WITH ODELA A. PACKETT WHO IS IDENT WITH FBI NUMBER THREE NINE ZERO EIGHT SEVEN SEVEN A; AND SHE IS CURRENTLY SERVING THIRTY DAYS FOR PROSTITUTION IN L.A. PHOTO OF LESTER PACKETT WAS TAKEN BY KNOXVILLE PD DECEMBER SEVENTEEN, NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT.

POLAROID COPY OF PHOTO OF LESTER PACKETT BEING FORWARDED AMSD TO AL FOR EXHIBITION TO RAY ANDREW YOUNG, MASSENA, N.Y., TO DETERMINE IF THIS WAS INDIVIDUAL WHO APPROACHED HIM WHILE HE WAS STAYING AT CLARK HOTEL APRIL SEVENTEEN LAST.

JERRY COHEN, LA TIMES NEWSPAPER, ADVISES PAPER PROMISED THEIR INFORMANT "BOB" LNU, THEY WOULD NOT REVEAL HIS IDENTITY OR HOW TO LOCATE. COHEN DID HOWEVER TELL THIS OFFICE HE WOULD ADVISE IF ANY PHOTOS EXHIBITED WERE NOT IDENTICAL WITH INFORMANT. COHEN STATED PHOTO OF FRANK BRICKLEY NOT IDENT, BUT QUOTE DECLINED TO COMMENT END QUOTE, WHEN PHOTO LESTER PACKETT EXHIBITED TO HIM.

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WIFE, ODELA PACKETT, INTERVIEWED AT LENGTH IN LA COUNTY JAIL. STATES FILED FOR DIVORCE FROM PACKETT TWO MONTHS AGO THROUGH ATTORNEY PHIL CLOUGH ON GROUNDS OF DESERTION, CRUELTY, AND NONSUPPORT. LEGAL FEES PAYED BY HER RELATIVES. SAID SHE WAS SO MAD AT PACKETT AT TIME OF FILING FOR DIVORCE THAT SHE TORE UP ALL PHOTOS SHE HAD OF HIM. DESCRIBED HIM AS SHIFTLESS DRIFTER, WHO NEVER HELD JOB DURING THEIR FIVE YEAR MARRIAGE. SHE DOES NOT KNOW HIS PRESENT WHEREABOUTS.

REVIEW OF LA FILES RE LESTER PACKETT AND INTERVIEW WITH ODELA PACKETT INDICATES HE HAS SPENT TIME IN BELLE GLADE, FLORIDA; RENO, NEVADA; VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN TENNESSEE; CHICAGO AND KANSAS CITY. LEAMONT WHITE BELIEVES HE IS INDIVIDUAL WHO TOOK HIS TWO GUNS, AND IS ONLY INDIVIDUAL OUTSIDE OF FRANK BRICKLEY AND PERSON HE KNEW AS BRICKLEY'S COUSIN (WHOSE NAME HE CAN NOT RECALL) THAT WOULD HAVE KNOWN HE EVEN OWNED THE GUNS.

IT WOULD APPEAR PACKETT BILKED LA TIMES OUT OF AT LEAST ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS. OTHER THAN SHOWING HIS PHOTO TO RAY ANDREW YOUNG, MASSENA, N.Y., TO WRAP UP THIS ASPECT OF CASE, *it is* *still to* NO FURTHER INVESTIGATIVE EFFORT BEING CONDUCTED IN LA RE "BOB".
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AIRMAIL COPIES BEING SENT FOLLOWING OFFICES; WITH PHOTO
ENCLOSED FOR ALBANY TO DISPLAY AS INDICATED ABOVE:

ALBANY, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, MIAMI, LAS VEGAS,
DETROIT, MOBILE, KNOXVILLE, CHARLOTTE.

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RADIO

IMMEDIATE

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
FROM: SAC MINNEAPOLIS (157-450)

MURKIN

RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL MINNEAPOLIS, MAY TWENTY,
SIXTY EIGHT.

ON MAY TWENTY SEVEN, SIXTY EIGHT, MR. JAMES E.
BARROWMAN, AUDITOR, MONEY ORDER AUDIT BUREAU, WESTERN
UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY, MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, (PROTECT
IDENTITY) ADVISED THAT HE CAUSED HIS RECORDS TO BE SEARCHED
FOR THE PERIOD OF FEBRUARY FOURTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT THROUGH
MARCH TWENTY, SIXTYEIGHT IN AN EFFORT TO LOCATE ANY RECORD
OF WESTERN UNION MONEY ORDER EMANATING FROM ATLANTA,
BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES AND MEMPHIS, PAYABLE TO JAMES EARL
RAY UNDER HIS TRUE NAME OR KNOWN ALIASES.

MR. BARROWMAN ADVISED THAT THIS SEARCH WAS MADE WITH
NEGATIVE RESULTS.

AIR MAIL COPIES SENT TO ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES
AND MEMPHIS.

1 - Atlanta (AM)
1 - Birmingham (AM)
1 - Los Angeles (AM)
1 - Memphis (AM)
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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), ATLANTA (44-2386),
SAN DIEGO (44-387), BIRMINGHAM (44-1740), SPRINGFIELD (44-561),
LAS VEGAS, LOUISVILLE, NEW ORLEANS (157-10653), JACKSON
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (12P)

MURKIN

RE JAMES C. HARDIN

AN AGGRESSIVE, PENETRATING, LENGTHY INTERVIEW WAS CONDUCTED
THIS DATE WITH ALLAN O. THOMPSON, MANAGER, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL.
THOMPSON ADVISED HE KNOWS THE INDIVIDUAL, WHOM HE PREVIOUSLY
REFUSED TO IDENTIFY, BY THE NAME OF "FITZ". HE ADVISED HE WAS
APPROACHED BY THIS INDIVIDUAL AT THE RABBIT'S FOOT BAR A FEW DAYS
AGO BUT COULD NOT RECALL SPECIFIC DATE. HE SAID THIS INDIVIDUAL
SAID, "YOUR MR. THOMPSON, AREN'T YOU?" AND THEN
PROCEEDED TO ASK IF THOMPSON WAS INTERESTED IN SPLITTING THE
REWARD MONEY OFFERED IN THE DR. MARTIN KING, JR. MURDER.
THOMPSON SAID HE TOLD THIS INDIVIDUAL HE WAS NOT INTERESTED. DURING
THE COURSE OF SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION, THOMPSON SAID "FITZ"
TOLD HIM HE HAD OBSERVED JAMES EARL RAY, AKA ERIC GALT, AND
ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL SITTING TOGETHER, ENGAGED IN CONVERSATION AT
A LOCAL BAR, THE NAME OF WHICH WAS NOT MENTIONED. THOMPSON
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SAID THAT "FITZ" TOLD HIM RAY CALLED THIS INDIVIDUAL "J. C." THOMPSON SAID THE NAME "J. C." PROMPTED HIS RECOLLECTION OF EVENTS AS SET OUT IN LA TEL OF FIVE TWENTY EIGHT SIXTY EIGHT, THAT IS, RAY BEING CALLED TWICE, POSSIBLE THREE TIMES, BY JAMES C. HARDIN FROM NEW ORLEANS AND ATLANTA.

THOMPSON SAID THAT HE HAS SEEN "FITZ" ON AN INFREQUENT BASIS VICINITY OF THE HOLLYWOOD AND WESTERN AREA, LOS ANGELES, DURING THE PAST SIX MONTHS. HE ADVISED HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF ASSOCIATES OF "FITZ", HIS RESIDENCE, PAST OR PRIOR, HIS AUTOMOBILE, OR HIS EMPLOYMENT, IF ANY. THOMPSON SAID AT SOME TIME AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR, HE BELIEVES HE EXPELLED "FITZ" AND ANOTHER CAUCASIAN MALE FROM THE PARKING LOT OF THE ST. FRANCIS WHERE THEY WERE SLEEPING IN AN AUTOMOBILE. THOMPSON SAID IT WAS ON THIS OCCASION THAT HE LEARNED OF THIS INDIVIDUALS NAME IN THAT THE PERSON WITH WHOM HE WAS SLEEPING CALLED HIM "FITZ". THOMPSON ADVISED HE BELIEVED THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS THE SUBJECT OF A WARRANT FOR HIS ARREST BECAUSE WHEN THOMPSON TOLD HIM TO CONTACT THE FBI, "FITZ" TOLD HIM THAT HE COULDN'T. HE DESCRIBED "FITZ" AS CAUCASIAN MALE, THIRTY SEVEN - FORTY TWO, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE POUNDS, BROWN HAIR WORN SHORT AS IN CREW CUT, HABITUALLY WEARS SPORT SHIRT WITH CHEAP SLACKS.

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THOMPSON SAID WHENEVER AND WHEREVER HE OBSERVES "FITZ", HE WILL IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE FBI.

THOMPSON REITERATED THE INFORMATION AS SET OUT IN LA TELETYPE. HE ADDED ONLY THAT HE BELIEVES THE VOICE OF THE PERSON CALLING ON THE TELEPHONE WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS JAMES C. HARDIN, AND THE VOICE OF THE PERSON WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS MR. HARDIN AT THE ST. FRANCIS HOTEL AFTER THE TELEPHONE CALLS, TO BE IDENTICAL. HE SAID THAT ON ONE OCCASION HE HEARD THE OPERATOR AND A PERSON WHOM SHE CALLED "MR. HARDIN" CONVERSE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT HE WOULD LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR GALT.

THOMPSON VIEWED THE FBI FACIAL IDENTIFICATION CATALOG IN AN EFFORT TO OBTAIN AN ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF HARDIN.

THOMPSON DESCRIBED HIMSELF AS CAUCASIAN MALE, BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AT ARIZONA, FIVE FOOT ELEVEN INCHES, ONE SIXTY POUNDS, BROWN GREYING HAIR, PARTIALLY BALD, HAZEL EYES, USMC NINETEEN FORTY TWO - NINETEEN FORTY SIX.

THOMPSON CLAIMS HE HAS FURNISHED ALL INFORMATION IN THIS MATTER CONCERNING BOTH "FITZ" AND JAMES C. HARDIN. HE STATES THAT HE BELIEVES THAT HE COULD IDENTIFY A PHOTOGRAPH OF JAMES C. HARDIN. EFFORTS TO LOCATE "FITZ" ARE CONTINUING.

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RESULTS OF IDENTIFICATION CATALOG REGARDING JAMES C. HARDIN
ARE AS FOLLOWS.

- A. K A FOUR - TWELVE
- B. K B ONE - ONE
- C. K C ONE - FIVE
- D. K D ONE - TWO
- E. K E THREE - FOURTEEN
- F. K F ONE - ONE
- G. K G ONE - SEVEN
- H. K H TWO - ONE
- J. K J FIVE - THREE
- K. K K FOUR - SEVEN
- L. ZERO
- M. ZERO
- N. O N ONE - TEN

GENERAL DESCRIPTION IS SEX- MALE, AGE THIRTY FIVE- FORTY
RACE CAUCASIAN, COMPLEXION- COARSE SKIN, DARK, HEIGHT FIVE FT.
SEVEN INCHES - FIVE FT. EIGHT INCHES, WEIGHT ONE FORTY - ONE FIFTY,
SLENDER BUILD, COLOR OF EYES DARK, COLOR OF HAIR DARK.
FURNISH RESULT TO LOS ANGELS AND INTERESTED OFFICES.
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RE MAIL FORWARDING SERVICE (FEBRUARY ONE TO MARCH ONE LAST.)
LETTER ADDRESSED TO ERIC S. GALT RECEIVED MAY TWENTY EIGHT LAST,
BY C. M. HEDGPETH AT FOUR ZERO SIX SOUTH SECOND, ALHAMBRA,
CALIFORNIA, OPERATOR OF CONFIDENTIAL MAIL FORWARDING SERVICE CON-
TRACTED FOR DURING FEBRUARY, SIXTY EIGHT, BY JAMES EARL RAY.
LETTER READ QUOTE SHOW ME FIRST YOU MEAN BUSINESS UNQUOTE.
LETTER SIGNED TONI, INITIAL C, INITIAL A, RETURN ADDRESS POST
OFFICE BOX SIX FOUR THREE, BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA. (APPARENTLY
IN RESPONSE TO GALT AD IN FREE PRESS.)

KENT ABRAMS INTERVIEWED MAY TWENTY NINE INSTANT, AND ADVISED
HE RENTED POST OFFICE BOX ON OR ABOUT APRIL ONE LAST FOR FRIEND
PLANNING TO OPERATE BUSINESS UTILIZING COMPUTER ANALYSIS TO
LOCATE COMPATIBLE MARRIAGE PARTNERS. ABRAMS CLAIMS BUSINESS
NEVER ACTIVATED AND NO MAIL RECEIVED AT POST OFFICE BOX,
OR SENT WITH THAT RETURN ADDRESS. ABRAMS ADVISED HE DOES NOT KNOW
RAY AND DOES NOT BELIEVE ANYONE CONNECTED WITH THE COMPUTER BUSINESS
HAS ANY KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING HIM. COMPUTER BUSINESS ORGANIZED BY
BOU A. GLENN AND THREE OF HIS FELLOW EMPLOYEES, ALL EMPLOYED
AT THE ROCKETDYNE DIVISION OF NORTH AMERICAN AVIATION, CANOGA
PARK, CALIFORNIA. GLENN AND ASSOCIATES IN COMPUTER BUSINESS
BEING INTERVIEWED.

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RE SPRINGFIELD TEL TO LOS ANGELES, MAY TWENTY NINE,
CAPTIONED FRANCES E. RAY.

ON MAY TWENTY EIGHT LAST, FEMALE, USING NAME FRANCES E.
RAY, ADDRESS SIX ONE FOUR NINE RUGBY, HUNTINGON PARK, CALIFORNIA,
TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED LOS ANGELES FBI AND QUINCY, ILLINOIS,
PD. CONCERNING WHEREABOUTS OF JERRY RAY.

FRANCES E. RAY WHO CLAIMS SHE IS A SECOND COUSIN TO JAMES
EARL RAY INTERVIEWED THIS DATE. STATED RELATED TO JAMES EARL
RAY BUT DISCLAIMED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECT'S WHEREABOUTS OR
ACTIVITIES OR THAT SHE HAS EVER MET HIM.

SHE IS A SELF DASH PROFESSED ALCOHOLIC, AND ADVISED
TELEPHONIC CONTACT MADE WITH FBI, LOS ANGELES, AND POLICE OF
QUINCY, ILLINOIS, BECAUSE SHE FELT VERY DEPRESSED FOR SUBJECT RAY.
FRANCES RAY ADVISED SHE IS DIVORCED AND HAS RESIDED IN LOS
ANGELES SINCE NINETEEN THIRTY-THREE AND IS PRESENTLY RECEIVING
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

NORMA JEAN DOUGLAS, SIX THREE ONE NINE RUGBY, HUNTINGTON PARK,
DAUGHTER OF FRANCES E. RAY, INTERVIEWED THIS DATE, DISCLAIMED ANY
KNOWLEDGE OF RAY'S WHEREABOUTS OR ACTIVITIES AND ADVISES FRANCES E.
RAY IS A CHRONIC ALCOHOLIC AND PRONE TO FREQUENT CRANK TELEPHONE
CALLS.

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RE: WILLIAM A. MARSHALL (CONSIDER AS ARMED AND DANGEROUS)
COVINA PD FURNISHED FIVE CARDS BEARING PARTIAL LATENT PRINTS
TAKEN FROM SIXTY SEVEN GOLD COLOR BLACK TOP PLYMOUTH BEARING
CALIFORNIA LICENSE U T W ZERO ONE TWO RECOVERED AT COVINA. ALSO
FURNISHED CHECK IN AMOUNT OF FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS SIGNED W. L. DE
LUCA, WHICH WAS GIVEN TO ALLEN A. KRAUSE. KRAUSE HAD ACCEPTED
THIS CHECK TO COMPENSATE HIM FOR COLLISION DAMAGES AFTER ACCIDENT
IN COVINA, MAY FIFTEEN LAST. PRINTS AND CHECK BEING FORWARDED FOR
LABORATORY EXAMINATION. ALSO FURNISHED GULF OIL COMPANY GASOLINE
INVOICE DATES MAY FIFTEEN LAST FOUND IN PLYMOUTH RECOVERED AT
COVINA REFLECTING PURCHASE AT HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA, UNDER
NAME OF WILLIAM L. DE LUCA, CALIFORNIA LICENSE U T W ONE ZERO
TWO ALSO FORWARDED FOR EXAMINATION.

ALLEN KRAUSE DESCRIBED DRIVER OF PLYMOUTH AS WMA, AGE THIRTY
FIVE TO FORTY, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES OR SIX FEET, ONE HUNDRED
SEVENTY TO SEVENTY FIVE POUNDS, STOCKY BUILD, BLACK STRAIGHT HAIR,
WELL SHAVEN, BUT EVIDENCE OF HEAVY BEARD AND AT TIME OF ACCIDENT
WAS ACCOMPANIED BY YOUTH DESCRIBED AS WHITE, AGE FOURTEEN TO
SIXTEEN YEARS, TALL, BLOND CURLY HAIR, ALLEGEDLY HIS NEPHEW, NO
NAME GIVEN. "DE LUCA" CLAIMED ON WAY TO LAS VEGAS. KRAUSE REPORTED
ACCIDENT AND FACT THAT CHECK WAS FRAUDULENT AFTER CHECK RETURNED
TO HIM BY BANK.

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MARSHALL WHEN OBTAINING CAR AT CHULA VISTA WAS DESCRIBED AS WMA, AGE FORTY TO FORTY FIVE, FIVE FEET NINE INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE TO EIGHTY POUNDS, DARK HAIR, FAIR TO MEDIUM COMPLEXION.

ACCORDING TO COVINA PD, CHULA VISTA PD SUSPECTS THAT WILLIAM H. MARSHALL IS RESPONSIBLE FOR FIVE ARMED ROBBERIES OF REAL ESTATE AGENTS IN CHULA VISTA AREA. PERSON OF MARSHALL'S DESCRIPTION HAD CONTACTED REAL ESTATE AGENTS ABOUT HOME PURCHASE AS PRETEXT BEFORE ROBBING THEM. ALSO FOUND IN CAR WAS KEY OF S. S. WHEELER APTS, BALBOA, CALIFORNIA WITH NUMBER FOUR ON IT. ON MAY TWENTY NINE LAST, DARLENE E. DE LUCA, MRS.

WILLIAM LAWRENCE DE LUCA, EIGHT FOUR TWO TWO ALVARDO DRIVE, HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED THAT AT TWO PM ON MAY FIFTEEN LAST, A MAN SHE DESCRIBED AS WHM, EARLY THIRTIES, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY POUNDS, BLACK HAIR, DRIVING A GOLD AND BLACK CAR CAME TO HER HOME IN RESPONSE TO A SIGN IN FRONT INDICATING IT WAS FOR SALE BY OWNER. THE MAN INDICATED HE WAS INTERESTED IN BUYING THE HOME AND MRS. DE LUCA LEFT HIM IN HER LIVING ROOM AND WENT TO MAKE TELEPHONE CALL TO ARRANGE FOR A LATER APPOINTMENT.
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TO HANDLE DETAILS OF SALE. WAS GONE FOR APPROXIMATELY TEN MINUTES AND WHEN RETURNED MAN INDICATED HE WOULD OBTAIN FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS IN CASH AND RETURN FOLLOWING DAY TO HANDLE DETAILS. AFTER MAN LEFT, MRS. DE LUCA DISCOVERED HER CHECK BOOK AND NUMEROUS CREDIT AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS AND HER DRIVERS LICENSE HAD BEEN TAKEN FROM HER PURSE WHICH HAD BEEN IN THE LIVING ROOM.

MRS. DE LUCA REPORTED THEFT TO HUNTINGTON BEACH PD.

MRS. DE LUCA CONTACTED BY DETECTIVE WOODRUM, VICTORVILLE, CALIFORNIA, PD, ON MAY TWENTY LAST, INDICATING A MAN ATTEMPTED TO PASS A CHECK FOR TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS AT SECURITY FIRST NATIONAL BANK, VICTORVILLE, AND WHILE TELLER VERIFYING ACCOUNT MAN LEFT THE BANK. DETECTIVE WOODRUM HAS CHECK DRAWN ON ACCOUNT OF W. L. DE LUCA AT SECURITY FIRST NATIONAL BANK, LAKEWOOD PLAZA BRANCH, LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA.

ON MAY TWENTY NINE, MRS. DE LUCA RECEIVED LETTER FROM PERRY'S COUNTRY STORE AND RESTAURANT, P. O. BOX FORTY FIVE BONSALL (SAN DIEGO COUNTY), CALIFORNIA, WHICH LETTER ENCLOSED ALL HER SUPERMARKET IDENTIFICATION CARDS AND PERSONAL PHOTOGRAPHS, WHICH HAD BEEN AMONG ITEMS STOLEN.

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SHE STATED SHE CALLED MR. PERRY THIS DATE WHO ADVISED HER THE IDENTIFICATION CARD AND PHOTOGRAPHS WERE LEFT ON A TABLE IN HIS RESTAURANT BY A LONE WOMAN CUSTOMER. MRS. DE LUCA ADVISED HER MONTGOMERY WARD, J. C. PENNEY'S, ATLANTIC DASH RICHFIELD, SHELL, MOBIL, AND GULF CREDIT CARDS STILL MISSING.

MRS. DE LUCA EXAMINED PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY AND INDICATED PHOTO SOMEWHAT RESEMBLED MAN WHO STOLE HER IDENTIFICATION BUT COULD NOT MAKE ANY IDENTIFICATION.

INQUIRY AT VICTORVILLE PD ASCERTAINED THAT WOODRUM HAS TAKEN LEAVE UNTIL MONDAY NEXT AND IS UNAVAILABLE. EFFORTS TO LOCATE CHECK IN PD RECORDS NEGATIVE. BANK PERSONNEL NOT AVAILABLE AT VICTORVILLE UNTIL FRIDAY NEXT.

WALTER DE PRIEST MAINTENANCE MAN, SS WHEELER APARTMENTS, ONE ONE ONE FIVE EAST BALBOA BOULEVARD, BALBOA, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED MAY TWENTY NINE LAST THAT A REVIEW OF RECORDS OF ABOVE APARTMENTS REVEALS THAT ONE J. A . WARREN ATTEMPTED TO RENT APARTMENT FOUR, WHEELER APARTMENTS APPROXIMATELY FIVE TWENTY LAST AT ABOUT TEN AM TO ELEVEN AM, ACCOMPAINED BY INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFIED AS HIS NEPHEW. WARREN STAYED ONLY APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS WITHOUT
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PAYING RENT AND THEN DEPARTED MAKING EXCUSES HE WAS GOING TO BANK TO SECURE FUNDS FOR RENT. HE TOOK KEY TO APARTMENT FOUR AND DID NOT RETURN IT. AT TIME OF REGISTRATION WARREN INDICATED RESIDENCE OF ONE TWO ONE EAST "G" STREET, CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA, AND WAS DRIVING LATE MODEL PLYMOUTH FURY, BEARING CALIFORNIA LICENSE UTW ONE ZERO TWO. DE PRIEST HAS RECOLLECTION VEHICLE WAS TWO TONED GOLD IN COLOR. WARREN ADVISED IN CONVERSATION HE WAS EMPLOYED BY INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER COMPANY AND WAS BEING SENT TO AFRICA BY THAT COMPANY.

WARREN DESCRIBED AS WMA, FORTY FIVE TO FIFTY, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE POUNDS, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, TO NINE INCHES, DARK BROWN GRAYING HAIR, RUDDY COMPLEXION, WORE TROUSERS AND SHIRT. HAD NO LUGGAGE IN POSSESSION.

INDIVIDUAL ACCOMPANYING WARREN, NAME NOT GIVEN, DESCRIBED AS WMA, APPROXIMATELY TWENTY, SIX FEET, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY POUNDS, LIGHT COMPLEXION, WORE SPORT CLOTHES.

PHOTO OF RAY EXHIBITED TO DE PRIEST AND STATES NOT IDENTICAL WITH WARREN. PHOTO OF RAY ALSO EXHIBITED MRS. LAVERNE WHEELER, OWNER ABOVE APARTMENTS, WHO STATED THIS INDIVIDUAL NOT RECOGNIZED BY HER AS RESIDING WHEELER APARTMENTS.

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WHO STOLE ONE NINE SIX SEVEN PLYMOUTH AND WILL SECURE
AND FORWARD CHECK FROM VICTORVILLE TO LABORATORY.

SAN DIEGO AT BONSALL ASCERTAIN FULL FACTS CONCERNING
RETURN OF MRS. DE LUCA'S IDENTIFICATION MATERIAL FROM PERRY'S
COUNTRY STORE ALSO NOTE ADDRESS AT CHULA VISTA AS GIVEN AT
BALBOA WHEN INDIVIDUAL UTILIZED NAME WARREN.

SPRINGFIELD THROUGH JERRY RAY ASCERTAIN HOW WELL KNOWN A
RELATIVE FRANCES RAY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA MIGHT BE.
ALSO NOTE SAME USE OF NAME OF INTERNATIONAL HARVESTOR COMPANY AT
BALBOA BY THE WM. MARSHALL INDIVIDUAL UTILIZING NAME WARREN
AS WAS USED FIVE FOURTEEN LAST AT CHULA VISTA IN SAN DIEGO
TEL FIVE SIXTEEN SIXTYEIGHT, COPY YOUR OFFICE.

LAS VEGAS CONTACT SO AND LAS VEGAS PD CONCERNING
WILLIAM A. MARSHALL WITH ALIASES TO DETERMINE IF SIMILAR M.O.
AS DESCRIBED BY CHULA VISTA PD IS BEING NOW USED AT LAS VEGAS.
SAN DIEGO TEL FIVE SIXTEEN SIXTY EIGHT FURNISHED LAS VEGAS.
COPIES OF THIS TEL FURNISHED OTHER OFFICES IN VIEW OF INFO
RE JAMES C. HARDIN.

INVESTIGATION ALL PHASES CONTINUING AT LOS ANGELES.

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RADIOGRAM

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TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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RE LATELS MAY TWENTY-EIGHT LAST.

RE WILLIAM A. MARSHALL.

LOS ANGELES, IF NOT ALREADY COMPLETED, WILL PROCESS RECOVERED NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN PLYMOUTH FOR LATENT PRINTS AND OTHER EVIDENCE. POSSIBILITY COULD EXIST THAT THIS VEHICLE USED BY SUBJECT RAY. INSURE DESCRIPTION OF DELUCA AS FURNISHED BY KRAUSE APPROXIMATES THAT OF MARSHALL AND IF NOT, POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT DELUCA AND MARSHALL ARE NOT IDENTICAL. OBTAIN CHECK FURNISHED BY DELUCA TO KRAUSE FOR HANDWRITING AND LATENT FINGERPRINT COMPARISONS IN MURKIN CASE.

RE ALLEN O. THOMPSON, MANAGER, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL.

THOMPSON SHOULD BE THOROUGHLY INTERVIEWED AND REINTERVIEWED IF NECESSARY AND ANY INFORMATION DEVELOPED ON HIM WHICH CAN BE UTILIZED AS LEVER TO ELICIT TRUE INFORMATION FROM HIM SHOULD BE EMPLOYED IF NECESSARY. 4 4 2386 -1985

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ASSOCIATES, OTHER HOTEL EMPLOYEES, TENANTS AND ANY OTHER INDIVIDUALS WHO MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION WHICH WOULD ASSIST IN PURSUING OR RESOLVING THE RECENT INFORMATION FURNISHED BY THOMPSON. UNTIL ALL OTHER AVENUES OF INVESTIGATIVE APPROACHES ARE EXPLORED TO ELICIT TRUE INFORMATION FROM THOMPSON, THERE DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE SUFFICIENT BASIS FOR CALLING HIM BEFORE GRAND JURY AT THIS TIME. IF YOU FEEL THAT THOMPSON CAN FURNISH SUFFICIENTLY DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF HARDIN AS TO POSSIBLY WARRANT CONSIDERATION OF HAVING AN ARTIST'S CONCEPTION PREPARED, YOU SHOULD MAKE APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATIONS.

EVERY EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO RESOLVE THE INFORMATION FURNISHED BY THOMPSON AND PURSUE IT TO LOGICAL CONCLUSION.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO ATLANTA, MEMPHIS, NEW ORLEANS AND SAN DIEGO.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

URGENT 5-29-68 LCS ⁸⁵⁵₉₂₀

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, JACKSONVILLE, AND LOS ANGELES
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 ⁹²²

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SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED MAY TWENTYNINE INSTANT.

BILLY MACK WISDOM INTERVIEWED AT USP, ATLANTA, AT HIS REQUEST THIS DATE. STATED PERSON HE BELIEVED CLOSELY RESEMBLED SUBJECT IN ATLANTA SEPTEMBER DASH OCTOBER SIXTYSEVEN, AND SEEN AT REGENCY HYATT HOUSE BY WISDOM AND ONE BOB JONES, WHITE MALE, ABOUT THIRTY, NOW REPORTEDLY OPERATING NIGHT CLUB IN DAYTONA BEACH, FLA. STATES ONE "CHUCK" (LNU) ATTEMPTED TO SELL THIS PERSON A RIFLE IN ATLANTA EARLY DECEMBER SIXTYSEVEN. COULD NOT FURTHER IDENTIFY "CHUCK" OTHER THAN DRIVES SIXTYSIX RED MUSTANG CONVERTIBLE, WHITE MALE, BLOND, VETERAN, TWENTY TO TWENTYONE YEARS, NO KNOWN EMPLOYMENT. FIXED TIME AS BEFORE HE, WISDOM, WAS ARRESTED IN DECEMBER, VERIFIED FROM APD RECORDS AS DEC. ELEVEN SIXTYSEVEN AND RELEASED DEC. THIRTY SIXTYSEVEN. ALSO STATED TWO HIPPIES "WEASEL" AND "JOHN" WOULD KNOW "CHUCK", AND FURNISHED DIRECTIONS AS TO THEIR RESIDENCE. LANDLORD STATED TWO HIPPIES HAD RESIDED AT EIGHT SIX NINE ST. CHARLES, ATLANTA, FOR TWO WEEKS,

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LEAVING JAN. TWENTYEIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT, GIVING NAMES AS MR. AND MRS. W. T. JONES. THIS IS IN CONFLICT WITH DATES FURNISHED BY WISDOM AND IT IS NOTED MEMPHIS HAS ESTABLISHED SUBJECT IN LOS ANGELES NOV. SEVENTEEN SIXTYSEVEN TO JAN. SIXTYEIGHT.

JAMES P. THORNTON, CURRENTLY RESIDING ATLANTA WITH JERRY Q. DUTTON, INTERVIEWED AND STATED HE ARRIVED ATLANTA MAY FOUR LAST FROM LOS ANGELES. PRESENTLY WORKING FOR PACIFIC FINANCE CO. THORNTON STATED HE RESIDED WITH PARENTS, MR. AND MRS. THOMAS A. RALEY, AT ONE TWO SEVEN THREE FIVE CARDINAL AVE., GARDEN GROVE, CALIF., FROM DATE OF DISCHARGE FROM U. S. ARMY ON JUNE FIFTEEN LAST TILL DEPARTURE TO COME TO ATLANTA. WORKED FOR TRANS-AMERICA CORP., LA PALMA AVE., ANAHEIM, CALIF., FROM TIME OF DISCHARGE TILL LEAVING CALIF. TRANS-AMERICA IS BRANCH OF PACIFIC FINANCE. STATED HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO ATLANTA AT OWN REQUEST BECAUSE HE LIKES THE SOUTH.

THORNTON STATED THAT PRIOR TO ENTERING U. S. ARMY JUNE FIFTEEN NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE, HE LIVED WITH PARENTS, HAVING MOVED TO LOS ANGELES FROM BIRMINGHAM OCTOBER NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR. FROM APRIL SIXTYFOUR TO OCTOBER SIXTYFOUR RESIDED WITH JAMES MC DANIELS, FORMERLY ASSOCIATED WITH NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY, BIRMINGHAM. FROM JAN. SIXTYFOUR TO APR. SIXTYFOUR,

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LIVED AT NSRP HEADQUARTERS ON SOUTH BESSEMER RD. , BIRMINGHAM. THORNTON ADMITTED PAST AFFILIATION WITH NSRP AND LATER WITH AMERICAN STATES RIGHTS PARTY AFTER HIS AND DUTTON'S SPLIT WITH NSRP. STATED HE GAVE UP ALL QUOTE POLITICAL ACTIVITY UNQUOTE WHEN ENTERING MILITARY SERVICE. ADMITTED HIS FEELINGS REMAIN ABOUT THE SAME AS PLATFORMS OF NSRP AND ASRP BUT STATED SUCH PHILOSOPHIES HAVE NO CHANCE IN U. S. TODAY. DEFINED SUCH PRINCIPLES AS QUOTE CONSERVATIVE UNQUOTE AND REPATRIATION OF JEWS AND NEGROES TO OTHER COUNTRIES. DENIED HE EVER HAD OR WOULD CONDONE VIOLENCE OR MURDER. DENIED DUTTON OR OTHER ASSOCIATES WOULD CONDONE VIOLENCE. STATED THAT JESSE B. STONER AND DR. EDWARD R. FIELDS, PAST AND PRESENT LEADERS IN NSRP WOULD NOT PERPETRATE VIOLENCE DIRECTLY BUT MIGHT MASTER-MIND OR PLAN VIOLENCE. DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF ANY VIOLENCE IN WHICH THEY WERE INVOLVED.

WHILE LIVING IN LOS ANGELES JUNE TO MAY ONE LAST, THORNTON WORKED PART TIME AT WALLACE FOR PRESIDENT HEADQUARTERS. WHEN FIRST WORKED THERE, THE HEADQUARTERS WERE LOCATED ON LINCOLN BOULEVARD, ANAHEIM. THE HEADQUARTERS CLOSED ABOUT JANUARY LAST AND A NEW HEADQUARTERS OPENED ON CHAPMAN BOULEVARD, ORANGE, CALIF., ABOUT ONE MONTH AGO. STATED HE HELPED BY DISTRIBUTING LITERATURE IN BEHALF OF WALLACE AND WORKED FOR A TIME AS A DEPUTY REGISTRAR. STATED JOHN ORTMANN, YORBA LINDA, CALIF.,

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WAS CHAIRMAN AND MRS. DERRY (PHONETIC) ELLISON, ORANGE CO., WAS ALSO EMPLOYED IN WALLACE HEADQUARTERS. DENIED KNOWING NAMES OF OTHER WORKERS.

THORNTON WAS SHOWN PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY AND DENIED SEEING OR KNOWING HIM. HAS SEEN RAY'S PHOTO IN NEWSPAPERS. DENIED KNOWING OR HEARING OF ERIC GALT OR JAMES EARL RAY AT WALLACE HEADQUARTERS OR ANY OTHER PLACE OTHER THAN IN CONNECTION WITH INSTANT MATTER.

JACKSONVILLE, AT DAYTONA BEACH, FLA. DETERMINE IF ANY CLUB IN THAT AREA OPERATED BY ONE BOB JONES, AND IF SO, INTERVIEW.

LOS ANGELES CONTACT JOHN ORTMANN AND MRS. DERRY ELLISON IF NOT ALREADY DONE. DETERMINE IF THEY KNOW SUBJECT. ASCERTAIN IDENTITIES OF OTHER WORKERS AT WALLACE HEADQUARTERS DURING TIME SUBJECT RESIDED LOS ANGELES AND INTERVIEW. VERIFY THORNTON'S RESIDENCE, EMPLOYMENT, AND EXHIBIT SUBJECT'S PHOTO TO PARENTS, FELLOW EMPLOYEES, AND ANY OTHER ASSOCIATES OF THORNTON'S.

ATLANTA WILL CONTINUE TO ATTEMPT TO CHECK OUT STORY OF WISDOM.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI LOS ANG

11:07PM URGENT 5-28-68 DPK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), NEW ORLEANS, ATLANTA (44-2386), AND
MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

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ALLAN O. THOMPSON, MANAGER, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES,
NOW ADVISES HAD CONVERSATION WITH CAUCASIAN MALE, WHOM HE REFUSES
TO IDENTIFY, WHICH PROMPTED HIS RECOLLECTION OF CERTAIN EVENTS
AS CONCERNS JAMES EARL RAY NOT EARLIER RECALLED. THOMPSON SAID
THIS UNNAMED INDIVIDUAL INQUIRED ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
JAMES EARL RAY, AKA ERIC STARVO GALT, AND A CAUCASIAN MALE BY
NAME OF JAMES HARDIN. ^{62-0-7198; 26-4416-4285} THOMPSON SAID THIS UNNAMED INDIVIDUAL
APPROACHED HIM IN EFFORT TO QUOTE GET A PIECE OF THE ACTION
UNQUOTE CONCERNING THE REWARD MONEY. THOMPSON SAID THAT AS
RESULT THIS CONVERSATION, HE NOW RECALLS DURING PERIOD MARCH
ONE LAST TO MARCH SEVENTEEN LAST HE RECEIVED CALL FOR ERIC GALT
WHILE OPERATING HOTEL SWITCHBOARD. THOMPSON SAID WHEN HE ADVISED
THE CALLER ERIC GALT HAD NO TELEPHONE IN HIS ROOM, THE MAN
REQUESTED HIM TO LEAVE MESSAGE FOR ERIC GALT TO CALL JAMES C.
HARDIN COLLECT. THIS CALLER PROVIDED THE CITY AND OPERATOR
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NUMBER, AS WELL AS NAME JAMES C. HARDIN. THOMPSON SAID HE RELAYED THIS INFORMATION TO GALT. THOMPSON ADVISED HE WAS QUITE SURE AS TO SPELLING OF NAME.

THOMPSON ADVISED THAT SUBSEQUENT TO INITIAL TELEPHONE CALL THERE WAS ONE OTHER, POSSIBLY TWO, CALLS BY THIS SAME INDIVIDUAL. HE ADVISED THESE CALLS CAME FROM BOTH ATLANTA AND NEW ORLEANS. HE SAID SUBSEQUENT TO THESE TELEPHONE CALLS A PERSON WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS JAMES C. HARDIN CAME TO ST. FRANCIS HOTEL SOMETIME DURING PERIOD OF MARCH ONE TO SEVENTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT. HE ADVISED THIS INDIVIDUAL DID NOT RESIDE AT ST. FRANCIS HOTEL. THOMPSON DESCRIBED THIS INDIVIDUAL AS MALE CAUCASIAN, THIRTY FIVE TO FORTY, FIVE SEVEN TO FIVE EIGHT IN HEIGHT, ONE FORTY TO ONE FIFTY POUNDS, DARK HAIR COMBED BACK, NEAT, EYES POSSIBLY DARK, SLENDER BUILD, DARK COMPLEXION, SLIGHTLY ACNE SCARRED, SPOKE WITH SLIGHT SOUTHERN ACCENT.

THOMPSON SAID THE INDIVIDUAL WHO BROUGHT HARDIN TO HIS ATTENTION DOES NOT WISH TO IDENTIFY HIMSELF. HE SAID HE BELIEVES THIS INDIVIDUAL IS SUBJECT OF OUTSTANDING WARRANT FOR SOME UNKNOWN OFFENSE. THOMPSON WAS ADVISED OF IMPORTANCE OF
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THIS MATTER AND, FURTHER, THAT HE COULD POSSIBLY BE SUBPOENAED TO PROVIDE THE ABOVE INFORMATION. THOMPSON SAID HE MADE PROMISE TO THIS INDIVIDUAL WHICH HE FULLY INTENDS TO KEEP. HE STATED IT WOULD TAKE COURT ACTION TO INDUCE HIM TO IDENTIFY THIS INDIVIDUAL.

THOMPSON SAID THE INDIVIDUAL WHOM HE REFUSES TO IDENTIFY SAID HE SAT NEXT TO JAMES EARL RAY, AKA ERIC STARVO GALT, AND HARDIN. THOMPSON SAID THIS INDIVIDUAL MAINTAINED HE OVERHEARD GALT CALL THE OTHER "J. C." ^{102-174-29; 102-0-5384; 31-3950-491} (Hardin) ^{94-425-1853, 137-2851;} 116-250 INDICES CHECK NEGATIVE. INVESTIGATION CONTINUES IN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY THIS UNNAMED INDIVIDUAL.

FOLLOWING ARE SUGGESTED LEADS FOR NEW ORLEANS AND ATLANTA.

ONE. CREDIT AND CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION RE JAMES C. HARDIN.

TWO. REVIEW OF TELEPHONE RECORDS FOR AND LISTINGS FOR JAMES C. HARDIN.

THREE. REVIEW POSSIBILITY OF ASCERTAINING ALL COLLECT TELEPHONE CALLS FROM ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES NUMBERS FOUR SIX FOUR DASH ONE ONE THREE ONE, FOUR SIX TWO DASH NINE NINE ZERO ONE AND FOUR SIX TWO DASH NINE NINE ONE ZERO, TO ATLANTA AND NEW ORLEANS.

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FOUR. REVIEW OF AIRLINE FLIGHT RECORDS FROM ATLANTA AND NEW ORLEANS FOR LOS ANGELES DURING PERIOD MARCH ONE LAST THROUGH MARCH SEVENTEEN LAST FOR NAME JAMES C. HARDIN. LOS ANGELES FEELS THOMPSON, WHO DRINKS TO EXCESS, SHOULD BE BROUGHT BEFORE FEDERAL GRAND JURY AT LOS ANGELES TO ASCERTAIN IDENTITY OF INDIVIDUAL WHO HE CLAIMS PROMPTED HIS RECOLLECTION OF EVENTS OR TO DETERMINE IF THIS MAY BE FIGMENT OF HIS IMAGINATION. BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE.

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FBI JACKSVLE

2:34 PM DST URGENT 5/30/68 VEU

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), AND ATLANTA.

FROM: JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

MURKIN CR OO:MEMPHIS

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MAY TWENTY NINE LAST.
DAYTONA BEACH, FLA. PD RECORDS REFLECT NOTHING
IDENTIFIABLE WITH BOB JONES MENTIONED IN RETEL.
RECORDS, FLORIDA STATE BEVERAGE COMMISSION REVIEWED
TODAY FOR ALL VOLUSIA COUNTY BEVERAGE PLACES, MANAGEMENT OR
EMPLOYEES AND ONLY POSSIBILITY DETECTED WAS ROBERT LEE JONES,
W/M, DOB [REDACTED] WHO WAS
FINGERPRINTED BY BEVERAGE COMMISSION, MAY TWENTY FIVE,
NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN. THIS ROBERT LEE JONES INTERVIEWED
TODAY AND DETERMINED TO BE FULL TIME U.S. POST OFFICE
CARRIER FOR SEVENTEEN YEARS, WHO HOLDS PART TIME BARTENDER
EMPLOYMENT. ROBERT LEE JONES STATES NO ACQUAINTANCESHIP WITH
BILLY WISDOM AND UNABLE TO IDENTIFY PHOTOS JAMES EARL RAY
AS PERSON EVER SEEN BY HIM OUTSIDE OF NEWSPAPER PUBLICITY.
ROBERT LEE JONES HAS NEVER STAYED IN ATLANTA AND U.S. POST
OFFICE EMPLOYMENT DURING NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN WAS
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UNINTERRUPTED EXCEPT FOR VACATION JUNE - JULY, NINETEEN SIXTY
SEVEN WHEN ATTENDED POSTAL WORKERS CONVENTION IN FLORIDA.

NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION THIS ASPECT OF CAPTIONED
MATTER AS INDICATED FROM RETEL.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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URGENT 5-28-68 LCS

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, DALLAS, AND LOS ANGELES
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED MAY TWENTYEIGHT
INSTANT.

RE KNOXVILLE TEL TO INDIANAPOLIS MAY EIGHTEEN LAST AND
KNOXVILLE TELS TO BUREAU, MAY TWENTY LAST.

RE FRANK WILLIAM BRICKLEY AND TELEPHONE CALL MADE JUNE
SIXTYSEVEN FROM TELEPHONE OF LEAMONT ANDERSON WHITE, LOS
ANGELES, CALIF., TO SIX ONE SIX DASH SIX TWO TWO DASH NINE ZERO
SIX SEVEN AND FOUR ZERO FOUR DASH EIGHT SIX SIX DASH SEVEN THREE
ONE ZERO.

RE KNOXVILLE TEL MAY EIGHTEEN LAST INCLUDES
FOLLOWING INFO RE FRANK WILLIAM BRICKLEY AND LOS ANGELES TIMES
INFORMANT BOB (LNU):

WILLIAM THOMAS, CITY EDITOR, LOS ANGELES TIMES, TELEPHONICALLY
CONTACTED SAC LOS ANGELES TODAY AND ADVISED PAPER HAD INFORMATION WHICH
THEY FELT MIGHT BE OF ASSISTANCE TO FBI IN THIS MATTER. SAC
WESLEY G. GRAPP AND SUPERVISOR WILLIAM JOHN NOLAN CONTACTED
MR. THOMAS AND REPORTER JERRY COHEN AT LOS ANGELES TIMES OFFICE.
THEY ADVISED EARLY IN THE WEEK, MONDAY OR TUESDAY, THE PAPER

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HAD BEEN TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO SAID HE HAD INFORMATION CONCERNING WHAT ACTUALLY HAD TAKEN PLACE IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEATH OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. THOMAS ADVISED THERE WERE THREE OR FOUR TELEPHONE CALLS, AND HE MADE NOTES DURING THE CALLS, AND ON THE EVENING OF MAY SIXTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT, HE AND JERRY COHEN MET THIS INDIVIDUAL AT A BAR. HE ADVISED THE INDIVIDUAL GAVE THE NAME QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE, NO LAST NAME, DESCRIBED AS IN MIDDLE THIRTIES, DECENT LOOKING FELLOW, AND APPARENTLY HAD BEEN IN SEVERAL PENITENTIARIES, AS HE KNEW THE LANGUAGE VERY WELL. THOMAS ADVISED THE PAPER HAD TAKEN NO OVERT STEPS IN ATTEMPTING TO VERIFY THE STORY BUT DID HAVE REPORTERS IN KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS, HUNTSVILLE, MIAMI AND BIRMINGHAM, AND HE HAD INSTRUCTED THE REPORTERS TO CONTACT THE LOCAL FBI OFFICE AND MAKE THIS INFORMATION, AS SET FORTH IN HIS NOTES, AVAILABLE. HE ADVISED FURTHER HE CONTEMPLATED MAKING THIS INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK. HE ADVISED HIS SOLE PURPOSE WAS TO GET A STORY OUT OF THE MATERIAL, BUT DID NOT WISH TO INTERFERE IN ANY FBI INVESTIGATION.

HE ADVISED DURING HIS MEETING WITH QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE HE GOT FROM BOB A BUS TICKET DATED APRIL SEVEN, SIXTYEIGHT, ON A GREYHOUND BUS FROM KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, TO LOS ANGELES,

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CALIFORNIA, WHICH TICKET WAS ISSUED BY SOUTHERN GREYHOUND AT KNOXVILLE ON APRIL SEVEN, SIXTYEIGHT AND HAD THE NUMBERS THREE SPACE ZERO ZERO ZERO EIGHT TWO TWO TWO NINE SPACE FOUR TWO. TRANSPORTATION WAS FROM KNOXVILLE TO MEMPHIS, MEMPHIS TO EL PASO, THEN TO LOS ANGELES. HE ADVISED HE HAD GIVEN QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR THE TICKET AND THIS INFORMATION AND DID NOT EXPECT TO HEAR FROM HIM AGAIN, AS QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE SAID HE NEEDED THE MONEY TO LEAVE TOWN. SET FORTH FOR THE INFORMATION OF RECEIVING OFFICES ARE THE NOTES AS TYPED UP BY THOMAS CONCERNING HIS INTERVIEW OF "BOB".

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ONE. THE DAY BEFORE THE SHOOTING, RAY WAS PICKED UP IN ATHENS, ALABAMA, AND WAS TAKEN TO MEMPHIS.

TWO. HE REGISTERED IN ROOMING HOUSE. ANOTHER MAN REGISTERED AS SAMUEL LEWIS. PAREN LEWIS WAS SUPPOSED TO BE BACKUP MAN, KILL KING AT RALLY THAT NIGHT IF RAY MISSED HIS CHANCE ON THE BALCONY. PAREN.

THREE. AFTER SHOOTING KING, RAY WALKED TWO OR THREE BLOCKS TO THE GETAWAY CAR, ACCOMPANIED BY A GIRL AND A GUY. THE CAR IS A NEW BLUE BUICK, WITH ALABAMA PLATES. FIRST DIGITS ARE BELIEVED TO BE ONE FOUR. CAR IS OWNED AND WAS DRIVEN BY EDDIE WILBURN OF HUNTSVILLE, ALA. IT IS EQUIPPED WITH A POLICE

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RADIO. PAREN SECOND MAN STAYED OVERNIGHT, TOOK EARLY BUS TO KNOXVILLE. PAREN.

FOUR. RAY, TWO GIRLS AND A CHILD WERE DRIVEN OUT OF MEMPHIS BY WILBURN IN THE BLUE BUICK. WENT TO KANSAS CITY. TRIP TOOK SIX AND ONE HALF HOURS. GIRLS, CHILD, WILBURN ALL FROM HUNTSVILLE.

FIVE. IN KANSAS CITY, RAY STAYED OVERNIGHT AT A HOME. IT IS A SMALL, GRAY, SHINGLED, ONE-BEDROOM HOUSE ABOUT THREE MILES FROM CENTRAL KANSAS CITY. PAREN WE HAVE ROUGH LOCATION. PAREN.

SIX. AT DUSK THE NEXT DAY PAREN APRIL FIVE PAREN RAY WAS FLOWN TO BELLE GLADE, FLORIDA, IN A PRIVATE PLANE. TOOK OFF FROM PRIVATE FIELD, ALSO USED AS TRAINING FIELD FOR MILITARY. RAY ARRIVED EARLY APRIL SIX.

SEVEN. PLANE IN WHICH RAY WAS FLOWN IN OWNED BY A WILLIAM PIERCE, A WEALTHY MAN WHO OWNS OR OPERATES AN AIRPORT IN BELLE GLADE, AND ONCE OWNED A CONTRACTING COMPANY IN CUBA:: NOT KNOWN WHETHER PIERCE FLEW THE PLANE. PIERCE ALSO OWNS MOTEL IN BELLE GLADE AND COTTAGES ON THE LAKE IN NEARBY OKEECHOBEE PAREN OR MAYBE ON NEARBY LAKE OKEECHOBEE PAREN. PIERCE SAID

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TO BE KKK MEMBER.

EIGHT. THEORY: RAY STAYED IN MOTEL OR IN COTTAGE. MAY BE STILL THERE OR IN CUBA.

NINE. ON APRIL ELEVEN, RAY GOT ON YACHT PAREN PROBABLY CHARTER BOAT PAREN IN KEY WEST. BOAT OWNED BY BEN THOMPSON. PAREN A BEN THOMPSON OF MIAMI OWNS THREE FISHING BOATS. PAREN.

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ONE. PIERCE OFTEN FLIES OWN PRIVATE PLANE TO NEW ORLEANS. SAID TO KNOW DA JIM GARRISON. ALSO MIGHT CHECK POSSIBLE FLIGHTS IN DIRECTION OF CUBA.

TWO. PIERCE AND WILBURN SAID TO BE RELATED.

THREE. LEAD TO WILBURN MIGHT BE VFW CLUB IN HUNTSVILLE, WHERE HE IS SUPPOSED TO BE A MEMBER.

FOUR. RIFLE IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN LEFT IN FURNACE OF MEMPHIS ROOMING HOUSE, AND IS BELIEVED STILL THERE. MUST REFER TO BACKUP MAN'S WEAPON.

FIVE. RAY NOW WEARING BIFOCALS.

SIX. WHITE MUSTANG BELONGING TO RAY WAS NOT IN MEMPHIS ON DAY OF KING SLAYING, AND HE DID NOT ESCAPE IN IT. PRESUMABLY IT NEVER LEFT GEORGIA IN APRIL.

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SEVEN. ON THE DAY OF THE KILLING PAREN APRIL FOUR PAREN RAY MADE PHONE CALLS FROM MEMPHIS TO BELLE GLADE. CALLS BELIEVED TO BE MADE FROM A BUS STATION.

EIGHT. IN THE WEEKS BEFORE THE KILLING, RAY STAYED SOMEWHERE IN BELLE GLADE.

NINE. STORY OF PAYOFFS VERY COMPLICATED. WILBURN SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN PAID OFF IN RENO. NIGHT BEFORE KILLING, SOMEBODY HIT A KENO TICKET FOR TWENTYFIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS IN CAL-NEVA LODGE OF CHARLIE CATE, SIX EIGHT EIGHT ZERO PEBBLE BEACH DRIVE, RENO, WHO RUNS A SHIFT AT CAL-NEVA. THEN THERE IS BEN PAREN OR JACK PAREN STURGIS OF ST. LOUIS, WHO USED TO WORK BAR ON SECOND STREET, RENO. CAME INTO MONEY. ANOTHER QUOTE CONTACT UNQUOTE.

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ONE. RAY SOMEBODY STAYED IN CLARK HOTEL, ROOM SEVEN ZERO ZERO, ON APRIL SEVENTEEN DASH EIGHTEEN.

TWO. LAMONT WHITE, WHO WORKS FOR WESTERN UNION IN LOS ANGELES. HAS SENT MONEY TO LOUISIANA. BOUGHT TWO PISTOLS UNDER HIS NAME. THEY REALLY WENT TO FRANK BRICKLEY OF CHATTANOOGA,

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TENN., WHO WAS IN PRISON WITH RAY. BRICKLEY SUPPOSED TO BE HERE.

THREE. HAROLD'S CAFE PAREN FIVE FIVE FIVE SOUTH MAIN PAREN. RAY BARTENDER THERE FOR WEEK OR SO. QUEER BAR. GUY NAMED CONNIE KNOWS HIM THERE.

WILLI SNEA ONCE WORKED TOP RAIL BARR, SEVENTH AND ALVARADO. RAY SUPPOSEDLY MARRIED TO HER ONCE. SHE FROM MISSOURI, NOW LIVES IN NORTH HOLLYWOOD. HAS MONEY, MOTHER MARRIED, LIVES IN COMPTON, DRIVES A PURPLE PONTIAC CONVERTIBLE. NOW LIVES AT EIGHT ONE TWO SOUTH WESTLAKE, LOS ANGELES, WITH MAN WHO OWNS A BAR. SHE IS BLOND, ABOUT THIRTYEIGHT.

PAGE FOUR - MORE SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:

ONE. TELEPHONE CREDIT CARD SUPPOSEDLY USED BY RAY WAS ISSUED TO RIDELL CATERING, U. S. RUBBER, DETROIT. EITHER IN NAME OF RIDELL PAREN NO FIRST NAME PAREN OR A ROBERT BRINKLEY. RIDELL REPORTER LIVES IN HARPER WOODS, MICH. CALLS ON CARD REPORTED MADE FROM MEMPHIS TO BELLE GLADE, FLA., AMONG OTHERS. TWO. SAMUEL LEWIS, SECOND MAN IN ROOMING HOUSE, DISCHARGED NINETEEN SIXTY THREE FROM MILAN, MICH. ALSO SERVED TIME IN CHILLICOTHE AND TERRE HAUTE. PAREN WARDEN AT MILAN SAYS NO

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RECORD OF LEWIS. PAREN.

THREE. LEWIS TOOK BUS TO LOS ANGELES FROM KNOXVILLE ON
APRIL SEVEN. CAME THROUGH MEMPHIS AND EL PASO.

THOMAS ADVISED THAT IN RELATION TO ITEM FIVE, PAGE ONE,
OF HIS NOTES, THIS HOUSE IS LOCATED OFF A MAIN STREET STARTING
FROM DOWNTOWN KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, DIRECTION UNKNOWN, AND
FROM THE MAIN STREET A SMALLER STREET GOES TO THE LEFT, WHICH
STREET HAS A WESTERN UNION BUILDING LOCATED ON IT AND GOES
OFF FROM THE MAIN STREET IN THE FORM OF A STEEP HILL. TWO
TO THREE MILES UP THE HILL ON THE LEFT ARE LOCATED NICE LOOKING
APARTMENTS, BROWNISH IN COLOR, WHERE STUDENTS FROM ~~SOME~~^S SCHOOL
LIVE, AND JUST PRIOR TO THIS ON THE RIGHT IS THE LOCATION OF
A MOVING COMPANY, NO NAME KNOWN, AND A GROCERY STORE IS LOCATED
IN THE VICINITY OF THE MOVING COMPANY ON THE SAME SIDE. ABOUT
TWO BLOCKS BEYOND THE GROCERY STORE THERE IS A NARROW STREET
WITH RAMSHACKLE HOUSES ON ONE SIDE AND VACANT LOTS ON THE OTHER.
TURNING RIGHT ON THIS STREET, THE THIRD HOUSE ON THE LEFT
WOULD BE THE CORRECT HOUSE INVOLVED, WHICH IS OCCUPIED BY AN
INDIVIDUAL QUOTE WHO SELLS BEER AND BOOZE AFTER HOURS AND HIDES
GUYS OUT. UNQUOTE. THE HOUSE IS DESCRIBED AS ONE BEDROOM,

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NO GARAGE, DIRT DRIVEWAY, SINGLE STORY AND HAS A LARGE FREEZER IN THE LIVING ROOM.

THOMAS ADVISED FROM THE STORY RECEIVED, IT IS A POSSIBILITY QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE IS THE SAME AS THE SAMUEL LEWIS MENTIONED IN HIS NOTES.

ON MAY TWENTYEIGHT INSTANT, ROY D. BRICKLEY, THREE ZERO ONE ROWLAND AVE., ROSSVILLE, GA., ADVISED HIS SON, FRANK WILLIAM BRICKLEY, WAS IN ROSSVILLE, GA., FOR WINTER MONTHS AND RETURNED TO DALLAS, TEX., ABOUT ONE MONTH AGO, AS HE IS EMPLOYED AS PAINTER WITH UNKNOWN REAL ESTATE COMPANY. ADVISES SON DOES NOT CORRESPOND AT ALL AND CANNOT FURNISH ANY MORE DEFINITE INFO RE HIS WHEREABOUTS IN DALLAS. ADVISED HAS DIVORCED DAUGHTER, FRANCES DURHAM, WHO RESIDES WICHITA FALLS, TEX., AND EMPLOYED IN RESTAURANT AT WICHITA FALLS. ALSO HAS DAUGHTER ANNIE CRAWLEY, HUSBAND GENE, WHO IS WITH AIR FORCE ASSIGNED WICHITA FALLS BASE. ADVISES FRANK BRICKLEY VISITS WITH BOTH DAUGHTERS FREQUENTLY AND THEY COULD PROBABLY FURNISH INFO RE HIS EXACT WHEREABOUTS IN DALLAS.

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BIRDIE LEE HOLLAND, ONE ONE FIVE SEVEN SALEM RD., ROSSVILLE, GA., ALSO BRICKLEY'S DAUGHTER, RECALLS RESIDING ACROSS FROM MOTHER-IN-LAW, OLA HOLLAND, ON JEROME ST., CHATTANOOGA, TENN., AND UTILIZING THEIR PHONE, BUT CANNOT RECALL ANY SPECIFIC CALLS FROM BROTHER FRANK DURING JUNE SIXTYSEVEN. SHE COULD FURNISH NO INFO RE FRANK'S WHEREABOUTS.

BETTY A. STEELE, ONE TWO ZERO FOUR LOGAN AVE., ROSSVILLE, ADVISED KNOWS NO ONE NAMED BRICKLEY AND DOES NOT RECALL RECEIVING LONG DISTANCE PHONE CALL FROM LOS ANGELES FROM A FRANK BRICKLEY IN JUNE SIXTYSEVEN.

FOR THE ASSISTANCE OF DALLAS, THE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION OF FRANK WILLIAM BRICKLEY WAS FURNISHED BY INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION FROM RECORDS USP TERRA HAUTE, INDIANA:

W/M/A, DOB AT TENNESSEE, FIVE FT. SEVEN IN., ONE FORTYSIX LBS., BROWN HAIR AND EYES, TWO IN. SCAR ABOVE LEFT EYE, SENTENCED SIX YEARS INDETERMINATE WDVA MAY TWENTYTHREE SIXTY, YCA - ITSMV. LATER ARRESTED AS PAROLE VIOLATOR. BRICKLEY CONVICTED MARCH TWENTYFOUR SIXTYSIX, RECEIVED ONE YEAR CONCURRENT MDALA FOR ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER.

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BRICKLEY RELEASED JAN. SIXTEEN SIXTYSEVEN. NO SUPERVISION.
BRICKLEY HAS EXCESSIVE DRINKING HABITS, IS SOPHISTICATED, AND
HOSTILE TOWARDS QUESTIONING. PRIOR RECORD INCLUDES KIDNAPING
AND HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

DALLAS, AT WICHITA FALLS. LOCATE FRANK WILLIAM BRICKLEY
THROUGH SISTERS ANNIE CRAWLEY AND FRANCES DURHAM AND INTERVIEW TO
DETERMINE IS HE IS IDENTICAL WITH BOB (LNU).

LOS ANGELES ADVISE INTERESTED OFFICES WHETHER EDITOR
THOMAS, LOS ANGELES TIMES, IDENTIFIED PHOTO OF BRICKLEY AS
BOB (LNU).

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