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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MILWAUKEE, MEMPHIS 44-1987

LOS ANGELES 44-1574, AND BIRMINGHAM 44-1740

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 1P

MURKIN

RE: JAMES EARL RAY

FOR INFOR MILWAUKEE, NINETEEN SIXTYSIX MUSTANG ABANDONED BY RAY IN ATLANTA, APR. FIVE, LAST, HAS SEARS & ROEBUCK REPLACEMENT BATTERY. LOCATED ON TOP OF NEGATIVE POST IS NUMBER F FOUR ONE B E EIGHT. THE INSCRIPTION "SQUARE" FOUR EIGHT IS ON TOP OF A LEAD SHIELD WASHER AT THE NEGATIVE POST AND "C EIGHT" ON THE BOTTOM OF SAME WASHER.

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(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SACS ATLANTA (44-2386)  
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FROM: BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

MURKIN

FOR INFORMATION ATLANTA AND MOBILE, BUREAU TODAY ~~SUGGESTED~~  
~~AND~~ REQUESTED, IF FEASIBLE, THAT A CHECK BE MADE OF ISSUANCE OF  
ALL MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVERS' LICENSES SINCE MARCH TWENTYSEVEN LAST.  
IT IS BELIEVED THIS COULD BE HANDLED AT STATE DRIVERS LICENSE  
DEPARTMENT OF ALABAMA AND GEORGIA AFTER DETERMINING THE DRIVER'S  
LICENSE NUMBERS ISSUED ON THAT DATE AND FOLLOWING THROUGH TO CURRENT  
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SUBJECT'S NAME AND PREVIOUS ALIASES, ELIMINATING ON-THE-SPOT ALL  
APPLICATIONS OF YOUNG PEOPLE, OLD PEOPLE, NEGROES, FEMALES, ETC.,  
AND AGENTS SHOULD HAVE AT HAND PHOTOGRAPHIC COPIES OF HANDWRITING  
OF RAY, WHICH IS DISTINCTIVE AND MAY THROUGH COMPARISON GIVE  
INDICATION OF POSSIBLE SUSPECTED APPLICATIONS. AM COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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AIR MAIL COPY MEMPHIS.

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FBI TAMPA

414PM URGENT 4-26-68 BLW

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, HOUSTON, AND KANSAS CITY  
FROM TAMPA (157-3231) 2P

MURKIN

BOB FELLOWS, NEWSMAN, WFLA CHANNEL THIRTEEN,  
TAMPA ADVISED THIS DATE HE HAD BEEN CONTACTED BY  
A SOURCE, WHOSE RELIABILITY IS UNKNOWN, AS TO DESIRING TO  
FIND OUT IF CHANNEL THIRTEEN WAS INTERESTED IN PAYING  
MONEY FOR INTERVIEW WITH A PERSON WHO KNEW JAMES EARL  
RAY, AKA. FELLOWS SAID SOURCE CALLED HOUSTON, TEXAS  
FOR A GEORGE RUSSELL, REPORTELY EMPLOYED IN TRAILER  
SALES. WHEN SOURCE DID NOT GET ANSWER, CALLED (FNU)  
STORZ, SUPPOSEDLY SOURCE'S SISTER, WHO LIVES NEXT  
DOOR TO TRAILER SALES. SOURCE SAID GEORGE RUSSELL  
SERVED TIME IN MISSOURI STATE PRISON AND HAS KNOWN  
RAY SOME YEARS. FELLOWS ADVISED SOURCE HIS  
TV STATION NOT INTERESTED BUT PERHAPS CBS ATLANTA  
MAY BE INTERESTED.  
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FELLOWS THEN RECONTACTED SOURCE WHO CALLED HOUSTON TELEPHONE MI THREE THREE THREE FIVE ZERO AND REACHED RUSSELL. FELLOWS ASKED RUSSELL IF HE WOULD TALK TO CBS NEWSMAN ABOUT KNOWLEDGE OF RAY AND RUSSELL SAID, "HELL NO." FELLOWS SAID SOURCE REPORTED RUSSELL TO BE HER BROTHER WHO SERVED TIME IN MISSOURI STATE PRISON NINETEEN FIFTYSEVEN UNTIL NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN.

TAMPA OFFICE RECORDS SHOW JUAREZ ROETTGER CALLED TAMPA OFFICE NOVEMBER NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN AND ADVISED BROTHER GEORGE WILLIAM RUSSELL, LIVING IN HOUSTON, MAYBE WANTED BY FBI. TELETYPE SENT BUREAU, ST. LOUIS AND HOUSTON NOVEMBER NINETEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN UNDER HIS NAME AND BUREAU AND ST. LOUIS ADVISED RUSSELL NOT WANTED.

KANSAS CITY AT JEFFERSON CITY, MO DETERMINE IF RUSSELL SERVED TIME WITH RAY.

HOUSTON INTERVIEW RUSSELL AS FORMER FELLOW PRISONER OF RAY AS FELLOWS DOES NOT DESIRE SOURCE (JUAREZ ROETTGER) BE INVOLVED.

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FBI MILWAUK

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), LOUISVILLE, MEMPHIS (44-1987),

BIRMINGHAM (44-1740), ATLANTA (44-2386), LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
FROM MILWAUKEE (44-388) 2P

RE JAMES EARL RAY

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, MILWAUKEE, MEMPHIS,  
LOS ANGELES, AND BIRMINGHAM INSTANT DATE.

FOR INFO LOUISVILLE, RE TELETYPE ADVISED NINETEEN SIXTY SIX  
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LARRY AMATEIS, FIELD SERVICE MANAGER, GLOBE UNION, INC., MILWAUKEE, ADVISED F-FOUR ONE INDICATES BATTERY MANUFACTURED AT LOUISVILLE PLANT, LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY AND THE "C EIGHT" INDICATES THAT THIS BATTERY WAS SHIPPED FROM THE LOUISVILLE PLANT TO A SEARS STORE IN MARCH OF SIXTY EIGHT.

HE ADVISED THAT LOUISVILLE SHIPS BATTERIES TO ALL OF KENTUCKY, MICHIGAN, OHIO, MISSOURI, N.E. PORTION OF INDIANA, SOUTHERN HALF OF W. VIRGINIA, NORTHERN PORTION OF TENNESSEE AND SOUTHERN HALF OF ILLINOIS.

HE ADVISED THE PERSONS TO CONTACT AT THE LOUISVILLE PLANT ARE MR. JOHN GAYHART OR MR. DARNELL, PHONE NO. FIVE ZERO TWO - NINE SIX FOUR - SIX FOUR THREE ONE.

HE STATED IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO DETERMINE EXACTLY WHAT SEARS STORE THIS BATTERY WAS SHIPPED TO. HE DOUBTS IF THE LOUISVILLE PLANT WOULD BE ABLE TO FURNISH THIS INFO UNLESS THERE WAS A WARRANTY CARD ISSUED WITH THE PURCHASE OF THE BATTERY.

LOUISVILLE AT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, CONTACT MR. JOHN GAYHART FOR MORE SPECIFIC INFO RE INSTANT BATTERY.

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TO DIRECTOR, KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS AND MIAMI  
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

MURKIN. CR. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE MIAMI TEL TO BUREAU, APR. TWO FIVE, LAST.

MADISON COUNTY SO AND MADISON COUNTY CREDIT BUREAU,  
HUNTSVILLE, ALA., HAVE NO RECORD GUY E. RAY AND WIFE DIANE.  
POSTMASTER, OWENS CROSS ROADS, ALA., ADVISED NO RECORD OR  
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NO COMMUNICATION FOLLOWS.

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NO COMMUNICATION FOLLOWS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO DIRECTOR, (44-38861); BIRMINGHAM (44-1740), MEMPHIS (44-1987),  
AND RICHMOND (44-657); AIRMAIL COPIES TO CHARLOTTE AND ATLANTA.  
FROM EL PASO (157-186) P

MURKIN

RE ERIC RAY, AKA EARL RAY, FRIEND OF SHELBY JEAN BALDRIDGE.  
RE RICHMOND TEL APRIL TWENTYSIX INSTANT.

ON RECONTACT THIS DATE, SGT. ELBERT BALDRIDGE ADVISED HE HAD  
NO WAY OF DETERMINING IF INFORMATION FURNISHED HIM BY WIFE, SHELBY  
JEAN, RE ERIC RAY, AKA EARL RAY, HAD ANY BASIS IN FACT. BALDRIDGE  
NEVER DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH MRS. LENA FAUCETT, PATSY OWEN, OR  
ANYONE ELSE AND HAD NO CONFIRMING INFO RE ERIC RAY OR SHELBY  
JEAN'S CONTACT WITH ERIC RAY. SHELBY JEAN NEVER SAID ANYTHING ABOUT  
ERIC RAY PRIOR TO PLANNED TRIP TO FLORIDA IN NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR  
AND GAVE NO INDICATION THAT SHE HAD EVER CORRESPONDED OR MAINTAINED  
CONTACT WITH HIM SUBSEQUENT TO NINETEEN FIFTYSEVEN. BALDRIDGE SAID  
THAT, IF THIS BE THE CASE, SHELBY JEAN WOULD HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING  
IF RAY WAS STILL RESIDING IN FLORIDA AS OF NINETEEN SIXTY FOUR.

IN VIEW OF ABOVE, RICHMOND SHOULD ATTEMPT TO LOCATE SHELBY JEAN  
BALDRIDGE IN SALTVILLE, VA., AREA AND INTERVIEW HER IN ORDER TO RESOLVE  
THIS MATTER. ARMEND AND DANGEROUS

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442610) FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (100-1571) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; CIVIL RIGHTS  
RE: BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE TO BUREAU, APRIL 4, 1968.

On April 4, 1968, the Birmingham Office received a telephone call from a person who identified himself as a member of the Black Panther Party. The caller stated that he had information regarding the activities of the Black Panther Party in Birmingham and that he was willing to provide this information to the FBI. The caller stated that he was a member of the Black Panther Party and that he had been involved in the activities of the party for some time. He stated that he had been involved in the activities of the party in Birmingham and that he was willing to provide this information to the FBI. The caller stated that he was a member of the Black Panther Party and that he had been involved in the activities of the party for some time. He stated that he had been involved in the activities of the party in Birmingham and that he was willing to provide this information to the FBI.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM  
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) 2P

MURKIN.

REFERENCE IS MADE TO LOS ANGELES TEL TO THE BUREAU SIX  
THIRTY FOUR P.M. APRIL TWENTY TWO LAST AND CHICAGO TELEPHONE  
CALL TO MEMPHIS THAT DATE REGARDING CIRCULARIZATION OF KNOWN  
LAUNDRY MARKS BY AMERICAN LAUNDRY DIGEST AND AMERICAN DRY  
CLEANER DIGEST WHICH COMPANIES HAVE HEADQUARTERS AT CHICAGO.  
MEMPHIS AGREES THAT SUBJECT RAY MAY HAVE IN HIS POSSESSION  
CLOTHES BEARING THESE LAUNDRY MARKS AND RECOMMENDS SUCH  
CIRCULARIZATION. MEMPHIS HAS PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED ALL  
OFFICES TO DISCONTINUE CANVASS OF LAUNDRIES FOR ADDITIONAL  
LAUNDRY MARK INFORMATION.

IN VIEW OF THE NEWS MEDIA'S PROPENSITY FOR EXPANDING ON  
TRIVIA AND SINCE NEWS MEDIA MAY HAVE LEARNED OF THE FOLLOWING  
INCIDENT, THIS INFORMATION IS BEING SET FORTH:

DURING FEBRUARY NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT, MR. HENRY O'NEILL  
AND MR. ROBERT ROULSTON, BOTH EMPLOYEES OF AMERICAN AIRLINES,  
WERE ATTENDING AAL CONFERENCE AT TULSA, OKLAHOMA. A DISCUSSION  
OF THE RACIAL SITUATION TOOK PLACE, AND MR. O'NEILL INDICATED  
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HE FELT IT WAS ALMOST CERTAIN THAT CHICAGO WOULD HAVE FURTHER DIFFICULTY WHEN SUMMER CAME. ANOTHER PERSON TOOK EXCEPTION TO O'NEILL'S REMARKS, AND A FIVE DOLLAR WAGER WAS MADE WITH O'NEILL TAKING THE POSITION THAT CHICAGO WOULD BE BOTHERED BY RIOTS DURING THE COMING SUMMER. LATER THAT EVENING, ROULSTON INDICATED HE FELT THE RACIAL SITUATION WAS DETERIORATING AND STATED MARTIN LUTHER KING WOULD BE KILLED BEFORE MAY ONE NEXT. O'NEILL TOOK EXCEPTION TO THIS REMARK AND BET ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS THAT KING WOULD NOT BE KILLED BEFORE MAY ONE NEXT.

UPON HEARING OF KING'S DEATH, O'NEILL AT NASHVILLE, TENN., SENT A HUNDRED DOLLAR CHECK TO ROULSTON AT WASHINGTON, D.C. ROULSTON TORE UP THE CHECK AND NOTIFIED O'NEILL THAT HE FELT IT WAS "BAD BET" AND HE FELT BADLY ABOUT HAVING SUGGESTED SUCH A WAGER. O'NEILL INTERVIEWED AT NASHVILLE, TENN., AND INDICATED NEITHER HE NOR ROULSTON HAS ANY INFORMATION REGARDING SUBJECT OR THE MURDER OF KING.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

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9-38 PM URGENT 4-26-68 REF

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), BIRMINGHAM (44-1740),  
ATLANTA (44-2386), NEW ORLEANS, ST. LOUIS, SAN ANTONIO,  
EL PASO (157-186) AND KANSAS CITY  
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) 2P

MURKIN

RE TELEPHONE BOOTHS ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES.

JAMES EARL RAY RESIDED IN HOLLYWOOD AREA LOS ANGELES FROM  
NOVEMBER NINETEEN, SIXTY SEVEN, THROUGH MARCH SEVENTEEN, SIXTY  
EIGHT APPROXIMATELY. NOVEMBER NINETEEN UNTIL APPROXIMATELY  
JANUARY TWENTY RESIDED NEAR ST. FRANCIS HOTEL AND JANUARY TWENTY  
ONE TO MARCH SEVENTEEN RESIDED THERE. TOLL NUMBERS FROM  
TELEPHONE BOOTHS AT THE HOTEL ARE BEING ANALYZED FOR ANY  
POSSIBLE CALLS BY SUBJECT WHILE IN LOS ANGELES AREA. FOLLOWING  
NUMBERS HAVE BEEN DETERMINED TO DATE.

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DECEMBER THIRTY ONE, SIXTY SEVEN, DALLAS, SIX NINETEEN PM,  
THREE SEVEN FOUR DASH TWO EIGHT FIVE EIGHT.

DECEMBER TWENTY SEVEN, SIXTY SEVEN, HENDERSON, EIGHT  
TWENTY FIVE PM, SIX FIVE SEVEN DASH TWO SIX FIVE THREE.  
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JANUARY NINE, SIXTY EIGHT, EL PASO, SEVEN TWENTY SIX PM,  
SEVEN SEVEN TWO DASH TWO SEVEN ONE ONE.

ST. LOUIS -

JANUARY TWENTY, SIXTY EIGHT, ST. LOUIS, THREE FIFTY SEVEN PM,  
THREE SIX ONE DASH NINE SIX ZERO ONE.

JANUARY TWO, SIXTY EIGHT, OVERLAND, NINE FORTY SEVEN PM,  
FOUR TWO THREE DASH TWO THREE FOUR EIGHT.

NEW ORLEANS -

DECEMBER TWENTY TWO, SIXTY SEVEN, NEW ORLEANS, SEVEN FORTY  
EIGHT PM, FIVE TWO THREE DASH ZERO NINE THREE ZERO.

SAN ANTONIO -

FEBRUARY TWENTY NINE, SIXTY EIGHT, SAN ANTONIO, TWELVE  
TWENTY SEVEN PM, TWO TWO SEVEN DASH EIGHT ZERO SEVEN EIGHT.  
TICKET REFLECTS CALLER RUSSELL JOHNSON.

EACH OFFICE SHOULD ESTABLISH IDENTITY OF SUBSCRIBER AND  
IDENTITY OF CALLER AND ANY INFORMATION THAT MIGHT BE GAINED  
CONCERNING RAY IF HE MADE ANY OF THESE CALLS.

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FBI LOS ANG

10-49 PM URGENT 4-26-68 REF

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, ATLANTA, NEW ORLEANS,  
KANSAS CITY, MILWAUKEE, HOUSTON AND SAN ANTONIO  
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) 7P

MURKIN

RE PURCHASE OF HANDCUFFS BY SUBJECT:

HERBERT F. GREENBERG, OWNER, INTERNATIONAL POLICE EQUIPMENT  
CO., LOS ANGELES CONTACTED APRIL TWO SIX, INSTANT. HE MADE  
AVAILABLE TYPEWRITTEN LETTER AND ENVELOPE FROM ERIC S. GALT, FIVE  
FIVE THREE THREE HOLLYWOOD BLVD., HOLLYWOOD ADDRESSED TO TIFFANY  
ENTERPRISES, EIGHT FIVE ONE TWO WHITWORTH DRIVE, LOS ANGELES.  
ENVELOPE POSTMARKED PM, FEBRUARY TWO EIGHT, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT  
AND LETTER DATED SAME. TYPED SIGNATURE OF ERIC S. GALT APPEARS  
ON LETTER, AS DOES WRITTEN NAME. OTHER WRITING ON LETTER DONE BY  
GREENBERG AT TIME ORDER FILLED. LETTER AND ENVELOPE BEING  
FURNISHED FBI LABORATORY.

GREENBERG ADVISED SUBJECT MADE ORIGINAL ORDER FOR HANDCUFFS  
TO TIFFANY ENTERPRISES ON FEBRUARY TWO SIX LAST. TIFFANY  
DISTRIBUTES TO THEIR CUSTOMERS, OR SOMEONE ON THEIR MAILING LISTS,  
BROCHURES OF GREENBERG'S WHICH CONTAINS AD FOR HANDCUFFS.  
GREENBERG ADVISED SECRETARY FOR TIFFANY TOLD HIM APRIL TWO FIVE,  
LAST, SHE NOW REMEMBERS ORDER. SHE ADVISED GREENBERG THERE WAS  
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DELAY IN FILLING SUBJECT'S ORDER, AND GALT CALLED HER ON PHONE INSTRUCTING HER TO SEND HANDCUFFS IMMEDIATELY. SHE CALLED GREENBERG SAME DAY, GAVE HIM ORDER OVER PHONE. GREENBERG SENT HANDCUFFS FOLLOWING DAY, MARCH SIXTEEN LAST. SUBJECT PAID FOR PURCHASE BY MONEY ORDER IN AMOUNT OF NINE DOLLARS NINETY EIGHT CENTS. (PREVIOUS INQUIRY WAS CONDUCTED AT TIFFANY TO LOCATE REASON FOR THIS MONEY ORDER WHICH SUBJECT PURCHASED AT BANK OF AMERICA.)

RE RITA AND CHARLES STEIN:

REVIEW OF CALLS MADE LAST NINETY DAYS REFLECTS CALLS AS FOLLOWS FROM NEW ORLEANS OR TO NEW ORLEANS BY STEINS.

MARCH TWELVE, NINE FOUR SEVEN DASH ZERO NINE THREE ZERO, COLLECT FROM NEW ORLEANS.

MARCH TWENTY ONE AND TWENTY THREE, NINE FOUR FIVE DASH SEVEN THREE ONE TWO, COLLECT FROM NEW ORLEANS.

APRIL FOUR, NINE FOUR FIVE DASH SEVEN THREE ONE TWO, CALLED FROM LOS ANGELES.

FOR NO INFORMATION, STEIN PHONE AT LOS ANGELES IS TWO ONE THREE DASH FOUR SIX THREE DASH NINE FOUR FOUR NINE, LISTED IN NAME RITA RODE, FIVE SIX SIX SIX FRANKLIN AVENUE, LOS ANGELES.  
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LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT ADVISED TODAY THEY ARE IN RECEIPT OF CALL FROM CARMEN RUBIO, NEW ORLEANS, FIVE TWO TWO DASH ONE TWO ONE TWO, THE GRANDMOTHER OF FOUR CHILDREN OF RITA ROSA (STEIN), AND SHE ADVISED SHE WAS AWARDED CUSTODY OF THEM AND IS TRYING TO GET THEM BACK.

LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S OFFICE (LASO) SHOWS ARREST RECORD FOR RITA (NMN) ROSAS, AKA STEIN. LASO PHOTO IDENTICAL TO RITA STEIN THIS CASE. ARREST MADE BY LAPD ON MAY EIGHTEEN, SIXTY SEVEN ON CHARGE OF PERMITTING GAMBLING. DESCRIPTION: WHITE FEMALE, DOB [REDACTED], POB NEW ORLEANS, LA., FIVE FEET THREE INCHES, ONE TWENTY TWO POUNDS, BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES, RESIDENCE THIRTY THREE FORTY FLOYD TERRACE, HOLLYWOOD, BROTHER CHARLES STEIN, SAME ADDRESS, OCCUPATION BARMAID AT "THE ORBIT", FOUR FOUR ZERO FOUR MELROSE, LOS ANGELES, SCAR ON RIGHT ARM AND LEFT CHEEK. BAIL SET AT TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY SIX DOLLARS. NO DISPOSTION SET FORTH. CALIFORNIA CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION AND INVESTIGATION NUMBER THREE DASH TWO SEVEN NINE DASH EIGHT SEVEN SEVEN. FINGERPRINT CLASSIFICATION FOURTEEN M ONE U OII EIGHT OVER M TWO U OIM NINE.

RE LOUIS LOMAX AND CHARLES STEIN:

LOS ANGELES HERALD EXAMINER APRIL TWENTY SIX INSTANT CARRIED  
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EXCLUSIVE ARTICLE BY LOMAX RE TRIP BY LOMAX AND STEIN RETRACING TRIP TAKEN BY SUBJECT AND STEIN, LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS AND RETURN DURING DECEMBER SIXTY SEVEN. LOMAX ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE PHONE BOOTH FROM WHICH SUBJECT MADE PHONE CALLS AND SEARCH INVOLVES STRETCH OF HIGHWAY BETWEEN SAN ANTONIO AND HOUSTON. ARTICLE REPORTS SUBJECT MADE CONTACT WITH "TOMMY" LNU AT NEW ORLEANS TRADE MART, DECEMBER SEVENTEEN SIXTY SEVEN.

RE THREATS TO KING:

RE GILBERT:

KEITH DWAYNE GILBERT WAS SENTENCED IN NINETEN SIXTY SIX TO ONE TO TEN YEARS IN STATE PENITENTIARY FOR RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY WHICH CONSISTED OF FOURTEEN HUNDRED POUNDS OF DYNAMITE STOLEN FROM AN EXPLOSIVE FIRM. GILBERT IS NOW SERVING HIS TIME AT SAN QUENTIN PRISON IN CALIFORNIA.

WILLARD:

MR. HOWARD WILLARD, FATHER OF GEORGE WILLARD, WAS CONTACTED THIS DATE AND HE ADVISED THAT HIS SON HAS OVERCOME HIS PSYCHIATRIC PROBLEMS AND IS NO LONGER ASSOCIATING WITH JOHN BIRCH MEMBERS. HIS SON IS PRESENTLY ATTENDING VALLEY STATE COLLEGE AS A LAW STUDENT AND IN ADDITION IS WORKING FULL TIME AT A STANDARD OIL

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STATION IN PANORAMA CITY, CALIFORNIA. MR. WILLARD STATED THAT HIS SON IS SO BUSY STUDYING AND WORKING THAT HE HAS NO TIME FOR OTHER ENDEAVORS.

JAMISON:

WILLIAM HOWARD JAMISON ON SEPTEMBER ONE NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE WAS FOUND GUILTY OF ARSON AFTER HE HAD THROWN TWO MOLOTOV COCKTAILS THROUGH WINDOW OF BOOKSTORE IN LOS ANGELS IN MARCH, NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE. HE WAS SENTENCED TO SERVE NINE MONTHS IN JAIL AND DENIED PROBATION. THE RECORDS OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT REVEAL THAT JAMISON MOVED TO FOUR SEVEN FIVE ONE WINDSOR STREET, SHAWNEE-MISSION, KANSAS AFTER HIS RELEASE. JAMISON IS DESCRIBED AS MALE, CAUCASIAN, BORN

[REDACTED] KANSAS OR MISSOURI, HIS WIFE BEING FRANCES STOKER JAMISON, WHO RESIDES WITH HIM IN KANSAS. HIS FATHER WAS LISTED AS HAROLD JAMISON, FIVE TWO THREE THREE NALL STREET, MISSION, KANSAS.

RE DYRELL DENNIS:

PHOTO'S OF DENNIS OBTAINED AND SHOWN. JOE PETERS, BARTENDER, SULTAN ROOM, FIVE FIVE THREE THREE AND ONE HALF HOLLYWOOD BLVD., LOS ANGELES IDENTIFIED PHOTO AS THAT OF FEMALE "LUSH" WHO FREQUENTED SULTAN ROOM DURING TIME RAY REGISTERED IN BUILDING AT ST FRANCIS HOTEL. STATED ONLY ASSOCIATION HE EVER OBSERVED BETWEEN RAY AND DENNIS WAS WHEN ONE DAY EXACT TIME NOT RECALLED RAY TALKED WITH DENNIS AT JUKE BOX IN SULTAN ROOM AND DENNIS APPEARED

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TO KEEP SHAKING HER HEAD IN A NEGATIVE MANNER. ADVISED HE HAS NEVER OBSERVED RAY AND DENNIS TO ASSOCIATE WITH EACH OTHER AND ADDED THAT HE TRIED TO KEEP DENNIS OUT OF BAR BECAUSE SHE HAD NO IDENTIFICATION. ALLEN THOMPSON, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, FIVE FIVE THREE THREE HOLLYWOOD BLVD., LOS ANGELES, ADVISED HE HAS NEVER SEEN DENNIS ASSOCIATED WITH RAY. JIM MORRISON, RABBITS FOOT CLUB, FIVE SIX TWO THREE HOLLYWOOD BLVD., LOS ANGELES, ADVISED HE HAS SEEN DENNIS IN HIS CLUB BUT HE HAS NEVER OBSERVED HER WITH A MAN OR ANY PERSON THAT HE IS ABLE TO IDENTIFY OR RECALL. REVIEW OF STATE NARCOTIC BUREAU FILE ON DENNIS REFLECTS DENNIS TO BE AN ADDICT WHO DRINKS TO EXCESS AND RESORTS TO PROSTITUTION. DENNIS HAS FBI NUMBER THREE EIGHT SIX DASH TWO SEVEN ONE D. SHE WAS EMPLOYED AS A SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR IN BEVERLY HILLS FROM ONE SIXTEEN SIXTY EIGHT TO TWO THIRTEEN SIXTY EIGHT WHEN SHE LEFT UPON LEARNING ALL EMPLOYEES MUST BE FINGERPRINTED.

RE SCOTT NORDAL (LOOK ALIKE - NEW ORLEANS) :

MRS. HELEN VAN WAGNER, CLERK PARAMOUNT HIGH SCHOOL, PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA; AND MRS. VIDA CRUNK, CLERK, COMPTON CITY SCHOOLS, COMPTON, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED ON APRIL TWENTY FIFTH LAST AND APRIL TWENTY SIXTH RESPECTIVELY, THAT A SEARCH OF SCHOOL RECORDS FAILED TO REVEAL ANY INDICATION NORDAL HAD ATTENDED EITHER PARAMOUNT HIGH SCHOOL OR COMPTON CITY SCHOOLS.

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LEADS:

NEW ORLEANS: IF NOT ALREADY DONE, CONSIDER INTERVIEW OF CARMEN RUBIO FOR BACKGROUND OF RITA AND CHARLES STEIN.

KANSAS CITY: BUREAU HAS REQUESTED THAT EVEN THOUGH JAMES EARL RAY HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS THE ASSAILANT, INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE CONDUCTED TO DETERMINE IF JAMISON MIGHT BE IMPLICATED AS A CONSPIRATOR. JAMISON, A FORMER JOHN BIRCH MEMBER ALLEGEDLY SAID "I AM GOING TO GET MARTIN LUTHER KING, HE IS MINE."

MILWAUKEE SHOULD REINTERVIEW DENNIS NOTING BARTENDER INDICATES DENNIS AT LEAST ON ONE OCCASION WAS OBSERVED TALKING TO RAY.

COPY FURNISHED SAN ANTONIO AND HOUSTON SINCE LOMAX IN THEIR TERRITORY.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUES AT LOS ANGELES.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES, SPRINGFIELD  
FROM ATLANTA (44-2386) 3P

MURKIN

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION, APRIL TWENTYSIX, SIXTYEIGHT:

ON APRIL TWENTYFOUR LAST, U. S. POSTAL INSPECTOR,  
ATLANTA, ADVISED AN ENVELOPE TYPE PACKAGE HAD BEEN RECEIVED AT  
POST OFFICE GENERAL DELIVERY SECTION ADDRESSED TO ERIC S. GALT,  
FIVE FIVE THREE THREE HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD, HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA.  
PACKAGE SENT FROM INTERNATIONAL POLICE EQUIPMENT COMPANY, EIGHT  
ZERO SIX SOUTH ROBERTSON BOULEVARD, LOS ANGELES, AND CONTAINED  
ONE PAIR OF JAPANESE CHROME HANDCUFFS WITH TWO KEYS. ALSO  
ENCLOSED A "CONFIDENTIAL CATALOG", "POLICE AND INVESTIGATION  
EQUIPMENT." STAMPED ON FRONT OF THE PACKAGE IS MARKED THAT  
FOLLOWING ITEMS WHICH WERE LISTED BY CATALOG NUMBER WERE  
PROHIBITED FOR SALE EXCEPT TO ACCREDITED LAW ENFORCEMENT  
AGENCIES BY OFFICIAL PURCHASE ORDERS. LOS ANGELES  
CALLY ADVISED OF ABOVE, APRIL TWENTYFOUR LAST. LOS ANGELES  
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ADVISED THAT OWNER OF INTERNATIONAL POLICE EQUIPMENT COMPANY, ONE ZERO ZERO FOUR ALFRED, LOS ANGELES, ADVISED BASED ON INFORMATION THEN AVAILABLE, HAS ONLY STOCKED JAPANESE HANDCUFFS NINETY OR ONE HUNDRED TWENTY DAYS. DOES NOT ADVERTISE HANDCUFFS IN REGULAR MAGAZINE ADS WHICH APPEAR IN "TRASH" TYPE DETECTIVE MAGAZINES. THEREFORE BELIEVES INSTANT ORDER MUST HAVE BEEN "REORDERED." OWNER WILL BE ABLE TO FURNISH ORIGINAL ORDER FOR HANDCUFFS SHIPPED TO GALT THIS DATE.

JIMMIE DELTON GARNER REINTERVIEWED WITH NO POSITIVE RESULTS.

CONCERNING BILLY JOE FAULKNER, INVESTIGATION ELIMINATES HIS BEING IN ATLANTA DURING THE PERIOD RAY RESIDED ON FOURTEENTH STREET; HOWEVER, A BILLY FAULKNER WAS REGISTERED AS BEING AT ONE ZERO SEVEN FOURTEENTH STREET, APRIL TWO THROUGH NINE LAST. ALSO, A WILLIAM EARNEST HARPER RESIDED THERE AT THE SAME TIME AND IN THE SAME ROOM. HARPER DESCRIBED AS ABOUT FIFTY YEARS OF AGE AND BILLY FAULKNER AS ABOUT TWENTY YEARS OLD. IDENTITY OF BILLY FAULKNER WHO ROOMED THERE APRIL TWO THROUGH NINE LAST NOT KNOWN

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AND EFFORTS BEING MADE TO LOCATE HARPER WHO RESIDES COLUMBUS, GEORGIA. FAULKNER IS ON CAMPING TRIP AND WILL RETURN COLUMBUS APRIL TWENTYEIGHT OR TWENTYNINE NEXT.

SEVERAL TELEPHONE LOOK-ALIKE COMPLAINTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED IN ATLANTA AND HAVE BEEN ELIMINATED.

CONTACT OF INDIVIDUALS ADVERTISING AUTOMOBILES FOR SALE THROUGH NEWSPAPERS CONTINUING AND NEGATIVE TO DATE.

CONTACTS WITH PASSENGERS AND CREW MEMBERS ON FOREIGN BOUND FLIGHTS FROM ATLANTA, APRIL FIVE LAST CONTINUING AND NEGATIVE TO DATE.

INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING CONCERNING THE POSSIBILITY THAT RAY MAY HAVE OBTAINED NARCOTICS IN THE ATLANTA AREA WITH NO POSITIVE RESULTS SO FAR.

RACIAL INFORMANTS CONTINUE TO BE RECONTACTED CONCERNING RAY AND ANY INFORMATION THERE MAY HAVE BEEN A BOUNTY PLACED ON THE LIFE OF KING.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA (44-2386), MEMPHIS (44-1987),  
BIRMINGHAM (44-1740), AND LOS ANGELES (44- 1574)  
FROM LOUISVILLE (44-947)

MURKIN

RE MEMPHIS TEL TO DIRECTOR, LOUISVILLE, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM,  
AND ATLANTA FOUR TWENTYSIX INSTANT.

RE SEARS ROEBUCK BATTERY FOR NINETEEN SIXTYSIX MUSTANG.

JOHN GAYHART, GLOBE UNION INC., LOUISVILLE, KY., ADVISES  
CODING INFORMATION CONTAINED ON INSTANT BATTERY INDICATES THIS  
BATTERY SHIPPED FROM LOUISVILLE PLANT TO SEARS ROEBUCK RETAIL  
OUTLETS IN SOUTHERN ILL., MOST OF INDIANA, SOUTHERN MICHIGAN, ALL  
OF OHIO, ALL OF WEST VA., AND ALL OF KY. HE ESTIMATES APPROXIMATELY  
TWENTY FIVE HUNDRED SUCH BATTERIES USED IN FIVE DIFFERENT TYPE  
AUTOMOBILES SHIPPED TO ONE HUNDRED FIFTY SEARS RETAIL STORES.  
GAYHART ADVISES NO SERIAL NUMBER OR OTHER INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFYING  
NUMBER CONTAINED ON EACH BATTERY MANUFACTURED AND DISTRIBUTED AND  
VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO TRACE THE BATTERY AS AN INDIVIDUAL UNIT.  
HE STATES CAN SUPPLY INFORMATION FROM SUMMARY SALES SHEETS AS TO  
NUMBER OF SUCH BATTERIES SHIPPED DURING MARCH AND IDENTITY OF SEARS  
RETAIL STORES RECEIVING SAME.

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GARRY KIETLEY, ASSISTANT MANAGER LOCAL SEARS AUTO DEPT., STATES ALL SUCH BATTERIES CONTAIN IN ADDITION TO CODE INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED, ALSO STOCK NUMBER IMPRINTED IN PLASTIC ON RIGHT HAND CORNER OF BOTH ENDS OF BATTERY CONSISTING USUALLY OF TWO DIGITS. BATTERY ALSO CONTAINED WHITE ROUND STICKER, ABOUT SIZE OF A NICKLE. STICKER IS PLACED ON SIDE OF BATTERY CONTAINING A SMALL NUMBER, IN THIS INSTANCE, BETWEEN THE "C" AND FIGURE EIGHT AT THE BOTTOM A NUMBER INDICATING THE WEEK DURING MARCH IN WHICH THE BATTERY WAS MANUFACTURED. THIS WOULD PIN POINT EXACT WEEK IN MARCH AND NARROW PERIOD BETWEEN DATE OF MANUFACTURE AND APRIL FOUR. KIETLEY ALSO STATES THAT GENEREALLY WHEN A BATTERY IS PURCHASED, DATE OF SALE, NAME AND ADDRESS OF PURCHASER IS OBTAINED ON SALES TICKET AS WELL AS MAKE OF CAR.

ATLANTA REQUESTED FURTHER EXAMINE INSTANT BATTERY DETERMINING IF WHITE STICKER IS PRESENT ON SAME INDICATING NUMBER  
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SUCH AS TWO THREE FOUR ETC., REFLECTING WEEK IN MARCH BATTERY  
MANUFACTURED.

MEMPHIS REQUESTED TO ADVISE IF INFORMATION AS TO NUMBER OF  
BATTERIES SUPPLIED DURING PERTINENT PERIOD AND IDENTITY OF SEARS  
RETAIL OUTLETS OBTAINING SAME IS DESIRED FOR CONTACT ON  
INDIVIDUAL BASIS DISPLAYING PHOTO OF RAY AS POSSIBLE PURCHASER.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, AND TAMPA  
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MURKIN; CR

RE TAMPA TEL TODAY

GEORGE WILLIAM RUSSELL, SALESMAN, PAT LAPE MOBIL HOMES,  
THREE SEVEN ONE TWO TELEPHONE ROAD, HOUSTON, INTERVIEWED  
APRIL TWENTY SIX AND ADVISED JAMES EARL RAY UNKNOWN TO HIM  
BY NAME OR PHOTO. RUSSELL WAS INMATE AT MO. STATE PEN DURING  
PERIOD RAY WAS INCARCERATED. RUSSELL RELEASED IN SIXTY SIX  
AND CAME TO HOUSTON FROM ST. LOUIS SIX MONTHS AGO. RUSSELL  
SERVED TIME FOR BURGLARY. RUSSELL ESTIMATED FOUR THOUSAND  
FIVE HUNDRED INMATES AT MISSOURI STATE PEN. NAME NEIL EGAR  
AEBY NOT KNOWN TO HIM. AEBY WAS INMATE FRIEND OF RAY AND  
INTERVIEWED BY HOUSTON, APRIL TWENTY FIVE, LAST.

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LOS ANGELES, AND SAN ANTONIO  
FROM HOUSTON (44-1509)

MURKIN; CR.

RE HOUSTON TEL, APRIL TWENTY SIX, LAST.

RE LOUIS LOMAX - CHARLES STEIN.

HOUSTON CHRONICLE REPORTER ON APRIL TWENTY SIX, LAST  
ACCOMPANIED LOMAX AND STEIN ON AUTO TRIP FROM HOUSTON TO  
SAN ANTONIO ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE TELEPHONE BOOTH ALLEGEDLY  
USED BY RAY. TELEPHONE BOOTH NOT LOCATED.

CHRONICLE REPORTER, DON MICHAELS, ADVISED THAT HE LEFT  
LOMAX AND STEIN IN SAN ANTONIO AT FOUR-THIRTY PM, APRIL  
TWENTY SIX, LAST. STATED LOMAX AND STEIN RENTED AUTOMOBILE  
FROM SAN ANTONIO AVIS CAR RENTAL, COWTOWN OFFICE, AND  
INDICATED THEY INTENDED TO SEARCH FOR TELEPHONE BOOTH WEST  
OF SAN ANTONIO. MICHAELS ADVISED IT WAS HIS OPINION THAT  
STEIN WAS TAKING LOMAX "FOR A RIDE" AND BOTH APPEARED TO BE  
COMPLETELY LOST AS FAR AS LOCATION OF TELEPHONE BOOTH.

MICHAELS ALSO STATED THAT STEIN HAD INDICATED THAT HE HAD  
SLEPT MOST OF THE TRIP FROM CALIFORNIA TO NEW ORLEANS WITH RAY.

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RE OKLAHOMA CITY AIRTEL TO BUREAU, APRIL TWENTY FOUR LAST.  
 BUREAU AGENTS ATTEMPTED TO INTERVIEW DONALD EUGENE SPARKS,  
 FBI NUMBER SEVEN ONE SIX EIGHTEEN A, FORMER TOP TEN SUBJECT,  
 AT DE KALB COUNTY JAIL, FORT PAYNE, ALABAMA THIS DATE. SPARKS  
 REFUSED TO BE INTERVIEWED OR TO DISCUSS ANYTHING WITH AGENTS AND  
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AIR MAIL COPIES TO JACKSON, TAMPA AND OKLAHOMA CITY.

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NO PERTINENT INVESTIGATION TO REPORT THIS DATE. MATERIAL  
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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, MILWAUKEE  
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (2P)

MURKIN

RE MILWAUKEE TEL TO DIRECTOR FOUR TWENTY SEVEN LAST.

RE DYRELL DENNIS

GIL MARTIN, OWNER, SULTAN ROOM, ST FRANCIS HOTEL,  
LOS ANGELES INTERVIEWED APRIL TWENTY SEVEN LAST. STATED  
RAY FERNANDEL UNKNOWN TO HIM. NO FRY COOK EMPLOYED AT ST.  
FRANCIS HOTEL OR SULTAN ROOM. PAUL MC KAY, NIGHT CLERK, ST.  
FRANCIS HOTEL INTERVIEWED APRIL TWENTY SEVEN LAST. FERNANDEL  
UNKNOWN TO HIM AND NOT RESIDENT AT HOTEL. JOE PETERS, FORMER  
BARTENDER, SULTAN ROOM, INTERVIEWED APRIL TWENTY EIGHT. STATED  
DENNIS AND RAY LNU, DESCRIBED MEXICAN, AMERICAN, FIVE FOOT  
TWO OR THREE INCHES, ONE HUNDRED THIRTY POUNDS, DARK HAIR,  
DARK EYES, SOMETIMES WORKS AT HAMBURGER STAND NEAR ST. FRANCIS  
HOTEL, STAYED AT ST. FRANCIS HOTEL IN ROOM REGISTERED TO  
JACK PENDELTON FOR SEVERAL DAYS, POSSIBLY EARLY MARCH, SIXTY  
EIGHT, WITH DENNIS. DENNIS AND RAY LNU DRUNK MOST OF TIME.  
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RAY LNU IS WINO, AND HAS NO CONTROL OVER PHYSICAL EXCRETION FACULTIES, OBVIOUS TO THOSE IN HIS PRESENCE. PETERS DOES NOT KNOW LOCATION OF RAY LNU AT THIS TIME, WHO IS POSSIBLY IDENTICAL TO RAY FERNANDEL DESCRIBED BY DENNIS. PENDELTON PRESENTLY IN UNKNOWN HOSPITAL FOR AMPUTATION OF LIMB. INVESTIGATION CONTINUES AT LOS ANGELES TO LOCATE RAY FERNANDEL AND PENDELTON FOR INTERVIEW TO VERIFY STORY OF DENNIS.

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RE MP TELEPHONE CALL TO MOBILE AND MOBILE TELEPHONE CALL  
TO BIRMINGHAM APRIL TWENTYEIGHT INSTANT.

ON APRIL TWENTYEIGHT INSTANT LARRY MC NAIR, AST, DECATUR,  
ALA., ADVISED SIXTYEIGHT ALA. LICENSE <sup>5 2</sup> FIVE TWO DASH <sup>2 7</sup> TWO SEVEN FOUR  
<sup>2 2</sup> TWO TWO ISSUED TO DONALD G. ROE, FOUR TWO THREE JACKSON STREET,  
S. E., DECATUR, ALA., FOR ONE NINE SIX FIVE VOLKSWAGEN, VIN ONE  
ONE FIVE TWO FIVE FIVE EIGHT ZERO FIVE.

JERRY BOTTOM, DESK SGT., DECATUR, ALA. PD, ADVISED FOUR TWO  
THREE JACKSON ST. S. E. IS FICTITIOUS ADDRESS, ALSO COULD LOCATE  
NO RECORD IDENTIFIABLE WITH JOHN DELL ROWE OR DONALD G. ROE.  
BOTH MC NAIR AND BOTTOM ADVISED NO STOLEN REPORT RE VOLKSWAGEN AND  
APPARENTLY FICTITIOUS REGISTRATION.

AIR MAIL COPY TO MOBILE.

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RE MP TELEPHONE CALL TO MOBILE AND MOBILE TELEPHONE CALL  
TO BIRMINGHAM APRIL TWENTYEIGHT INSTANT.

ON APRIL TWENTYEIGHT INSTANT LARRY MC NAIR, AST, DECATUR,  
ALA., ADVISED SIXTYEIGHT ALA. LICENSE FIVE TWO DASH TWO SEVEN FOUR  
TWO TWO ISSUED TO DONALD G. ROE, FOUR TWO THREE JACKSON STREET,  
S. E., DECATUR, ALA., FOR ONE NINE SIX FIVE VOLKSWAGEN, VIN ONE  
ONE FIVE TWO FIVE FIVE EIGHT ZERO FIVE.

JERRY BOTTOM, DESK SGT., DECATUR, ALA. PD, ADVISED FOUR TWO  
THREE JACKSON ST. S. E. IS FICTITIOUS ADDRESS, ALSO COULD LOCATE  
NO RECORD IDENTIFIABLE WITH JOHN DELL ROWE OR DONALD G. ROE.  
BOTH MC NAIR AND BOTTOM ADVISED NO STOLEN REPORT RE VOLKSWAGEN AND  
APPARENTLY FICTITIOUS REGISTRATION.

AIR MAIL COPY TO MOBILE.

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ADVISED SAW JOHNSON AT TAMPA THREE DAYS AGO.

TAMPA ATTEMPT LOCATE CHARLES RAY JOHNSON TO DETERMINE IF  
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