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Memorandum

TO : SAC, BU (44-1740)

FROM : PATRICK J. MOYNIHAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/29/68

MRS. A R SAUNDERS of 1013 21st. Place South, BU., (251-1885) advised she operates a boarding house at this address and desired to furnish the following information.

On 11/17/67, she rented a room to a man who gave his name as JAMES WOOD. She saw him only on this occasion and he took the room for two weeks, paying \$26.00 rent. He left three or four days later. Claimed he worked at the airport.

James Wood looks like the sketch but not the photo in captioned case and he had a long lobe on his left ear. She could describe him only as W-N, 40 to 43 years, average height, long face and long left ear lobe.



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644PM URGENT 5/2/68 GJM

TO BIRMINGHAM 44-1740 TAMPA 157-3231 MEMPHIS 44-1987
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN.

REBHTEL MAY ONE LAST AND TPTEL MAY ONE LAST RE
CHARLES RAY JOHNSON.

BIRMINGHAM, REINTERVIEW SPARKS CONCERNING INFORMATION
HE FURNISHED IN VIEW OF FACT HE IS UNKNOWN TO L. B. DEMAY.
BHTEL OF APRIL TWENTYEIGHT LAST STATES SPARKS SAW JOHNSON
IN TAMPA THREE DAYS PREVIOUS TO APRIL TWENTYEIGHT LAST
AND THAT HE FIRST SAW JOHNSON IN TAMPA ON APRIL EIGHT LAST,
AND OVSERVED HIM DAILY UNTIL HE, SPARKS, LEFT TAMPA. CONSIDER
FURNISHING TAMPA WITH PHOTOGRAPH OF SPARKS AND HIS WIFE TO
ASSIST TAMPA IN IDENTIFYING THEM.

TAMPA, RECONTACT PERSONNEL OF ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS AND
HAVE THEIR RECORDS THOROUGHLY RECHECKED FOR ANY INFORMATION
RELATING TO SPARKS OR JOHNSON. FROM INFORMATION FURNISHED BY
SPARKS, IT IS APPARENT IF HE WAS NOT IN FACT EMPLOYED BY
ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS, HE IS AT LEAST AWARE OF THE IDENTITY OF
"HOT SHOT" WHO TAMPA HAS IDENTIFIED AS L. B. DEMAY.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-33861)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
OO: MEMPHIS

Attached to the Bureau copies of this communication and to receiving offices are Xerox copies of two items which appeared in the Auckland, New Zealand press on the dates 3/14/68 and 4/30/68. These clippings had been received by Mr. BILL MOBLEY, a friendly reporter for the Birmingham Post Herald who had considered writing an article about them but after determining from the Birmingham Police Department that no CHARLES TAYLOR or THOMAS TAYLOR is employed as a patrolman, he discontinued his efforts.

Mr. MOBLEY made the news clippings available on the bare possibility that the overseas telephone calls may have been made by fugitive RAY. It is believed that the following action by Los Angeles is warranted.

LEADS

LOS ANGELES

AT SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA.

Will attempt to determine from telephone

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 1)
- 2 - Los Angeles (Enc. 2) (44-1574)
- 2 - Memphis (Enc. 1) (44-1987)
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company records the identity of the CHARLES TAYLOR who evidently completed a call to the Auckland, New Zealand Police Department at 5 AM their time on March 14, 1968, and if identity established will determine whether possibly identical with subject.

AT SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA.

Will conduct similar investigation regarding the call to Auckland reportedly made on Sunday night (their time) 4/28/68.

1400 - 2121 Building
Birmingham, Alabama
May 8, 1968

Mrs. Helen Spivey
Office Secretary
Alabama Service Station Association, Inc.
1102 South 20th Street
Birmingham, Alabama 35205

Dear Mrs. Spivey:

The April, 1968, issue of your association's publication containing the article on James Earl Ray who is wanted by the FBI has been received by this office.

Special Agent Robert J. Yarnall of this Office has advised me that you were not too pleased with the reproduction of the photographs of Ray; however, I feel the article and photographs appearing in the publication were excellent and I would like to commend you for the splendid cooperation your organization has given this office concerning this matter.

Special Agent Yarnall has further advised me that you have made your services available to the FBI in the past and your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,


JOSEPH H. GAMBLE
Special Agent In Charge

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AIRMAIL

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

MURKIN

OO: Memphis

Re Bureau airtel to Indianapolis, Birmingham, and
Mobile, 4/30/68, copy to Memphis, regarding Mrs. RUTH HARNEY -
COMPLAINANT:

The following investigation was conducted by SAs
HERBERT T. BRADSHAW and WILLIAM R. LISTON:

On May 6, 1968, Mrs. RUTH HARNEY, 601 East Adams
Street, Muncie, Indiana, advised as follows:

All the information which she has furnished by letter
to FBI Headquarters, Washington, D.C., was obtained by her and
her daughter, Mrs. BARBARA WALLEN, St. Johns Street, at Daleville
Road, Daleville, Indiana, by use of a ouija board, a device
which mystically spells out words when questions are asked of
it. Also, she stated that at about the time of the Pueblo
incident, she began hearing signals over her television set
which sounded like Morse Code being transmitted, and she
thought the Russians were doing this.

Mrs. HARNEY's letter to the Bureau was orally
acknowledged and she was asked not to furnish additional letters
to the Bureau based on information she obtains from her ouija
board.

In view of the foregoing, no further investigation
should be conducted concerning information furnished by Mrs.
HARNEY.

- 3 - Bureau
- 1 - Birmingham (Info.)
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 1 - Mobile (Info.)
- 1 - Indianapolis

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: Memphis)

Re: Milwaukee airtel to Miami, 4-20-68.
Miami airtel to Memphis, 4-29-68.

Referenced Milwaukee airtel furnished information received from an individual in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who advised that on 3-28-68, while at the Sun Castle Motel, Pompano Beach, Florida, an establishment operated by a former FBI agent, he and his wife chanced to deal with a bellboy in the motel who apparently left the motel shortly after 3-28-68, and traveled to Tennessee to accept work as an electrician in an unknown city in Tennessee at a salary of \$500.00 a week. The individual providing the information believed the salary sounded absurd and after viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, both he and his wife felt the bellboy resembles RAY's description and photograph.

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Referenced Miami airtel set forth results of initial contacts at the Sun Castle Motel wherein it was noted that EARL B. SHIELDS was employed there through 4-1-68. SHIELDS furnished Social Security No. [redacted] and a permanent address of 15 Almond Drive, Randolph, Mass. Boston was requested to conduct investigation at this address to eliminate SHIELDS as the subject in this matter.

On 4-30-68, HERB BLONSTROM, Assistant Manager, Sun Castle Motel, 1380 South Ocean Boulevard, advised he had located an application for EARL B. SHIELDS of Randolph, Mass., Social Security No. [redacted]. The application showed SHIELDS' previous employment as Plaza East, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and previous residence at 1325 N. E. 5th Terrace, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

On 5-1-68, MARY BACHMAN, 1333 N. E. 5th Terrace, Fort Lauderdale, advised her records show that EARL SHIELDS resided in an apartment building managed by her for approximately a two-week period. She recalled SHIELDS and his roommate, DAVID WATTIER. WATTIER rented the room 3-16-68, and rent was paid through 4-6-68. After WATTIER moved in, BACHMAN met SHIELDS who informed her that he was staying with WATTIER. WATTIER is believed to have left on 3-30-68, and Mrs. BACHMAN cannot recall specifically which dates after WATTIER departed that SHIELDS remained. She believes SHIELDS stayed another day or two but the exact length of time is unknown.

When WATTIER left he was driving a dark blue automobile, make unknown, and believed to have Florida license plates. WATTIER indicated he was from Minneapolis and was en route Indiana. While at her residence, both WATTIER and SHIELDS drove in WATTIER's auto and were believed to be employed in the same motel.

Mrs. BACHMAN and her husband, ALBERT J. BACHMAN, viewed photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT and expressed the opinion that SHIELDS and GALT are not identical. Mrs.

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BACHMAN described SHIELDS as 5' 10" and heavy set.

On 5-2-68, Mrs. IRA M. WOLFE, Personnel Office, Plaza East Condominium, 4300 North Ocean, Fort Lauderdale, made available her records which contained the following:

EARL B. SHIELDS, Social Security No. [redacted] of 1313 N. W. 14th Court, Fort Lauderdale, was employed at instant condominium as an outside guard from 3/5-15/68. He listed his date of birth as [redacted] height, 5' 10½"; weight, 170; brown hair, blue eyes, and marital status as divorced. SHIELDS listed previous employment at Dunworth Electric, Fort Lauderdale; Hotel Kenmore, Boston, Mass., as doorman; Yankee Fisherman, Boston, Mass., as bartender; and 1280 Beacon Street, Brooklyn, New York, as bartender. He indicated in case of emergency JOSEPHINE BUTLER, 15 Almond Drive, Randolph, Mass., should be contacted.

DAVID H. WATTIER, Social Security [redacted] who furnished his address as 1325 N. E. 5th Terrace, Fort Lauderdale, was employed at Plaza East Condominium at approximately the same time as SHIELDS, having apparently begun employment 2-13-68. WATTIER listed his DOB as [redacted] 6', 170 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes. He indicated he was from Randolph, Nebraska. He listed previous employment as December, 1967, Dunworth Electric.

On 5-2-68, JOE BLEIER, Head Doorman, Plaza East, advised both SHIELDS and WATTIER worked under his supervision. Both individuals reportedly resided together and definitely came to and departed work in WATTIER's 1966 Chevelle Super Sport, light blue in color.

Both BLEIER and Mrs. WOLFE viewed photographs of ERIC STARVO GALT and both stated in their opinion SHIELDS is not identical with GALT. SHIELDS was a trouble-maker and caused employee discontent over low wages and left after an argument with the management.

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LEAD

BOSTON

AT RANDOLPH, MASSACHUSETTS

If not previously done, contact JOSEPHINE BUTLER, 15 Almond Drive, and develop information to eliminate SHIELDS as a suspect in this case. Advise Miami if SHIELDS located or sufficient identifying data obtained to eliminate SHIELDS so that additional inquiries Miami need not be made.

5/7/68

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) SACS, MEMPHIS, LOS
ANGELES (44-1574) PHOENIX, LAS VEGAS, DENVER (157-203)
ALBUQUERQUE, AND EL PASO.

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TEL MAY FOUR LAST REGARDING INTERVIEW
AT LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT MAY THREE LAST CONCERNING
CALL BY UNITED AIRLINES (UAL) PERSONNEL DESCRIBING INDIVIDUAL
AS POSSIBLE LOOK A LIKE OF JAMES EARL RAY.

FOLLOWING UAL FLIGHTS CHECKED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS
MAY SIX LAST RELATIVE TO TRAVEL OF CARL RAY, DENVER TO
LAS VEGAS OR LOS ANGELES MAY ONE AND TWO LAST.

ONE SIX THREE BOTH DAYS, TWO FOUR ONE, MAY ONE, TWO
FOUR THREE, MAY TWO, THREE FIVE NINE, MAY ONE, EIGHT FIVE
SEVEN, MAY TWO.

NO RECORD AVAILABLE FLIGHTS ONE SIX NINE AND EIGHT
SEVEN ONE.

1 - Birmingham (AM)
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THE BUREAU AND ALL OFFICES NOTE UAL MAINTAINS NOR PREPARES PASSENGER MANIFEST AS SUCH. ONLY RECORD OF FLIGHT IS PORTION OF TICKET TAKEN FROM PASSENGER JUST PRIOR TO BOARDING AIRCRAFT. THESE FORWARDED UAL HEAD-QUARTERS DAILY WHERE THEY BECOME KEYPUNCHED IMMEDIATELY UPON ARRIVAL AND ARE SOMETIMES UNAVAILABLE FOR EXAMINATION FOR SIX OR SEVEN DAYS.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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FBI BIRMGHAM

12:15PM URGENT 5-9-68FAS
TO DIRECTOR AND JACKSONVILLE
FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740 P

MURKIN, CR.

RE BH TELEPHONE CALLS TO JK FIVE EIGHT LAST.

ROBERT W. COLLINS, MANGER, ALBERTA BECKWITH, COOK, AND MATTIE WILLIAMS, COOK, SHOCKLEY'S PANCAKE HOUSE, ONE ONE ONE EAST LIMESTONE STREET, FLORENCE, ALA., EIGHT INSTANT, OBSERVED PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY AND STATED A PERSON CLOSELY RESEMBLING HIM WAS IN THAT RESTAURANT TWO PM, EIGHT LAST, AND ALSO ON SOME PREVIOUS OCCASIONS. THEY FURNISHED DESCRIPTION OF VEHICLE HE WAS USING AND A FLORIDA TAG NUMBER WHICH WAS LATER DETERMINED TO BE INCORRECT. ALL HOTELS AND MOTELS IN FLORENCE, ALA., CHECKED. PERSON REFERRED TO ABOVE WAS LOCATED AND DETERMINED TO BE PAUL JONUS PHILLIPS, WHITE, MALE, BORN [REDACTED] FIVE FEET SEVEN INCHES TALL, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTYFIVE POUNDS, BLACK HAIR, DISTINCT BROWN EYES, GOLD FILLINGS ON FRONT TEETH. HE IS MASTER SERGEANT IN U. S. AIR FORCE, EGLIN FIELD, FLA., SN AF ONE NINE SIX NINE FOUR
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ZERO ONE FIVE HAS BEEN IN AIRFORCE TWENTY YEARS AND IS ENROUTE TO VIET NAM NINETH INSTANT. PHILLIPS SOMEWHAT RESEMBLED NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT PHOTO OF SUBJECT WHICH APPEARS ON IO. PHILLIPS DETERMINED TO BE NOT IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT ON BASIS OF VISUAL OBSERVATION AND FINGERPRINT COMPARISON. ABOVE WITNESSES OBSERVED PHILLIPS AND VERIFIED HE WAS PERSON RESEMBLING SUBJECT.

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FBI WASH DC

GWC

FBI JACKSON

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TO DIRECTOR + *Jacksonville*
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

MURKIN, CR.

~~RE~~ *Re BH telephone calls to JH 5/8/last.*

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2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

3660-44th and North
Bttn Ala
Marie Rainey

Sir

On March 31 @ I left
Ala. at 7:00 o'clock for Nashville Tenn
I got a yellow cab at the stop
near the Bus Station
A fellow ~~there~~ whom I've
never seen before got
the same ~~to~~ topic
the topic driver started
talking about Miss

I told him that I was
from Miss. the Conv. between
the driver and me went on
the man in the back seat
said that he wanted to go
to the Air Port when he
got out of the topic he said
~~to~~ let me get back
to Bttn I'm from Miss.
to. I didn't really think
nothing about it But I
must say with all the
trouble I've had
I've wondered ~~the~~ ~~to~~ he is

Small in Stature real dark
Brown hair

Brown eyes and very
Oily Skin

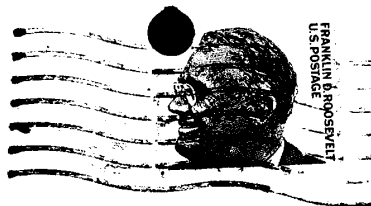
I've Had a Call
are two saying how you
Seen your friend
and I said who
and they said look in the
Popper and Hung up

On last Thur. after two
O'clock, this some man
Come to the Back door
Where I work and told
me that some one
was gone till one
he was the some one
I wouldn't ~~see~~ recognize him
unless for his dark Comp.
I got intouch with the
~~Man~~

Homewood Police

P.S. He didn't try to harm
me
Some One says that they

Saw a man walking
Come where in the
neighborhood
I don't know who I don't
see these people I see
Here



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220 PM URGENT 5-9-68 JGA

TO DIRECTOR, KANSAS CITY, KNOXVILLE, MEMPHIS, RICHMOND, MOBILE
FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740

MURKIN

REMYTEL, MAY EIGHT, LAST.

BEATRICE BRITTON, WIFE OF THOMAS BRITTON, JASPER,
ALABAMA, INTERVIEWED YESTERDAY AND SAID NO PHONE CALLS EVER
RECEIVED BY HER FROM ANY UNKNOWN MALE ASKING FOR HER HUSBAND,
SINCE HIS RELEASE FROM MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY. ALSO STATES
NO INDIVIDUALS CAME TO HOUSE ASKING FOR HUSBAND.
SHE WAS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY ANY PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY, AND
NEVER SAW ANY WHITE MUSTANGS IN AREA WHERE SHE AND HUSBAND
RESIDE. MRS. BRITTON ADVISED FROM JUNE,
SIXTYSEVEN, THROUGH JAN., SIXTYEIGHT, THEIR FAMILY DID NOT
RESIDE AT ONE SEVEN ONE ZERO ALABAMA AVE., JASPER, ALA., WHICH
IS ADDRESS GIVEN BY THOMAS BRITTON TO RAY, BUT THEY DID MAINTAIN
THE SAME TELEPHONE NUMBER RESIDENCE IN RURAL AREA OUTSIDE
JASPER, ALA. BRITTONS HAD LIVED AT ABOVE ADDRESS
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PRIOR TO JUNE SIXTYSEVEN, AND MOVED BACK FROM RURAL RESIDENCE TO THIS SAME ADDRESS IN JAN., SIXTYEIGHT. DURING ENTIRE PERIOD SINCE HUSBAND'S RELEASE, SHE RECALLS TWO PHONE CALLS FOR HER HUSBAND, BOTH FROM AN UNKNOWN WOMAN, WHO DID NOT IDENTIFY HERSELF. ONE CALL RECEIVED ABOUT CHRISTMAS TIME, LAST, AND SECOND CALL CAME JANUARY, LAST. DURING THIS PERIOD, HER HUSBAND WAS HANGING OUT SOME AT LOCAL BARS IN AREA, DRINKING, AND MRS. BRITTON BELIEVES CALLER WAS SOME WOMAN HER HUSBAND WAS POSSIBLY "PLAYING AROUND" WITH. SHORTLY AFTER THIS TIME, HE CEASED HIS DRINKING AND GOT STEADY EMPLOYMENT. ONLY TIME THOMAS BRITTON MENTIONED SUBJECT RAY WAS AFTER RECENT CONTACT BY FBI, WHEN HE EXPLAINED REASON FOR FBI WANTING TO TALK TO HIM. WIFE STATES BRITTON NEVER MENTIONED ANYTHING ABOUT RAY DURING TIME RAY'S NAME AND PHOTOS WERE BEING SHOWN IN NEWS MEDIA. MRS. BRITTON STATED SHE WILL COOPERATE FULLY AND KEEP BIRMINGHAM ADVISED OF ANY DEVELOPMENTS INVOLVING HER HUSBAND AND / OR RAY.

GLADYS KEY, KNOWN AS "MOMA HAYWOOD," OPERATOR OF THE LITTLE WARRIOR RIVER CAFE, NOTORIOUS BEER JOINT NEAR DORA, ALA., ADVISED SHE AND EXHUSBAND, C.C. HAYWOOD, FORMERLY JOINTLY OPERATED ANOTHER BEER

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JOINT, HALF-A-MILE AWAY, KNOWN AS THE RIVERVIEW, FROM JULY, FIFTYEIGHT UNTIL SIXTYFOUR. EXHUSBAND STILL OPERATING SAME PLACE. MRS. KEY UNABLE TO IDENTIFY ANY PHOTO OF RAY AS PERSON EVER KNOWN TO HAVE FREQUENTED THE RIVERVIEW, EITHER DURING FIFTYEIGHT THROUGH SIXTY, OR HER PLACE, SINCE APRIL, SIXTYSEVEN. STATES HER PLACE OFTEN FREQUENTED BY MEN WHO WORK ON BARGES ON WARRIOR RIVER, WHICH PASSES HER FRONT DOOR. C.C. HAYWOOD NOT LOCATED YESTERDAY, EFFORTS BEING MADE TO INTERVIEW TODAY.

MAMIE MITCHELL, OPERATOR OF ROSE'S PLACE, ROUTE ONE, DORA, ALA., ADVISED SHE HAS HAD THIS PLACE SINCE SIXTYTHREE. IT WAS KNOWN AS JOHNNIE'S PLACE AND PARKER'S PLACE DURING PERIOD FIFTYEIGHT THROUGH SIXTYTHREE, AND AS MAMIE'S PLACE IN SIXTYTHREE, BEFORE BEING NAMED ROSE'S PLACE IN SIXTYFOUR. MITCHELL UNABLE TO IDENTIFY PHOTOS OF RAY AS INDIVIDUAL SEEN BY HER.

NOTING ABOVE, AND INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED ABOUT RAY BY THOMAS BRITTON, IT APPEARS THAT BRITTON'S INFORMATION IS CORRECT, AND THAT FOR RAY TO HAVE IDENTIFIED TO BRITTON, "MOMA HAYWOOD" AND TO HAVE KNOWN ABOUT TAVERN NOW KNOWN AS ROSE'S PLACE, WHICH WAS KNOWN TO RAY BY SOME OTHER UNRECALLED NAME, RAY WOULD HAVE DEFINITELY HAD TO HAVE BEEN IN AREA AND FREQUENTED

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THESE TAVERNS IN FIFTYEIGHT THROUGH SIXTY. RIVERVIEW IS IN REMOTE AREA AND DOES NOT ADVERTISE. ROSE'S PLACE IS ON OLD US HIGHWAY SEVEN EIGHT, NEAR DORA, ALA. CONCERNING THE ALL-STATE CAFE AND NIGHT CLUB, IDENTIFIED BY BRITTON AS ANOTHER PLACE REFERRED TO BY RAY IN CONVERSATIONS WITH BRITTON IN PEN, THIS IS COMBINATION CAFE AND NIGHT CLUB. THE CAFE IS ON THE GROUND LEVEL AND OPERATED BY ED AND ELEANOR HOLLIS. UNDERNEATH THE CAFE IS NOTORIOUS NIGHT CLUB AND DRINKING JOINT, WHICH IS OPERATED BY HOLLIS' BROTHER, HAROLD HOLLIS. THIS PLACE HAS BEEN IN OPERATION BY THE HOLLISES SINCE FIFTYSEVEN. BOTH ED AND HAROLD HOLLIS STATE PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECT NOT IDENTICAL WITH ANY CUSTOMER KNOWN TO THEM, EITHER DURING PERIOD FIFTYSEVEN THROUGH SIXTY, OR SINCE APR., SIXTYSEVEN. BOTH HOLLISES, MAMIE MITCHELL, AND GLADYS KEY ALL FURNISHED IO-S OF RAY, AND ALL STATE THEY WILL COOPERATE WITH FBI, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF REWARD OFFERED BY MEMPHIS NEWSPAPERS. ELEANOR HOLLIS AND HER COOK, MYRTLE NELSON, IN ALL-STATE CAFE, BOTH IDENTIFY SIXTY SEVEN AND SIXTYEIGHT PHOTOS OF RAY AS PERSON THEY HAVE SEEN IN CAFE, BUT BOTH STATE THEY ARE UNABLE TO FURNISHE ANY OTHER INFORMATION WHATSOEVER ABOUT THIS INDIVIDUAL, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION

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OR WHEN HE WAS SEEN BY THEM IN CAFE. BOTH STATE THEY WILL GIVE MATTER CONSIDERABLE THOUGHT IN EFFORT TO RECALL MORE DEFINITE INFORMATION. CONTACT WITH THESE TWO WOMEN WILL BE MAINTAINED BY BIRMINGHAM.

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MOBILE, RICHMOND, KANSAS CITY, AND KNOXVILLE, IDENTIFY ONLY SUBSCRIBERS OF TELEPHONE NUMBERS IN YOUR AREA, AS LISTED ABOVE, AND CONDUCT INDICES CHECK AND DISCREET INQUIRY. DO NOT INTERVIEW, AT THIS TIME, AS SUCH MIGHT COMPROMISE OR ANTAGONIZE THOMAS BRITTON, WHO IS BEING DEVELOPED AS SOURCE. BIRMINGHAM WILL CONDUCT SIMILAR INVESTIGATION CONCERNING CALLS MADE TO TELEPHONES LOCATED IN DIVISION. NOTE NO CALLS MADE TO ANY TELEPHONE NUMBER KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN ACCESSIBLE TO RAY.

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TO DIRECTOR, KANSAS CITY, KNOXVILLE, MEMPHIS, RICHMOND, *MOBILE*
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)(P)

MURKIN

REMYTEL, MAY EIGHT, LAST.

~~MRS.~~ BEATRICE BRITTON, WIFE OF THOMAS BRITTON, JASPER, ALABAMA, INTERVIEWED YESTERDAY AND SAID NO PHONE CALLS EVER RECEIVED BY HER FROM ANY UNKNOWN MALE ASKING FOR HER HUSBAND, SINCE HIS RELEASE FROM MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY. ALSO STATES NO INDIVIDUALS ~~PERSONALLY~~ CAME TO HOUSE ASKING FOR HUSBAND. SHE WAS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY ANY PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY, AND NEVER ^{SAW} ~~SAW~~ ANY WHITE MUSTANGS IN AREA WHERE SHE AND HUSBAND RESIDE, JASPER, ~~ALA.~~ MRS. BRITTON ADVISED ~~THAT~~ FROM JUNE, SIXTY SEVEN, THROUGH JAN., SIXTY EIGHT, THEIR FAMILY DID NOT RESIDE AT ONE SEVEN ONE ZERO ALABAMA AVE., JASPER, ALA., WHICH IS ADDRESS GIVEN BY THOMAS BRITTON TO RAY, BUT THEY DID MAINTAIN THE SAME TELEPHONE NUMBER AT RESIDENCE IN RURAL AREA OUTSIDE JASPER, ALA. BRITTONS HAD LIVED AT ^{above address} ~~ONE SEVEN ONE ZERO ALABAMA~~

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~~AVE.~~, PRIOR TO JUNE, SIXTY SEVEN, AND MOVED BACK FROM RURAL RESIDENCE TO THIS SAME ADDRESS IN JAN., SIXTY EIGHT. DURING ENTIRE PERIOD SINCE HUSBAND'S RELEASE, SHE RECALLS TWO PHONE CALLS FOR HER HUSBAND, BOTH FROM AN UNKNOWN WOMAN, WHO DID NOT IDENTIFY HERSELF, ~~AFTER ASKING FOR "TOMMY," AND BEING TOLD BY MRS. BRITTON THAT HER HUSBAND WAS NOT HOME AT TIME.~~ CALLER DID NOT LEAVE ANY MESSAGE. ONE CALL RECEIVED ABOUT CHRISTMAS TIME, LAST, AND SECOND CALL CAME JANUARY, LAST. DURING THIS PERIOD, HER HUSBAND WAS HANGING OUT SOME AT LOCAL BARS IN AREA, DRINKING, AND MRS. BRITTON BELIEVES CALLER WAS SOME WOMAN HER HUSBAND WAS POSSIBLY "PLAYING AROUND" WITH, ~~AT THAT TIME.~~ SHORTLY AFTER THIS TIME, HE CEASED HIS DRINKING AND GOT STEADY EMPLOYMENT. ONLY TIME THOMAS BRITTON MENTIONED SUBJECT RAY WAS AFTER RECENT CONTACT BY FBI, WHEN HE EXPLAINED REASON FOR FBI WANTING TO TALK TO HIM, ~~THAT RAY WAS PERSON BRITTON HAD KNOWN IN MISSOURI STATE PEN.~~ WIFE STATES BRITTON NEVER MENTIONED ANYTHING ABOUT RAY DURING TIME RAY'S NAME AND PHOTOS WERE BEING SHOWN IN NEWS MEDIA. MRS. BRITTON STATED SHE WILL COOPERATE FULLY AND KEEP BIRMINGHAM ADVISED OF ANY DEVELOPMENTS INVOLVING HER HUSBAND AND/OR RAY.

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GLADYS KEY, ~~WHO IS MORE POPULARLY~~ KNOWN AS "MAMA HAYWOOD," OPERATOR OF THE LITTLE WARRIOR RIVER CAFE, NOTORIOUS BEER JOINT NEAR DORA, ALA., ADVISED SHE AND EX-HUSBAND, C. C. HAYWOOD, FORMERLY JOINTLY OPERATED ANOTHER BEER JOINT, HALF-A-MILE AWAY, KNOWN AS THE RIVERVIEW, FROM JULY, FIFTY EIGHT, UNTIL SIXTY FOUR. EX-HUSBAND STILL OPERATING SAME PLACE. MRS. KEY UNABLE TO IDENTIFY ANY PHOTO OF RAY AS PERSON EVER KNOWN TO HAVE FREQUENTED THE RIVERVIEW, EITHER DURING FIFTY EIGHT THROUGH SIXTY, OR HER PLACE, SINCE APRIL, SIXTY SEVEN. STATES HER PLACE OFTEN FREQUENTED BY MEN WHO WORK ON BARGES ON WARRIOR RIVER, WHICH PASSES HER FRONT DOOR. C. C. HAYWOOD NOT LOCATED YESTERDAY, EFFORTS BEING MADE TO INTERVIEW TODAY.

MAMIE MITCHELL, OPERATOR OF ROSE'S PLACE, ROUTE ONE, DORA, ALA., ADVISED SHE HAS HAD THIS PLACE SINCE SIXTY THREE. IT WAS KNOWN AS JOHNNIE'S PLACE AND PARKER'S PLACE DURING PERIOD FIFTY EIGHT THROUGH SIXTY THREE, AND AS MAMIE'S PLACE IN SIXTY THREE, BEFORE BEING NAMED ROSE'S PLACE IN SIXTY FOUR. MITCHELL UNABLE TO IDENTIFY PHOTOS OF RAY AS INDIVIDUAL ~~EVER~~ SEEN BY HER.

NOTING ABOVE, AND INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED ABOUT

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RAY BY THOMAS BRITTON, IT APPEARS THAT BRITTON'S INFORMATION IS CORRECT, AND THAT FOR RAY TO HAVE IDENTIFIED TO BRITTON, "MAMA HAYWOOD" AND TO HAVE KNOWN ABOUT TAVERN NOW KNOWN AS ROSE'S PLACE, WHICH WAS KNOWN TO RAY BY SOME OTHER UNRECALLED NAME, RAY WOULD HAVE DEFINITELY HAD TO HAVE BEEN IN AREA AND FREQUENTED THESE TAVERNS IN FIFTY EIGHT THROUGH SIXTY. RIVERVIEW IS IN REMOTE AREA AND DOES NOT ADVERTISE. ROSE'S PLACE IS ON OLD US HIGHWAY SEVEN EIGHT, NEAR DORA, ALA. CONCERNING THE ALL-STATE CAFE AND NIGHT CLUB, IDENTIFIED BY BRITTON AS ANOTHER PLACE REFERRED TO BY RAY IN CONVERSATIONS WITH BRITTON IN PEN, THIS IS COMBINATION CAFE AND NIGHT CLUB. THE CAFE IS ON THE GROUND LEVEL AND OPERATED BY ED AND ELEANOR HOLLIS. UNDERNEATH THE CAFE IS NOTORIOUS NIGHT CLUB AND DRINKING JOINT, WHICH IS OPERATED BY HOLLIS' BROTHER, HAROLD HOLLIS. THIS PLACE HAS BEEN IN OPERATION BY THE HOLLISES SINCE FIFTY SEVEN. BOTH ED AND HAROLD HOLLIS STATE PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECT NOT IDENTICAL WITH ANY CUSTOMER KNOWN TO THEM, EITHER DURING PERIOD FIFTY SEVEN THROUGH SIXTY, OR SINCE APR., SIXTY SEVEN. BOTH HOLLISES, MAMIE MITCHELL, AND GLADYS KEY ALL FURNISHED IO-S OF RAY, AND ALL STATE THEY WILL COOPERATE WITH FBI, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF

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REWARD OFFERED BY MEMPHIS NEWSPAPERS. ELEANOR HOLLIS AND HER COOK, MYRTLE NELSON, IN ALL-STATE CAFE, BOTH IDENTIFY SIXTY SEVEN AND SIXTY EIGHT PHOTOS OF RAY AS PERSON THEY HAVE SEEN IN CAFE, BUT BOTH STATE THEY ARE UNABLE TO FURNISH ANY OTHER INFORMATION, WHATSOEVER, ABOUT THIS INDIVIDUAL, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION OR WHEN HE WAS SEEN BY THEM IN CAFE. BOTH STATE THEY WILL GIVE MATTER CONSIDERABLE THOUGHT IN EFFORT TO RECALL MORE DEFINITE INFORMATION. CONTACT WITH THESE TWO WOMEN WILL BE MAINTAINED BY BIRMINGHAM.

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called Dec. 6, last,
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DIVISION.
~~ALA~~ (NOTE NO CALLS MADE TO ANY TELEPHONE NUMBER KNOWN TO HAVE
BEEN ACCESSIBLE TO RAY,) ~~SUCH AS ROOMING HOUSE.~~)

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DIRECTOR, FBI

5/8/68

JL SAC, Birmingham (44-1740) (P)

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Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy of the April, 1968, issue of the publication captioned "A-SSA NEWS" published by the Alabama Service Station Association, Inc., (A-SSA) 1102 South 20th Street, Birmingham, Alabama 35205.

On page five of this publication is an article captioned "WANTED BY THE FBI" regarding JAMES EARL RAY. This article, prepared by the Birmingham Division was given to Mrs. HELEN SPIVEY, Office Secretary of the A-SSA, and through her cooperation, was published in their publication. This enclosure, received by this office from Mrs. SPIVEY, is being furnished to the Bureau for information purposes.

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To: All SACs and LEGATs
From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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OO: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

The Bureau has designated Memphis as office of origin in this case.

You were previously advised that leads in this Top Ten Fugitive case must be handled within 24 hours. The Atlanta, Birmingham, Chicago, Houston, Jackson, Kansas City, Los Angeles, New Orleans, St. Louis, and Springfield Offices are to prepare the results of their investigation to date in report form, not as an insert. At such time as the amount of investigation in these field offices does not appear to warrant individual reports, advise the Bureau and office of origin that inserts being prepared in future in lieu of reports, UACB.

All other offices will record the results in appropriate form and transmit 15 copies of each to the office of origin for inclusion in reports submitted by the Memphis Office. Should investigation increase in any such area warranting submission of individual report, do so and advise the Bureau and Memphis.

LEGATs are to submit results of investigation which can be disseminated in letterhead memorandum form suitable for dissemination. Any administrative data which cannot be disseminated is to be set forth in the administrative section of your transmittal communication. Look-alikes and other leads resolved and reported by cablegram or other communication need not be rereported as copies of these communications are being forwarded office of origin by the Bureau for administrative handling of the case.

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TO: SACs, Birmingham (44-1740)
Charlotte
Indianapolis
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✓ **FROM: Director, FBI (44-38861)**

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OO: MEMPHIS

ReBHairtel to the Bureau dated 4-30-68.

Bureau has taken the matter of having an article published in the "Journeyman Barber," which is published monthly by the Journeyman Barbers, Hairdressers, Cosmetologists and Proprietors International Union of America (JBHCP), 1141 North Delaware St., Indianapolis, Ind., and "Master Barber and Beauticians Magazine," published monthly by the Associated Master Barbers and Beauticians of America (AMBB), 219 Greenwich Road, Charlotte, N. C., re subject James Earl Ray under advisement. The publication of such an article should be held in abeyance at this time.

The Charlotte and Indianapolis Divisions should contact the publishers of the respective magazines to determine if the mats supplied by the Bureau would be suitable for an article to be included in the publication. You should also determine if any cost to the Bureau will be involved.

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To: SAC's New York (44-1609)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Re New York airtel of 5/4/68, submitting an undated coupon of the Modern Photo Bookstore and a letter dated 9/26/67 from Eric S. Galt, for examination.

One latent print of value was developed on the coupon, which bears the name and address "Eric S. Galt, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama." This latent print is identical with the left thumb print of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G. No latent impressions developed on the letter.

Result of laboratory examination and disposition of submitted items furnished separately.

Confirming.

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1 - Knoxville

Ray

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

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 8, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-562360 JK

Specimens received 5/3/68

Q315 Sheet of paper bearing typewritten message dated 2/17/68,
beginning "I AM ANSERING..." and signed "Eric S. Galt"Q316 Typewritten advertisement beginning "SINGLE MALE CAUC.
36..." bearing typewritten name and address "ERIC S. GALT,
406 SO 2nd. ALHAMBRA. 91802"ALSO SUBMITTED: One copy of the 2/2/68 issue of the
"Los Angeles Free Press"

Result of examination:

The typewritten impressions on Q315 and Q316 are the same as the impressions appearing on other typewritten items in the name Eric S. Galt which were previously submitted. Because of the lack of identifying defects, it could not be determined whether the same typewriter was employed to prepare the current and previous submissions, but no significant differences were noted.

The Eric S. Galt signature on Q315 was prepared by the individual who prepared the signature in this name appearing on numerous other items received.

The submitted material is temporarily retained.
Photographs were made.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 8, 1968

Re: MURKIN
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OO: Memphis

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861
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Examination requested by: Los Angeles

Reference: Airtel 5/2/68

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination and disposition of the evidence.

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2 - Los Angeles (44-1574) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ALL AGENTS

DATE: 4/26/68

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
OO: MEMPHIS

Re Atlanta airtel to Director, FBI, and all
Continental Offices, 4/25/68.

For information of those not receiving referenced communication, it was pointed out therein that subject JAMES EARL RAY, aka, was last known to be in the Atlanta, Georgia, area on 4/5/68. Intensive investigation by Atlanta to date has not established mode of transportation RAY may have used after 4/5/68. Receiving Offices were requested in referenced airtel to check cars recovered in their divisions that were stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 4/4/68, and where the transporter of same was not identified or otherwise accounted for, investigation should be conducted to determine if RAY was person who may have stolen and transported same.

Investigation reflects subject RAY can be placed in the Atlanta, Georgia, area 3/24/68.

In view of the above, all Agents are requested to review car recoveries within their respective territories of cars stolen from the State of Georgia, subsequent to 3/23/68, and where the transporter of same is not otherwise eliminated or accounted for, consider subject RAY as suspect. Where there is any remote indication that subject RAY may have been the person transporting such a car, exhaustive and intensive investigation should thereafter be conducted.

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All Agents are requested to contact their sources on a day to day basis for information regarding automobiles recovered within the Birmingham Division which were stolen from the State of Georgia, and to consider RAY as a suspect in any Unknown Subject cases resulting from cars recovered within this division which were stolen in Georgia.

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9 52PM URGENT 5/9/68 BCD

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, ATLANTA.
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) 6P

MURKIN

RE VEHICLES STOLEN FROM GEORGIA:

INVESTIGATION RE VEHICLES BEARING GEORGIA LICENSE PLATES
REPORTED STOLEN FROM GEORGIA CONCLUDED AT LOS ANGELES WITH NO
INFORMATION DEVELOPED CONCERNING THIS CASE.

RE CITIZEN'S COUNCIL OF AMERICA:

RODERIC DUFF, PRESIDENT, LOS ANGELES CHAPTER, CITIZEN'S
COUNCIL OF AMERICA INTERVIEWED MAY NINE INSTANT. STATED HE
DOES NOT KNOW RAY, NEVER OBSERVED HIM AT OPEN MEETINGS OF
CITIZEN'S COUNCIL HELD MONTHLY IN LOS ANGELES.

RE THE LOCAL SWINGER:

INVESTIGATION LOS ANGELES AREA TO LOCATE SUBSCRIBERS
TO THE LOCAL SWINGER WHO MAY HAVE HAD CONTACT WITH SUBJECT
CONCLUDED AND NEGATIVE WITH EXCEPTION OF PATRICIA ANDERSON,
PREVIOUSLY REPORTED IN LOS ANGELES TEL MAY THREE LAST.

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RE TELEPHONE BOOTH, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL - WOODY LUNSFORD:

ALL INDIVIDUALS ACQUAINTED WITH HARRY ELWOOD LUNSFORD AS NAMED BY PHOENIX CONTACTED AND/OR ELIMINATED AS HAVING KNOWLEDGE OF JAMES EARL RAY, AKA, ERIC STARVO, GALT. INVESTIGATION ESTABLISHED LUNSFORD IN HABITUALLY AND EXCESSIVE DRINKER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WHOSE RECALL OF PAST EVENTS IS NOT ACCURATE.

RE TELEPHONE BOOTH, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL - ALONZO COOK:

LOS ANGELES TELEPHONE NUMBER NINE SIX SIX DASH SIX ONE ONE NINE WAS CONTACTED THIS DATE. LAVINIA MILLER, ONE TWO FOUR SIX

EAST PORTNER STREET, COVINA, CALIFORNIA ADVISED THAT ~~THAT~~ NINE SIX SIX - SIX ONE ONE NINE WAS HER PHONE NUMBER. SHE STATED SHE DID NOT KNOW ALONZO F. COOK, JR., AKA BUDDY AND/OR HIS

FORMER WIFE, CATHY. STATED SHE RECENTLY MOVED TO COVINA AREA AND RECEIVED ABOVE PHONE NUMBER UPON INSTALLATION OF PHONE. INVESTIGATION CONTINUES TO LOCATE ALONZO F. COOK, JR.

EATING PLACES:

BRADY PAYNE, MANAGER, PAMPERED PUP, ONE SEVEN ONE FIVE NORTH WESTERN AVENUE, HOLLYWOOD ADVISED HIS BROTHER, CECIL PAYNE, LEASES THE BUILDING WHICH HOUSES PAMPERED PUP, A WALK-UP EATING
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ESTABLISHMENT, FROM INDIVIDUAL KNOWN AS MURPHY. PAYNE WAS SHOWN PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND SAID ONLY THAT PERSON IN PHOTOGRAPHS APPEARS FAMILIAR TO HIM AND HAD NO ADDITIONAL DATA.

RE ANITA KATZWINKEL - GINGER DAY (KLEENEX BOX TOP FROM MUSTANG):

INTERVIEWS OF LOUISE EMILY BENNETT, AKA, LU TOMENY, AND JOHN BONELLI, ONE ONE ONE ZERO NORTH HACIENDA PLACE, APT. THREE ZERO SEVEN, HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, MAY EIGHT, LAST.

BENNETT ACQUAINTED WITH SUE HARRIS FLIKIED SINCE JANUARY, ONE NINE SIX SEVEN, HAVING MET HER IN LOS ANGELES. BENNETT WORKED WITH HARRIS AS PROSTITUTE IN HOLLYWOOD AREA, AND WAS ARRESTED BY LAPD, APRIL OR MAY, ONE NINE SIX SEVEN. SERVED THREE MONTHS CORONA STATE PRISON, CALIFORNIA, AND RELEASED FIRST PART NOVEMBER, ONE NINE SIX SEVEN. AT THIS TIME BENNETT RETURNED HOLLYWOOD AREA AND LOOKED UP HARRIS. MET HER AT RABBIT'S FOOT BAR, HOLLYWOOD BLVD, ALONG WITH ANITA KATZWINKEL AND ANOTHER GIRL WHOSE FIRST NAME IS RITA. RITA FURTHER DESCRIBED AS SHORT, SPANISH LOOKING WOMAN, ABOUT TWO NINE YEARS OLD. KATZWINKEL STATED NAME GINGER DAY FAMILAR TO HER, BUT DOES NOT BELIEVE SHE EVER MET HER. STATED HARRIS USED NAME ANITA KATZWINKEL WHEN SHE
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APPLIED FOR PHONE AT GRAMMERCY PLACE APARTMENT. NAMES TAKEN FROM DATE BOOK OF HARRIS WERE READ TO BENNETT AND SHE WAS ABLE TO IDENTIFY MAJORITY OF THESE, BUT ALSO ADVISED THESE CUSTOMERS CAME TO HER PRIOR TO APRIL, ONE NINE SIX SEVEN. BENNETT UNABLE TO IDENTIFY PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY AS HAVING BEEN ONE OF HER CUSTOMERS.

BONELLI ACQUAINTED WITH SUE HARRIS, AND FIRST MET HER BEGINNING JANUARY, ONE NINE SIX SEVEN, IN RED VEST BAR, ONE SIX ONE ZERO NORTH WESTERN AVENUE, HOLLYWOOD. STATED HARRIS AT ONE TIME RESIDED IN APARTMENT ON SERRANO STREET, EITHER IN APARTMENT ONE SEVEN OR ONE EIGHT, AND KNOWN BY HIM TO USE ALIAS ANITA KATZWINKEL ON OCCASSION. CLAIMED NOT TO KNOW PERSON ANITA KATZWINKEL ACTUALLY EXISTED, OTHER THAN AS HARRIS ALIAS. DID NOT KNOW GINGER DAY. FURNISHED BACKGROUND ON PROSTITUTION ACTIVITIES OF AREA BORDERED BY HOLLYWOOD BLVD. AND WESTERN AVE., SOUTH TO MELROSE AND WESTERN AVE. ADVISED NUMEROUS "TWO BIT" HOOKERS WORK THIS AREA. "TWO BIT" MEANING CHARGE TEN OR FIFTEEN DOLLARS FOR SERVICES. CLASSIFIED SUE HARRIS AND GIRLS WORKING WITH HER IN THIS CLASS. STATED VERY COMMON PRACTICE FOR THIS

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GROUP TO LEAVE THEIR NAME AND ADDRESS WITH A BARTENDER LOCATED IN AREA THEY WORK. STATED HARRIS WORKED THREE BARS MOSTLY THESE BEING THE BLACK HORSE, THE RABBIT'S FOOT, AND THE RED VEST. BONELLI NEGATIVE ON PHOTOS OF RAY.

INTERVIEW OF TOM WASHINGTON, NEGRO MALE, RESIDING ONE NINE THREE FOUR EAST NINETEENTH STREET, SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA, MAY NINE, INSTANT. WASHINGTON MEMBER KAISER FOUNDATION HOSPITAL BOWLING TEAM WHICH FORMERLY BOWLED AT SUNSET BOWL, FIVE FOUR ZERO ONE WEST SUNSET BLVE., HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA. ANITA KATZWINKEL AND GINGER DAY FREQUENTED SUNSET BOWL WHILE BOTH RESIDED IN HOLLYWOOD, AND KATZWINKEL INDICATED IN INTERVIEW SHE MIGHT MHAVE GIVEN NAME AND ADDRESS TO NEGRO MALE CALLED TOM WASHINGTON AT SUNSET BOWL. WASHINGTON RECALLED MEETING GIRL CALLED ANITA (LNU) AND SECOND GIRL, WHOSE NAME DID NOT RECALL. STATED THOUGHT THIS BETWEEN MAY AND AUGUST, ONE NINE SIX SEVEN. STATED ANITA, WHITE FEMALE, RECENTLY ARRIVED LOS ANGELES AREA, AND SHE WAS WORKING AS PROSTITUTE. WASHINGTON TRIED TO MAKE DATE WITH KATZWINKEL AND SHE GAVE HIM HER NAME, ADDRESS, AND PHONE NUMBER NOT HER RESIDENCE BUT HOUSE SHE WORKED OUT OF. COMMENTED SHE AND OTHER GIRL IN

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PROCESS MOVING OUT OF SMALL RESIDENCE TO A LARGER ONE. UNKNOWN GIRL WITH ANITA HAD SMALL GIRL CHILD WITH HER AND DID NOT APPROVE OF WASHINGTON.

LOS ANGELES IN INVESTIGATION OF KLEENEX BOX WRITING FOUND IN RAY'S MUSTANG AFTER ASSASSINATION AND FBI LAB EXAMED IDENTIFICATION OF DAY AS WRITTEN BELIEVES IT ENTIRELY POSSIBLE THAT GINGER DAY AND ANITA KATZWINKEL IN WORKING HOLLYWOOD AREA AS PROSTITUTES UPON THEIR ARRIVAL IN LOS ANGELES, AND TO BUILD UP TRADE LEFT THEIR NAMES WITH BARTENDERS IN AREA AND RAY, ARRIVING IN SAME AREA SOME FOUR OR FIVE MONTHS LATER, WAS PROBABLY FURNISHED WITH THEIR NAMES AND ADDRESS BY BARTENDER.

CHICAGO, RECONTACT GINGER DAY AND DETERMINE FROM HER IDENTITIES OF BARS AND BARTENDERS TO WHOM SHE GAVE NAME AND ADDRESS.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUES AT LOS ANGELES.

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Re Birmingham teletype to Bureau, Memphis and
Kansas City, 5/8/68.

Enclosed for Bureau and all receiving offices
are two copies of an investigative insert reflecting
the results of interviews with THOMAS BRITTON, a former
inmate of Missouri State Penitentiary who is acquainted
with JAMES EARL RAY and who furnished considerable
information relative to RAY's prison activities.

The confidential source referred to in enclosed
insert is THOMAS BRITTON, 1710 Alabama Avenue, Jasper,
Alabama, who is presently employed as a cabinet maker at
Foster's Cabinet Shop, Haleyville, Alabama. After giving
this matter careful consideration, the identity of BRITTON
is being concealed at this time in view of his cooperative
attitude coupled with the fact that he desires his
identity be protected as he fears retaliation from the
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