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RE: MISCELLANEOUS - MILFORD JAMES ROEHRS

The following investigation was conducted by SA AUBREY D. PARK:

WILLIAM NETHINGTON, Post Office Box 99, Sullivan, Missouri, was interviewed at his home on May 10, 1968. He stated he is employed as a private investigator for DAVIS, a private investigating agency in Chicago, Illinois, although at the moment he is on leave of absence.

In 1962, he married his wife, NORA, who is a niece of MTLFORD ROEHRS, a Sullivan police officer. He has never been closely associated with ROEHRS, however, talked to him frequently. About two days after MARTIN LUTHER KING was murdered, ROEHRS made the statement to NETHINGTON that KING's murderer was out of the United States. NETHINGTON has talked with ROEHRS on several occasions since that time and ROEHRS stated that KING's killer is probably in Argentina. NETHINGTON stated he could not recall ROEHRS making any statement about JAMES EARL RAY's escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary and does not know whether or not RAY was known by ROEHRS previous to his escape.

WETHINGTON stated that he has concluded, based upon conversation with ROERRS, that ROERRS is a member of the Ku Klux Klam. In view of NETHINGTON's connection with the private investigative agency in Chicago, he reported the above information to his boss, Lieutenant EARL HENDERSHOT of Chicago, Illinois, who stated that ROEHRS might be a member of the Klan and considered it a possibility that ROEARS might be able to assist in furnishing information regarding the murder or furnishing information regarding the whereabouts of the murderer; and in view of that possibility, felt that there could be a considerable amount of money collected if this information could be uncovered. He, therefore, proceeded to Sullivan, Missouri, where he was introduced by NETHINGTON to ROEHRS as a friend from Chicago, Illinois. His interest in the solution of the murder was not made known to ROEHRS. HENDERSHOT talked with ROEHRS in private for about 30 minutes and after concluding the interview, he reached the conclusion that ROEHRS probably was a member of the Klan. However, HENDERSHOT obtained no information

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from ROEHRS which would assist in the investigation or the location of JAMES EARL RAY.

MILFORD JAMES ROEKRS, 305 Bast Street, Sullivan, Missouri, a member of the Sullivan Police Department, was interviewed at his home on May 10, 1968. He readily admitted that he is a member of the Ku Klux Klan, but stated he knows nothing about the escape of JAMES EARL RAY from the Missouri State Penitentiary or the whereabouts of RAY. He stated he had never heard of RAY until after he had been identified in this case. He stated he has discussed this case with several people, however, he has received no information concerning this case through the Klan organization. Any information which he has given, or statement he has made, concerning this case would be his own personal opinion.

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> Re: 1968 Dodge Dart, bearing Georgia License 1D48283, Recovered at St. Louis Airport May 16, 1968

On May 16, 1968, Trooper ROBERT SHURE, Missouri State Highway Patrol, advised SA MELVIN E. DE GRAW a 1968 Dodge Dart automobile, Vehicle Identification Number LH41D8B323249, bearing 1968 Georgia license number 1D48283, had on that date been recovered at Lambert-St. Louis Airport; that same had been abandoned at least since May 5, 1968; and that it had been rented from National Car Rental Company, Atlanta, Georgia, on April 2, 1968, by an unknown individual utilizing the stolen credit cards of one SAMUEL SCHNEIDERMAN, 6535 Noad Street, Richmond, Illinois.

The vehicle was processed by SA DE GRAW with the result that eleven fingerprint lifts and other items were forwarded to the Bureau.

The Bureau advised on May 24, 1968, that latent prints of value found were not identical to the fingerprints of subject.

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RE: LOOK ALIKE - JOHN FLAVEY

The following investigation was conducted by SAs CHARLES S. DUKE and MARTIN JOHN WEBER at St. Louis County, Missouri, on May 13, 1968:

ANN MENKE, Switchboard Operator, Holiday Inn North, advised that she was on duty at approximately 3:00 p.m., May 12, 1968, when ROBERT HULL, Busman for Holiday Inn North, mentioned a suspicious individual whom he had waited on in Room 213 who did not want to go out of his room. Shortly thereafter a girl called into Room 213. MENKE stated that this was a local call, and she heard a portion of it including the fact the individual in Room 213 would be in his room all evening, and that this girl would call back if she would be able to come over and see him. She mentioned Las Vegas and asked him how long it took him to get there. She stated that her girl friend made it in two days.

MENKE advised that the occupant of Room 213 also made several long distance telephone calls, and she believed that they were all to Louisville, Kentucky, however, no record of these calls were made and no calls were recorded because this individual used a telephone credit card and went directly through the telephone operator. MENKE advised that she never observed the occupant in Room 213 and observed Wanted Flyer 442-A stating she does not know this individual and has not seen anyone resembling him.

The following employees of the Holiday Inn North were contacted, shown photographs of JAMES RAY and could provide no positive information:

HARRY POLK, Busman

JOYCE KETTENHOFEN, 36C Parc-Twaine, St. Louis

STEVEN R. NAUMANN, 2500 Green Briar Drive. Florissant

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GORDON JOHNSON, Assistant Manager, Holiday Inn North, provided Guest Registration #13333, dated May 11, 1968, and provided the following information:

JOHN FLAVEY, 7917 Columbine Drive, Louisville, Kentucky, for Room 213. having party of one, notes Gulf Credit Card # week to used for identification.

He also furnished a copy of the Innkeeper's Form used for Gulf Credit Card purchases. The form #0781149 indicated that service was sold to CONSTANCE Y. JOHNSON on Way 12, 1968, for the amount of \$9.78. The credit card number appearing on the form was

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MILLIE RIDDLE, 11930 Missouri Bottom Road, St. Louis, Missouri, advised that she is presently employed as a maid for Holiday Ina North, St. Louis County, Missouri, and has been so employed for approximately ten years. RIDDLE stated that on May 12, 1968, she and ROBERT HULL were in Room 217 of the Holiday Ina North, and that HULL was discussing with her the peculiar activities of a guest in Room 213 when they heard the occupant of Room 213 out in front of his room and she looked up and saw this individual and jumped back in surprise immediately thinking that this was the same person she had seen a number of times as MARTIN LUTHER KING's killer.

RIDDLE advised that thereafter she discussed this person's possible likeness to JAMES RAY with employees at Holiday Inn North and after carefully considering what she saw in viewing Wanted Flyer 442-A and St. Louis Police Department photograph of RAY, October 10, 1959, she feels that the individual she saw closely resembles the above photographs.

RIDDLE stated that the person she saw and that occupied Room 213 was a white male; five feet, ten inches to six feet; medium, stocky build; 170; middle 30s.

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The following investigation was conducted by SAs CHARLES S. DUKE and MARTIN JOHN WEBER at St. Louis County, Missouri, on May 13, 1968:

JANET WILLIAMS, Desk Clerk, Holiday Inn North, advised that her hours are 3:00 to 11:00 p.m., and at approximately 9:00 p.m. on May 12, 1968, two white males approached the office desk and one of these men asked her if he could check out. WILLIAMS advised that she does not check people out asked this individual to go down to JACK SEDIVY, who is the regualr person who checks guests out.

WILLIAMS advised as he went down to the other end of the counter, she got a good look at the individual who she talked to and observed his profile. After the individual got finished checking out, both individuals went out of the office and got into a large car which had a Kentucky license tag. WILLIAMS could provide no further description of the car.

FILLIAMS stated that she was suspicious of this individual because of his wise-cracking and general appearance, and for this reason paid particular attention to him and watched him leave. After he left, she checked his name on the guest registration list. WILLIAMS provided the following description of the individual who checked out:

Race Sex Height

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Male
5 feet, 8 inches to
5 feet, 9 inches
170 to 180
Stocky
Good looking
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WILLIAMS viewed Wanted Flyer 442-A and stated this individual looked very much like the one who had checked out. WILLIAMS was then shown a photograph of subject taken by the St. Louis Police Department, dated October 10, 1959, and WILLIAMS immediately advised that "This is the man." She stated that the side view of RAY was identical to the individual who she saw the day before.

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The following investigation was conducted by SAS CHARLES S. DUKE and MARTIN JOHN WESER at St. Louis County, Missouri on May 13, 1968:

ROBERT LEE HULL, Bus driver, (Bellman), residing at 4726 Page, St. Louis, Missouri, and employed at the Holiday Inn North, North Lindberg, St. Louis County, Kissouri, advised on May 13, 1968, that approximately 3:00 p.m., Saturday afternoon, May 11, 1968, a man in Room 213 called for a Bellman requesting room service.

HULL stated that when he arrived at Room 213, the door was adjar and as he stepped into the room, a man who was laying on the bed stated, "Don't get close". He said that he had that he had just come in off the road from California, and that he intended to take a couple of hours of sleep. HULL stated that he asked for his name and said he may be needing him again. HULL replied, "What for?", and the man responded by requesting to get him a pint of Old Crow, some ice, two cokes, and some hair spray.

HULL further advised that the man said, "Look, I'll show you something" and he took him outside to where a 1966-1967 Lincoln Continental was parked and said that he had somewhere around \$1,000 worth of clothing in the trunk. The man then opened the trunk and HULL advised that he saw what he considered well over \$1,000 worth of fine clothing.

HULL described the car as a Lincoln Continental, in very good condition, light green with a black convertible top, bearing Kentucky tags. It had a numerical figure 4 in the tag number, which HULL thought to be the second digit. HULL also stated that he saw in the back seat of the car a dark leather golf bag with wheels and a lot of golf clubs.

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After the man closed the trunk, HULL then went to Walgreens, located at the Plaza Shopping Center, and made the purchases requested by the man.

MULL further advised that on Sunday, May 12, 1968, at about 3:00 p.m., he saw the man again at Room 213 when he again called for room service. HULL stated that the following conversation took place:

The man said, "Look here, I want you to get me something to eat. Is there someplace you can get me some sandwiches?" HULL answered by stating that he could go to the Steak and Shake or Mc Donald's. The man responded, "Is that something where you can get hamburgers?" To this HULL answered "Yes". The man stated "I want two cheeseburgers, one Coke and some ice." The man gave HULL \$5 at that time and HULL went to the Steak and Shake to make the purchases. Upon returning, the man in Room 213 gave him a \$1.70 tip.

HULL stated that he did not see the man again until late Sunday night, May 12, 1968. He said that he was in Room 217 talking with one of the maids by the name of MILLIE RIDDLE, about the man in Room 213. The door of that room was open at that time. They both heard a noise somewhat similiar to that of an electric motor and upon looking out of the doorway, they both saw the man in Room 213 by the Lincoln Continental. As the man turned toward Room 217, MILLIE jumped back in surprise or fright and told HULL that was the man who shot MARTIN LUTHER KING.

HULL described the man resembling RAY is a man who was medium built, who had brown hair, and who had a small or what appeared to be a small spot or white colored mark on

the upper lip. He was wearing light colored trousers, probably white, a black turtle neck T-shirt or a sweater with short sleeves, and tan cloth-type shoes.

RULL viewed Wanted Flyer 442-A and stated that the photograph taken in 1968 of subject RAY was very similiar to the man in Room 213.

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The following investigation was conducted by SAs CHARLES S. DUKE and MARTIN JOHN WEBER at St. Louis County, Missouri, on May 13, 1968:

JACK J. SEDIVY, 3328 Krem Avenue, St. Ann, Missouri, Desk Clerk for the Holiday Ian North, advised on May 13, 1968, that he saw the occupant of Room 213 come into the office with another man. He remembered JANET WILLIAMS asked the men if they were together. SEDIVY stated that he heard a remark similiar to "We're not married".

SEDIVY stated that JANET sent the occupant of Room 213 down to him and he stated that he did not pay attention to the occupant of Room 213 or the man that came in with him because he was in the process of checking the occupant out. He said as he looked up he remembered seeing the man at about eye level, which made him believe that the man was probably about five feet, seven inches. SEDIYY stated that the man had black hair which was shiny; he had dark blue eyes; little bit better than medium build; had straight teeth when he smiled; and had no visible scars or marks. He described the other man that came into the room with the occupant as being approximately six feat, one inche; about 30 years old; light brown hair; smartly styled hair; 180 to 190 pounds.

Upon viewing Wanted Flyer 442-A and police photograph dated October 10, 1959, SEDIVY advised that the occupant that checked out of Room 213 looked more like the police photograph taken October 10, 1959. He stated, "I could almost swear it was him."

SEDIVY stated that after the men left the office, he saw a car pull around to the vending machines at the side of the building and then take off. He said that was the last time he saw both men and the car.

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The following investigation was conducted by SAs CHARLES S. DUKE and MARTIN JOHN WEBER at St. Louis County, Missouri, on May 13, 1968:

ROBERT LEE HULL, 4726 Page, St. Louis, Missouri, the Bus driver at the Holiday Ina North, furnished six \$1 bills for fingerprint examination in that one of the bills was part of a tip received by him from the occupant in Room 213, denomination and serial numbers are as follows:

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The following investigation was conducted by SAs CHARLIS S. DUKE and MARTIN JOHN WEBER at St. Louis County, Misscuri. on May 13. 1968:

FRANK BROMMELHORST, 2445 Cheshire Drive, Florissant, Missouri, Auditor for the Holiday Inn North, advised that he is employed at the Holiday Inn North and that he had worked from 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 11, until 3:00 p.m. that same date. He stated that he checked a man in at about 1:38 p.m. on May 11, 1968, and assigned him Room 213. He stated that he did not remember what the man looked like nor did he see anyone else with him.

He advised that he questioned the man's signature on the check-in card because it was different from that on a credit card which he presented. The man replied that he was using his sister's-in-law credit card.

BRONNELHORST stated that he checked to see if the credit card was on a list of bad credit cards; he found out that it did not appear. He then rented the room to the man.

BROWNELHORST viewed Wanted Flyer 442-A and photograph taken at St. Louis Police Department October 10, 1959, and stated that he could not recall whether or not the man resembled the photographs.

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC. (NKKK)

A source advised that on May 22, 1960, the National Grand Council of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan met at Atlanta, Georgia, to discuss consolidation of the Klan's unit of effort and activities to establish a National Fund and a National Secretary and to design a new flag. The meeting was attended by representatives of the Federation of Ku Klux Klan, Alabama; Association of Arkansas Klans, Arkansas; Florida Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Association of Georgia Klans, Georgia; Knights of the Klans, South Carolina; Dixie Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Tennessee; and Kyksos Klan, Texas.

This source advised that at a consolidation meeting at Atlanta, Georgia, September 2-5, 1960, at which the North Carolina and Texas Klans were not represented, it was resolved and passed that their name be changed to National Ku Klux Klan.

A second source advised in March, 1964, that several meetings of Klan groups were held during the period 1960 to 1963 in an effort to unite the Klan groups under a single leadership.

The organization was granted a charter in DeKalb County, Georgia, November 1, 1963, under the name National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., as a "patriotic, secret, social, and benevolent order".

A third source advised in December, 1963, that the organization had issued a statement of its program which indicated the organization to be anti-Negro, anti-Jewish, anti-Catholic, and anti-foreign born.

The third source advised in August, 1964, that the organization has a headquarters in Tucker, Georgia, and the day-to-day operations are under the direction of JAMES R. VENABLE, Chairman.

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A source advised that on October 25, 1965, at a meeting of the National States Rights Party of Missouri, a speaker identified himself as a member of, and organizer for, the Klan and requested all persons interested in joining the Klan to see him after the meeting; that on November 30, 1965, the first organizational meeting of Klavern #14 was held at 2806 North Grand Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri; that on January 14, 1966, William Lon Lockhart announced at a meeting held at El Monti Tavern, 5201 Southwest Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, that he had been commissioned by the Grand Dragon of the State of Missouri, and was granted a charter to institute a new klavern in St. Louis, Missouri by James R. Venable, Imperial Wizard of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. On August 9, 1967, source advised that the klavern was called Klavern #14 and currently holds its initiations and meetings at rented halls in St. Louis, Missouri.

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COMPLAINT NO. 193-379

At about 7:24 A.M. this date Path. Dennis Bini 5601 in charge of radio car 0-3 was dispatched to investigate a burglary at 11th. & Soulard and on arrival was met Graybill who stated to the officer that he had been walking on 11th. St. and had noticed that a panel had been knocked out under a window of the tavern at 1801 S. 11th. St.

At this time Patn. Bini went to the front of this tavern and discovered that a wood panel about 24° X 30° had been knocked out under the window in the south east corner of the tavern.

On making this discovery Path. Bini crawled through this hole to make a search of the tavern and on entering was able to find no one on the premises however discovered that the juke box located in the center of the tavern had been forced open and the coin box was missing, further that the digarette machine located on the west wall of the tavern had been forced open this being done by smashing the glass covering the front of the machine. It was further found that after breaking the door glass there had been an unknown amount packages of digarettes removed from the machine and the door of the machine had spots of what appeared to be blood smeared on same.

At this time Patn. Bini left the tavern and on doing so found that there were several broken beer botles on the sidewalk these bottles being broken in a trail leading from a point directly beneath the broken panel to the front steps of 1805 S. 11th. and up the steps to the front door.

On making this discovery Patn. Bini knocked on the front door of 1805 S. 11th. and was admitted by the following subject:

RAMSEY, JAMES HENRY W-M-S-38-Ark-welder-residing 1805 S.11th. St. A.R. 3-2074

On being admitted to the house Paun. Bind informed lause, that he was under arrest for burglary and informed him of his rights, those being the right to have an attorney present during questioning, the right to have an attorney appointed for him in the event that he could not afford one, the right not to make a sta ment and that if a statment was made by him it would be used against him in court.

After being advised of his rights and waiving same Path. Bini questioned Ramsey relative to this burglary and pointed cut to him the trail of bottles leading to his front door.

Remasy stated that he had no knowledge of the burglary or of how the ordien beer bottles got on his front steps as they had not been there this Holl when he went to bed further that he did not have may been in his none and only three packages of digarettes.

At this time Fath. Bini searched Ramsey and found in his (Ramsey) shirt pocket 1 package of Viceroy digarethes and in his pants pockets 1 package of Pall Hall and 1 package of Marlboro digarathes all of which is additional space is needed, use another continuation report

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were open and partly full. On finding these cigarattes Path. Bini noticed that the Viceroy cigarettes had a smear of what appeared to be blood on the outside of the package and questioned Ramsey as to where he had gotten these cigarettes to which he stated that he had bought them last P.M. from his landlerd John Gawren who lives at 1807 S. 11th. St.

At this time Path. conducted a further search of the Ramsey home and found in the refrigator 23 bottles of Falstaff beer and 1 bottle of Falstaff beer under the night table in the bed room and at this time questioned Ramsey as to where he had gotten this beer and as to Ramsey's earlier statment that there was no beer in the house to which Ramsey stated the beer had not been in the house when he went to bed this A.M. about 4:30 A.M.

At this time Patn. Bir, radioed for a district car to assist and for a supervisor and Patn. Vincent Stehlin 5324 in charge of radio car P-3 and Sgt. Michael Crnkovich 433 in charge of car 34 responded along with District Detective James Hopkins 3579 of this command.

On being informed of the above incidents by Patn. Bini the above officers went to 1807 S. 11th. St. where they were admitted by Jack Gawron who was placed under arrost for burglary by Patn. Bini and was at that time advised of his rights, those being the right to have an attorney the right to have an attorney present during questioning, the right to have an attorney appointed for him in the event that he could not afford one, the right not to make a statment and that if a statment was made by him it would be used against him in court.

on being advised of these rights and waiving same Gavron as questioned relative to his knowledge of the above described burglary to which he denied any knowledge. Gawron was at this time informed of the statment made by Ramsey that he (Gawron) had sold Ramsey & cigarettes last P.M. and this package of cigarettes had what appeared to be blood on same further that the ever had burglarized the tavern had appearently cut their hand as blood was found on the cigarette machine. At this time Gawron stated that he had been in the company of Ramssy last P.M. but had not sold him any cigarettes as he (Gawron) had no cigarettes for himself and certainly none for sale.

At this time a search of the Gawron home was conduct a by the officers and fath. Stehlin found in the drawers of the dresser in the center room 3 packages of Lerk, 4 packages of Lucky Strike 2 packages of Marlboro, 2 packages of Viceroy and 2 packages of Camel digarettes all of which had no cellophane wrapper. When questioned as to the owner ship of these digarettes about a Cawron stated that they were his property and the reason for no cellophane wrapper was that he had bought them in Ill. and a cutal about a further statement concerning the casareing.

On further set on of the premisess letective Hopkins found in a beat in the center from of the home under numerous rags the following tools:

1 sledge hammer with a 24" handle, 2 17" inch pry bars, 1 8" Wizard

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punch, 1 . 82" wood chisel and 2 52" punches.

At this time Gawron who is properly described as:

GAWRON, JACK EUGENE V-M-M-69-Ill-retired-residing 1107 S: 11th. St. A.R. 3-2075

and Ramsey were conveyed to the third district station where they were booked per the indicated arrest registers charged Burglary and Stealing and an additional charge of Possession of Burglar Tools was placed against Gawron.

The above described property and tools have been brought to this station and have been marked, packaged and are being held as evidence, with the exception of the sledge hammer which was conveyed to the dept. lab. by Det. Hopkins along with a portion of the described panel, paint chips and glass samples from the scene and the arrested subjects outside clothing.

At the dept. lab. Chemist William Storer 3136 examined the sledge hammer and the board panel and advises that there is paint on the head of the sledge that matches the dark green paint on one side of the panel and also light green paint over pink paint over brown paint which matches the layers of paint on the other side of the panel.

At this time the victim Gibbs was contacted and came to the scene where he furnished the estimate of missing property and secured the scene and then came to the third district station where he was confronted with the arrested subjects and heard them make their original statments denying any knowledge of the burglary.

The scene was photographed by dept. Kline 5950 and examined for latent prints by Det. Hart & Co.

Alibi sheets, criminal information sheets and warrant information supplementaries have been prepared and warrants wilk be applied for this P.M. in the offices of the assistant circuit attorney in this incident.

Bureau of records of this dept. per clerk Stewart 5970 advises. Ramsey has no wanted cards on file however a prior record is indicated and Gawron has no local record however has wanted card # on file fugutive Cook County Ill. for Parole Violation this jurisdiction has been notified per Ill. State Police per Detective Bill Marcuzzo. This charge also added to errest regions 3-2075.

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It should be further noted that Cawron was questioned by Det. . Hopkins and Patn. Bini relative to the ownership of the described tools seized by the officers to which he stated that he owns the tools and he put them in the box where they were found several days ago and has not seen them since.

Patn. Dennis Bini 5601

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DIVISION OF SUPERVISION OF PAROLEES

RUSSELL L. HIGGINS, SUPERINTENDENT 203 ARMORY BUILDING SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS 62706 TELEPHONE 325-7735

June 5, 1967

Sgt. Burke Fugitive Detail St. Louis Police Department St. Louis, Missouri

Re: John Gawron, Menard No. 25261 IN CUSTODY ST. LOUIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Dear Sgt. Burke:

We were notified this date by the Illinois State Police that the above mentioned subject wanted by this Division as a parole violator, is being held in your custody. A phone call was placed to Detective Murphy, Fugitive Section, your Department, who confirmed this.

Attached please find our Parole Violation Warrant to be lodged as a detainer, not to interefere with pending prosecution. Please acknowledge receipt of the Warrant, and keep us advised as to the disposition of the pending charges.

Very truly yours,

Russell L. Higgins, Superintendent Division of Supervision of Parolecs

R. B. Johnson, Asst. Superintendent 303 Armory Building, Springfield, Ill.

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Supplemental to the above report which reflects the agrest of captioned subject and the subsequent warrant issuance for the charge of Burglary & Stealing, and also held as Fugitive Springfield, Illinois, as Parole Violator.

A copy of this report, with warrant enclosure, has been forwarded to Mr. R. B; Johnson, Assistant Superintendant, Division of Supervision of Parolees, Springfield, Illinois, with reference to telegram directed to this department under the date of June 21, 1967.

Please be advised, relative to the above reference to communication, wherein is stated the above function has requested warrant return for their charge of Parole Violation, and that arrangements shall be handled per local Dismas House, stated telegram attached to the original copy of this report, that the detainer has been cancelled this date at our Municipal jail, previously lodged by this Department.

No further action shall be taken in this matter per the above request, by this department.

cc-Asst. Super. R. B. Johnson, Div. Par., Springfield, Ill (warrant enc.)

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Respectfully,
Sgt. Francis Burke DSN 294
Super. Fugitive Section

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With regard to GAWRON's accomplice, JAMES HENRY RAMSEY, as reflected in the foregoing reports pertaining to the burglary, the following additional information was obtained by SA ALBERT J. RUSHING from records of the St. Louis Police Dept. on 5-14-68:

JAMES HENRY RAMSEY, St. Louis Police Dept. #98763, FBI #375 271 E, who resided at 1805 S. 11th St., listed his parents as C. W. and HATTIE RAMSEY, Weiner, Ark. He listed his wife as GLORIA JEAN RAMSEY, 1501a S. 10th St. His FBI identification record and his photograph as contained in the police files reflect conclusively that he could not possibly be identical with subject RAY. (The identification record for example includes entries during the period of time subject RAY was in the Missouri State Penitentiary.) RAMSEY is described in the police records as a white male, born at Grubbs, Ark., black or gray hair, brown eyes, sallow complexion, slender build, bartender and laborer.

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AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The following investigation was conducted on May 23, 1968, by SA ALBERT J. RUSHING:

Mrs, MARY L. GROSS, Chief Clerk, St. Louis City Jail, exhibited to SA ALBERT J. RUSHING a record at that jail reflecting the following information:

JACK E. GAWRON, 1807 South Eleventh Street, age 69, a laborer, entered the jail on June 6, 1967, on a charge of burglary. He was released on bond June 22, 1967. He indicated his nearest relative was a daughter, COROL PEPPER.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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JOHN EUGENE GAWRON was interviewed at his residence. He stated he had no additional information to offer in view of subject's apprehension. He reiterated he had not seen or been contacted by subject since 1959.

He was unable to recall any further information concerning the robbery of the BANK OF ALTON, ALTON, ILLINOIS, and stated it was entirely possible that the person who had contacted him, who was known to him as "JIMMY," might have a different true name, as it is common for former convicts to use aliases, even among friends.

It was his understanding JERRY RAY had made an application for a passport, and that JOHN LARRY RAY was endeavoring to sell the GRAPEVINE TAVERN for enough money to finance a trip to England.

He stated he would immediately contact this office in the event he receives any information deemed by him to be pertinent in this case.

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On May 28, 1968, SL 1209-C furnished the following information to SA ALBERT J. RUSHING:

Informant was an inmate at the Missouri State Penitentiary beginning in October 1964 and he thereby knew JAMES EARL RAY casually until RAY's escape in April 1967. He occasionally exchanged greetings and a few words with RAY on the infrequent occasions when he encountered RAY in the penitentiary. Informant and RAY never worked in the same area or resided in the same hall except for a brief period in 1965 when they were both assigned to K Hall. Informant observed that RAY was quiet and appeared to be a "loner" who kept to himself, never joking or mixing with the other inmates. There was no indication to informant's knowledge that RAY was on narcotics or junk. Informant knew nothing of RAY's reading habits although he assumed RAY might well have been reading on occasion when RAY was in his cell inasmuch as RAY would appear to stay in his cell a great deal of the time. Informant heard on one occasion from some inmate that RAY tried to sell amphetamine powder to some inmate and informant suggested a possibility that RAY might have been selling it for BOBBY ASK, who was an inmate from Kansas City who would have been a logical person from whom amphetamine powder might have been obtained for selling. There was "scuttlebutt" in the penitentiary indicating that BOBBY ASH did deal in amphetamine.

Informant had no specific knowledge of RAY's having been in a "loan shark" business in the penitentiary although many immates did engage in such activities and RAY might have done so.

It was informant's observation that RAY attended to his own business and never appeared to have trouble with anyone. Informant gained no indication of RAY's attitude with respect to Negroes.

RAY did not appear to have any close associates but persons whom informant recalls now having seen in frequent conversation with RAY on some occasions were the following: RAY CLANTON from Arkansas, believed to have been released from the Missouri State Penitentiary about July or August 1967, and

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HERBIE PHELPS, an inmate from Kansas City whom informant believes is still an inmate at the Misscuri State Penitentiary.

Informant has not seen nor heard anything of RAY since the latter's escape except what informant has learned from public news sources.

In April 1967 imbrmant was the driver of the prison track in which RAY reportedly escaped from the penitentiary. Informant at that time was assigned at Renz Farm (the number two honor farm of the penitentiary) and as the driver of the picison truck he made daily trips in the truck between Renz \dot{f} arm and the main prison halls accompanied by a guard. truck was used to obtain supplies, equipment, food, and various other things such as laundry for Renz Farm from both the main prison and other places in the town of Jefferson City. morning seven days a week informant drove the truck to obtain bread for Renz Farm from the bakery at the main prison. such occasions informant as an immate at the farm was not permitted actually to go behind the prison walls at the main prison but left the truck at the truck tunnel (entrance) and the guard then accompanied the truck to the point behind the walls where the bread was loaded on the truck. Informant understood that the customary procedure was for other inmates so assigned in the bakery to place the bread in a bread box which in turn was loaded on the truck. It is informant's recollection that the box being used for the bread in the period of RAY's escape was a box about three feet by two and one half feet by three and one half feet and the top of the box opened on hinges. The bread, which was already sliced but was unwrapped, was placed in the box in layers which were separated by brown wrapping paper. The guard on the truck during this period of time was a guard named BURKHARDT and he was the guard on the truck at the time RAY reportedly Informant recalls that the day of RAY's reported escape was a Sunday. On Sundays the truck made no scheduled stops upon leaving the main prison until it reached Renz Farm except for numerous stop signs and traffic lights. arrival at Renz Farm on the day of RAY's reported escape the truck was stopped as was customary after it entered the entrance at Renz Farm in order to make a delivery of a small amount of

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bread to the residence of CARL MILLS, Superintendent of the farm whose residence is inside the gate. Two or three wrapped loaves, which were placed at the top of the bread box, were customarily delivered to MILLS' residence. On this particular occasion when informant went to the back of the truck to get the loaves of bread for delivery to the MILLS residence he saw that bread was scattered in the truck. Informant called the attention of the guard BURKHARDT to this situation and when the truck arrived at its destination at Renz Farm other guards there were also advised.

Neither informant nor arvone else so far as he was aware realized at first that the condition of the bread was an indication that someone had escaped. Upon arrival at the destination it was noted that the bread box was not as full as usual. A few hours later on the same day informant heard of a report to the effect that RAY had been found missing at the penitentiary at the time of a head count there and informant then heard that it was believed RAY had escaped in the bread box in the truck. Informant understood that since RAY had on some previous occasion hid out at the penitentiary prison officials apparently assumed that he may have hid out again inside the penitentiary and, therefore, the escape was not immediately reported officially according to what informant understood.

Informant expressed the observation that whoever loaded the bread box on the truck at the penitentiary must have known that RAY was inside the bread box. These persons would have been inmates assigned in the bakery but informant did not know their identities. Informant understood that RAY was assigned in the penitentiary kitchen which adjoins the bakery at the penitentiary.

The informant advised that the guard, BURKHARDT, was with him and the truck continuously from the time the truck left the main prison until it reached Renz Farm. Informant understood that BURKHARDT was subsequently reprimanded because the possibility of escape was not immediately recognized when the scattered bread was found in the truck.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

The records of the Jefferson - Gravois Bank, St. Louis, Missouri, pertaining to a regular checking account of JOHN RAY were made available by MR. A. G. ARB, Vice-President, of that bank, to SAA HOWARD C. KENNEDY, 5-15-68.

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Records of the Jefferson-Gravois Bank, concerning the closed checking account of JAMES L. OWENS, were made available by MR. A. G. ARB, Vice-President, to SA (A) HOWARD C. KENNEDY, May 16, 1968.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

RE: JERRY RAYNES - FATHER

The following investigation was conducted by SA JAMES A. DUFFEY at Center, Missouri, 5-16-68:

MR. JCHN C. RODGER, Cashier, Center State Bank, obtained the film for the bank's business 9-11-67, that reflects a check, dated 9-9-67, payable to JERRY RAYNES or RAYNS, in the amount of \$1900 drawn on the Manufacturers Bank and Trust Co., SLMO, signed CAROL PEPPER, endorsed JERRY RAYNES with second endorsement by HAROLD WALKUP, trustee.

MR. RODGER stated that this was part of the payment for 46 acres foreclosed by the bank, and sold 9-9-67, at a Sheriff's foreclosure sale, said property being purchased by JERRY RAYNES.

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SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX PROJECT

On June 5, 1968, MR. WILLIAM E. KENNEDY, Auditor, Manchester Bank, 4015 Choteau, St. Louis, Missouri, advised SA HAROLD R. DOBSON that, as a matter of self protection, all banks and financial institutions in the Met. area of St. Louis and St. Louis County, Missouri, are participants in a chain pyramid telephone call system initiated by him whereby it is possible, within a relatively short time, to determine if any named individual has utilized the financial or other services of any of such institutions at any specific time. A check completed on that date, pursuant to a request by SA DOBSON made on May 31, 1968, failed to disclose that any individual using subject's name, or any of his aliases known to that date, was the record holder of a safety deposit box at any of such institutions during the period from April 23 to July 18, inclusive, 1967.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Re: OBSCENE PEN-PAL CLUB

The following investigation was conducted by SA J. ROBERT MEIGS on June 5, 1968:

RON WILLIAMS ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Postal Inspector E. C. WENSMAN, Federal Court House, St. Louis, Missouri, advised RONALD WILLIAMS (case number 364-46572-E) does not operate a pen-pal club as such. He said he has written to club and possibly to individuals sending them his nude photographs in effort toget them interested in various types of sex parties. He said RONALD WILLIAMS lives at 8417 Virginia Avenue, telephone VE2-2697, WENSMAN desires to be informed if WILLIAMS is to be interviewed.

RJS

Mr. WENSMAN advised RJS (case number 364-46385-E) stands for ROBERT J. SUDOMA, 3535 Main Street, Apartment C-3. He said SUDOMA has been somewhat active since July, 1967, and he specializes in sending out pornagraphic photographs upon request. Said he does not use commercial mailing lists and does not take his own pictures. Stated just getting started and is practically unknown.

WENSMAN pointed out, however, that SUDOMA is under active investigation by his department and does not want SUDOMA interviewed as it would jeopardize his case.

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RE: FORMER NEIGHBOR - LAFAYETTE DILTS

Mr. FREED FISH, Postal Clerk (protect identity), LaGrange, Missouri, on May 29, 1968, advised SA JAMES A. DUFFEY there is no record that LAFAYETTE DILTS, or MAHALA LA MARR are presently or have ever received mail through this post office. Mr. FISH stated he has lived here for 24 years, has operated, and does operate a tavern and restaurant, has served as City Marshal, but in these occupations has never heard of DILTS or LA MARR.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Re: RAY Associates

Prison records, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, reflected that subject listed as "friend" "JERRY RYAN, Box 113, Lancaster, Missouri", while an inmate there 1955-1958.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JAMES A. DUFFEY:

Mr. WAYNE BUTTS, Assistant Postmaster (protect identity), Lancaster, Missouri, on 5/7/68, advised he has no record or recollection of any person named JERRY RYAN, RAYN, or RAYNES ever living or receiving mail through this office during the past twentyfive years. He stated that P. O. Box 113 was rented in September, 1953, by Mr. TOM WEBSTER, now deceased, who kept it until 1964 when he died.

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J, D, DAILEY

On May 16, 1968, inquiry at the Post Office at Pascola, Missouri, disclosed that MAMIE HOOKER was residing in care of her son, JAMES HOOKER at Lebanon, Missouri. It was suggested that the U.S. Postmaster at Wardell would have information concerning additional relatives of MAMIE HOOKER.

On that same date, DALLAS HICKERSON, U. S. Postmaster, Wardell, advised that J. C. HILLIN is the father of MAMIE HOOKER. J. C. HILLIN, approximately 90 to 95 years of age and who lives, near Wardell, was a half-brother to BARNEY DAILEY. He further related that J. C. HILLIN and BARNEY DAILEY were not very close due to their difference in their ages and that J. C. HILLIN is now senile and almost completely irrational.

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RE: NATHAN J. MURPHY - FORMER INMATE

The following investigation was conducted by SA CHARLES S. DUKE at St. Louis, Missouri:

Teletype from Kansas City to the Bureau, May 22, 1968, indicated that former inmate, NATHAN J. MURPHY, was paroled July 28, 1964, from the Missouri State Prison and was to reside with his wife, name not listed, at 2837 Eads Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

Several unsuccessful attempts were made on May 24, 1968, to contact the residence at 2836 Eads Avenue.

On May 27, 1968, CHARLES MOSS, mail carrier for the St. Louis Post Office, Benton Route #427, advised that he has been delivering mail for the past 10 years and did not recall the name of NATHAN J. MURPHY or Mrs. MURPHY as residing at 2836 Eads Avenue.

MOSS stated that the house was purchased approximately 8 to 9 months ago by an elderly man and wife by the last name of BOUDOU (phonetic). He said that the house was vacant prior to that for approximately 6 to 7 months. MOSS said that he did not know the man's name but the wife's name was TRUDY BOUDOU.

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FELLOW PRISONER - ROBERT LYNN POWELL

Pursuant to information received from the Kansas City Division that prior to RAY's escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary, he was allegedly urged by inmate, ROBERT LYNN POWELL, to "beat up" a girlfriend of his named FRANKIE BARBARA (phonetic) at Doe Run, Missouri, when he got out, the following investigation was conducted by Special Agent DOUGLAS ROSENBERGER on May 7, 1968:

Contact with the following persons failed to further identify FRANKIE BARBARA or indicate that a person by that name is residing or has been known to reside at Doe Run, Missouri:

Sheriff KEN BUCKLEY, Farmington, Missouri;

Check of Post Office current Telephone Directory for Doe Run, Missouri;

Magistrate Judge FRANCIS RENTFRO, Doe Run, Missouri;

Corporal WILLARD PETRUS, Missouri State Highway Patrol, Farmington, Missouri.

It should be noted that an interview with the father of ROBERT LYNN POWELL set forth in the body of this report indicates that the name FRANKIE BARBARA and the address of Doe Run, Missouri, was used by several girls, whose identities are unknown to him, in corresponding with his son.

The foregoing was placed in the administrative section of the report due to the Post Office contact.

POWELL is a prime suspect in the recent robbery of the BANK OF LEADWOOD, MO., and intensive efforts to locate him are reflected in that file.

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During the period May 9 - 13, 1968, all laundry and dry cleaning establishments in the St. Louis City and County were mailed a circular re JAMES EARL RAY, including the current 10 and background information. This mailing list included every such business listed in the current issue of SOUTHWESTERN RELL TELEPHONE YELLOW PAGES DIRECTORY which would approximate 640 establishments.

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