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MARIA HILLBURN STATED SHE WAS CONTACTED TELEPHONICALLY
YESTERDAY BY FORMER HUSBAND WHO IS NOW RESIDING WITH
LUCILLE HASSEY, ONE THREE ZERO PATTON STREET, MONTGOMERY,
ALABAMA, TELEPHONE NUMBER TWO SIX FIVE FOUR EIGHT THREE SIX.

ANY INFORMATION RE MONTAGNEY AND WHITE CORVAIR IN AN EFFORT TO ELIMINATE HIM AS JAMES EARL RAY AND ADVISE TO INTERESTED OFFICES.

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RE BUREAU TEL TO ALL OFFICES APRIL NINETEEN LAST, AND CHICAGO TEL TO BUREAU, ET AL, NO COPY ALBANY, APRIL NINETEEN LAST.

INTERVIEW OF BROTHER JERRY RAY. JERRY WILLIAM RAY INTERVIEWED EXTENSIVELY AT CHICAGO APRIL NINETEEN LAST. SET OUT COMPLETE FAMILY TREE FROM RECOLLECTION, NOTED THAT FAMILY NOT PARTICULARLY CLOSE SINCE ALL CHILDREN LEFT HOME WHEN REACHING AGE FIFTEEN TO SIXTEEN. JERRY LAST SAW SUBJECT NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR WHEN JAMES WAS IN PRISON MISSOURI. DURING INTERVIEW SET FORTH IDENTITY OF PATERNAL UNCLE AS EARL RAY, WHO WOULD BE ABOUT SEVENTY AND WHO HAS SERVED A TERM IN ISP MENARD, ILLINOIS. UNCLE REPORTEDLY DECEASED AT SYRACUSE, NEW YORK, IN ABOUT NOVEMBER, NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT.

ALBANY, AT SYRACUSE, NEW YORK, VERIFY DEATH OF PATERNAL UNCLE.

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SAW FRANCISCO AND ST. LOUIS.

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561) 5PP

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FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION SPRINGFIELD DIVISION, APRIL TWENTY, SIXTYEIGHT.

SUBJECT'S SISTER, MELBA MARIE RYAN, INTERVIEWED, QUINCY, ILLINOIS. ADMITS HISTORY OF MENTAL ILLNESS AND ALTHOUGH SOBER. WAS AT TIMES RAMBLING IN CONVERSATION. MELBA DENIES ANY RECENT CONTACT WITH SUBJECT OR KNOWLEDGE OF CURRENT WHEREABOUTS. SHE STATED SUBJECT NON-COMMUNICATIVE RE PERSONAL LIFE, BUT ABOUT NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT VISITED MELBA AND HER MOTHER FOR PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS AT BOARDING HOUSE OPERATED BY MOTHER ON HICKORY STREET. ST. LOUIS. MELBA SPECULATED SUBJECT MIGHT RETURN TO GERMANY WHERE HE ENJOYED MILITARY DUTY AND HAD GIRLFRIEND.

WALTER TERRY RIFE RE-INTERVIEWED, DESCRIBED ACQUAINTANCE LASTED FROM NINETEEN FORTY TWO TO NINETEEN FIFTY SEVEN. DURING Erview Susan Ryan Domion

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THE TIME, SUBJECT WAS A THIEF WITH NO CLOSE ASSOCIATES, NO PERMANENT FIXED ADDRESS, ALTHOUGH HE RESIDED FOR A SHORT PERIOD WITH UNCLE, EARL RAY, WHO LATER MOVED TO CALIFORNIA AND IS NOW DECEASED. SUBJECT ALSO RESIDED VICTOR HOTEL, QUINCY, ILLINOIS, NINETEEN FIFTY FIVE. THIS HOTEL NOW OUT OF EUSINESS. RIFE BELIEVED SUBJECT USED UNKNOWN FENCE TO DISPOSE OF STOLEN PROPERTY AT PEORIA, ILLINOIS.

PHOTO OF RIFE OBTAINED AND FORWARDED INTERESTED OFFICES BY AIRTEL. NUMEROUS INDIVIDUALS CONFIRMED RIFE'S PRESENCE AT QUINCY DURING PERTINENT PERIOD AND RIFE DENIES BEING OUT OF QUINCY SINCE DECEMBER. SIXTY SEVEN.

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OVER PAST SEVER AL YEARS BETWEEN AND SUBJECT.

MRS. MABLE FULLER, NEE RAY, PATERNAL AUNT OF SUBJECT,

QUINCY, ILLINOIS, STATED VERY LITTLE CONTACT WITH ANY MEMBER

OF FAMILY. NO INFORMATION REGARDING SUBJECT'S WHEREABOUTS

OR BACKGROUND. LAST HEARD THAT \_\_\_\_\_\_, SISTER, IN

AND MARRIED. UNCLE, WILLIAM MAHER, AN ADVERTISING SERVICE

MAN AND PAINT CONTRACTOR AS OF NINETEEN SIXTY, BELIEVED

EITHER DECEASED OR IN SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. WILLIAM

MAHER BORN HAS FBI NUMBER SEVEN SIX

EIGHT SIX FOUR TWO.

RELATIVES OF HARVEY LOWMEYER, QUINCY, ILLINOIS, RECONTACTED AND FURNISHED NO PERTINENT INFORMATION.

FORMER GIRLFRIEND OF WALTER TERRY RIFE, KATHERINE DORRIS.

BUSKIRK. NOW MRS. WILBUR CONNORS, QUINCY, ILLINOIS, INTERVIEWED.

SHE WAS IN PRESENCE OF RIFE AND RAY WHEN ARRESTED NINETEEN

FIFTY FIVE, BUT DENIES KNOWING RAY AT THAT TIME, OTHER THAN

CASUALLY AND HAS NO BACKGROUND OR CURRENT INFORMATION CONCERNING

HIM. PROMISED TO COOPERATE IF SEEN.

LOCATE AND INTERVIEW SUBJECT'S SISTER,

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WHEREABOUTS OF SUBJECT, FAMILY BACKGROUND, AND WHEREABOUTS OF BROTHER, JOHN RAY.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO PROVIDE INTERESTED OFFICES IDENTIFICATION RECORD FOR WILLIAM MAHER, FBI NUMBER SEVEN SIX EIGHT SIX FOUR TWO, TO ASSIST IN LOCATING AND INTERVIEWING HIM.

ST. LOUIS DIVISION. CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY BOARDING HOUSE, FORMERLY OPERATED BY SUBJECT'S MOTHER, HICKORY, NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT. CONDUCT NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION, ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY ASSOCIATES OF THAT PERIOD.

ST. LOUIS ALSO REVIEW SUBJECT'S MILITARY SERVICE RECORD, UNDER SERVICE NUMBER RA ONE SIX ONE SIX THREE ONE TWO NINE, AT WHICH TIME HE WAA IN COMPANY B. THREE EIGHTY SECOND BATTALION.

ASCERTAIN DUTY STATION WHILE IN GERMANY. SET FORTH LEAD FOR LEGAT BONN, TO RECONSTRUCT BACKGROUND OVER SEAS AND IDENTIFY GIRLFRIEND.

ALL OFFICES NOTE DESCRIPTIVE BACKGROUND INDICATES SUBJECT AS "COLOR MATCHER". NOTE SUBJECT FORMERLY EMPLOYED IN SHOE MANUFACTURING COMPANIES AND COPIES OF MILITARY RECORD, QUINCY,

PD INDICATE SUBJECT AS CIVILIAN COLORED HIDES. BE ALERT FOR END PAGE FOUR

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BACKGROUND INDICATING SUBJECT EMPLOYED BY SHOE MANUFACTURING COMPANIES YOUR DIVISION.

SPRINGFIELD INVESTIGATION CONTINUING TO IDENTIFY FENCE
AT PEORIA AND FURTHER DEVELOP BACKGROUND INFORMATION QUINCYALTON AREA.

FOR INFORMATION ALL OFFICES, REMAINING UNIDENTIFIED
BELIEVED SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, NAME
UNKNOWN, DETAILS UNKNOWN, AND ANY INFORMATION WHICH WOULD ASSIST
IN FULLY IDENTIFYING SHOULD BE EXPIDITIOUSLY FURNISHED
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SUMMARY

INQUIRY AT EIGHT FIVE THREE WEST FULLERTON AVENUE, ADDRESS
GIVEN BY RAY AT TIME OF ARREST IN NINETEEN FIFTYTWO REVEALS AREA
TRANSIENT IN NATURE AT THAT TIME, NO INDIVIDUALS CONTACTED HAD ANY
INFO CONCERNING RAY. AT TIME OF RESIDENCE, BUILDING OWNED BY
MC CORMICK THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY. INQUIRY THERE THIS DATE
DEVELOPED THAT IN NINETEEN FIFTYTWO BUILDING RENTED TO PRIVATE
INDIVIDUAL. ANY ROOM RENTED WOULD BE ON SUB ROSA BASIS. RECORDS
SEMINARY PRESENTLY BEING CHECKED TO DETERMINE IDENTITY OF OWNER
OF ABOVE BUILDING AND ANY POSSIBILITY OF ATTENDANCE OR EMPLOYMENT
OF RAY AT SEMINARY.

CHECK OF APPROPRIATE PUBLIC SOURCES DID NOT REVEAL ANY
LISTING FOR DRYDEN RUBBER COMPANY, WHERE SUBJECT PURPORTEDLY
WORKED NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT. HOWEVER, FURTHER EXTENSIVE INQUIRY

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DEVELOPED IDENTITY OF COMPANY THAT MERGED WITH DRYDEN. INQUIRY
THERE REVEALED THAT RECORDS RE PERSONNEL NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL
APRIL TWENTYTWO NEXT. RECORDS WILL BE CHECKED THAT DATE.

REINTERVIEW BROTHER JERRY RAY CONCERNING INQUIRIES IN ST.

LOUIS TEL TO CHICAGO APRIL TWENTY INSTANT DEVELOPED THAT JOHN

AND JERRY RAY WERE IN ST. LOUIS FEBRUARY TWO LAST AND WERE AT

SISTER CAROL'S RESIDENCE TO VISIT WITH HER. JERRY OF OPINION THAT

JOHN WAS REGISTERED AT THE MC ARTHUR HOTEL BUT HAS NO INFO RE

MRS. JOHN RAY AND IN FACT STATES THAT TO HIS KNOWLEDGE JOHN HAS

NEVER MARRIED. ONLY INDIVIDUALS AT SISTER'S RESIDENCE WERE

JOHN, JERRY, CAROL, HER HUSBAND AND CHILDREN. SUBJECT DEFINITELY

NOT PRESENT. JERRY HAS NO INFO AS TO THE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF

EITHER JOHN OR SUBJECT.

RE ST. LOUIS TEL TO BUREAU, ET AL, INSTANT, JERRY RAY STATES
THAT JERRY RAYNES, IS STEPFATHER OF SUBJECT AND DEFINITELY NOT
SUBJECT'S FATHER. REITERATED THAT SUBJECT'S FATHER DIED NINETEEN
FIFTYONE.

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JERRY RAY STATES JOHN RAY HAS BEEN EMPLOYED AS PAINTER,
BARTENDER, AND LABORER WITH NO SPECIFIC FIRM KNOWN. JOHN DID
ATTEND BARTENDING SCHOOL, CHICAGO, DATES UNKNOWN. RECORDS TO BE
CHECKED APRIL TWENTYTWO NEXT. JERRY STATES THAT THE LAST CONTACT
OF WHICH HE IS AWARE BETWEEN WALTER RIFE AND SUBJECT WAS IN
NINETEEN FIFTYFOUR AT LEAVENWORTH. CONCERNING SUBJECT'S GIRL
FRIENDS JERRY ADVISED THAT HE KNEW OF NO PARTICULAR WOMAN FRIEND
BUT THAT JAMES WOULD CONTACT HOTELS OR KNOWN HOUSES. JAMES HAS
NEVER MARRIED TO HIS KNOWLEDGE.

JERRY STATES ONLY CONTACT HE IS AWARE WITH PSYCHIATRIST IS WHEN JAMES WAS IN PRISON IN MISSOURI AND HE TOLD HIM THAT HE WAS GOING TO TRY TO BE ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL AT FULTON, MISSOURI, BECAUSE OF NERVOUS CONDITION. STAYED THERE APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTH TO JERRY'S KNOWLEDGE.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELCALL THIS DATE CONCERNING SISTER SUSAN

JANE DONIAN. SHE WAS CONTACTED THIS DATE. ADWISED LAST SERVICES

SUBJECT APPROXIMATELY PRESENT YEARS AGO, HAD NO KNOWLEDGE RE

WHEREABOUTS OF JOHN RAY. AND IN EXHAUSTIVE INTERVIEW HAD NO OTHER

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ADDITIONAL INFO OF	PERTINENCE THIS CASE.	
CHICAGO RECEI	IVING NUMEROUS TELEPHONE CALLS BE	CAUSE OF
OUTSTANDING DISPLA	AY OF SUBJECT'S PHOTO IN NEWS MED	IA, WHICH A
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TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO, JACKSONVILLE AND MEMPHIS

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

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RE CG TELCALL THIS DATE RE QUESTING JERRY RAYNES, CENTER, MO., STEP-FATHER OF JAMES EARL RAY BE REINTERVIEWED TO DETERMINE MARRIAGE DATA. JERRY RAYNES UPON INTERVIEW APRIL TWENTY INSTANT ADVISED THAT HE MARRIED LUCILLE MAHER AT JACKSONVILLE, FLA., IN SPRING OF NINETEEN TWEENTY NINE, NINETEEN THIRTY OR THIRTY-ONE. HE WAS ABOUT THIRTY YEARS OLD AND SHE TWENTY THREE YEARS OLD.

RAYNES STATES THAT HE WAS THE FATHER OF ALL OTHER CHILDREN AND THAT JERRY RAY WAS BORN IN QUINCY, ILL., AS JERRY RAYNES.

JACKSONVILLE ENDEAVOR TO VERIFY MARRIAGE OF RAYNES AND MAHER.
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	MRS. LENORE STEWART, THREE FIVE THREE EIGHT W. HIRSCH
	CHICAGO, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED XMXXXEXXE FOUR TWENTY INSTANT,
	THAT HER SON GERALD HULTGREN IS LIVING IN PASCAGOULA, MISS.
	BOX ONE NIME FIVE, WITH AN INDIVIDUAL NAMED E.M. RAY.RAY IS
	UNKNOWN TO STEWART AS TO DESCRIPTION OR BACKGROUND.
	GERALD HULTGREN, IS WHITE MALE BORN
	SIX FEFT THREE INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY LBS IN CHE NINETEEN
	SIXTY, SOCIAL SECURITY NO.
	MAS PACKOROUND OF JUVENILE TROUBLE AND ITSMV
	MATTERS, TOT JUVENILE AUTHORITIES COOK COUNTY, FOR PROSECUTION
	IN MINETERN SINTY.
	STEWART WIST HEADD FROM HER SON AND RAY TELEPHO ICALLY
	APOUT THREE WEEKS ACO. THESE TWO MEN WERE TO THE A TRIP TO HERO
	LOCATION. EMPLOYMENT OF RAY AND HULTCREN NOT KNOWN TO STEVART.
	JACKSON AT PASCSCOULA LOCATE AND INTERVIEW HULTGREN AND
	RAY, DETERMINE IF RAY POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT.
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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS, KANSAS CITY, CHICAGO, LITTLE ROCK, LOUISVILLE, SPRINGFIELD.

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

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RE SL TELEPHONE CALLS TO BUREAU, CHICAGO, SPRINFIEDL, LOUISVILLE, LITTLE ROCK, AND MEMPHIS, THIS DATE.

JAMES DAVID DAILEY, BORN

WARDELL, MO., WHITE MALE, FIVE NINE AND ONE HALF, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY FIVE LBS., BROWN HAIR AND EYES, FBI NUMBER FOUR NINE NINE THREE ONE FIVE ZERO, ALLEGED FORMER FRIEND AND ASSOCIATE OF SUBJECT RAY, WHO IS ALLEGED TO HAVE HARBORED SUBJECT BRIEFLY FOLLOWING MISSOURI PEN ESCAPE, IS OPERATOR OF RESTURANT, PORTAGE-VILLE, MO. HE IS ALLEGED TO OWN FARM NEAR PORTAGEVILLE OR WARDELL, MO., IN BOOTHEEL AREA AND TO BE TYPE OF INDIVIDUAL WHO WOULD HARBOR SUBJECT. HE DENIED CONTACT WITH SUBJECT ON INITIAL INTERVIEW. CURRENTLY BEING RE-INTERVIEWED IN EFFORT TO DETERMINE IF HE HAS FARM AND ITS LOCATION, AS EFFORTS TO LOCATE SAME NEGATIVE TO DATE.

SURROUNDING OFFICES CONTACT SOURCES WITH KNOWLEDGE OF BOOTHEEL AS TO ANY INFORMATION RE SUBJECT, DAILEY, DAILEY FAMILY AND LOCA-END PAGE ONE

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TION OF ANY FARM PROPERTY OWNED BY THEM. SUTEL
DAILEYS SISTER, HAZEL TERRELL, WARDELL, MO., TODAY ADVISED
HE AS SISTERS ADA GILES, ONE EIGHT ONE TWO N. WASHTENAW, CHICAGO,
AND LILLIAN JOHNSON, TWO ZERO ONE TWO SIDNEY, SLMO. CHICAGO
AND ST. LOUIS INTERVIEW RE IDENTITIES AND LOCATIONS OF DAILEYS

RELATIVES OR FARM PROPERTY OWNED BY THEM, AND ALERT TO REPORT ANY INFO RE SUBJECT COMING TO THERE ATTENTION. SUTEL.

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FROM: SAC CHICAGO (44-1114)

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HRS. JAMES MC KEAN, (PROTECT IDENTITY), AUNT OF JEROME CARPENTER, TODAY ADVISED CHICAGO AGENTS CARPENTER IS WM, DOB NINETEEN THIRTY SEX, AND RELIEVED PRESENTLY INCARCERATED MISCOURI STATE PRISON, JETTER FOR CITY, FOR MURIER OF UNKNOWN MALE NEGRO IN CONTENES SEXTY ONE AT ST LOUIS. MRS MC KEAN ADVISED CARPENTER LONG TIME FRIEND AND ASSOCIATE OF SUBJECT RAY. CARPENTER MAY ALREADY PERMONENTED.

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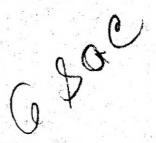
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	,	RECTOR AND CHICAGO 4/21/EUSTANT,
	ADA HORM, FORMERI	M AMA GILES, 1517 W. BELE, TODAY ADVISED SACENTS
	SHE AND JAMES DAI	LEY REARED VICINITY WAR HELL, MO. AND JAMES VERY
	FAH <b>ULI</b> AP <b>/</b> HTH AREA	OWNERSHIP OF FARM OR PROPERTY IN VICINITY
	OF MARVEIL BY DAT	LEY OR FAMILY UNKNOWN TO HER. JAMES OPERATED HALFUA
	CAFE, 1514 S. JE	UERSON, ST LOUIS, UNTIL ATOUT SIX WEEKS AGO WEN
	HE MOVED TO PORTA	GEVILLE, NO. V <del>III DE</del> PURCHASED UNKNOUN GAS STATION
	AND RESTAURANT.	OTHER DAILEY RELATIVES FURNISHED BY NORM ARE:
	HAZEL TERRELL, GE	MERAL DELIVERY, WARDELL; LILLIAN JOHNSON, 2012
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Mrs. Winnie J. Alston 5017 South Calumet Avenue Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Alston:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter concerning the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., murder and to advise you that it will be given appropriate attention by this office.

Your interest is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

M. W. JOHNSON

Special Agent in Charge

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TO:

SAC. MILWAUKEE (44-388)

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SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/18/68, CLARENCE PETERSON, Asst. Dep., Amalgamated Bank, Chicago, Illinois, advised Chicago Division that unknown white male, resembling newspaper likenesses of subject GALT, appeared at his bank shortly before 12:30 p.m., 4/18/68, requesting to purchase \$10,000 certificate of deposit for cash inasmuch as unknown male would be now customer for bank. PRTERSON requested identification and background data for unknown male, seemed relactant to furnish, but produced State of Wisconsin driver's liceuse containing name WILLIAM PERBER or WILLIAM FARBERS. Then PETERSON turned driver's license over to observe signature on reverse side, be noticed as orange or brown card containing the words "National Association of Ballroom Dancers" or words to similar effect. PRTERSON advised before he had an opportunity to further observe identifying data concerning this unknown male, the unknown male grabbed the driver's license contained in a plastic folder away from him. PETERSON explained to unknown male that the bank had to have some knowledge of its customers and savings account signature cards would have to be executed in order to lissue the certificate of deposit. The unknown male was given blank

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CO 44-1114 signature cards which he took to a nearby lobby counter to fill out and obviously did not want PETERSON to observe the information he would place thereen. PETERSON turned briefly to report the situation to another officer nearby in the bank and when he turned around again, the unknown male had disappeared from the bank. Examination of all waist receptables in the bank lobby failed to locate the blank signature savings cards given the unknown male indicating that they were taken away by him. PETERSON said he left the bank for lunch almost immediately after this incident about 12:30 p.m., and did not observe the unknown male on the streets in the vicinity of the bank and it was during his lunch period that he was reading the "Chicago Tribune" containing photographic likenesses of subject GALT whom he feels is identical to the unknown man appearing at Amalgamated Bank for the certificate of deposit. PATERSON described this unknown male as follows: Name WILLIAM PRESERT OF VILLIAM FARRERS Ma le Sex Thite Ince Ago About 35-40 5'8" or 5'9" Height Woight 160-170 Complexion Ruddy Charadoristics Square jaw, clean shaven Ryes Dark Brown mir Wearing Apparel White shirt, three-quarter length tan light weight coat Review of Chicago classified and teluphone directories failed to locate any listing identifiable with Matienal Association of Hallroom Cancers, however, a copy of the March, 1968, issue of "Ballroom Dames Magazine", - 2 -2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

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published monthly by Dance Magazines, Inc., 268 West 47th Street, New York, New York, discloses numerous advertisements for hallroom dancing throughout the United States, only one of which is possibly identical with National Association of Ballroom Dancers which is "Ballroom Dancers Association, Inc.," 756 7th Avenue, New York, New York.

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AT MILWAUKE, VISCOUSIN. Will contact the Wisconsin State Bureau of Motor Vehicles and obtain all information available concerning any driver's licenses issued under the name WILLIAM PREBER or WILLIAM PARBERS, also under the name GALT or any of his known aliases to date, and set forth necessary investigatives leads to resolve whether or not PREBER is identical with subject GALT.

### KEY YORK

AT MEW YORK CITY, MEW YORK. Will contact
Dance Magazine, Inc., 268 West 47th Street, New York City,
New York, and determine if subject GALT is subscriber to
any of its publications under the name GALT or any of him
known aliases. Also determine if one WILLIAM FERRER or
WILLIAM FARMERS is a subscriber to any of these publications.
Will also interview officials of Unnce Magazine, Inc., in an
effort to more accurately identify and locate the Mational
Association of Ballroom Dancers which may issue membership
cards of a brown or orange color. Will contact Ballroom
Dancers Association, 756 7th Avenue, New York City,
New York, to determine if subject GALT under any of his
known aliases to date, is a member of that association and
also whether WILLIAM FERRER or YARBERS is a member of that
association.

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Fullerton, Chicago, Illinois. Will contact persons at this address for information regarding RAY.

Will review records of the Chicago Police Department as RAY was arrested on 5/6/52 for robbery under #D90696.

Will review records of Cook County Jail, Chicago, Illinois, where RAY was lodged after being arrested on 5/6/52.

Will review records of Illinois State Prison, Joliet, Illinois, where RAY was incarcerated after being convicted and sentenced on above-mentioned robbery charge.

Will locate and interview subject's brother, JERRY RAY, Sportsman Country Club, 3535 Dundee Road, North Brook, Illinois, for subject's whereabouts and names of all relatives.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Chicago (44-1114)

Re: MURKIN

Date: April 18, 1968
FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-560921 ET

Specimens received 4/16/68

K62 One Prinz Air Release in sealed carton

Result of examination:

Specimen K62 is, in all respects, like specimen Q119.

Specimen K62 is returned herewith. No photographs have been retained.





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Re: MURKIN

John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No.

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Examination requested by: Chicago

Reference:

Airtel 4/15/68

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2 - Memphis Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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TO: SAC, CHICAGO

Via AIRTEL

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FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

SUBJECT: MURKIN;

CIVIL RIGHTS

A review of Tennessee birth records reflects a white male born in Sumner County, Tennessee, an illegitimate birth, resulting the child being listed only as (NFN) HARRISON. The father was listed as JOE HARRISON and the mother as LOUCILLE PITT.

On October 12, 1949, this birth certificate was altered to reflect the child's name as JACKIE WILLARD PITT, and on October 13, 1949, a copy of this certificate was mailed to J. D. WILLIAMS, 2835 W. Modina, Chicago, Illinois.

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### THE CHICAGO DIVISION:

### AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:

Noting that this birth record was obtained confidentially, Chicago will discreetly attempt to determine if JACKIE WILLARD PITT, who is possibly identical with J. D. WILLIAMS, could be identical with ERIC STARVO GALT.

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Re Chicago teletype to Cmahs 4/18/68.

On 4/18/65 LE (MRS. CHARLES R.) RESCREE, aka Mrs. LE MORISSE, her previous married name, currently rewiding with her daughter BRENDA (MRS. JERRY ALLES) WERER, (P.O. Box 85), Head, Hebranks, advised that both she and her daughter are in process of obtaining divorces from their husbands who travel together and are away from home almost continuously.

Mrs. MORISSE related that although married to him since 6/16/66, she had not ever come to know much about CHARLES R. REECHER and that, except for that having to do with his employments, marriage, and description, he is the only source of the information set out below, the authenticity of which she has no way to verify.

RESCHER was paroled early in 1966 from the Illinois State Penitentiary where he had been sentenced for rape. She became acquainted with him when they were both employed at International Harvester, Moline, Illinois, and J.I. Case, Bettendorf, Iowa. Either through direct association or mutual acquaintances at the penitentiary, RESCHER became closely associated with Chicago boodlums "Little Casear" )
(am "Italian name" not recalled by Mrs. MORISSE), MINE (LMU) and PETER VERDING. REMCHER "thinks the world" of "Little Casear". The "Double R" bar or tavern in Chicago is operated by MINE (LMU) and VERDING.

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OH 44-310 On or about 3/24/68 RESCHER and WEEKE returned to Mead and during their conversations regarding his trip, REECHER told Mrs. MORISSE they had been in Chicago where PETER VERDING had "offered him (REECHER) a contract to kill 'KING' for \$20,000" or, as an alternative, to "transport dope out of New York" for \$10,000. REECHER said he had not accepted either offer and sought Ers. MORISSE's views concerning them which she expressed as "a ridiculous idea" for him even to consider. REECHER and WEBER again departed Mead on or about Sunday March 31 and returned Sunday 4/7/68, reportedly by bus to Fremont or possibly Omaha, Hebraska, where they were picked up by WEBER's mother. They stayed only about 24 hours when they oleft again, taking Mrs. MORISSE's car, a black two-door Ford, about 1962 model, license or VIN not immediately available, and their present whereabouts are unknown to her. During that time REECHER mentioned that WEBER had a gun and that he had taken possession of it for safekeeping. She did not see a gun nor was it described to her. No reference was made by REECHER to their previous conversation about his offer of "a contract" nor to the shooting of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., which had occurred during the provious week and Ers. MORISSE was prompted to advise the FBI of these circumstances only after long deliberation and her conclusion that she should not withhold it even though it may be without significance. Mrs. MORISSE requested that her identity be protected in any investigation which may be undertaken with respect to the information furnished by her, REECHER was described as white male, born 6'22, 230 pounds, light brown curly hair with blond streaks; blue eyes and always wears hornrished glasses; native of Coleta, Dixon or Sterling, Illinois: employed, since early 1966 when paroled from Illinois State Penitentiary, as welder and lift truck operator, at International Marvester, Moline, Illinois, J.I. Case, Bettendorf, Iowa, Independent Metals and Omaka Sted. Omaka. 2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

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JERRY ALLES WEBER was described as white male, born or 46, 6°, slender build. His (adoptive) parents are LAWRENCE and EDMA WEBER who operate the Spart Time Cafe at Mend. An adopted sister is LINDA WEBER, employed as Eurse's Aid at University Hospital, Canha. WEBER described as lawy and dependent upon his mother for pocket money.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLIMOIS, Will conduct appropriate investigation to determine the identities of "Little Caesar" MINE LAW and PETER VERDING and whether VERDING IN Fact may have been implicated in instant commpiracy.

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sold to one HARVEY LOWMEYER on 3/30/68 by Aeromarine Supply Co., Birmingham. Alabama.

Investigation at Memphis disclosed that an individual had purchased a set of binoculars at the York Arms Company in Memphis on 4/4/68. These binoculars were among the material abandoned with the rifle and recovered in Memphis. Also recovered was a brown and green herringbone bedspread. The items abandoned in Memphis were all wrapped in this bedspread. The blue bag which was inside the bedspread contained numerous items, among which were the binoculars and a set of underwear consisting of a T-shirt and shorts. The T-shirt and shorts are those on which appears the laundry mark which has been a matter of interest in this case.

A search of motel records in the Memphis area disclosed that an individual using the name RRIC S. GALT had spent the night of 4/3/68 at the Rebel Motel, Memphis, Tennessee, and was driving a 1966 white Mustang bearing Alabama License 1-38993. Investigation at Birmngham disclosed that this automobile had been purchased by ERIC S. GALT on August 30, 1968, from a private person in response to a newspaper ad. He paid a total of \$1995 cash. While in Birmingham he furnished the address of 2608 South Righland Avenue, Birmingham. This is also the address which appeared on a driver's license issued to him by the State of Alabama. The driver's license identifying data listed his birth date as his height as 5'll", his weight as 170 and his eyes blue and hair brown.

The automobile in question, the white Mustang bearing the Alabana tags mentioned above, was recovered in Atlanta on 4/11/68 and determined to have been abandoned there prior to 9 a.m. on 4/5/68.

In connection with the evidence submitted by Atlanta, Birmingham, and Memphis, identifiable latent prints were recovered. It was on the basis of these latents that identification was made of JAMES BARL RAY. In handling future leads, all offices should be particularly interested in securing an identifying number, military, police, or FBI, in connection with suspects so that the necessary check can be made through the Identification Division.

On 4/17/68, AUSA R. MACEY TAYLOR, Birmingham, authorized the filing of a complaint charging ERIC STARVO GALT with a conspiracy to violate Section 241, Title 18, U. S. Code, and

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recommended bond in the amount \$50,000. On that same date, SAC JOSEPH H. GAMBLE filed a complaint before USC MILDRED F. SPRAGUE, Birmingham, and warrant was issued that same date.

For further information re JAMES EARL RAY, all offices are directed to press release furnished them by the Bureau on 4/19/68.

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4) Peak number of Special Agents working on case during month for which report is submitted.

You should promptly request all Bureau offices involved in this case to furnish information requested herein to you and it should be included in your report."

Each office is requested to expeditiously furnish the Memphis Division with the above designated data within two work days after the close of each month. Secondly, each office is also requested to advise the Memphis Division even in the event each category is zero or no work is performed on this case during the month.

F# 5 (R.w. 5-22-64) ---ASST CO. FΒI -SIENG SOP Date: 4/20/68 -- C-#2 Transmit the following in .. (Type in plaintext or code) Vig AIRTEL AIR MAIL (Priority) DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) TO: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) FROM: SUBJECT: MURKIN JAMES EARL RAY, aka -FUGITIVE UFAC - ROBBERY (00: KANSAS CITY) Re San Francisco teletype to Bureau, 4/19/68. Enclosed for each, Memphis, Atlanta, Chicago, Birmingham, and San Francisco, are 2 photographs of WALTER TERRY RIFE, FBI #455 8766. Photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, dated 7/8/55, forwarded early this date AMSD to San Francisco by Routing Slip.

> The attached photographs of WALTER TERRY RIFE should be used to further eliminate RIFE as suspect In MURKIN. Numerous individuals verify RIFE as working long hours at his restaurant during each date of pertinent period.

> RIFE continues to reside at 214 Lind Street, Quincy, Illinois, and has stated he will be immediately available for future interviews. He has shown a very cooperative attitude.

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DIRECTOR, PBI (44-38861)

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MAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed herewith are three post cards postmarked 1960, 7/27/62, and 7/29/62, which were written by JAMES EARL RAY's brother, JOHN, and JACK RAY, to his mister. These were made available by Mrs. SESAN JAME RYAN DOWNAM, Chicago, Illinois.

The Handwriting Unit, FBI Laboratory, is requested to compare the handwriting on the enclosed cards with all questioned handwriting in captioned case. It is requested that these cards be returned to the Chicago Division upon completion of examination since Mrs. DONIAN requested their return.

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