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TO: SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN

ANONYMOUS MALE TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS ALL OF GARY, INDIANA, ARE REPORTEDLY IN POSSESSION OF INFORMATION CAPTIONED MATTER. DALE BAXTER RESIDES FORTIETH AND TYLER, SHIRLEE MACKOWIAK, RESIDES FORTIETH AND TENNESSEE AND JACK WEISSBUCH RESIDES FOUR ONE SIX ZERO BROADWAY.

CALLER STATED THESE INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN BRAGGING THEY HAVE INFORMATION CONCERNING KING'S MURDER AND KNOW THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE SUSPECT PRESENTLY BEING SOUGHT. STATED FBI DOES NOT HAVE ACTUAL WEAPON BUT THE WHEREABOUTS OF SUCH WEAPON IS KNOWN TO THE ABOVE TRIO. CALLER DECLINED TO FURNISH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND TERMINATED. *CALL*

INDIANAPOLIS AT GARY, INDIANA, INTERVIEW THE FOREGOING INDIVIDUALS FOR ANY INFORMATION OF PERTINENCE THEY MIGHT HAVE.

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TO ALL SACS RELAY MESSAGE PLAN
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

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YOU ARE REMINDED THAT ALL LEADS IN THIS CASE MUST BE COVERED WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS, AND ALL LEADS MUST BE SET FORTH BY TELEPHONE OR TELETYPE. ALL BORDER OFFICES COVERING ENTRY INTO MEXICO AND CANADA AND EXIT THEREFROM SHOULD INSURE THAT APPROPRIATE STOPS ARE MAINTAINED RE SUBJECT AND ALL NAMES KNOWN TO BE USED BY HIM AT RESPECTIVE OFFICES OF U. S. IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PATROL. YOU SHOULD ALSO INSURE THAT PREVIOUS STOPS PLACED WITH ANY FACILITY SHOULD INCLUDE ALL NAMES USED BY THE SUBJECT.

DISTRIBUTE SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES OF WANTED FLYERS AND IO'S TO NARCOTIC INVESTIGATIVE AGENCIES IN ORDER THAT THEIR INFORMANTS MAY BE CONTACTED. YOU SHOULD CONTACT ALL CRIMINAL INFORMANTS AND APPROPRIATE RACIAL AND SECURITY INFORMANTS. LEGATS OTTAWA AND MEXICO CITY BEING ADVISED SEPARATELY.

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)


FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

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BERNICE THOMAS
COMPLAINANT, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED CHICAGO OFFICE
ADVISING THAT ON APRIL NINETEEN LAST, SHE SAW A MAN RESEMBLING
THE SUBJECT SITTING IN THE BACK SEAT OF A CAR BEARING
SIXTY SEVEN TENNESSEE LICENSE BW TWO SEVEN THREE NINE.
THE CAR WAS TRAVELING AND A MAN AND A WOMAN WERE SITTING
IN THE FRONT SEAT.

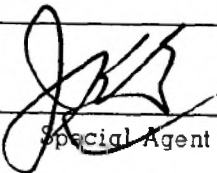
MEMPHIS IDENTIFY OWNER OF FOREGOING PLATE, OBTAIN
CHICAGO ADDRESS AND SUTEL PERTINENT LEADS TO ELIMINATE.

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TO ATLANTA

CHICAGO

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (2PAGES)

MURKIN

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE, THIS DATE.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF CHICAGO, ON FOUR TWENTYONE SIXTY-EIGHT RAYMOND LOUIS CURTIS CURRENTLY INCARCERATED WHITFIELD COUNTY JAIL, DALTON, GEORGIA, PENDING APPEAL ON A LIFE SENTENCE FOR MURDER AND WHOM SHERIFF MAULDIN STATED IN HIS OPINION WOULD FURNISH INFORMATION THAT WOULD PROBABLY BE RELIABLE TO THE BEST OF CURTIS' KNOWLEDGE, FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATIVE LEADS:

CURTIS WHO SERVED THREE DIFFERENT SENTENCES WITH SUBJECT IN MISSOURI, STATED SUBJECT HAD FORMER CLOSE FRIEND WHO HAD JUST PREVIOUSLY SERVED TIME WITH HIM AT MENARD PRISON ILLINOIS, WHO VISITED SUBJECT FREQUENTLY AND KEPT HIM IN SPENDING MONEY.

INVESTIGATION AT MENARD PRISON ILLINOIS REVEALED THAT REY NEVER INCARCERATED AT THAT INSTITUTION. SPRINGFIELD IN

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POSSESSION OF INFORMATION THAT SUBJECT RAY SERVED TIME AT
JOLIET AND PONTIAC STATE PRISONS, ILLINOIS.

ATLANTA IS REQUESTED TO RE-INTERVIEW CURTIS CONCERNING
ABOVE DISCREPANCY AS TO WHERE RAY INCARCERATED.

CHICAGO AT JOLIET, ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY SUBJECT'S FORMER
CELL MATE, PRIOR TO NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT.

SPRINGFIELD AT PONTIAC, ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY SUBJECT'S
FORMER CELL MATE, PRIOR TO NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT.

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551PM URGENT 4-22-68 DJK

TO DIRECTOR (MAIL), CHICAGO AND SAN FRANCISCO
FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN

WILLIAM E. MAHER, UNCLE OF JAMES EARL RAY LOCATED SEVEN ONE
TWO BROWN STREET, ALTON, ILLINOIS TODAY. STATED PRIOR TO RAY'S ENTRY
INTO ARMY HE WORKED AT SHOE TANNERY HARTFORD, ILLINOIS WHERE HE
BECAME ASSOCIATED WITH INDIVIDUAL WHO HAD PRO-NAZI LEANINGS AND
RAY BECAME ANTI-NEGRO AND ANTI-JEWISH AS RESULT. IN MILITARY
SERVICE RAY WAS IN GERMANY WHERE OPINION CRYSTALIZED.

MAHER SAID HE LAST SAW RAY TEN OR TWELVE YEARS AGO AND TO
HIS KNOWLEDGE RAY HAS NOT BEEN IN ALTON SINCE NINETEEN FIFTYNINE
WHEN INVOLVED IN ARMED ROBBERY. STATED COULD SUGGEST NO ONE IN
ALTON AREA ACQUAINTED WITH RAY OR TO WHOM RAY MIGHT TURN FOR HELP.

SAN FRANCISCO DISCONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE MAHER.

AIRMAIL COPIES MEMPHIS, ATLANTA AND KANSAS CITY.

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MEMPHIS (44-1987)
SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN

RE CHICAGO TELEPHONE CALL TO SPRINGFIELD THIS DATE.

RE JERRY WILLIAM RAY.

JERRY WILLIAM RAY REINTERVIEWED THIS DATE, ADVISED
UNCLE, WILLIAM MAHER, RESIDES ONE ONE EIGHT EAST SEVENTH
STREET, ALTON, ILLINOIS, OCCUPATION PAINTING CONTRACTOR.
RAY STATED JAMES RAY MAY CONTACT THIS UNCLE AS HE HAS
STAYED WITH HIM IN THE PAST. RAY OF OPINION HIS BROTHER
WILL NOT CONTACT IMMEDIATE RELATIVES BUT MAY CONTACT
WILLIAM MAHER AS HE WOULD NOT BE AFRAID OF HURTING MAHER'S
REPUTATION.

SPRINGFIELD LEAD TO CONTACT MAHER SET OUT TELEPHONICALLY.
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FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN.

SUMMARY

G. E. POTTS, MC CORMICK THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, ADVISED INSTANT NO RECORD OF JAMES EARL RAY BEING CONNECTED WITH THE SEMINARY IN ANY CAPACITY. BUILDING AT EIGHT FIVE THREE WEST FULLERTON, OWNED BY SEMINARY, LISTED TO MRS. BEATRICE FOULKS FROM MARCH, FIFTY ONE TO MARCH, FIFTY THREE. NO RECORD AS TO HER PRESENT WHEREABOUTS. INQUIRY OF VARIOUS PUBLIC SOURCES, CHICAGO, DID NOT DEVELOP ANY CURRENT ADDRESS FOR MRS. FOULKS. INTERVIEW **SUBJECTS CHICAGO** WITH RELATIVES DID NOT DEVELOP ANY INFO RE HER NAME.

SUSAN DONIAN REINTERVIEWED THIS DATE, AGAIN EXPRESSED COOPERATION, ADVISED [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] JERRY RAYNES UNKNOWN TO
HER BUT DID REMEMBER THAT BROTHER KILLED IN ACCIDENT USED NAME
RAYNES. IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR JERRY RAYNES TO BE FATHER
OF SUBJECT. SHE MADE AVAILABLE THREE POST CARDS FROM JOHN
RAY WHICH HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE FBI LAB FOR APPROPRIATE
EXAMINATION. LAST KNEW OF UNCLE, WILLIAM MAHER, AS BEING IN
PAINTING BUSINESS, ALTON, ILLINOIS.

PERSONNEL MANAGER, SELLER, GLOBE CORPORATION,
CHICAGO, ADVISED THAT PERSONNEL RECORDS OF DRYDEN RUBBER
COMPANY WHERE SUBJECT ALLEGEDLY EMPLOYED NINETEEN FORTY
EIGHT, HAVE BEEN DESTROYED.

RE: JERRY WILLIAM RAY

JERRY WILLIAM RAY REINTERVIEWED THIS DATE. ADVISED HE
ALSO USES NAME JERRY WILLIAM RYAN AND ALL HIS LEGAL PAPERS
ARE IN THE RYAN NAME.

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JERRY ADVISED IF BROTHER JAMES RAY CONTACTED ANYBODY
IN FAMILY BELIEVE IT WOULD BE UNCLE, WILLIAM MAHER, ONE ONE
EIGHT EAST SEVENTH STREET, ALTON, ILLINOIS. MAHER'S
OCCUPATION, PAINTING CONTRACTOR. ~~SUBJECT JAMES RAY HAS~~ *AND JERRY RAY HAVE*
RESIDED WITH THIS UNCLE IN PAST BUT ~~IS~~ NOT PARTICULARLY
FOND OF THIS UNCLE ~~AND WOULD MORE LIKELY STAY WITH~~ *SUBJECT SUBJECT CONTACT*
UNCLE THAN EXPOSE ANY OTHER RELATIVE.

JERRY RAY STATED AN AUNT MABEL FULLER, QUINCY, ILLINOIS,
WOULD BE ABLE TO GIVE NAMES OF ALL RELATIVES OF HIS FATHER'S
SIDE OF FAMILY.

JERRY RAY UNABLE TO PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION RE
WHEREABOUTS OF HIS BROTHER, DID STATE HIS BROTHER AT ONE
TIME TALKED OF THE GOOD LIVING IN TIJUANA, MEXICO.

CHICAGO STILL RECEIVING NUMEROUS LEADS ARISING FROM MAXIMUM
COVERAGE OF INSTANT CASE IN VARIOUS NEWS MEDIA. THESE LEADS
BEING HANDLED ON A CONTINUING EXPEDITE BASIS.

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**TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SACS MEMPHIS (44-1987), CHICAGO
44-1114, KANSAS CITY , AND SPRINGFIELD**

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (44-493)

MURKIN, CR. OO MEMPHIS.

**RE CHICAGO TEL BUREAU APRIL TWENTY LAST, AND BUTEL ALL
SAC'S APRIL NINETEEN LAST.**

**FOR INFO SPRINGFIELD AND KANSAS CITY, CHICAGO IN INTERVIEW
OF SUBJECT'S BROTHER JERRY RAY DETERMINED AN UNCLE EARL RAY
WHO WOULD BE ABOUT SEVENTY AND WHO HAD SERVED A TERM IN
ISP, MENARD, ILLINOIS, REPORTEDLY HAD LIVED IN SYRACUSE, N.Y.,
AND DIED IN ABOUT NOVEMBER NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT. RECORDS
BVS, SYRACUSE, NEW YORK, TODAY DISCLOSED NO RECORD OF EARL RAY.
CITY DIRECTORIES AND APPROPRIATE CREDIT AND CRIMINAL RECORDS
DISCLOSED NO RECORD OF EARL RAY.**

**SPRINGFIELD OFFICE CHECK RECORDS ISP, MENARD, ILLINOIS,
FOR RECORD OF EARL RAY AND FURNISH IDENTIFYING INFO.**

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TELETYPE BEING SENT CHICAGO TO SHOW LEAD SET OUT FOR
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ALBANY AT ANLBANY WILL CHECK RECORDS OF NYS DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH, BVS, FOR RECORD OF DEATH OF EARL RAY IN ABOUT NOVEMBER
NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT, AT VICINITY SYRACUSE, N.Y.

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6:22PM URGENT 4-22-68 SMS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA (44-2386), BIRMINGHAM (44-1740),
CHICAGO (44-1114) AND MEMPHIS (44-2987)
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DE 7-7700

MURKIN.

JAMES EARL RAY IS KNOWN TO HAVE FREQUENTED LAUNDRY AND
DRY CLEANERS OFFERING LAUNDRY SERVICE WHILE IN LOS ANGELES.
HE MAY STILL HAVE IN HIS POSSESSION SHEETS, PILLOW CASE,
UNDERWEAR AND SHIRTS BEARING FOLLOWING LAUNDRY MARKINGS FOR
FLATWEAR LAUNDRY - ZERO TWO B DASH SIX ON RED THERMO SEAL TAPE.
TWO ZERO L DASH EIGHT ON WHITE OR PURPLE THERMO SEAL TAPE.
TWO ZERO R DASH THREE ON WHITE THERMO SEAL TAPE. SHIRT LAUNDRY
MARKS ISSUED TO RAY WERE GAL AND GALT PRINTED IN INK AND TWO
ZERO F DASH SEVEN ON RED THERMO SEAL TAPE.

LOU RUFFOLO, LOS ANGELES REPRESENTATIVE, AMERICAN TRADE
MAGAZINES, ENCINO, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED AMERICAN LAUNDRY DIGEST
AND AMERICAN DRY CLEANER DIGEST DESTRIIBUTED TO ALMOST EVERY
LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANER IN UNITED STATES AND CANADA. ATM
HEADQUARTERS AT FIVE ZERO ZERO NORTH DEARBORN STREET, CHICAGO.

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RUFFOLO SUGGESTED CONTACT WITH DON MARTIN, ATM, CONCERNING PUBLICATION IN ATM PUBLICATIONS OF INFORMATION RE JAMES EARL RAY AND LAUNDRY MARKS CONNECTED WITH HIM.

IT IS SUGGESTED BUREAU MAY DESIRE TO HAVE CHICAGO CONTACT ATM AND HAVE CIRCULARIZATION MADE THROUGH ITS MAGAZINE OR UTILIZE ITS MAILING LISTS. IT IS FELT RAY WILL STILL HAVE THE SIX SHIRTS HE HAD LAUNDERED AND MARKED WHILE IN LOS ANGELES. MEMPHIS AND OTHER OFFICES MAY DESIRE TO OFFER COMMENT RE THIS SUGGESTION.

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7:31 PM URGENT 4/22/68 KCK
TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), CHICAGO, INDIANAPOLIS, KANSAS CITY,
MEMPHIS (44-1987), NEW YORK AND ST. LOUIS
FROM SAN FRAN
CISCO (173-65) (2P)

MURKIN

RE: JOHN LARRY RAY.

RE CGTEL, APRIL NINETEEN, LAST.

RECORDS OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE BUREAU OF CRIMINAL
IDENTIFICATION AND INVESTIGATION (CII) REFLECTED THE FOLLOWING
INFORMATION RE JOHN LARRY RAY: — Description

HE HAS CII NUMBER SEVEN FOUR ONE SEVEN FOUR ZERO, FBI
NUMBER THREE SIX EIGHT SEVEN TWO FIVE A, AND WAS BOOKED AS A
"SLEEPER" AT HOLTVILLE, CALIFORNIA, ON DECEMBER THREE, ONE NINE
FIVE TWO, HOLTVILLE PD NUMBER ONE THREE FOUR ONE, AT WHICH TIME
HE WAS DESCRIBED AS WMA, FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, ONE FIVE FIVE
POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, BROWN EYES, DATE OF BIRTH

. HE LISTED HIS HOME ADDRESS AS ONE NINE
THREE SEVEN LINCOLN AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, AND HIS MOTHER
AS LUCILLE RAY, SAME ADDRESS.
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CII RECORDS REFLECT JOHN LARRY RAY WAS ARRESTED BY INDIANA STATE POLICE ON DECEMBER THIRTY, ONE NINE FOUR NINE, AT LIGONIER AND WAS CONFINED TO THE INDIANA STATE REFORMATORY AT PENDLETON, INDIANA, ON JANUARY TWO FOUR, ONE NINE FIVE ZERO, THEIR NUMBER THREE FIVE TWO NINE SEVEN, ON A SECOND DEGREE BURGLARY CHARGE.

ON NOVEMBER TWO FIVE, ONE NINE SIX SEVEN, A RECORD CHECK RECEIVED BY CII FROM A DETECTIVE THORNBERRY OF THE ST. LOUIS PD ON JOHNNY LARRY RAY, AKA JERRY WILLIAM RYAN, DOB [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. RECORD OF ST. LOUIS PD INDICATED RAY LISTED PREVIOUS RESIDENCES AT MAPLEWOOD AND ST. LOUIS MISSOURI; BLOOMINGDALE, ILLINOIS; CONCORD HOTEL, KIAMESHA LAKE, NEW YORK; AND ONE FOUR SIX ZERO SUTTER STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

LEADS: CHICAGO, INDIANAPOLIS, NEW YORK, AND ST. LOUIS: ATTEMPT TO LOCATE JAMES EARL RAY'S BROTHER IN YOUR DIVISION OR INFORMATION AS TO HIS PRESENT WHEREABOUTS.

SAN FRANCISCO: WILL DETERMINE AT ONE FOUR SIX ZERO SUTTER STREET ANY INFORMATION ON JOHN LARRY RAY.

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905 PM EST URGENT 4-22-68 JLC

TO: DIRECTOR, CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, ST. LOUIS.

FROM: JACKSONVILLE (44-769) 1P

MURKIN. CR. OO MEMPHIS

RE ST. LOUIS TELETYPE TO BUREAU, ETAL., APRIL TWENTY, LAST.

RE MARRIAGE OF RAYNES AND MAHER.

RECORDS, BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS, FLORIDA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, WERE CHECKED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS FROM A PERIOD OF NINETEEN TWENTYSEVEN THROUGH NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN UNDER THE NAMES OF JERRY RAYNES AND RAINES.

A PERIOD OF NINETEEN TWENTYNINE THROUGH NINETEEN THIRTYTHREE WAS CHECKED UNDER THE NAME JERRY RAY WITH NO RECORD IDENTIFIABLE.

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11:30 PM URGENT 4-22-68 JWE

TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO, SPRINGFIELD, KANSAS CITY AND MEMPHIS
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN

RE ATLANTA AND SPRINGFIELD TELETYPES APRIL TWENTYTWO.

RAYMOND LOUIS CURTIS ~~REINTERVIEWED~~ CONCERNING PORTION OF
INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED, CONCERNING RAY'S REPORTED
INCARCERATION AT MENARD PRISON.

CURTIS ADVISED HE DID NOT SERVE TIME WITH SUBJECT RAY AT
MENARD PRISON BUT RELATED ONLY WHAT RAY TOLD HIM CURTIS, WHILE
BOTH WERE IN KANSAS CITY COUNTY JAIL FOR SIX OR SEVEN MONTH
PERIOD. CURTIS ADVISED HE NEVER HEARD RAY MENTION SERVING TIME
AT JOLIET OR PONTIAC PRISONS, BUT IF HE DID, HE WAS SURE RAY
WOULD HAVE BEEN SHIPPED TO MENARD FOR DISCHARGE PURPOSES.

CURTIS FURTHER DESCRIBED UNKNOWN CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF RAY
IN JACKSON COUNTY MISSOURI JAIL AS THE CELL MATE OF RAY AND
PERSON CONVICTED ON SAME CHECK CHARGE WITH RAY.

CURTIS WHILE CONFINED WITH RAY AND UNKNOWN SECOND MAN
IN JACKSON COUNTY RECALLS A THIRD UNKNOWN MALE VISITING RAY
AND HIS CODEFENDANT. APPEARED THIRD MAN WAS REAL CLOSE TO BOTH
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RAY AND CELLMATE. CURTIS ADVISED JAIL VISITORS LOG MORE THAN
LIKELY WILL NOT REFLECT IDENTITY OF THIRD MAN. CURTIS COULD NOT
RECALL NAME OF THIRD MAN OR DESCRIPTION.

CURTIS ADVISED HE WAS CONFINED JEFFERSON COUNTY JAIL WITH
RAY AND CO-DEFENDANT FROM MARCH NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE TO JULY
NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE. CURTIS, RAY AND SECOND MAN ALL ENDED UP AT
LEAVENWORTH WHERE WAS RELEASED PROBABLY IN NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT.
SECOND MAN WHO IS ASSOCIATED WITH RAY DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE,
THIRTYSIX, FIVE FEET TEN INCHES DASH SIX FEET, ONE EIGHT ZERO
POUNDS WHO WAS STRONGLY BUILT AND SPENT HIS THREE YEARS AT
LEAVENWORTH ON BODY CONDITIONING AND LIFTING WEIGHTS.

CURTIS ADVISED HE LAST SAW RAY IN JEFFERSON COUNTY JAIL IN
MAY OR JUNE SIXTYSIX. CURTIS RELUCTANT TO TALK FURTHER THIS MATTER.

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TO ALL SACS PLAINTEXT
FROM DIRECTOR (44-38861) 1P

MURKIN

REMEAIRTEL TO ALL OFFICES APRIL ONE NINE LAST FURNISHING
BACKGROUND DATA CONCERNING JAMES EARL RAY.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED POSSIBLE SUSPECT IN ANY
UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERIES, BURGLARIES OR ARMED ROBBERIES
(POSSIBLE ITSP VIOLATIONS) OCCURRING AFTER APRIL TWO THREE
ONE NINE SIX SEVEN. RAY SHOULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED SUSPECT IN
ANY FUTURE SUCH VIOLATIONS AND BUREAU ADVISED TELEPHONICALLY
OF ANY TENTATIVE IDENTIFICATION.

ANY PERTINENT LEADS DEVELOPED DURING REVIEW OF PAST
VIOLATIONS SHOULD BE EXPEDITIOUSLY RUN OUT AND BUREAU ADVISED.

SUBJECT'S HANDWRITING AND HAND PRINTING NOT IDENTIFIED
IN BANK ROBBERY NOTE FILE AND HIS FINGERPRINTS ARE BEING
SEARCHED AGAINST LATENTS SUBMITTED IN UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERY AND
BURGLARY VIOLATIONS.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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CONSIDER RAY
IN ALL UNSOLVED
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To: SAC's, Chicago (44-1114)
Memphis (44-1987)

✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Chicago teletype 4/17/68. *B/24*

The remaining unidentified latent fingerprints and the latent impressions in this case are not identical with the fingerprints of ~~Thomas George Misiag~~. No palm prints are available in our Identification Division files for Misiag.

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FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN, CR, OO: MEMPHIS.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELEPHONE CALL TO ST. LOUIS, APRIL TWENTY TWO, LAST.

RE: JAMES EARL RAY X

REVIEW OF PROBATION RECORDS ADAMS COUNTY, QUINCY, ILLINOIS,
REVEALED THE FOLLOWING LEAD INFORMATION RE SUBJECT RAY AND
FAMILY.

AS OF NINETEEN FIFTY FIVE CHILDREN OF JERRY AND LUCILLE
RAY WERE JOSEPH, TWENTY SIX; JOHN, TWENTY FOUR; MARJORIE,
DECEASED; JERRY, TWENTY; MELBA, NO AGE GIVEN; [REDACTED]:

RECORDS ALSO REVEALED SUBJECT'S

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AUNT SADIE FITZSIMMONS, ALTON, ILLINOIS. SUBJECT ARRESTED
AUGUST TWENTY, FIFTY NINE IN ALTON WITH ONE JOSEPH ELMER AUSTIN
FOR ARMED ROBBERY. FILE ALSO REFLECTS MARY MAHER, GRANDMOTHER

OF SUBJECT, FORMER ADDRESS NINETEEN THIRTEEN HICKORY STREET,
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, AND FATHER OF SUBJECT, JERRY RAYNES, DOB
[REDACTED], WHO IN NINETEEN
SIXTY WAS EMPLOYED FOR JACK RANDOLPH AT J & R AUTO SALES,
FIVE NINE ZERO ONE BROADWAY, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI. SUBJECTS
MOTHER LUCILLE RAY, AKA. RYAN, BERNES, AS OF JULY, NINETEEN
FIFTY SEVEN, RESIDING ELEVEN THIRTY FIVE SOUTH TENTH APARTMENT
EIGHT, ST. LOUIS, AND ON SEPTEMBER TWENTYFOUR, NINETEEN FIFTY
NINE WAS RESIDING AT NINETEEN THIRTEEN HICKORY, ST. LOUIS. ALSO
AS OF JULY FIFTY SEVEN SUBJECT'S FATHER WAS RESIDING FOUR ONE FOUR
NINE WEST PINE, ST. LOUIS

THE FILE ALSO REFLECTS THAT SUBJECT'S BROTHERS JACK AND
JERRY RAY ONCE WENT TO CHICAGO TO WORK AS GROUNDS KEEPERS AT
A GOLF COURSE IN MT. PROSPECT. AREA.

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CHICAGO, ST. LOUIS AND SPRINGFIELD WILL CONDUCT APPROPRIATE
INVESTIGATION.

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To: SAC's, Buffalo (44-374)
Chicago (44-1114)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Chicago teletype 4-17-68, Buffalo teletype and airtel
4-18-68, and Memphis teletype 4-22-68.

The remaining unidentified latent fingerprints and the latent
impressions in this case are not identical with the fingerprints of
James Donald Galt, FBI #172501C. No palm prints are available
in our Identification Division files for Galt.

1 - Seattle
1 - Birmingham (44-1740)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861)

FROM : SAC, Kansas City (44-760)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/19/68

Enclosed to the Bureau are six copies and to each office one copy of the following photographs:

JAMES EARL RAY, Missouri Department of Correction #00416, dated 3/17/60 and 9/8/66

WALTER TERRY RIFE, Kansas City SO #29636
FBI #4558766

Stand up photographs of RAY on the left, Kansas City SO #29637 and RIFE, Kansas City SO 29236, taken 3/28/55.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ALL SUPERVISORS (44-1114)

DATE: APR 23 1968

FROM: ASAC KYLE G. CLARK

SUBJECT: MURKIN

INFORMANTS ASSISTANCE MEMO #650

On April 4, 1968, MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., was shot and killed at Memphis, Tennessee.

JAMES EARL RAY, also known as ERIC STARVO GALT, W. C. HERRON, HARVEY LOWMYER, JAMES MC BRIDE, JAMES O'CONNER, JAMES WALTON, JAMES WALYON, JOHN WILLARD, and "JIM" has been identified as the murderer of KING.

A Federal warrant was issued on April 17, 1968, at Birmingham, Alabama, charging RAY, as ERIC STARVO GALT, with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a citizen (Title 18, United States Code, Section 241). A Federal warrant was also issued on July 20, 1967, at Jefferson City, Missouri, charging RAY with Interstate Flight to Avoid Confinement for the crime of Robbery (Title 18, United States Code, Section 1073).

The following is a description of JAMES EARL RAY:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	Alton, Illinois (verified)
Height	5'10-11"
Weight	165-170 pounds
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown, possibly crewcut and combed straight back

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 - 1 - Each Security Supervisor
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Build	Medium
Scars	Small scar center forehead and scar on palm of right hand
Facial Characteristics	Ears protrude slightly; nose narrow with straight bridge line
Residences	St. Louis, Missouri March, 1966; Quincy, Illinois 1955; Chicago, Illinois 1952; Alton, Illinois 1951
Characteristics	Neat, overall clean appearance; smoked filter cigarettes, brand unknown; introvert; socially inept; language did not suggest high degree of education; smiles rarely - when he did, it was a nervous, crooked smile; drinks alcohol, but dance instructor never detected odor on his breath; not known whether right or left handed, but apparently right handed from rifle; has been described as both a poor and good dancer, and also as "crazy" about dancing
Peculiarities	Nervous habit of occasionally pulling at ear lobe; southern accent; rural characteristics as to language and diction; very close mouthed; replies to questions with yes or no answers; often evasive in conversation

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All informants, both criminal and security, are to be contacted concerning JAMES EARL RAY. Any positive information is to be submitted to Chicago file 44-1114; however, appropriate contact memos are to be placed in each respective informant file. These contacts are to be made immediately.

CONSIDER JAMES EARL RAY ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

Routing Slip
FD-4 (Rev. 5-14-66)

Date 4/19/68

To:

BuFile 44-38861

☒ Director

FILE ATfile 44-2386

Att.:

Title ERIC STARVO GALT, aka
FUGITIVE;
REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR. - VICTIM
CR

& ☒ SACs BIRMINGHAM
LOS ANGELES
☐ ASAC MEMPHIS
☐ Supv. CHICAGO
☐ Agent NEWARK, &
NEW ORLEANS

☐ IC

RE: report of SA ALAN G.
SENTINELLA at Atlanta
dated 4/18/68.

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Item C of Table of Contents, page two, of reATrep should correctly read "Examination of Mustang". Bureau and recipient offices requested to correct their copies. Atlanta copies corrected.

SAC FRANK V. HITT

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN
 CR
 (OO: MEMPHIS)

For the information of receiving offices, Subject JAMES EARL RAY, Aka. was last known to be in the Atlanta, Georgia, area on 4/5/68. Intensive investigation by the Atlanta Office to date has not established mode of transportation utilized by RAY after 4/5/68 through checks with transportation companies, car rental agencies, etc.

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All receiving offices are requested to check car recoveries within their respective divisions of cars stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 4/4/68, and consider same to have been possible mode of transportation for Subject RAY. The same consideration should be given to any cars recovered in the near future that were stolen from the State of Georgia after 4/4/68. In those instances where cars were stolen from Georgia and where the transporter of same cannot otherwise be accounted for, investigation should be conducted to determine if RAY was person who may have stolen and transported same.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI
SAC, ALBANY

FROM SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN, CR, (OO: MEMPHIS)

RE ALBANY TELETYPE APRIL TWENTY TWO, LAST AND SPRINGFIELD
TELEPHONE CALL TO ALBANY, SAME DATE.

RE: EARL RAY

*Dist
144-111-10-10*

BILL KAUFMAN, ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF PROBATION AND PAROLE,
ADVISED OF THE FOLLOWING RE CAPTIONED INDIVIDUAL SUBJECT'S
UNCLE: EARL RAY, AKA EARL EVERETT RAY, JAMES RYAN, JAMES
MC CARTHY, JAMES PATRICK CLANCY, JOE ROE, WHITE, MALE, DOB
, POB, QUINCY, ILLINOIS, AND AS OF
NINETEEN FORTY NINE, FIVE FEET NINE AND ONE QUARTER INCHES IN
HEIGHT, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH EIGHT POUNDS, DARK GRAY HAIR, LIGHT
BLUE EYES, WIFE - AUDREY, DIVORCED NINETEEN FIFTY, LAST KNOWN
ADDRESS FOURTEEN THIRTY NINE CHERRY STREET, QUINCY, ILLINOIS,
CRIMINAL RECORD DATING BACK TO NINETEEN SIXTEEN, MENARD ILL.
STATE PRISON NUMBERS SIX FIVE EIGHT EIGHT AND TWO ONE ZERO TWO
FIVE. INCARCERATED AT MENARD NINETEEN TWENTY FIVE TO THIRTY THREE
(ASSAULT TO KILL), AND NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT TO FIFTY FIVE(ASSAULT
TO MAYHEM - THREW ACID IN WIFE'S FACE), NO FBI NUMBER AVAILABLE.

1 - Chicago (AM) 1 - Kansas City (AM) 1 - Memphis (AM)
1 - Springfield (44-561) WR:blw (4)

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM SAC, NEW YORK
 SUBJECT: [Illegible]

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**Bureau IS REQUESTED TO FURNISH IDENTIFICATION RECORD FOR
EARL RAY FOR POSSIBLE LEAD INFORMATION.**

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FBI BIRMGHAM

2:23PM URGENT 4-23-68 FAS

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, CHICAGO, KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS, NEW ORLEANS
SPRINGFIELD AND TAMPA
FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740

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RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR AND OTHER OFFICES APRIL
TWENTYTWO LAST AND TAMPA TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR APRIL FIFTEEN LAST.

FOR INFORMATION OFFICES NOT IN RECEIPT ATLANTA TEL, RAYMOND
LOUIS CURTIS APPARENTLY SERVING LIFE SENTENCE FOR MURDER, WHITFIELD
COUNTY, GEORGIA, STATES PREVIOUSLY SERVED TIME WITH JAMES EARL RAY
ON THREE OCCASIONS. CURTIS ADVISED ACQUAINTED INITIALLY WITH RAY
IN MARCH, NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE, JACKSON COUNTY JAIL, KANSAS CITY,
MISSOURI, WHERE RAY INCARCERATED ON POST OFFICE BURGLARY CHARGE
JUST SUBSEQUENT TO RELEASE FROM PRISON IN MENARD, ILLINOIS. DURING
THIS INCARCERATION CURTIS AND RAY CELLMATES. RAY HAD FRIEND (NAME
UNRECALLED) WHO VISITED HIM IN JACKSON PRISON AND THIS FRIEND HAD
BEEN CELLMATE OF RAY AT MENARD, ILL. THIS FRIEND KEPT RAY IN
SPENDING MONEY WHILE RAY IN PRISON AND WOULD HARBOR RAY. RAYHAD
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ANOTHER CLOSE FRIEND (NAME URECALLED) OF ITALIAN DESCENT APPARENTLY "BIG MAN" IN SYNDICATE. THIS ITALIAN HAD APPARENTLY OPERATED WITH RAY IN PAST AND ENGAGED WITH RAY IN HANDLING STOLEN POST OFFICE MONEY ORDERS AND TRAVELERS CHECKS.

WILLIAM KENNETH KNIGHT, KNOWN BURGLAR INCARCERATED WITHIN TAMPA DIVISION, HAS BEEN FURNISHING VOLUME OF INFORMATION RE POST OFFICE BURGLARIES FOR PAST SEVERAL YEARS, INCLUDING IDENTITY OF MAJOR FENCES FOR STAMPS AND POSTAL MONEY ORDERS. THESE INTERVIEWS HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED BY SPECIAL AGENT OF FBI AND WAYNE R. RICHIE, POSTAL INSPECTOR, ORLANDO, FLA.

REFERENCED TAMPA TEL STATES THAT KNIGHT INTERVIEWED APRIL FIFTEEN LAST AND UNABLE TO FURNISH INFORMATION RE KNOWLEDGE OF RAY, HOWEVER, HE WAS APPARENTLY ONLY SHOWN COMPOSITE PICTURE.

TAMPA REQUESTED TO REINTERVIEW KNIGHT AND EXHIBIT REAL PHOTOS OF RAY TO DETERMINE WHETHER KNIGHT MIGHT KNOW HIM OR BE ABLE TO DIRECT INVESTIGATION TOWARD ESTABLISHING IDENTITY OF FENCES REFERRED TO BY CURTIS IN YESTERDAY'S INTERVIEW. TAMPA ALSO REQUESTED TO CONTACT POSTAL INSPECTOR WAYNE RICHIE TO DETERMINE WHETHER HE MIGHT BE HELPFUL IN IDENTIFYING THESE FENCES.

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FBI CHICAGO

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Date: 4/23/68

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SACs NEWARK (44-854)
MEMPHIS (44-1987)
ATLANTA (44-2386)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN.

INFORMATION WAS CONFIDENTIALLY RECEIVED TODAY THAT
BROTHER OF SUBJECT, JERRY WILLIAM RAY, NORTHBROOK, ILLINOIS,
HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH ONE MARJORIE FETTERS, TWO FOUR TWO
ZERO ARNOLD STREET, CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY.

INFORMATION CONCERNING FETTERS HAS NOT BEEN FURNISHED BY
RAY DURING NUMEROUS INTERVIEWS AND SIGNIFICANCE OR ASSOCIATION
UNKNOWN CHICAGO. NEWARK LOCATE AND INTERVIEW FETTERS RE
KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECT AND HIS WHEREABOUTS.

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TO: SAC, DETROIT (44-
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

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DETROIT INTERVIEW RAYMOND SHERMAN ROBBINS, RICHARD
DIX SCHERMERHORN, AND GARY JAMES SMITH (SEE DETROIT FILE
NINE ONE - FIVE ONE FIVE EIGHT) TO DETERMINE IF UNSUB MEL
(LNU), ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED WITH ROBBINS, SCHERMERHORN AND
SMITH, COULD POSSIBLY BE IDENTICAL WITH JAMES EARL RAY.

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412 PM URGENT 4-23-68 TRB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO, KANSAS CITY,
MEMPHIS (44-1987, ST. LOUIS, LOS ANGELES, LAS VEGAS, AND SPRINGFIELD
FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) 2P

MURKIN

RE HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER, SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA.

LOHMEYER REINTERVIEWED AT SAN JOSE BY BUREAU AGENTS TODAY. HE IS UNABLE TO RECOGNIZE ANY PHOTOGRAPH OF JAMES EARL RAY, HOWEVER, NAME EARL RAY IS FAMILIAR TO LOHMEYER. HE IDENTIFIED ONE NINE FIVE FIVE PHOTOGRAPH OF WALTER TERRY RIFE AS INDIVIDUAL HE KNEW IN QUINCY, ILLINOIS, PRIOR TO ONE NINE FIVE FIVE. ALSO ADVISED HE KNEW JOHN RAY AND HIS BROTHER, JERRY RAY. THESE PEOPLE ALSO USED NAME RYAN. LOHMEYER SERVED TIME AT MENARD, ILLINOIS, WITH JOHN RAY AND LONNIE RIFE, BROTHER OF WALTER.

DURING PERIOD ONE NINE FIVE FIVE TO ONE NINE FIVE EIGHT THE RAY (RYAN) FAMILY CONSISTING OF MOTHER AND SISTER OF JOHN RAY MOVED FROM QUINCY TO ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI. DURING THIS PERIOD ONE OF RAY FAMILY, POSSIBLY JERRY OR EARL RAY, WAS ARRESTED IN MISSOURI FOR CRIME INVOLVING POSTAL MONEY ORDERS ACCORDING TO LOHMEYER. LOHMEYER WORKED IN PRISON KITCHEN WITH JOHN RAY WHEN RAY WAS EIGHTEEN
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TO NINETEEN YEARS OF AGE. STATES RAY HAD STRONG PREJUDICE AGAINST NEGROES BUT EXPAINED THIS WAS GENERAL FEELING AMONG WHITE INMATES. LOHMEYER CONSIDERS JOHN RAY OF TEMPERMENT TO COMMIT MURKIN BUT PROBABLY WOULD BE INVOLVED AS HIRED ASSASSIN. THIS OPINION WAS NOT SOLICITED BUT WAS INTRODUCES IN INTERVIEW BY LOHMEYER WHO HAS CLOSELY FOLLOWED THIS CASE THROUGH NEWS MEDIA.

ALL OFFICES CONSIDER RAY BROTHERS AND RIFE BROTHERS AS POSSIBLE ACCOMPLICES OF JAMES EARL RAY.

SPRINGFIELD AND ST. LOUIS ATTEMPT TO FURTHER IDENTITY JOHN LARRY RAY (RYAN) AND ASCERTAIN CURRENT ACTIVITIES.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

OTHER OFFICES ADVISED

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FBI ALBANY

4:36 PM URGENT 4/23/68 PXB

TO DIRECTOR (44-3886), BUFFALO, MEMPHIS (44-1987),

CHICAGO (44-1114), KANSAS CITY, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

FROM ALBANY (44-493) 3P

MURKIN

RE ALBANY TEL, APRIL TWENTYTWO LAST AND SPRINGFIELD
TEL, APRIL TWENTYTHREE INSTANT.

FOR INFO BUFFALO, EARL EVERET RAY, BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], QUINCY, ILL., IDENTIFIED AS BEING UNCLE OF SUBJECT
JAMES EARL RAY. INVESTIGATION AT NYS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,
BVS, ALBANY, NY, DISCLOSED CERTIFICATE OF DEATH NO. TWO SIX
SEVEN FIVE REVEALED EARL EVERET RAY, BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], W/M, DIED MAY TWO, NINETEEN FIFTYNINE IN BUFFALO,
NY. BODY WAS FOUND UNDER RAILROAD BRIDGE AT FOOT OF COMMERCIAL
DRIVE, BUFFALO, NY. DEATH CERTIFICATE SET FORTH FOLLOWING INFO:
FATHER'S NAME: JAMES RAY; MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME: LILLIAN MATTHEWS;
MARITAL STATUS: DIVORCED; OCCUPATION: STEWARD; USUAL RESIDENCE:
ALBANY, NY, STREET ADDRESS: WESTERN RD.

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PERSON FURNISHING INFO CONTAINED ON DEATH CERTIFICATE WAS NORMAN J. ROBERTS, TWO FOUR ZERO ZERO MAIN ST. (CITY UNKNOWN). CERTIFICATE INDICATES RECORDS FROM GEORGE J. ROBERTS AND SONS, F.H., UNDERTAKER. BODY WAS REMOVED TO GREENMONT CEMETERY, QUINCY, ILL. BY GEORGE J. ROBERTS AND SONS, TWO ZERO FIVE LINWOOD AVE., QUINCY, ILL. IT SHOULD BE NOTED CERTIFICATE OF DEATH ALSO LISTS ADDRESS OF TWO FOUR ZERO ZERO MAIN ST., CITY NOT GIVEN, AFTER NORMAN J. ROBERTS' SIGNATURE. CAUSE OF DEATH LISTED AS CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE.

RECORDS, ALBANY PD, NEGATIVE RE EARL EVERET RAY. LESLIES CREDIT BUREAU, ALBANY, NY, SHOWS EARL EVERET RAY RESIDED AND WORKED AT ALBANY COUNTRY CLUB, ALBANY, NY, IN NINETEEN FIFTY SEVEN. RAY CAME TO ALBANY IN NINETEEN FIFTYSEVEN FROM FOUR SEVEN SIX FRANKLIN ST., BUFFALO, NY, WHERE HE WAS EMPLOYED AT BUFFALO HOSPITAL.

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BUFFALO DIVISION WILL CONTACT BUFFALO PD FOR INFO RE RAY, ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY PERSONS IN NEIGHBORHOOD FOUR SEVEN SIX FRANKLIN ST., IN EFFORT TO DETERMINE IF SUBJECT EVER VISITED AREA OR KNOWN TO THEM.

WILL IDENTIFY HOSPITAL WHERE RAY EMPLOYED AND ATTEMPT TO LOCATE PERSONS ACQUAINTED WITH HIM.

WILL CHECK CITY DIRECTORIES FOR NORMAN J. ROBERTS, TWO FOUR ZERO ZERO MAIN ST. FOR PERTINENT INFO. BUFFALO SHOULD NOTE ROBERTS PROBABLY AFFILIATED WITH UNDERTAKING FIRM. WILL CHECK CREDIT BUREAU FOR ADDITIONAL INFO RE RAY.

SPRINGFIELD CONTACT GEORGE J. ROBERTS AND SONS, TWO ZERO FIVE LINWOOD AVE., FOR ANY ADDITIONAL PERTINENT INFO RE RAY.

ALBANY DIVISION WILL CONDUCT NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION AT ALBANY COUNTRY CLUB TO DETERMINE ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFO RE DECEASED. RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

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TO DIRECTOR CHICAGO MINNEAPOLIS AND PHILADELPHIA
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TODAY VETERANS ADMINISTRATION (VA), HEADQUARTERS, WASHINGTON, D.C., ADVISED JAMES EARL RAY, BORN [REDACTED], ENLISTED UNITED STATES ARMY FEBRUARY NINETEEN FORTYTWO, IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, AND DISCHARGED DECEMBER TWENTYTHREE FORTYEIGHT. ADDRESS AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT, FIVE THREE EIGHT EAST BROADWAY, ALTON, ILLINOIS. RAY ASSIGNED VA CLAIM NUMBER SEVEN SIX SIX ONE THREE FOUR ZERO. FILE LOCATED VA REGIONAL OFFICE, CHICAGO. RAY HAD INSURANCE POLICY NUMBER N ONE NINE EIGHT SIX EIGHT THREE THREE SIX. INSURANCE RECORDS MAINTAINED VA INSURANCE CENTER, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, OR ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA. NO RECORD FOR RAY AT VA BOARD OF VETERANS APPEALS.

CHICAGO REVIEW VA FILE.

PHILADELPHIA AND ST. PAUL ATTEMPT TO REVIEW INSURANCE RECORDS.

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DENNIS SWANSON, NBC NEWS, ADVISED ANONYMOUS CALL RECEIVED THIS DATE STATING SUBJECT RAY IN PERRINE, FLORIDA, UNDER ASSUMED NAME AND WEARING DISGUISE. CALLER ADVISED WOULD CALL BACK BY FIVE PM, CENTRAL STANDARD TIME WITH ALIAS BEING USED. SECOND CALL NEVER RECEIVED.

MIAMI THROUGH ESTABLISHED SOURCES ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE ANY RECENT ARRIVALS FITTING SUBJECT RAY'S DESCRIPTION IN PERRINE, FLA.

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