

5/29/68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: Director, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, Indianapolis (44-563)

MURKIN

Re Chicago airtel to Bureau dated 5/23/68.

Investigation Richmond, Indiana through city directory, telephone directory, local post office, Police Department, Sheriff's Office, fails to reveal address of 6535 Road Road, Richmond, Indiana.

Above records fail to reveal name SAMUEL SCHNEIDERMAN.

LEAD:

KANSAS CITY

At Kansas City, Missouri

Ascertain correct address of SCHNEIDERMAN from Police Department records.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

3-Bureau  
1-Atlanta  
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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)  
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Indianapolis airtel to Chicago 5/27/68 and  
Los Angeles teletype to Bureau, Et Al, (no cc to Chicago),  
5/17/68.

Indianapolis airtel sets out lead to review records  
at GSA, for one SAMUEL BURNS, 33 464 C, who served time at  
Chillicothe. Los Angeles teletype refers to one SAMUEL LEWIS.

Indianapolis requested to clarify connection  
between SAMUEL LEWIS and SAMUEL BURNS.

JERRY RAY interviewed 5/31/68, advises neither  
names SAMUEL LEWIS or SAMUEL BURNS known to him. Also  
other names pertinent individuals mentioned in Los Angeles  
teletype not known to him.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

2 - Indianapolis  
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Hm)  
1 - Los Angeles (44-1574) (Hm)  
1 - Chicago

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Date: 5/31/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT  
(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND SACS LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN.

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO BUREAU MAY THIRTY LAST,  
SPRINGFIELD TEL TO LOS ANGELES MAY TWENTY NINE LAST AND  
SPRINGFIELD TEL CALL TO CHICAGO MAY THIRTY LAST.

RE FRANCES E. RAY

JERRY RAY INTERVIEWED THIS DATE STATES NOT ACQUAINTED WITH  
FRANCES E. RAY, DOES NOT HAVE ANY RELATIVES IN HUNTINGTON  
PARK, CALIFORNIA, TO HIS KNOWLEDGE. HAS NEVER HEARD SUBJECT  
MENTION <sup>ABOVE</sup> ~~CAPTIONED~~ INDIVIDUAL. BELIEVES THAT MABEL FULLER,  
QUINCY, ILLINOIS, WOULD HAVE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT FAMILY  
MEMBERS THAN ANYONE ELSE. AM CC TO MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

1 - Memphis (AM) (44-1987)  
RJD: pas  
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TO: SAC, CHICAGO

FROM: SAC, NEWARK (44-854) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
(OO:MEMPHIS)

For the information of Chicago and Memphis, in a letter dated 5/24/68, from JERRY RAY to PCI [REDACTED], he stated his intention of coming to [REDACTED] to visit PCI [REDACTED] during the period of 6/6 - 8/68. Arrangements have been made on 5/27/68, with [REDACTED] owner of premises occupied by PCI [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] for JERRY RAY to stay at that residence while he is in [REDACTED].

Relative to JERRY RAY's proposed trip to [REDACTED], it is felt that any overt contact of him at [REDACTED] might very well jeopardize the identities of informants [REDACTED]. It is further noted to date apparently JERRY RAY does not suspect [REDACTED] is known to the FBI and this very much enhances the likelihood of him feeling he can confide in her. It is also noted PCI [REDACTED] and PCI [REDACTED] have both proven to be capable and reliable informants and they will provide continuous coverage of JERRY RAY while he is in the [REDACTED] area. In view of these circumstances, Newark will not personally contact JERRY RAY if he comes to [REDACTED], unless subsequent events dictate otherwise.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

- 2 - Memphis (Info)
- ② - Chicago (Info)
- 5 - Newark
  - (1 - 137-6826)
  - (1 - 137-6829)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS

Re Atlanta airtel to the Bureau, dated 5/23/68,  
captioned "MURKIN."

LOUIS CRISPI, Assistant Manager, Portola District Branch, Bank of America, 2485 San Bruno Avenue, San Francisco, California, on May 28, 1968, advised he recalled opening a checking account for a person using the name S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN on April 22, 1968. He advised the following information was furnished by SCHNEIDERMAN on the signature card for account Number [REDACTED]:

Name	S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN
Social Security Number	[REDACTED]
Residence	245 South Airport (no city shown)
Business or Occupation	Electronics technician
Employer	Equipment Engineers
Place of Birth	Chicago, Illinois
Mother's Maiden Name	FLORENCE

- 3 - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - Atlanta (RM)
  - (1 - 44-2386)
  - (1 - 26-43489)
- 1 - Chicago (44-1114)(INFO)(AM)(RM)
- 1 - Jacksonville (INFO)(AM)(RM)
- 1 - Knoxville (INFO)(AM)(RM)
- 2 - Los Angeles (44-1574)(Enc. 1)(AM)(RM)
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987)(INFO)(AM)(RM)
- 1 - Tampa (INFO)(AM)(RM)
- 2 - San Francisco (1 - 173-65)(1 - 87-29695)

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CRISPI stated SCHNEIDERMAN opened a checking account on April 22, 1968, with a deposit of \$5 and stated he expected to receive at this branch of the Bank of America a wire of transfer of funds from Chicago, Illinois. He exhibited to CRISPI as means of identification Eastern Airlines Credit Card and Millionaire Club Credit Card. CRISPI stated he did not obtain the numbers of these cards. CRISPI described SCHNEIDERMAN as a white male, 5'7", 130 pounds, dark hair neatly trimmed, neatly dressed, shirt and tie, dark coat, no hat, 25 to 30 years of age. SCHNEIDERMAN indicated he was staying at the Holiday Inn in South San Francisco, California.

Mr. CRISPI advised he had one check dated April 24, 1968, paid to the order of the Holiday Inn in the amount of \$10, signed S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN. On the back of this check was the following identification information:

"Room #108, Eastern Airlines Number 0-350-168M, Illinois DL S536-7934-1248, paid to the order of First Ruskin Bank, MAC-T.D., Inc., D/B/a Holiday Inn, Appolo Beach, Acct [REDACTED] for deposit only."

Mr. CRISPI advised his file indicates SCHNEIDERMAN passed checks in the amounts listed below and he has no additional data as these checks have been returned:

\$15.00, \$24.32, \$45.22, \$100.00 to National Car Rental;  
\$20.00, \$25.00, \$10.00, \$20.00, \$25.00 to Holiday Inn;  
\$12.55 to Travelodge;  
\$15.00 to Jacksonville Travelodge;  
\$15.00 to Jewish Family Service.

BRUCE LYON, Desk Manager, Holiday Inn, 245 South Airport, South San Francisco, California, on May 28, 1968, advised his records indicate one S. SCHNEIDERMAN checked into this motel on April 20, 1968, and skipped out sometime on April 22, 1968, owing a bill of \$60.48. The registration card gave his residence address as 715 Hope, Los Angeles, California, and firm as Equipment Engineers at 715 Hope, Los Angeles, California, automobile license VRG 245 (California).

Mr. LYON furnished a description of SCHNEIDERMAN which is the same as that furnished by Mr. CRISPI.

SF, 173-66  
RWJ/sms

The Department of Motor Vehicles, Sacramento, California, telephonically advised that California license VRG 245 is registered for a 1968 Ford sedan, VIN 8P01C108167, to Consolidated Leasing Corporation, 507 South Flower, Los Angeles, California.

An ITSP investigation has been initiated concerning a \$100 check given to National Car Rental; therefore, leads to further identify checks passed by SCHNEIDERMAN are not being set out.

The city and telephone directories of the San Francisco Bay Area were reviewed without locating any listing for Equipment Engineers.

Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were exhibited to LYON and CRISPI and both advised that although there was some similarity they did not believe SCHNEIDERMAN could be identical with RAY as he was shorter and several years younger.

Enclosed for the assistance of the Los Angeles Office is a xeroxed copy of referenced Atlanta airtel.

LEAD

THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Conduct appropriate investigation at Consolidated Leasing Corporation, 507 South Flower, concerning possible rental of 1968 Ford bearing California license VRG 245.



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Date: 5-30-68

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TO - DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM - SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)  
 RE: MURKIN

Re: Springfield Teletype to Los Angeles 5/29/68;  
 Los Angeles Teletype to Bureau 5/30/68;  
 Springfield Telephone Call to Chicago 5/30/68.

Enclosed for Chicago Division are two copies each of referenced teletypes.

For the information of Los Angeles, JERRY RAY is presently residing in Chicago, Illinois and in contact with Chicago Division, therefore any further leads concerning him should be directed to the Chicago Division.

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- Indefinite on A+B serial*  
 2- Bureau (44-38861) AM  
 2- Chicago (4-Encls) (44-1114) AMSD  
 2- Los Angeles (info) (44-1574) AM  
 1- Memphis (info) (44-1987) AM  
 2- Springfield (44-561)

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TO LOS ANGELES

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN

ON MAY TWENTYSEVEN, LAST, FEMALE USING NAME OF FRANCES  
E. RAY, ADDRESS SIX ONE FOUR NINE RUGBY, HUNTINGTON PARK,  
CALIFORNIA, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED QUINCY, ILLINOIS PD  
REQUESTING INFORMATION AS TO WHEREABOUTS OF JERRY RAY. CLAIMED  
QUINCY PD SHE WAS RELATIVE OF JAMES EARL RAY BUT DID NOT  
STATE RELATIONSHIP BUT DISCLAIMED KNOWLEDGE OF JAMES EARL  
RAY'S WHEREABOUTS OR CTIVITIES.

LOS ANGELES, AT HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA, WILL LOCATE  
AND INTERVIEW FRANCIS E. RAY, SIX ONE FOUR NINE RUGBY,  
HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA.

AM COPY SENT MEMPHIS.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), ATLANTA (44-2226),

SAN DIEGO (44-387), BIRMINGHAM (44-1740), SPRINGFIELD (44-561),

LAS VEGAS, LOUISVILLE, NEW ORLEANS (157-10652), JACKSON

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (12P)

MURKIN

RE JAMES C. HARDIN

AN AGGRESSIVE, PENETRATING, LENGTHY INTERVIEW WAS CONDUCTED THIS DATE WITH ALLAN O. THOMPSON, MANAGER, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL. THOMPSON ADVISED HE KNOWS THE INDIVIDUAL, WHOM HE PREVIOUSLY REFUSED TO IDENTIFY, BY THE NAME OF "FITZ". HE ADVISED HE WAS APPROACHED BY THIS INDIVIDUAL AT THE RABBIT'S FOOT BAR A FEW DAYS AGO BUT COULD NOT RECALL SPECIFIC DATE. HE SAID THIS INDIVIDUAL SAID, "YOUR PA. THOMPSON, AREN'T YOU?" AND THEN PROCEEDED TO ASK IF THOMPSON WAS INTERESTED IN SPLITTING THE REWARD MONEY OFFERED IN THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MURDER. THOMPSON SAID HE TOLD THIS INDIVIDUAL HE WAS NOT INTERESTED. DURING THE COURSE OF SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION, THOMPSON SAID "FITZ" TOLD HIM HE HAD OBSERVED JAMES EARL RAY, AKA ERIC GALT, AND ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL SITTING TOGETHER, ENGAGED IN CONVERSATION AT A LOCAL BAR, THE NAME OF WHICH WAS NOT MENTIONED. THOMPSON

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SAID THAT "FITZ" TOLD HIM RAY CALLED THIS INDIVIDUAL "J. C." THOMPSON SAID THE NAME "J. C." PROMPTED HIS RECOLLECTION OF EVENTS AS SET OUT IN LA TEL OF FIVE TWENTY EIGHT SIXTY EIGHT, THAT IS, RAY BEING CALLED TWICE, POSSIBLE THREE TIMES, BY JAMES C. HARDIN FROM NEW ORLEANS AND ATLANTA.

THOMPSON SAID THAT HE HAS SEEN "FITZ" ON AN INFREQUENT BASIS VICINITY OF THE HOLLYWOOD AND WESTERN AREA, LOS ANGELES, DURING THE PAST SIX MONTHS. HE ADVISED HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF ASSOCIATES OF "FITZ", HIS RESIDENCE, PAST OR PRIOR, HIS AUTOMOBILE, OR HIS EMPLOYMENT, IF ANY. THOMPSON SAID AT SOME TIME AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR, HE BELIEVES HE EAPPELLED "FITZ" AND ANOTHER CAUCASIAN MALE FROM THE PARKING LOT OF THE ST. FRANCIS WHERE THEY WERE SLEEPING IN AN AUTOMOBILE. THOMPSON SAID IT WAS ON THIS OCCASION THAT HE LEARNED OF THIS INDIVIDUALS NAME IN THAT THE PERSON WITH WHOM HE WAS SLEEPING CALLED HIM "FITZ". THOMPSON ADVISED HE BELIEVED THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS THE SUBJECT OF A WARRANT FOR HIS ARREST BECAUSE WHEN THOMPSON TOLD HIM TO CONTACT THE FBI, "FITZ" TOLD HIM THAT HE COULDN'T. HE DESCRIBED "FITZ" AS CAUCASIAN MALE, THIRTY SEVEN - FORTY TWO, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE POUNDS, BROWN HAIR WORN SHORT AS IN CREW CUT, HABITUALLY WEARS SPORT SHIRT WITH CHEAP SLACKS.

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THOMPSON SAID WHENEVER AND WHEREVER HE OBSERVES "FITZ", HE WILL IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE FBI.

THOMPSON REITERATED THE INFORMATION AS SET OUT IN LA TELETYPE. HE ADDED ONLY THAT HE BELIEVES THE VOICE OF THE PERSON CALLING ON THE TELEPHONE WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS JAMES C. HARDIN, AND THE VOICE OF THE PERSON WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS MR. HARDIN AT THE ST. FRANCIS HOTEL AFTER THE TELEPHONE CALLS, TO BE IDENTICAL. HE SAID THAT ON ONE OCCASION HE HEARD THE OPERATOR AND A PERSON WHOM SHE CALLED "MR. HARDIN" CONVERSE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT HE WOULD LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR GALT.

THOMPSON VIEWED THE FBI FACIAL IDENTIFICATION CATALOG IN AN EFFORT TO OBTAIN AN ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF HARDIN.

THOMPSON DESCRIBED HIMSELF AS CAUCASIAN MALE, BORN TWELVE TWENTY FIVE THIRTEEN AT ARIZONA, FIVE FOOT ELEVEN INCHES, ONE SIXTY POUNDS, BROWN GREYING HAIR, PARTIALLY BALD, HAZEL EYES, USMC NINETEEN FORTY TWO - NINETEEN FORTY SIX.

THOMPSON CLAIMS HE HAS FURNISHED ALL INFORMATION IN THIS MATTER CONCERNING BOTH "FITZ" AND JAMES C. HARDIN. HE STATES THAT HE BELIEVES THAT HE COULD IDENTIFY A PHOTOGRAPH OF JAMES C. HARDIN. EFFORTS TO LOCATE "FITZ" ARE CONTINUING.

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RESULTS OF IDENTIFICATION CATALOG REGARDING JAMES C. HARDIN  
ARE AS FOLLOWS.

- A. K A FOUR - TWELVE
- B. K B ONE - ONE
- C. K C ONE - FIVE
- D. K D ONE - TWO
- E. K E THREE - FOURTEEN
- F. K F ONE - ONE
- G. K G ONE - SEVEN
- H. K H TWO - ONE
- J. K J FIVE - THREE
- K. K K FOUR - SEVEN
- L. ZERO
- M. ZERO
- N. O N ONE - TEN

GENERAL DESCRIPTION IS SEX- MALE, AGE THIRTY FIVE- FORTY  
RACE CAUCASIAN, COMPLEXION- COARSE SKIN, DARK, HEIGHT FIVE FT.  
SEVEN INCHES - FIVE FT. EIGHT INCHES, WEIGHT ONE FORTY - ONE FIFTY,  
SLENDER BUILD, COLOR OF EYES DARK, COLOR OF HAIR DARK.

FURNISH RESULT TO LOS ANGELS AND INTERESTED OFFICES.

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RE MAIL FORWARDING SERVICE (FEBRUARY ONE TO MARCH ONE LAST.)  
LETTER ADDRESSED TO ERIC S. GALT RECEIVED MAY TWENTY EIGHT LAST,  
BY C. M. HEDGPETH AT FOUR ZERO SIX SOUTH SECOND, ALHAMBRA,  
CALIFORNIA, OPERATOR OF CONFIDENTIAL MAIL FORWARDING SERVICE CON-  
TRACTED FOR DURING FEBRUARY, SIXTY EIGHT, BY JAMES EARL RAY.  
LETTER READ QUOTE SHOW ME FIRST YOU MEAN BUSINESS UNQUOTE.  
LETTER SIGNED TONI, INITIAL C, INITIAL A, RETURN ADDRESS POST  
OFFICE BOX SIX FOUR THREE, BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA. (APPARENTLY  
IN RESPONSE TO GALT AD IN FREE PRESS.)

KENT AARMS INTERVIEWED MAY TWENTY NINE INSTANT, AND ADVISED  
HE RENTED POST OFFICE BOX ON OR ABOUT APRIL ONE LAST FOR FRIEND  
PLANNING TO OPERATE BUSINESS UTILIZING COMPUTER ANALYSIS TO  
LOCATE COMPATIBLE MARRIAGE PARTNERS. AARMS CLAIMS BUSINESS  
NEVER ACTIVATED AND NO MAIL RECEIVED AT POST OFFICE BOX,  
OR SENT WITH THAT RETURN ADDRESS. AARMS ADVISED HE DOES NOT KNOW  
RAY AND DOES NOT BELIEVE ANYONE CONNECTED WITH THE COMPUTER BUSINESS  
HAS ANY KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING HIM. COMPUTER BUSINESS ORGANIZED BY  
ROD A. GLENN AND THREE OF HIS FELLOW EMPLOYEES, ALL EMPLOYED  
AT THE ROCKETDYNE DIVISION OF NORTH AMERICAN AVIATION, CANOGA  
PARK, CALIFORNIA. GLENN AND ASSOCIATES IN COMPUTER BUSINESS  
BEING INTERVIEWED.

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RE SPRINGFIELD TEL TO LOS ANGELES, MAY TWENTY NINE,  
CAPTIONED FRANCES E. RAY.

ON MAY TWENTY EIGHT LAST, FEMALE, USING NAME FRANCES E.  
RAY, ADDRESS SIX ONE FOUR NINE RUGBY, HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA,  
TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED LOS ANGELES FBI AND QUINCY, ILLINOIS,  
MO. CONCERNING WHEREABOUTS OF JERRY RAY.

FRANCES E. RAY WHO CLAIMS SHE IS A SECOND COUSIN TO JAMES  
EARL RAY INTERVIEWED THIS DATE. STATED RELATED TO JAMES EARL  
RAY BUT DISCLAIMED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECT'S WHEREABOUTS OR  
ACTIVITIES OR THAT SHE HAS EVER MET HIM.

SHE IS A SELF DASH PROFFESSED ALCOHOLIC, AND ADVISED  
TELEPHONIC CONTACT MADE WITH FBI, LOS ANGELES, AND POLICE OF  
QUINCY, ILLINOIS, BECAUSE SHE FELT VERY DEPRESSED FOR SUBJECT RAY.

FRANCES RAY ADVISED SHE IS DIVORCED AND HAS RESIDED IN LOS  
ANGELES SINCE NINETEEN THIRTY THREE AND IS PRESENTLY RECEIVING  
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

NORMA JEAN DOUGLAS, SIX THREE ONE NINE RUGBY, HUNTINGTON PARK,  
DAUGHTER OF FRANCES E. RAY, INTERVIEWED THIS DATE, DISCLAIMED ANY  
KNOWLEDGE OF RAY'S WHEREABOUTS OR ACTIVITIES AND ADVISES FRANCES E.  
RAY IS A CHRONIC ALCOHOLIC AND PRONE TO FREQUENT CRANK TELEPHONE  
CALLS.

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RE: WILLIAM A. MARSHALL (CONSIDER AS ARMED AND DANGEROUS)

COVINA PD FURNISHED FIVE CARDS BEARING PARTIAL LATENT PRINTS  
TAKEN FROM SIXTY SEVEN GOLD COLOR BLACK TOP PLYMOUTH BEARING.  
CALIFORNIA LICENSE U T W ZERO ONE TWO <sup>X</sup> RECOVERED AT COVINA. ALSO  
FURNISHED CHECK IN AMOUNT OF FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS SIGNED W. L. DE  
LUCA, WHICH WAS GIVEN TO ALLEN A. KRAUSE. KRAUSE HAD ACCEPTED  
THIS CHECK TO COMPENSATE HIM FOR COLLISION DAMAGES AFTER ACCIDENT  
IN COVINA, MAY FIFTEEN LAST. PRINTS AND CHECK BEING FORWARDED FOR  
LABORATORY EXAMINATION. ALSO FURNISHED GULF OIL COMPANY GASOLINE  
INVOICE DATES MAY FIFTEEN LAST FOUND IN PLYMOUTH RECOVERED AT  
COVINA REFLECTING PURCHASE AT HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA, UNDER  
NAME OF WILLIAM L. DE LUCA, CALIFORNIA LICENSE U T W ONE ZERO  
TWO ALSO FORWARDED FOR EXAMINATION.

ALLEN KRAUSE DESCRIBED DRIVER OF PLYMOUTH AS WMA, AGE THIRTY  
FIVE TO FORTY, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES OR SIX FEET, ONE HUNDRED  
SEVENTY TO SEVENTY FIVE POUNDS, STOCKY BUILD, BLACK STRAIGHT HAIR,  
WELL SHAVEN, BUT EVIDENCE OF HEAVY BEARD AND AT TIME OF ACCIDENT  
WAS ACCOMPANIED BY YOUTH DESCRIBED AS WHITE, AGE FOURTEEN TO  
SIXTEEN YEARS, TALL, BLOND CURLY HAIR, ALLEGEDLY HIS NEPHEW, NO  
NAME GIVEN. "DE LUCA" CLAIMED ON WAY TO LAS VEGAS. KRAUSE REPORTED  
ACCIDENT AND FACT THAT CHECK WAS FRAUDULENT AFTER CHECK RETURNED  
TO HIM BY BANK.

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MARSHALL WHEN OBTAINING CAR AT CHULA VISTA WAS DESCRIBED AS WMA, AGE FORTY TO FORTY FIVE, FIVE FEET NINE INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE TO EIGHTY POUNDS, DARK HAIR, FAIR TO MEDIUM COMPLEXION.

ACCORDING TO COVINA PD, CHULA VISTA PD SUSPECTS THAT WILLIAM H. MARSHALL IS RESPONSIBLE FOR FIVE ARMED ROBBERIES OF REAL ESTATE AGENTS IN CHULA VISTA AREA. PERSON OF MARSHALL'S DESCRIPTION HAD CONTACTED REAL ESTATE AGENTS ABOUT HOME PURCHASE AS PRETEXT BEFORE ROBBING THEM. ALSO FOUND IN CAR WAS KEY OF S. S. CHEELES APTS, BALBOA, CALIFORNIA WITH NUMBER FOUR ON IT.

ON MAY TWENTY NINE LAST, DARLENE E. DE LUCA, MRS. WILLIAM LAWRENCE DE LUCA, EIGHT FOUR TWO TWO ALVARADO DRIVE, HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED THAT AT TWO PM ON MAY FIFTEEN LAST, A MAN SHE DESCRIBED AS WMA, EARLY THIRTIES, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY POUNDS, BLACK HAIR, DRIVING A GOLD AND BLACK CAR CAME TO HER HOME IN RESPONSE TO A SIGN IN FRONT INDICATING IT WAS FOR SALE BY OWNER. THE MAN INDICATED HE WAS INTERESTED IN BUYING THE HOME AND MRS. DE LUCA LEFT HIM IN HER LIVING ROOM AND WENT TO MAKE TELEPHONE CALL TO ARRANGE FOR A LATER APPOINTMENT.

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TO HANDLE DETAILS OF SALE. WAS GONE FOR APPROXIMATELY TEN MINUTES AND WHEN RETURNED MAN INDICATED HE WOULD OBTAIN FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS IN CASH AND RETURN FOLLOWING DAY TO HANDLE DETAILS. AFTER MAN LEFT, MRS. DE LUCA DISCOVERED HER CHECK BOOK AND NUMEROUS CREDIT AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS AND HER DRIVERS LICENSE HAD BEEN TAKEN FROM HER PURSE WHICH HAD BEEN IN THE LIVING ROOM.

MRS. DE LUCA REPORTED TRIP TO HUNTINGTON BEACH PD. MRS. DE LUCA CONTACTED BY DETECTIVE WOODRUM, VICTORVILLE, CALIFORNIA, PD. ON MAY TWENTY LAST, INDICATING A MAN ATTEMPTED TO PASS A CHECK FOR TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS AT SECURITY FIRST NATIONAL BANK, VICTORVILLE, AND WHILE TELLER VERIFYING ACCOUNT MAN LEFT THE BANK. DETECTIVE WOODRUM HAS CHECK DRAWN ON ACCOUNT OF W. L. DE LUCA AT SECURITY FIRST NATIONAL BANK, LAKEWOOD PLAZA BRANCH, LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA.

ON MAY TWENTY NINE, MRS. DE LUCA RECEIVED LETTER FROM FERRY'S COUNTRY-STORE AND RESTAURANT, P. O. BOX FORTY FIVE PONSALL (SAN DIEGO COUNTY), CALIFORNIA, WHICH LETTER ENCLOSED ALL HER SUPERMARKET IDENTIFICATION CARDS AND PERSONAL PHOTOGRAPHS, WHICH HAD BEEN AMONG ITEMS STOLEN.

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SHE STATED SHE CALLED MR. PERRY THIS DATE WHO ADVISED HER THE IDENTIFICATION CARD AND PHOTOGRAPHS WERE LEFT ON A TABLE IN HIS RESTAURANT BY A LOVE WOMAN CUSTOMER.

MRS. DE LUCA ADVISED HER MONTGOMERY WARD, J. C. PENNEY'S, ATLANTIC DASH RICHFIELD, SHELL, MOBIL, AND GULF CREDIT CARDS STILL MISSING.

MRS. DE LUCA EXAMINED PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY AND INDICATED PHOTO SOMEWHAT RESEMBLED MAN WHO STOLE HER IDENTIFICATION BUT COULD NOT MAKE ANY IDENTIFICATION.

INQUIRY AT VICTORVILLE PD ASCERTAINED THAT WOODRUM HAS TAKEN LEAVE UNTIL MONDAY NEXT AND IS UNAVAILABLE. EFFORTS TO LOCATE CHECK IN PD RECORDS NEGATIVE. BANK PERSONNEL NOT AVAILABLE AT VICTORVILLE UNTIL FRIDAY NEXT.

WALTER DE PRIEST MAINTENANCE MAN, SS WHEELER APARTMENTS, ONE ONE ONE FIVE EAST BALBOA BOULEVARD, BALBOA, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED MAY TWENTY NINE LAST THAT A REVIEW OF RECORDS OF ABOVE APARTMENTS REVEALS THAT ONE J. A. WARREN ATTEMPTED TO RENT APARTMENT FOUR, WHEELER APARTMENTS APPROXIMATELY FIVE TWENTY LAST AT ABOUT TEN AM TO ELEVEN AM, ACCOMPANIED BY INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFIED AS HIS NEPHEW. WARREN STAYED ONLY APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS WITHOUT  
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PAYING RENT AND THEN DEPARTED MAKING EXCUSES HE WAS GOING TO BANK TO SECURE FUNDS FOR RENT. HE TOOK KEY TO APARTMENT FOUR AND DID NOT RETURN IT. AT TIME OF REGISTRATION WARREN INDICATED RESIDENCE OF ONE TWO ONE EAST "G" STREET, CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA, AND WAS DRIVING LATE MODEL PLYMOUTH FURY, BEARING CALIFORNIA LICENSE UTH ONE ZERO TWO. DE PRIEST HAS RECOLLECTION VEHICLE WAS TWO TONED GOLD IN COLOR. WARREN ADVISED IN CONVERSATION HE WAS EMPLOYED BY INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER COMPANY AND WAS BEING SENT TO AFRICA BY THAT COMPANY.

WARREN DESCRIBED AS WMA, FORTY FIVE TO FIFTY, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE POUNDS, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, TO NINE INCHES, DARK BROWN GRAYING HAIR, RUDDY COMPLEXION, WORE TROUSERS AND SHIRT. HAD NO LUGGAGE IN POSSESSION.

INDIVIDUAL ACCOMPANYING WARREN, NAME NOT GIVEN, DESCRIBED AS WMA, APPROXIMATELY TWENTY, SIX FEET, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY POUNDS, LIGHT COMPLEXION, WORE SPORT CLOTHES.

PHOTO OF RAY EXHIBITED TO DE PRIEST AND STATES NOT IDENTICAL WITH WARREN. PHOTO OF RAY ALSO EXHIBITED MRS. LAVERNE SHERLER, OWNER ABOVE APARTMENTS, WHO STATED THIS INDIVIDUAL NOT RECOGNIZED BY HER AS RESIDING SHERLER APARTMENTS.

LOS ANGELES WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE INDIVIDUAL  
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WHO STOLE ONE NINE SIX SEVEN PLYMOUTH AND WILL SECURE  
AND FORWARD CHECK FROM VICTORVILLE TO LABORATORY.

SAN DIEGO AT BONSALL ASCERTAIN FULL FACTS CONCERNING  
RETURN OF MRS. DE LUCA'S IDENTIFICATION MATERIAL FROM PERRY'S  
COUNTRY STORE ALSO NOTE ADDRESS AT CHULA VISTA AS GIVEN AT  
DALBOA WHEN INDIVIDUAL UTILIZED NAME WARREN.

SPRINGFIELD THROUGH JERRY RAY ASCERTAIN HOW WELL KNOWN A  
RELATIVE FRANCES RAY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA MIGHT BE.  
ALSO NOTE SAME USE OF NAME OF INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER COMPANY AT  
DALBOA BY THE MR. MARSHALL INDIVIDUAL UTILIZING NAME WARREN  
AS WAS USED FIVE FOURTEEN LAST AT CHULA VISTA IN SAN DIEGO  
TEL FIVE SIXTEEN SIXTYEIGHT, COPY YOUR OFFICE.

LAS VEGAS CONTACT SO AND LAS VEGAS PD CONCERNING  
WILLIAM A. MARSHALL WITH ALIASES TO DETERMINE IF SIMILAR M.O.  
AS DESCRIBED BY CHULA VISTA P D IS BEING NOW USED AT LAS VEGAS.  
SAN DIEGO TEL FIVE SIXTEEN SIXTY EIGHT FURNISHED LAS VEGAS.

COPIES OF THIS TEL FURNISHED OTHER OFFICES IN VIEW OF INFO  
RE JAMES C. HARDIN.

INVESTIGATION ALL PHASES CONTINUING AT LOS ANGELES.

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<u>Atlanta, Georgia Division</u>			
RJS	Columbia, S. C.	364-00188-E	Bullard
The Register	Delray Beach, Fla.	364-00839-E	Marquette
Enterprises of America	Pinellas Park, Fla.	364-01459-E	"
His and Her Club	Savannah, Ga.	364-03123-E	Capps
ABC Publications	Hollywood, Fla.	364-03126-E	Marquette
Jean Marie	Orlando, Fla.	364-03137-E	"
Rebel Florida	Orlando, Fla.	364-41602-E	Richie
Kay Manor	Miami, Fla.	364-48750-E	Marquette
<u>Fort Worth, Texas Division</u>			
Sterling Action Club	Corpus Christi, Tx.	364-39986-E	Marsh
F and T	Fort Worth, Tx.	364-40081-E	"
?	Fort Worth, Tx.	364-40330-E	"
Horizons Correspondence Club	Dallas, Tx.	364-40389-E	"
<u>Boston, Massachusetts Division</u>			
Nutmeg Press	Grosvenor Dale, Ct.	364-23774-E	Allain
Kitten Club	North Adams, Mass.	364-30737-E	"
Action Relationships	Boston, Mass.	364-42967-E	"
Arthur A. Swanson	Boston, Mass.	364-43051-E	"
Jane Weton	Boston, Mass.	364-43137-E	"

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Carlton Enterprises	Chicago, Ill.	364-01633-E	Hinckley
Social Exchange Publishing	" "	364-01637-E	"
Arnold J. Madiol	Grand Haven, Mich.	364-43568-E	Potts
Martin's	Detroit, Mich.	364-43569-E	"
Random House	Warren, Mich.	364-48063-E	Hinckley
<u>Cincinnati, Ohio Division</u>			
Swinger's Travel & Vacation Club	Fort Wayne, Ind.	364-27059-E	Herzog
Vigo Villa	Terre Haute, Ind.	364-28234-E	Herzog
<u>Kansas City, Missouri Division</u>			
Swinging Set	Kansas City, Mo.	364-11096-E	Fay
Club Lolita	Kansas City, Mo.	364-38211-E	Fay
<u>New York, New York Division</u>			
Ram Enterprises	New York, NY	364-32101-E	Miller
Pace Setter Corp.	Brooklyn, NY	364-32705-E	Miller
Black Book	New York, NY	364-32822-E	Dolan

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Mixer	Trenton, NJ	364-00460-E	Similes
Select Club	Camden, NJ	364-22100-E	Ferguson
Frenchy	Chinchilla, Pa.	364-44883-E	Similes
Swinger's Life	Enola, Pa.	364-45329-E	Ferguson
The In Crowd	Philadelphia, Pa.	364-45370-E	"
Club Ecstasy	York, Pa.	364-45500-E	"
Stonehill Studios	Berkeley Heights, NJ	364-48312-E	Kallies
<u>Saint Louis, Missouri Division</u>			
R J S	Davenport, Iowa	364-46385-E	Wensman
Ron Williams	Saint Louis, Mo.	364-46572-E	"
<u>Saint Paul, Minnesota Division</u>			
The Group	Wayzata, Minn.	364-39222-E	Gosnell
Action	St. Paul, Minn.	364-47443-E	Gosnell
<u>San Francisco, California Division</u>			
A to Z Club	Los Angeles, Cal.	364-21863-E	Poindexter
Ad Reply Service	Van Nuys, Cal.	364-38729-E	"
The Group	Los Angeles, Cal.	364-38802-E	Vanden Bosch

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The National Close Up	North Hollywood, Cal.	364-38870-E	Poindexter
Jan	Reno, Nevada	364-38993-E	Lawrence
Reynolds Machinery	Los Angeles, Cal.	364-39006-E	Poindexter
Tape Club	" " "	364-41205-E	"
Swinging Sam Young	Ontario, Cal.	364-41386-E	"
Swingers Club	Santa Monica, Cal.	364-41403-E	"
United World Publications	San Diego, Cal.	364-41409-E	"
Sincerely Yours Club	La Puente, Cal.	364-44006-E	"
Phi Pi Epsilon	Los Angeles, Cal.	364-44144-E	"
Modern Enterprises	Los Angeles, Cal.	364-44296-E	"
Japan International	Newport Beach, Cal.	364-44297-E	"
Remco	Las Vegas, Nevada	364-44337-E	"
Blue Star	Reno, Nevada	364-44412-E	Vanden Bosch
James L. Hubbel	Strathmore, Cal.	364-44539-E	" "
The Local Swinger	Downey, Cal.	364-44606-E	Poindexter
Donald Fickes	Norwalk, Cal.	364-44660-E	"
Sir, Inc.	Van Nuys, Cal.	364-44661-E	"
Le Group	Van Nuys, Cal.	364-44686-E	"
Roberta Perkins	Santa Rosa, Cal.	364-44696-E	Vanden Bosch
Kinsey Club	San Diego, Cal.	364-44745-E	Poindexter

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Richard Stanley	Charleston, W. Va.	364-28406-E	Bradley
David C. Bohner	Washington, D. C.	364-28571-E	Bradley
Mr. and Mrs. E. King	Hagerstown, Md.	364-29026-E	Bennett

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TO ALL SACS - RELAY MESSAGE PLAN  
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P

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CONTACTS SHOULD BE MAINTAINED WITH ALL MASS COMMUNICATIONS  
MEDIA IN YOUR TERRITORY TO INSURE THAT THERE IS FREQUENT  
REFERENCE TO RAY AND HIS CONNECTION WITH THIS CASE.

SINCE YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN ADVISED THAT JAMES EARL  
RAY IS IDENTICAL WITH ERIC STARVO GALT AND YOU HAVE BEEN  
FURNISHED IO'S AND WANTED FLYERS ON RAY, YOU ARE TO BE  
CERTAIN THAT ALL APPROPRIATE STOPS HAVE BEEN RENEWED ON  
JAMES EARL RAY AND UNDER ALL OF HIS KNOWN ALIASES AS SET  
FORTH ON THE IO'S AND WANTED FLYERS. THIS IS TO INSURE THAT  
THE BUREAU WILL BE IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED IF THE SUBJECT IS  
ARRESTED OR COMES TO THE ATTENTION OF AUTHORITIES WITH WHOM  
STOPS PLACED.

OFFICES COVERING DEPARTURE OR ARRIVAL OF OVERSEAS  
FLIGHTS SHOULD HAVE RENEWED STOPS AND SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAPH  
SHOULD BE DISPLAYED APPROPRIATELY.

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ALL OFFICES SHOULD CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION  
AT ALL "HIPPIE" ROOMING HOUSES AND SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS TO  
OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION WHATSOEVER CONCERNING RAY.

APPROPRIATE LEGATS BEING ADVISED SEPARATELY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)  
 MURKIN, CR.

Look ALIKE  
 DECATUR, ILL.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TWO ZERO THREE WEST PRAIRIE,  
 STREET DECATUR, ILLINOIS, SPONSORS A TEEN CENTER EVERY TUESDAY  
 NIGHT TILL TEN P.M. FOR POOR UNDER-PRIVILEGED YOUTH IN DECATUR  
 WHICH CROWD CONSISTS LARGELY OF NEGRO YOUTH. REVEREND GORDON  
 STEWART, ASSISTANT PASTOR ADVISED MAY TWENTYNINE AND THIRTY  
 ONE LAST THAT SHORTLY AFTER TEN P.M. MAY TWENTYEIGHT SIXTYEIGHT  
 AN INDIVIDUAL APPEARED AT THE CHURCH AND ENTERED INTO CONVERSA-  
 TION WITH A FEW SUPERVISORS, INDIVIDUAL APPEARED DRUNK OR ON  
 DOPE, HE STATED HE CONVERSED WITH THE INDIVIDUAL AND THE  
 FOLLOWING DAY AFTER DISCUSSING THE INCIDENT WITH ONE OF THE  
 SUPERVISORS AND VIEWING PHOTOS IN LIFE MAGAZINE THEY FELT THIS  
 INDIVIDUAL BORE SOME RESEMBLANCE TO JAMES EARL RAY. REVEREND  
 STEWART LOOKED AT NUMEROUS PHOTOS AND FAILED TO MAKE IDENTIFI-  
 CATION. HE MAINTAINED HE WAS SKEPTICAL ABOUT THE PERSON BEING  
 RAY AND COULD ONLY SAY THAT THE ARTIST DRAWING OF THE EYES IN  
 THE WANTED FLYER PHOTO WAS THE ONLY RESEMBLANCE BUT COULD IN

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NO WAY IDENTIFY RAY FROM TWO RECENT PHOTOS. STEWART FURTHER STATED THE PHOTO OF RAY WITH EYES CLOSED WHICH IS SIMILIAR TO THE PHOTO IN WANTED FLYER WITH EYES DRAWN BY ARTIST IN NO WAY RESEMBLED PERSON HE SAW.

REVEREND STEWART MENTIONED THE SUPERVISOR WAS NORMAN GADDIS WHO PORTRAYS HIMSELF AS AN AMATEUR ARTIST. GADDIS FAILED TO POSITIVELY IDENTIFY RAY IN CONTACT WITH GADDIS ON MAY TWENTYNINE AND THIRTY FIRST SIXTYEIGHT. HE MENTIONED INDIVIDUAL NOT DRUNK HOWEVER HE COULD NOT FURNISH POSTIIVE INFORMATION MAINTAINING HE ONLY NOTED THE EYES WHICH WERE DISTINCTIVE AS IN THE WANTED FLYER OF RAY BUT DIFFERED FROM THE EYES OF THE INDIVIDUAL HE HAD SEEN. GADDIS COULD NOT IDENTIFY THE TWO RECENT PHOTOS OF RAY SHOWN TO HIM ALONG WITH OTHER PHOTOS.

GADDIS DURING INTERVIEW STRESSED THE FACT HE IS AMATEUR ARTIST AND ALWAYS HAS HAD DIFFICULTY WITH REPRODUCING EYES. HE STATED HE PAID MORE ATTENTION TO THE PERSONS EYES AND DID NOT NOTICE OTHER FACIAL FEATURES EXCEPT THE PERSONS HAIRLINE WHICH

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DID NOT RESEMBLE RAYS HOWEVER HIS VIEW WAS OBSTRUCTED BECAUSE OF DARKNESS.

REVEREND STEWART MENTIONED THAT LAWRENCE REH, A LOCAL NEWS PAPER REPORTER IS A MEMBER OF HIS CHURCH AND ALSO A SUPERVISOR AT TEEN CENTER HOWEVER REH WAS NOT PRESENT ON MAY TWENTYEIGHT SIXTYEIGHT BUT OBTAINED THE INFORMATION AND WROTE STORY THIS DATE WHICH WAS ALSO RELEASED TO A.P. BECAUSE HE THOUGHT IT NEWS WORTHY ITEM.

REVEREND STEWART AND GADDIS WERE THOROUGHLY INTERVIEWED AND NUMEROUS DISCREPANCIES NOTED.

ABOVE FOR INFORMATION BUREAU IN VIEW OF CURRENT AP ITEM THIS MATTER.

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 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Re Atlanta airtel to the Bureau dated 5/23/68,  
 and San Francisco airtel to the Bureau dated 5/29/68.

The following investigation was conducted by  
 SA WILLIAM N. HEARD and SA JAMES R. PACE:

On 5/31/68, Mr. EDWARD MANLEY, Night Manager,  
 National Car Rentals, a subsidiary of Consolidated Leasing  
 Corporation, 507 South Flower, Los Angeles, California, ad-  
 vised that he personally rented a 1968 light green Mustang,  
 California License Number VRG 245, to a SAMUEL M.  
SCHNEIDERMAN, 6535 North Richmond, Chicago, Illinois, on  
 the night of 4/18/68. He vividly recalls SCHNEIDERMAN  
 because due to a lack of a driver's license, MANLEY be-  
 lieved SCHNEIDERMAN to be a bad risk. On receiving an ap-  
 proval to rent the car from a superior, he rented the car to

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SCHNEIDERMAN whom he described as a White male in early thirties, 5'8-5'9", 140 to 150 pounds, slender build, and wearing glasses, probably prescription type. He was provided a group of assorted pictures containing a photo of JAMES EARL RAY, and he stated that none of the photos was identical with SCHNEIDERMAN. SCHNEIDERMAN provided a local address of the Holiday Inn, Olympic and Figueroa, Los Angeles, California.

Mr. GENE BERRY, Manager, Holiday Inn, 1020 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, California, advised on 5/31/68 that a SAMUEL S. SCHNEIDERMAN was a guest at their motel from 1:58 AM, 4/10/68, until his room was found vacant on 4/21/68. SCHNEIDERMAN left owing a \$105.98 motel bill. He described SCHNEIDERMAN as being a white male, age 40, 5'6" to 5'7", 140 to 150 pounds, slender face and with black curly hair. The motel had no record of a car. He was provided a group of assorted pictures containing a photo of JAMES EARL RAY and he stated that none of the photos was identical with SCHNEIDERMAN. Miss MARGE POTTS, who had seen SCHNEIDERMAN several times on desk clerk business, advised that none of above photos was identical with SCHNEIDERMAN.

The address - 715 South Hope Street, Los Angeles, California - is the address of the YMCA.

The Los Angeles Office is opening an ITSP case inasmuch as individual identifying himself as SCHNEIDERMAN passed at least two out of state checks in Los Angeles.

No further investigation is being conducted by the Los Angeles Office in this phase of MURKIN.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, LOS ANGELES  
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (P)  
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REFERENCE CHICAGO TELETYPE TO BUREAU FIVE THIRTYONE LAST.

MABLE FULLER STATES SUBJECT HAS NO COUSIN NAMED FRANCES E. RAY AND SHE KNOWS NO ONE RESIDING IN HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA. FULLER STATES SUBJECT HAD TWO UNCLES, NOW DECEASED, AND NO CHILDREN BY EITHER UNCLE.

AIRMAIL COPIES SENT CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS.

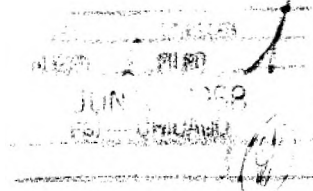
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (P)  
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REFERENCE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU, FIVE THIRTYONE SIXTYEIGHT.

LAWRENCE BUNDY, SUPERVISOR, TEEN CENTER, DECATUR, ILLINOIS, FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, STATED HE INTRODUCED HIMSELF TO THE INDIVIDUAL WHO APPEARED AT THE CHURCH ON THE NIGHT OF FIVE TWENTYEIGHT LAST WHEN THE TEEN CENTER GROUP WAS LEAVING AND HE NOTICED THE PERSON APPEARED DRUNK AND WAS UNABLE TO TALK DISTINCTLY. THIS PERSON WAS SEARCHING FOR WORDS AND HIS MIND APPEARED TO GO ADrift. BUNDY NOTED HE GAVE HIS NAME AS STEVE REYNOLDS AND HE FIRST STATED "I AM NOT IMPORTANT" AND KEPT COMMENTING THAT THE GROUP WAS DOING A FINE JOB. THIS PERSON MENTIONED THAT HE WAS FROM PEORIA. BUNDY STATED THIS INDIVIDUAL KEPT BATting HIS EYES. BUNDY MENTIONED THAT IT WAS DARK AND HAD BEEN RAINING. HE STATED THAT HE DID NOT SEE THE PERSON COME OR LEAVE AND AFTER VIEWING NUMEROUS PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY HE STATED THE PERSON WAS DEFINITELY NOT RAY.

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JAMES SMITH, SUPERVISOR, TEEN CENTER, STATED HE DID NOT SEE THE PERSON PARK HIS CAR, HOWEVER, HE NOTICED THE CAR WHICH APPEARED TO BE A FOUR DOOR FORD OR PLYMOUTH, WHITE OR LIGHT TAN IN COLOR WHICH WAS NOT A COMPACT OR A BIG MODEL CAR. HE MENTIONED THAT THIS PERSON WAS APPARENTLY PASSING AND SAW ALL THE YOUTHS AROUND THE CHURCH AND DECIDED TO STOP AND SEE WHAT WAS GOING ON FOR HE LEFT THE CAR MOTOR RUNNING WITH THE HEADLIGHTS ON. THE CAR WAS PARKED ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE CHURCH. SMITH STATED THE PERSON INTRODUCED HIMSELF TO SMITH WHICH NAME HE DOES NOT RECALL. HOWEVER, IT DID NOT APPEAR TO SOUND THE SAME AS THE NAME HE PREVIOUSLY GAVE WHICH NAME HE DOES NOT RECALL. HE STATED THE PERSON APPEARED DRUNK OR WAS ON DOPE AND HE DID NOT TALK DISTINCTLY. THIS PERSON COMMENTED THAT HE THOUGHT THIS GROUP WAS DOING A FINE JOB. THEN AT ONE TIME IN THE CONVERSATION HE MENTIONED HE WAS FROM PEORIA. SMITH MAINTAINS HE COULD NOT TELL THE FEATURES OF THE PERSON FOR IT WAS DARK WHERE THEY WERE ALL STANDING AND IT HAD BEEN RAINING. THIS PERSON STOOD AROUND FOR APPROXIMATELY

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FIVE OR TEN MINUTES, THEN WENT BACK TO HIS CAR AND LEFT AT A MODERATE SPEED. SMITH ADVISED AFTER VIEWING NUMEROUS PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY THAT HE ~~COULD NOT~~ POSITIVELY IDENTIFY THIS PERSON AS RAY.

JOE J. SLAW, SUPERVISOR, DID NOT SEE THE PERSON UNTIL HE NOTED HIM STANDING WITH A GROUP OF SUPERVISORS. HOWEVER HE SAW THE CAR PARKED ACROSS THE STREET AND NOTED THE MOTOR WAS RUNNING AND THE LIGHTS WERE ON. THIS CAR APPEARED TO BE A LIGHT BLUE TWO DOOR FORD, PLYMOUTH OR DODGE. SLAW STATED HE THOUGHT THE PERSON WAS DRUNK HOWEVER HE COULD NOT SMELL LIQUOR. THE OTHER SUPERVISORS KIDDED THIS PERSON AND SUPERVISOR SMITH MENTIONED THE GUY WAS ON DOPE FOR HE APPEARED TO FEEL NO PAIN. SLAW MENTIONED THAT HE THOUGHT HE HEARD THIS PERSON GIVE HIS NAME AS STEVERINO AND ALSO HEARD HIM SAY THIS IS A NICE GROUP. SLAW STATED THAT HE FELT THE PERSON WAS DRUNK AND SAW THE GATHERING SO STOPPED BY TO SEE WHAT WAS GOING ON AND HE (SLAW) PAID NO PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO HIM. HE STATED THE PERSON DID NOT LOOK LIKE THE PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY.

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JOSEPH G. BLACK, SUPERVISOR, STATED HE WAS NEVER CLOSER TO THE PERSON THAN FIFTEEN FEET AND IT WAS DARK SO HE COULD NOT TELL WHAT THE PERSON LOOKED LIKE. HE HEARD THE PERSON SAY "WELL I GOT TO GO", AND TOOK OFF ACROSS THE STREET. BLACK STATED THIS IS THE FIRST TIME HE NOTED THE CAR ACROSS THE STREET WITH THE MOTOR RUNNING AND LIGHTS ON. THIS CAR APPEARED TO BE LIGHT BLUE IN COLOR, MAKE AND MODEL UNKNOWN. BLACK STATED THAT BECAUSE OF THE TYPE OF TEEN CENTER THE CHURCH IS OPERATING NUMEROUS PEOPLE STOP BY TO OBSERVE AND THE GROUP HAS ALSO HAD SEVERAL INCIDENTS OCCUR WHEN THE GROUP WAS BREAKING UP AND BECAUSE OF THIS THE SUPERVISORS ARE ALWAYS ON EDGE. BLACK VIEWED PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY BUT STATED HE COULD MAKE NO IDENTIFICATION FOR HE WAS TOO FAR AWAY.

REV. M. HARRIS OF DECATUR AREA COUNSEL OF CHURCHES AND SUPERVISOR STATED HE COULD NOT FURNISH ANY ADDITIONAL IDENTIFICATION IN THIS MATTER FOR HE WAS TOO FAR AWAY. THE CAR DRIVEN BY THE INDIVIDUAL WAS DESCRIBED AS A LATE MODEL CHRYSLER PRODUCT, RAMBLER, PLYMOUTH, DODGE OR FORD, TWO DOOR

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OR FOUR DOOR, COLOR WHITE, TAN, LIGHT BLUE OR GREEN, SPORTS CAR FASTBACK OR SMALL MODEL BUT NOT COMPACT. NO ONE OBSERVED LICENSE PLATE.

COMPOSITE DESCRIPTION OF THIS INDIVIDUAL IS AS FOLLOWS: WHITE MALE, LATE TWENTIES TO FORTY, FIVE FEET SIX TO SIX FEET ONE INCH, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY TO NINETY LBS., WELL BUILT, ROUND FULL FACE, DISTINCTIVE SMALL LARGE WIDE LAZY EYES, DARK HAIR WITH RECEDING HAIRLINE, COMBED BACK, HANGING TO A POINT IN FRONT, THICK, WELL GROOMED, SPEECH SLURRED, NO SCARS OR MARKS NOTED, EARS NOT OBSERVED, DIMPLE IN CHIN NOT NOTED. HE WAS WEARING DARK TOPCOAT OVER CHECKERED OR GRAY SUIT, NO HAT, LONG TIE.

PERSONS INTERVIEWED AFTER VIEWING RECENT PHOTOS OF RAY STATED THEY DO NOT BELIEVE HE IS IDENTICAL WITH RAY AND AS A RESULT OF THESE INTERVIEWS AND CONTRADICTING INFORMATION RECEIVED NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION IS CONTEMPLATED BY THIS OFFICE. *OF 7413 / 120000-44*

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

Re Chicago airtel to Memphis dated 5/1/68.

The following information, compiled or estimated through 5/31/68, reflects cost incurred by Chicago Office on MURKIN:

1. TOTAL MAN HOURS

A. SPECIAL AGENTS

Regular Hours - 718  
Overtime Hours - 126  
  
Total Man Hours - 844

B. CLERICAL EMPLOYEES

Regular Hours 290

2. TOTAL MILEAGE TRAVELED BY BUREAU  
CARS ON THIS CASE

2,087

- 2 - Memphis (AMSD)  
3 - Chicago  
    (1 - Tickler SAC)  
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3. OUT OF ORDINARY COSTS

	<u>TOTAL</u>
A. COST OF TELETYPES SENT - 42 at average estimated cost of \$1.50 each	\$ 63.00
<u>B. REPRODUCTIONS</u>	
220 Xerox copies at 8¢ each	17.60
960 Itek at 3¢ each	28.80
400 photos at 5¢ each	20.00
TOTAL OUT OF ORDINARY EXPENSES	129.40
<u>4. PEAK NUMBER OF SPECIAL AGENTS WORKING ON CASE DURING MONTH</u>	

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Date: 6/3/68

PLAIN TEXT

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND SAC NEWARK (44-854)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN.

RE JERRY WILLIAM RAY

JERRY ADVISED THIS DATE THAT HE HAS FINALIZED PLANS TO VISIT GIRL FRIEND [REDACTED] [REDACTED] AND WILL LEAVE CHICAGO VIA UAL FLIGHT ONE TWO ZERO AT TWO TEN PM, JUNE FIVE NEXT, ARRIVE PHILADELPHIA FOUR THIRTY PM. PLANS TO RETURN TO CHICAGO JUNE SEVEN NEXT LEAVING AIRPORT AT PHILADELPHIA EITHER TWO OR FOUR PM.

STATES PEOPLE MEETING HIM AT AIRPORT, PHILADELPHIA, WITH A RENTED CAR SINCE HE ALREADY HAS SENT THE MONEY FOR SAME. WILL STAY AT [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. JERRY STILL HAS NOT FURNISHED NAME OF GIRL FRIEND OR HOW HE MET HER. MATTER NOT PRESSED IN VIEW OF COOPERATION BEING RECEIVED BY NEWARK OFFICE. JERRY WILL CALL PRIOR TO LEAVING AND ANY CHANGE IN PLANS WILL BE FURNISHED IMMEDIATELY. AM COPIES TO PHILADELPHIA AND MEMPHIS.

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Special Agent in Charge

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>KANSAS CITY</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>KANSAS CITY</b>	DATE <b>8/29/67</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>6/23/67 - 8/18/67</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>"CHANGED"</b> <b>JAMES EARL RAY, aka</b> <b>Earl James Ray,</b> <b>W. C. Herren,</b> <b>Earl James,</b> <b>James McBride,</b> <b>James O'Connor,</b> <b>James Walton,</b> <b>James Valyon,</b> <b>"Jim" - FUGITIVE;</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>ROVEN B. AYERS</b>	TYPED BY <b>RAY</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>UFAC - ROBBERY FIRST</b>	

The title of this report is being marked changed to add aliases of JAMES WALTON and EARL JAMES as indicated on RAY's Identification Record. The title is also changed to add an alias of EARL JAMES RAY, an alias furnished by Mr. H. F. LAUF, Missouri State Penitentiary Identification and Records Officer.

## REFERENCES:

Kansas City letter to Bureau, dated 7/20/67.  
Bureau letter to Kansas City, dated 8/18/67.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						ACQUIT- TALS
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES	

Case has been: Pending over one year ☐ Yes ☒ No; Pending prosecution over six months ☐ Yes ☒ No

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SPECIAL AGENT  
IN CHARGE

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## Dissemination Record of Attached Report

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Notations

MC 82-2449

**ENCLOSURES:**

**To SPRINGFIELD:**

One photograph of subject.

**To ST. LOUIS:**

One photograph of subject.

**LEADS:**

**ST. LOUIS**

**AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI:**

1. At Army Record Branch (NPRC), will review file of JAMES EARL RAY, ASN 16 163 128, for complete background data concerning subject.

2. At 1813 Hickory, will contact LUCILLE BYON, mother of subject for information regarding relatives, associates, background, habits, and whereabouts, and for any other information which may aid in locating him. Similarly interview subject's brothers, JOHN and JERRY, at the same address.

3. Will contact logical neighbors to ascertain if subject has been in the area.

4. Will alert appropriate Police Officers in this area to be on the look-out for subject.

**SPRINGFIELD**

**AT PONTIAC, ILLINOIS:**

At State Penitentiary, under Number 10181, will examine records of subject in an attempt to develop contacts, background and possible addresses.

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**KANSAS CITY**

**AT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS:**

Will examine records of subject under #73498-1,  
for information which may aid in locating him.

**AT FULTON, MISSOURI:**

Will similarly review records of State Hospital  
Number 1.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: **1 - OMA, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI**

Report of: **ROSEN B. AYERS** Office: **KANSAS CITY**  
Date: **8/29/67**

Field Office File #: **88-9448** Bureau File #: **62-41730**

Title: **JAMES EARL RAY**

Character: **UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT - ROBBERY FIRST**

## Synopsis:

**JAMES EARL RAY, Inmate, Missouri State Penitentiary, (MSP), Jefferson City, Missouri, missed at the Penitentiary on April 23, 1967. Subject known at MSP as a "hide out guy" due to his habit of concealing himself within the walls. Investigation indicated RAY concealed himself in bread box and escaped from truck making delivery to an auxiliary farm. He was dropped as an escaped prisoner on 7/10/67. RAY was serving 20 years on charges of Armed Robbery (1st) and for operating vehicle without owner's consent. Authorized complaint filed before U.S. Commissioner, Jefferson City, Missouri on 7/30/67, charging RAY with violation Title 18, Section 1073, U. S. Code. Warrant issued. Subject's criminal record dates back to 1949. He has been confined in Illinois institutions as well as serving time in Federal Penitentiary. His mother and brothers reside in St. Louis, Missouri. RAY confined at State Hospital, Fulton, Missouri in 1966. BECAUSE RAY HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF ROBBERY WITH A DEADLY WEAPON AND BECAUSE OF HIS CONFINEMENT IN A STATE HOSPITAL, HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.**

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## DETAILS:

This case is predicated on a letter, dated June 19, 1967, from Assistant United States Attorney WILLIAM A. KITCHEN, Kansas City, Missouri, enclosing a letter, dated June 8, 1967 from H. F. LAUF, Identification and Records, Missouri State Penitentiary. Mr. LAUF's letter set forth the following information:

"The indicated subject was missing, from inside the walls of the main Penitentiary on April 23, 1967 and since that date information has been discovered giving us reasons to believe that he has escaped. We also have reasons to believe he has fled the state, to avoid prosecution, as all efforts to locate him have failed.

"This inmate is described as a white male, age 38, DOB [REDACTED], height 5'11", dark brown hair, blue eyes, weight 165, medium complexion and medium build. He was received here March 17, 1966, from the St. Louis City Circuit Court, to serve 20 years for Robbery First Degree by means of a Dangerous & Deadly Weapon (3 chgs.); operating a Motor Vehicle without permission of the Owner (20, 7, 5 Concurrent).

"We should appreciate it if your office would cause a Federal warrant to be issued against this individual. If he is apprehended, outside of the state of Missouri, the Department of Corrections will extradite him and pay the expenses thereof."

On June 19, 1967, Mr. WILLIAM A. KITCHEN requested an Unlawful Flight to Avoid Confinement complaint be filed against JAMES EARL RAY.

On June 23, 1967, Mr. H. F. LAUF, mentioned above, advised SA THOMAS H. YEAGER that subject is known as a "hide out guy" who stays hidden within the confines of the Missouri State Penitentiary for several days and has done so in the past. He said there is considerable speculation as to whether RAY had actually been able to leave the prison. He said investigation, to date, has failed to develop any information as to RAY's whereabouts.

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The following investigation was conducted  
by IC WILLIAM C. MC DONALD:

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

On July 11, 1967, Missouri State Penitentiary, MSP,  
file number 00418, was reviewed. The following information was  
obtained:

JAMES EARL RAY, MSP #X-00418, was received at the  
MSP, March 17, 1960, from St. Louis City, to serve a term  
of twenty (20) years for the crime of Robbery First, by  
means of a Dangerous and Deadly Weapon and operating a Motor  
Vehicle without permission of the owner. He was assigned  
to the Bakery Unit of the Food Service Department. RAY was  
dropped from the MSP count on July 10, 1967, "As it is  
assumed that he escaped".

RAY was discovered absent prior to the MSP  
count on April 28, 1967, after a thorough search, at which  
time RAY could not be found.

Relatives listed in this file are:

Mother:

LUCILLE RAY,  
1913 Hickory St.,  
St. Louis, Missouri;

Brothers:

JOHN RAY, same address as mother;  
JERRY RAY, " " "

RAY is described in this file as a white male, born  
[redacted] at Alton, Illinois; height 5'11"; weight 165  
pounds; hair dark brown; eyes blue; complexion medium;  
occupation baker; previously incarcerated Leavenworth Federal  
Penitentiary; build medium; U.S. Army General Discharge,  
SN 14163129.