

MC 88-2442

On July 10, 1967, Mr. HERARD C. FOLEY, Custodial Assistant Warden, Missouri State Penitentiary, advised that he had conducted an investigation into the escape of RAY. He said he had determined that an associate of RAY's who worked with RAY in the bakery, had let RAY get into one of the large buses consigned to the church farm, near Jefferson City, Missouri, and then had covered him up. He said one of the bread boxes had been received at the church farm in an exploded condition, and bread scattered over the truck. He said, therefore, it has been assumed by the prison officials that RAY actually escaped from the Penitentiary and is not inside the walls as previously thought possible. He said RAY was being dropped as an escaped inmate, as of July 10, 1967.

On July 10, 1967, Warden HAROLD SWANSON, Missouri State Penitentiary, said he has contacted several inmates of the Penitentiary who knew RAY, and they indicated to him that RAY had indicated he wanted to escape from the Penitentiary and leave the State of Missouri.

On July 20, 1967, a complaint, as authorized, was filed before United States Commissioner W. C. SHULLEY at Jefferson City, Missouri, charging RAY with Unlawful Flight To Avoid Confinement in connection with the commission of a crime of Robbery First, in violation of Title 18, Section 1073, United States Code. Bond returnable was set by the United States Attorney at \$5,000.00 to the United States Commissioner at Jefferson City, Missouri.

Mr. SHULLEY issued a warrant on the above complaint on July 20, 1967, which has been transmitted to the Office of the United States Marshal at Kansas City, Missouri.

On August 13, 1967, Mr. R. F. LANE, Records Officer, Missouri State Penitentiary, advised no further information has been developed regarding the whereabouts of subject.

On July 14, 1965, Mr. WILLIAM L. MUELLER, Post Office Inspector, Kansas City, Missouri, advised the Kansas City Division that JAMES EARL RAY and WALTER PERCY BIFE were arrested in Hannibal, Missouri, on March 23, 1965, and

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were charged with forgery of U. S. Postal Money Orders. He advised that their investigation reflected that the burglary in which the money orders were stolen, was perpetrated at Kellerville, Illinois, at approximately 1:30 AM on March 7, 1955, and that sixty-six blank Post Office money orders and a validating stamp were stolen. He advised that some of these money orders were cashed at St. Louis; Miami, Florida; Tallahassee, Florida; St. Petersburg, Florida; New Orleans, Louisiana; Memphis, Tennessee; Hot Springs, Arkansas, and Kansas City, Missouri, and that thirty-four orders were recovered.

He stated that subjects had advised him that RAY owned a 1946 or 1947 Nash automobile, license number unknown; that it had been traded for a 1949 Lincoln at the Amacker Motors, 135 NE 36th Street, Miami, Florida, on May 14, 1955; and had been titled to WALTER P. BERRY, an alias of RIFE. He said that RIFE and RAY claimed to have obtained the money orders from an unknown man in Quincy, Illinois.

On August 15, 1967, the Identification Division of the F.B.I. furnished the following descriptive summary for JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #306 443 A:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Dates of Birth	
Places of Birth	Decatur, Illinois; Quincy, Illinois; Alton, Illinois.
Height	Approximately 5'10"
Weight	174 pounds, September, 1966.
Complexion	Ruddy
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown
Build	Medium
Occupations	Laborer; baker
Scars and marks	Small scar on center of forehead; scar in palm of right hand.
Addresses	St. Louis, Missouri, March, 1960; 2015 Park, St. Louis, Missouri, October, 1959; Quincy, Illinois, July, 1955, March, 1955, April, 1960;

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Hotel Quincy, Quincy, Illinois,
March, 1953; Victor Hotel, Quincy,
Illinois, March, 1953, August,
1954; 1428 Chery, Hannibal,
Missouri, March, 1955; 853 West
Fullerton, Chicago, Illinois,
May, 1952; 808 Alby Street,
Alton, Illinois, July, 1951.

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NCIC Fingerprint Classification:

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On August 3, 1967, the Identification Division
of the F.B.I. furnished the following identification for
subject under FBI 306 443 A:

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED ON RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
SO, Los Angeles, Calif.	James Earl Ray #119708	10/11/49	susp burg	
PD Los Angeles, Calif.	James Earl Ray #129648	10/11/49	susp 452PC (burg)	8 mos Co J1 sp; 2 yrs Prb sry 1st SO dan Co J1 1st 12-30-49 Cal22438
SO Cedar Rapids, Iowa	James E. Ray #5537	4/18/50	VAS	
PD Altam Ill	James Earl Ray #7514	7/22/51	no oper lic - no St Lic - no City Lic	rel to Ray later
PD Chicago, Illinois	James Ray #D90690	5/5/52	Robb (Guz)	4J \$3000
Cook Co J1 Chicago, Illinois	James Ray #181185	5/9/52	Rob	8/13/52 sent to Pent'y 1-2 yrs.
SP Joliet, Illinois	James E. Ray #32419	6/13/52	Rob	
SP Pontiac, Illinois	James E. Ray #19171	7/7/52 in trans from Joliet	Rob	1-2 yrs 3/12/54 disch
SO Edwardsville, Illinois	James Earl Ray #2640	8/30/54	B & L	

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
FD Hannibal, Missouri	James E. Ray #49714	2/23/55	Inv B & E Post Office	
St Ray Pat Heron, Mo.	James Earl Ray #2-3576	3/23/55	cashing stolen postal money orders	rel to Postal inspector Bank City, Mo. 3/24/55
USM Kansas City, Mo.	James Earl Ray #12018	3/24/55	Forg US Postal Money Order	sent to 15 mos custody AG
SO Kansas City, Mo.	James Earl Ray #20637	3/23/55	Forg- Govt	7/7/55 3 yrs & 9 mos.
Army	James Earl Ray #16 163 129	2/19/48		
U Spen Leavenworth, Kansas	James Earl Ray #75428-1	7/7/55	PO Laws Forge Money Orders	3 yrs & 9 mos 5/30/58 CR 3/31/59 Max 4/5/58 Cand Rel on chg of PO forg POMO
PO St. Louis, Mo.	James Earl Ray #32071	10/16/59	susp Robbery	

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
FD St. Louis, Mo.	James Earl Ray #61071	10/16/69	Swag Rob Steal & FOA	
SPen Jefferson City, Missouri	James Earl Ray #00416	3/17/60	TC oper MTR veh w/o permission of owner Robb 1st h/m DOV (2 chgs)	20 yrs (20, 7, 3, conc)
St Hosp No 1 Fulton, Mo.	James Earl Ray #37043 C-5	9/8/66	Patient	

This record further reveals that RAY has also
used the aliases of JAMES MC BRIDE, JAMES WALTON, W.C.
HARRON, JAMES O'CONNOR, JAMES WALTON and JIM.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE KANSAS CITY	OFFICE OF ORIGIN KANSAS CITY	DATE 10/30/67	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 8/31/67 - 10/3/67
TITLE OF CASE JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE <i>James Ray (10/658) 88-8519</i>		REPORT MADE BY SA ROWEN B. AYERS	TYPED BY nks
		CHARACTER OF CASE UFAC - ROBBERY FIRST	

REFERENCES:

Kansas City report of SA ROWEN B. AYERS, dated 8/29/67.
St. Louis letter to Kansas City, dated 10/19/67, (Interoffice).

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ENCLOSURES:

TO CHICAGO:

One copy of referenced report of SA ROWEN B. AYERS,
at Kansas City, dated 8/29/67.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: NONE

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

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LEADS:

CHICAGO DIVISION

At Wheeling, Illinois

Will attempt to locate and interview JERRY RAY, Box 22, brother of subject, regarding whereabouts of subject, associates, relatives, and for any other information which might aid in locating subject.

SPRINGFIELD DIVISION

In addition to investigation already requested of the Springfield Division, the following should be conducted:

At Alton, Illinois

1. Will attempt to establish the whereabouts of GEORGE RAY, father of subject, formerly of 538 East Broadway and mother, LUCILLE of the same address. However, it is noted that LUCILLE RAY may be an aunt, who was last known to reside in St. Louis, Missouri.

2. Will contact WILLIAM MAHEN, 1118 East 7th Street, a former address of subject, as listed in military records as 538 Broadway, Alton, Illinois (1945).

At Quincy, Illinois

Will conduct logical investigation to locate subject, it being noted he resided at 215 Oak Street in 1948; in care of LUCILLE RYAN, and 214 Spring Street in 1952.

ST. LOUIS DIVISION

At St. Louis, Missouri

At 1135 South 10th Street, will attempt to locate LUCILLE RYAN, probably an aunt, rather than mother of subject, and ascertain from her the location of subject and the names of all of his relatives with their addresses. Set out appropriate leads.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA ROWEN B. AYERS
Date: 10/30/67

Office: KANSAS CITY

Field Office File #: 88-9449

Bureau File #: 88-41730

Title: JAMES EARL RAY

Character: UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT - ROBBERY, FIRST

Synopsis: Efforts to locate relatives of subject at St. Louis, Missouri negative. LUCILLE RAY variously listed in institutional records as mother and aunt, and appears to be relative with whom he was most in contact. She was last known to reside at 1135 South 10th, St. Louis, Missouri. Parents may be deceased. BECAUSE RAY HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF ROBBERY WITH DEADLY WEAPON AND BECAUSE OF HIS CONFINEMENT IN A STATE HOSPITAL, HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS:

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

At Fulton, Missouri:

On August 31, 1967, ROBERT ROSSON, Registrar, State Hospital No. 1, advised that JAMES EARL RAY was received on September 8, 1966, and discharged on October 21, 1966. Mr. ROSSON stated that RAY had been sent for examination due to his attempted escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary; however, it was determined that RAY was actually hiding out inside the walls and no escape charge was filed.

Mr. ROSSON stated that after examining RAY it was determined that he had no mental disease or defect and recommended his return to the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri.

Mr. ROSSON advised that according to his records there is no information to reflect that RAY is dangerous.

Mr. ROSSON stated that the only relative listed in this file is JERRY RAY, Brother, Box 22, Wheeling, Illinois.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA
ROWEN B. AYERS:

At Leavenworth, Kansas:

CARL F. ZARTER, Administrative Assistant, U. S.
Penitentiary (USP), Leavenworth, Kansas, on September 12, 1967,
advised that USP file number 72498-L, pertaining to JAMES
EARL RAY is now stored at the Federal Records Center, GSA,
2306 East Bannister Road, Kansas City, Missouri, Attention -
Chief, Reference Service Branch, GSA - Accession Number 65 A 10,
in Boxes 85327 - 87468.

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The following investigation was conducted by
Investigative Clerk JAMES W. WRIGHT:

AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI:

On October 2, 1967, Mr. JAMES H. YATES, Archives Assistant, Federal Records Center - General Services Administration, 2306 East Bannister Road, made available U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, file number 72498-L pertaining to JAMES EARL RAY, from which the following information was obtained:

RAY was sentenced on July 1, 1955, in U. S. District Court, Kansas City, Missouri, to a term of three years and nine months on a charge of Forgery of U. S. Post Office Money Orders. He was committed to U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, on July 7, 1955, and was given a Conditional Release from that institution on April 8, 1958, the period of supervision terminating October 2, 1958.

At time of admission to U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, RAY listed the following relatives:

GEORGE RAY, Father, (Deceased);

MARY RAY, Mother, (Deceased);

LUCILLE RYAN, Aunt, 108 N. 12th St., Quincy, Illinois.

RAY requested numerous changes of address for his aunt, Mrs. LUCILLE RYAN, while she resided in Quincy, Illinois. She resided at Lancaster, Missouri, for a brief period, and the last known address for Mrs. RYAN was 1135 South 10th Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

On December 20, 1955, RAY requested permission to correspond with a cousin, JERRY RYAN, 239 1/2 South 7th Street, Quincy, Illinois, however, the request was denied. He also requested permission to correspond with an uncle, WILLIAM MAHER, 1118 East 7th Street, Alton, Illinois.

Records reflect RAY served in U. S. Army, Serial No. RA 16163129, from February of 1946, to December 23, 1948, at which time he was given a discharge under honorable conditions by reason of ineptness and lack of adaptability

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for military duty. He was on foreign service from July 18, 1946, to December 21, 1948.

Records further reflect that RAY has no traces or skill and during his period of confinement at U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, he was not interested in vocational training or self-improvement programs. He claims to have completed ten grades of public school at the age of 16 in Alton, Illinois. RAY claims he is an only child and that his father died in 1947 and his mother died in 1949.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA CLETIS E. HIGGINS at St. Louis, Missouri:

A check of the records of the St. Louis Police Department on September 5, 1967, reflected the details surrounding the arrest of subject, RAY, in connection with the armed robbery of the Kroger Store, 3417 Ohio Street in St. Louis, on October 10, 1959, and also reflected that on April 23, 1967, a teletype was received from the warden at Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri, in connection with the recent escape of subject, RAY, from that institution. Detectives FRANCIS AUER and CHARLES BILLINGS, assigned to the 3rd District, St. Louis Police Department, conducted investigation on the same date, in an effort to locate subject. A check by these officers at 1915 Park Avenue, 2015 Park Avenue, and 1913 Hickory Street, previous addresses listed for subject, his mother and other relatives developed no information whatever of subject or other members of his family.

On October 2, 1967, HELEN CREAMER, residing at 1915 Hickory Street, advised she had resided at that address for the last couple of years and had never seen subject or any of his relatives. Investigation in the neighborhood of 1913 Hickory Street, revealed this to be a blighted area and the majority of the residences have been evacuated preparatory to being demolished. Members of families still residing in the area were interviewed and all denied ever having known a RAY family residing in the area since they have resided there.

At the time of the contact with officers AUER and BILLINGS at the 3rd District, Detective ROBERT FERRAULT and several other members of the 3rd District Detective Bureau, who are personally acquainted with subject, RAY, were advised of his fugitive status and all promised to be alert for any available information concerning the whereabouts of subject or members of his family.

A review on September 13, 1967, by IC EARL M. RANEY of the military service records on file at the Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, for JAMES EARL RAY, Serial Number 16 163 129, indicated he enlisted in the United States Army on February 15, 1946, at East St. Louis, Illinois,

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and served on active duty until December 22, 1943, at which time he was given a General Discharge as a Private First Class at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, by reason of inaptness and lack of adaptability for military service.

Records indicated he was tried and convicted by a Special Court-Martial for being drunk in quarters and breaking arrest. He was sentenced to be confined at hard labor for three months and forfeit \$45.00 per month for four months.

Records also indicated he received treatment for gonorrhea and syphilis while he was a member of the military.

The following background and descriptive information is contained in the United States Army records for RAY:

Date and place of birth	 Alton, Illinois
Height	5'11"
Weight	145 pounds
Race	White
Hair	Black
Eyes	Blue
Military Occupation	Military Policeman
Civilian Occupation	Color Matcher;
Addresses	638 Broadway, Alton, Illinois, February, 1946; 215 Oak Street, Quincy, Illinois, December, 1948; In care of Mrs. LUCILLE RYAN, 214 Spring Street, Quincy, Illinois, July, 1952.
Relatives	Father, GEORGE RAY, Mother, LUCILLE RAY, both of 638 East Broadway, Alton, Illinois, February, 1946.
Photograph	None available.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE KANSAS CITY	OFFICE OF ORIGIN KANSAS CITY	DATE 12/29/67	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 10/23/67 - 12/21/67
TITLE OF CASE JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE		REPORT MADE BY JOSEPH L. KISSIAH	TYPED BY KSW
		CHARACTER OF CASE UFAC - ROBBERY FIRST	

REFERENCES: Kansas City report of SA ROWEN B. AYERS, 10/30/67.
 Springfield letter to Kansas City, 10/30/67. (Interoffice)
 Springfield letter to Kansas City, 11/24/67. "

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LEADS

CHICAGO, SPRINGFIELD AND ST. LOUIS (INFORMATION)

One copy of this report is submitted for the information of Chicago, Springfield and St. Louis, all whom have current investigation outstanding to locate the subject.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED . NONE						ACQUIT- TALS
CON VIC.	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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KANSAS CITY

AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Will continue to contact logical informants for any information which might lead to the location of the subject.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

On November 14, 1967, MARGARET WALLER, Clerk, U. S. Post Office, Alton, Illinois, advised SA ROBERT C. HAINES that records of that office contain no removal notice on file for WILLIAM HAINES.

INFORMANTS:

The following were contacted on the dates indicated by SA JOSEPH L. KISSIAH in a negative effort to develop information regarding the subject:

PCI [REDACTED] [REDACTED] on 10/24 and 11/21/67.

KC 473-C, on 11/17, 12/4 and 12/21/67.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: JOSEPH L. KISSIAH
Date: 12/29/67

Office: Kansas City

Field Office File #: KC 88-9449

Bureau File #: 88-41730

Title: JAMES EARL RAY

Character: UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT -
ROBBERY FIRST

Synopsis: Files of Illinois State Penitentiary, Pontiac, Illinois, reviewed pertaining to subject whose only correspondent was reportedly his mother, Mrs. LUCILLE RYAN. Subject had no visitors at that location. Efforts to locate WILLIAM MAHER, reportedly an uncle of the subject, Alton, Illinois, unproductive. BECAUSE RAY HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF ROBBERY WITH DEADLY WEAPON AND BECAUSE OF HIS CONFINEMENT IN A STATE HOSPITAL, HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS:

By communication dated October 30, 1967, the Springfield Office advised as follows:

TOM DUFFY, Records Office, Illinois State Penitentiary, Pontiac Branch, Pontiac, Illinois, was contacted October 23, 1967. He advised that records pertaining to JAMES EARL RAY, Pontiac #19121, FBI #306-443A, have been reduced to micro film. He advised that all that is kept on micro film is certain catagories.

The micro film records pertaining to subject were reviewed by SA ARTHUR LEE WOODS, on October 23, 1967. Records reveal that RAY was received at the Illinois State

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Penitentiary, Joliet, Illinois, on June 13, 1952, on the charge of robbery to serve a one to two year sentence on a plea of guilty from Cook County, Illinois. RAY was released upon expiration of a short term sentence on March 13, 1954.

Subject listed relatives as follows:

Father, GEORGE RAY, deceased.

Mother, Mrs. LUCILLE RYAN, 214 Spring Street, Quincy, Illinois.

Brothers, JOHN and JERRY, both at home with mother.

Correspondence file was checked and determined the only person who corresponded with subject while he was incarcerated at the Pontiac Prison was his mother, Mrs. LUCILLE RYAN.

Subject, while incarcerated, had no visitors. Records fail to reveal any associates or former addresses for subject.

By communication dated November 24, 1967, the Springfield Office advised as follows:

The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT C. HAINES:

AT ALTON, ILLINOIS:

Records of the Alton Police Department and the Credit Bureau of Alton were reviewed on November 15, 1967, and found to contain no reference for the subject or his father, GEORGE RAY.

It is noted that at the time of his admission to the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, RAY indicated his father and mother were both deceased.

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Investigation at 1118 East 7th Street to locate and interview WILLIAM MAHER disclosed that the house is now vacant.

A review of the records of the Alton Police Department and the Credit Bureau of Alton in connection with WILLIAM MAHER was unproductive in developing information concerning his current whereabouts.

Records of the Illinois Bell Telephone Company and a review of the City Directory of Alton, Illinois, and of Wood River - East Alton were unproductive with regard to MAHER.

SAC, SPRINGFIELD

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SAC, CHICAGO (88-11505)(P)

JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE
UPAC - ROBBERY FIRST
OO: Kansas City

Reference report of SA ROYEN B. AYERS dated
10/30/67 at Kansas City.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA ROBERT F. MURPHY:

On November 29, 1967, inquiry at the U.S. Post
Office, Wheeling, Illinois, revealed no information concerning
a JERRY RAY as having a box at this post office or being known
as a resident of this area.

On November 29, 1967, Chief MARVIN HORCHER, Wheeling,
Illinois, Police Department, advised a check of his records
failed to reveal any record for subject or JERRY RAY.

On December 12, 1967, Mrs. RUTH MEYER, Palatine,
Illinois, Credit Bureau, which maintains listings in Wheeling,
Illinois, advised a check of their records failed to reveal
any information concerning subject or JERRY RAY.

On December 18, 1967, Chief HORCHER, Wheeling, Illinois,
Police Department, advised he had been unable to locate any
additional information concerning a JERRY RAY, however, he will
continue to make inquiries to determine if he can locate
JERRY RAY.

LEAD:

SPRINGFIELD:

AT SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS: Will check records of
Secretary of State for drivers license or vehicle registration
for JERRY RAY.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO: SAC, ST. LOUIS (88-7447)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (88-11507) (RUC)

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY, aka -
FUGITIVE
UFAC - ROBBERY FIRST
(OO: KANSAS CITY)

Re Chicago letter to Springfield dated 12/29/67, and report of SA JOSEPH L. FILLISIAN dated 12/29/67, at Kansas City.

The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT P. STEVANOUSE:

On 1/23/68, Chief MARVIN HONCHER, Wheeling, Illinois, Police Department, advised he had determined a JERRY RAY had resided at 2397 Techny Road, Northbrook, Illinois, but he does not know if JERRY RAY still resides at that address or if he is the brother of the subject.

On 1/23/68, inquiry at 2397 Techny Road, Northbrook, Illinois, revealed the present residents have lived there since October, 1967, although there was a JERRY RAY residing there prior to that time. They had no information as to the present location of JERRY RAY.

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1 - Chicago

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On 2/7/68, JERRY RAY was located and interviewed at the Sportman's Country Club, 3535 Dundee Road, Northbrook, Illinois, where he is employed and resides. He advised he is the brother of subject but has seen subject only three times in the last 15 years, that being the three times he visited subject at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri. He advised subject left home about the time he was 14 or 15 years of age and has not maintained regular contact with any of the family since that time. Subject has always been a drifter and he has no knowledge of friends or associates of subject with whom he might be in contact. Their father, GEORGE RAY, and their mother, LUCILLE RAY, separated, and LUCILLE was subsequently known as LUCILLE RYAN. Both GEORGE RAY and LUCILLE RYAN are now deceased. He has no aunt by the name of LUCILLE RYAN and anyone by that name would have had to been their mother. He has another brother, JOHN RAY, who is single and a drifter, travelling and changing jobs frequently. He has no regular address but as of three days ago, was staying at the Mc Arthur Hotel on Broadway Street, St. Louis, Missouri. He had a younger brother, FRANK, who was killed in an automobile accident four year ago. He also has a sister, Mrs. ALBERT (CAROL) PEPPER, who just moved from 712 Shenandoah, St. Louis, Missouri, to Bellview, a suburb of St. Louis, but he does not have the address or phone number for CAROL. He is sure the phone company will have a new number for CAROL as that would be the way he would try to contact her. These are the only relatives subject has.

JERRY RAY advised he has been in contact with CAROL and JOHN as of three days ago, and both stated they have had no contact with subject or any knowledge where subject can be located. He does not believe subject will contact any of the relatives as long as he is in a fugitive status; however, should he receive any information concerning subject, he will immediately advise the FBI.

LEADS

ST. LOUIS

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI. 1. Will interview JOHN RAY if still located at Mc Arthur Hotel.

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2. Will obtain current address of CAROL PEPPER and thereafter interview her for any knowledge concerning subject.

BECAUSE RAY HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF ROBBERY WITH DEADLY WEAPON, AND BECAUSE OF HIS CONFINEMENT IN A STATE HOSPITAL, HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (88-11505)

DATE: 2/21/68

FROM : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (88-5361) -RUC-

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY, aka
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UFAC - ROBBERY FIRST
OO: KANSAS CITY
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Reurlet to Springfield dated 12/29/67.

The following investigation was conducted by
IC JOSEPH D. HAMMITT:

Mr. JAMES TABOR, Supervisor, Auto Registration
Section, Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois, advised
on 1/31/68 that a check of records for 1967 and 1968 failed
to reflect any vehicles registered or titled to a JERRY
RAY.

Mrs. MARIE DICKENSON, Supervisor, Drivers License
Section, Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois, advised
on 1/31/68 that a check of records failed to reflect any
driver's or chauffeur's license issued to a JERRY RAY.

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REPORTING OFFICE KANSAS CITY	OFFICE OF ORIGIN KANSAS CITY	DATE 2/23/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 11/8/67 - 2/19/68
TITLE OF CASE JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE		REPORT MADE BY SA JOSEPH L. KISSIAH	TYPED BY gah
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REFERENCE: Kansas City report of SA JOSEPH L. KISSIAH, 12/29/67.

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LEADS:

CHICAGO, SPRINGFIELD AND ST. LOUIS (INFO)

One copy of this report is submitted for the information of Chicago, Springfield and St. Louis, all of whom have current investigation outstanding to locate the subject or are expected to be requested to conduct additional investigation in the future.

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KANSAS CITY DIVISION

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

Reinterview supervisory employees of the subject and fellow inmates of the subject at the Missouri State Prison for any possible additional information they may be able to furnish regarding the subject's escape and his possible destination, associates and friends.

AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI:

1. At the Federal Records Center, review the U. S. Penitentiary file of VALTER TERRY RIFE, USP #73487-5, an associate of the subject, for any background or other information which might assist in the location of the subject.

2. Continue contact of informants, employment agencies and other logical sources of information in an effort to locate the subject.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

On 11/25/67, SA ROBERT F. DEVAUGHN, of the Chicago Office, made inquiry at the U. S. Post Office, Wheeling, Illinois, with negative results in an effort to develop information regarding the subject.

On 2/7/68, Mr. E. J. FIFERUSSE, Manager, Missouri State Employment Service, 1411 Walnut Street, Kansas City, Missouri, whose files are confidential, checked for the name of the subject with negative results.

INFORMANTS:

The following were contacted on the dates indicated by Special Agent JOSEPH L. KISSIAH with negative results to develop information regarding the subject:

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KC 661-C, on 1/3/68.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of:
Date:SA JOSEPH L. KISSIAH
February 23, 1968

Office: KANSAS CITY

Field Office File #:

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Bureau File #: 88-41730

Title:

JAMES EARL RAY

Character:

UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT - ROBBERY FIRST

Synopsis:

Investigation by Springfield and St. Louis Offices in effort to locate relatives and associates of subject unproductive. Chicago Office has located JERRY RAY, Northbrook, Ill., subject's brother, who described subject as drifter and has no knowledge of present whereabouts. Other relatives identified. Additional investigation Missouri State Penitentiary, and Kansas City, Mo., set out. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS:

By communication dated December 21, 1967, the St. Louis Office advised as follows:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent CLETIS B. BIDEWELL at St. Louis, Missouri:

A check of the St. Louis City Directory reflected no address listed for 1135 South Tenth Street. A visual inspection of the area revealed no residence addresses on the west or odd-numbered side of the 1000 block of South Tenth Street. The highest odd-numbered address in this block was 1123, which is a business establishment which was built a few years ago.

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An inspection of the St. Louis City Directories and St. Louis Telephone Directory listed a LUCILLE RYAN, 4882 Lamsdowne, an employee of the Land Clearance and Housing Authority, who was determined not to be identical with any relative of subject RAY.

Also listed was a Mrs. LUCILLE RYAN, 8747 New Hampshire, who also advised upon interview she was not a relative of subject JAMES EARL RAY.

By communication dated December 20, 1967, the Chicago Office advised as follows:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent ROBERT F. SAVAIOUSA:

On November 20, 1967, Chief HARVEY BORDMAN, Wheeling, Illinois, Police Department, advised a check of his records failed to reveal any record for subject or JERRY RAY.

On December 12, 1967, Mrs. NUTH BRYAN, Palatine, Illinois, Credit Bureau, which maintains listings in Wheeling, Illinois, advised a check of their records failed to reveal any information concerning subject or JERRY RAY.

On December 12, 1967, Chief BORDMAN, Wheeling, Illinois, Police Department, advised he had been unable to locate any additional information concerning a JERRY RAY, however, he will continue to make inquiries to determine if he can locate JERRY RAY.

By communication dated January 4, 1968, the Springfield Office advised as follows:

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA MACK W. OLIVER, Jr.:

At Quincy, Illinois

On November 8, 1967, Detective Sergeant ROLAND HANSON, Quincy, Illinois, Police Department, advised that JAMES EARL RAY, 1439 Cherry Street, Quincy, Illinois, was arrested on March 24, 1955, for forgery. Sergeant HANSON said that this was the only time RAY had been arrested in Quincy but that the files of the Quincy, Illinois, Police Department, indicated RAY had been arrested on other occasions and his FBI number was 306-443-A and that he had Illinois State Bureau number 463857.

Sargeant HANSON stated that the files of the Quincy, Illinois, Police Department were negative on JAMES EARL RAY since August 24, 1955.

Sargeant HANSON said that the files of the Quincy, Illinois, Police Department indicated a LUCILLE RYAN, no address, was arrested on August 23, 1957, for larceny. Sargeant HANSON said that the files indicated LUCILLE RYAN was born on [redacted] at Alton, Illinois, and that this was the only time she had been arrested at Quincy, Illinois.

On November 8, 1967, Deputy CECIL THORNHILL, Adams County Sheriff's Office, advised that the files of the Adams County Sheriff's Office were negative concerning JAMES EARL RAY and LUCILLE RYAN.

On November 8, 1967, Miss ELIZABETH ROTH, Manager, Quincy Credit Bureau, advised that the files of the Quincy Credit Bureau indicated that LUCILLE RYAN had resided at Quincy, Illinois, prior to 1967. Miss ROTH said that her files contain very little information concerning LUCILLE RYAN, and the last information she had on LUCILLE RYAN was in 1957.

On November 8, 1967, Miss ELIZABETH ROTH, Quincy Credit Bureau, advised that the files of the Quincy Credit Bureau indicated JAMES EARL RAY resided at 1403 Cherry Street, Quincy, Illinois, in 1948 and that her files contained nothing on JAMES EARL RAY since 1948.

On November 20, 1967, Mrs. MARION A. REED, 214 1/2 Spring Street, Quincy, Illinois, advised that she has resided at present address for several years and that the names JAMES EARL RAY AND LUCILLE RYAN meant nothing to her.

On November 20, 1967, CHARLES A. HEIDVREDER, 215 Oak Street, Quincy, Illinois, advised that he has been at present address for several years and the names of JAMES EARL RAY and LUCILLE RYAN meant nothing to him.

By communication dated February 2, 1968, the Chicago Office advised as follows:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent ROBERT F. McVAUGHSE:

On January 23, 1968, Chief MARVIN HOCHMAN, Wheeling, Illinois, Police Department, advised he had determined a JIMMY RAY had resided at 2837 Techny Road, Northbrook, Illinois, but he does not know if JIMMY RAY still resides at that address or if he is the brother of the subject.

On January 23, 1968, inquiry at 2837 Techny Road, Northbrook, Illinois, revealed the present residents have lived there since October, 1967, although there was a JIMMY RAY residing there prior to that time. They had no information as to the present location of JIMMY RAY.

On February 7, 1968, JIMMY RAY was located and interviewed at the Sportsman's Country Club, 3533 Dundee Road, Skokie, Illinois, where he is employed and resides. He advised he is the brother of subject but has seen subject only three times in the last 15 years, that being the three times he visited subject at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri. He advised subject left home about the time he was 14 or 15 years of age and has not maintained regular contact with any of the family since that time. Subject has always been a drifter and he has no knowledge of friends or associates of subject with whom he might be in contact. Their father, GEORGE RAY, and their mother, LUCILLE RAY, separated and LUCILLE was subsequently known as LUCILLE RYAN. Both GEORGE RAY and LUCILLE RYAN are now deceased. He has no aunt by the name of LUCILLE RYAN and anyone by that name would have had to been their mother. He has another brother, JOHN RAY, who is single and a drifter, travelling and changing jobs frequently. He has no regular address but as of three days ago, was staying at the Mc Arthur Hotel on Broadway Street, St. Louis, Missouri. He had a younger brother, FRANK, who was killed in an automobile accident four years ago. He also has a sister, Mrs. ALBERT (CAROL) RAPPACH, who just moved from 712 Shenandoah, St. Louis, Missouri, to Bellview, a suburb of St. Louis, but he does not have the

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address or phone number for CAROL. He is sure the phone company will have a new number for CAROL as that would be the way he would try to contact her. These are his only relatives subject has.

LENN RAY advised he has been in contact with CAROL and JOE as of three days ago, and both stated they have had no contact with subject or any knowledge where subject can be located. He does not believe subject will contact any of the relatives as long as he is in a fugitive status; however, should he receive any information concerning subject, he will immediately advise the FBI.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA
HOWARD L. AYERS:

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

On February 1, 1968, Warden HAROLD SWENSON, Missouri State Penitentiary, advised he has received no further information which might aid in locating JAMES EARL RAY. He said he had disposed of all of his notes regarding the original investigation of this escape. He said, for this reason, he could not furnish the names of any person or persons, who had furnished him with details regarding either the escape of RAY, or his possible whereabouts. He said the investigation had been handled by Captain DENTON STEELE and Major BERNARD POIRY.

On February 1, 1968, Captain STEELE said the only information he could recall about the escape of RAY was that his clerk, WILLIAM SOCKLE, told him it was a waste of time to look for RAY in the walls because he had escaped. He said he heard this same thing 'on the prison grapevine' from others, but he did not know the source of this information and believed SOCKLE might know. He said SOCKLE is working at the University of Missouri Medical Center.

On February 1, 1968, Major BERNARD POIRY stated that a GEORGE OWENS covered RAY up in a box in a bread truck so RAY could get out of the walls. He said there was another inmate involved, but he could not recall his name.

On February 14, 1968, Major POIRY further advised he could not recall the name of the other inmate referred to by him. He said the investigation, as far as he was concerned, left no doubt that RAY got into a bread box for Church Farm and was covered by another inmate and gained access to an "out truck". After he cleared Jefferson City, RAY apparently got out of the truck and departed. Major POIRY said he has not developed any information as to the whereabouts of RAY.

AT COLUMBIA, MISSOURI:

On February 11, 1968, WILLIAM SOCKLE, Sunset Trailer Court, formerly an inmate of the Missouri State Penitentiary, said he worked with RAY in the kitchen for a time. He said he also knew him well later because he took his meals in the kitchen, as a clerk, and RAY was there most of the time at meals. He said RAY talked all the time about escaping and "getting out of the area". He did not have any associates and did not divulge his plans to others. SOCKLE could not recall that RAY ever said where he would go if he escaped. SOCKLE said all he knew about the background of RAY was that he "fell" from St. Louis. He said RAY is quite intellectual and would be hard to find. He said he tried to escape on previous occasions, but was not deterred. He did not recall telling Captain STRALK that RAY had left the walls, but said this was possible as all the inmates who knew RAY, knew that he had left, in spite of the fact that he had previously "hidden out" within the walls.

SOCKLE said he could not suggest the name of any inmate or others who might furnish information regarding the whereabouts of subject.

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AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI:

On January 18, 1968, Miss FLORENCE M. LUBSKANAN, U. S. Parole and Probation Office, 418 U. S. Post Office and Court House, made available a presentence report regarding subject JAMES EARL RAY, which had been prepared by that office on April 26, 1966. This report reveals that the subject on April 1, 1966, had entered a plea of guilty to an information charging him with forging United States Post Office Money Orders. His companion in forging a large number of these money orders in numerous states was WALTER RILEY RILEY, who also entered a plea of guilty to a similar charge after which both he and the subject were sentenced on July 1, 1966, in Kansas City, Missouri, to the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas. Both were apparently released from that institution on April 5, 1968.

A further review of the files of the U. S. Parole Office indicates that after the subject's release from the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, he reportedly returned to the Kansas City, Missouri, area briefly to reside at the Blackstone Hotel and to contact the Missouri State Employment Service regarding employment possibilities. Accordingly, the following individuals were contacted on the indicated dates in a negative effort to develop information regarding the current location of the subject:

February 7, 1968
Mrs. SHADYS HANSEN
Blackstone Hotel, 817 Cherry Street

February 8, 1968
Mrs. MARGARET HAYS
Blackstone Hotel, 817 Cherry Street

February 8, 1968
Mr. RUFUS CHOLE
Casual Labor Office, 20V East Admiral Boulevard

February 8, 1968
Mr. CALVIN PROCTOR
Palmer Hotel, 408 East Ninth Street

February 13, 1968
Mr. FRED LAURENCE
Identification Division, Kansas City, Missouri,
Police Department.

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SAC, ST. LOUIS (88-7447) P

JAMES EARL RAY, aka -
FUGITIVE
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Re Chicago airtel to St. Louis, 2/8/68, and report
of SA JOSEPH L. KISSIAH, 2/23/68, at Kansas City.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA CLYDE E. BIDEWELL at St. Louis, Mo.:

On 2/22/68, H. A. BARORE, Desk Clerk, Marlborough
Hotel, Chestnut and Broadway, advised after checking his
records they contained no information indicating a JOHN
RAY had been a resident of that hotel. He viewed subject's
photographs and stated he did not recall seeing an individual
resembling subject in the hotel. He spoke with other desk
and service personnel at the hotel and they advised they
recalled no JOHN RAY having resided at or frequented the
hotel.

On 3/3/68, Mrs. ERNEST N. COOK, 712 Shenandoah,
advised that she recalled the ALBERT S. PEPPER family as having
resided upstairs at that address. She stated, however, they
had recently moved to a new address, 2025 Belview, Maplewood,
Mo.

On 3/19/68, Mrs. CAROL RYAN PEPPER, 2025 Belview
(telephone 645-2948) was interviewed. She was most uncooperative
and denied that her maiden name had been RAY, stating, however,
that it had been ~~LUCILLE~~ RYAN. She advised that her father
and mother, GEORGE and LUCILLE RAY, were deceased and that
she had a brother, JERRY RAY residing somewhere in Illinois.
She also advised that she had another brother, JOHN RAY,
whereabouts unknown, whom she had not seen in several years.

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Upon viewing a photograph of subject, she denied being related to this individual and stated she had never seen him. When questioned concerning her husband's employment, she advised he worked for some hardware store and stated she was unable to furnish the name or address of this business place.

In view of Mrs. PEPPER's uncooperative attitude the interview was terminated.

On 3/20/68, Mr. and Mrs. ERNEST M. COOK, 712 Shenandoah, were interviewed. They advised after viewing subject's photograph they had never observed an individual resembling him visiting the PEPPERS who had resided upstairs over their apartment for a period of several months up until two or three months ago. They advised that an individual reportedly a brother of Mrs. PEPPER had visited the PEPPERS on various occasions and that he and his family supposedly resided in the St. Louis area. They stated this individual did not resemble subject in their estimation.

They further advised that an individual referred to as "DADDY" by Mrs. PEPPER visited the PEPPERS on numerous occasions and this person reportedly recently bought a home and moved to Poplar Bluff, Mo., or somewhere in the Poplar Bluff area.

When questioned concerning other relatives or close associates of the PEPPER family, they advised that JAY and ROSEMARY SHIRLEY and their three children, SHERILL, JAY and ANNETTE, had been frequent visitors at the PEPPER home. They were of the opinion that Mrs. SHIRLEY was the sister of ALBERT PEPPER. This family had resided at the 712 A Shenandoah address prior to the time the PEPPER family moved in. The COOKS were of the opinion that the SHIRLEY family had recently bought a home somewhere in the St. Louis area. They can furnish no other information concerning the identity or the location of the SHIRLEY family.

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CHICAGO DIVISION:

AT NORTH BROOK, ILL.:

In view of the uncooperative attitude of subject's sister, Mrs. ALBERT S. (CAROL) PEPPER, will reinterview

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subject's brother, JERRY RAY, for more detailed information concerning various members of subject's family, including the individual referred to by CAROL as "DADDY", who recently moved to Poplar Bluff, Mo.

Will determine from JERRY RAY whether or not subject's mother prior to her death was married to an individual by the name of KYAN and whether this person might presently be located if he is still living.

ST. LOUIS DIVISION:

AT ST. LOUIS, MO.:

Will attempt to locate the JAY (ROSEMARY) SHIRLEY family and interview them for available information concerning possible whereabouts of subject and **identify the other** members of the family who might be **in possession of** information of value.

Will consider the advisability of interviewing ALBERT S. PEPPER after additional background information on the PEPPER family has been developed.

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Sgt Wm McKeon YCD CGPD

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FROM SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) -P-

MURKIN, CR.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU MAY THIRTY ONE, LAST.
RESIDENCES TWELVE HUNDRED BLOCK FOURTH STREET, ALTON,
ILLINOIS, CANVASSED; PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND
ASSOCIATED DISPLAYED WITHOUT EFFECTING IDENTIFICATION.
INFORMANTS ALTON RA RECONTACTED AND CAN PROVIDE NO INFORMA-
TION INDICATING RAY IN ALTON, JULY, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN.
INFORMANT INSTRUCTED INITIATE DISCREET INQUIRY IN THIS REGARD.
SUSPECTS JOHN MC CLINTOCK AND WILLIE LEE CONTACTED; STATE
THEY HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF RAY AND DENY ANY CONTACT BY HIM.
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TO SAC, CHICAGO

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

SUBJECT MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

On 6/1/68, PCI [redacted] advised SA JOHN E. OTTO that JERRY RAY, subject's brother, telephonically contacted her [redacted] at about 12:40 am the same date. She discreetly determined he was calling from a telephone at his place of employment, having number 312-272-9894. — *folly phone*

Informant advised she will obtain at a later appropriate time the numbers of any additional telephones JERRY RAY might be using.

JERRY RAY said he now intends to fly from Chicago, Illinois, during the morning of 6/5/68 to Philadelphia International Airport, Philadelphia, Pa. He said he will telephone PCI from the Chicago Airport just before his departure on 6/5/68 to advise her of the details relative to his arrival at Philadelphia.

RAY told informant on 6/3/68 he will send her \$40 in an airmail special delivery letter. He told her to use this money to rent a car to pick him up at the Philadelphia Airport. He also said that they will use this rental car while he visits PCI at [redacted].

RAY said he will return to Chicago by plane on 6/7/68.

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RAY mentioned during the course of conversation that just before calling PCI he had telephonically contacted a sister of his. He did not further identify his sister at this time. He said this sister told him she had very recently been in contact with their father from whom she is going to get two German Shepard dogs.

For the information of Memphis and Chicago, during the time that JERRY RAY will be in [REDACTED] the informant will make an intensive discreet effort to extract from him information which might lead to knowledge of the subject's whereabouts.

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TO MEMPHIS ATLANTA BIRMINGHAM CHICAGO KANSAS CITY SPRINGFIELD ST. LOUIS
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

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PASSPORT OFFICE, DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS,
OTTAWA, HAS SPECIFICALLY STATED THEY DO NOT WANT ANY
MENTION MADE THAT PASSPORT OFFICE WAS SOURCE OF INFORMATION
CONCERNING RAMON GEORGE SNEYD. IN INTERVIEWING MEMBERS OF
FAMILY AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS NO STATEMENT WHATSOEVER SHOULD
BE MADE INDICATING THAT BUREAU HAS OBTAINED INFORMATION
FROM PASSPORT OFFICE IN CANADA NOR SHOULD IT BE INDICATED THAT
BUREAU BELIEVES SUBJECT IS IDENTICAL WITH SNEYD AND HAS
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FACTUAL INFORMATION FROM PERSONS BEING INTERVIEWED. THERE
IS NO NECESSITY TO MENTION TO INDIVIDUALS THAT BUREAU HAS
OBTAINED PHOTOGRAPH BELIEVED TO BE SUBJECT IN WHICH HE IS
NOW WEARING GLASSES OR THAT HE HAS NOW BEEN USING ADDITIONAL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN, CR.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU JUNE THREE LAST.

WILLIAM MAHER, UNCLE OF JAMES EARL RAY, ALTON, RECONTACTED,
STATES NONE OF FAMILY HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH HIM AND DOES
NOT KNOW JOHN EUGENE GAVRON.

IRIS STUART, ALTON, OBSERVED TWO MEN CROSSING BROWN
STREET, ALTON, ON JULY THIRTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN,
SHORTLY AFTER BANK OF ALTON ROBBED. BELIEVES SHE COULD
IDENT EITHER BUT FAILED TO EFFECT IDENTIFICATION FROM
PHOTOS OF RAY AND ASSOCIATES.

OFFICERS AND FORMER OFFICERS, ALTON POLICE DEPARTMENT,
WHO KNEW RAY INDICATE THEY FEEL IT WOULD HAVE COME TO THEIR
ATTENTION HAD HE RETURNED TO ALTON ANYTIME IN NINETEEN
SIXTY SEVEN BECAUSE ROBBERY WARRANT OUTSTANDING FOR HIM FOR
ROBBERY WEGENER'S FOODLINER, ALTON, IN NINETEEN FIFTY NINE.

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TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA (44-2386), CHICAGO, DALLAS, HOUSTON,
LOS ANGELES, MEMPHIS, MINNEAPOLIS AND NEW YORK
FROM MIAMI (44-1854) (P)

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RE KANSAS CITY TEL TO THE BUREAU JUNE THREE LAST,
ATLANTA TEL TO THE BUREAU JUNE FOUR LAST AND MIAMI TEL
TO THE BUREAU JUNE FOUR LAST.

FOR INFO OFFICES WHICH DID NOT RECEIVE RE ATLANT TEL
OF JUNE FOUR LAST, THIS TEL REFLECTS ONE RAMON GEORGE
SNEYD, WHOSE PASSPORT PHOTO MAY BE THAT OF SUBJECT RAY, OBTAINED
A BRITISH COMMONWEALTH PASSPORT ON APRIL TWENTYFOUR LAST. IN
APPLYING FOR PASSPORT HE FURNISHED FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION:
WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED] TORONTO, ^{5/10}ONE
SIXTYEIGHT LBS., BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES, RESIDING NINE SIX
EIGHT DUNDAS, TORONTO, CANADA, WHICH IS CHEAP ROOMING HOUSE
WHERE SNEYD RESIDED SINCE APRIL SIXTYEIGHT. PROPRIETOR COULD
NOT MAKE POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION OF SNEYD AS RAY FROM PHOTO.
PASSPORT APPLICATION OBTAINED THROUGH TRAVEL AGENCY NEAR

LEAD
UAL TICKETS -
EAL FTS ATLANTA
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ROOMING HOUSE AND TRAVEL AGENCY RECORDS INDICATE SNEYD HAD PLANNED TO TRAVEL TO LONDON VIA BOAC AND WOULD RETURN MAY TWENTYNINE LAST. RE ATLANTA TEL OF JUNE FOUR LAST REQUESTED MIAMI REVIEW EASTERN AIRLINES (EAL) FLIGHTS THREE TWENTY AND THREE TWENTYEIGHT FOR DAILY FLIGHTS FROM ATLANTA TO TORONTO AND FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX DAILYFROM ATLANTA TO MONTREAL. BUREAU FURTHER ADVISED SNEYD IN OBTAINING PASSPORT FURNISHED NAME OF PAUL BRIDGEMAN AS PERSON TO NOTIFY IN EVENT OF EMERGENCY AND ADVISED BRIDGEMAN MAY HAVE BEEN INCARCERATED WITH SUBJECT. BUREAU INSTRUCTED NAME OF SNEYD AND BRIDGEMAN BE CHECKED TO DETERMINE IF PASSENGERS ON ABOVE-MENTIONED FLIGHTS FOR PERIOD APRIL FIVE THROUGH APRIL NINETEEN LAST.

EAL RECORDS CHECKED ON JUNE FOUR LAST DID NOT REFLECT EITHER SNEYD OR BRIDGEMAN AS PASSENGERS THRESE FLIGHTS DURING PERTINENT PERIOD.

EAL RECORDS INDICATE THAT TICKETS OF OTHER AIRLINES WERE USED ON PERTINENT FLIGHTS DURING PERTINENT PERIOD AND TICKET NUMBERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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UNITED AIRLINES, CHICAGO, ILL., COACH CLASS:

ZERO ONE SIX-TWO ONE THREE-TWO SEVEN EIGHT THREE THREE NINE,
COUPON TWO, FLIGHT THREE TWENTY ON APRIL FIVE LAST;

ZERO ONE SIX-FOUR TWO FIVE-TWO FIVE TWO SEVEN TWO SEVEN,
COUPON TWO, FLIGHT THREE TWENTY ON APRIL NINE LAST;

ZERO ONE SIX-THREE ZERO ONE-TWO FIVE NINE SIX THREE TWO,
COUPON TWO, FLIGHT THREE TWENTY ON APRIL NINE LAST.

DELATA AIRLINE, ATLANTA, GA., COACH CLASS:

ZERO ZERO SIX-TWO ZERO TWO-TWO FOUR THREE THREE FOUR
FIVE, COUPON TWO, FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX, APRIL SIX LAST;
ZERO ZERO SIX-TWO ZERO ONE-THREE ONE THREE SIX ONE NINE,
COUPON TWO, FLGITH THREE TWENTY, APRIL SIX LAST;

ZERO ZERO SIX-FOUR NINE EIGHT-SEVEN TWO ZERO SEVEN EIGHT
FIVE, COUPON TWO, FLGITH THREE TWENTYEIGHT, APRIL EIGHT LAST;
ZERO ZERO SIX-EIGHT SIX ZERO-TWO SEVEN SEVEN EIGHT SIX
EIGHT, COUPON FOUR, FLIGHT THREE TWENTYEIGHT, APRIL EIGHT LAST;

ZERO ZERO SIX-TWO ZERO TWO-ONE NINE SIX EIGHT SIX TWO,
COUPON ONE, FLIGHT THREE TWENTY, APRIL THIRTEEN LAST;

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