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

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RE SI TEL TO BUREAU AUGUST TWENTYONE LAST.

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 AND PCI HELEN GRABLE CONTACTED. INFORMATION DEVELOPED THAT A
 WILLIE LEE, BELIEVED A QUOTE WEAK LINK END QUOTE AMONG ASSOCIATES
 JOHN MC CLINTOCK, DICK COVINGTON, AND DELMAR GRINDSTAFF, HAS
 LEFT THE STATE BECAUSE SOMEONE IS QUOTE OUT TO GET HIM END
 QUOTE.

MC CLINTOCK DUE FOR TRIAL MADISON COUNTY COURT ON
 BURGLARY CHARGE.

WHEREABOUTS OF COVINGTON AND GRINDSTAFF UNKNOWN TO
 INFORMANTS OR ASSOCIATES.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTEN: FBI LABORATORY
PC-A5498-BX
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are the original eight checks from the Indian Trail Restaurant, Winnetka, Illinois, payable to JOHN L. RAYNS plus a W-4 Form made out by JOHN L. RAYNS. One Xerox copy of each also enclosed to Bureau and Memphis.

These checks were paid to subject JAMES EARL RAY under the alias of JOHN L. RAYNS during his employment at the above restaurant from 5/3/67 till 6/24/67.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to compare the signatures of JOHN L. RAYNS with known handwriting of the subject to determine if identical.

The Latent Fingerprint Section is requested to process enclosed checks and W-4 Form for latent prints and thereafter compare with fingerprints of subject.

In addition it is requested that any latents developed on check #5357 dated 6/25/67 also be compared

3-Bureau (Encs. 18) (RM)
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with the fingerprints of subject's brother JERRY RAY previously submitted instant matter.

The Memphis and Chicago Divisions should be advised of the results of afore-mentioned examination and the enclosed items should be returned to Chicago upon completion of examination.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN

RE SI TEL TO BUREAU AUGUST TWENTYTWO LAST.

CHIEF WILLIAM H. PETERSEN (NA), ALTON PD, ADVISED NO INFORMATION DEVELOPED THAT JAMES EARL RAY IN ALTON SUBSEQUENT TO ESCAPE FROM MSP. FURTHER, THAT HE HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY WRITERS PREPARING BOOKS AND ARTICLES ON RAY AND IN CONVERSATION THEY INDICATE THEY HAVE INTERVIEWED INNUMERABLE PERSONS AND NONE CAN PLACE RAY IN ALTON.

PAUL COUSLEY, EDITOR, ALTON EVENING TELEGRAPH, ADVISED NO SOURCES OF THE PAPER OR CITIZENS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO FURNISH ANY INFORMATION INDICATING RAY PARTICIPATED IN ROBBERY THE BANK OF ALTON OR WAS EVER IN ALTON AREA IN NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN.

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To: SAC, Chicago (44-1114)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

By return communication advise your last date of contact with Harvey A. and Clara S. Klingeman.

As you were previously advised, you should insure that in the event Harvey A. and Clara S. Klingeman, owners of Indian Trail Restaurant, Winnetka, Illinois, are further contacted by William Bradford Huie, you are promptly notified, and the Bureau immediately advised.

1 - Memphis (44-1987)

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AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel dated 9/19/68.

HARVEY A. and CLARA S. KLINGEMAN of the Indian Trail Restaurant, Winnetka, Illinois, remain in contact with the Chicago Division, last on 9/25/68, and have had no further contact by WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE.

Bureau will be kept advised.

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

RE: MURKIN
COST DATA

Re Chicago airtel to Memphis, 9/3/68.

There were no unusual costs incurred
by the Chicago Office during 9/68, resulting from
investigation in captioned matter.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (137-7039)

DATE: 9/24/68

FROM : SA HARRY A. WALKER

SUBJECT: THOMAS BUCKLIN

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Dates of Contact 6/25; 7/12, 19; 8/6, 22/68	
Titles and File #s on which contacted	
HAROLD SHAK, FUDE	42-20265
FRANK WM. HULLINGER, FUDE	42-20661
MURKIN	44-1114
MICHAEL DE TIENNE, FUDE	42-20171
PATRICK TAYLOR, FUDE	42-20146
LOUIS MICHAEL SPALLONE, FUDE	42-20443
Purpose and results of contact	
UNSUB; Theft of Marco Mark 12 Radio SN 25FS-5, ET AL; DAMV 149-	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC	
(see attached re MURKIN)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Very Good
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PCI, owner, Glenbrook Patrol Service, Glenview, Illinois, advised on July 19, 1968, that GLENN E. TIBBS, telephone 729-3921, was former lieutenant for his patrol service; however, due to a foot operation, TIBBS had to leave his company about June 1, 1968.

PCI advised TIBBS resides in the Sunset Trailer Park with an address of 508 Fifth Street, Northfield, Illinois; however, the trailer park is just located north of Glenview, Illinois, on Waukegan Road. He explained that for the last approximate two years TIBBS had the job of checking the security of the Sportsman Country Club, Northbrook, Illinois, for the patrol service, checking the Sportsman Country Club area in a roving patrol approximately three times a night and in this capacity became well acquainted with JERRY RAY, brother of JAMES EARL RAY, and had coffee with JERRY RAY on a nightly basis during this period at the Sportsman Country Club where JERRY was employed. PCI stated that TIBBS is an extremely capable guard and a person that can be trusted in every respect.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN.

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL OCTOBER ONE, SIXTYEIGHT.

BUREAU ATTENTION DIRECTED TO KANSAS CITY REPORT DATED
MAY FIFTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT, PAGE FORTYSEVEN THEREOF. REREP CONTAINS
INTERVIEW WITH GEORGE BEN EDMUNDSON, FORMER TOP TEN WHO USED
NAME ALEXANDER PETER BORMANN WHILE IN CANADA. KANSAS CITY REPORT
SETS FORTH EXTENSIVE INTERVIEW WITH EDMUNDSON WHEREIN EDMUNDSON
DENIES HAVING HAD ANY DEALINGS WITH JAMES EARL RAY INSIDE OR
OUTSIDE PENITENTIARY.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

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REBUAIRTEL SEPTEMBER ELEVEN, SIXTYEIGHT.

ON INSTANT DATE, WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE, AUTHOR, HARTSELLE, ALABAMA, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED SA WILLIAM H. LEE, DECATUR, ALABAMA RA, AND ADVISED SUBJECT RAY HAD PLASTIC SURGERY MAY FIVE LAST AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, AND HE HAS XEROX COPIES OF DOCTOR'S RECORDS WHICH HE WILL FURNISH IF WANTED. HUIE STATED HE FEELS ALEX BORMAN OR BORMANN, FORMER INMATE MISSOURI STATE PRISON WITH SUBJECT RAY, IS CONNECTED INSTANT CRIME AS INFORMATION RECEIVED BORMAN AND RAY WERE IN CHICAGO, ILL., AREA TOGETHER FOR PERIOD OF SEVERAL WEEKS. HUIE STATED ABOVE INFORMATION HAS BEEN FURNISHED FBI LOS ANGELES AND CHICAGO. HUIE EXPRESSED DESIRE OF BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON ALEX BORMAN, STATING HE PLANS TO CALL BUREAU OCTOBER TWO NEXT FOR THIS INFORMATION.

NO PROMISES OR SUGGESTIVE ENCOURAGEMENT INDICATED TO HUIE. AIRMAIL COPIES TO CHICAGO AND LOS ANGELES.
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FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

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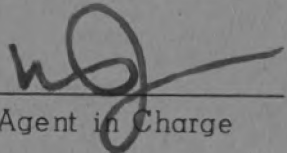
HARVEY A. AND CLARA S. KLINGEMAN, OWNERS OF INDIAN TRIAL RESTAURANT, WINNETKA, ILLINOIS, INTERVIEWED THIS EVENING AT WINNETKA PD FOLLOWING CONTACT BY THEM WITH WINNETKA CHIEF DONALD ~~DE~~ DERNING (N/A)

THEY WERE CONTACTED TUESDAY, AUGUST TWENTY, LAST, BY WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE, HARTSELLE, ALABAMA, AUTHOR OF "THREE LIVES FOR MISSISSIPPI" AND "LOOK" MAGAZINE PHOTOGRAPHER HANSEN. HUIE EXHIBITED LETTERS PURPORTEDLY FROM SUBJECT RAY ADDRESSED TO RAY-S ATTORNEY AND GIVEN TO HUIE. HUIE SAID HE HAS OBTAINED ALL COMMERCIAL RIGHTS TO RAY-S STORY AND IN RETURN IS UNDERWRITING COSTS OF RAY-S DEFENSE. LETTERS WRITTEN ON HALF SHEETS OF YELLOW LEGAL FOOLSCAP AND KLINGEMANS CLAIM RECOGNIZED SUBJECT RAYS HANDWRITING.

BOTH KLINGEMANS POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED PHOTO OF SUBJECT RAY AS MAN EMPLOYED BY THEM FROM MAY THREE, SIXTYSEVEN, TO ~~TO~~ JUNE TWO FOUR, SIXTYSEVEN, AS DISHWASHER AND COOKS HELPER, WITH TOTAL PAY OF ABOUT EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY DOLLARS. WAS EMPLOYED UNDER NAME JOHN L. RAYNS, SOCIAL SECURITY NO. [REDACTED]

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LEFT EMPLOYMENT SAYING GOING TO WORK ON BOATS WITH HIS BROTHER AND SUBSEQUENTLY MAILED LETTER TO RESTAURANT REQUESTING PAY DUE BE SENT TO HIS BROTHER IN NORTHBROOK, ILLINOIS. KLINGEMAN DID MAIL CHECK WHICH WAS CASHED. ALL PAY CHECKS OBTAINED AND WILL BE FURNISHED FBI LAB ALONG WITH FORM W DASH FOUR. GAVE LOCAL ADDRESS OF TWO SEVEN THREE ONE, SHEFFIELD, CHICAGO, BUT CHECK MAILED TO BROTHER CONTAINS ADDRESS ONE SIX FOUR EIGHT LUNT, CHICAGO WITH DATE JULY THREE, SIXTYSEVEN.

SUBJECT WAS EXCELLENT EMPLOYEE, QUIET, HAD NO FRIENDS OR VISITORS, BUT RECEIVED THREE OR FOUR PHONE CALLS DURING LAST WEEK OF EMPLOYMENT FROM PERSON STATING HE WAS BROTHER.

AUTHOR HUIE SHOWED LETTERS FROM RAY TO KLINGEMAN IN WHICH HE LISTED EMPLOYMENT AT INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT (AN OLD, LARGE, UPPER CLASS RESTAURANT OF EXCELLENT REPUTATION).

HUIE DESCRIBED METHOD OF ESCAPE OF SUBJECT ~~RAY~~ FROM JEFFERSON CITY VIA BREAD TRUCK AND CLAIMED RAY WALKED TO CHICAGO, BECOMING VERY SORE FOOTED. (KLINGEMAN RECALLS WHEN RAY EMPLOYED HE HAD SORE AND SWOLLEN LEGS). AFTER BECOMING EMPLOYED, HUIE ALLEGES RAY WAS CONTACTED BY CONSPIRATORS WHO THREATENED TO REVEAL HIS IDENTITY AND CAUSE HIS RETURN TO PRISON IF HE DID NOT WORK

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FOR THEM. HUIE SAYS RAY WAS GIVEN TWELVE HUNDRED DOLLARS DURING INITIAL CONTACTS AND ULTIMATELY WAS PAID FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS, BUT WAS TO RECEIVE MORE.

UPON LEAVING RESTAURANT EMPLOYMENT, HUIE ALLEGES RAY MADE TWO TRIPS TO CANADA THROUGH DETROIT TUNNEL, TESTING DIFFICULTY OF ENTERING AND LEAVING CANADA. HE ALSO MADE THIRD TRIP TO CANADA AND ACCORDING TO HUIE, "WAS INSTRUCTED" TO OBTAIN FORTY YEAR OLD NEWSPAPER, OBTAIN NAMES OF MALES BORN, THEN SEARCH CURRENT PHONE BOOKS FOR SIMILAR NAMES. THEN SURVEIL INDIVIDUALS WITH SIMILAR NAMES TO FIND OUT WHETHER THEIR PHYSICAL DESCRIPTIONS MATCHED HIM. THEREAFTER HE TELEPHONED PERSONS OF HIS LIKE DESCRIPTION USING PRETEXT AND FOUND MAN WHO HAD NEVER APPLIED FOR PASSPORT. THEN APPLIED FOR PASSPORT IN THIS NAME.

HE WAS ~~RECEIVED~~ THEN GIVEN MORE MONEY TO PURCHASE CAR, WHICH WAS TO BE DRIVEN TO ACAPULCO, MEXICO, TO OBTAIN TOURIST STICKER, THEN DRIVEN THROUGH MEXICO TO WEST COAST. HUIE CLAIMS RAY WAS FLOWN TO ATLANTA FROM WEST COAST, BUT TIME WAS NOT RIPE, SO WAS RETURNED TO CALIFORNIA. HE WAS GIVEN MONEY TO BUY BINOCULARS AND SHOTGUN AND WAS TO GO TO MEMPHIS AT CERTAIN TIME AND PLACE.

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HUIE ALLEGES A NEGRO CALLED KING TO BALCONY, WHERE HE WAS SHOT. ACTUAL MURDERER WAS NOT RAY, ALTHOUGH RAY WAS PRESENT, AND AT LATER TIME RAY WILL IDENTIFY MURDERER. RAY DID PICK UP RIFLE, RAN TO HIS CAR AND PROCEDED TO RENDEZVOUS AT ATLANTA, HOWEVER, CONSPIRATORS DID NOT APPEAR WITH REMAINING "BUNDLE OF MONEY."

RAY WAS THEN TO FLEE TO MEXICO, BUT IMMEDIATELY FLY NORTH TO THROW OFF PURSUIT AND TO STEER ALL INVESTIGATION TO MEXICO. SINCE CONSPIRATORS DID NOT APPEAR, HE FLED TO CANADA AND HUIE~~4~~ ALLEGATIONS THEN FOLLOW SUBSEQUENT NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS. ~~HEXX~~ HUIE DID SAY RAY ROBBED BANK IN LONDON BECAUSE HE GOT REAL LOW ON MONEY.

HUIE DID NOT AT ANY TIME IDENTIFY ANY ALLEGED CONSPIRATORS.

HUIE SWORE KLINGEMANS TO SECRECY, SAYING HE WOULD MAIL THEM "LOOK" PROOFS ON SEPT. TEN, NEXT, COPIES OF WHICH WILL BE FURNISHED BY KLINGEMANS TO CHICAGO FBI, AND STORY IS TO BE IN "LOOK" NOVEMBER TEN, NEXT, ISSUE. KLINGEMANS BROKE PROMISE OF SECRECY UPON REFLECTION, BELIEVING THIER PUBLIC DUTY WAS TO CONTACT POLICE. HUIE NOT AWARE OF THEIR TALKING WITH FBI AND THEY WILL NOT TELL HIM WITHOUT APPROVAL OF FBI THROUGH CHIEF DERNING, NA.

CHICAGO SUGGESTS BUREAU CONSIDER NOTES AND LETTERS FROM

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RAY IN POSSESSION OF HUIE MAY CONSTITUTE EVIDENCE OF FEDERAL CRIMINAL VIOLATIONS, NOTABLY CONSPIRACY, AND EVEN THOUGH OBTAINED ~~WYEM~~ BY RAY ATTORNEY LOSE THEIR PRIVILEGE WHEN SHOWN TO OUTSIDERS. KLINGEMANS ARE EXLERLY, REPUTABLE CITIZENS, WHO ARE WILLING TO ASSIST BUREAU IN ANY WAY DESIRED.

HUIE OBTAINED PHOTOSTATS OF PAYROLL LEDGERS AND TOOK MANY PHOTOGRAPHS AT INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT AS WELL AS AT RAY-S CHICAGO RESIDENCE, ACCORDING TO KLINGEMANS.

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↑ investigation including addresses mentioned.
BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)
SUBJECT: UNSUBS (2);
The Bank of Alton,
Alton, Illinois
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On 8/21/68, circulars regarding laundry and dry cleaning marks obtained at captioned bank robbery were furnished to all laundries in the Chicago Division through the Illinois Launderers Association, mailing list and to all dry cleaners in the Chicago Division, through the National Dry Cleaning Institution mailing list furnished by the Baltimore Office.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) ATTN: FBI LABORATORY
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS

Enclosed for the Laboratory is page "13" of a rooming house ledger and Registration Card No. 8075 from a hotel.

Page "13" was obtained from a rooming house at 2731 Sheffield, Chicago, Illinois, and on line 24 bears the signature JOHN LARRY RAYMS, who it is believed is identical with the subject.

Registration Card No. 8075 obtained from the Lincoln Apartment Hotel, 1648 West Lunt, Chicago, Illinois, bears the signature of JOHN L. RAYNS and other inked handwriting, believed made by the subject.

The Laboratory is requested to compare the signature JOHN LARRY RAYMS appearing on line 24 of the enclosed page "13" and the signature JOHN L. RAYNS and other inked writing on the enclosed Registration Card No. 8075 with the known handwriting and signatures of the subject to determine if the subject in fact signed page "13" and the Registration Card.

The Laboratory is requested to return the enclosures to the Chicago Office upon completion of this examination.

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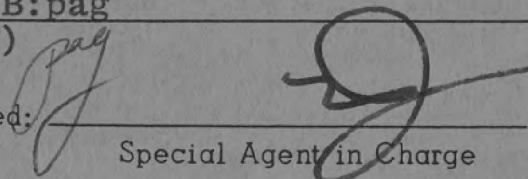
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE CHICAGO TEL TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS AUGUST TWENTY-
THREE LAST.

MRS. GLORIA DONNELLY, OWNER, TWO SEVEN THREE ONE
NORTH SHEFFIELD, CHICAGO, PRODUCED RENT RECORDS WHICH
SHOW A JOHN LARRY RAYMS RENTED ROOM ON APRIL THIRTY, SIXTY-
SEVEN. MRS. DONNELLY ADVISED RAYMS RENTED REAR BASEMENT
APARTMENT. RENT RECORDS DO NOT SHOW WHEN RAYMS LEFT,
HOWEVER, NEXT PERSON TO OCCUPY APARTMENT MOVED IN ON MAY
SEVENTEEN OR JUNE SEVENTEEN SIXTY-SEVEN - CONFUSION AS TO
DATE DUE TO FIRST DIGIT OF DATE WRITTEN OVER. THIS DIGIT
IS EITHER FIVE OR SIX. ROOM RENTED TO RAYMS BY JEAN WILKS,
DONNELLY'S AUNT. WILKS DIED ON MAY ONE LAST.

DONNELLY STATED RAYMS CAME TO APARTMENT THROUGH AD IN
NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSPAPER. RAYMS HAD NO FRIENDS OR ASSOCIATES.
LEFT THE HOUSE DAILY BEFORE SEVEN A.M. DONNELLY CANNOT
RECALL RAYMS HAVING A CAR. RAYMS HAD LOTS OF BOOKS AND
COOKING UTENSILS, VERY FEW CLOTHES. SOME COOKING UTENSILS

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LEFT BEHIND. RAYMS RECEIVED ONE LETTER DURING STAY. THIS LETTER FROM UNKNOWN PLACE IN CANADA. DONNELLY STATED RAYMS LEFT SAME DAY HE RECEIVED LETTER. RAYMS STATED HE WAS GOING TO CANADA TO WORK. ALSO MENTIONED GETTING A JOB ON A SHIP.

DONNELLY SHOWN GROUP OF PHOTOGRAPHS. UNABLE TO PICK OUT PHOTO OF RAY. DESCRIBED RAYMS AS LATE TWENTIES, EARLY THIRTIES, DARK HAIR, TALL AND THIN.

DONNELLY STATED ONE PHONE IN APARTMENT NOT CONNECTED AND BELIEVED TO BE DISCONNECTED AT TIME RAYMS IN APARTMENT. STATED CALLS IF ANY PROBABLY MADE AT CORNER DRUG STORE. PHONE NUMBERS OF THESE PHONES OBTAINED.

DONNELLY MADE AVAILABLE REGISTRATION SHEET SIGNED BY RAYMS.

EDWARD SPERLING, SECOND FLOOR, TWO SEVEN THREE ONE N. SHEFFIELD, ADVISED HE RECALLED RAYMS AND PICKED PHOTO OF RAY FROM GROUP OF PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWN AS RESEMBLING RAYMS. SPERLING ADVISED RAYMS SPOKE TO NO ONE AND DID NOT HAVE ANY FRIENDS AND ASSOCIATES.

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ANNIE KEEGAN, SECOND FLOOR, TWO SEVEN THREE ONE N.
SHEFFIELD, UNABLE TO PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION RE RAYMS.

PHYLLIS LEHNING, WHO RESIDED FRONT BASEMENT APT.,
TWO SEVEN THREE ONE N. SHEFFIELD UNTIL MAY TEN, SIXTY-SEVEN,
UNABLE TO RECALL OR IDENTIFY RAYMS.

MAYE CANAPA, MANAGER, LINCOLN APT. HOTEL, ONE SIX FOUR
EIGHT W. LUNT, CHICAGO, CHECKED RENT RECORDS AND DETERMINED
A JOHN L. RAYNS, TWO SEVEN THREE ONE N. SHEFFIELD, CHICAGO,
ILL., CHECKED INTO ROOM ONE ZERO FIVE ON JUNE EIGHTEEN,
SIXTY-SEVEN. REGISTRATION CARD MARKED "RENTED FOR ONE WEEK."
CANAPA UNABLE TO IDENTIFY PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY AND CANNOT RECALL
RAYNS. ROOM RENTED BY LOLA BALLARD WHO WAS NOT AVAILABLE
FOR INTERVIEW. REGISTRATION CARD OBTAINED.

REGISTRATION CARDS BEING SUBMITTED TO LABORATORY THIS
DATE FOR HANDWRITING COMPARISON.

PHONE RECORDS UNAVAILABLE WILL BE CHECKED WHEN FIRST
AVAILABLE, MONDAY NEXT.

OTHER PERSONS WHO MIGHT BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY RAY AT
EITHER ADDRESS UNAVAILABLE UNTIL MONDAY WHEN THEY WILL BE INTERVIEWED.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P
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The "Commercial Appeal," a Memphis, Tennessee, morning newspaper, on Friday, October 25, on Page 1, carries an article captioned "FBI Tries to Tag Voices in Ray Case." This article written by ART PETACQUE under dateline of Chicago, October 24. Two Xerox copies attached for assistance and guidance of Chicago Office, and two copies are being furnished for the Bureau's information.

Of particular interest in this article is a statement attributed to HARVEY KLINGEMAN, who operated the Indian Trail Restaurant in Winnetka, Illinois. JAMES EARL RAY did work at this restaurant for the period May 3 through June 24, 1967.

KLINGEMAN reportedly said that the United States Justice Department is using tape recordings of voices of JAMES EARL RAY's acquaintances to determine whether they contacted RAY by telephone or other means while he worked at a Winnetka, Illinois, restaurant. KLINGEMAN also reportedly says FBI Agents did not disclose the identity of the voices on the tapes. KLINGEMAN speculated that the voices were those of relatives or others who might be involved with JAMES EARL RAY at some time prior to the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING at Memphis on April 4. The Memphis Division, which is origin in instant case, has no knowledge of any tapes of this type being used or any tapes of this type being available in instant case. It appears to the Memphis Division that this may be a complete fabrication on the part of either KLINGEMAN or the reporter involved.

It is suggested that since this information emanated in the Chicago area, the Chicago Office furnish its comments in this matter.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)
 FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) 2P

MURKIN.

STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL PHIL M. CANALE, MEMPHIS, HAS
 ADVISED HIS OFFICE IS INTERESTED IN THE FOLLOWING IN REGARD
 TO FORTHCOMING TRIAL:

AT NEW ORLEANS -- SPECIFICALLY, WHO IS APPROPRIATE AND
 BEST PERSON TO TESTIFY RE INTRODUCTION OF REGISTRATION RECORDS
 AT PROVINCIAL MOTEL AND REGISTRATION OF SUBJECT THERE?

AT MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA -- SPECIFICALLY, WHO IS APPROPRIATE
 PERSON TO TESTIFY RE RECORDS PERTAINING TO REGISTRATION OF MUSTANG
 IN ALABAMA?

AT WINNETKA, ILLINOIS -- SPECIFICALLY, WHO IS BEST AND
 APPROPRIATE PERSON TO TESTIFY RE EMPLOYMENT AND RECORDS AT
 RESTAURANT?

CANALE HAS REQUESTED THAT FBI MAKE CONTACT WITH APPROPRIATE
 PERSONS AS LISTED ABOVE AND DETERMINE THEIR AVAILABILITY TO

Airtel.....FURNISH TESTIMONY IN INSTANT CASE.

Teletype...RGJ:ME

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ALL OFFICES REQUESTED TO EXPEDITE AS CASE IS STILL
SCHEDULED FOR TRIAL, NOV. TWELVE NEXT.

AIR MAIL COPIES CHICAGO, MOBILE AND NEW ORLEANS. P.

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To: SAC, Chicago
From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Memphis airtel to the Bureau dated 10-25-68.

You should interview Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Klingeman, owners of the Indian Trail Restaurant in Winnetka, Illinois, to determine the origin of the matter in relation to the statement in the "Commercial Appeal" newspaper stating FBI using tape recordings of voices of relatives and acquaintances of James Earl Ray to determine if they contacted Ray while he was employed at the Indian Trail Restaurant.

SuLHM containing results of interview in a form suitable for dissemination.

Insure that the Klingemans fully understand that the Bureau is not involved in any such activity as described.

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SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)(P*)

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ReSAairtel to Chicago, 8/26/68.

On 9/24/68, Special Agent CARAWAY of the Federal Bureau of Narcotics (FBA), San Antonio, Texas, was recontacted and advised that he would try to obtain the identity of the unnamed individual mentioned in referenced airtel.

On 10/22/68, SA JERRY RICE of the FBN, San Antonio, advised that SA ALLEN CARAWAY was no longer with the FBN and is now a Deputy U. S. Marshal. RICE said that he worked with CARAWAY and could not recall the incident mentioned in referenced airtel.

In view of the above, San Antonio will make no further efforts to determine the identity of the unnamed individual mentioned in referenced airtel.

It is assumed that Chicago was able to locate (FNU) TURNTIDE.

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**JAMES EARL RAY, ALSO KNOWN AS
DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING -
VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS**

Mr. Harvey Klingman, owner, Indian Trail Restaurant, Winnetka, Illinois, advised on October 30, 1968, that on the date he was interviewed by reporter Art Petacque he, Klingman, made no statement whatsoever to the effect that the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) had utilized tape recordings of voices of friends of James Earl Ray. He said that he also was interviewed by numerous television and newspaper commentators and reporters and on each and every occasion he made no mention whatsoever of tape recordings. He said that the comments regarding the tape recordings set forth in Mr. Petacque's articles were a complete figment of Petacque's imagination. Mr. Klingman did state that he told the various members of the news media that the FBI had asked his wife if she could possibly identify or recognize again the voice of the individual who made the telephone calls to Ray and that she had replied negatively.

Mr. Klingman advised that he and his wife have reviewed the article which is to appear in Look Magazine and that the only portion of it that they read was the information they furnished to Mr. Huie and that it was exactly the same as what they had previously told both Huie and the FBI.

Mr. Klingman reiterated his desire to cooperate with the FBI in this matter and again stated that neither he nor his wife made any statement which could be construed to indicate that the FBI was using tape recordings of the voices of James Earl Ray's acquaintances.

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AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Chicago dated 10/30/68, Memphis teletype to the Director dated 10/15/68 and Memphis airtel to the Director dated 10/25/68.

Enclosed herewith are 7 copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) setting forth interview of Mr. HARVEY KLINGMAN. One (1) copy of LHM enclosed for Memphis.

Mr. KLINGMAN advised that he would be more than willing to testify for the State of Tennessee in the RAY trial, but that due to pressure of business his wife should be the individual to be subpoenaed.

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AIRTEL

To: SAC, Springfield (44-561)
SAC, Chicago (44-1114)

From: Director, FBI 44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Springfield airtel to Bureau dated 11-19-68.

You should insure that all known names that Ray used are checked through Illinois Motor Vehicle Bureau to determine if Ray purchased a vehicle.

For your information records of a motel in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada where Ray was registered as a guest on August 18, 1967, indicates he was driving a Plymouth, license No. LM 5942 (no further description given) and gives an address of 507 Chestnut Street, Chicago, Illinois.

It is noted that 507 Chestnut Street, Winnetka, Illinois, is the address of Indian Trail Restaurant where Ray was employed after his escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary.

Chicago will determine if 507 Chestnut Street exists, and if so, conduct appropriate inquiry.

Expedite your investigation.

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AIRTEL URGENT

TO DIRECTOR

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561 2P

MURKIN

LOOK MAGAZINE ARTICLE INDICATES JAMES EARL RAY
PURCHASED NINETEEN SIXTYTWO PLYMOUTH, EAST ST. LOUIS,
ILLINOIS. ILLINOIS MVB RECORDS SHOW NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN
LICENSE LM FIVE NINE FOUR TWO ISSUED TO JOHN L. RAYNS,
FIVE NAUGHT SEVEN CHESTNUT, P. O. BOX TWO NINE THREE,
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS, FOR SIXTYTWO PLYMOUTH, FOUR DOOR SEDAN,
VIN TWO NINE TWO ONE ONE SIX FIVE NINE THREE FOUR, ILLINOIS
TITLE NUMBER B ONE SIX NAUGHT FOUR FIVE SIX THREE. "DRIVERS
PERMIT" ISSUED TO RAYNS NUMBERED D SEVEN FIVE FOUR FOUR
SIX FOUR.

LICENSE NUMBER LM FIVE NINE FOUR TWO PREVIOUSLY
ISSUED TO FIFTYNINE CHRYSLER TWO DOOR, VIN M FIVE THREE
ONE ONE NAUGHT EIGHT TWO FOUR NAUGHT.

PLYMOUTH PURCHASED BUNDY OLDSMOBILE, SEVEN ONE ONE
ILLINOIS AVENUE, EAST ST. LOUIS. ARTICLE INDICATES PLYMOUTH
SOLD IN CHICAGO DURING SIXTYSEVEN.

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INVESTIGATION CONTINUING TO DEVELOP TITLE HISTORY
TO DETERMINE DISPOSITION OF SIXTYTWO PLYMOUTH.



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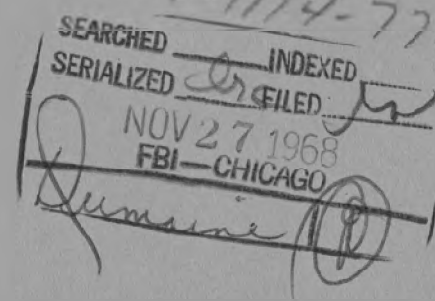
Springfield, Illinois
November 26, 1968

JAMES EARL RAY

JAMES TABOR, Supervisor, Auto Registration Section, Secretary of State's Office, Springfield, Illinois, advised on November 26, 1968, that 1967 Illinois license LM 5942 was issued on August 8, 1967, to JOHN L. RAYNS, 507 Chestnut, Post Office Box 293, Winnetka, Illinois, for a 1962 Plymouth, four door sedan, Vehicle Identification Number 2921165934. TABOR advised that the 1962 Plymouth, four door, was purchased July 14, 1967, from Bundy Oldsmobile, 711 Illinois Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois.

GENEVA JONES, Supervisor, Drivers License Section, Secretary of State's Office, Springfield, Illinois, advised that JOHN L. RAYNS, 507 Chestnut, Winnetka, Illinois, failed his license examination and driving examination on June 9, 1967; however, he passed his examinations on June 12, 1967. On June 21, 1967, RAYNS was issued Operator's License #R520-4723-3045, and this license describes him as 5 feet 9 inches tall, 158 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes, born [REDACTED] Permit #D754464 had also been issued on June 21, 1967.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) ATTN: CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION

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

MURKIN

Re Springfield teletype to Bureau, dated 11/25/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies of a letterhead memorandum covering investigation regarding a 1962 Plymouth purchased by JAMES EARL RAY in July 1967 at East St. Louis, Illinois. Investigation continuing to develop all information concerning the 1962 Plymouth, including its disposition. Information available indicates that the 1962 Plymouth was disposed of in Chicago, Illinois.

Copies of this letterhead memorandum are also being enclosed for Chicago and Memphis.

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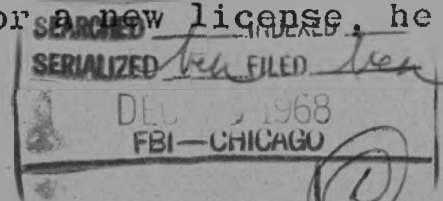
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Springfield, Illinois
November 29, 1968

JAMES EARL RAY

On November 26, 1968, Mr. JOHN L. WEST, Salesman, Bundy Oldsmobile, Inc., 8th and Illinois, East St. Louis, Illinois, advised that records of his company indicate that JOHN L. RAYNS, 507 Chestnut, Post Office Box 293, Winnetka, Illinois, purchased a 1962 Plymouth, four-door, Sedan, VIN 2921165934, on July 14, 1967, as per invoice #6852. Mr. WEST advised that this invoice indicates that the price of the above car was \$200. In addition, there was sales tax in the amount of \$9.50 and a notary fee in the amount of 50 cents, bringing total price of the automobile to \$210. Mr. WEST further advised that his records indicate that RAYNS made a cash deposit of \$20, as per receipt #38466 dated July 14, 1967, and apparently returned shortly thereafter with the balance of \$190, as the records indicate receipt #38469 dated July 14, 1967, indicate RAYNS paid this amount. WEST pointed out that although he could not be specific as to the time element involved between the period of time that the \$20 cash deposit was paid and the balance of \$190 was paid, it was apparently only a matter of a few minutes to an hour, since there were only two receipts issued between deposit receipt and balance receipt given to RAYNS.

Mr. WEST pointed out that there was no trade-in involved in the transaction. He also advised his file on RAYNS indicates Illinois sales tax form #1978804, which was dated July 14, 1967, was completed on that date and this along with the license information was mailed to the Secretary of State's Office, Springfield, Illinois, on July 31, 1967. Mr. WEST stated that from his records he had to assume RAYNS transferred his license from a previously owned automobile to the 1962 Plymouth, inasmuch as he was able to find a receipt #463, in the amount of \$3.00, which is the fee normally paid for transfer of title. Mr. WEST stated if an individual purchases an automobile and applies for a new license, he would be charged a minimum of \$7.00.



JAMES EARL RAY

Mr. WEST advised he recalled that the 1962 Plymouth was taken into Bundy Oldsmobile as the trade-in from an unrecalled Negro male who had purchased a new Cutlass, about a month prior to the transaction with RAYNS. WEST stated that the salesman who sold the car to RAYNS was GOBEL BIGGS.

Mr. WEST stated he could not specifically recall the sale of the automobile to RAYNS. He stated photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were unfamiliar to him. He likewise showed photograph to other sales personnel at Bundy Oldsmobile and they, too, stated that they could not recall RAY as ever having been in Bundy Oldsmobile. WEST did point out, however, that his business is primarily the sale of new cars and used cars of a higher quality than the automobile sold to RAYNS. Therefore, the transaction was somewhat insignificant and he was unable to recall any further specific details and was only able to furnish the above information as direct result of review of the receipts, invoices and orders set forth above.

Mr. GOBEL BIGGS, Salesman, Bundy Oldsmobile, Inc., East St. Louis, Illinois, after reviewing the invoice orders and other receipts pertaining to the sale of 1962 Plymouth, four-door, Sedan, VIN 2921165934, which he sold to JOHN L. RAYNS, 507 Chestnut, Post Office Box 293, Winnetka, Illinois, stated he could not recall this individual or anything of the transaction. Mr. BIGGS advised the transaction was rather insignificant and it involved the sale of a "junker" with \$200, and he could have possibly remembered more about the man had he sold the individual a new car or a used car in better condition. Mr. BIGGS did state, however, that he still has in his possession a "follow-up information card" for JOHN L. RAYNS with the address of 507 Chestnut, Post Office Box 293, Winnetka, Illinois, and he indicates on this card that RAYNS purchased a 1962 Plymouth on July 14, 1967. Mr. BIGGS stated it is the policy at Bundy Oldsmobile for all salesmen to send new car literature to individuals to whom they have sold automobiles in the past; and, based on this information card, he is relatively certain that he has sent such literature to RAYNS at the above address on at least seven or eight occasions, since the initial purchase of the 1962 Plymouth. He stated he has no way of knowing whether this literature was received by RAYNS at this address or whether it was returned by the Post Office. He stated if such literature would have been returned by the Post Office to Bundy Oldsmobile, it would have just been destroyed; therefore, he would have no way of knowing

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whether or not it was actually received. BIGGS, upon viewing photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, stated he could not associate this individual with being identical with RAYNS and was unable to furnish any other details as to the transaction, including the manner of payment, although he was certain from the invoice and receipts that this automobile was paid for in cash.

Mr. JAMES TABOR, Supervisor, Auto Registration Section, Secretary of State's Office, Springfield, Illinois, advised on November 27, 1968, that a check of records reflect that 1967 Illinois license LM-5942 was issued June 5, 1967, to JOHN LARRY RAYNS, 507 Chestnut, Box 293, Winnetka, Illinois, for a 1959 Chrysler, two-door, VIN M531108240, which was purchased used June 5, 1967, from GEORGE SEYMOUR HELLER, 7102 North Sheridan Road, Chicago, Illinois. Certificate of Title #B1178475 issued June 6, 1967, to RAYNS for this vehicle with no lien. On August 8, 1967, above-mentioned 1967 Illinois license transferred to RAYNS for a 1962 Plymouth, four-door, VIN 2921165934, which was purchased used July 14, 1967, from Bundy Oldsmobile, Inc., 711 Illinois Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois. The application for this transfer reflects that above-mentioned 1959 Chrysler to be sold later. Certificate of Title #B1604563 issued August 8, 1967, to RAYNS for instant Plymouth with no lien.

Mr. TABOR also advised that 1967 Illinois license RT-5302 was issued 8/28/67 to JERRY W. RYAN, 2897 Techny Road, Northbrook, Illinois, for instant Plymouth, purchased used August 25, 1967, from JOHN L. RAYNS, 507 Chestnut, Winnetka, Illinois. Certificate of Title #B1777474 issued September 7, 1967, to RYAN for this Plymouth with no lien.

Mr. TABOR also advised that 1967 Illinois license SC-7905 was issued October 25, 1967, to GJERDIS DOROTHEA RAY, 1344 Hazel Avenue, Deerfield, Illinois, for instant 1962 Plymouth, purchased used October 20, 1967, from JERRY W. RYAN, 2897 Techny Road, Northbrook, Illinois. Certificate of Title #B2105425 issued November 6, 1967, to RAY for this Plymouth with no lien and has not been surrendered to date.

On November 29, 1968, Mrs. GENEVA JONES, Supervisor, Driver's License Section, Secretary of State's Office, Springfield, Illinois, advised she could find nothing in her files identifiable

JAMES EARL RAY

with GJERDIS DOROTHEA RAY. Concerning JERRY W. RYAN she furnished the following:

Address:	314 Wisconsin, Lake Forest, Illinois
Date of Birth:	██████████
Height:	5'9"
Weight:	178 pounds
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Brown
Driver's License Number:	R500-4393-5202, which expires July 13, 1971

RYAN obtained this driver's license after taking an examination on May 20, 1968, while driving a 1960 DeSoto.

On April 19, 1968, Mr. WILLIAM KAUFMAN, Illinois State Board of Probation and Parole, Springfield, Illinois, advised that one JERRY WILLIAM RAY, also known as JERRY WILLIAM RYAN, white male, date of birth July 16, 1935, at Quincy, Illinois, 5'10", 170 pounds, with brown hair and brown eyes, was the brother of JAMES EARL RAY.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Springfield airtel to Bureau dated 11/26/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of a letterhead memorandum regarding automobile transactions and title transfers by JAMES EARL RAY, also known as, during the Summer and Fall of 1967. Also enclosed for Chicago and Memphis are two copies each of this letterhead memorandum.

Also enclosed herewith for Chicago are 14 photostats of registration and title records for 1959 Chrysler and 1962 Plymouth mentioned in enclosed letterhead memorandum. It should be noted that some of these photostats are not legible.

JERRY W. RYAN, 2897 Techny Road, Northbrook, Illinois, mentioned in enclosed letterhead memorandum, appears identical to JERRY WILLIAM RAY, aka Ryan, brother of subject JAMES EARL RAY.

Chicago conduct appropriate investigation regarding JERRY W. RYAN, 2897 Techny Road, Northbrook, Illinois, and 314 Wisconsin, Lake Forest, Illinois, and GJERDIS DOROTHEA RAY, 1344 Hazel Avenue, Deerfield, Illinois, and consider interviewing each concerning the transactions mentioned in enclosed letterhead memorandum.

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December 3, 1968

AIRTEL

TO : SAC, SAVANNAH (44-1768)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS

Enclosed for Memphis and Savannah is one Xerox copy of letter and envelope sent to Mrs. DONNELLY by RAY RUSSELL.

Mrs. GLORIA DONNELLY, owner, 2731 North Sheffield, Chicago, Illinois, made available a letter from RAY RUSSELL and the envelope the letter came in, to Agents of the Chicago Division. For the information of Savannah, investigation has previously established that JAMES EARL RAY, using the name of JOHN LARRY RAYMS, rented a room, which was the rear basement apartment at 2731 North Sheffield, and resided at that address from April 30, 1967, to sometime in May or June, 1967.

Mrs. DONNELLY contacted Agents due to the fact that letter signed by RAY RUSSELL, who is apparently an inmate at the prison at Reidsville, Georgia, refers to the rear basement apartment and mentions the name, JOHN LARRY RAYMS. Mrs. DONNELLY cannot recall the identity of RAY RUSSELL. She has checked her rent records and cannot find anyone by that name that rented from them. Mrs. DONNELLY also advised she does not understand why RUSSELL would be writing to her asking her for help in getting money.

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AT REIDSVILLE, GEORGIA. 1. Interview RAY RUSSELL at the Reidsville Prison. Determine if and when RUSSELL resided at 2731 North Sheffield, check what name he used at the time, what money he is referring to in his letter, and what knowledge he has of JOHN LARRY RAYNS.

2. Obtain photographs, description, and FBI Number of RUSSELL, and make same available to Chicago.

December 5, 1968

AIRTEL

TO: SACs, Springfield (44-561)
Chicago (44-1114)

FROM: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

ReSlairtel to Bureau dated 11/29/68.

The LHM enclosed to referenced communication states that 1967 Illinois license LM 5942 was issued on June 5, 1967, to John Larry Rayns, 307 Chestnut, Box 293, Winnetka, Illinois, for a 1959 Chrysler, two-door, VIN M531108240, which was purchased used on June 5, 1967, from George Seymour Heller, 7102 North Sheridan Road Chicago, Illinois. Certificate of Title #B1178475 was issued on June 6, 1967, to Rayns for his vehicle with no lien.

According to your LHM, the Illinois license LM 5942 was transferred to Rayns on August 8, 1967, for a 1962 Plymouth, this Plymouth purchased from Bundy Oldemobile, East St. Louis, Illinois, on July 14, 1967. The application for transfer of license plates indicates that the 1959 Chrysler to be sold at a later date.

Springfield should search the title of the above-mentioned 1959 Chrysler to determine the ultimate disposition of this vehicle, and if applicable have the person who purchased the vehicle from Ray (used name of Rayns) interviewed for full details.

Chicago, if not already done, will interview George Seymour Heller regarding his selling of the 1959 Chrysler to Ray as Rayns.

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AIRTEL

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

Re Springfield airtel to Director, 5-1-68, and Indianapolis airtel to Director, 10-17-68.

On December 5 and 6, 1968, PAUL HOWARD, temporarily residing Room 224, Rogers Hotel, Bloomington, Illinois, an unsavory individual with alleged underworld connections, contacted a representative of the Springfield Office.

HOWARD advised that since casually meeting ROBERT HOOD STRADER in a bar he has associated with him constantly from November 26, 1968, to the present. He identified STRADER as the owner of the Prototype Specialty Company, 2745 South Holt Road, P. O. Box 41004, Indianapolis, Indiana, whose wife, MARGARET STRADER, was currently confined to St. Joseph Hospital, Bloomington, Illinois, where she has given birth to a child.

As noted in referenced communications, STRADER, who apparently has a history of mental illness, has alleged he had information concerning the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING. HOWARD related the story as furnished him by STRADER with events in the order as set forth in referenced airtels. STRADER alleged to HOWARD that the FBI was fully familiar with his story; that he is well acquainted with numerous agents throughout the United States and that "federal agents" were protecting him and are constantly alert to his whereabouts. According to

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HOWARD, STRADER continually discusses the MARTIN LUTHER KING killing and has furnished so much alleged detail in this matter that he has HOWARD thoroughly confused. STRADER allegedly is in the process of selling his story concerning the KING slaying to the "Chicago Daily News" for \$2,500,000 and he has an appointment with JOHN LINDSTROM on December 7, 1968, at a motel in Lafayette, Indiana, concerning his story. STRADER allegedly stated whoever will pay the most for his story will get it.

HOWARD advised he and STRADER travelled to the office of STRADER's attorney, DONALD FOLEY, of the Merchants Bank Building, Indianapolis, Indiana, where between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., December 5, 1968, STRADER made four or five disk recordings utilizing both sides of the recording disks in which he related all of his alleged facts concerning the KING slaying. FOLEY then allegedly contacted or was to contact an agent of the Indianapolis Office.

Incidental to their trip to Indianapolis, Indiana, STRADER and HOWARD travelled to the Veterans Administration Hospital, Danville, Illinois, where STRADER is allegedly a patient on temporary leave due to report back on December 26, 1968. The purpose of the visit was to pick up checks mailed to STRADER at the hospital but after entering the hospital STRADER returned to HOWARD and stated the checks had not come.

In view of past information concerning STRADER, no action is recommended. Additional information furnished by HOWARD in this matter will be furnished the Bureau and interested offices upon its receipt.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

MURKIN

(OO: Memphis)

Memphis Office is continuing to review the investigation relating to information contained in the "Look" Magazine articles prepared by WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE.

Investigation concerning his employment at the Indian Trail Restaurant (5/3/67-6/24/67) and his residence at 2731 North Sheffield, Chicago, Ill., is contained in the report of SA RENE J. DUMAINE dated 10/2/68 at Chicago. Note that this is his first employment following his escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary on 4/23/68.

The Springfield Office has determined that the subject on 6/5/67, while still employed at the Indian Trail Restaurant in Winnetka, Ill., purchased a 1959 Chrysler from one GEORGE SKYMOUR HELLER, 7102 North Sheridan Road, Chicago, Ill. It is not known what became of this Chrysler; however, the Illinois license for the Chrysler was transferred to a 1962 Plymouth which was purchased 7/14/67 from Bundy Oldsmobile, Inc., East St. Louis, Ill. Note that this Plymouth was purchased about three weeks after the subject left his employment at Winnetka, Ill., and four days after the purchase he signed a lease on 7/18/67 at the Harkay Apartments, Montreal, Canada.

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Both the Chrysler and the Plymouth are mentioned by HUIE in the first of his "Look" articles, and this Plymouth is the car RAY had in his possession when he met the mysterious "RAOUL" in Canada. In the second of the "Look" articles, it is reported that on instructions from "RAOUL" this car was sold by RAY in Chicago on or about 8/22/67. Illinois Motor Vehicle records reflect that on 8/25/67 this Plymouth was purchased from the subject by JERRY W. RYAN, 2897 Techny Road, Northbrook, Ill., and on 10/20/67 JERRY W. RYAN sold this car to GJERDIS DOROTHEA RAY, 1344 Hazel Ave., Deerfield, Ill. It is believed that JERRY W. RYAN is the subject's brother and that GJERDIS RAY is JERRY RAY's former wife. Investigation is continuing in this regard.

The second of the "Look" articles states that when RAY met "RAOUL" at Windsor, Ontario, on 8/21/67, RAY made two trips in his automobile between Windsor and Detroit, each time bringing undeclared items through customs which items were turned over to "RAOUL" in Detroit. The "Look" article states that on the second of these trips RAY declared his television set and paid duty in the amount of \$4.50. He declared the television set in hopes that this would prevent a thorough inspection of his automobile by customs officials. Neither Detroit nor Buffalo has been able to locate a record to verify that such a customs declaration was ever made.

This same "Look" article states that after leaving Windsor, Ontario, on 8/21/67, RAY spent the night of 8/21/67 in a motel about five miles east of Gary, Indiana. A canvass of motels in that area has failed to locate a registration for RAY on that date.

The "Look" article indicates that RAY was instructed by "RAOUL" to go to Birmingham, Alabama, from Canada. RAY went to Birmingham where he spent the night of 8/25/67, at the Granada Hotel. This article further states that on other occasions RAY stayed at the Provincial Motel in New Orleans; at the Flamingo Motel in Selma, Ala.;

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at the San Francisco Motel in Acapulco, Mexico; and at an unknown motel in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico.

Guest registrations from the Granada Hotel, the Provincial Motel and the Flamingo Motel have been obtained and are being compared in an effort to identify "RAOUL." The San Antonio Office has been unable to locate a registration for RAY in Nuevo Laredo. The Bureau has not instructed the Legat, Mexico, to conduct investigation at Acapulco.

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REQUEST OF THE BUREAU:

Instruct Legat, Mexico, to conduct appropriate investigation to verify subject's stay at the San Francisco Motel, Acapulco, and to determine who his associates were during the approximately five days he spent in Acapulco. You will note the "Look" article states subject stayed one night at the San Francisco Motel and the next four nights at some other motel in Acapulco. Since we know he arrived in Puerto Vallarta on 10/19/67, he should have been in Acapulco approximately 10/14-18/67.

CHICAGO OFFICE:

Locate and interview all persons involved in the sale and/or transfer of instant 1959 Chrysler and instant 1962 Plymouth and determine who has possession of these cars at present.

