

Ray is a 40-year-old white male, reportedly born in Illinois on March 10, 1928. He is approximately 5'10" inches tall, weighs from 163 to 174 pounds, has blue eyes and brown hair which he has worn cut short. He has a small scar on the center of his forehead and a scar on the palm of his right hand. He has been described as having a straight, narrow nose and straight and even teeth and to have a nervous habit of occasionally tugging at an ear lobe. His left ear protrudes noticeably.

Acquaintances describe him as a "loner" and "drifter" whose language and diction reflect a "rural" quality and indicate he has had limited education.

He is reportedly a fan of western and country music, drinks vodka and beer, dresses neatly and claims past employment as a merchant seaman and cook on Mississippi River vessels. He is known to have worked as a baker, laborer and color matcher.

He is known as an avid dancer who has taken dancing lessons. He also completed a course at a school of bartending in the Los Angeles area early in 1968.

Ray should be considered armed and extremely dangerous. Anyone with information concerning this fugitive is requested to immediately contact the nearest office of the FBI, the telephone number of which may be found on the first page of local telephone directories.

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987) ST. LOUIS  
FROM: PHOENIX (44-371) (3 P)

MURKIN

RE PHOENIX TELS APRIL TWENTYTWO, TWENTYTWO AND  
TWENTYFOUR, LAST, RE DAVID L. WILSON.

WILSON'S RELATIVES, FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA, ADVISED TODAY  
CALLER ON TAPED ANONYMOUS PHONE CALL TO COCONINO COUNTY SO,  
FLAGSTAFF, SOUNDS LIKE DAVID WILSON HIMSELF. WILSON'S WIFE  
NOW STATES WHEN SHE FIRST HEARD TAPE SHE THOUGHT IT SOUNDED  
LIKE HER HUSBAND BUT WAS AFRAID TO SAY SO. ON APRIL TWENTYTHREE  
LAST, WILSON SENT WIFE TO PARENTS AT FLAGSTAFF AND TOOK OFF.  
WILSON'S SISTER DOROTHY MEYER OR DOROTHY BURNHAM, EMPLOYED  
NYCRR, SALINE, MICHIGAN, TELEPHONE FOUR TWO NINE NINE THREE  
EIGHT ZERO, RESIDING IN TRAILER ON ANN ARBOR STREET, ADVISED  
VIA LONG DISTANCE THAT DAVID WILSON IS KOREAN VETERAN

1 - Detroit(AM) (Enc 3)  
① - Dallas (AM)  
1 - Jacksonville (AM)  
1 - Phoenix  
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1 - Kansas City (AM)  
1 - Little Rock (AM)  
1 - Los Angeles (AM)

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WHO WAS WOUNDED IN KOREA BY GRENADE AND SHELLSHOCKED AND SPENT TIME IN VA HOSPITALS IN PENNSYLVANIA AND KENTUCKY, CITIES UNKNOWN. SHE STATED DAVID IS PSYCHOTIC AND GIVEN TO TELLING TALL TALES. THIS CONDITION LED TO DAVID'S DIVORCE FROM FIRST WIFE MARY HAMMONDS, CLINTON, TENN., DAUGHTER OF DEPUTY SHERIFF BILL HAMMONDS, AND MARY CAN FURNISH DETAILS AND IDENTITY OF HOSPITALS. MEYERS STATES DAVID ENLISTED FORT CAMPBELL, KENTUCKY, AND DISCHARGED SEVERAL MONTHS LATER AT FT. CAMPBELL OR FT. KNOX.

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION CHECK FOR MILITARY FINGERPRINTS OF WILSON, NOTING SAME NOT ON HIS RECORD UNDER FBI SEVEN NINE TWO TWO FOUR TWO C.

ST. LOUIS CHECK FOR RECORD OF ARMY SERVICE FOR DAVID LINDSEY WILSON, DOB NOVEMBER TWENTYEIGHT, THIRTYONE, AT WESTBURN, TENNESSEE.

DETROIT INTERVIEW MEYER AT SALINE, MICHIGAN, AND ARRANGE TO GET ANY INFO SHE RECEIVES AS TO WHEREABOUTS OF WILSON. ENCLOSED FOR DETROIT IS XEROX COPY EACH OF RETELS.

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MEMPHIS AT CLINTON INTERVIEW MARY HAMMONDS FOR INFO  
VERIFYING WILSON'S MILITARY SERVICE AND MENTAL CONDITION, AND  
POSSIBLE CONTACT HE MIGHT MAKE WITH HER.

DETROIT, DALLAS, JACKSONVILLE, KANSAS CITY, LITTLE ROCK  
AND LOS ANGELES ADVISED AIRMAIL.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA JOHN B. FULKS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE Memo from SA W. J. Wilkinson, Jr to SAC, Dallas dated 4/19/68

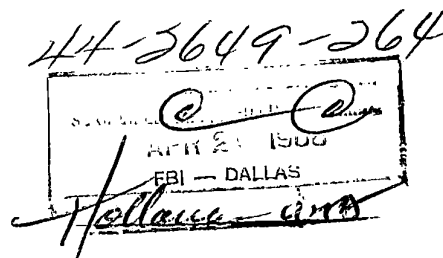
Efforts to locate Marvin Dobecka, THP, McKinney, Texas, on 4/24/68 were unsuccessful. Dobecka is on vacation until 4/26/68.

On 4/24/68, Jack Phipps, THP, McKinney, Texas, advised he had taken the call concerning the white Cadillac and had given the information to Dobecka. He stated an individual whose name he did not recall called him at the Patrol office on 4/18/68, and had given him the information concerning the white Cadillac with California license WN-2343. He stated he was positive that this was the license number given, and was positive the caller stated it was California license.

Phipps stated he could not recall the name of the individual who had called him, and therefore, he could not verify the accuracy of the license and other information.

In view of this information and since it is impossible to determine who had made the call, no further investigation is being conducted to ascertain the source of the information concerning the California license.

1 - Dallas



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, Dallas (44-2649)

DATE: 4-24-68

FROM : SA Del D. Drake, Jr.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On the dates of 4/23/68 and 4/24/68 this RA at Paris, Texas has been receiving telephone calls from some anonymous female, who is believed to be Negro, as well on both days after receiving anonymous calls a final call in which no one will answer when the phone is answered.

Calls received on 4/23/68 were received at approximately 2:00PM and 2:10 PM with the third call at about 2:15 PM. The first call was a female voice, believed to be Negro, and this person refused to identify herself. When asked she said that she did not want to get involved but said that "the picture of the man who killed Martin Luther" looks like a man in Paris. The person then hung up. A few minutes later, another call believed to be from the same person, refused to give her name, but when asked if she would tell where the man was who looked like subject Ray or Galt, she said that you might "check at the Holiday Inn". Within five minutes before SA Drake could leave the RA to check with local police and the Holiday Inn, another call was received and on this occasion the calling party never spoke. SA Drake could hear whispering at the other end of the phone but there was no way to identify what was being said as there was a background noise from the other end.

On 4-24-68 at approximately 2:00 PM SA Drake again received a call at the RA and on this occasion no one would speak but there was noted that the same background noise was present that had been noted the last call of 4-23-68.

Although on 4-24-68 SA Drake could hear no whispering, the background noise was such that it gave Drake the impression of a small motor being run in a muffled condition. It is quite possible that the call may have come from a telephone booth where there may have been an automobile running just outside the closed door of the booth.

On 4-23-68 an immediate check was made at the Holiday Inn with Jack Kothe, Manager, and Kothe advised that no one had checked into the Hotel who answered the description of James Earl Ray aka Galt. Kothe checked with other employees and met with negative results. This information was also discussed with Detective Loyd Mothews, NA, Paris PD and it was ascertained that no calls had been received at the PD.

The only person registered in at the Holiday Inn who had not stayed there previously and was not known to the employees of the Inn as a "regular" according to Kothe was George Malafa who was driving a 1965 Ford and had regeistered into Room #94 a short while before. Malafa was contacted and from observation alone he was eliminated and advised that he had just arrived from Neosha, Mo. and was

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cooking kettles at the Campbell Soup Company , Paris, Texas. He stated he could not do this work until the first shift went off work and the kettles had been cleaned after the days run of soup. He was driving a 1965 Ford two-door bearing Missouri license WA8-509.

The above is being reported for information in this file/ in view of fact that there is no explanation at this time for these calls and the fact that mention was made of Martin Luther King. Any further such calls that would in any way be connected with this case will be made part of this file.

Recommended Action: Route to SA Holloman and then file.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

FROM : IC KEN PAUL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/24/68

SHARON ALLISON, 4426 Sheltenham, telephone 729-4961, called this morning and advised that she and her husband stopped at the Holiday Inn Motel Coffee Shop on Highway 187 in Corsicana, Texas at about noon on April 22, 1968. She stated as they entered the coffee shop, she observed a man seated in the front booth by the door and she remarked to her husband that he looked just like the picture of the man wanted in the MARTIN LUTHER KING killing. She stated she then noticed that the man was seated next to a blonde woman and she immediately remembered that JAMES EARL RAY was reported to be possibly traveling with a blonde haired woman. She stated that this woman later appeared in the women's restroom while Mrs. ALLISON was in there attending to her infant daughter. She was able to closely observe this woman and she described her as being in her middle 30's, 5'6-5'7", 120-130 pounds, long blonde hair, olive complexion, attractive but coarse looking, wearing white burmuda shorts with white knee length socks. Mrs. ALLISON observed that she was not wearing a wedding ring. Mrs. ALLISON stated she did not observe the man standing but that he resembled the pictures she has seen of JAMES EARL RAY, although she did not observe any scars on his face. She stated the one outstanding characteristic about him was that his hair, which was black, appeared to be thinning noticeably in the back. He was dressed in plaid burmuda shorts and was wearing a striped shirt. She stated the waitress that waited on the couple was named LENA according to the name plate she wore on her uniform.

Mrs. ALLISON stated she could positively identify this woman if a photograph is available.

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Date: 4/24/68

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TO: SAC, DALLAS  
FROM: *WFW* SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)  
RE: MURKIN

Re my call to Dallas this AM.

Enclosed is a memorandum from Complaint Clerk KEN PAUL  
4/24/68, which is self-explanatory.

Dallas at Corsicana, Texas: Will contact the Holiday  
Inn Motel, interview waitress LENA, and determine if she can  
identify subject JAMES EARL RAY as being in the coffee shop at  
about noon, 4/22/68.

*2* - Dallas (encl 1)  
1 - Memphis (encl 1)(info)  
1 - Houston

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Special Agent in Charge

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by you?*

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Date: 4/24/68

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(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)  
AND ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) (P)

MURKIN

OO: Memphis

Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of photograph of subject JAMES EARL RAY, which was taken 1/4/66 at Missouri State Penitentiary.

Two copies of above-mentioned photograph are enclosed for each of the Continental Offices.

This additional photograph is being furnished, inasmuch as resemblance is quite different from previous photographs furnished, and it may be helpful in aiding sources to identify subject.

Also, it is to be noted that WALTER TERRY RIFE has been located and interviewed in this matter.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

3-Bureau (Enc. 4)  
2-Each Continental Office (Enc. 2 each) *Dallas*  
2-Kansas City  
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Special Agent in Charge

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)(P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CO-MEMPHIS

Re New York airtel to Bureau, 4/23/68.

On 4/25/68, each of the following who were the stewardesses on American Airlines Flight No. 338 from Dallas, Texas, to Philadelphia on 4/6/68 advised the photographs on FBI Identification Order No. 4132, dated 4/20/68, for JAMES EARL RAY do not appear to be of anyone observed on Flight No. 338 on 4/6/68:

VIRGINIA VANCE, 5049 Cedar Springs, Apartment 120, Dallas, Texas, telephone LA 8-3997;

BONNIE CRAVEN, 2825 Redwall, Apartment 228, Dallas, Texas, telephone LA 6-4156;

JANICE THERRELL, 3726 Fairfax, Dallas, Texas, telephone 521-5349;

ANNETTE BUATT, 2710 Douglas, Apartment 124, Dallas, Texas, telephone LA 1-1548.

3 - Bureau  
2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
1 - Oklahoma City (44-686)(Info)  
1 - Philadelphia (Info)  
1 - New York (44-1809)(Info)  
2 - Dallas  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : ALL AGENTS

FROM : SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/24/68

The Bureau has instructed that JAMES EARL RAY should be considered a possible suspect in any unsolved bank robberies, burglaries or armed robberies (possible ITSP violations) occurring after 4/23/67. RAY should also be considered suspect in any future such violations and Bureau advised telephonically of any tentative identification.

The Bureau has instructed all leads be handled within twenty-four hours.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

②-Dallas (44-2649)  
1-Each Agent  
WBH:nc

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545 PM URGENT 4/24/68 PHM

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, HOUSTON, DALLAS, OKLAHOMA CITY, AND  
CHICAGO

FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 2P

MURKIN

FRANK GUINAN, PRISONER, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, ADVISED SUBJECT WAS CLOSELY ASSOCIATED IN PRISON WITH NEAL EDGAR AEBY. AEBY REPORTEDLY GAVE RAY THE IDEA OF ESCAPING IN A BREAD BOX FROM PENITENTIARY. AEBY AND RAY WERE TOGETHER RECEIVING BARBITUATES AND AMPHETAMINES. RAY WAS AWARE THAT SOME OF AEBY'S BROTHERS WERE INVOLVED IN NARCOTICS IN TEXAS. HE STATED ONE OF THE BROTHERS WAS ARRESTED IN DALLAS ON NARCOTICS CHARGE IN ABOUT SIXTYSIX. BELIEVED THIS BROTHER TO BE NAMED AUBREY AEBY. GUINAN STATED NEAL AEBY IS PRESENTLY ON STREETS AS HE RECEIVED POSTCARD FROM HIM TWO WEEKS AGO MAILED IN OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA. GUINAN SAID HAD NO IDEA WHERE RAY MIGHT GO. HE LIKED BENNIES AND AMPHETAMINES AND COULD POSSIBLY CONTACT SOME OF THE AEBYS IN TEXAS. HE ALSO REMEMBERED RAY SPEAKING OF A BROTHER IN CHICAGO, ILL., WHO OWNED A BAR AND OF THE FACT HE WOULD LIKE TO GO TO CHICAGO ON RELEASE AND WORK AS BARTENDER FOR HIS BROTHER.

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GUINAN STATED POSSIBILITY EXISTS AEBY COULD HAVE WRITTEN CARD MAILED IN OKLA. CITY WHILE BEING TRANSPORTED TO HUNTSVILLE.

DALLAS ATTEMPT TO LOCATE BROTHER UAJAMES AEBY AND INTERVIEW RE SUBJECT AND ANY OTHER RELATIVES WHO MAY KNOW WHEREABOUTS OF SUBJECT.

HOUSTON AT HUNTSVILLE, TEX., INTERVIEW AEBY RE SUBJECT.

HOUSTON AT HOUSTON, INTERVIEW JUDY AEBY RE SUBJECT OR ANY RELATIVES WHO MAY BE IN CONTACT WITH HIM OR KNOW HIS WHEREABOUTS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC 137-2091

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA Neely

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SUBJECT: DL 369 C

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Dates of Contact 4/23/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted Munkin 44-2649		
Purpose and results of contact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC Informant stated he was unable to identify James Earl Ray, I.O. #4182 as person he knows or has known		
<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Very good	Coverage Same
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TO: SAC, JACKSON

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR

OO MEMPHIS

Re Dallas teletype to Bureau, Little Rock, Phoenix,  
and Memphis dated 4/24/68.

Enclosed herewith for Jackson are two copies of referenced  
teletype.

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JACKSON

AT PUCKETT, MISSISSIPPI

Cover lead set forth for the Jackson Division in  
referenced teletype.

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① - Dallas (44-2649)  
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TO: ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES  
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) -P-  
RE: MURKIN  
CR

Re ME airtel to All Continental Offices, 4/19/68, requesting that all laundries determined to be using Thermo-Seal laundry marking machines be contacted in effort to locate laundry marking "20R-3", and LA teletype to Bureau, 4/18/68.

All offices discontinue efforts to locate inasmuch as laundry mark identified as coming from laundry in Culver City, California, per Los Angeles teletype to Bureau, 4/18/68.

1 - Each Continental Office  
2 - Memphis

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Approved: RG Jensen  
Special Agent in Charge

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3:47 2:47PM URGENT 4-25-68 ACT

TO DALLAS AND MEMPHIS

FROM LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) 2P

MURKIN. OO MEMPHIS.

THIS DATE CRAIG J. TENNISON, FIVE ONE ZERO WEST BARTON, WEST MEMPHIS, ARKANSAS, ADVISED SA JAMES W. SKELLEY THAT HE WAS GUEST OF RAMADA INN NEAR LOVE FIELD, DALLAS, TEXAS, AND AROUND EIGHT A.M., APRIL NINETEEN, SIXTYEIGHT, RODE IN COURTESY BUS FROM MOTEL DRIVER BY INDIVIDUAL WHOSE FIRST NAME IS BELIEVED TO BE JACK TO SOUTHWESTERN AIRMOTIVE AT LOVE FIELD. JACK DESCRIBED W, M, LATE TWENTIES, FIVE FEET TEN TO ELEVEN INCHES, ONE EIGHTY POUNDS.

DURING CONVERSATION, JACK TOLD TENNISON THAT ON SUNDAY, APRIL SEVEN, SIXTY EIGHT, HE PICKED UP HITCH-HIKER RESEMBLING PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL RAY AT REST STOP NEAR MOBILE, ALA. JACK WAS EN ROUTE FROM FLORIDA TO DALLAS, TEXAS. THE HITCH-HIKER TOLD JACK HE WAS EN ROUTE TO NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, WAHERE HE WAS TO CATCH A SHIP OUT. JACK LET HITCH-HIKER

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DALLAS LOCATE AND INTERVIEW JACK AS TO INSTANT MATTER.

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8:02 PM URGENT 4-25-68 OET

TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS, DALLAS, OKLAHOMA CITY, CHICAGO, KANSAS CITY  
FROM HOUSTON (44-1509) 5P

MURKIN; CR.

RE KC TEL, APR. TWENTY FOUR, LAST.

NEAL EDGAR AEBY INTERVIEWED TODAY AT RAMSEY NO. ONE,  
STATE DEPT. OF CORRECTIONS, TEXAS. AEBY ADVISED THAT HE AND  
RAY IN MISSOURI STATE PEN TOGETHER FOR ABOUT FIVE YEARS.  
STATED HE AND RAY HANDLED SOME MINOR NARCOTICS IN PRISON  
IN ORDER TO GET MONEY FOR COMMISSARY ITEMS. AEBY STATES NEVER  
KNOWN RAY TO BE USER OF HARD NARCOTICS.

AEBY ADVISED HE HAD THREE BROTHERS, NAMELY BILL AEBY,  
BOX SIX FOUR, SEGOVILLE, TEXAS, WHO ALSO WAS A FRIEND OF RAY,  
AND WHO ALSO SERVED TIME WITH RAY AT MISSOURI STATE PEN;  
AUBREY AEBY WHO LIVES AT UNKNOWN ADDRESS IN DALLAS, TEX;  
JAMES AEBY, WHO OWNS AND OPERATES A FILLING STATION IN  
DALLAS AND WHO HAS NEVER BEEN ARRESTED.

AEBY ADVISED THAT HE ARRIVED AT RAMSEY NO. ONE ON APRIL  
TWENTYFOUR AFTER HAVING BEEN TRANSFERRED FROM MISSOURI STATE  
PEN TO HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS. AEBY STATES EN ROUTE TO HUNTSVILLE  
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*Holloman  
advised  
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HE WAS LODGED IN JAIL IN OKLAHOMA CITY FOR ONE NIGHT WHERE HE MAILED A POSTCARD TO FRANK GUINAN.

AEBY ADVISED THAT HIS EXWIFE JUDY POSSIBLY RESIDES IN HOUSTON, TEXAS, HOWEVER HE HAS NOT SEEN HER FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND DOES NOT KNOW WHERE SHE COULD BE LOCATED.

AEBY ADVISED THAT RAY HAD VERY FEW FRIENDS IN MISSOURI STATE PEN AND DESCRIBED RAY AS VERY DEADLY. HE SAID THAT RAY WAS NOT A LOUD RABBLE ROUSING TYPE INDIVIDUAL AND NEVER EXPRESSED ANY HATRED FOR THE NEGRO BUT IF ANYONE WRONGED HIM IN ANYWAY RAY WOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTRIVE A MEANS TO GET EVEN. AEBY RELATED THAT HE STABBED TWO PERSONS HIMSELF IN MISSOURI STATE PEN, HOWEVER WOULD NOT ADMIT KNOWING ABOUT ANY POSSIBLE STABBINGS THAT RAY MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN. AEBY STATED THAT HE WAS A CHIEF COOK IN MISSOURI STATE PEN AND RAY WORKED UNDER HIM AS A SLICER IN THE BREAD ROOM. AEBY ADVISED THAT RAY ON TWO OCCASIONS, ONCE IN NINETEEN SIXTYTWO AND AGAIN IN NINETEEN SIXTYSIX ATTEMPTED TO ESCAPE FROM FROM MISSOURI STATE  
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PEN BUT IN EACH CASE WAS UNSUCCESSFUL IN THAT THE LADDER BROKE THE FIRST TIME AND THE ROPE WHICH HE WAS USING ON THE SECOND OCCASION FAILED TO SUPPORT HIM AND HE FELL AND FRACTURED HIS ARM. AFTER SERVING TIME IN SOLITARY, RAY WAS AGAIN RETURNED TO THE BREAD ROOM.

AEBY ADVISED THAT RAY MENTIONED THAT HE HAD A BROTHER IN ST. LOUIS AND THAT HE, RAY, WAS FROM ST. LOUIS. AEBY ADVISED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW THE NAMES OF RAY'S BROTHER OR WHERE HE COULD BE LOCATED.

REGARDING THE EXCAPE ROUTE UTILIZED BY RAY IN NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, AEBY ADVISED THAT HE WOULD NOT DIVULGE THIS ESCAPE ROUTE AS THE ROUTE IS STILL GOOD AND COULD BE USED BY OTHER PRISONERS. AEBY ADVISED THAT HE HATED THE WARDEN AT MISSOURI STATE PEN AND HOPED THAT HE WAS RECEIVING CONSIDERABLE HEAT AS A RESULT OF RAY'S ESCAPE. REGARDING THE ESCAPE OF RAY, AEBY STATED THAT IT WOULD BE THE SMART THING TO DO TO HAVE AN OUTSIDE MAN WAITING TO ASSIST RAY IN LEAVING THE TERRITORY, HOWEVER AEBY WOULD NOT ADMIT THAT HE KNEW OF ANY OUTSIDE MAN UTILIZED BY RAY IN HIS ESCAPE. AEBY  
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WOULD NOT STATE WHETHER OR NOT RAY HAD ANY INSIDE HELP IN HIS ESCAPE FROM PRISON.

AEBY FURTHER STATED THAT IN SIXTYTHREE OR SIXTYFOUR RAY HAD A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN AT MISSOURI STATE PEN AND DEVELOPED A BAD STOMACH, WHICH RESULTED IN HIM NEEDING SPECIAL FOODS. AEBY ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS WOULD COOK EGGS FOR RAY WHICH RAY ADORED, SO THAT HE WOULD NOT HAVE TO EAT THE PRISON FARE. HE STATED ALSO THAT WHILE IN MISSOURI STATE PEN, RAY QUIT SMOKING POSSIBLY, BECAUSE OF HIS BAD STOMACH. HE STATED ALSO THAT RAY LIKED TO TINKER WITH MECHANICAL THINGS AND ADVISED RAY EVEN BUILT AN AIR CONDITIONER OUT OF SPARE PARTS FOR HIS JAIL CELL AND ALSO LIKED TO REPAIR RADIOS, PARTS FOR WHICH HE WOULD OBTAIN FROM THE MACHINE SHOP. AEBY FURTHER STATED HE DID NOT BELIEVE RAY WOULD GO TO MEXICO OR LEAVE THE COUNTRY AND STATED HE HOPED THAT RAY WOULD NEVER BE CAUGHT AND WOULD NOT ASSIST IN ANY WAY IN ORDER TO ASSIST IN HIS CAPTURE AND WOULD FURNISH NO OTHER INFORMATION REGARDING RAY.

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LEAD DALLAS, INTERVIEW BILL AEBY, BOX SIX FOUR, SEAGOVILLE, TEXAS, WHO KNOWS RAY AND WAS IN PRISON WITH RAY. WILL INTERVIEW AUBREY AEBY WHO HAS HAD NUMEROUS ARRESTS IN DALLAS, ADDRESS UNKNOWN.

KANSAS CITY, IF NOT ALREADY DONE, WILL CHECK WITH THE MISSOURI STATE PEN, DETERMINE SERIOUSNESS OF RAY'S STOMACH TROUBLE, AND WHETHER HE REQUIRES A SPECIAL DIET.

HOUSTON, WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE JUDY AEBY, EX WIFE OF NEAL AEBY.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)(P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CIVIL RIGHTS  
OO-MEMPHIS

Re Los Angeles teletype to New York and Director,  
4/23/68.

RE: WILSHIRE BOOK COMPANY  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

The following investigation was conducted by SA LLOYD  
B. HARBELL, JR.:

AT ELECTRA, TEXAS

RONNIE RAY, 406 W. Franklin Street, was interviewed  
and advised he is a life long resident of Electra, Texas, and  
is in no way related to JAMES EARL RAY.

B. L. HATAWAY, Desk Sergeant, Electra, Texas Police  
Dept., advised that RONNIE RAY is life long resident and member  
of the Electra School Board and a clerk in the U. S. Post Office.

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TO: SAC, JACKSON  
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MURKIN. OO-MEMPHIS. RE DALLAS TELETYPE, APRIL TWENTY-THREE, LAST AND JACKSON TELETYPE, APRIL TWENTY-FOUR, LAST, RE INFO FROM MYRTIS RUTH HENDRICKS.

HENDRICKS ADVISED APRIL TWENTY-FIVE, LAST, SHE HAD WORKED FOR DEAVOURS NIX AS A PROSTITUTE SHORTLY BEFORE LAST CHRISTMAS WHICH WAS BEFORE SHE STARTED WORKING IN RESTAURANT IN LATTER PART OF MARCH, LAST. SHE WAS ALWAYS TAKEN TO A HOUSE ON OUTSKIRTS OF LAUREL AT NIGHT FOR HER PROSTITUTION DATES. HOUSE WAS ONE STORY, WAS AMONG OTHER LARGE HOUSES IN AREA WHICH WERE NOT CLOSE TOGETHER. THERE WAS GAS LIGHT IN FRONT YARD AND HAD A CHIMNEY WHICH WAS FOR MOCK FIREPLACE IN HOUSE. DOES NOT RECALL HOW MANY ROOMS IN HOUSE BUT RECALLS ONE ROOM WAS ALWAYS LOCKED AND BELIEVES THIS WAS WHERE KLAN MEETINGS WERE HELD. SHE WORKED AT HOUSE FROM ABOUT NINE PM UNTIL MIDNIGHT. DOES NOT KNOW ANY OF THE CUSTOMERS NIX HAD THERE FOR HER.

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NIX'S STATEMENT "I GOT A CALL ON THE KING" WAS OVERHEARD WHEN SHE WAS UPSTAIRS IN THE RESTAURANT. BELIEVES STATEMENT WAS MADE TO MAN WHO LIVED UPSTAIRS AT RESTAURANT, NAME NOT RECALLED. SHE WAS IN BATHROOM AT TIME AND DOES NOT KNOW IF ANYONE ELSE PRESENT OUTSIDE WITH NIX. WHEN NIX MADE STATEMENT "MARTIN LUTHER KING IS DEAD", HE WAS STANDING IN LITTLE BOOTH WHERE FOOD IS SERVED TO PERSONS AT DRIVE-IN. SHE STATED THIS REMARK WAS MADE IN EARLY EVENING BUT SHE DOES NOT RECALL WHO WAS PRESENT.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO BUREAU AND MEMPHIS. - P -

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FBI JACKSVLE

447 PM URGENT 4/26/68 MHM  
TO ATLANTA AND DALLAS  
FROM JACKSONVILLE /44-769/ 1P

MURKIN.

RE ATLANTA APARTMENT.

RE DALLAS TELETYPE TO ATLANTA, MOBILE AND JACKSONVILLE APRIL  
TWENTYFIVE LAST.

BILLY JOE FAULKNER, OPERATION OF MY CLUB, RFD FOUR, GRACEVILLE,  
FLA., VERIFIED AND LEFT GRACEVILLE AREA ABOUT WEEK OF APRIL TWO;  
VERIFIED BY LARRY BIRCH AND OPERATORS OF TWO OTHER BEER PLACES IN AREA.

OPAL SHIRLEY TOOK OVER OPERATION OF MY CLUB NIGHT OF APRIL FOUR  
AND CLOSED BY BEVERAGE AGENTS NEXT DAY. OPAL SHIRLEY ADVISED FAULKNER  
SUPPOSED TO HAVE LEFT AREA NIGHT OF APRIL TWO OR THREE. FAULKNER AND  
JERRY NED MILLER CONSIDERED PROBABLE HOMOSEXUALS.

JACKIE HALL, AKA JACKIE MOLINE, LEFT GRACEVILLE AREA YESTERDAY  
WITH BEN HUGH SHAW AND HUBERT HOLEMAN FOR COLUMBUS, GA. SHAW AND  
HOLEMAN PREVIOUSLY LIVED IN COLUMBUS AND HOLEMAN HAS UNKNOWN NAMED  
SISTER THERE.

ATLANTA ATTEMPT TO LOCATE JACKIE HALL, AKA MOLINE, FOR ANY  
POSSIBLE TRADITIONAL INFORMATION RE FAULKNER.

MEMPHIS ADVISED AIRMAIL. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO: DIRECTOR AND SAC, EL PASO  
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

MURKIN. CIVIL RIGHTS.

RE PHONE CALLS BY RAY ENROUTE FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS, AND EL PASO TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU AND DALLAS, TODAY.

ROBERT METTS, SECURITY SUPERVISOR, SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY, LUBBOCK, TEXAS, ADVISED IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR HIS OFFICE TO DETERMINE LONG DISTANCE PHONE CALLS MADE FROM PAY PHONES AT MARFA, ALPINE, AND MARATHON, TEXAS, BUT THIS PROJECT WILL REQUIRE EXTENSIVE WORK. HE STATED PAY PHONES ARE BILLED AT VARYING PERIODS OF TIME, FROM SEVEN TO ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY DAYS, DEPENDING ON VOLUME OF CALLS PLACED AT INDIVIDUAL PAY PHONES. HE STATED HIS OFFICE WOULD IMMEDIATELY BEGIN CHECKING THE REQUIRED INFORMATION, BUT THAT IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO HAVE THIS INFORMATION AVAILABLE UNTIL LATE APRIL TWENTY NINE NEXT, OR EARLY APRIL THIRTY NEXT. HE SAID IN

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ADDITION THAT SANDERSON, TEXAS, WHICH IS ON THE ROUTE TAKEN BY SUBJECT, IS ALSO HANDLED IN THE LUBBOCK DIVISION OF SOUTHWESTERN BELL, AND THAT HE WOULD ALSO HAVE PAY PHONES FOR THIS LOCATION REVIEWED AND HAVE ALL LONG DISTANCE INFORMATION FOR THE PERTINENT PERIOD AVAILABLE AT THE SAME TIME.

DALLAS AT LUBBOCK: WILL FOLLOW THIS MATTER AND REPORT RESULTS AS SOON AS RECEIVED FROM SOUTHWESTERN BELL.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), DALLAS (44-2649) AND LOS ANGELES  
FROM EL PASO (157-186) -P- 3P

MURKIN

TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUBJECT RAY ENROUTE FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS.

REBUTEL TO EL PASO DTD. APRIL TWENTYFIVE LAST.

REBUTEL STATES DURING AUTO TRIP OF SUBJ RAY AND CHARLES STEIN  
DEPARTING LOS ANGELES ON DEC. FIFTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN AND ARRIVING NEW  
ORLEANS ON DEC. SEVENTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN, SUBJECT RAY MADE APPROX. SIX  
TELEPHONE CALLS FROM VARIOUS PAY STATIONS IN TEXAS.

THEY TRAVELED VIA AUTO ON INTERSTATE TEN THROUGH EL PASO TO VAN  
HORN, TEXAS, AND WENT SOUTH ON ROUTE NINETY TO SAN ANTONIO, THEN ROUTE  
NINETY OR INTERSTATE TEN TO HOUSTON, TEXAS, AND TO NEW ORLEANS.

REFERENCED BUTEL FURTHER STATES EACH OFFICE SHOULD CHECK WITH  
TELEPHONE COMPANY AND DETERMINE THE LONG DISTANCE CALLS PLACED AT  
EACH PUBLIC TELEPHONE ON THE ABOVE-MENTIONED ROUTES DURING PERIOD OF  
DEC. FIFTEEN, SIXTEEN, AND SEVENTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN AND HAVE EACH CALL  
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MR. GIL MAULDIN, MANAGER, SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY, ALPINE, TEXAS, ADVISED ON APRIL TWENTYSIX, INSTANT, THAT THE ONLY TOLL CALLS OF WHICH HIS OFFICE WOULD HAVE RECORD WOULD BE THOSE IN EXCESS OF THIRTY MINUTES DURATION. HE STATES HIS RECORDS COVER MARFA, TEXAS, ALPINE, TEXAS, AND MARATHON, TEXAS. HE ADVISED ANY STATION TO STATION CALL OR PAID CALL WOULD NOT BE RECORDED IN THE TOWN WHERE THE CALL WAS MADE, BUT THESE RECORDS WOULD BE MAINTAINED AT THE REGIONAL OFFICE OF THE COMPANY IN LUBBOCK, TEXAS. HE ALSO STATED ALL CALLS UNDER THIRTY MINUTES IN DURATION WOULD LIKEWISE BE MAINTAINED AT THE REGIONAL OFFICE IN LUBBOCK. HE ADVISED THE PERSON TO CONTACT IN LUBBOCK FOR DESIRED INFO IS MR. JOHN WHITCOMB, DIVISION MANAGER, SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY, LUBBOCK.

NOTED INTERSTATE TEN ENTERS EL PASO FROM NORTH BUT HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETED, NECESSITATING DEPARTURE FROM INTERSTATE TEN THROUGH MAIN SECTION OF EL PASO. TRAVELERS THEN PICK UP INTERSTATE TEN IN EASTERN HALF OF CITY AND CONTINUE ON SAME UNTIL REACHING VAN HORN, TEXAS. MANY ROUTES COULD BE USED THROUGH EL PASO BY TRAVELERS.

IN VIEW OF FACT THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF TELEPHONE BOOTHS ALONG ROUTES THROUGH CENTER OF EL PASO, IT IS DEEMED ADVISEABLE THAT CHARLES STEIN BE REINTERVIEWED IN EFFORT TO ASCERTAIN IF SUBJ RAY ACTUALLY

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MADE A TELEPHONE CALL WHILE PASSING THROUGH EL PASO. IN ADDITION, SOME CALLS MAY HAVE BEEN MADE BY SUBJ RAY AT MOTELS, EATING ESTABLISHMENTS AND GASOLINE STATIONS MADE USE OF ALONG THE WAY.

LOS ANGELES REQUESTED TO REINTERVIEW STEIN FOR ALL ADDITIONAL PERTINENT INFO STEIN MAY HAVE REGARDING TELEPHONE CALLS MADE BY SUBJ RAY DURING TRIP, SPECIFICALLY ASKING IF ANY TELEPHONE CALLS WERE MADE IN EL PASO, UACB.

DALLAS AT LUBBOCK, TEXAS: INTERVIEW JOHN WHITCOMB, DIVISION MANAGER, SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY, REGARDING TELEPHONE CALLS MADE FROM MARFA, ALPINE, AND MARATHON, TEXAS, AND SET OUT APPROPRIATE LEADS AS INDICATED IN REFERENCED BUTEL.

BIRMINGHAM, HOUSTON, MEMPHIS, AND SAN ANTONIO ADVISED AM.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA (44-2386), MEMPHIS (44-1987),  
DALLAS, AND RICHMOND (44-657).  
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 3P

MURKIN OO MEMPHIS

RE THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING

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RE CHICAGO TEL APRIL TWENTY FIVE, LAST TO DIRECTOR,  
AM COPIES TO DALLAS, ST. LOUIS, WFO AND SPRINGFIELD; RICHMOND  
TEL TO DIRECTOR, APRIL TWENTY FIVE, LAST.

FRED CATALANO, NATIONAL SOCIALIST WHITE PEOPLE'S PARTY, (NSWPP)  
LEADER, CHICAGO, ADVISED, INSTANT, MEDIZER REPORTEDLY LEFT CHICAGO  
ABOUT ONE MONTH AGO. TOLD CATALANO WAS GOING TO VISIT FRIENDS IN  
DALLAS, TEXAS. WOULD PROBABLY BE IN TOUCH WITH DALLAS NSWPP UNIT, IN  
CARE OF LT. ALVIS GREY.

ADVISED WOULD PROBABLY SPEND TIME AT TARGET LOUNGE, NEAR  
DALLAS, WHERE MAY HAVE WORKED AS DRUMMER.

ADVISED MEDIZER WOULD MOST LIKELY GO TO ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA  
AT NSWPP HEADQUARTERS AFTER CURRENT TRAVEL. ADVISED CHRIS  
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VIDNJEVICH, NSWPP, ARLINGTON, MIGHT ALSO HAVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RE MEDIZER PRESENT LOCATION.

FOR INFO DALLAS, JOHN C. MEDIZER IS WHITE MALE, BORN MARCH SIX, NINETEEN FORTY, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED FORTY FIVE POUNDS, BLOND HAIR, BLUE EYES, WAS ACTIVE IN NSWPP IN CHICAGO, SUMMER AND FALL, SIXTY SEVEN.

MEDIZER QUIT JOB AT ROTO PRINT COMPANY, CHICAGO, MARCH TWENTY NINE, SIXTY EIGHT TELLING CO-WORKERS HE WAS GOING TO ARGENTINA TO WORK FOR NAZIS, AFTER FIRST VISITING DALLAS, WHERE HE HAD FRIENDS. CHICAGO NSWPP SOURCE ADVISES MEDIZER WORKED AS DRUMMER IN VARIOUS PLACES IN DALLAS PRIOR TO COMING TO CHICAGO.

MEDIZER DURING EMPLOYMENT CHICAGO MADE VAGUE THREATS AGAINST MARTIN LUTHER KING AND THAT HE WOULD "TAKE CARE OF HIM".

MRS. MORRIS, DIPLOMAT HOTEL, CHICAGO, WHERE MEDIZER RESIDED, ADVISED MEDIZER TOLD HER HE WAS GOING TO AUSTRALIA. HE LEFT NO FORWARDING ADDRESS.

BASED ON STATEMENT MADE BY MEDIZER RE KING, DALLAS SHOULD ATTEMPT LOCATE MEDIZER AND INTERVIEW RE ANY POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT MURKIN.

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TO JACKSON, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM DALLAS (44-2649) 2P

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RE LITTLE ROCK TEL TO DALLAS AND MEMPHIS, APRIL TWENTYFIVE,  
LAST.

JAMES L. GATTEN, ONE ZERO ZERO FIVE METKER, APARTMENT FORJY  
ONE, IRVING, TEXAS, FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING TODAY:

HE IS BELL HOP AT RAMADA INN, LOVE FIELD, DALLAS, TEXAS, AND  
DELIVERS CARS FOR HERTZ THRUUGHT THE UNITED STATES.

ON APRIL SIX LAST GATTEN LEFT ATLANTA, GA., ENROUTE TO DALLAS  
IN HERTZ CAR. ON EARLY AM APRIL SEVEN LAST GATTEN PICKED UP A  
HITCH HIKER ON INTERSTATE FIFTY NINE, ABOUT TEN MILES WEST OF  
INTERSECTION OF INTERSTATE FIFTY NINE AND STATE ROUTE FORTY NINE.  
HITCH HIKER WAS IN REMOTE AREA, AND TOLD GATTEN THAT HE HAD  
BEEN DROPPED OFF BY TRUCK WHICH TURNED OFF ON RURAL ROAD. HITCH  
JHIKER RODE WITH GATTEN TO MIDTOWN NEW ORLEANS WHERE HE GOT OUT  
ON INTERSTATE TEN NEAR INTERSECTION OF TULANE STREET, STATING HE  
WOULD TAKE A CITY BUS FROM THERE.

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HITCH HIKER DESCRIBED AS : WHITE MALE THIRTY-FIVE TO FORTY, LIGHT SANDY BROWN HAIR, FIVE FEET TEN INCHES TO SIX FEET ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY FIVE POUNDS, UNSHAVEN, APPROXIMATELY ONE DAYS LIGHT COLORED BEARD, WEARING SHORT SLEEVED SPORT SHIRT, BLUE DRESS SLACKS, LOAFERS, SPOKE WITH SOUTHERN DRAWL NOT VERY NOTICABLE. HITCH HIKER SMOKED SEVERAL CIGARETTES, AND APPEARED TO BE FAMILIAR WITH PLANT LIFE OF THAT AREA. STATED HE WAS IN MERCHANT MARINES, AND PICKING UP A SHIP IN NEW ORLEANS.

GATTEN DISPLAYED WANTED FLYER, RE JAMES EARL RAY, AND STATED NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT PICTURE RESEMBLED THE HITCH HIKER. THE OTHER TWO PHOTOGRAPHS ON THE FLYER DID NOT RESEMBLE HITCH HIKER AT ALL.

GATTEN DOES NOT RECALL IF HITCH HIKER HAD LONG POINTED NOSE, DIMPLE IN CHIN, OR PROMINENT LEFT EAR.

DURING TRIP NO MENTION WAS MADE BY EITHER PERSON OF THE KING MURDER.

JACKSON: ATTEMPT TO LOCATE TRUCK DRIVER WHO DROPPED HITCH HIKER OFF IN RURAL AREA ON INTERSTATE FIFTY NINE, ABOUT TEN MILES WEST INTERSECTION OF STATE ROUTE FORTY NINE AND INTERVIEW RE HITCHHIKER.

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

MURKIN.

THE MAIN FILE ON KING HAS BEEN REVIEWED AT THE BUREAU  
AND LEADS ARE BEING SENT OUT CONCERNING PERSONS INVOLVED IN  
PRIOR THREATS AGAINST KING. THESE LEADS AS WELL AS LEADS  
CONCERNING ANY OTHER SUSPECTS DEVELOPED FROM ANY SOURCE  
MUST BE GIVEN IMMEDIATE AND THOROUGH HANDLING ON A TOP PRIORITY  
BASIS. PROCESS HAS BEEN OBTAINED AGAINST JAMES EARL RAY AND  
EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING TO LOCATE RAY AND TO  
ESTABLISH MOTIVE OF CRIME. YOU HAVE BEEN AND WILL BE  
FURNISHED INFORMATION RELATING TO OTHER POSSIBLE CONSPIRATORS.  
THESE MUST ALL BE THOROUGHLY RESOLVED NO MATTER HOW REMOTE.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861), DALLAS, MEMPHIS (44-1987), LOS ANGELES  
(44-1574), PHOENIX.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) (2P)

MURKIN.

RE R.B. HARRELL.

RE DALLAS TEL, APRIL TWO FOUR LAST.

ON APRIL TWO SIX INSTANT, MR. OTIS (BUDDY) HARRELL,  
BUDDY'S AUTO REPAIR, WILLOW CREEK, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED THAT  
R.B. HARRELL, ALSO KNOWN AS JIMMIE, IS HIS COUSIN. R.B. WAS  
LAST IN WILLOW CREEK, TWO YEARS AGO, AT WHICH TIME HE WAS  
TRAVELING IN AN OLD TRUCK WITH A CAMPER BUILT THEREON, WITH HIS  
BROTHER, PAUL HARRELL. THEY STAYED ONE NIGHT. THE ONLY THING  
HE HAS HEARD FROM R.B. HARRELL SINCE THAT TIME WAS A FAMILY  
RUMOR THAT R.B. WAS LIVING IN BAKERSVILLE, CALIFORNIA, AND  
THIS WAS ABOUT A YEAR OR MORE AGO. SINCE THEN HE HAS HEARD  
NOTHING CONCERNING THE WHEREABOUTS OF R.B. THE FAMILY HAS  
DISOWNED R.B. AND THEY DO NOT ASSOCIATE WITH HIM. SINCE HE  
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WAS SIXTEEN YEARS OLD, R.B. HAS BEEN AN OUTLAW. HE HAS SPENT TIME IN FLORENCE, ARIZONA PRISON AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS. HIS BROTHER, PAUL HARRELL NOW LIVES IN FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA, WITH HIS FAMILY AND PROBABLY WORKS IN A MILL. R.B. ALSO HAS BROTHERS CALLED J.C. AND HENRY, BUT THEIR WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN TO OTIS. R.B. IS A VAGABOND WHO FOLLOWS FRUIT PICKING WORK. HE IS NEARLY ILLITERATE. OTIS HARRELL BELIEVES THE FAMILY WILL BE COOPERATIVE WITH THE FBI IN TRYING TO LOCATE R.B. RICHARD HARRELL, FATHER OF OTIS, IS VERY SICK WITH CANCER OF THE BONE AND WAS NOT INTERVIEWED. OTIS SAYS HIS FATHER HAS NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON R.B.

PHOENIX, LOCATE AND INTERVIEW PAUL HARRELL AT FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA, REGARDING WHEREABOUTS OF R.B.

LOS ANGELES CONDUCT INVESTIGATION AT BAKERSVILLE TO ATTEMPT TO LOCATE R.B. HARRELL.

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TO DALLAS AND EL PASO

FROM SAN ANTONIO (44-1242) 2P

MURKIN

SAN ANTONIO RECEIVED FOLLOWING TELETYPE FROM DIRECTOR TO EL PASO, HOUSTON, AND SAN ANTONIO.

"DURING AUTOMOBILE TRIP OF SUBJECT RAY AND CHARLES STEIN DEPARTING LOS ANGELES ON DECEMBER FIFTEEN SIXTY-SEVEN AND ARRIVING NEW ORLEANS ON DECEMBER SEVENTEEN SIXTY-SEVEN, SUBJECT RAY MADE APPROXIMATELY SIX TELEPHONE CALLS FROM VARIOUS PAY STATIONS IN TEXAS.

THEY TRAVELED VIA AUTOMOBILE ON INTERSTATE TEN THROUGH EL PASO TO VAN HORN, TEXAS, AND WENT SOUTH ON ROUTE NINETY TO SAN ANTONIO, THEN ROUTE NINETY OR INTERSTATE TEN TO HOUSTON, TEXAS, AND TO NEW ORLEANS.

EACH OFFICE SHOULD CHECK WITH TELEPHONE COMPANY AND DETERMINE THE LONG DISTANCE CALLS PLACED AT EACH PUBLIC TELEPHONE ON THE ABOVE MENTIONED ROUTES DURING PERIOD OF DECEMBER FIFTEEN, SIXTEEN AND SEVENTEEN, SIXTY-SEVEN AND HAVE EACH CALL CHECKED OUT. ARMED AND DANGEROUS. COPIES MAILED BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS AND LOS ANGELES."

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Tel to SA-EP on 4/27/68  
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INSTANT DATE, DON BISHOP, MANAGER, GENERAL TELEPHONE COMPANY, DEL RIO, TEXAS, ADVISED ALL RECORDS OF PAY TELEPHONE CALLS MADE IN VAL VERDE COUNTY, TEXAS, THE ONLY COUNTY ON U.S. ROUTE NINETY COVERED BY GENERAL TELEPHONE COMPANY ARE FORWARDED DAILY TO THE GENERAL OFFICE AT SAN ANGELO, TEXAS. MR. BISHOP SUGGESTED THAT KEN COMMONS, SECURITY OFFICER FOR GENERAL TELEPHONE COMPANY BE CONTACTED FOR INFORMATION DESIRED. DALLAS HANDLE AS DIRECTED IN ABOVE TELETYPE.

DON BISHOP FURTHER ADVISED THAT TERRILL COUNTY IS SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE AND THE RECORDS FOR THAT COMPANY ARE MAINTAINED IN EL PASO. EL PASO HANDLE RECORD CHECK FOR TERRILL COUNTY.

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Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT  
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(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND  
SAC RICHMOND (44-657)

FROM: SAC DALLAS (44-2649) (2 P)

MURKIN. OO MEMPHIS.

RE CHICAGO TEL TO BUREAU INSTANT DATE.

IT IS NOTED DALLAS IS NOT AS YET IN RECEIPT OF CHICAGO  
TEL TO BUREAU, AM COPY TO DALLAS, APRIL TWENTYFIVE LAST.

RE: THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING.

TODAY A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE  
INFO IN PAST, ADVISED THAT JOHN MEDIZER IS NOT IN CONTACT WITH  
ANY ANP MEMBERS IN DALLAS AS FAR AS HE KNOWS. IT IS NOTED SOURCE  
ALSO FURNISHED INFO CONCERNING ANP CONFERENCE AT NICHOLASVILLE,  
KENTUCKY, APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST, RE TOTAL REORGANIZATION ANP AND  
FACT THAT STORM TROOPER LIEUTENANT ALVIS GRAY AND HIS WIFE,  
DOYNA, ARE NOW RESIDING PERMANENTLY ON ANP PROPERTY, SPOTSYLVANIA,  
VIRGINIA. GRAY AND WIFE ARE LIVING IN ANP CAMPER-TRUCK.

DALLAS CONTINUING INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE INFO RE WHEREABOUTS  
MEDIZER.

- 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)
- 1 - Atlanta (44-2386) (AM)
- 1 - Chicago (44-1114) (AM)
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RICHMOND. AT SPOTSYLVANIA. LOCATE AND INTERVIEW ALVIS  
GRAY AS SET OUT ABOVE FOR ANY INFO RE WHEREABOUTS MEDIZER.

MEMPHIS, ATLANTA, AND CHICAGO ADVISED AM.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P

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4/24/68

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)(P)

RE: MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS

Re Dallas airtel to San Antonio 4/22/68, copy of which is enclosed for Memphis.

Investigation, McAllen, Texas, 4/23/68, determined REX BENNION BLEDSOE, wife BARBARA, and three children have resided at 137 E. Quince since 7/15/65; previously resided Weslaco and Alamo, Texas.

BLEDSOE, WMA, born Charleston, Texas, 2/3/31, 5'7", 160 lbs., brown hair, hazel-brown eyes, has several arrests at McAllen PD and Hidalgo Co. SO at Edinburg, Texas, in 1950, 1960, 1962, and 1963 re traffic violations, disturbing the peace, and drunk. Never photographed or fingerprinted.

BLEDSOE, formerly employed as used car salesman, has been employed as electrician for Rowe Electric Co., McAllen, Texas, past five to six years.

On 4/23/68 Mr. BILL ROWE, Rowe Electric Co., McAllen, advised that BLEDSOE made trip past weekend to Dallas, Texas, to trade 1960 Cadillac, 1968 Texas JGJ-866, for another Cadillac. ROWE stated BLEDSOE has not missed day of work in past several months.

San Antonio discontinuing re BLEDSOE.

2 - Memphis (Enc. 1)  
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SAC MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND  
SAC KANSAS CITY

FROM: SAC DALLAS (44-2649) (2 P)

MURKIN. OO MEMPHIS.

RE KANSAS CITY TEL APRIL TWENTYFOUR LAST AND HOUSTON TEL  
APRIL TWENTYFIVE LAST CONCERNING NEAL EDGAR AEBY, REPORTED ASSO-  
CIATE OF RAY IN MISSOURI STATE PEN.

U. S. PROBATION OFFICE, DALLAS, REPORTS AUBREY AEBY,  
CURRENTLY INMATE USP, LEAVENWORTH. KANSAS CITY INTERVIEW HIM  
CONCERNING ANY POSSIBLE ACQUAINTANCE OF RAY THROUGH ASSOCIATION  
OF BROTHERS WITH RAY.

JAMES AEBY, DALLAS, ADVISES RAY COMPLETELY UNKNOWN TO HIM  
AND HE HAS NOT ASSOCIATED WITH HIS THREE BROTHERS FOR MANY YEARS.  
JAMES AEBY IS APPARENTLY LEGITIMATE BUSINESSMAN AND CONFIRMED  
LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, DALLAS.

BILLY BROWN AEBY, FORMER INMATE MISSOURI STATE PEN, IS  
CURRENTLY IN DALLAS AREA ON BOND IN CONNECTION WITH THREE  
NARCOTIC CHARGES. IS REPORTED HEROIN USER AND PUSHER. EFFORT  
BEING MADE TO LOCATE THIS MAN THROUGH BONDSMAN AND ATTORNEY

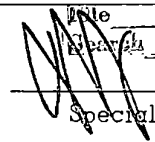
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