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TO:

SAC, SAN ANTONIO

FROM:

SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

RE:

MURKIN

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On 5/2/68 Mrs. A. M. WITTEN, 901 Dabney, Corpus Christi, Texas, advised as follows:

She was formerly employed by Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, 4th Floor, Milam Building, San Antonio, Texas. This company had in its office an album of professional insurance claimants, which she believes was compiled and maintained by Southwest Index Bureau. Recently upon seeing newspaper and television photographs of subject, it seemed to her she had observed a photograph in the album of professional insurance claimants at the Liberty Mutual Insurance Company office which was that of subject, or someone who looked very similar to him. Further, she thought possibly the name JAMES EARL RAY was included in the above index and album.

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AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS:

Will check out above information at Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, 4th Floor, Milam Building.

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Re calls by subject, Highway 10, Texas

ReDLtel, 5/1/68.

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Temphone number 747-9803 was called from Alpine, Texas on 12/17/67.

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DELORES SANTOS, 5500 South Park, Houston, Texas, advised that the above phone call is as reference to a phone call that she received from JULIO CESAR ESPARZA, student, Sulross State College, Alpine, Texas. She was displayed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, aka and advised that the person is unknown to her.

Telephone number 643-5261 was called from Alpine, Texas on 12/15/67.

GEORGE BANKS, Negro, advised that while in Alpine, Texas in December, 1967 he called Mr. ARTHUR BANKS, 5915 Glenhirsch, Houston, Texas. GEORGE BANKS at that time was en route from Seattle, Washington to Houston, Texas. Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, aka were displayed to BANKS, however this person is unknown to him.

Mr. ARTHUR L. FUNK, 5610 Dumphries, Houston, subscriber to telephone number 723-8867, advised that in December, 1967 he received a telephone call from his sister from Sanderson, Texas at which time she was enroute from El Cajon, California to Houston. He advised that the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, aka is unknown to him.

JAMES E. CLARK, 10521 Friendly Street, advised that in December, 1967, Mr. BILL EVANS, neighbor of CLARK, telephoned his, EVANS! wife at the CLARK residence. EVANS is a truck driver. When EVANS is on the road he calls his wife at the CLARK residence. Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were displayed to CLARK and he advised these photographs were unknown to him.

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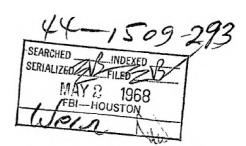
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Above information furnished SA WEIR who contacted SA FRANK CHIDICHIMO in Corpus Christi and instructed him to contact SMITH today in Victoria.







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Mr. Thomas C. Bryant 1811 Rusk

TOLL MUSK

Houston, Texas 77003

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Sincerely yours,

L Edgar Hoover

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Thursday, April 25, 1968

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FBI loses some of its shine

Martin Luther King Jr. has taken some odd turns, and one of the more unusual ones is the way the Justice Department and its agency, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, have been behaving.

Immediately after the killing Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark exuded optimism about an arrest. "We are very close," he said. A few days later he said he hoped to provide a picture of the sus- \cdot pect. But it was not until a week after the murder that the FBI inadvertent-

And so it has gone since April 4. Clark's optimism has faded, and the to be listed. FBI has seemed almost intent on keeping the public confused.

the length of time taken to identify convict James Earl Ray. It was 15 days Jabout two weeks after the killing, and after the assassination. In question is no one has yet been apprehended.

The hunt for the assassin of Dr. whether it really took that long or whether the FBI was withholding the information.

> It was not until Sunday that the FBI put Galt or Ray on its most wanted list. The success of the list in apprehending wanted persons over the years has been good. It is hard to understand why the description and photo of Galt were not released as soon as they were uncovered.

The FBI could never be accused of i being loose-lipped, but the most wanted list was a creation of its director, ly disclosed the name of Eric Starvo J. Edgar Hoover. He has always been proud of the role it has played in apprehending those unfortunate enough

We wonder if the recent policy adopted by the American Bar Assn. The FBI's image as the smoothest against pre-trial publicity has unduly man-hunting agency was tarnished by influenced the FBI. If this is the case, the results are plain enough. The pub? the fingerprints of Galt as those of ex- lic linking of Galt and Ray was made

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TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM:

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SUBJECT: MURKIN

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GRAHAM ROBERT SMITH, British National, attending Rice University on a scholarship grant was photographed today by Buagents. SMITH, 22 years old, was shown photos of JAMES EARL RAY, aka Galt. He stated that they are not familiar or similar to anyone on the bus which he rode from Nuevo Laredo into Mexico on 4/6/68 nor could he associate them with anyone he had seen while mountain climbing in Mexico. SMITH does not smoke and to best of his recollection he has not read Readers Digest in more than a year. He did sit mid-way back on the left side of the bus.

On 5/3/68 photos of SMITH will be forwarded to San Antonio for display to Deputy Sheriff ANGEL GAULT.

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TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM:

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RE:

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ReButel 4/25/68 to El Paso, Houston, San Antonio, advising that each office should determine from telephone company long distance calls placed at each public telephone on Interstate 10 over which subject and CHARLES STEIN allegedly traveled 12/15-17/67.

Today Mr. JERRY SLAUGHTER, SAC Contact, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, furnished the enclosed list of telephone calls made for the above period from coin telephones within the Houston Division, on Interstate 10 and Route 90 to Louisiana. These numbers were obtained through computer equipment programmed by the telephone company. It is noted that there are approximately 300 telephone calls.

New Orleans should have each call checked out.

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SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

DATE:

5/2/68

FROM

SUPV. FRANK E. ROOKS, JR.

SUBJECT:

MURKIN, CR

On 4/25/68, I/addressed a gathering of Special Agents of Texas Railroads who were meeting as the Association of American Railroads. There were 22 in attendance and during the course of my part in the program, I briefed them on this Bureau's present efforts to locate JAMES EARL RAY, passed out numerous I.O.'s to each one, and requested their cooperation in immediately advising the nearest FBI Office if any information concerning this subject should come to their attention.

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TO:

SAC, LOS ANGELES

FROM:

SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

RE:

MURKIN

Enclosed to Los Angeles, Memphis and Kansas City each one copy of a letter dated 4/21/88 addressed to Galveston, Texas, Police Department from T. T. ROSS, P. O. Box 17282, West 7th & Burlington Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

This letter was furnished to SA CARLOS L. KIRBY, JR. by Captain HAURICE HARR, Galveston Police Department, Galveston, on \$/1/68.

LOS ANGELES:

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

Contact T. T. ROSS, P. G. Box 17252, West 7th & Burlington Avenue, for all information he has concerning JAMES EARL RAY. WF #4%2-A.

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April 26, 1968

FROM THE DESK OF
MAURICE A. HARR,
CAPTAIN

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

4-21-68

FROM: Los Angeles, Calif. MEMO: Galveston Police

Attached is a memo received from Los Angeles last week with reference to James Earl Ray & our translation.

- 1. James Earl Ray loves Western & terror pictures. His favorite movie place in L.A. was Cameo Theatre on S. Bway. He has sat besides me several times in the movie but I never knew he was wanted*.
- * Wanted men are posted so high in post office that they aren't really easy to see. Didn't spot him because of it. This man likes the sea; always a different green grass, glamour & color, and a warm atmosphere. The answer is Galveston a colorful place. It would be nice if you would get him; good publicity, too.
- 2. He will be found in such movie theatre, not high sounding ones, like Paramount, etc. He was there only in afternoons until dark. I noticed him as he appears unassuming, quiet, not troublesome. These are reasons he has not been apprehended.

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MAURICE A. HARR,

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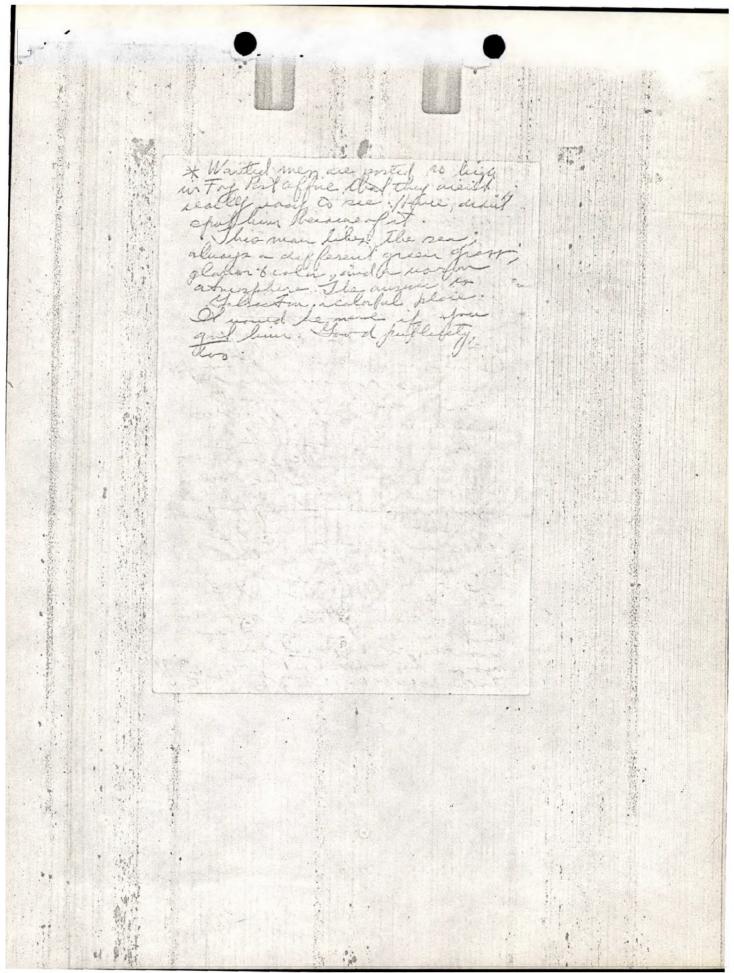
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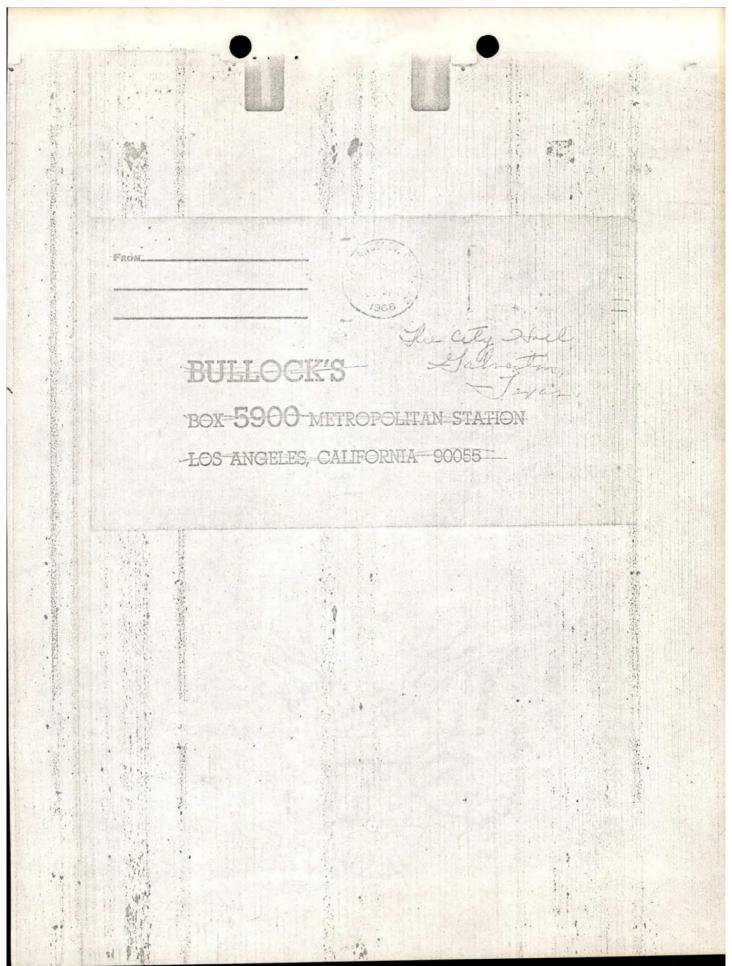
3. I believe he is in Galveston. Be on the lookout for him. He always sits in the last row, center, whenever I have seen him, so he didn't have to move and bee seen.

T. T. Ross
P. O. Box #17252 (17)
West 7th & Burlington Avenue
Los Angeles, Calif.

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FBI DALLAS

146PM URGENT 4/27/68 JDM

TO DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), ST. LOUIS, AND KANSAS CITY

FROM DALLAS (44-2649)

MURKIN

RE DALLAS TEL APRIL TWO SIX LAST CONCERNING PROPOSED INTERVIEW WITH BILLY BROWN AEBY.

AEBY INTERVIEWED DALLAS OFFICE TODAY. ENTERED MISSOURI STATE PEN ONE NINE SIX ONE ON THREE NINE-YEAR CONCURRENT SENTENCES FOR ROBBERY OUT OF ST. LOUIS. KNEW SUBJECT AS JIMMY RAY FROM ONE NINE SIX ONE THROUGH SIX FOUR WHEN AEBY TRANSFERRED TO PRISON. WORKED WITH RAY IN BAKERY WHERE WAS CONSIDERED GOOD WORKER. WAS MONEY HUNGRY. DEALT EXTENSIVELY IN SALE OF AMPHETAMINE POWDER AND BENZIDINE TO OTHER INMATES. RAY USED AMPHETAMINE ON RESTRICTED BASIS HIMSELF. BUT WAS PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN SALE OF SAME.

ONLY INMATE WITH WHOM RAY WAS APPARENTLY ASSOCIATED TO ANY DEGREE WAS MAN FIFTY YEARS OR MORE OF AGE WHO GOT CAUGHT WITH BULLETS IN POCKET AND WAS SENT TO ISOLATION WARD AS RESULT. NAME NOT RECALLED. ONE OCCASION RAY HAD INMATE NAMED GREEN BEATEN UP BY TWO OTHER INMATES BECAUSE OF NON PAYMENT AMPHETAMINE

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POWDER. INMATE NAMED WADE (FNU) FROM KANSAS CITY MAY HAVE BEEN ONE OF PRISONERS WHO DID BEATING. EARL HARRIS, NEGRO KINGPIN OUT OF ST. LOUIS, SOLD AMPHETAMINE POWDER TO NEGROES AND BELIEVED TO HAVE KNOWN RAY. ONE RALPH OVERTON WOULD HAVE KNOWN RAY, BUT NOT INTI-

ONLY RELATIVE RAY EVER SPOKE OF WAS BROTHER IN ST. LOUIS WHO WAS APPARENTLY MIDDLEMAN FOR MONEY PAID BY RELATIVES AND FRIENDS OF INMATES FOR AMPHETAMINE POWDER AND BROTHER BELIEVED TO HAVE TURNED MONEY OVER TO LAWYER WORKING ON RAY'S APPEAL FOR ROBBERY CONVICTION.

AEBY RECALLS RAY AS HAVING GENERAL APPEARANCE, EXCEPT FOR HAIR, OF ONE NINE SIX ZERO PHOTO ON INDENTIFICATION ORDER. HAIR WAS BELIEVED TO BE WORN NORMALLY LONG, POSSIBLY WITH PART. AEBY STATED WOULD NOT HAVE RECOGNIZED RAY FROM STANDUP PHOTO WHICH APPEARED IN SOME NEWSPAPERS AND WOULD NOT HAVE RECOGNIZED HIM FROM ONE NINE SIXTY EIGHT PHOTO.

AEBY DESCRIBED THE SUBJECT AS HAVING NORMALY MODULATED VOICE,
POSSIBLE MIDWESTERN ACCENT. HAD CLEAN PERSONAL HABITS AND LIKELY
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BE GOOD DRESSER AND HAS GENERAL APPEARANCE OF BUSINESSMAN OUTSIDE.

APPEARED TO HAVE ABOUT A HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION. ONLY POSSIBLE

OCCUPATION WHICH AEBY CONSIDERS RAY MIGHT BE QUALIFIED FOR WOULD

BE IN BAKERY.

RAY NOT RECALLED TO HAVE HAD ANY SPECIAL INTEREST OR TO HAVE SAID ANYTHING REGARDING NEGROES, KKK, ARMY SERVICE, SPORTS, FOREIGN TRAVEL, WOMEN, HOMOS EXUALITY, CLOTHES, DRINKING, AND OUTSIDE WORLD IN GENERAL. LIKED TO PLAY POKER AND CONSIDERED GOOD PLAYER. NOT A GRAGGART, GENERALLY KIND MANNERED AND MIGHT APPEAR TIMID TO PERSONS NOT KNOWING HIM WELL. NAME ERIC STARVO GALT MEANS NOTHING TO AEBY.

AEBY CURRENTLY ON BOND FOR NARCOTICS POSSESSION, CHARGES
IN DALLAS AND FORT WORTH, EXPECTS TO PLEAD GUILTY AND BE SENT TO
TEXAS PEN IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE. PROMISED COOPERATION, HOWEVER, IF
RAY SHOULD CONTACT HIM OR HE OTHERWISE LEARNS ANYTHING OF VALUE.

AEBY CONSIDERS RAY'S NORMAL CRIMINAL OCCUPATION AS ARMED ROBBERY BASED CONVERSATIONS, THAT HE WOULD BE HIT AND RUN TYPE, COVERING WIDE AREAS. STATED CANNOT CONCEIVE RAY WOULD HAVE KILLED VICTIM EXCEPT FOR MONEY.

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ST. LOUIS CONSIDER REINTERVIEWING SUBJECT'S BROTHER ON BASIS INFORMATION HEREIN AND INTERVIEW EARL HARRIS, NEGRO KINGPIN, IF A VAILABLE.

KANSAS CITY ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY WADE AND INTERVIEW.

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645PM URGENT 4/26/68 JDP

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND KANSAS CITY FROM DALLAS (44-2649) 2P

MURKIN. OO-MEMPHIS.

RE KANSAS CITY TEL APRIL TWENTYFOUR LAST AND HOUSTON TEL APRIL TWENTYFIVE LAST CONCERNING NEAL EDGAR AEBY, REPORTED ASSOCIATE 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 ASSOCATED 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 HERION USER AND PUSHER. EFFORT
BEING MADE TO LOCATE THIS MAN THROUGH BONDSMAN AND ATTORNEY

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FROM:

SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

SUBJECT:

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ReLegat, Mexico airtel, 4/23/68.

Re ERIC STARVO GALT at Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, October - November, 1967

The following investigation was conducted by SA FRANK M. IVEY:

On 5/1/68, Mrs. MARY E. SCHRADER, 3126 Highway 146, LaPorte, Texas advised that she and her husband stayed at the Hotel Rio in Room 206, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico for about four or five days in late Oct., 1967. She stated she did not recall anyone by the name of ERIC STARVO GALT or other aliases of this name staying there at the same time. She was unable to identify the photograph of the subject as anyone that she had seen during her stay in Mexico.

On 5/1/68, LEWIS R. SCHRADER, 3126 Highway 146, LaPorte, Texas was interviewed at his place of employment, Ebasco Construction Company, where he is a pipe-fitter employed on the construction site of the Houston Lighting and Power Company, San Leon, Texas. Mr. SCHRADER stated that he and his wife were on a vacation trip during late Oct., 1967 and stayed at the Hotel Rio (room unrecalled) Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico. He stated he did not recall anyone staying there at the time by the name of ERIC STARVO GALT and was unable to identify the photograph of the subject as anyone he had seen.

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She stated also her sister lives in Houston, Texas at 5208 Mt. Houston Road and is employed in the office of Dr. HAROLD SCHAFFNER at 5105 San Jacinto, telephone number JA 3-9812.

Mrs. E.N. COLLINS, JR., 5208 Mount Houston Road, Houston, Texas advised that during her trip to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico in October, 1967 whenshe was accompanied by her sister, VIVIAN FRIEDBERG, she can recall no male who looked like the pictures of JAMES EARL RAY, aks Eric Starvo Galt. It is her recollection most of the residents at Hotel Rio were elderly people and not fit the description of RAY, aka Galt. She was unable to recall the number of the room at the Hotel Rio in which they stayed.

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TO : SAC (44-1509)

ATTN: SA WEIR

DATE: 5/1/68

SA B. PERKOWSKI. JR.

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AT HOUSTON, TEXAS

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), KANSAS CITY, SAN ANTUNIO FROM HOUSTON (44-1509)

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RE KANSAS CITY TEL APR. TWENTYNINE AND MYAIRTEL APR. THIRTY.

RECORDS OF TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS,

REFLECT WILLIAM THOMAS JACOBS, FBI TWO FIVE THREE ZERO ONE ZERO, SOCIAL SECURITY NO.

WAS RELEASED MAY ELEVEN SIXTYSIX, FOR PURPOSE OF
RETURNING TO KANSAS CITY, MO. TO SEEK EMPLOYMENT AS TRUCK DRIVER.
ALL INVESTIGATION HUNTSVILLE AND BEAUMONT, NEGATIVE.

RECORDS AT TDC REFLECT JACOBS' RELATIVES ALL DECEASED

EXCEPT FOR ONE BROTHER, J.W. JACOBS, WHO IS IN U.S. ARMY. JACOBS

DID NOT CORRESPOND WITH ANYONE WHILE IN TDC. PRISON RECORDS

REFLECT JACOBS ADMITTING BEING COMMITTED AT LEAST THREE TIMES FOR MENTAL OBSERVATION AT AUSTIN, TEXAS. IN ADDITION THE RECORDS

REFLECT HIS ADMITTING THAT FROM NINETEEN FORTYSIX TO FIFTYEIGHT

HIS INABILITY TO REMEMBER ANYTHING DUE TO MENTAL ILLNESS

CAUSED BY ALCOHOLISM.

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