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856M URGENT 5-13-68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, LOUISVILLE, AND HOUSTON  
FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN

RE JOHN FALVEY, LOOK ALIKE. FOUR EMPLOYEES OF HOLIDAY INN  
NORTH, SL, TODAY ADVISED INDIVIDUAL GIVING NAME AND ADDRESS OF JOHN  
FALVEY, SEVEN NINE ONE SEVEN COLUMBINE DRIVE, LOUISVILLE, KY.,  
DRIVING SIXTY-SIX TO SIXTY-EIGHT LINCOLN CONTINENTAL CONVERTIBLE,  
GREEN WITH BLACK TOP, KY LICENSE, NUMBER UNK, STAYED AT INN MAY  
ELEVEN AND TWELVE LAST. BORE STRIKING RESEMBLANCE TO SUBJECT.  
USED GULF OIL CREDIT CARD NUMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IN NAME OF CONSTANCE Y. JOHNSON. LS ATTEMPT  
IDENTIFY AND DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS PERTINENT DATES.

HOUSTON DETERMINE IDENTITY AND LOCATION OF CONSTANCE Y.  
JOHNSON FROM GULF CREDIT CARD OFFICE, P.O. BOX TWO ONE FOUR ZERO,  
HOUSTON, AND SET OUT LEAD TO INTERVIEW REGARDING FALVEY, UNLESS  
LOUISVILLE SOONER ADVISES NON IDENT.

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*TEL sent 5/14;  
LEAD FOR Louisville  
to interview Johnson*

*SAC wfu*

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FROM: HOUSTON (44-1509) 1 page  
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JOHNSON. **A+D.**

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Approved: KK

Special Agent in Charge

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Per

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[initials]

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PM 5-14-68 URGENT VSJ

TO HOUSTON /44-1509/, ST. LOUIS /44-775/  
FROM LOUISVILLE /44-947/

MURKIN.

RE JOHN FALVEY, LOOK ALIKE.

RE ST. LOUIS TEL MAY THIRTEEN LAST.

JOHN LEE RAY FALVEY LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED BY  
BUAGENT LOUISVILLE THIS DATE. FALVEY DOES NOT RESEMBLE  
SUBJECT. ELIMINATED THROUGH FINGERPRINT CHECK.

MEMPHIS AND BUREAU ADVISED AM.

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MAY 14, 1968

☒ Radio☐ Teletype

TO: ALL SACS

FROM: DIRECTOR

URGENT

MURKIN.

IN VIEW OF FACT THAT SUBJECT SPENT A CONSIDERABLE SUM OF MONEY FROM APRIL 23, 1967 TO APRIL 4, 1968, AND THE SOURCE OF HIS MONEY HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED, HIS PHOTOGRAPH SHOULD BE DISPLAYED TO APPROPRIATE WITNESSES IN UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERIES AND BANK BURGLARIES IN THOSE INSTANCES WHERE WITNESSES ARE AVAILABLE. YOU SHOULD ALSO CONSIDER THE REQUESTING OF POLICE DEPARTMENTS TO DISPLAY PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY TO WITNESSES IN THEIR UNSOLVED ROBBERIES.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

TOR: 4:15 PM  
TOD: 4:30 PM  
DEC: JHV

*already discussed  
with BR Squad - JHV*

*SAC - [signature]*

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If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReMtel 5/9/68.

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- 3 - Bureau
- 2 - Memphis
- 1 - Miami (Info)
- 1 - Houston

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**United States District Court**  
FOR THE  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS



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By *[Signature]* \_\_\_\_\_

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Total \_\_\_\_\_ \$

**GRAND JURY SUBPOENA**



5/8/68

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, DALLAS  
FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)(P)  
RE: MURKIN

Re Houston airtel to San Antonio dated 5/3/68.

For information Dallas, reairtel advised as follows.

On 5/2/68, Mrs. A. M. WITTNE, 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.

On 5/8/68, Mr. J. EDGAR BOWDEN, Claims Manager, Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, Room 411 Milam Building, San Antonio, Texas, advised SA DEAN M. LLOYD that review of indices for JAMES EARL RAY and known aliases was negative. BOWDEN suggested that the Fraud and Arson Bureau and the Southwest Index Bureau, both located in Dallas, be contacted inasmuch as they maintain a national index of professional claimants.

2 - Dallas  
2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
① - Houston (44-1509)  
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Information copy furnished Houston in view of  
reairtel.

LEAD:

DALLAS

AT DALLAS, TEXAS Will locate and interview appropriate officials of Southwest Index Bureau and Fraud and Arson Bureau to determine if JAMES EARL RAY is known to them under true name, known aliases, or known description.

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Date: 5/9/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861)

FROM : SAC, New Orleans (157-10673)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
(OO: Memphis)

Re: JOE BAILEY MUSGROVE

Re Houston airtel to Bureau 5/7/68 and WFO airtel  
to Bureau 5/2/68.

On 5/9/68 Mr. DONALD J. HYDEN, Supervisor, Personnel Department, McDermott International, Inc., 615 de Montluzin Building, New Orleans, La., advised that JOE BAILEY MUSGROVE has been employed with McDermott International as a pipeline welder since 10/9/67 under a one year contract to be served in Nigeria. Mr. HYDEN further stated that Mr. MUSGROVE departed for Nigeria in 1967 and is due to return at the termination of his contract in October, 1968.

A review of the personnel file of JOE BAILEY MUSGROVE revealed the following identifying and background information:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Born	4/26/33, Seminole County, Okla.
Height	5' 9"
Weight	155 pounds
Eyes	Blue

3 - Bureau  
2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
1 - Albuquerque (44-715)(Info)  
① - Houston (44-1509)(Info)  
1 - WFO (44-703)(Info)  
2 - New Orleans  
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NO 157-10673

Hair	Brown
Marital Status	Married to BETTY LUE RAMSEY MUSGROVE Box 1002 Farmington, New Mexico
Social Security Number	[REDACTED]
Previous Employment	Fouty D. Bursun Farmington, New Mexico, 1954-67

Mr. HYDEN advised that Mr. MUSGROVE can be located through the Overseas Office, care of McDermott Overseas, Inc., Post Office Box 2841, Lagos, Nigeria. He further stated that it is very possible Mr. MUSGROVE may have resided at the Bristol Hotel, Lagos, Nigeria, during his days off or for any vacation.

BuAgent viewed a photograph of MUSGROVE which appeared on his application for employment and this picture does not appear to be identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

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5/10/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)(P)  
RE: MURKIN

RE: Suspect GRAHAM ROBERT SMITH

Re Houston airtel to the Bureau 5/4/68.

On 5/9/68, the photographs of SMITH were displayed to ANGEL STICKELBAULT, his wife, and his mother. Each indicated that the photo was not that of the man whom they identified on the bus to Mexico on 4/6/68 as JAMES EARL RAY. They advised that the photo of SMITH was that of a man much younger whose hair was too long and face was too elongated, rather than roundish as is that of RAY.

STICKELBAULT and his family reiterated that the Unsub on the bus looked enough like RAY to be either him or a twin.

One extra copy of this airtel is designated for the Bureau for transmittal to Legat, Mexico.

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4 - Bureau  
    (1 - Legat, Mexico)  
① - Houston (44-1509)  
1 - Memphis (44-1987)  
2 - SA  
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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, CINCINNATI (157-1893) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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Re Houston airtel, 5/3/68 and Cincinnati airtel, 5/10/68.

Telephone number 681-2839 was determined to be listed to DENIS CREMIN, 5130 Hawaiian Terrace, Cincinnati, with no toll calls made in March or April, 1968.

On 5/8/68, Mrs. DENIS (PATRICIA) CREMIN advised SAS THOMAS B. ESTEP and BILLY C. KIRTS that they formerly lived in Dallas, Texas, and moved into their present apartment residence on 9/1/67. After the Agents identified themselves and explained the purpose of their contact, Mrs. CREMIN stated that the telephone call on 12/17/67 at their number in Cincinnati from Beaumont, Texas, #892-9963, was made by JAMES ROWEN, who was, at that time, engaged to PATTY ANN CREMIN, who, with ROWEN, attended Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. ROWEN's home is in Beaumont, Texas. He is age 22, 5'10½", 160 pounds; his step-father in Beaumont, Texas, being a private detective.

PATTY ANN CREMIN and ROWEN are no longer engaged

- 3 - Bureau
- ① - Houston (44-1509)
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Enc.30)
- 1 - Cincinnati

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and PATTY ANN is presently attending Mount Saint Joseph College, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mrs. CREMIN advised her husband has been with the Diamond National Corporation for the past 14 years. She stated definitely JAMES ROWEN is not identical with JAMES EARL RAY and she could furnish no information whatsoever on RAY.

Attached for Memphis are 15 copies each of inserts covering investigation concerning Cincinnati telephone #681-2839 and Bartlett, Ohio, telephone #551-2363.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
 FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)  
 SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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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.

Set forth by field division are telephone calls made from the Houston Division, 12/15-17/67. San Antonio will determine from the subscriber, or person receiving call, the identity of caller. If caller was JAMES EARL RAY, aka, obtain all available information.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CALLING NUMBER</u>	<u>CALLED NUMBER</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
12/17/66	Beaumont 835-8100	512-344-1517	San Antonio Texas
12/16/67	Houston 468-9020	512-342-9876	San Antonio
12/17/67	Houston 468-9031	512-344-7021	San Antonio

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 2 - Memphis (44-1987)  
 7 - San Antonio  
 2 - Houston  
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12/17/66	Houston 498-9031	512-824-5785	San Antonio, Texas
12/16/67	Houston 468-9172	512-824-0856	San Antonio
12/17/67	Beaumont 835-9463	512-227-9544	San Antonio
12/17/67	Beaumont 835-9463	512-227-6233	San Antonio
12/17/67 (Two calls same date)	Beaumont 835-9463	512-227-6232	San Antonio
12/17/67	Beaumont 835-8273	512-385-3777	Austin Texas
12/17/67	Beaumont 835-8273	512-471-1680	Austin
12/17/67	Beaumont 835-8146	512-471-5380	Austin
12/16/67	Houston 673-9872	512-444-1629	Austin
12/17/67	Houston 673-9926	512-442-3738	Austin
12/15/67	Houston 673-9170	512-478-0524	Austin
12/15/67	Houston 468-9026	512-478-5956	Austin
12/16/67	Houston 468-9039	512-442-5829	Austin
12/16/67	Houston 468-9039	512-442-7829	Austin
12/17/67	Houston 468-9039	512-442-7829	Austin
12/17/67	Houston 468-9712	512-472-6424	Austin

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12/17/67	Houston 453-9613	512-453-3628	Austin, Texas 2031
12/17/67	Beaumont 892-9948	512-472-3271	Austin
12/16/67	Beaumont 835-9567	512-471-1020	Austin
12/16/67	Houston 673-9996	817-697-4545	Cameron, Texas
12/16/67	Houston 673-9351	214-389-3467	Fairfield
12/15/67	468-9871 Houston	817-796-4397	Hico, Texas
12/15/67	Houston 468-9031	512-722-1820	Laredo, Texas
12/17/67	Houston 468-9968	512-875-2730	Luling, Texas
12/17/67	Houston 673-9282	512-565-1806	Mercedes, Texas
12/15/67	Houston 673-9282	512-565-1806	Mercedes
12/15/67	Houston 673-9541	817-496-3592	Mexia, Texas
12/16/67	468-9150 Houston	512-686-8711	McAllen, Texas
12/17/67	Houston 468-9085	915-356-1282	Odessa, Texas
12/17/67	682-9241 Houston	817-778-9076	Temple, Texas

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DATE	CALLING NUMBER	CALLED NUMBER	PLACE
12/16/67	Vidor 769-9103	817-773-5018	Temple, Texas
12/15/67	Houston 673-9526	817-778-4451	Temple
12/15/67	Houston 673-9419	512-964-3382	Sattler, Texas
12/17/67	Houston 673-9652	512-399-9093	San Benito, Texas
12/16/67	Orange 886-9772	817-752-7372	Waco, Texas
12/17/67	Beaumont 835-9065	817-772-0303	Waco, Texas
12/17/67	Beaumont 835-9631	817-772-0303	Waco
12/16/67	Beaumont 835-9631	817-446-5984	West, Texas
12/16/67	Beaumont 835-9631	817-446-5830	West, Texas
12/15/67	Houston 682-9286	512-787-4545	Pharr, Texas
12/16/67	Beaumont 835-8084	817-982-4496	Little Rio, Texas
12/16/67	Houston 468-9848	713-289-3067	Burton, Texas

Date 5/13/68

To:

☐ Director

FILE HO 44-1509

Att.:

☒ SAC HOUSTON

Title MURKIN

☐ ASAC

☐ Supv.

☐ Agent

☐ SE

☐ IC

☐ CC

☐ Steno

☐ Clerk

RE: HO Airtel to Dir, 5-6-68

☐ Rotor #: \_\_\_\_\_

### ACTION DESIRED

☐ Acknowledge

☐ Assign \_\_\_\_\_ Reassign \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Bring file

☐ Call me

☐ Correct

☐ Deadline \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Deadline passed

☐ Delinquent

☐ Discontinue

☐ Expedite

☐ File

☐ For information

☐ Handle

☐ Initial & return

☐ Leads need attention

☐ Return with explanation or notation as to action taken.

☐ Open Case

☐ Prepare lead cards

☐ Prepare tickler

☐ Return assignment card

☐ Return file

☐ Search and return

☐ See me

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*JMK* SAC J. MYERS COLE

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*OK* Office SAN ANTONIO

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

*Re, Memphis, Miami*

TO : SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

DATE: 5/14/68

FROM : SA JAMES I. MCCOY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReMMtel 5/9/68.

AT PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS:

On 5/10/68, the Texaco ship "TRANSCHAMPLAIN" docked in Port Arthur, Texas, and the following personnel of that ship were interviewed:

Chief Engineer PAUL RAINVILLE advised he did go into the Golden Earring Lounge in Jacksonville, Florida, on two nights around the first of May, 1968. The first night he was accompanied by his wife and the second night he was accompanied by the Third Mate of this ship, HARRY BINGHAM. RAINVILLE advised he was not in the Golden Earring at any other time and did not drink in that lounge with anyone other than the above two people. RAINVILLE viewed a photograph of JAMES RAY and advised he had never known anyone who looked similar to the photograph or the accompanying description of RAY.

HARRY BINGHAM, Third Mate, was interviewed and was observed to have a physical description quite dissimilar to that of JAMES RAY. BINGHAM viewed the photograph and description of RAY and stated he knew of no one similar to RAY.

Captain PETE MCGUIRE viewed a wanted flyer for JAMES RAY and advised he was certain there were no personnel on his ship who were in any way similar to RAY.

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To: All SACS  
LEGATS, Mexico City  
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From: Director. FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN  
OO: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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Each office covering state capitals should check to ascertain if such records are maintained, and if so, should check records for the period from 4-5-68, to date, for any information which might possibly identify subject Ray with unidentified deceased person over that period.

If there is no central record repository maintained in the various states or nationally in the case of Mexico and Canada, you should, in connection with your contacts with law enforcement agencies on this case or other Bureau matters, make appropriate inquiries relative to

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) (P)  
RE: MURKIN  
C R  
(OO: ME)

Re Houston airtel to Bureau, 5/3/68, re telephone calls from public telephones on Interstate 10.

Referenced airtel set forth five long distance calls made from the Houston area to points in Arkansas. Subscribers to these five telephones were contacted and all calls were from relatives, friends or associates and none of the subscribers had any information concerning JAMES EARL RAY.

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**MURKIN**

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☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.

☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks:

Enclosed for assistance of each office in connection with any laundry checks being made are photographs of laundry marks placed on shirt and bed linen for James Earl Ray while using the name of Eric Starvo Galt in the Los Angeles area. **44-1509-381**

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FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS

RE: Calls made by subject en route from LA to NO.

RE Dallas teletype 5/1/68 and El Paso airtel 4/30/68;  
Houston airtel 5/3/68.

Dallas tel 5/1/68 lists 12/15/67, 9:19 p.m. call made  
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TITLE OF CASE <b>JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE, I.O. #4182, W.F. #442-A, TOP TEN FUGITIVE; DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., (DECEASED) - VICTIM</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA RAYMOND B. HOWE</b>	TYPED BY <b>rmb</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>CR - CONSPIRACY; UFAC - ROBBERY</b>	

## REFERENCE:

Memphis report of SA JOE C. HESTER dated 4/30/68.

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## LEAD

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AT KANSAS CITY

Will continue efforts to locate JAMES EARL RAY.

Handle all leads immediately.

## ADMINISTRATIVE:

At the outset of this investigation, the Kansas City Division conducted the following extensive investigation concerning

Accomplishments Claimed: None

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ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER, and JOHN WILLARD with negative results:

All Federal, State, County, and City agencies, this area; all Credit Bureaus and law enforcement agencies, plus Bureau of Vital Statistics, Driver's License and Motor Vehicle Departments for both Missouri and Kansas, Selective Service records for Missouri and Kansas for birth date 7/20/31; all logical residences and rooming houses on Chestnut Street, Kansas City, Missouri; voter registration records; Department of Public Welfare; Liquor Control Board records; Bartenders and Truck Drivers Unions; Marriage and Divorce records; all utility companies; records of Workmen's Compensation, U. S. Department of Labor; financial institutions; all dancing schools and academies; all logical laundry and dry cleaning establishments, this area, contacted.

All Criminal, Racial, Security Informants, and Sources in hippie and drug traffic areas contacted with negative results.

Also, numerous look-alikes have been reported, located, interviewed, and eliminated as possible suspects.

All above information is on file, Kansas City office, however, the negative information not pertinent in this investigation is not being set out in this report.

It is to be noted that JAMES EARL RAY escaped, Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, on 4/23/67. Because of this, an Unlawful Flight to Avoid Confinement investigation has been conducted by the Kansas City Office. When information received from the Bureau on 4/19/68 that GALT and RAY were identical, all pertinent information regarding subject was furnished the Bureau and all offices by teletype and information from the UFAC file was included in the Civil Rights case, and it continues to be investigated under that caption.

Extra copies of this report are being furnished office of origin in event of future dissemination.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
IC WILLIAM C. MC DONALD at Jefferson City, Missouri:

On May 1, 1968, Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) records were checked for RAY EUGENE WARREN. The following information was obtained:

RAY EUGENE WARREN was received at the MSP on June 9, 1955, to serve a 10 year sentence on charge of robbery first degree by means of a dangerous and deadly weapon under court case #1941-C. He completed this sentence and began an additional 20 year sentence on July 11, 1961, on charge of robbery first degree by means of a dangerous and deadly weapon, court case number 1945-C. He was assigned MSP number 69963. WARREN was discharged by commutation of sentence from April 13, 1968. Relatives listed on WARREN's correspondence and visiting list are wife DORIS WARREN, 3330 Sims, St. Anne, Missouri; brother-in-law BILL SCOTT, same address; sister, BETTY WARREN, Route 2, Box 187, Robertson, Missouri. Records reflect that WARREN was visited by his mother and brother, PAUL WARREN, Robertson, Missouri, and brother, SCOTT WARREN, Pomona, California. While WARREN was in the MSP, he was in the following cells:

From November 6, 1959, until January 4, 1960, G70;

From January 4, 1960, until July 1, 1960, G89;

From July 1, 1960, until August 31, 1960, C20;

From August 31, 1960, until October 31, 1960, E80;

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Warden HAROLD SWENSON advised confidentially that WARREN had assisted his department in an investigation which had been conducted and that from November, 1965, until after JAMES EARL RAY escaped from the MSP, that WARREN was in solitary confinement being given maximum security for fear of his life. Warden SWENSON continued that if at all possible, WARREN should not be contacted as he is extremely nervous and fearful for his life. However, Warden SWENSON advised that WARREN is to be living with his brother, SCOTT L. WARREN at 17902 Edmond Place, Covina, California.

SINCE WARREN WAS SENTENCED TO THE MSP FOR A TOTAL PERIOD OF 30 YEARS ON CHARGE OF ROBBERY WITH A DANGEROUS AND DEADLY WEAPON AND IS EXTREMELY NERVOUS, HE SHOULD BE APPROACHED WITH CAUTION AND POSSIBLY CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

All inmates and former inmates that have furnished information regarding subject requested that their identity be concealed by the Bureau for fear of retaliation from other prisoners because of their furnishing information to law enforcement agencies.

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