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Type of References Requested:

- ☐ Regular Request (Analytical Search)
☐ All References (Subversive & Nonsubversive)
☐ Subversive References Only
☐ Nonsubversive References Only
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Type of Search Requested:

- ☐ Restricted to Locality of MI
☐ Exact Name Only (On the Nose)
☐ Buildup ☐ Variations

Subject Ray, James Earl
 Birthdate & Place
 Address AUG 31 1967

Localities

R# 632 Date 7/31 Searcher Initials 739
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FILE NUMBER SERIAL

MR
James E.
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (At: Special Investigation Division)

FROM : SAC, Kansas City

SUBJECT: **JAMES EARL RAY, aka, FUGITIVE**
UFAC - ROBBERY FIRST

In order that a fugitive index card may be prepared and information entered in NCIC without delay, the following information is furnished:

Name and aliases: JAMES EARL RAY, aka James McBride, James Walton, C. Warren, James O. Connors, Jim Ray		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Armed and dangerous <input type="checkbox"/> Suicidal tendencies	
Sex: M		FUGITIVE CARDS PREPARED 7/26/67	
Age: 36	Race: (W)	Birthplace: Quincy or Alton, Illinois	Date By: (MAY)
Height: 5'11"	Weight: 163	Hair: Br	Eyes: Blue
Fingerprint classification: 15 9 0 OIO 13		NCIC Fingerprint classification: 396 443 A	
Other identifying number: MSP 00416		Scars, marks and other identifying remarks: None	
Social Security number: (SOC)		Operator's license number: (OLN)	
Offense charged (OFF): Unlawful Flight to Avoid Confinement - Robbery First			
U. S. Code, Title and Section: Title 18, Section 1073			
Warrant issued by: U.S. Commissioner W. C. SHELLEY			
Date PBV or bond default case referred to office: 7/20/67			
Field office file #: 88-6448		OO: Kansas City	
LICENSE PLATE AND VEHICLE INFORMATION			
License plate #: EX-113	State: MO	Year expires: 44-38861-X	Vehicle identification #: 44730
Vehicle identification #: 44730	Year (VYR): 88	Make: MA	Model: 88
NCIC #			

2 Bureau
(- National Crime Information Center) (NCIC)

Kansas City

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INSTRUCTIONS

Two copies of FD-65 should be submitted to the Bureau, an original marked for the attention of the Special Investigative Division and a green copy designated for NCIC.

FD-65 should be submitted immediately when a subject becomes a Bureau fugitive (including escaped Federal prisoners), except where subject wanted as a parole or conditional release violator or deserter. In these latter cases form letter should be submitted by office of origin 60 days after the date of the Bureau communication forwarding the case to the field office.

An original and green copy of a supplemental FD-65 should be submitted when additional pertinent information is obtained or there are changes in information previously furnished. When a supplemental FD-65 is submitted, only information added, changed or deleted need be shown except that the name of the fugitive and the field office file number must be shown in all instances.

Should the information added, changed, or deleted necessitate a title change, not previously reported, the caption of the FD-65 should be marked "changed" and the change explained on a separate page stapled to the FD-65.

Where information is being added or changed in any item other than "Name and Aliases" the new data is to be entered in the appropriate block and will automatically replace any information previously recorded therein. No reference to the information previously entered need be made.

Where information is being deleted from any item other than "Name and Aliases" the word "delete" is to be entered in the appropriate block and will automatically eliminate any information previously recorded.

Where a name or alias is being added, changed or deleted, such addition, change or deletion should be briefly identified in the "Name and Aliases" block.

1. **Name and Aliases (NAM)**-Include name and all aliases. Supplemental FD-65 necessary when there is a change in name or an alias is changed, added or deleted.
2. **Armed and Dangerous, Suicidal Tendencies (MKE)**-When initially reported on FD-65, basis for caution statement should appear in this block.
3. **Sex (SEX)**-Sex will be designated: M-Male; F-Female.
4. **Race (RAC)**-Race will be described by abbreviations used in the Uniform Crime Reporting Program, i.e., White-W; Negro-N; Indian-I; Chinese-C; Japanese-J; all other-O. Mexicans who are not definitely Indian or other non-white should be described as "W".
5. **Birthplace (NAT)**-Indicate city and state or if foreign born, city and country. Where multiple birthplaces are reported, list verified birthplace or that which appears most logical.
6. **Birth Date (DOB)**-Enter as month, day and year. Where multiple birth dates are reported, list verified birth date or that which appears most logical.
7. **Height (HGT)**-Express in feet and inches, i.e., 6'0".
8. **Weight (WGT)**-Express in pounds.
9. **Hair (HAI)**-Color hair to be described as black-BK; brown-BR; blond or strawberry blond-BN; red or auburn-RD; white-WH; gray or partially gray-GY; sandy-SN; Bald-OO.
10. **Fingerprint Classification**-Set out FBI fingerprint classification if known.
11. **NCIC Fingerprint Classification (FPC)**-Do not use. This item is classified by a formula for computer usage.
12. **Other Identifying Number (MNU)**-Miscellaneous numbers may be entered with appropriate identifiers as shown below. The identifier should precede the number and be separated from the number by use of a hyphen.

AS - (Army Serial Number)
 NS - (Navy Serial Number)
 AF - (Air Force Serial Number)
 CG - (U. S. Coast Guard Number)
 SS - (Selective Service Number)
 VA - (Veterans Administration Claim Number)
 AR - (Alien Registration Number)
 MD - (Mariner's Document Number)
 MC - (Marine Corps Serial Number)
 PS - (Post Security Card Number)
 PP - (Passport Number)

Any other miscellaneous numbers, such as, arrest numbers, should be described.

13. **Social Security (SOC)**-List most recent Social Security Number known to be used by subject.
14. **Operator's License Number (OLN)**-Check with states of residence to obtain this number. List number believed to be used by subject.
15. **Warrant Issued on (DOW)**-In deserter cases the date subject absented himself should be entered in the space preceding "DOW".

SAC, Kansas City (88-9449)

August 15, 1967

Director, FBI (88-41730)

JAMES EARL RAY, aka, FUGITIVE
UFAC-ROBBERY FIRST

☒ Enclosed is information extracted from subject's identification record which may be of lead value. It is essential that any discrepancies be resolved through investigation in order to set forth only the most current description in future communications.

☐ Enclosed is information extracted from the identification record of an individual who may or may not be identical with subject. It is desired that you conduct appropriate investigation at an early date to determine whether these individuals are identical. The results of this investigation should be promptly submitted to the Bureau by letter marked for the attention of the Special Investigative Division, and should be included in the next investigative report from your office. In the event it is determined this individual is not identical with your subject, endeavor to promptly develop additional data that will identify your subject with a fingerprint record.

☐ Enclosed are data supplementing that previously furnished your office.

☐ A search of the name files of the Identification Division did not disclose a fingerprint record for the above-named fugitive. Your office should endeavor to develop any additional data that will identify this individual with a fingerprint record. A copy of fingerprints, if available from any source, would be of material assistance. As complete a description as possible, together with any aliases that might have been used by the subject also should be obtained when interviewing relatives, acquaintances, and employers of the fugitive. Information concerning any enlistment in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard Services of the United States, should, of course, be procured concerning this individual. This matter should be pursued vigorously.

☒ Signature available. ☐ Signature not available.

☒ Photographs and negative transmitted herewith. ☐ No photograph available in identification record. Endeavor to obtain and forward same to Identification Division.

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NOT RECORDED

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☐ Washington Field Office ☐ Indianapolis Office ☐ San Antonio Office is requested to.

☐ Conduct appropriate service search(es) and advise office of origin.

☐ Obtain and forward to Identification Division copy of service prints if available.

Enc. (7)

1 - Fugitive Supervisor, Room 1521, (enclosures 2)

1 - Uniform Crime Reporting (NCIC) Room 610 OPO (enclosure)

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**Re: JAMES EARL RAY, aka, FUGITIVE
UFAC-ROBBERY FIRST**

**The following is a summary prepared by FBI Identification
Division of descriptive data appearing in FBI #306 443 A:**

Race	White
Sex	Male
Dates of Birth	
Places of Birth	Decatur, Illinois; Quincy, Illinois; Alton, Illinois
Height	Approximately 5' 10"
Weight	174 pounds, September, 1966
Complexion	Ruddy
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown
Build	Medium
Occupations	Laborer; baker
Scars and Marks	Small scar on center of forehead; scar in palm of right hand
Addresses	Saint Louis, Missouri, March, 1960; 2015 Park, Saint Louis, Missouri, October, 1959; Quincy, Illinois, July, 1955, March, 1955, April, 1950; Hotel Quincy, Quincy, Illinois, March, 1955; Victor Hotel, Quincy, Illinois, March, 1955, August, 1954; 1429 Chery, Hannibal, Missouri, March, 1955; 853 West Fullerton, Chicago, Illinois, May, 1952; 805 Alby Street, Alton, Illinois, July, 1951

Fingerprint Classification

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NCIC Fingerprint Classification

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Hotel Quincy, Quincy, Illinois,
March, 1955; Victor Hotel, Quincy,
Illinois, March, 1955, August,
1954; 1429 Chery, Hannibal,
Missouri, March, 1955; 853 West
Fullerton, Chicago, Illinois,
May, 1952; 805 Alby Street,
Alton, Illinois, July, 1951.

Fingerprint Classification:

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NCIC Fingerprint Classification:

161311001212III12III17 .

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

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
SO, Los Angeles, Calif.	James Earl Ray #B-119908	10/11/49	susp burg	
PD Los Angeles, Calif.	James Earl Ray #139648	10/11/49	susp 459PC (burg)	8 mos Co J1 sp; 2 yrs Prb srv 1st 90 das Co J1 146 12-30-49
SO Cedar Rapids, Iowa	James E. Ray #5937	4/18/50	vag	Cs129438
PD Alton Ill	James Earl Ray #7514	7/23/51	no oper lic - ap St Lic - no City Lic	rel to pay later
PD Chicago, Illinois	James Ray #D90696	5/6/52	Robb (Gun)	GJ \$3000
Cook Co J1 Chicago, Illinois	James Ray #131165	5/9/52	Rob	6/13/52 sent to Pent'y 1-2 yrs.
SP Joliet, Illinois	James E. Ray #32419	6/13/52	Rob	
SP Pontiac, Illinois	James E. Ray #19121	7/7/52 in trans from Joliet	Rob	1-2 yrs 3/12/54 disch
SO Edwardsville, Illinois	James Earl Ray #2640	8/30/54	B & L	✓

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD Hannibal, Missouri	James E. Ray #40714	3/23/55	Inv B & E Post Office	
St Hwy Pat Macon, Mo.	James Earl Ray #B-3376	3/23/55	cashing stolen postal money orders	rel to Postal inspector Kans City, Mo. 3/24/55
USM Kansas City, Mo.	James Earl Ray #12018	3/28/55	forg US Postal Money Order	sent to 15 mos custody AG
SO Kansas City, Mo.	James Earl Ray #29637	3/28/55	Forg- Govt	7/7/55 3 yrs & 9 Mos.
Army	James Earl Ray #16 163 129	2/19/46		
U Spen Leavenworth, Kansas	James Earl Ray #72498-L	7/7/55	PO Laws Forge Money Orders	3 yrs & 9 mos 5/20/58 CR 3/31/59 Max 4/5/58 Cond Rel on chg of PO forg POMO
PD St. Louis, Mo.	James Earl Ray #82071	10/10/59	susp Robbery	

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD St. Louis, Mo.	James Earl Ray #81071	10/16/59	Susp Rob Steal & FOA	
SPen Jefferson City, Missouri	Janes Earl Ray #00416	3/17/60	TC oper mtr veh w/o permission of owner Robb 1st b/m DDW (2 chgs)	20 yrs (20,7,5, conc)
St Hosp No 1 Fulton, Mo.	James Earl Ray #37045 C-5	9/8/66	Patient	

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

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KANSAS CITY

AT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS:

Will examine records of subject under #72488-L,
for information which may aid in locating him.

AT FULTON, MISSOURI:

Will similarly review records of State Hospital
Number 1.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

1 - USA, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Report of:

ROWEN B. AYERS

Office:

KANSAS CITY

Date:

8/29/67

Field Office File #:

88-9449

Bureau File #:

88-41730

Title:

JAMES EARL RAY

Character:

UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT - ROBBERY FIRST

Synopsis:

JAMES EARL RAY, Inmate, Missouri State Penitentiary, (MSP), Jefferson City, Missouri, missed at the Penitentiary on April 23, 1967. Subject known at MSP as a "hide out guy" due to his habit of concealing himself within the walls. Investigation indicated RAY concealed himself in bread box and escaped from truck making delivery to an auxiliary farm. He was dropped as an escaped prisoner on 7/10/67. RAY was serving 20 years on charges of Armed Robbery (1st) and for operating vehicle without owner's consent. Authorized complaint filed before U.S. Commissioner, Jefferson City, Missouri on 7/20/67, charging RAY with violation Title 18, Section 1073, U. S. Code. Warrant issued. Subject's criminal record dates back to 1949. He has been confined in Illinois institutions as well as serving time in Federal Penitentiary. His mother and brothers reside in St. Louis, Missouri. RAY confined at State Hospital, Fulton, Missouri in 1966. BECAUSE RAY HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF ROBBERY WITH A DEADLY WEAPON AND BECAUSE OF HIS CONFINEMENT IN A STATE HOSPITAL, HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS:

EC 88-9449

This case is predicated on a letter, dated June 19, 1967, from Assistant United States Attorney WILLIAM A. KITCHEN, Kansas City, Missouri, enclosing a letter, dated June 8, 1967 from Mr. F. LAUF, Identification and Records, Missouri State Penitentiary. Mr. LAUF's letter set forth the following information:

"The indicated subject was missing, from inside the walls of the main Penitentiary on April 23, 1967 and since that date information has been discovered giving us reasons to believe that he has escaped. We also have reasons to believe Ray has fled the state, to avoid prosecution, as all efforts to locate him have failed.

"This inmate is described as a white male, age 39, DOB [REDACTED], height 5'11", dark brown hair, blue eyes, weight 163, medium complexion and medium build. He was received here March 17, 1960, from the St. Louis City Circuit Court, to serve 30 years for [REDACTED] First Degree by means of a Dangerous & Deadly [REDACTED] (3 chgs.); Operating a Motor Vehicle without permission of the Owner (30, 7, 5 Concurrent).

"We should appreciate it if your office would cause a Federal warrant to be issued against this individual. If he is apprehended, outside of the state of Missouri, the Department of Corrections will extradite him and pay the expenses thereof."

On June 19, 1967, Mr. WILLIAM A. KITCHEN requested an Unlawful Flight to Avoid Confinement complaint be filed against JAMES EARL RAY.

On June 22, 1967, Mr. F. LAUF, mentioned above, advised SA THOMAS H. WEAVER that subject is known as a "hide out guy" who stays hidden within the confines of the Missouri State Penitentiary for several days and has done so in the past. He said there is considerable speculation as to whether RAY had actually been able to leave the prison. He said investigation, to date, has failed to develop any information as to RAY's whereabouts.

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

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

On July 11, 1967, Missouri State Penitentiary, MSP,
file number 00416, was reviewed. The following information was
obtained:

JAMES EARL RAY, MSP #U-00416, was received at the
MSP, March 17, 1960, from St. Louis City, to serve a term
of twenty (20) years for the crime of Robbery First, by
means of a Dangerous and Deadly Weapon and operating a Motor
Vehicle without permission of the owner. He was assigned
to the Bakery Unit of the Food Service Department. RAY was
dropped from the MSP count on July 10, 1967, "as it is
assumed that he escaped".

RAY was discovered absent prior to the MSP count
on April 23, 1967, after a thorough search, at which
time RAY could not be found.

Relatives listed in this file are:

Mother:

LOUISE RAY,
1913 Hickory St.,
St. Louis, Missouri;

Brothers:

JOHN RAY, same address as mother;
JERRY RAY, " " "

RAY is described in this file as a white male, born
March 10, 1928, at Alton, Illinois; height 5'11"; weight 163
pounds; hair dark brown; eyes blue; complexion medium;
occupation baker; previously incarcerated Leavenworth Federal
Penitentiary; build medium; U.S. Army General Discharge,
SN 12163189.

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On July 18, 1967, Mr. **BERARD C. POIRNY**, Custodial Assistant Warden, Missouri State Penitentiary, advised that he had conducted an investigation into the escape of **RAY**. He said he had determined that an associate of **RAY**'s who worked with **RAY** in the bakery, had let **RAY** get into one of the large boxes assigned to the church farm, near Jefferson City, Missouri, and then had covered him up. He said one of the bread boxes had been received at the church farm in an exploded condition, and bread shattered over the truck. He said, therefore, it has been assumed by the prison officials that **RAY** actually escaped from the Penitentiary and is not inside the walls as previously thought possible. He said **RAY** was being dropped as an escaped inmate, as of July 18, 1967.

On July 19, 1967, Warden **HAROLD SWENSON**, Missouri State Penitentiary, said he has contacted several inmates of the Penitentiary who know **RAY**, and they indicated to him that **RAY** had indicated he wanted to escape from the Penitentiary and leave the State of Missouri.

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

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

On August 18, 1967, Mr. **E. F. LAUF**, Records Officer, Missouri State Penitentiary, advised no further information has been developed regarding the whereabouts of subject.

On July 14, 1966, Mr. **WILLIAM L. RUSSELL**, Post Office Inspector, Kansas City, Missouri, advised the Kansas City Division that **JAMES EARL RAY** and **WALTER PERCY RIFE** were arrested in Hannibal, Missouri, on March 22, 1966, and

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE KANSAS CITY	OFFICE OF ORIGIN KANSAS CITY	DATE 8/29/67	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 6/23/67 - 8/18/67
TITLE OF CASE JAMES EARL RAY, aka Earl James Ray, W. C. Herron, Earl James, James McBride, James O'Conner, James Walton, James Walyon, "Jim" - FUGITIVE;		REPORT MADE BY ROWEN B. AYERS	TYPED BY ENV
		CHARACTER OF CASE UFAC - ROBBERY FIRST 9-8-67	

The title of this report is being marked changed to add aliases of JAMES WALYON and EARL JAMES as indicated on RAY's Identification Record. The title is also changed to add an alias of EARL JAMES RAY, an alias furnished by Mr. H. F. LAUF, Missouri State Penitentiary Identification and Records Officer.

REFERENCES:

Kansas City letter to Bureau, dated 7/20/67.
Bureau letter to Kansas City, dated 8/15/67.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED NONE						ACQUIT- TALS
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Case has been: Pending over one year ☐ Yes ☒ No; Pending prosecution over six months ☐ Yes ☒ No

APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
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Bureau letter to KENNEDY CTCL, dated 8/15/67.
 KENNEDY CTCL letter to Bureau, dated 8/30/67.

REFERENCES:

RECORDED 2400 IDENTIFICATION and RECORDS OFFICE.
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were charged with forgery of U. S. Postal Money Orders. He advised that their investigation reflected that the burglary in which the money orders were stolen, was perpetrated at Helleraville, Illinois, at approximately 1:30 AM on March 7, 1935, and that sixty-six blank Post Office money orders and a validating stamp were stolen. He advised that some of these money orders were cashed at St. Louis; Miami, Florida; Tallahassee, Florida; St. Petersburg, Florida; New Orleans, Louisiana; Memphis, Tennessee; Hot Springs, Arkansas, and Kansas City, Missouri, and that thirty-four orders were recovered.

He stated that subjects had advised him that RAY owned a 1946 or 1947 Nash automobile, license number unknown; that it had been traded for a 1949 Lincoln at the Amador Motors, 135 NE 30th Street, Miami, Florida, on May 14, 1935; and had been titled to WALTER P. BERRY, an alias of RIFE. He said that RIFE and RAY claimed to have obtained the money orders from an unknown man in Quincy, Illinois.

On August 15, 1937, the Identification Division of the F.B.I. furnished the following descriptive summary for JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #306 405 A:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Dates of Birth	
Places of Birth	Decatur, Illinois; Quincy, Illinois; Alton, Illinois.
Height	Approximately 5'10"
Weight	174 pounds, September, 1935
Complexion	Ruddy
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown
Build	Medium
Occupations	Laborer; baker
Scars and marks	Small scar on center of forehead; scar in palm of right hand.
Addresses	St. Louis, Missouri, March, 1935; 2015 Park, St. Louis, Missouri, October, 1935; Quincy, Illinois, July, 1935, March, 1935, April, 1935.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE KANSAS CITY	OFFICE OF ORIGIN KANSAS CITY	DATE 10/30/67	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 8/31/67 - 10/3/67
TITLE OF CASE JAMES EARL RAY, aka - LEB FUGITIVE		REPORT MADE BY SA ROWEN B. AYERS	TYPED BY nks
		CHARACTER OF CASE UFAC - ROBBERY FIRST 11-7-67	

REFERENCES:

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

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ENCLOSURES:

TO CHICAGO:

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

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: NONE

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

APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
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ENCLOSURES:

To SPRINGFIELD:

One photograph of subject.

To ST. LOUIS:

One photograph of subject.

LEADS:

ST. LOUIS

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI:

1. At Army Robert Branch (SUNCO), will review file of JAMES EARL RAY, AKA 10 100 100, for complete background data concerning subject.

2. At 1813 Hickory, will contact LUCILLE RAY, mother of subject for information regarding relatives, associates, background, habits, and whereabouts, and for any other information which may aid in locating him. Similarly interview subject's brothers, JOHN and JERRY, at the same address.

3. Will contact logical neighbors to ascertain if subject has been in the area.

4. Will alert appropriate Police Officers in this area to be on the look-out for subject.

SPRINGFIELD

AT PONTIAC, ILLINOIS:

At State Penitentiary, under Number 10001, will examine records of subject in an attempt to develop contacts, background and possible associates.

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LEADS:

CHICAGO DIVISION

At Wheeling, Illinois

Will attempt to locate and interview JERRY RAY, Box 12, brother of subject, regarding whereabouts of subject, associates, relatives, and for any other information which might aid in locating subject.

SPRINGFIELD DIVISION

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

At Alton, Illinois

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

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

At Quincy, Illinois

Will conduct logical investigation to locate subject, it being noted he resided at 218 Oak Street in 1940; in care of LUCILLE RYAN, and 214 Spring Street in 1962.

ST. LOUIS DIVISION

At St. Louis, Missouri

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

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

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

Office: KANSAS CITY

Field Office File #: 88-9449

Bureau File #: 88-41730

Title: JAMES EARL RAY

Character: UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT - ROBBERY, FIRST

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

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

At Fulton, Missouri:

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

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

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

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

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

At Leavenworth, Kansas:

CARL F. ZARTER, Administrative Assistant, U. S.
Penitentiary (USP), Leavenworth, Kansas, on September 12, 1967,
advised that USP file number 72498-L, pertaining to JAMES
EARL RAY is now stored at the Federal Records Center, GSA,
2806 East Bannister Road, Kansas City, Missouri, Attention -
Chief, Reference Service Branch, GSA - Accession Number 65 A 10,
in Boxes 86327 - 87488.

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

AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI:

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

RAY was sentenced on July 1, 1955, in U. S. District Court, Kansas City, Missouri, to a term of three years and nine months on a charge of Forgery of U. S. Post Office Money Orders. He was committed to U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, on July 7, 1955, and was given a Conditional Release from that institution on April 5, 1958, the period of supervision terminating October 2, 1958.

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

GEORGE RAY, Father, (Deceased);
MARY RAY, Mother, (Deceased);
LUCILLE RYAN, Aunt, 108 N. 12th St., Quincy, Illinois.

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

On December 20, 1955, RAY requested permission to correspond with a cousin, JERRY RYAN, 339¹/₂ South 7th Street, Quincy, Illinois, however, the request was denied. He also requested permission to correspond with an uncle, WILLIAM MAHER, 1118 East 7th Street, Alton, Illinois.

Records reflect RAY served in U. S. Army, Serial No. RA 10763129, from February of 1946, to December 23, 1948, at which time he was given a discharge under honorable conditions by reason of ineptness and lack of adaptability

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

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

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

A check of the records of the St. Louis Police Department on September 5, 1967, reflected the details surrounding the arrest of subject, RAY, in connection with the armed robbery of the Kroger Store, 3417 Ohio Street in St. Louis, on October 10, 1959, and also reflected that on April 23, 1967, a teletype was received from the warden at Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri, in connection with the recent escape of subject, RAY, from that institution. Detectives FRANCIS AUER and CHARLES BILLINGS, assigned to the 3rd District, St. Louis Police Department, conducted investigation on the same date, in an effort to locate subject. A check by these officers at 1918 Park Avenue, 2015 Park Avenue, and 1913 Hickory Street, previous addresses listed for subject, his mother and other relatives developed no information whatever of subject or other members of his family.

On October 3, 1967, HELEN CREAMER, residing at 1915 Hickory Street, advised she had resided at that address for the last couple of years and had never seen subject or any of his relatives. Investigation in the neighborhood of 1913 Hickory Street, revealed this to be a blighted area and the majority of the residences have been evacuated preparatory to being demolished. Members of families still residing in the area were interviewed and all denied ever having known a RAY family residing in the area since they have resided there.

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

A review on September 13, 1967, by IC EARL M. RANEY of the military service records on file at the Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, for JAMES EARL RAY, Serial Number 16 163 129, indicated he enlisted in the United States Army on February 19, 1946, at East St. Louis, Illinois,

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and served on active duty until December 23, 1948, at which time he was given a General Discharge as a Private First Class at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, by reason of inaptness and lack of adaptability for military service.

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

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

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

Date and place of birth	[REDACTED], Alton, Illinois
Height	5'11"
Weight	145 pounds
Race	White
Hair	Black
Eyes	Blue
Military Occupation	Military Policeman
Civilian Occupation	Color Matcher;
Addresses	538 Broadway, Alton, Illinois, February, 1946; 215 Oak Street, Quincy, Illinois, December, 1948; In care of Mrs. LUCILLE RYAN, 214 Spring Street, Quincy, Illinois, July, 1952.
Relatives	Father, GEORGE RAY, Mother, LUCILLE RAY, both of 538 East Broadway, Alton, Illinois, February, 1946.
Photograph	None available.

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AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

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

ADMINISTRATIVE:

On November 16, 1967, DOROTHY WALKER, Clerk, U. S. Post Office, Alton, Illinois, advised SA ROBERT C. HAINES that records of that office contain no removal notice on file for WILLIAM MAHER.

INFORMANTS:

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

PCI JAMES C. BOYD, on 10/24 and 11/21/67.

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

PCI J. W. JONES, 11/17 and 12/1/67.

PCI HENRY C. MC FAD, 11/17 and 12/11/67.

PCI HELEN GRAYSON, 11/21/67.

PCI JOE F. ROSS, 11/21 and 12/5/67.

KC 601-C, 11/24 and 12/18/67.

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Copy to:

Report of: JOSEPH L. KISSIAH Office: Kansas City
Date: 12/29/67
Field Office File #: KC 88-9449 Bureau File #: 88-41730
Title: JAMES EARL RAY

Character: UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT -
ROBBERY FIRST

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

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DETAILS:

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

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

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

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Penitentiary, Joliet, Illinois, on June 13, 1952, on the charge of robbery to serve a one to two year sentence on a plea of guilty from Cook County, Illinois. RAY was released upon expiration of a short term sentence on March 12, 1954.

Subject listed relatives as follows:

Father, GEORGE RAY, deceased.

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

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

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

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

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

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

AT ALTON, ILLINOIS:

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

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

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

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

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

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REPORTING OFFICE KANSAS CITY	OFFICE OF ORIGIN KANSAS CITY	DATE 12/29/67	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 10/23/67 - 12/21/67
TITLE OF CASE JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE		REPORT MADE BY JOSEPH L. KISSIAH	TYPED BY KSW
		CHARACTER OF CASE UFAC - ROBBERY FIRST 1-4-68	

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

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CHICAGO, SPRINGFIELD AND ST. LOUIS (INFORMATION)

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

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED : NONE						ACQUIT- TALS
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Case has been: Pending over one year ☐ Yes ☒ No; Pending prosecution over six months ☒ Yes ☐ No

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SPECIAL AGENT
IN CHARGE

COPIES MADE:

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1 Chicago (Info)
1 Springfield (88-5361)(Info)
1 St. Louis (Info)
2 Kansas City (88-9449)

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (88-41730)

DATE: 12/29/67

FROM : *Kud/pt* SAC, KANSAS CITY (88-9449) P

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY, aka - *LEB*
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Re FBI Handbook, Part I (39), Pages 25 and 26.

The file on the captioned individual has been reviewed and it does not appear that an Identification Order should be issued for the subject at this time. *noted*

Investigation currently is continuing for the purpose of locating and interviewing relatives and associates of the subject and it is believed that this information might well result in the location of the subject.

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TO: SAC, KANSAS CITY
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY
SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY
RE: RAY - FUGITIVE
RE: RAY - FUGITIVE

Re FBI Handbook, Part I (30), Pages 22 and 23.

The file on the captioned individual has been reviewed and it does not appear that an identification order should be issued for the subject at this time.

Investigation currently is continuing for the purpose of locating and interviewing relatives and associates of the subject and it is believed that this information might well result in the location of the subject.

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Copy to:

Report of: SA JOSEPH L. KISSIAH Office: KANSAS CITY
Date: February 23, 1968
Field Office File #: KC 88-9449 Bureau File #: 88-41730
Title: JAMES EARL RAY
Character: UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT - ROBBERY FIRST

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

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

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

A check of the St. Louis City Directory reflected no address listed for 1135 South Tenth Street. A visual inspection of the area revealed no residence addresses on the west or odd-numbered side of the 1000 block of South Tenth Street. The highest odd-numbered address in this block was 1133, which is a business establishment which was built a few years ago.

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An inspection of the St. Louis City Directories and St. Louis Telephone Directory listed a LUCILLE RYAN, 4992 Lansdowne, an employee of the Land Clearance and Housing Authority, who was determined not to be identical with any relative of subject RAY.

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

By communication dated December 29, 1967, the Chicago Office advised as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

At Quincy, Illinois

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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By communication dated February 8, 1968, the Chicago Office advised as follows:

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

On January 23, 1968, Chief MARVIN HORCHER, Wheeling, Illinois, Police Department, advised he had determined a JERRY RAY had resided at 2897 Techny Road, Northbrook, Illinois, but he does not know if JERRY RAY still resides at that address or if he is the brother of the subject.

On January 23, 1968, inquiry at 2897 Techny Road, Northbrook, Illinois, revealed the present residents have lived there since October, 1967, although there was a JERRY RAY residing there prior to that time. They had no information as to the present location of JERRY RAY.

On February 7, 1968, JERRY RAY was located and interviewed at the Sportman's Country Club, 3535 Dundee Road, Northbrook, Illinois, where he is employed and resides. He advised he is the brother of subject but has seen subject only three times in the last 15 years, that being the three times he visited subject at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri. He advised subject left home about the time he was 14 or 15 years of age and has not maintained regular contact with any of the family since that time. Subject has always been a drifter and he has no knowledge of friends or associates of subject with whom he might be in contact. Their father, GEORGE RAY, and their mother, LUCILLE RAY, separated and LUCILLE was subsequently known as LUCILLE RYAN. Both GEORGE RAY and LUCILLE RYAN are now deceased. He has no aunt by the name of LUCILLE RYAN and anyone by that name would have had to been their mother. He has another brother, JOHN RAY, who is single and a drifter, travelling and changing jobs frequently. He has no regular address but as of three days ago, was staying at the Mc Arthur Hotel on Broadway Street, St. Louis, Missouri. He had a younger brother, FRANK, who was killed in an automobile accident four years ago. He also has a sister, Mrs. ALBERT (CAROL) PEPPER, who just moved from 712 Shenandoah, St. Louis, Missouri, to Bellview, a suburb of St. Louis, but he does not have the

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

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

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

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

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

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

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

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

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AT COLUMBIA, MISSOURI:

On February 15, 1968, WILLIAM SOCKLE, Sunset Trailer Court, formerly an inmate of the Missouri State Penitentiary, said he worked with RAY in the kitchen for a time. He said he also knew him well later because he took his meals in the kitchen, as a clerk, and RAY was there most of the time at meals. He said RAY talked all the time about escaping and "getting out of the area". He did not have any associates and did not divulge his plans to others. SOCKLE could not recall that RAY ever said where he would go if he escaped. SOCKLE said all he knew about the background of RAY was that he "fell" from St. Louis. He said RAY is quite intellectual and would be hard to find. He said he tried to escape on previous occasions, but was not deterred. He did not recall telling Captain STEELE that RAY had left the walls, but said this was possible as all the inmates who knew RAY, knew that he had left, in spite of the fact that he had previously "hidden out" within the walls.

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

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AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI:

On January 18, 1968, Miss FRANCES M. ZIMMERMAN, U. S. Parole and Probation Office, 419 U. S. Post Office and Court House, made available a presentence report regarding subject JAMES EARL RAY, which had been prepared by that office on April 26, 1955. This report reveals that the subject on April 1, 1955, had entered a plea of guilty to an Information charging him with forging United States Post Office Money Orders. His companion in forging a large number of these money orders in numerous states was WALTER TERRY RIFE, who also entered a plea of guilty to a similar charge after which both he and the subject were sentenced on July 1, 1955, in Kansas City, Missouri, to the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas. Both were apparently released from that institution on April 5, 1958.

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

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

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

February 8, 1968
Mr. SID CROWE
Casual Labor Office, 307 East Admiral Boulevard

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

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

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KANSAS CITY DIVISION

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

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

AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI:

1. At the Federal Records Center, review the U. S. Penitentiary file of WALTER TERRY RIFE, USP #72497-L, an associate of the subject, for any background or other information which might assist in the location of the subject.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE:

On 11/29/67, SA ROBERT F. PEVAHOUSE, of the Chicago Office, made inquiry at the U. S. Post Office, Wheeling, Illinois, with negative results in an effort to develop information regarding the subject.

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

INFORMANTS:

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

PCI HENRY C. McFAD, on 12/23, 12/26/67; 1/19/68 and 2/7/68.

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PCI HELEN GRAYSON, on 12/26/67; 1/19/68 and 2/8/68.

PCI JAMES COLEMAN BOYD, on 12/26/67; 1/19/68 and 2/5/68.

PCI JOE F. ROSS, on 12/29/67; 1/19 and 30/68, and 2/19/68.

KC 473-C, on 1/3, 18 and 29/68.

KC 601-C, on 1/8/68.

PCI J. W. JONES, on 1/8 and 1/31/68.

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REPORTING OFFICE KANSAS CITY	OFFICE OF ORIGIN KANSAS CITY	DATE 2/23/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 11/8/67 - 2/19/68
TITLE OF CASE JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE		REPORT MADE BY SA JOSEPH L. KISSIAH	TYPED BY gah
		CHARACTER OF CASE UFAC - ROBBERY FIRST <i>2-28-68</i>	

REFERENCE: Kansas City report of SA JOSEPH L. KISSIAH, 12/29/67.

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LEADS:

CHICAGO, SPRINGFIELD AND ST. LOUIS (INFO)

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

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						none	ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:	
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES	PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO			
APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i>						SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE			
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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 2/22/68

On 2/22/68 Miami advised Harold Charles Malchman tentively identified as subject. He is staying at same hotel 2/14/68 to 2/24/68, appears to have mental problem and was talking about King. He was previously arrested by Miami Police in 1964 for disorderly conduct.

Attached information has been furnished appropriated local authorities. A copy of the attached is being furnished the Inter-Division Information Unit of the Department and to the Attorney General.

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