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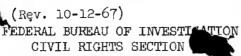
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. regarding the meat recent case in which James Pay was envalued! d trust you will keep this enformation confidential, Since I do not wish anyog Reuhen Garland's areminal Chants Killing me, I have mentioned it ti no one leut you. Greving I turned in a telegram which I found Threatening The life of the Tresident. I sent it dereitly the Resident. Secret Service man Earl Noone said I ahould have gene derectly to them with it. If in This instance I'm going against grotocol I am pary. By intentions the to be I. P. D. D. My intentions the Karlotte BRUGMANI) Lelpful Cery truly yours, Mary Charlielle Dugmann

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323PM URGENT 4-23-68 LMB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND JACKSON

FROM DALLAS (44-2649) + 5P

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INFORMANT

ON APRIL TWENTYTWO, LAST, MYRIIS RUTH BENDRICKS, AKA "JITTERBUG"

EIGHT SEVEN THREE MESQUILE STREET, ABILENE TEXAS. (WHO REQUESTED

HER IDENTITY BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL), FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

SHE WENT TO WORK ON MARCH THIRTYONE, LAST, FOR AN INDIVIDUAL KNOWN TO HER AS DEVILISHANCE, OWNER AND OPERATOR OF DOHN'S RESTAURANT, LOCATED JUST OFF FIRST STREET, BEFORE THE UNDERPASS B. APPROX. 1935.

IN LAUREL. MISSISSIPPI. AND WORKED THERE UNTIL APRIL NINE, LAST.

SHE WORKED AS A COOK AND ON THE DAY AFTER SHE STARTED WORK FOR HIM, DEVILISH NICK HAD SEXUAL RELATIONS WITH HER. HE THEN STARTED HER WORKING AT A PLACE HE HAD OUTSIDE OF TOWN. ON APRIL TWO, LAST, SHE OVERHEARD NICK SAY "I GOT A CALL ON THE KING", BUT DID NOT HEAR ANY MORE OF THE CONVERSATION. ON THE EVENTING OF APRIL THREE, LAST, TWO MEN NEATLY DRESSED BEGGN SHORT, STOCKY BUILDS, CAME END PAGE ONE

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TO NICK'S PLACE WHERE SHE STARTED WORK AT THREE P. M. AND WORKED NIGHTS. WHILE GOING TO THE BATHROOM, SHE OBSERVED A RIFLE WITH A TELESCOPIC SIGHT, IN A CASE IN NICK'S OFFICE. LATER, THE TWO MEN TOOK THE RIFLE AND A LONG BOX, WHICH TOOK THREE MEN TO CARRY OUT, AND PUT THEM IN A SIXTYFOUR MARRON DODGE WITH A FAKE "CONTINENTAL KIT" ON THE BACK.

ON APRIL FOUR, LAST, WHILE ON DUTY, SHE OVERHEARD NICK RECEIVE A TELEPHONE CALL ON HIS PHONE WHICH IS CLOSE TO THE KITCHEN. AFTER THIS CALL, NICK SAID, "MARTIN LUTHER KING IS DEAD." THIS WAS BEFORE THE NEWS CAME OVER THE RADIO ABOUT THE MURDER.

NICK HAD MEETINGS EVERY NIGHT IN HIS OFFICE, AND SHE WAS TOLD
BY THE OTHER EMPLOYEES THAT NICK IS THE HEAD OF THE KLU KLUX KLAN
IN THAT AREA. A WHITE MALE, KNOWN TO HER ONLY AS BIG WILL ADAMS'
SON, WAS IN ON THE ACTIVITY AT THE RESTAURANT. FROSTENE, (PHONETIC)
A LARGE, FAT NEGRO GIRL, WHO WORKS FOR NICK, AND TWO WHITE WAITRESSES
WHO WERE ASSOCIATED WITH THE TWO MEN WHO TOOK THE GUN, KNEW OF THE
ACTIVITIES AT NICK'S.

FROM WHAT SHE OVERHEARD SHE FEELS THAT NICK HAD SOME PART IN

THE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, BUT HSE HAS NO DEFINITE

PROFF OF ANYTHING. SHE BECAME SO FREGHTENED SHE TOLD NICK SHE HAD

END PAG TWO

#### PAGE THREE

A VERY SICK RELATIVE IN ABILENE, TEXAS. SHE LEFT ON APRIL NINE,
LAST, AND CAME TO ABILENE, TEXAS, WHERE SHE MET THOMAS MC GEE.
SHE HAS BEEN GOING WITH MC GEE FOR FOUR YEARS AND HE CAME TO ABILENE
SHORTLY BEFORE CHRISTMAS TO LOCK FOR WORK. SHE COULD NOT IDENTIFY
THE PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY AS EVER BEING AT JOHN'S RESTAURANT OR
EVER SEEING HIM.

ON APRIL TWENTYTWO , LAST, THOMAS MC GEE FURNISHED THE

FOLLOWING INFORMATION: YA

HE WORKED AT JOHN'S RESTAURANT ABOUT A YEAR AGO FOR A MONTH AS A CARHOP. HE WAS TOLD THE RESTAURANT WAS A MEETING PLACE FOR THE KU KLUX KLAN AND DEVILISH NICK, THE PROPRIETOR OF THE RESTRAURANT, WAS THE HEAD OF THE KKK IN THAT ATEA. HE ALSO DETERMINED THAT THE WOMEN EMPLOYEES WORKED AS PROSTITUTES FOR NICK DURING OFF HOURS AND THE TWO WHITE WOMEN WHO WORK AS WAITRESSES, ON BRUNETTE AND ONE BLONDE, LIVE IN THE MOST EXPENSIVE HOTEL IN LAUREL, NAME UNKNOWN.

NICK BEAT UP CERTAIN EMPLOYEES WHILE HE WAS THERE, AND HE,
MC GEE, DECIDED TO LEAVE. WHEN HE LEARNED THAT MYRTIS RUTH
HENDRICKS WAS WORKING FOR NICK, WHO WAS MAKING A PROSTITUTE OUT OF HER,
HE HAD HER COME TO ABILENE.

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PAGE FOUR

HE ADMITTED THAT HE IS ON PROBATION OUT OF GULFPORT, MISS.,

FOR MOONSHINING AND HAS PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED INFORMATION TO THE FBI

THROUGH A ONE-LEGGED MAN WHO RUNS A BARBER SHOP NEXT DOOR TO

KITCHEN'S GROCERY IN SEMINARY, MISS.. THIS MAN COULD VOUCH FOR HIS

RELIABILITY.

HE FEELS THAT SHOULD DEVILISH NICK KNOW THAT HE AND MYRTIS
HAVE TALKED TO THE FBI, HE WOULD HAVE THEM LOCATED AND KILLED,
AND WOULD TAKE SOME ACTION AGAINST THEIR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES
IN LAUREL, MISSISSSIPPI. HE THEREFORE REQUESTED, AS DID
HENDRICKS, THAT THEIR IDENTITIES BE PROTECTED AND KEPT VERY
CONFIDENTIAL. HE INTIMATED THAT IF INVESTIGATION BY THE FBI REFLECTS
THAT THE INFORMATION ON DEVILISH NICK IS OF ANY VALUE, HE WOULD BE
WILLING TO RETURN TO LAUREL AND OBTAIN INFORMATION FOR THE FBI ON
A PAID BASIS.

HE ADVISED THAT HE AND HENDRICKS WILL MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH THE FBI.

THE FOLLOWING IS DESCRIPTION OF DEVILISH NICK AS FURNISHED BY
THE ABOVE INDIVIDUALS:

END PAGE FOUR

PAGE FIVE

WHITE MALE, ABOUT THIRTYTHREE YEARS OF AGE, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, TWO HUNDRED POUNDS, BLACK HAIR, RED FACED, DRINKS A LOT, MARRIED TO BLONDE WIFE, ABOUT THIRTY THREE YEARS OLD.

THE FOLLOWING IS A DESCRIPTION OF MYRTIS RUTH HENDRICKS AS OBTAINED THROUGH OBSERVATION:

NEGRO FEMALE, ABOUT TWENTYFIVE YEARS ODS, FIVE FEET SEVEN INCHES, ONE EIGHTFIVE POUNDS, BLACK HAIR, CUT SHORT, BROWN EYES, LIGHT BROWN SKIN, RESIDENCE - ROOMING AT EIGHT SEVEN THREE MESQUITE STREET, ABILENE, TEXAS, TELEPHONE SIX SEVEN SEVEN - SIX FOUR THREE FOUR.

THE FOLLOWING IS A DESCRIPTION OF THOMAS MC GEE, AS OBTAINED THROUGH OBSERVATION AND INTERVIEW:

NEGRO MALE, THIRTY - FIVE YEARS OF AGE, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE FIFTY POUNDS, BLACK CURLY HAIR, BROWN EYES, LIGHT BROWN COMPLEXION TWO AND ONE - HALF INCH DEEP SCAR, DIAGONALLY ACROSS LEFT CHEEK, HAS WOODEN RIGHT LEG.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)1P (P)

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RE SAN DIEGO TEL INSTANT DATE.

FOR INFORMATION OF SAN DIEGO, HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER

LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED AT SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA.

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Re Phoenix teletype to Bureau, 4/21/68, concerning interview of DAVID L. WILSON, and possible plot of exconvicts to murder Doctor KING; Dallas teletype to Bureau, 4/22/68.

Enclosed for Phoenix is one photo of CLARENCE JAMES CLARE.

A review of U. S. Penitentiary (USP) records regarding CLARENCE JAMES CLARE, USP# 76195-L, reveals CLARE was committed to that institution 12/11/58 to serve four years on charge of white slavery at Lake Charles, Louisiana, CLARE was transferred to Federal Correctional Institution, Texarcana, Texas, 7/22/59, and on 7/17/61, was sent to the Federal Medical Center, Springfield, Missouri for the surgical correction of a hernia. CLARE refused surgery and was mandatorily released 10/6/61 to return to Muskogee, Oklahoma to engage in oil and construction work.

Records under date of 2/61, indicate CLARK's mother, EDITH PETTY TIPTON, and stepfather, J. L. TIPTON were residing at Anadarko, Oklahoma. Records show CLARK's ex-wife, HELEN BEARMAN CLARK or HELEN THURMAN CLARK residing with her parents at Dublin, Texas.

USP records describe CLARK as follows:

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From 1956 to 1957, USP,
Leavenworth, Kansas, and

Texarcana, Texas.

USP record is voluminous, showing relatives, friends, associates, past employment, from March of 1957. This voluminous background information is not being set forth at this time to locate CLARK, inasmuch as Jacksonville FBI Office has advised to record of a CLARENCE CLARK was located at the Florida State Prison, Raiford, Florida, and the Dallas Office has advised that CLARENCE JAMES CLARK and DAVID L. WILSON were not at FCI, Texarcana at the same time.

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It is also noted that WILSON described one CLARENCE CLARK as being 5'1", or 5'2", while CLARENCE JAMES CLARK is 5'92" tall.

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AT FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA

Will display the enclosed photograph of CLARENCE JAMES CLARK to DAVID L. WILSON to determine whether identical with one CLARENCE CLARK referred to in referenced Phoenix teletype. If CLARENCE JAMES CLARK is identical, will advise Kansas City in order that leads from the USP file can be set forth to locate and interview CLARK.

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FBI RICHMOND

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), INDIANAPOLIS, MEMPHIS (44-1987),

PITTSBURGH (44-578), WFO (44-703)

FROM RICHMOND (44-657) 3P

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RE CV TEL TO BUREAU, APRIL TWENTY LAST, AND WFO TEL CALL TO ALEXANDRIA RA, APRIL TWENTYONE LAST.

RE: CHARLES MOATS - LOOK ALIKE

FOR INFO INDIANAPOLIS: RETEL REFLECTS MANAGER AND CLERK

OF AKERS FOLKMAN TRAVEL AGENCY, CLEVELAND, OHIO, ADVISED WHITE

MALE, BELIEVED TO BE IDENTICAL TO SUBJECT RAY, ENTERED THEIR

OFFICE APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST, USING NAME CHARLES MOATS, BOTH

BELIEVED MOATS TO BE IDENTICAL WITH PHOTO IN NEWSPAPERS AND

THOSE EXHIBITED BY AGENTS. MOATS DESIRED TO FLY TO CLARKSBYR ...

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DEPARTING WNA AT ONE FIFTYFIVE P.M., AND ARRIVING CLARKSBURG,

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INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SIXTYFIVE TO ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY LBS., DARK
HAIR, MEDIUM BUILD, AGE MID THIRTIES, CLEAN SHAVEN, BEARING
SCAR APPROXIMATELY ONE-HALF INCH IN MIDDLE OF FOREHEAD, CURVING
TOWARDS LEFT EYE AND ENDING APPROXIMATELY ONE INCH ABOVE LEFT
EYE. SUSPECT WEARING DARK TWEED SPORTS COAT, SPORT SHIRT OPEN
AT NECK, NO HAT. JACKET VERY CRUMPLED AND IN NEED OF CLEANING.
SUSPECT SPOKE WITH HILLBILLY ACCENT BUT USED GOOD ENGLISH.
APPEARED VERY NERVOUS.

ON APRIL TWENTYFIRST LAST, LAKE CENTRAL AIRLINES EMPLOYEE,
MISS KATHY PETRUSKA, ADVISED TICKETS FROM LAKE CENTRAL FLIGHT
FIVE THREE FOUR NOT FULLY CLEARED TO DATE. EXPECTED TO BE
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ON APRIL TWENTYTHREE INSTANT, MISS PETRUSKA ADVISED FINAL
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LAKE CENTRAL FLIGHT FIVE THREE FOUR FROM WNA TO CLARKSBURG, W.VA.
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ON APRIL TWENTYTHREE INSTANT, LAKE CENTRAL AIRLINES SUPERVISOR
EUGENE L. ADAMS, ADVISED CREW OF LAKE CENTRAL FLIGHT FIVE THREE
FOUR STATIONED IN INDIANAPOLIS AND WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW IN INDIANAPOLIS THROUGH LAKE CENTRAL AIRLINES, WEIR COOK
AIRPORT. HE ADVISED CAPTAIN OF FLIGHT TO BE JOHN COLESCOTT;
FORST OFFICER, M. R. BENNETT; AND STEWARDESS, CHERYL SHAEFER.

INDIANAPOLIS: EXHIBIT PHOTOS OF RAY TO CREW IN ORDER TO

PITTSBURGH: FURTHER IDENTIFY MOATS AT AIRPORT, CLARKSBURGG
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RE BUREAU TEL TO SAN DIEGO APRIL TWENTY TWO LAST.

CONCERNING INFORMATION FURNISHED BY JOSEPH MORRIS MARKS, PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR, LOS ANGELES, A CHECK OF THE RECORDS OF SAN DIEGO GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY, SD, CALIF. FAILS TO

INDICATE SERVICE FOR THE TOME ROSE PANCHO 14 3861-1839

REPRESENTATIVES, SAN DIEGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFEICE

ADVISED NO SUCH PLACE AS TOM ROSE RANCH, SAN DIEGO COUNTYPR 24 1968

AND FURTHER THAT DESCRIPTION OF LOCATION OF TOM ROSE RANCH

GIVEN BY MARKS IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY SINCE HIS DESCRIPTION WOULD

BE FIVE SEPARATE AREAS IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY.

IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE TOM ROSE RANCH, WACB. SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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SUBJECT'S BROTHER, JOHN LARRY RAY, OPERATES GRAPEVINE TAVERN, ONE NINE EIGHT TWO ARSENAL ST. LOUIS MISSOURI, OWNED BY SISTER, CAROL PEPPER. LOCAL STATE LIQUOR CONTROL OFFICE ADVISES LIQUOR LICENSE GRANTED HER, DBA JACK'S PLACE, DECEMBER NINETEENTH, SIXTYSEVEN, UNDER CONTROL NUMBER SIX TWO FOUR THREE AND THAT APPLICATION AND RESULTING INVESTIGATION SHOULD INCLUDE EXTENSIVE BACKGROUND ON PEPPER, INCLUDING RESIDENCES FOR PAST TEN YEARS, WHERE MONEY TO PURCHASE OBTAINED, AND PHOTOGRAPH. PREVIOUS LICENSE THAT ADDRESS, GRANTED GEORGENE AUDREY MC GUIRE. JULY ONE, SIXTYSIX, FOR ONE YEAR EX-110 REC- 97 NOT RENEWED. KANSAS CITY, AT JEFFERSON CITY, CONTACT HARRY WIGGINS, 16 APR 24 1968

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JACK FOX LAMPHERE, WARSAW, MO., FORMER INMATE, MSP, ADVISED A ROBERT DAKE PORTER, FBI NO. FOUR FIVE NINE ZERO FOUR TWO. MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH RAY IN KING MURDER. STATED PORTER CALLED HIM APRIL THIRTEEN LAST AT CITY UNION MISSION EX-110
BELIEVES PORTER RECENTLY PAROLED MSP. PORTER TOLD HIM HE SERIOUS TROUBLE, HAD TOKEEP MOVING, AND WANTED LANPHERE \$ HELP. INDICATED WANTED MONEY FROM LAMPHERE BUT TOLD PORTER HE DID NOT WANT ANYTHING TO DO WITH HIM AND DID NOT WANT TO SEE HIM. PORTER SAID HE WAS STAYING AT OSAGE HOTEL IN WARSAW AND THREATENED LANPHERE THAT WHEN HE RETURNED TO MSP FOR SOME VIOLATION PORTER'S FRIENDS WOULD KILL HIM IF HE DID NOT HELP PORTER NOW. LAMPHERE ADVISED PORTER KNOWS JAMES RAY VERY WELL. WAS AT MSP FROM NINETEEN SIXTY THROUGH FEBRUARY SIXTYEIGHT. STATED PORTER WOULD DO ANYTHING FOR MONEY. ADVISED THAT PORTER IS A WHITE MALE, AGE FORTY, FIVE FT. NINE, HUNDRED SEVENTYFIVE, CREW-CUT HAIR, GREYING, PRESCRIPTION

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GREEN-TINTED GLASSES. RELATIVES LIVE IN IOWA. PORTER HAS DONE TIME AT FT. MADISON, IOWA, PEN.

OWNER, OSAGE HOTEL, WARSAW, MO. ADVISED HER REGISTRATION BOOKS SHOW REGISTRATION FOR ROBERT DALE PORTER, WAVERLY, IOWA, ON APRIL TWELVE LAST. TOLD HER HE HAD BEEN HITCHHIKING, HAD COME FROM TEXAS, AND WAS EN ROUTE TO IOWA. HE WAS CARRYING ONLY A SMALL DUFFFLE BAG.

OMAHA, AT WAVERLY, IOWA, ATTEMPT TO LOCATE ROBERT DALE PORTER AND INTERVIEW HIM RE HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH SUBJECT.

FBI LAB, IF THERE ARE ANY UNIDENTIFIED LATENT PRINTS IN THIS MATTER, IT IS SUGGESTED THEY BE CHECKED AGAINST FINGERPRINTS OF ROBERT DALE PORTER, FBI NO. FOUR FIVE NINE ZERO FOUR EIGHT INT.

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INFORMATION WAS CONFIDENTIALLY RECEIVED TO DAY THAT BROTHER OF SUBJECT, JERRY WILLIAM RAY, NORTHBROOK, ILLINOIS, HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH ONE MARJORIE FETTERS. TWO FOUR TWO ZERO ARMOUND STREET, CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY. EX-110 REC- 97 44-38851-1842

INFORMATION CONCERNING FETTERS HAS NOT BEEN FURNISHED BY
RAY DURING NUMEROUS INTERVIEWS AND SIGNIFICANCE OR ASSOCIANTION 1968
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RE BIRMINGHAM TEL TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS, ATLANTA, AAND KNOXVILLE APRIL TWENTY SECOND LAST.

T. P. DALY, POSTAL INSPECTOR IN CHARGE, CHATTANOOGA, TENN., ADVISED THIS DATE THERE ARE FIFTEEN INSPECTION SERVICE DIVISIONS LOCATED THROUGHOUT U. S. IN ADDITION, THERE ARE FIVE POSTAL SERVICE HANDWRITING LABORATORIES WHICH EXAMINE SUBMISSIONS BY REGIONAL INSPECTION OFFICES. THESE LABS LOCATED AT CINCINNATI, CHICAGO, NEW YORK CITY, SAN FRANCISCO AND WASHINGTON, D.C.

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HANDWRITING OF SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY WITH POSTAL MONEY

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OF RECORDS AT REGIONAL INSPECTION OFFICES COULD BEST BE 16 APR 24 1968

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RE ALBANY TEL, APRIL TWENTYTWO LAST AND SPRINGFIELD TEL. APRIL TWENTYTHREE INSTANT.

FOR INFO BUFFALO, EARL EVERET RAY, BORN

QUINCY, ILL., IDENTIFIED AS BEING UNCLE OF SUBJECT

JAMES EARL RAY. INVESTIGATION AT MYS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, 3861-1844 BVS, ALBANY, NY, DISCLOSED CERTIFICATE OF DEATH NO. TWO SIX

SEVEN FIVE REVEALED EARL EVERET RAY, BORN

W/M, DIED MAY TWO, NINETEEN FIFTYNINE IN BUFFALO,

NY. BODY WAS FOUND UNDER RATLROAD BRIDGE AT FOOT OF COMMERCIAL 16 APR 24 1968
DRIVE, BUFFALO, NY. DEATH CERTIFICATE SET FORTH FOLLOWING INFO:
FATHER'S NAME: JAMES RAY; MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME: LILLIAN MATTHEWS;
MARITAL STATUS: DIVORCED; OCCUPATION: STEWARD; USUAL RESIDENCE:
ALBANY, NY, STREET ADDRESS: WESTERN RD.

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PERSON FURNISHING INFO CONTAINED ON DEATH CERTIFICATE WAS NORMAN J. ROBERTS, TWO FOUR ZERO ZERO MAIN ST. (CITY UNKNOWN). CERTIFICATE INDICATES RECORDS FROM GEORGE J. ROBERTS AND SONS, F.H., UNDERTAKER. BODY WAS REMOVED TO GREENMONT CEMETERY, QUINCY, ILL. BY GEORGE J. ROBERTS AND SONS, TWO ZERO FIVE LINWOOD AVE., QUINCY, ILL. IT SHOULD BE NOTED CERTIFICATE OF DEATH ALSO LISTS ADDRESS OF TWO FOUR ZERO ZERO MAIN ST., CITY NOT GIVEN, AFTER NORMAN J. ROBERTS' SIGNATURE. CAUSE OF DEATH LISTED AS CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE.

RECORDS, ALBANY PD, NEGATIVE RE EARL EVERET RAY. LESLIES CREDIT BUREAU, ALBANY, NY, SHOWS EARL EVERET RAY RESIDED AND WORKED AT ALBANY COUNTRY CLUB, ALBANY, NY, IN NINETEEN FIFTY SEVEN. RAY CAME TO ALBANY IN NINETEEN FIFTYSEVEN FROM FOUR SEVEN SIX FRANKLIN ST., BUFFALO, NY, WHERE HE WAS EMPLOYED AT BUFFALO HOSPITAL.

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BUFFALO DIVISION WILL CONTACT BUFFALO PD FOR INFO RE RAY, ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY PERSONS IN NEIGHBORHOOD FOUR SEVEN SIX FRANKLIN ST., IN EFFORT TO DETERMINE IF SUBJECT EVER VISITED AREA OR KNOWN TO THEM.

WILL IDENTIFY HOSPITAL WHERE RAY EMPLOYED AND ATTEMPT TO LOCATE PERSONS ACQUAINTED WITH HIM.

WILL CHECK CITY DIRECTORIES FOR NORMAN J. ROBERTS, TWO FOUR ZERO ZERO MAIN ST. FOR PERTINENT INFO. BUFFALO SHOULD NOTE ROBERTS PROBABLY AFFILIATED WITH UNDERTAKING FIRM. WILLS CHECK CREDIT BUREAU FOR ADDITIONAL INFO RE RAY.

SPRINGFIELD CONTACT GEORGE J. ROBERTS AND SONS, TWO ZERO

ALBANY DIVISION WILL CONDUCT NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION AT ALBANY COUNTRY CLUB TO DETERMINE ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFO RE DECEASED. RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

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THAT SUBJECT'S FATHER MARRIED HIS MOTHER, RUBY CARPENTER,

SOME TIME AGO. HE STATED THAT SINCE THAT TIME APPROXIMATELY TWO
YEARS AGO RUBY CARPENTER AND SUBJECT'S FATHER SEPARATED. HE
ADVISED THAT HIS MOTHER, RUBY CARPENTER, CURRENTLY RESIDES SIX THREE
ZERO NORTH SIXTY ST., QUINCY, ILL. CARPENTER FURTHER ADVISED
PERSON CLOSEST TO SUBJECT IN MO. STATE PENITENTIARY IS
INDIVIDUAL BY NAME OF CARL BENTON DRAKE, WHO WAS RELEASED FROM
PENITENTIARY SOMETIME DURING SIXTYFIVE. CARPENTER ADVISED
HE DID NOT KNOW DRAKE'S WHEREABOUTS; HOWEVER, PRISON RECORDS
REVEAL HIS MOTHER TO BE OLA DRAKE, TWO ONE ONE EIGHT NORTH
MINTH, ST. LOUIS, MO., AND HIS WIFE TO BE BETTY DRAKE, THREE
ZERO EIGHT MELL ST., POPLAR BLUFF, MO. FULL DETAILS WILL FOLLOW.

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CARL BENTON BRAKE. PEX-105 REC 99 44 3861-1843

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INFORMATION SHE MAY HAVE RE SUBJECT OR HIS FAMILY.

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- VIRGINIA VANCE,
   5049 Gedar Springs,
   Spartment 120,
   Dallas, Texas;
- 2. BÖNNIË CRAVEN, 2625 Hudnall, Apartment 226, Dallas, Texas;
- 3. JANICE THERRELL, 3726 Fairfax, Dallas, Texas;
- 4. ANNETTE BUATT, 2710 Douglas. Apartment 124, Dallas, **T**exas.

Miss VANCE and Miss THERRELL were stewardesses assigned to First Class and Miss CRAVEN and Miss BUATT were assigned to Tourist Class.

FRUTKIN advised that JAN WOODRING, Group Supervisor, Dallas Airport is theperson to contact in order that arrangements may be made to interview above-mentioned stewardesses.

#### LEADS:

#### DALLAS

AT DALLAS, TEXAS: Will contact JAN WOODRING, Group Supervisor, American Airlines, Dallas, Texas, regarding interviewing airline stewardesses and displaying IO 4182 dated 4/20/68 in an effort to identify JAMES EARL RAY.

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### LEADS CONT'D:

#### OKLAHOMA CITY

AT EDMOND, OKTAHOMA: Will recontact Mrs. DONOVAN WOODSIDE, 309 Elmwood Drive and display 10.4182 dated 4/20/68 of JAMES EARL RAY for purposes of further identification. If Mrs. WOODSIDE identifies individual or feels resemblance same as subject, Oklahoma City will notify NYO in order that approximately 128 people traveling Tourist Class may be contacted to determine if identical with subject.

#### NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK: Upon receipt of requested investigation from Darlas, Oklahoma or Philadelphia, NY will set out leads to appropriate field offices to contact passengers on Flight 338 traveling Tourist Class to determine if identical with the subject.

Information copy is being furnished to Philadelphia as possibility exists that Mrs. WOODSIDE may have been contacted by Agents of Philadelphia Office and if so, cover same lead set out for Oklahoma City.

JAMES BARL RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ABMED

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Evidence personally delivered by SA Wayne R. Gilbert.

BEFERENCE:

WFO, 4/22/68

EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: WTO

SPECIMENS:

Four seamen's certificates bearing inked thumb prints

This report confirms and supplements the report gives SA Gilbert on 4/22/68.

The four inked prints appearing on the certificates are of value for identification purposes and are not identical with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI 4405942G.

These four inked prints are identical with the left MAILED 7 thirmb print of James Earl Ray, FBI #4335108, Army service APR 2 3 196816343515, born in Zion. Illinois. COMM-FBI

The four certificates were returned to SA Glibert

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