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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

April 24, 1968

The attached post card was sent to the Director from R. Taylor, Oak Lawn, Illinois. The card reads as follows:

"Dear Sirs,

A lot of us knew J. E. Ray from Fullerton Ave in Chicago. Maybe he did steal cars or armed robbery but he never killed anyone like the Niggers do in riots. We thank him for killing M. King. He was nothing but a trouble maker. If we do see him in Chicago -- we will reward him with a couple of thousand dollars-- not turn him in. He did us Chicagoans a good turn.

We have an ad in the paper which he will recognize, but you wouldn't the way it is typed out.

We all in Chicago are so happy King is dead (except the Nigger "The Liquor business is at an all time high We hope he never gets caught so that if R. Abenathy (King's Succesor starts something he will do the same to him. We love J. E. Ray.

R. Taylor"

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SPRINGFIELD
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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RE SAN FRANCISCO TEL TO BUREAU DATED APRIL TWENTY THREE
LAST AND SAN DIEGO TEL TO BUREAU APRIL TWENTY FOUR LAST.

SPRINGFIELD AT MENARD, ILL., OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPH OF HARVEY
EDWARD LOHMEYER, FBI NO. SEVEN THREE ZERO NINE SEVEN NINE A,
FROM RECORDS OF MENARD PRISON AND FORWARD SAME TO ATLANTA,
TO BE DISPLAYED TO CURTIS AT DALTON, GA. REC 8
ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO, KANSAS CITY, ST. LOUIS,
LOS ANGELES, LAS VEGAS AND SAN DIEGO ADVISED BY AIRMAIL.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS
FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 2P

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FORMER INMATE, MO. STATE PEN., LOUIS RAYMOND DOWDA WHEN
INTERVIEWED BY ATLANTA ADVISED JAMES EARL RAY IS A RACIST AND THAT
HAROLD SCHAEFFER, GUARD ON KITCHEN GATE SOURCE OF AMPHETAMINE.
SCHAEFFER DENIES THIS BUT ADMITS KNOWING RAY AND DOWDA. DOWDA HAD
ALSO ADVISED THAT CLOSEST FRIEND OF RAY WAS NEAL EDGAR AEBY, FORMER
INMATE, WHO IS NOW PROBABLY INMATE AT HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS, AND BEING
INTERVIEWED. HIS NAME SHOULD ARISE IN CONNECTION WITH INTERVIEWS
OF OTHER INMATES WHICH DOWDA CLAIMS TO BE CLOSE FRIENDS OF RAY.
THESE ARE DONALD DEAN RIGGER, MOBERLY, MISSOURI PRISON NO. ZERO
THREE NINE FIVE NINE, JAMES C. FLETCHER, MOBERLY NO. SEVEN TWO
ZERO SEVEN ONE, AND ERIC LARSON, MOBERLY NO. ZERO EIGHT SEVEN SEVEN.
FORMER INMATE, EVERETT WAYNE COX, FURNISHED INFORMATION TO OKLAHOMA
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CITY OFFICE THAT ERIC LARSON WOULD BE PERSON MOST LIKELY TO KNOW //
RAY'S WHEREABOUTS AND WAS SUPERVISOR, BAKERY, MSP, WHERE RAY ASSIGNED
AT TIME OF ESCAPE.

LT. WILLIAM R. TURNER, MSP, GUARD, STATES FIRST REPORT OF
ESCAPE OF RAY ON APRIL TWO THREE, SIXTY-SEVEN, FURNISHED TO HIM
BY INMATE JAMES C. FLETCHER.

ST. LOUIS, AT MOBERLY, INTERVIEW ABOVE THREE INMATES AT
MOBERLY, MO., CONCERNING THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF RAY, HIS ASSOCIATES AND
PARTICULARLY HIS WHEREABOUTS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. ESCAPE PROPENSITIES.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND MEMPHIS, LOS ANGELES, SAN FRANCISCO,
CINCINNATI, CHICAGO, DALLAS, INDIANAPOLIS, DETROIT,
KANSAS CITY AND SEATTLE

FROM NEW YORK 44-1609

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COPIES MADE, DATE 5-4-78 BY
MISS. RE MURKIN
FOR REVIEW AT FBIHQ AND FOR DELIVERY
TO HSCA RE REQUEST DATED 5-3-78.
(SEE BUFILE 62-71760)

RE WILSHIRE BOOK COMPANY, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

RE LA TEL TO BUREAU, APRIL TWO SEVEN, LAST.

MAILING LIST OF WILSHIRE BOOK COMPANY FOR ONE NINE SIX
SIX, ONE NINE SIX SEVEN, AND ONE NINE SIX EIGHT CONSISTING
OF APPROXIMATELY THIRTY THOUSAND NAMES FURNISHED ON APRIL
TWO FOUR, LAST, BY BERNARD LANDE, PRESIDENT, RESEARCH PROJECTS
COMPANY, ONE SEVEN ZERO SIX ROCKAWAY AVENUE, LYNBROOK, NY, TO
SAS JOHN F. CURRAN, NORMAN A. MURRAY, AND ROBERT G. OFTEDAL.

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SEARCH BY SAS FOR NAMES, GAULT AND JAMES E. RAY,
NEGATIVE. LIST REFLECTED INDIVIDUALS NAMED RAY AS FOLLOWS.

DATE REFLECTS YEAR, LIST COMPLETED:

MR. R. L. RAY, THREE FIVE FOUR SEVEN SOUTH FEDERAL
STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS (ONE NINE SIX EIGHT).

DONALD J. RAY, NINE NINE FOUR SOUTH ROYS AVENUE,
COLUMBUS, OHIO (ONE NINE SIX SIX).

RONNIE RAY, FOUR ZERO SIX WEST FRANKLIN STREET, ELECTRA,
TEXAS (ONE NINE SIX EIGHT).

ANGIE RAY, NINE FOUR TWO AND ONE-HALF SOUTH CLALA,
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, MOVED IN ONE NINE SIX SEVEN OR
ONE NINE SIX EIGHT, NO FORWARDING ADDRESS INDICATED.

B.J. RAY, THREE TWO SEVEN FIRST AVENUE EAST, PACIFIC
WASHINGTON (ONE NINE SIX EIGHT.)

MARVIN L. RAY, EIGHT ONE ONE BOYER AVENUE, WALA
WALA, WASHINGTON (ONE NINE SIX EIGHT).

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JACK D. RAY, FIVE ZERO ZERO FIVE EAST ORION, INDIANAPOLIS,
INDIANA (ONE NINE SIX SEVEN).

W.S. RAY, FIVE TWO FOUR SEVEN COLLEGE AVENUE,
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA (ONE NINE SIX SEVEN).

FLOYD RAY, BOX SEVEN ZERO EIGHT SEVEN FLINT, MICHIGAN
(ONE NINE SIX SEVEN).

ROBERT G. RAY, ONE FIVE TWO SIX EAST SIXTY SIXTH PLACE,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS (ONE NINE SIX SEVEN).

DELMA RAY, NINE TWO THREE WEST GRAND, HAYSVILLE, KANSAS
(ONE NINE SIX SEVEN)

DEBBIE RAY, SIX SIX THREE THREE DERBY AVENUE, APARTMENT
FOUR, RESEDA, CALIFORNIA (ONE NINE SIX SEVEN).

RECEIVING OFFICES INSTRUCTED TO DETERMINE IF ANY OF
ABOVE ARE IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT, JAMES E. RAY, OR A
RELATIVE. SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI CHICAGO

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TO DIRECTOR /44-38861/ AND ATLANTA /44-2386/ MEMPHIS /44-1987/
AND RICHMOND
FROM CHICAGO /44-1114/

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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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RE THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING.

RE CHICAGO AIRTEL AND LHM DATED APRIL TWELVE, SIXTY EIGHT
CAPTIONED: NSWPP; JOHN MEDIZER.

JOHN C. MEDIZER, WHITE MALE, BORN

FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED FORTY FIVE POUNDS, BLOND HAIR,
BLUE EYES, WAS ACTIVE IN CHICAGO UNIT NATIONAL SOCIALIST WHITE
PEOPLE'S PARTY /NSWPP/ DURING SUMMER AND FALL, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN.

MEDIZER LIVED FOR TIME AT NSWPP HEADQUARTERS AND ALSO AT
DIPLOMAT HOTEL, CHICAGO. HE WORKED AT ROTO PRINT COMPANY, CHICAGO
UNTIL MARCH TWENTY NINE, SIXTY EIGHT, WHEN HE QUIT HIS JOB.

CHICAGO NSWPP SOURCE ADVISED MEDIZER BELIEVED ORIGINALLY FROM
WEST FRANKFORT, ILLINOIS AND REPORTEDLY WORKED PRIOR TO
CHICAGO AS DRUMMER IN NIGHT SPOTS IN DALLAS, TEXAS AREA.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
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WHILE ACTIVE IN NSWPP AFFAIRS MEDIZER PARTICIPATED IN DEMONSTRATIONS INCLUDING DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST ANTI VIETNAM PEACE DEMONSTRATIONS WASHINGTON, D.C., OCTOBER TWENTY, TWENTY ONE, SIXTYSEVEN. *u*

VINCENT BURNELL, FOREMAN, ROTO PRINT COMPANY, HAS ADVISED MEDIZER HAS SSN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], WAS SHOP WORKER. MEDIZER FREQUENTLY BRAGGED TO COWORKERS ABOUT HIS NAZI PARTY ACTIVITIES AND DISPLAYED LITERATURE AND OTHER NAZI ITEMS. ON MARCH TWENTY, SIXTY EIGHT MEDIZER ADVISED HE WAS QUITTING JOB TO WORK FOR NAZIS IN ARGENTINA, REPORTEDLY ON "FORGED PASSPORT." HE INDICATED HE FIRST WOULD VISIT FRIENDS IN DALLAS. *u*

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

SUBSEQUENTLY MEDIZER PICKED UP PAYCHECK ON MARCH TWENTY NINE, SIXTY EIGHT, STATED HIS PRESENT PLANS INCLUDED A VISIT TO ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, THEN TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C. AREA WHERE HE WOULD DISCUSS HIS PLANS WITH MAJOR KOEHL /MATT KOEHL OF NSWPP/ AT ARLINGTON AND DO WHAT EVER "THE MAJOR" WANTED HIM TO DO. *u*

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HE INDICATED HIS PLANS MAY NOT INCLUDE A TRIP TO ARGENTINA
DEPENDING ON WHAT KOEHL HAD TO SAY. u

PASSPORT RECORDS, CHICAGO NEGATIVE RE MEDIZER.

MRS. MORRIS, DIPLOMAT HOTEL, CHICAGO HAS ADVISED MEDIZER
LEFT HOTEL LAST OF MARCH STATING HE WAS GOING TO AUSTRALIA.
TALKED OF NAZI ACTIVITIES AT HOTEL, NOTHING SPECIFIC RECALLED.
LEFT NO FORWARDING ADDRESS. u

CHICAGO NSWPP SOURCES HAVE NO INFORMATION RE MEDIZER'S
CURRENT WHEREABOUTS. HAVE NO INFORMATION RE MEDIZER INVOLVEMENT
RE MURKIN. u

BASED ON STATEMENT MADE RE KING, MEDIZER SHOULD BE LOCATED
AND INTERVIEWED. u

RICHMOND AT ARLINGTON CONTACT MATT KOEHL, NSWPP TO
DETERMINE IF MEDIZER LOCATED THERE AND INTERVIEW RE POSSIBLE
INVOLVEMENT MURKIN. IF NOT LOCATED SUTEL LEADS TO LOCATE. u

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) (P)MURKIN

Enclosed herewith for Bureau and Memphis are two
copies each of FD-302, plus enclosures, regarding an inter-
view with ORLAN EUGENE ROSE, Inmate, Missouri State Penitentiary.

Kansas City is taking no action in this matter,
UAC by Bureau or Memphis.

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3-ADDRESS (ENC. 3)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

AND BY ADDRESS OF MEMBERS.

KENNETH CLAY IS ASKING NO ACTION IN THIS MATTER.

ALSO WITH OTHER PEOPLE HAVE BEEN THREATENED BY MEMBERS OF THE
COUNCIL ON AFFAIRS OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN, INC. (CAIA) AND OTHERS
THREATENED TO BE KILLED FOR ADDRESS AND MEMBERS ARE TWO

WORKING

FROM: SAC, KENNETH CLAY (44-198) (6)

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 4/24/68

ORLAN EUGENE ROSE, Inmate No. 73723, Missouri State Penitentiary, said he first came to the Missouri State Penitentiary in 1958. He said he first met RAY in jail at Kansas City, Missouri in 1955, and celled with him and WALTER RIFE prior to the time that all three went to Leavenworth, Kansas. He said RIFE may have been a homosexual as he liked to fool around with young boys, but he said at the Jackson County Jail, Leavenworth, and Jefferson City, Missouri, RAY gave no indication of abnormal sexual behavior.

He described RAY as quiet, a loner, and "not a loud mouth". He could not picture RAY, he said, as being vicious. He said RAY liked to follow baseball. He said they both lived in K Hall and associated together. He said they talked every day. He said RAY "did not fool" with as many as five men in the penitentiary. He said RAY used amphetamines when he could get them. He paid from \$2.00 to \$5.00 a shot. He did not get into debt and did not gamble.

He said he was in maximum security when RAY escaped and knew nothing of the details. He said the rumor inside is that RAY did not escape in a bread truck, but he had no information as to how he did escape.

He said RAY has a half-sister in St. Louis, Missouri with his mother. He said RAY did not like his mother as she left him and started living with an ex-convict out of Illinois. He said RAY has a brother and some half brothers. He believed his mother is living and re-married after the ex-convict died. She may have had some property "which she lived up".

ROSE said the inmates call him "The Jew" in the penitentiary, but he said RAY was "tighter" with his money than ROSE. He said he could not imagine RAY spending any money for dancing lessons or leaving a gun behind him someplace because of this characteristic.

ROSE said he did not know any RAYMOND LEWIS CURTIS, nor did he know of this person as an associate of RAY's.

On 4/22/68 at Jefferson City, Missouri File # KC 44-760
by SA ROWEN B. AYERS - lw Date dictated 4/23/68

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On April 22, 1968, Warden HAROLD SWENSON, in addition to furnishing a copy of the entire files of the Missouri State Penitentiary, furnished an article handed to him on April 22, 1968 by ORLAN ROSE which is:

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Warden Swenson:

Would you look the attached article over and consider turning it over to a reporter of the Kansas City Star newspaper. I have a feeling that Jimmy Ray might give himself up if he happens to read what I have written. If you do release the article I give you full permission to reword it as you see fit as long as it contains the same line of thought.

There is a possibility that he might get killed before it is ever learned whether or not he is actually guilty of ~~shooting~~ shooting Doctor King. If this would happen, it would be another Oswald case in the eyes of the world.

If you do not think it appropriate to release this article to the news media, just tear it up, however, knowing Jimmy as I do there is a very faint possibility that he would give himself up if he were to read what I have written. I am sure that he will be reading either the K.C. Star or the St. Louis papers wherever he is.

*The above & the attached 4 page statement handed
to Capt. Wyzick by Orlean Rose-73723, then to me - JRS*

"IF JAMES EARL RAY IS GUILTY, WHO IS REALLY TO BLAME?"

"For quite a number of years I have been one of the very few close friends of James Earl Ray. Because of this I would like to say a few things about him since everyone else who discusses him reveals that he is either anti-social, a loner, an escape artist, seeks recognition, etc. If this sort of unfavorable publicity continues to be brought out against him there is a very good chance that he might end up like Lee Harvey Oswald without ever having been given a chance to prove his innocence or guilt before a trial court. If this happens it will be a disgrace in the eyes of the world and bring about the same amount of doubt and criticism that arose after Oswald was killed in cold blood by a fanatic who decided to take the law into his own hands.

I first met Jimmy in the Kansas City jail during 1955 where he was being held on a forgery charge. His accomplice on the forgery charge was another man named Walter Rife and we all three lived in the same cell together and passed many hours shooting the breeze while playing three-handed card games for candy bars. Jimmy loved candy bars and always managed to win his share.

On one of our several trips to the federal courthouse, prior to our sentencing, we were taken in the same group. Jimmy's fall partner, Rife, was facing a parole violation or detainer of some sort from the state of Illinois and planned to escape if the proper situation arose. On our trip to the courthouse, a chance did come up by means of a unlocked door in the holdover room which led to a hallway or stairs. Rife begged Jimmy to leave with him through the unlocked door, but Jimmy quashed the deal by saying that all he wanted to do was to plead guilty to the forgery and get his sentence served. I mention this reluctance to escape on Jimmy's part because everyone always brings up that he was continually trying to escape custody. This is not so. I will explain what I think to be the real reason behind his later escape attempts while he was serving the twenty year sentence, but first I would like to point out a few things about Jimmy Ray's personality that have never been mentioned by anyone up to the present time.

Eventually, we all three ended up in the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kansas where our friendship continued. Rife went to work in the

prison hospital and lifted weights during his off duty hours while Jimmy and I either walked the yard or watched the ball games together. It is true that Jimmy is sort of a loner, but this is not unusual in a penitentiary. Being a loner doesn't mean that he didn't have many friends. Jimmy always wore a smile and laughed softly at the various occurrences during our time together in jail and while we were at Leavenworth. His friendly smile alone made him many friends and got him many greetings, but he just wasn't one to mix or join a group bull session as is most usually the case in jail or prison. He would rather stroll around the yard with one or two persons and discuss clothes, travel, baseball, or the enjoyment he got while working as a painter just prior to his arrest. It must have been one of the best paying jobs he ever had because he was always talking about it. If I remember correctly, I believe him and Rife lived in the Pickwick Hotel during the time they both worked for the painting contractor. He liked nice clothes and was always very neatly dressed during his court appearances. He would sometimes mention his brother, but I never heard him ever mention his mother or father in any of our conversations. I took it for granted that he had not been blessed with many luxuries while growing up. He was very saving with the few dollars he was able to obtain while serving time, in fact, I often accused him of being a miser. Somehow he was able to smuggle a wristwatch into the jail at Kansas City and he was so proud of it that I actually believe it was the first wristwatch he ever owned. He did not want to part with it for anything, however, he finally did so because he learned that he could not possibly take it into the prison at Leavenworth with him. I ended up with the watch and passed it on to my brother, but only after having paid Jimmy a much higher price than is usual in jail. Up until I left him at Leavenworth, he was one of my best friends and he was always a very enjoyable person to be around.

When I again met him in 1960 at the Missouri State Penitentiary, he had aged a great deal, he lacked his usual smile, and his whole demeanor seemed to be changed. He was very withdrawn and it took quite a number of conversations before he finally opened up to me and told me why he felt so bad. We were both assigned jobs in the Food Service Department. He worked upstairs in the Bakery and I worked on the bottom

floor where he would deliver bread each weekday for outside delivery. We both lived on the same tier in K Cellhouse and would often talk with each other after our jobs were over. It was during these conversations that I finally learned what I think to be the main reason behind his personality change. He told me that two police officers had framed him on the robbery charge he was serving the twenty years on. He swore up and down that he was innocent of the crime, but that he did not have the money to hire lawyers to prove his innocence or carry his case into the United States Supreme Court. I later learned that the two police officers were not above planting evidence in order to convict an exconvict, and that their conscience must have bothered them because they both resigned from the police force shortly after Jimmy was convicted. Anyway, Jimmy made several attempts to get his case reopened without making any headway. Escape was continually on his mind and after four different attempts, he finally made it.

As far as him being prejudice toward any person or race, I have never heard him ever mention one thing against anyone in all our time spent together. If he couldn't say something good about someone, he just wouldn't say anything. In fact, there was no outward showing of animosity ever revealed by him toward the two police officers who he accused of framing him. If there was he just kept such things to himself.

As far as him being the person who shot Martin Luther King, I just can't believe it is possible. However, if he is guilty of it I am wondering whether or not it all leads back to the fact that he was actually sent to prison on a trumped up charge which in turn caused him to do so as a means of retaliation against society for the twenty year sentence he swears he didn't deserve.

I hope Jimmy is innocent of killing Doctor King. I also hope that he doesn't become a scapegoat simply because he drove a white mustang and happened to favor the alleged assassinator of Doctor King

For the benefit of you persons with hate in your heart toward Jimmy before he has been proven guilty or given the benefit of a fair trial I ask you to withhold your opinions. Instead I would ask you to think of him as being innocent until proven guilty. In the meantime, put

yourselves in his place, on the run from 200 million persons, without a known friend or voice raised in your behalf, and a hundred thousand dollar reward placed on your head. If you were innocent, how would you feel?

In closing, I would like to say that if this article reaches a newspaper and is published and read by Jimmy, I would like to advise you, Jimmy, as a friend to make immediate arrangements for your personal protection by contacting a Judge or Lawyer and give yourself up so that you can be given a fair trial. Don't put it off until you are recognized by some trigger ~~happy~~ happy nut like Jack Ruby who wants to make a name for himself. You realize that you are on the top wanted list with a large reward on your head. You know that the odds are against you because of this. You can't win. In the meantime, while you are thinking this over, if you happen to be cornered by police officers, for Christs sake don't hold a shootout. Grab a phonebook and call a judge or lawyer.

There's no need for me to mention my name because you know who I am. You do have some friends. Turn yourself in, but use discretion in doing so.

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For information those offices not receiving reairtel, it was pointed out therein that Subject JAMES EARL RAY, aka. was last known to be in the Atlanta, Georgia, area on 4/5/68. Intensive investigation by Atlanta to date has not established mode of transportation RAY may have used after 4/5/68. Receiving Offices were requested in reairtel to check cars recovered their division that were stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 4/4/68, and where the transporter of same was not identified or otherwise accounted for, investigation should be conducted to determine if RAY was person who may have stolen and transported same.

Investigation reflects Subject RAY can be placed in the Atlanta, Georgia, area 3/24/68.

In view of the above, all Continental Offices are requested to review car recoveries within their respective territories of cars stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 3/23/68, and where the transporter of same is not otherwise eliminated or accounted for, consider Subject RAY as suspect. Where there is any remote indication that Subject RAY may have been person transporting such a car, exhaustive and intensive investigation should thereafter be conducted.

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Re Oklahoma City teletype 4/23/68, re individual
 using name RICHARD BURNES.

Investigation conducted by Dallas on 4/23-24/68, by
 SA MALON L. JENNINGS identified RONNIE E. ISENBERG, Grandview,
Texas, employed as traveling salesman for Style-Rite Manufacturing
 Company, Cleburne, Texas, as using the name and registering on
 4/9/68, as RICHARD BURNES at Quo Vadis Motor Hotel, Ponca City,
Oklahoma. ISENBERG formerly owned 1967 Thunderbird, 1968 Texas
 License FCL 712, and now owns 1967 Thunderbird, 1968 Texas License
 FDH 453, observed at instant motel, Ponca City.

RICHARD A. BURNES, 106 Johns Terrace, formerly residing
 at 3000--8th Avenue, Fort Worth, stated he lost driver's license,
 has not been to Oklahoma for several months, and does not fit
 description of JAMES EARL RAY. BURNES stated an individual
 has been using his name at a Fort Worth motel, where there was
 a skip on the bill, and the motel was trying to collect from BURNES.

GEORGE ELLIOTT, Manager, Roadway Inn, Fort Worth, advised
 an individual registered as RICHARD A. BURNES, 3000--8th Avenue,
Fort Worth, Texas, on 4/6/68, and departed on 4/8/68. His employment
 was listed with firm of Elco Corporation, 1321 Circle Drive,
 Dallas, Texas, car license FCL 712. Bellboy states two individuals

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occupied room, there were visitors, and none fit description of JAMES EARL RAY. Bellboy heard name of RONNIE while delivering food to room; also obtained car license of 1967 Thunderbird, which was FDH 453. ELLIOTT advised he canvassed other motels and found that at the Holiday Inn, midtown, the same individual with the same car registered as JAMES A. GOODMAN and registered at the Green Oaks Inn as JACK KENT. Registration cards at the Roadway Inn and Green Oaks Inn were hand printed. At all three motels bills were left unpaid. Two or more individuals occupied rooms at all three motels.

ISENBERG admitted registering in Roadway Inn Motel as BURNES and Green Oaks Inn Motel as JACK KENT. A friend, KARL NORBERG aka Karl Perry, 8524 Gibbs Drive, Fort Worth, registered at the Holiday Inn and accompanied ISENBERG. NORBERG admitted participating with ISENBERG in renting motel rooms for weekend and then skipping out on bill. NORBERG knows ISENBERG registered as BURNES at Roadway Inn.

ISENBERG has had financial/problems according to his employer and recently has passed several hot checks.

ISENBERG stated that he registered as ROBERT BURNES at Ponco City Motel because he tried to cash a check at a local bank and was turned down. He did not have enough money to pay his motel bill and intended to skip the bill, and for that reason registered in the name of BURNES instead of using his true name.

No further investigation being conducted re BURNES matter.

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HIM FOR ADVICE. THE CHAUFFEUR STATED KING REQUIRED HIM TO CARRY OVER TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS IN CASH IN A BLACK BAG AT ALL TIMES. THE CHAUFFEUR WAS CONCERNED ABOUT HIS JOB INASMUCH AS HE RECOGNIZED THE POSSIBILITY OF BEING ROBBED OR KING HIMSELF BEING KILLED FOR THE MONEY. THE INDUSTRIALIST ADVISED THE CHAUFFEUR TO QUIT BUT TO FURNISH KING ANOTHER REASON FOR QUITTING. ROBERT BENNETT SAID THE HOST OF THE DINNER WAS CHARLIE BARR OF THE STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF INDIANA, TELEPHONE THREE ONE TWO - FOUR THREE ONE - SIX THREE ONE FOUR, CHICAGO, ILL., WAS PRESENT AND COULD FURNISH THE NAME OF THE PERSON WHO ATTENDED THE DINNER AND FORMERLY EMPLOYED KING'S CHAUFFEUR. THIS INDIVIDUAL ALSO RELATED THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE BLACK BAG CONTAINING TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS. ROBERT BENNETT CONTACTED HIS FATHER, SENATOR BENNETT, FOR THE NAME OF THE INDIVIDUAL WHO RELATED THE ABOVE INCIDENT, BUT HIS FATHER COULD NOT RECALL THIS PERSON'S NAME.

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LEAD: CHICAGO AT CHICAGO, ILL. WILL CONTACT CHARLIE
BARR, STANDARD OIL OF INDIANA AND INTERVIEW HIM IN DETAIL
REGARDING THE ABOVE.

JAMES EARL RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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 RE: CHICAGO TELETYPE TO BUREAU 4/25/68
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FBI ST LOUIS

906PM URGENT 4-25-68 JHH

TO: DIRECTOR MEMPHIS KANSAS CITY CHICAGO SPRINGFIELD

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN: SUMMARY

SUBJECTS STEPFATHER JERRY RAYNES, CENTER, MO., REINTERVIEWED CLAIMED NEVER MARRIED SECOND WIFE RUBY CARPENTER, BUT LIVED WITH HER INTERMITTENTLY NINETEEN FIFTYTWO TO SIXTY THREE. LIVED SHELBYVILLE, MO., FIFTYTWO; ST. LOUIS TO SIXTY ONE; CLARENCE, MO., ON FARM OWNED BY HER, ONLY WENT TO TOWN ONCE IN TWO YEARS; SIXTY THREE TO FALL SIXTY SEVEN ST. LOUIS; SEPT. SIXTY SEVEN TO DATE, CENTER, MO. NEVER LIVED DES MOINES, IOWA. CLAIMED SUBJECT NEVER LIVED WITH HIM AFTER EWING, MO., RESIDENCE NINETEEN FORTY THREE OR FORTY FOUR. SUBJECT AND RUBY GOT ALONG WELL. BELIEVED SUBJECT WORKED AT SOME BAKERY IN ST. LOUIS NAME AND LOCATION UNKNOWN. UNABLE TO RECALL ANY RESIDENCE ADDRESSES FOR SUBJECT. UNABLE TO RECALL OWN RESIDENCE ADDRESSES IN ST. LOUIS, BUT REMEMBERED HE LIVED ON WEST PINE ST., AND THAT LAST ST. LOUIS RESIDENCE WAS ON PARK. STATED HIS FIRST NAME IS JERRY NOT GERALD OR JAMES, AND THAT RAYNS IS ONLY OTHER SURNAME USED.

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HE IS ALCOHOLIC, AND APPEARED MENTALLY CONFUSED. DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECTS WHEREABOUTS. HAS HOUSE BARRICADED AND EXPRESSED FEAR SUBJECT MIGHT COME THERE.

NEIGHBORHOODS RE ST. LOUIS RESIDENCES OF RAYNES ALLEGED BY RUBY CARPENTER NEGATIVE.

HIPPIE NEIGHBORHOODS AND GEORGIA AUTO RECOVERIES UNPRODUCTIVE TO DATE.

RECORDS OF AMERICAN TELEVISION SCHOOL ALLEGEDLY ATTENDED BY RAY FORTY NINE DETERMINED TO BE IN CHICAGO.

BAKERY UNION RECORDS NEGATIVE. UNABLE TO VERIFY BAKERY EMPLOYMENT TO DATE.

ST. LOUIS COUNTY PD COMPARISON OF UNIDENTIFIED LATENTS WITH SUBJECTS PRINTS NEGATIVE.

INTERVIEWS WITH FORMER FELLOW PRISONERS UNPRODUCTIVE AS TO SIGNIFICANT BACKGROUND OR INFORMATION AS TO RAY WHEREABOUTS.

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RAY VA CLAIM RECORD CONTAINED ONLY VERIFICATION OF ARMY
SERVICE IN ADDITION TO CLAIM FOR EDUCATION ALLOWANCE APRIL
NINETEEN, NINETEEN FORTY NINE. CHICAGO HAS ADVISED VA
EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION FILE DESTROYED.

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FBI NEW ORLS

2:30 PM URGENT 4-25-68 MMW

TO DIRECTOR, HOUSTON, LOS ANGELES, AND PHOENIX

FROM NEW ORLEANS 157-10673 2PGS

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RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE APRIL TWENTYFOUR LAST, AT EIGHT THIRTYSEVEN P.M.

NEW ORLEANS STATES ITEM NEWSPAPER OF APRIL TWENTYFIVE INSTANT, CARRIES AN ARTICLE IN WHICH LOUIS LOMAX ISSUED A NEWS DISPATCH ON APRIL TWENTYFIVE INSTANT FROM YUMA, ARIZONA, IN WHICH IT WAS REPORTED THAT LOMAX IS NOW FOLLOWING RAY'S TRAIL FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS, WHERE LOMAX SAID RAY MADE CONTACT WITH A MAN "WHO WAS PROBABLY AN INDUSTRIALIST AND A BUILDER" SHORTLY BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

THE ARTICLE STATED "DURING THE TRIP RAY MADE SEVERAL TELEPHONIC EFFORTS TO REACH HIS NEW ORLEANS CONTACT. THE FIRST THREE EFFORTS RESULTED IN A 'NO ANSWER'. ON THE FOURTH TRY, RAY GOT AN ANSWER BUT THE EVIDENCE SUGGESTS THAT THE PARTY HE WISHED TO CONTACT WAS NOT THERE.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-441100)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-100000) (P)

SUBJECT: MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; CIVIL RIGHTS

RE: NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU, APRIL TWENTY, SIXTYEIGHT.

FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY

OF THE INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED TO DATE:

ON APRIL TWENTY, SIXTYEIGHT, NEW YORK POLICE DEPARTMENT

RECEIVED A CALL FROM AN INDIVIDUAL WHO STATED THAT HE

HAD INFORMATION CONCERNING THE MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

THE INDIVIDUAL STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN CONTACTED BY AN

INDIVIDUAL WHO OFFERED HIM A LARGE SUM OF MONEY TO ASSIST

IN THE ATTEMPTED MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

THE INDIVIDUAL REFUSED THE OFFER.

NEW YORK POLICE DEPARTMENT IS CURRENTLY CONDUCTING AN

INVESTIGATION.

NEW YORK POLICE DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTING THAT THE BUREAU

BE KEPT ADVISED OF ANY DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS MATTER.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER

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"IT IS FURTHER EVIDENT THAT RAY, DURING THE FOURTH PHONE CALL, MADE A DATE TO CALL HIS CONTACT AT NINE O'CLOCK THE FOLLOWING EVENING. THIS PARTICULAR CALL WAS MADE FROM A PHONE BOOTH NEAR YUMA. AT APPROXIMATELY NINE P.M., DECEMBER SIXTEEN, RAY CONTACTED HIS NEW ORLEANS ALLY, FROM A PHONE BOOTH IN HOUSTON....."

PHOENIX, AT YUMA, THROUGH CONTACTS AT PHONE COMPANY, SHOULD ENDEAVOR TO HAVE TOLLS ON ALL POSSIBLE PHONE BOOTHS IN AREA OBTAINED FOR PERIOD OF DECEMBER FIFTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING. AIRMAIL COPY MEMPHIS.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM SAC, NEW YORK
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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA (44-2386), BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

HOUSTON, MEMPHIS (44-1987), AND NEW ORLEANS

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

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FOR NEWEN AT FBIHQ AND FOR DELIVERY
TO HQS. RE REQUEST DATED 5-2-78
(SEE BUFILE 62-117230)

RE LOUIS LOMAX - CHARLES STEIN.

PACIFIC TELEPHONE COMPANY, LOS ANGELES, TODAY ADVISED
IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE THEY HAD BEEN REQUESTED BY JAMES B. POTTER,
JR., MEMBER OF CITY COUNCIL, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, TO FURNISH
SUBSCRIBER TO TELEPHONE NUMBERS THAT LOUIS LOMAX MIGHT SECURE IN
ATTEMPTING TO TRACE A LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALL THAT THE
SUBJECT OF THIS CASE MADE SOMEWHERE NEAR HOUSTON, TEXAS, DURING
THE TRIP SUBJECT MADE WITH STEIN IN MID-DECEMBER SIXTY SEVEN.
ACCORDING TO THE COMPANY'S INFORMATION, LOMAX WILL ATTEMPT TO
GET CHARLES STEIN TO ACCOMPANY HIM IN AN ATTEMPT TO LOCATE A
PHONE BOOTH WHERE SUBJECT ALLEGEDLY MADE CALL DURING THIS TRIP
TO NEW ORLEANS FROM LOS ANGELES. COMPANY ADVISES THAT POTTER'S
POLITICAL STATURE PLACES THEM IN AN EMBARRASSING SITUATION.
BUT THAT IF REQUESTED, THEY MIGHT POSSIBLY GRANT THE REQUEST

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RE LOS ANGELES - CHARLES STEIN

RE LOS ANGELES TELEPHONE COMPANY, LOS ANGELES, TODAY ADVISED

IN DISTRICT CONFERENCE THEY HAD BEEN ADVISED BY JAMES E. STEIN

MR. STEIN, MEMBER OF CITY COUNCIL, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, IS

RECORDING TO TELEPHONE NUMBERS THAT LOS ANGELES NIGHT CLUB

ATTEMPTING TO TRACE A LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALL THAT THE

SUBJECT OF THIS CASE HAD MADE TO THE NIGHT CLUB, TEXAS, DURING

THE TRIP SUBJECT MADE WITH THEM IN MID-OCTOBER 1967

ACCORDING TO THE COMPANY'S INFORMATION, LOS ANGELES WILL ATTEMPT TO

GET CHARLES STEIN TO ACCOMPANY HIM IN AN ATTEMPT TO LOCATE

PHONE BOOKS WHERE SUBJECT ALLEGEDLY MADE CALL DURING THIS TRIP

TO NEW ORLEANS FROM LOS ANGELES. LOS ANGELES ADVISED THAT POLICE

POLITICAL STATUTE PLACE THEM IN AN OBSCURE SITUATION

AND THAT IF POSSIBLE, THEY WILL ATTEMPT TO GRANT THE REQUEST

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TO IDENTIFY THE SUBSCRIBER TO ANY CALL THAT MIGHT BE REFERRED TO THEM BY THE COUNCILMAN. THE COMPANY ADVISES, HOWEVER, THAT THEY DESIRE THAT THE FBI RECEIVE THIS INFORMATION MUCH PRIOR TO ANY TIME THAT IT MIGHT BE GIVEN TO LOMAX, IF SUCH A REQUEST IS MADE. SUCH INFORMATION WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE IF LOMAX COMES UP WITH ANY TELEPHONE NUMBERS.

FOR INFORMATION, LOMAX TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE AND ADVISED THAT HE FELT THAT IF FBI AGENTS COULD ACCOMPANY HIM AND CHARLES STEIN IN RETRACING THE TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT PHONE BOOTHS UTILIZED BY SUBJECT COULD BE LOCATED, AND FBI AGENTS COULD TRACE THE CALL AND GIVE THE RESULTS TO LOMAX FOR A NEWS STORY. LOMAX'S OFFER DECLINED.

AS OF EVENING APRIL TWENTY THREE STEIN, WHO HAS BEEN INTERVIEWED BY LOMAX DURING PAST SEVERAL DAYS, HAD NOT HAD AN OFFER OF RETRACING THE TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS. STEIN THE MORNING OF APRIL TWENTY FOUR ADVISES HE HAD A DEAL COOKING WITH LOMAX AND MET WITH LOMAX AT NOON TODAY. STEIN ADVISES AS A RESULT OF THIS MEETING, LOMAX DESIRES HIM TO BEGIN A TRIP TO HOUSTON TONIGHT

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