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FIND OUT WHO WAS OUT OF PRISON AND AMONG PERSONS HE FOUND OUT HAD ESCAPED WAS JAMES RAY. WAS TOLD BY ONE UNRECALLED INMATE THAT AS LATE AS SEPTEMBER, SIXTY-SEVEN, RAY WAS IN ST. LOUIS AND LIVING AND COOKING IN GARAGE, HAD A CAR, WAS PUSHING OR USING NARCOTICS AND MAKING MONEY BY STICK-UPS. REQUESTED ATTORNEY TO GET PHOTOS OF RAY BUT THIS WAS NOT DONE. PARKER SAID THIS WEEK HE OBSERVED VARIOUS PHOTOS OF RAY IN NEWSPAPERS AND NOTED HIS DESCRIPTION IS IDENTICAL TO PARKER'S EXCEPT HE, PARKER, HAS TATTOOS AND BROWN EYES, WHEREAS VICTIMS CLAIM PERSON WHO KIDNAPPED THEM HAD BLUE EYES. PHOTO OF PARKER OBTAINED AND GENERAL APPEARANCE OF RAY AND PARKER IS SAME.

ST. LOUIS, AT ST. CHARLES, MO., AND ST. LOUIS, MO., WILL CONTACT INVESTIGATING OFFICERS AND WITNESSES IN PARKER CASE AND CONDUCT OTHER LOGICAL INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF RAY COULD HAVE BEEN ACTUAL SUBJECT IN PARKER MATTER AND ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH THROUGH CI'S OR PCI'S WHETHER RAY WAS IN ST. LOUIS AREA HIDING OUT IN GARAGE. IN THIS CONNECTION IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT INVESTIGATION INDICATES THAT END PAGE TWO

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JOHN RAY, BROTHER OF SUBJECT, POSSIBLY COULD HAVE AIDED IN ESCAPE OF RAY FROM MSP. ST. LOUIS IMMEDIATELY ADVISE IF PHOTOS OF PARKER AVAILABLE.

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RE: JAMES EARL RAY

FOR INFOR MILWAUKEE, NINETEEN SIXTYSIX MUSTANG ABANDONED BY RAY IN ATLANTA, APR. FIVE. LAST. HAS SEARS & ROEBUCK REPLACE-MENT BATTERY. LOCATED ON TOP OF NEGATIVE POST IS NUMBER F FOUR ONE B E EIGHT. THE INSCRIPTION "SQUARE" FOUR EIGHT IS ON TOP OF A LEAD SHIELD WASHER AT THE NEGATIVE POST AND "C EIGHT" ON THE BOTTOM OF SAME WASHER.

MILWUKEE REQUESTED TO CONTACT LARRY AMATEIS, FIELD SER-VICE MANAGER, GLOBE UNION, INC., AND FROM THE ABOVE INFO ASCER-TAIN SPECIFIC GLOBE UNION PLANT WHICH MANUFACTURED THIS BATTERY AND TO WHICH STATE, IF POSSIBLE, BATTERY WAS SHIPPED FOR SALE. SET OUT LEADS IF APPROPRIATE AND ADVISE ATLANTA, MEMPHIS,

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RE ATLANTA TEL TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES, KANSAS CITY, SPRINGFIELD, MIAMI, APR. TWO FOUR LAST.

PAUL ALVIN NAIL. THREE FOUR BARBADOS, PALM SPRINGS, FLA., SAID
HE KNEW RAY FOR THREE YEARS IN MO. STATE PEN BUT HAS NOT SEEN OR HEARD
FROM RAY SINCE HE GOT OUT A LITTLE OVER TWO YEARS AGO.

LAIL SAID LEWIE "WHITEY" DOWDA WORKED WITH RAY IN KITCHEN MO.

STATE PEN AND WOULD KNOWN MUCH MORE ABOUT HIM. ALSO NEAL ABBEY WAS
RAY'S REAL BUDDY AND WOULD REALLY KNOW MUCH MORE ABOUT RAY THAN ANYBODY
ELSE. LAIL SAID HE DID NOT KNOW IF ABBEY WAS IN OR OUT OF MO. STATE
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HALL ADVISED RAY ASSOCIATED WITH GROUP WHO KILLEN NOGROES IN MO. STATE PEN BUT DOES NOT KNOW IF RAY WAS IN ON IT OR NOT HE SAID RAY NOT RACIST BUT KNOWS HE DID NOT LIKE NEGROES AS MOST OF THE INMATES FELT THE SAME WAY ABOUT NEGROES 18 3 AM 29 1968

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ALSO RAY WOULD NOT HIDE OUT IN COUNTRY BECAUSE HE IS A "CITY BOY";
HOWEVER, DOES NOT FEEL RAY WOULD GO FOR REALLY BIG CITIES BUT A PLACE
ABOUT THE SIZE OF HOUSTON, TEXAS.

LAIL ADVISED LEO BARNETT, AN EX-CON FROM MO. STATE PEN AND
BELIEVED IN JAIL SOMEWHERE IN FLA., HANDLED DOPE AND KNEW WHERE IT WAS
COMING FROM AND WOULD KNOW IF RAY USED DOPE AND WHERE AND HOW HE
GOT IT.

LAIL SAID FRED MILLER, A "CUT AND DRY CON" WHO WORKED IN THE TAG
PLANT, WAS ONE OF THE LEADERS AND KNEW RAY WELL AND IF HE WOULD TALK
HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO FURNISH INFO ABOUT RAY. LAIL SAID RAY ASSOCIATED
WITH OTHERS AND NOT LONER IN HIS OPINION.

LAIL RECALLED RAY ALWAYS WORE HIS HAIR CUT SHORT "BUTCH CUT" IN SUMMER AND LONG IN WINTER.

LAIL ADVISED HE WILL THINK ABOUT RAY SOME MORE AND IF HE RECALLS ANYTHING WILL NOTIFY THIS OFFICE. LAIL SEEMED COOPERATIVE AND VERY INTERESTED IN REWARD MONEY.

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RE LOUISVILLE TELETYPE TO BUREAU. MEMPHIS AND CLEVELAND. APRIL TWENTYSIX, INSTANT.

CLAUDE CHARLES COFFEY, WHITE MALE, BORN FEBRUARY FIVE, MTHIRTYSIX, RD FIVE, UPPER SANDUSKY, OHIO, STEADILY EMPLOYED AT GALION IRON WORKS MANUFACTURING COMPANY, NORTH SANDUSKY STREET, BUCYRUS, OHIO, SINCE AUGUST TWELVE, SIXTYFIVE, AS AN ASSEMBLER. EMPLOYER'S TIME CARD RECORDS SHOW COFFEY EMPLOYED ON PERTINENT DATES AND ON APRIL FOUR, LAST, ON DUTY FROM SIX FORTYSEVEN AM TO THREE THIRTY PM. SUPERINTENDENT OF PLANT STATES NATURE COFFEY'S JOB IS SUCH HE COULD NOT BE AWAY FROM HIS SPECIFIC JOB-ANY LENGTH OF TIME AND NOT BE MISSED. COFFEY'S WORK RECORD IS EXCELLENT AND IS HIGHLY REGARDED BY SUPERINTENDENT. COFFEY IN U.S. ARITAGE ACTIVE FOURTEEN. FIFTYFOUR TO APRIL TWENTYSEVEN, FIFTYSEVEN, AND FROM EARLY SIXTYTWO TO JUNE TWENTYSEVEN . BEIXTYFINE .--

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RE HOUSTON TEL. APRIL TWENTY SIX. LAST.

RE LOUIS LOMAX - CHARLES STEIN.

HOUSTON CHRONICLE REPORTER ON APRIL TWENTY SIX, LAST ACCOMPANIED LOMAX AND STEIN ON AUTO TRIP FROM HOUSTON TO SAN ANTONIO ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE TELEPHONE BOOTH ALLEGEDLY USED BY RAY. TELEPHONE BOOTH NOT LOCATED.

CHRONICLE REPORTER. DON MICHAELS. ADVISED THAT HE LEFT LOMAX AND STEIN IN SAN ANTONIO AT FOUR THIRTY PM, APRIL TWENTY SIX. LAST. STATED LOMAX AND STEIN RENTED AUTOMOBILE FROM SAN ANTONIO AVIS CAR RENTAL. COWNTOWN OFFICE. AND INDICATED THEY INTENDED TO SEARCH FOR TELEPHONE BOOTH WEST OF SAN ANTONIO. MICHAELS ADVISED IT WAS HIS OPINION THAT 4-38861-2259 STEIN WAS TAKING LOMAX "FOR A RIDE" AND BOTH APPEARED COMPLETELY LOST AS FAR AS LOCATION OF TELEPHONE BOQ HAPR 29 1968 MICHAELS ALSO STATED THAT STEIN HAD INDICATED THAT HE HAD SLEPT MOST OF THE TRIP FROM CALIFORNIA TO NEW ORLEANS WITH RAY. 3 12 F. F. APR 21

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RE THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

ON SEPTEMBER SIX, SIXTY SIX, THOMAS E. CREAMER, AKA
THOMAS E. CRAMER, TELEPHONE CHICAGO FBI OFFICE GIVING HIS 5
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ILLINOIS. HE CLAIMED THAT HE HAD MET A WHITE FEMALE, HELENA
KAUFMAN (PH), IN THE JOSEPHINE FIVE-STEP IN, CHICAGO, WHO TOOK
HIM TO A "NAZI" MEETING. AT THIS MEETING HE WAS ASSIGNED TO
SHOOT KING IN RETURN FOR HIS FAMILY'S SAFETY. HE CLAIMED
HE WAS NOT ASSOCIATED WITH THE AMERICAN NAZI PARTY.

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HE DOES NOT POSSESS ANY INFORMATION RELATIVE TO YVONNE
P. JACKSON AS THIS INDIVIDUAL IS UNKNOWN TO HIM.

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PAUL LAIL, JR., AKA PAUL ARTHUR CARTER, FBI NUMBER SEVEN FIVE

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ST. LOUIS REQUESTED TO REVIEW FILES RE LAIL AND FURNISH INFORMATION OF VALUE TO MIAMI DIVISION SO THAT LAIL MAY BE LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED REGARDING THE SUBJECT.

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