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9:58PM URGENT 5-1-68 DPK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, NEW ORLEANS
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

RE PHONE CALLS FROM RITA STEIN'S PHONE.

RITA STEIN ADVISED SHE CALLED HER SISTER, MARIE LEE,
AT IVANHOE PIANO BAR, NEW ORLEANS IN DECEMBER SIXTY SEVEN
ADVISING CHILDREN ARRIVED SAFELY IN LOS ANGELES. STEIN ADVISED
SHE COMMUNICATES REGULARLY WITH MOTHER IN NEW ORLEANS
DUE TO MOTHER'S POOR HEALTH. DOES NOT RECALL EXACT DATES
OF CALLS TO MOTHER, BELIEVES TO BE IN MARCH AND APRIL SIXTY
EIGHT. EXACT NATURE OF CALLS NOT RECALLED BUT RAY NOT SUBJECT
OF CONVERSATIONS. STEIN ADVISED COLLECT CALL FROM NEW
ORLEANS NUMBER NINE FOUR SEVEN DASH ZERO NINE THREE ZERO
INCORRECTLY CHARGED TO HER BILL. ADVISED THAT MARYLAND
NUMBER NINE FIVE SEVEN DASH TWO THREE THREE SEVEN, CALL OF
MARCH NINETEEN LAST INCORRECTLY CHARGE TO HER.

OZAMA BOVIA, NEW ORLEANS, UNKNOWN TO RITA AND CHARLES
STEIN. PHONE AT LA LISTED IN NAME OF RITA RODE FOR PRIVACY.
OTHER UTILITIES LISTED IN NAME OF ROSAS.

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RITA STEIN ADVISED PHOTO OF RAY TAKEN IN MEXICO FALL OF SIXTY SEVEN DOES NOT LOOK LIKE HIM. CHARLES STEIN ADVISED MEXICO PHOTO OF RAY A LIKENESS OF SUBJECT BUT NOT AS GOOD AS PHOTO ON WANTED FLYER.

RE CALL FROM OZAMA BOVIA, NEW ORLEANS.

RECORDS TELEPHONE COMPANY LOS ANGELES REVEAL CALL FROM BOVIA TO FOUR SEVEN TWO DASH SEVEN SEVEN ZERO NINE, LISTED TO STEVE BOMSE, ONE ONE SEVEN SIX SEVEN, SUNSET BOULEVARD, BEL AIR, CALIFORNIA. SERVICE TO THIS NUMBER DISCONTINUED MARCH TWENTY EIGHT LAST. INVESTIGATION CONTINUES TO LOCATE BOMSE.

MARIE MARTIN BACKGROUND PHASE

RECORDS OF LAPD AND SUPERIOR COURT, LOS ANGELES EXAMINED RE RONALD ROBERT DENINNO, AKA RONALD GERALD DENINNO, MALE CAUCASIAN, BORN [REDACTED], LOS ANGELES; WHO IS REPORTED TO BE BROTHER OF MARIE MARTIN.

THESE RECORDS INDICATE DENINNO HAS ARREST RECORD DATING BACK TO FEBRUARY FIFTY FIVE, WHEN WAS DECLARED WARD OF COURT FOR THEFT OF PELLET GUN AND TRUANCY. OTHER ARRESTS AS JUVENILE FOR THEFT, PURSE SNATCHING AND SUSPICION OF POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA. SUBSEQUENT ADULT ARRESTS FOR ROBBERY, BURGLARY, GRAND THEFT, AND SALE AND POSSESSION OF NARCOTICS, AND ASSULT WITH DEADLY WEAPON (BUTCHER KNIFE). MARIE MARTIN WAS WITNESS TO LATTER OFFENSE.

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PROBATION OFFICER COMMENTED, WITH REGARD TO LAST ARREST FOR POSSESSION AND SALE OF MARIJUANA IN DECEMBER SIXTY SEVEN, QUOTE ALTHOUGH ONE OF LESSER LIGHTS IN THIS PARTICULAR TRANSACTION, APPARENTLY IS MORE DEEPLY INVOLVED IN NARCOTICS TRAFFIC THAN HE CARES TO ADMIT END QUOTE.

AIR MAIL COPY FOR BALTIMORE.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUES AT LOS ANGELES.

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FBI CHICAGO

329PM URGENT 5/2/68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 2P

MURKIN.

RE MEMPHIS TEL TO BUREAU AND CHICAGO INSTANT.

RE INTERVIEW BROTHER JERRY, MAY ONE LAST JERRY STATES HAS NO INFO OR INDICATION FROM JOHN RAY OR CAROL PEPPER THAT THEY WERE EVER AWARE OF SUBJECT'S WHEREABOUTS SINCE IN FUGITIVE STATUS. JERRY HAS NO INFO OR INDICATION THAT ANY CONTACT HAS BEEN MADE BY THE SUBJECT WITH EITHER JOHN OR CAROL AND IS OF STRONG OPINION THAT NO CONTACT HAS BEEN MADE. IN LAST INTERVIEW AND OTHER INTERVIEWS, JERRY HAS STATED THAT HE HAS READ THAT THE FIRST APPEARANCE OF ERIC STARVO GALT WAS SEPTEMBER ONE LAST AT BIRMINGHAM. IN ATTEMPTING TO DETERMINE POSSIBILITY OF BROTHER JOHN'S ASSISTING SUBJECT IN ESCAPE, JERRY WAS QUESTIONED AS TO WHETHER OR NOT JOHN DID AID SUBJECT AND WHETHER JOHN OR CAROL HAD ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING SUBJECT'S WHEREABOUTS FROM TIME OF ESCAPE UNTIL NEWSPAPER ACCOUNT OF GALT'S APPEARANCE IN BIRMINGHAM ON
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SEPTEMBER ONE LAST. TO BOTH QUESTIONS, HE ANSWERED
NEGATIVELY.

HE SAID THAT BOTH JOHN AND CAROL CLOSELY FOLLOW THE NEWSPAPER
ARTICLES CONCERNING THE SUBJECT AND IN CONVERSATIONS WITH THEM,
THEY HAVE DISCUSSED THE VARIOUS ARTICLES AND TO HIS KNOWLEDGE,
THIS IS THE ONLY SOURCE OF INFORMATION THEY HAVE. NOTE THAT
CHICAGO AND OTHER NEWSPAPERS HAVE PUBLISHED MAPS SETTING FORTH
DATES WHERE SUBJECT KNOWN TO BE IN SPECIFIC TOWNS AND TRAVEL
ITINERARY.

AM CC TO ATLANTA, SPRINGFIELD, ST. LOUIS, AND BIRMINGHAM.

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FBI-BUFFALO

4:34PM URGENT 5/2/68 AMM 2P

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), CHICAGO & MEMPHIS
FROM BUFFALO (44-374)

MURKIN

RE PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT ORDERED BY SUBJECT FROM SUPERIOR
PULK FILM COMPANY, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS UNDER NAME ERIC S. GALT.

RE CHICAGO TEL APRIL THIRTY LAST.

PERT S. LONNGREN, COORDINATOR, OUTBOUND TRAFFIC, EASTMAN
KODAK COMPANY (EKCO), ROCHESTER, NEW YORK, ADVISED NO WARRANTY
GIVEN FOR ANY KODAK CAMERA EQUIPMENT AND SERIAL NUMBERS NOT
RECORDED WHEN SHIPPED BY COMPANY. RAYMOND PORTER, DIRECTOR OF
SECURITY, EKCO OFFICE, ROCHESTER, ADVISED WARRANTY IS FURNISHED
FOR KODAK PROJECTOR M-NINE FIVE Z AND APPROXIMATELY FIFTY PER
CENT ARE RETURNED BY PURCHASERS. APPROXIMATELY SIX THOUSAND
SOLD AND WARRANTY RETURNED SINCE OCTOBER, SIXTYSEVEN, AND CHECKS
BEING MADE TO DETERMINE IF WARRANTY RETURNED BY SUBJECT, WHICH WOULD
CONTAIN SERIAL NUMBER.

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RICHARD TOWNSEND, GENERAL MANAGER, REPAIR CENTER, EKCO,
ROCHESTER, ADVISED CAMERAS RECEIVED FOR REPAIRS ARE RECORDED
BY NAME AND BY STATE IN WHICH RESIDING. TOWNSEND ALSO ADVISED
REPAIR OFFICES FOR COMPANY LOCATED NEW YORK CITY, ATLANTA,
LOS ANGELES, SAN FRANCISCO, CHICAGO AND DALLAS, PLUS THIRTYFOUR
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CAMERA SHOPS RECOGNIZED BY COMPANY TO DO REPAIRS ON EQUIPMENT. ALL CAMERA EQUIPMENT HAS GUARANTEE FOR ONE YEAR AFTER PURCHASE IF DUE TO DEFECT BY MANUFACTURER, BUT NO CARD IS FURNISHED FOR RETURN TO COMPANY IN THIS INSTANCE. CONTACTS BEING MADE WITH KODAK EXECUTIVES FOR COOPERATION IN CHECK OF ALL REPAIR CENTERS FOR SUBJECT.

INQUIRY DISCLOSED NO WAY TO DETERMINE PROJECTOR SOLD LOS ANGELES AREA NOVEMBER, SIXTYSEVEN THROUGH MARCH, SIXTYEIGHT.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND MEMPHIS 44-1987
FROM BOSTON 157-644

MURKIN

RE BUTEL APRIL TWENTY NINE LAST WHICH REQUESTED CHECKS
WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WHICH MAINTAIN UNIDENTIFIED
LATENT FINGERPRINTS.

CHECKS OF IDENTIFICATION BUREAUS FOR MAINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE,
RHODE ISLAND AND MASSACHUSETTS STATE POLICE NEGATIVE.

CHECKS IN MAJOR PDS WHICH MAINTAIN UNIDENTIFIED LATENT
FINGERPRINTS OBTAINED FROM INVESTIGATIONS OF CRIMES UNDER THEIR
JURISDICTION NO FINGERPRINTS RECEIVED SINCE APRIL
TWENTY THREE, SIXTY SEVEN WHICH EVEN CLOSELY RESEMBLE THOSE
OF SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS

FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 1P

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RECORDS, MSP, AS REVIEWED THIS DATE, REVEAL THE FOLLOWING
TWO INDIVIDUALS WERE RELEASED DURING THE PAST YEAR FROM THAT
INSTITUTION:

EARL KNIGHT, MEMPHIS, TENN., MSP NO. SIX FIVE ZERO SEVEN
EIGHT, PAROLED. SISTER LISTED AS SUE MC SPARIN, TWO SEVEN
EIGHT WEST CALIFORNIA AVE., MEMPHIS, TENN.

ALSO, IVAN UNDERWOOD, MEMPHIS, TENN., MSP NO. ONE TWO NINE
TWO SEVEN. WIFE MRS. KATHLEEN UNDERWOOD, EIGHT FIVE SEVEN
BINGHAM, MEMPHIS, TENN.

MEMPHIS OFFICE ATTEMPT TO CONTACT THE ABOVE TWO
INDIVIDUALS FOR ANY INFO THEY MAY HAVE REGARDING SUBJECT IN
THIS MATTER.

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FBI BOSTON

3:08PM URGENT 5/2/68 NTY

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND MEMPHIS 44-1987 AND SAN FRANCISCO
FROM BOSTON 157-644

MURKIN

RE DONALD STOUT, SUSPECT, CO-CONSPIRATOR.

RE SAN DIEGO TEL MAY ONE LAST.

TROOPER LAWRENCE HARDIN, MSP, LOGAN AIRPORT, EAST BOSTON,
MASS., ADVISED THIS DATE HE RECALLS INTERVIEWING INDIVIDUAL
WHOSE NAME MAY HAVE BEEN STOUT DURING SEPT., SIXTY SIX
CONCERNING SOME PERSONAL PROPERTY OF ANOTHER PERSON WHICH STOUT
ALLEGEDLY STOLE WHILE DRIVING ACROSS COUNTRY. HARDIN UNABLE
TO RECALL APPEARANCE OF STOUT.

SAN FRANCISCO FORWARD PHOTO DONALD STOUT FOR DISPLAY TO
TROOPER HARDIN AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS LOGAN AIRPORT.

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TO SACs BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)
TAMPA (157-3231)
MEMPHIS (44-1987)

1 - Mr. Hudson

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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REBHTEL MAY ONE LAST AND TPTEL MAY ONE LAST RE
CHARLES RAY JOHNSON.

BIRMINGHAM, REINTERVIEW SPARKS CONCERNING INFORMATION
HE FURNISHED IN VIEW OF FACT HE IS UNKNOWN TO L. B. DEMAY.
BHTEL OF APRIL TWENTYEIGHT LAST STATES SPARKS SAW JOHNSON
IN TAMPA THREE DAYS PREVIOUS TO APRIL TWENTYEIGHT LAST
AND THAT HE FIRST SAW JOHNSON IN TAMPA ON APRIL EIGHT LAST,
AND OBSERVED HIM DAILY UNTIL HE, SPARKS, LEFT TAMPA. CONSIDER
FURNISHING TAMPA WITH PHOTOGRAPH OF SPARKS AND HIS WIFE TO
ASSIST TAMPA IN IDENTIFYING THEM.

TAMPA, RECONTACT PERSONNEL OF ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS AND
HAVE THEIR RECORDS THOROUGHLY RECHECKED FOR ANY INFORMATION
RELATING TO SPARKS OR JOHNSON. FROM INFORMATION FURNISHED BY
SPARKS, IT IS APPARENT IF HE WAS NOT IN FACT EMPLOYED BY
ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS, HE IS AT LEAST AWARE OF THE IDENTITY OF
"HOT SHOT" WHO TAMPA HAS IDENTIFIED AS L. B. DEMAY.

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NOTE:

James Sparks advised Birmingham on 4-28-68, he was former employee of Royal American Shows, Tampa, Florida, and that he had observed one Charles Ray Johnson as an employee there between 4/8 - 28/68. Inquiries Royal American Shows disclosed no record of Johnson or Sparks, and no one recalls Johnson or Sparks. Sparks maintains Johnson resembles photograph of subject, Ray.

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FBI TAMPA

1012PM URGENT 5/1/68 MJR

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), BIRMINGHAM (44-1740), AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM TAMPA (157-3231)

MURKIN.

RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE APRIL TWENTYEIGHT, LAST, TAMPA TEL
APRIL TWENTY NINE, LAST AND BIRMINGHAM TEL MAY ONE INSTANT.

L. B. DEMAY, WHOSE IDENTITY IS KNOWN TO BUREAU, IS ALSO
KNOWN AS QUOTE HOTSHOT UNQUOTE.

DEMAY ADVISED HE HIRES AND PAYS PERSONALLY ALL QUOTE EXTRAS
UNQUOTE AND QUOTE ROUGHIES UNQUOTE ON FAIRGROUNDS, TAMPA. HE HAS
NOT HIRED ANY EXTRA OR ROUGHIE SINCE IN TAMPA QUARTERS. ONLY HIS
REGULAR CREW ARE EMPLOYED, HE KNOWS EACH PERSONALLY, AND NONE
ARE IDENTICAL TO JAMES EARL RAY. THE NAME OF CHARLES RAY JOHNSON
IS UNKNOWN TO HIM AND HE HAS NEVER BEEN HIRED BY HIM AND HE COULD
NOT ASSOCIATE ANY PERSON WITH A DESCRIPTION OF CHARLES RAY JOHNSON.
NO ONE DEFINITELY SLEEPS ON ANY TRAIN AND NO EXTRAS ARE TO BE HIRED
UNTIL THEY REACH THE ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS FIRST STOP. THE SHOWS
ARE NOT TO MOVE OUT TO TAMPA QUARTERS UNTIL MAY TWENTYFIVE, SIXTY
EIGHT. DEMAY STATED HE COULD NOT RECALL JAMES SPARKS NOR WIFE,
BUT IF SPARKS IS THE PERSON HE THINKS HE IS QUOTE HE IS HALF CRAZY
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UNQUOTE. HE SAID NO PERSON ANSWERING JOHNSON'S DESCRIPTION NOR DESCRIPTION OF JAMES EARL RAY HAVE APPEARED AT THE GROUNDS LOOKING FOR ANY EMPLOYMENT AND SINCE SEEING NUMEROUS PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL RAY, AND HAVING BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE FBI AGENTS SINCE MURKIN, HE COULD DEFINITELY STATE NO ONE ANSWERING RAY'S DESCRIPTION HAS BEEN SEEN ON THE GROUNDS BY HIM. DEMAY POINTED OUT SPARKS PREVIOUSLY CLAIMED CHARLES RAY JOHNSON WAS CONCESSIONAIRE WITH HEART OF AMERICA SHOWS IN TAMPA, WHICH HAS NOT BEEN IN TAMPA AND NOW CLAIMS WITH ROYAL AMERICAN, AND SUCH DEFINITELY NOT TRUE.

IN VIEW OF DISCREPANCIES IN SPARK'S INFORMATION, TAMPA WILL NOT PURSUE MATTER FURTHER UACB. MEMPHIS SHOULD DISREGARD LEAD IN RETEL AS ROYAL AMERICAN HAS NOT LEFT TAMPA.

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FBI BIRMGHAM

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS 44-1987 AND TAMPA
FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740 3P

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MURKIN.

RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE APRIL TWENTYEIGHT, LAST, AND TAMPA
TELETYPE APRIL TWENTYNINE, LAST.

JAMES SPARKS, TWO ZERO ZERO ELEVENTH STREET, ROBINWOOD, FORMERLY EMPLOYED BY ROAYL AMERICAN SHOWS, WAS CONTACTED THIS DATE BY BUREAU AGENTS REGARDING CHARLES RAY JOHNSON, AND FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

HE FIRST OBSERVED JOHNSON WHEN HE (JOHNSON) CAME TO THE WINTER FAIRGROUND OF ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS AT TAMPA, FLORIDA, ON APRIL EIGHT, LAST, SEEKING EMPLOYMENT AS AN "EXTRA". JOHNSON APPEARED NEATLY DRESSED, WAS WEARING A DARK BROWN BUSINESS SUIT, AND IS DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, SIX FEET TO SIX FEET TWO INCHES TALL, ONE SIX FIVE TO ONE SEVEN FIVE POUNDS, DARK BROWN HAIR.

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SPARKS ADVISED JOHNSON WAS HIRED AS A "ROUGHIE" AROUND THE CONCESSION STANDS TO PERFORM ODD JOBS, SUCH AS, PAINTING, STOCKING AND MOVING SHOW EQUIPMENT. FROM CONVERSATIONS WITH JOHNSON, SPARKS

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WILLIAM J. BROWN
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ADVISED HE BELIEVES JOHNSON IS TOTALLY UNFAMILAR WITH THE OPERATIONS OF AN AMUSEMENT PARK AND THE FUNCTIONS OF A "ROUGHIE." SPARKS STATED HE OBSERVED JOHNSON DAILY FROM THE DATE HE ARRIVED UNTIL FOUR DAYS AGO WHEN HE (SPARKS) LEFT THE COMPANY TO SEEK NEW EMPLOYMENT.

SPARKS FURTHER ADVISED THAT IN HIS OPINION JOHNSON ACTED VERY NERVOUS AND WAS WARY OF STRANGERS AROUND THE SHOW.

SPARKS STATED THAT AS AN "EXTRA", JOHNSON WAS PAID IN CASH ON A DAILY BASIS AND PROBABLY LIVED ON THE TRAIN WITH THE REST OF THE SINGLE MALE EMPLOYEES. SPARKS ADVISED THAT EMPLOYEES HIRED AS EXTRAS ARE NOT INCLUDED ON THE PAYROLL BY NAME BUT ARE LISTED AS EXTRAS ONLY.

SPARKS ADVISED THAT THE CONCESSION SUPERVISOR FOR ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS IS KNOWN AS "HOTSHOT" AND WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY KNOW JOHNSON. SPARKS STATED HE BELIEVED THE SHOW IS ENROUTE TO MEMPHIS AND WILL EVENTUALLY SET UP IN CANADA. *

MRS. LINDA SPARKS, WIFE OF JAMES SPARKS, ADVISED SHE WAS EMPLOYED ON THE CONCESSION STANDS OF ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS, AND AFTER OBSERVING A PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT RAY, SHE STATED THAT THIS WAS A MAN SHE KNEW AS CHARLES RAY JOHNSON.

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* SAC Dumble, BH, advised photo subject shown James Sparks and that photo resembled subject but Sparks could make no positive identification #88

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TAMPA, WILL RECONTACT ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS AND ATTEMPT TO
LOCATE AND INTERVIEW "HOTSHOT" REGARDING JOHNSON.

MEMPHIS, WILL CONTACT ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS, IF LOCATED IN
MEMPHIS, TO INTERVIEW "HOTSHOT" REGARDING CHARLES RAY JOHNSON.

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FBI ATLANTA

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES, SPRINGFIELD,

CHICAGO AND ST. LOUIS

FROM ATLANTA (44-2386) 1P

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SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION MAY TWO SIXTYEIGHT.

EXPANDED TAXICAB CHECK AND REVIEW OF TRIP SHEETS CONTINUING.
NEGATIVE TO DATE.

EXPANDED AIRLINES CHECKS CONTINUING. NO PERTINENT INFO
OBTAINED TO DATE.

CONTACT OF INDIVIDUALS OFFERING USED CARS FOR SALE IN
CLASSIFIED ADS CONTINUING. NEGATIVE TO DATE.

INVESTIGATION OF STOLEN CARS, INCLUDING THOSE FURNISHED BY
NCIC FOR THE PERTINENT PERIOD CONTINUING. NO PERTINENT INFORMATION
OBTAINED TO DATE.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: May 3, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach	1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Rosen	1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Malley	1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. McGowan	1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. Long	1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. McDonough	1 - Mr. Trotter
1 - Mr. Martindale	

This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Attached is a photograph of Ray that has just been obtained from the Postal Inspector of Los Angeles. It has been determined from identifying numbers on the back of this Polaroid print that the film was manufactured in August, 1967. The photograph was mailed on or about 2/17/68 to a girl Ray had written through a correspondence club. This is considered the best picture of Ray yet obtained since it shows more detail of the lines and features of his face than previous photographs have shown.

ACTION:

This photograph is being duplicated for wide distribution through field offices and Legats.

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FBI MEMPHIS

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) 1P

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MR. MARLIN BROWN, MAIL DIRECTOR, MAIL LOSS AND
DEPREDACTIONS DIVISION, POSTAL INSPECTORS, U. S. POST OFFICE
DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C., ADVISED THAT AVAILABLE RECORDS
CONCERNING RAY'S CONVICTION IN NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE, FOR POSTAL
VIOLATIONS WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO FBI, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI,
BY POSTAL INSPECTOR IN CHARGE, DONALDSON, AT KANSAS CITY.

SPELBY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, MEMPHIS, REVIEWING
LATENT PRINTS OF UNKNOWN SUBJECTS IN LOCAL CASES AGAINST
PRINTS OF RAY. REVIEW BEING MADE ON A CONTINUING BASIS
DUE TO VOLUME OF LATENTS OBTAINED DURING PERTINENT PERIOD.

AVIS, HERTZ, AND NATIONAL CAR RENTAL SERVICE BEING
CANVASSED ON NATIONWIDE BASIS THROUGH THEIR RESPECTIVE
CENTRAL OFFICES TO LOCATE DONALD STOUT. A AND D. P.

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FBI KAN CITY

720PM URGENT 5-2-68 DJB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION
FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 2P

MURKIN

RE HOUSTON TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MAY ONE LAST.

RE DENNIS WADE FONTENNOT, AKA JAMES DENNIS WADE, FBI
NUMBER EIGHT SIX ZERO FOUR EIGHT NINE B.

INFORMATION DEVELOPED THAT RAY HAD AN INMATE OF MISSOURI
STATE PRISON BY THE LAST NAME OF WADE TO BEAT ANOTHER INMATE
BY THE LAST NAME OF GREEN BECAUSE OF NON-PAYMENT FOR
AMPHETAMINE POWDER. MSP RECORDS SHOW DENNIS WADE FONTENNOT,
ALIAS JAMES DENNIS WADE, MSP NUMBER ZERO FOUR FOUR NINE FIVE,
KANSAS CITY, MO. PD NUMBER NINE EIGHT SIX THREE ZERO, SERVED
TIME FROM MARCH SIXTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYTWO TO MAY TWO,
NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE. KANSAS CITY, MO. PD RECORDS REVEAL
FONTENNOT WAS LAST ARRESTED IN KANSAS CITY MAY THREE,
NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE, FOR BEING DRUNK, FINED TEN DOLLARS AND
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RELEASED MAY FOUR, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE. NO FURTHER
INFORMATION DEVELOPED IN KANSAS CITY RE FONTENNOT.

RE WILLIAM THOMAS JACOBS, FBI NUMBER TWO FIVE THREE ZERO
FOUR ZERO ZERO.

JACOBS WAS NOT LOCATED THROUGH CREDIT, CRIMINAL, AND
A CHECK OF ALL TRUCK DRIVER UNIONS IN KANSAS CITY.

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION REQUESTED TO FURNISH KANSAS
CITY WITH ARREST RECORD OF FONTENNOT, FBI NUMBER EIGHT SIX
ZERO FOUR EIGHT NINE B AND THE RECORD OF JACOBS, FBI NUMBER
TWO FIVE THREE ZERO FOUR ZERO ZERO.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS AND SAN ANTONIO.

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CALLER: IDENT

M. J. JONES

By _____ Time 8:40

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TO: DIRECTOR
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK

RE: JAMES EARL RAY

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 10/16/81 BY 1043

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Date: 5/2/68

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (44-1368)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel 4/22/68 to Philadelphia.

On 4/24/68 SAs NED W. HERSMAN and MICHAEL B. DAVIS contacted ARIEL TINSLEY regarding her letter to MR. HOOVER.

MISS TINSLEY said she saw the referenced individual only one time, at which time she was walking home on Cobbs Creek Parkway behind the individual she believed to be GALT. She said she only saw that he had a full face and was in work clothes. This was on April 5, 1968, the day after the murder.

She has not seen this individual since and could not identify the photo of JAMES EARL RAY as being identical to the individual she saw. MISS TINSLEY could furnish no further information of value on the individual.

Information copy being furnished Memphis.

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1 - Philadelphia (44-1368)

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Approved: _____

Special Agent in Charge

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2:23PM USCENT 5-2-68 NJZ

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) DENVER MEMPHIS AND EL PASO
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

RE EL PASO TEL MAY ONE LAST RE J. P. KELLER, REPORTED
ASSOCIATE OF SUBJECT RAY AT LEVENWORTH.

LAWRENCE FOWLER, ASSISTANT BRANCH CHIEF, REFERENCE
SERVICE BRANCH, FEDERAL RECORDS CENTER, BELL, CALIFORNIA,
ADVISED NO RECORD FOR KELLER MAINTAINED AT BELL. RECORDS
FOR FLORENCE, ARIZONA PRISONERS ONE THROUGH FOUR SEVEN SEVEN
SEVEN FOR PERIOD NINETEEN FIFTY TWO THROUGH FIFTY SIX MAIN-
TAINED AT BELL. KELLER HAD FLORENCE NUMBER FOUR NINE SEVEN
SEVEN AND RELEASED FROM FLORENCE NINETEEN FIFTY SEVEN.

SUBSEQUENT TO JANUARY, NINETEEN SIXTY TWO, FLORENCE PRISONER
RECORDS TRANSFERRED TO FEDERAL RECORDS CENTER, DENVER.

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FOWLER ADVISED CONTAINER EIGHT THREE FOUR FOUR NINE, AGENCY
CONTAINER FIVE CONCERNS U. S. AIR FORCE AND ACCESSION NUMBER
SIX FOUR DASH A DASH SIX ONE CONCERNS LA CONTRACTOR MANAGEMENT
SHIPMENT.

DENVER HANDLE LOS ANGELES LEAD LISTED IN RETEL.

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1 - Mr. Long

TO: SACS, BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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REBUTEL FOUR TWENTY-FOUR SIXTY-EIGHT.

BUREAU IS DISSEMINATING THE REPORTS IN THIS CASE TO THE DEPARTMENT, THEREFORE, BUREAU AUTHORITY IS GRANTED TO BIRMINGHAM TO DISSEMINATE ONE COPY EACH OF THE REPORTS OF ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES AND MEMPHIS TO USA AT BIRMINGHAM. COPIES OF REPORTS SHOULD NOT BE DISSEMINATED TO USA, MEMPHIS OR ANY OTHER USA.

ADVISE USA, BIRMINGHAM IN WRITING THAT REPORTS OR CONTENTS THEREOF ARE FOR THEIR OWN USE AND NOT TO BE DISCLOSED TO OUTSIDE PERSONS.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO ATLANTA AND LOS ANGELES.

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2 - LOS ANGELES

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F. B. I.

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NOTE: Reports from Atlanta, Birmingham, Los Angeles and Memphis Divisions received. Process obtained in this case at Birmingham, Alabama, and Birmingham was directed to confirm prosecutive opinion of USA by letter. The above offices were instructed not to disseminate the reports until Bureau instructs otherwise. The reports have now been read and in view of the fact that the evidence and the results of Lab examination of the evidence have been sent to Memphis, the reports should be disseminated to the Department at this time. Birmingham is being instructed to disseminate reports to USA at Birmingham.

See Memo Rosen to DeLoach, same caption, dated 5/2/68, REL:cs.