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FROM CHICAGO (44-1114)

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RE CHICAGO SUMMARY TEL MAY ONE LAST; ATLANTA TEL INSTANT.
RE JAMES E. BODKER

BODKER'S SISTER, BROTHER-IN-LAW AND MOTHER PLACE HIM IN CALUMET PARK, ILL., ON DATE OF KING MURDER. BODKER INTERVIEWED MAY TWO LAST. BEARS VERY LITTLE PHYSICAL RESEMBLANCE TO SUBJECT AND ELIMINATED. HE STATES RETURNED HERTZ CAR TO THEIR CHICAGO OFFICE.

IN VIEW OF FOREGOING, CHICAGO WILL NOT PROCESS HERTZ

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FROM SAVANNAH /44-1768/ 2P

TO DIRECTOR /44-38861/, JACKSONVILLE AND PITTSBURGH

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DOWNTOWNER MOTEL. AT WHICH INQUIRY DEVELOPED JOHN O. WILLARD,

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RE RAY RELATIVES: NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY.

RE JAMES W. BROWN, FELLOW PRISONER (BIRMINGHAM).

JOHN PAUL VELANTI REINTERVIEWED. REITERATED DOES NOT KNOW RAY.

DENIED CONVERSATIONS WITH, PLANNING ANY ATLANTA ROBBERY, BEING

QUESTIONED RE GANGSTER IN KC, RELATIVES BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANNA,

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INTERVIEW VELANTI'S WIFE AND BIRMINGHAM ADVISED BY SEPERATE

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RE ROBERT WAYNE PHILLIPS: SL FILES SHOW CARL MURPHY, JR.,

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RE JUDGE JOHN C. CASEY: BASED ON INFO AVAILABLE TO SL, SL INCLINED TO FAVOR SECOND METHOD SUGGESTED BY CASEY OF HANDLING RAY MOTION BY PUBLIC COURT ORDER TO APPEAR AND PROSECUTE MOTION OR SUFFER ITS DISMISSAL, AS BUREAU SHOULD NOT BE IN POSITION OF FAILING TO EXPLOIT FULLY EVEN REMOTE POSSIBILITY OF LOCATING RAY. SEPERATE TEL SENT.

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AND DIRECTOR (44-38861), CHARLOTTE, AND RICHMOND

FROM KNOXVILLE (44-696)

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RE EL PASO TEL TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS, AND KNOXVILLE MAY TEN LAST, AIR MAIL COPIES OF WHICH FURNISHED RICHMOND AND CHARLOTTE BY EL PASO.

INVESTIGATION BRISTOL, TENN., REVEALS DANIEL COLLEY

NOT SON OF ONLY COLLEY FAMILY LISTED IN BRISTOL, TENN., OR

VA., WITH CREDIT BUREAU OR IN CURRENT CITY AND TELEPHONE

DIRECTORIES. CREDIT BUREAU HAD INQUIRY JAN. SIXTYSIX FROM A BRISTOL LOAN CO. RE DANIEL M. COLLEY, ROUTE TWO, SALTVILLE,

VA., WHO WAS IN USAF. NEITHER CREDIT BUREAU NOR LOAN CO.

HAVE PARENTS NAME OR ADDRESS. REC. 69 1 14 3861 3

BRISTOL, TENN. PD ARRESTED DANIEL MARVIN COLLEY, ROUTE
TWO, SALTVILLE, VA., ON MAY TWENTYTHREE SIXTYFOUR FOR
DRUNKENNESS AND RELEASED SAME DATE. DESCRIBED WHITE MALE,
BORN SIX FT., ONE SIXTYFIVE LBS..

BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES, NO RELATIVES LISTED.

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CHARLOTTE, UPON RECEIPT RE TEL, INTERVIEW DANIEL C.

COLLEY, POSSIBLY DANIEL MARVIN COLLEY, POPE AFB, FAYETTEVILLE,

N. C., TELEPHONE THREE NINE FOUR DASH TWO SIX ONE SIX, TO

DETERMINE NAME AND ADDRESS OF PARENTS AND CURRENT LOCATION

OF MRS. BALDRIDGE. THEREAFTER HAVE MRS. BALDRIDGE INTERVIEWED

AS SET FORTH IN RE TEL.

RICHMOND WITHHOLD INVESTIGATION SALTVILLE, VA. UNTIL CHARLOTTE ASCERTAINS ABOVE INFORMATION SINCE MRS. BALDRIDGE MAY BE LOCATED IN N. C. OR ELSEWHERE.

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CIRCUIT JUDGE JOHN C. CASEY, SL TODAY ADVISED HE SENTENCED RAY TO TWENTY YEARS ON KROGER FIFTY NINE ARMED ROBBERY.

RAY LOST APPEAL, SEE THREE FIFTY FOUR SOUTHWESTERN SECOND PAGE EIGHT FORTY. THEREAFTER FILED MOTION TO VACATE JUDGEMENT UNDER SECTION TWO SEVEN POINT TWO SIX MO. RULES OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE AUGUST FOUR SIXTYSIX ALLEGING IMPROPER INTRODUCTION OF SIGNED STATEMENT, FAILURE TO AFFORD SANITY HEARING, FAULTY JURY INSTRUCTIONS, PERJURED STATE TESTIMONY AND FAILURE TO FURNISH ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE OF LAWYER IN VARIOUS STAGES OF TRIAL AND APPEAR.

MOTION OVERRULED. MISSOURI SUPREME COURT REVERSED.

ON APRIL TWELVE AND ORDERED RESTORED TO DOCKET JUNE FIFTEEN EX 101

SIXTY SEVEN, BUT MATTER ACTUALLY BECAME ACADEMIC DUE TO RAY ESCAPE.

CASEY, NOT AWARE OF ESCAPE UNTIL PAIRLY RECENTLY, CONFIRMED
BY CALL TO WARDEN. COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY JOHN D. SCHNEIDER FILED
REPORT MAY ONE SIXTYEIGHT THAT SUBJECT ESCAPED AND NO ACTION POSSIBLE.
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FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 1P

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MURKIN. RE: JERRY WILLIAM RAY.

JERRY RECONTACTED THIS DATE ADVISED THAT HE HAD DEVELOPED NO ADDITIONAL PERTINENT INFORMATION REGARDING SUBJECT'S WHEREABOUTS DURING VISIT TO ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI. HAS RETURNED TO WORK AT SPORTSMANS COUNTRY CLUB, NORTHBROOK, ILLINOIS AND IS NOW RESIDING AT THREE ONE FOUR WISCONSIN AVENUE, LAKE FOREST, ILLINOIS. ARRANGEMENTS FOR LIVING AWAY FROM EMPLOYMENT MADE BY CLUB MANAGER IN CONJUNCTION WITH CHICAGO OFFICE.

RAY WILL BE EXTENSIVELY REINTERVIEWED NINE AM MAY TWELVE.
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MOTION TO DISMISS SUBJECTS MOTION ON GROUNDS POST CONVICTION
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CASEY BELIEVES RAY WOULD HAVE EXCELLENT CHANCE OF VACATING ORIGINAL JUDGEMENT AND SENTENCE, UNDER MIRANDA AND SIMILAR DECISIONS.

CASEY BELIEVES TWO COURSES OPEN: FIRST, TO
SUMMARILLY SUSTAIN STATE MOTION AND ORDER DISMISSED WITHOUT
PREJUDICE, BASED ON STATE VS CARTER ELEVEN SOUTHWESTERN PAGE NINE
SEVEN NINE, WHICH IN HIS ESTIMATION WOULD NOT ATTRACT INTEREST
OF PRESS AND RESULT IN LITTLE IF ANY PUBLICITY; SECOND, TO ENTER
AN ORDER PUBLICALLY NOTIFYING RAY THAT UNLESS HE GIVES SELF UP AND
PROSECUTES MOTION BY JUNE THIRD IT WILL BE DISMISSED.

PREFERS SECOND METHOD DUE TO PROBABILITY THAT IF SUBJECT IS ALIVE AND RECOGNIZES POSSIBILITY OF GAINING FREEDOM ON ARMED ROBBERY SETENCE, HE MAY FEEL HE CAN BEAT KING CHARGE BEFORE A SOUTHERN JURY, AND GIVE SELF UP.

CASEY DESIRED TO BRING MATTER TO ATTENTION OF BUREAU TO BE SURE NEITHER ACTION WOULD PREJUDICE INVESTIGATION THIS CASE, AND LEARN WHICH, OF EITHER METHOD MIGHT BE DEEMED MOST ADVANTAGEOUS TO BUREAU INTEREST.

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BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO FURNISH ANY OBSERVATIONS IT MAY HAVE ON MATTER BY MAY THIRTEEN NEXT FOR CONFIDENTIAL TRANSMITTAL TO CASEY.

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	Californi has secon was still of hhe mu	For information Birmingham referenced Bureau included a letter from BETTY SPARKS, Fontana, ia, in which she stated that an old man, who ind sight, told her the man who killed Dr. KING in Memphis, Tennessee, within three blocks arder cite, that his name is HAYES, and that he light limp in his right leg.
	three or a second she met a unknown, murder the his vision of the mu	BETTY SPARKS, 13128 Whittram Avenue, Fontana, la, advised SA JACK E. DE VANE, 5/9/68, that within four days after Dr. KING was murdered she had attended hand auction at Chino, California. While there, an old man, identity, address, and present location who cold her in conversation regarding the KING mat he had had a vision shortly thereafter and in on saw the man within three blocks of the place urder. Further the nam had a slight limp in his and was going by the name of MAYES.
	forth the identify:	Mrs. SPARKS stated she had not reported this until when she had directed a letter to the Bureau setting ese facts. She said that she would have no way of ling the old man, whom she had taked with, whom she is as being approximately 80 years of and quite feeble.
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)

SUBJECT: NURKIN

Re Bureau telephone call 4/20/68, regarding unknown individual driving 1980 Chevrolet, bearing N. C. license YT-1618.

On 4/20/68, it was determined that this license number was issued to JERRY WAYNE TREALER, Eox 58, East Spencer, N. C.

On 4/20/68, W. H. MORGÁN, mail carrier, Spencer, N. C., advised he is familiar with TREKLER, a former resident of Spencer, N. C., who presently resides at East Spencer, N. C. He was shown a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and advised there does not appear to be any resemblance between RAY and TREXLER.

Mrs. H. A. HARKEY, postal clerk, East Spencer, N. C., on 4/20/68, advised that TREXLER has resided in East Spencer for several months but she is not personally acquainted with him.

Mrs. M. B. WINGATE, clerk, Town Hall, East Spencer, N. C., advised on 4/20/88, that TREXLER resides at 12 Spencer Street, and has resided there since at least 12/29/67. He is not personally known to Mrs. WINGATE.

On 4/20/68, CHARLES E. HERON, Chief of Police, East Spencer, advised he is familiar with TREXLER instance as he has arrested him several times for drunkenness. No records are maintained by the PD and the dates of arrest are not known.

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On 4/20/68, Chief DAVE SCHULER, Salisbury, N. C., PD, advised that TREXLER was arrested 4/8/63, by his department. SCHULER does not know TREXLER personally.

On 4/22/68, Mrs. MEREDITH NANCE, Tar Heel Construction Co., Salisbury, N. C., advised that TREXLER has been employed by that company since 1/30/63, and is still so employed. She said that the payroll records show that he did not report for work on 3/30/63 or 4/4/68, but that he did work on 3/29/68 and 4/3/68.

In view of arrest of TREXLER on 4/9/63, and failure of individuals who know TREXLER to identify him with photographs of RAY, no further action being taken by Charlotte.

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Approved:

Special Agent in Charge

FBI 5/9/68 Date: Transmit the following in ___ (Type in plaintext or code) (Priority) DIRECTOR, FBI TO: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P) FROM: MURKIN Re Memphis teletype to Atlanta, et al., 5/8/68. LAURA WINGFIELD, Travel Associates, Pascagoula, Miss., advised ticket number 396-718-957, was issued to JACK WALTON, 3706 Forrest St., South Burnaby, British Columbia, telephone 433-8319, on 4/5/68. She said WALTON was a Canadian shipyard employee who came to Pascagoula on 2/6/68, as a temporary employee of Ingalls Shipbuilding Corporation and that he purchased above ticket to return home. WALTER POL, Security Officer, Ingalls Shipbuilding Corporation, advised that JACK WALTON, a Canadian employee of this company, resigned on 4/5/68, to return to Canada. Bureau Memphis - Atlanta 25 MAY 11 1968 - Jackson JJF/pac (9)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

FBI, Los Angeles (44-1574)

Date: May 13, 1968

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Re: CR

To:

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44-38861 FBI File No. D-562868 JK Lab. No.

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Examination requested:

Remarks:

A separate report is being furnished on the latent fingerprint examination and the disposition of Q335.

This report supplements and confirms Bureau teletype to Los Angeles dated 5/10/68, airmail copy to Memphis.

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Q335 One-page handwritten letter beginning "Dear sirs, Please send in plain envelope the list..." and ending "...any list covering S.F. Bay Area."

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the questioned writing on Q335 was not prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, FBI#405942G.

Q335 has been photographed and is returned to Los Angeles separately.

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SAC's, Philadelphia (44-1368)

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From:

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Director, FH (44-38861)

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Re Philadelphia sirtel 5-6-68, naming John J. O'Donnell, Navy service 42443808, for elimination purposes with the latent fingerprints previously reported of value on a gin bottle.

One of the latent fingerprints previously reported on the gin bottle is identical with the right ring fingerprint of O'Donnell. The three remaining latent fingerprints on this bottle are not identical with the fingerprints of O'Donnell.

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	SUBJECT: MURKIN	
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SUBJECT:

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At 8:15, 5/11/68, an individual who identified himself as Clovis Firnstein, 871 West 5th Avenue, Emporia, Kansas, telephone number DI-2-8587, telephonically contacted the Bureau and spoke to SA Orvis J. Auerswald, on duty in the Special Investigative Division. Mr. Zirnstein, who stated he is an engineer for the Santa Fe Railroad, spoke as though he may have been drinking.

Mr. Zirnstein advised that on Sunday, 4/28/68, while driving north on Highway 71, he picked up a hitchhiker near Carthage, Missouri, and he now feels this individual could be identical with James Earl Ray. He said the hitchhiker was well dressed, had brown hair, wore a hat, and carried a very heavy suitcase. He described him as 5'9" or 5'10", 175 or 180 pounds, and in good physical condition. He furnished his name to Mr. Zirnstein as Bill Magee and said he was 47 years of age, having been born in Fort Scott, Kansas, where his mother presently resides. He also mentioned that his brother, Charles Magee, "owned half the town" of Fort Scott, Kansas.

Mr. Zirnstein advised that the hitchhiker said he had been in Germany during World War II and stated he was a karate expert. He told Mr. Zirnstein that he was employed by the Midwest Construction Company, Holton, Kansas, as a laborer on highway

Mr. Zirnstein said the hitchhiker did not resemble the photographs he had seen of James Earl Ray; howeveil 1968 feels he could have disguised himself. He also mentioned that the hitchhiker appeared to be about 47 years old as he claimed. He stated the hitchhiker rode with him to Fort Scott, Kansas, and insisted at being let out at a railroad crossing there, which he said was two blocks from his mother's home, although

jobs, and also said he was an electrician and carpenter. He

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Mr. Zirnstein offered to drive him to her home. He advised that the hitchhiker mentioned once during the ride that Dr. Martin Luther King got what he deserved, but he said nothing to indicate he was in any way involved in the assassination. He told Mr. Zirnstein he had not had much luck hitchhiking and said he had ridden with a truck driver from Springfield, Missouri, to Carthage, Missouri.

Bureau files contain no record of the caller and nothing which could be identified with Bill Magee or Charles Magee, based on the information he furnished.

ACTION:

At 9:40 p.m., 5/11/68, the information received from Mr. Zirnstein was telephonically furnished to SAC Karl W. Dissly of the Kansas City Office. He advised that Clovis Zirnstein will be promptly interviewed and thereafter investigation will be conducted to determine whether or not the individual mentioned by him is identical with Ray.

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To:

BAC, St. Louis (44-775)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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ReSLtel 5/13/68.

For the information of St. Louis the records of the Chicago "Tribune" and Bureau's bank robbery files have been reviewed concerning allegation of Ray involved in a \$50,000 southern bank robbery. No reference has been located to this robbery as described by John Gawron.

Armed and dangerous.

1 - SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

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NOTE: John Gawron, former common law husband of Ray's mother, who is on verge of senility, previously alleged Ray was involved in a \$50,000 southern bank robbery which was reported in the Chicago "Tribune" on or about 6/23-24/67. The Chicago "Tribune" and Bureau bank robbery files have been reviewed without finding any reference to a robbery such as Gawron described. St. Louis being advised of results

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To: SAC, Jackson

From: Director, FBI

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RemErep dated 5-8-68, of SA John W. Bauer, entitled "Unsub; Truck Cafe, Walls, Mississippi, 4-27-68; Rev. James M. Roach - Victim, Rev. Savenia V. Pulliam - Victim, PA; CRA - 1964."

Page five of rerep contains information in the statement furnished by Rev. Roach that a white man who was sitting in back of the victims said "we could kill you all just like we did Martin Luther King." Jackson conduct sufficient investigation in an effort to identify the individual so that he may be eliminated or established as a suspect or co-conspirator.

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May 3, 1968

Mrs. Mattie Sue Branch 2958 Ocean View Boulevard San Diego, California 92113 CMP Davie

Dear Madam:

Your letter of April 27th has been received.

With respect to your comments concerning the investigation of the slaying of Martin Luther King, you may be assured that this Bureau will make every effort to carry out this investigation with the highest degree of thoroughness and dispatch.

You may also wish to know that the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and prosecutive action, with regard to violations of Federal laws, is within the province of the Attorney General.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover Director

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Sirs:

Until resently I have had a great deal of respect for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have often said that whe the FBI put a net out for any one he could stop running for surely he was about to be caught.

I still think you are a very efficent agency, but since you intered the search for the person who killed Dr. Martin Luther King, I have lost all respect for you.

I don't believe you are looking for the real murderer. I think you're looking for a patsy -- like Oswald.

Sooner or later you'll come up with you perfect "fall guy."

I predict it will be someone who has a perfect alibi for Nov. 22, 1963 -- most likely someone who was in prison at that time. I predict further that he will be mentally retarded and either caught or wanted for some other crime. That way he will probably never be brought to trial for the murder of Dr. King.

And so while the FBI are playing Hide and Go Seek with someone who by now could be in Egypt, there is someone who conspires to get rid of persons whose performance they do not like, by shooting them in the head. This vicious killer is still running loose.

I would remind you that the Monster nearly always destroys its Maker. I would remind you further that sooner or later the FBI will turn in a performance they do not like and they will proceed to get rid of you.

(Mrs. Mattie Sue Branch 2958 Ocean View Blvd. San Diego, Calif. 92113)

COPY:nm

Mrs. Mattie Sue Branch
2958 Ocean View Blvd.
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