#### May 16, 1968

RE: JAMES BARL RAY;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIN;
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On May 16, 1968, Inspector N. E. Zachary, Homicide Bureau, Homphis, Tennessee, Police Department, made available a letter dated May 13, 1968, and envelope postmarked at Hamilton, Cutario. Inspector Zachary stated that while this letter is unsigned, he feels certain it comes from the same person who has previously sent him letters signed only with the initial "V."

The letter and envelope are attached.

May 13/68 Re: James Earl Ray He is dead and is buried in Mexico lity, Copileo Ruins, on the spot indicated by x.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

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The following investigation was conducted by SA ROWEN B. AYERS:

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

On May 14, 1968, Mr. HARRY LAUF, Records Officer, Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP), advised there have been 20 persons by the name of COOLEY in the MSP over the years. None are in any of the branches of the prison at this time. The last COOLEY to be released was JESSIE J. COOLEY, JR., MSP #11653, who was released on August 26, 1967. He was received on February 17, 1966, and transferred to the Algoa Reformatory on March 22, 1967. He said intense inquiry among inmates and custodial personnel has failed to reveal anyone, regardless of the period of their incarceration or employment, who has ever heard of a "COOLEY organization" or similar in the MSP.

Mr. LAUF further stated there have been no brothers in the Penitentiary by the names of JAMES and LARRY RAYE. He said, however, that JAMES DUANE WRAY, #00720, who is still in the MSP, is the brother of LAWRENCE EUGENE WRAY, MSP #14014, who is on parole. He has previously been contacted in connection with this case.

On May 14, 1968, JAMES DUANE WRAY, #06720, H Hall for his safety, was contacted. He said he did not know JAMES EARL RAY except by reputation and may have seen him. He said he is the brother of LAWRENCE EUGENE WRAY. He said he has lived in practically every hall in the MSP since he arrived in April of 1963. He said he does not know of any organization of inmates as such, and has never heard of anyone by the name of COOLEY or COOLEY's Organization or similar.

On May 14, 1968, Mr. HARRY LAUF said prison records reflect there were three brothers in the MSP by the name of MENARD. These were RAYMOND OWEN MENARD, FBI #4 718 227,

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The record of THOMAS BRITTON, FBI #5 008 037, indicates he used the alias of WILLIAM RAY in 1949, according to Mr. LAUF.

On May 14, 1968, RAYMOND FRUITT, Clerk, inmate, was recontacted. He was questioned further about the existence of the COOLEY gang, organization, or COOLIE, etc. He said he has been in the Penitentiary for 12 years and there is no organization as such and he never heard of the COOLEY gang, or similar.

On May 14, 1968, JIMMY Z. BRADLEY, MSP #71844, who said he did not desire that some of the information he furnished be attributed to him, said that he has been in the Penitentiary since 1956 and has been involved in every "racket" there is in the Penitentiary and also has attempted to escape and has helped others. He said he never heard of COOLEY or COOLEY's gang or organization or similar. He has never heard of a bounty on MARTIN LUTHER KING. He never heard of RAY using any type of uniform to effect an escape although he did. He never heard of RAY having any ammunition in his pockets on the grounds although "TEXY MONT/IS, probably not known to RAY, did. He said JOHN STZUT had nothing to do with furnishing amphetamines to RAY, and he would not disclose who did. He said STOUT was fired two years before RAY escaped, and had nothing to do with it. He indicated STOUT may have been fired for some dealings with him (ERADLEY). BRADZEY said that recently, since the appearance of an article about RAY in "Life Magazine", the C Hall tender named JIMMY WALLACE (phonetic), told him that he had seen RAY last summer in/St. Louis with "two other ex-cons". He said he did not know the details or the names of the "ex-cons". He said WALLACE probably would be willing to furnish the information he has and in this regard he did not desire his name to be used.

BRADLEY said he has not developed any other information which might aid in locating RAY.

On May 14, 1968, JAMES D. WALLACE, MSP #75682, born in said he is the clerk of C Hall. He said he "fell" from St. Louis in 1959 for Armed Robbery and other charges. He was paroled in 1965 and was returned for violation by reason of drunk driving on March 11, 1968.

He said he was raised with JAMES L. OWENS, the "fall partner" of JAMES EARL RAY. He said he knew OWENS in the Penitentiary and saw him on three or four occasions in St. Louis, Missouri, while he was out. He said he recalled that he was C Hall tender when RAY tried to go over the walls and his ladder or rope or something broke about 1966. He said he was not a good friend of RAY's in the Penitentiary and knew him only to speak with him. He said he saw RAY in St. Louis sometime during the summer of 1967. He said it was probably the early part of the summer. He said RAY was with OWENS. He was just coming out of the Jefferson-Gravois Bank, located at the same address. RAY and OWENS were just entering the bank. He stopped and said to them that he was glad he got his money out before they got in. He said RAY laughed and said that "they were putting in". He said his wife was waiting in a car at the curb and he did not stop to talk and he went on out and drove off.

He said he had no way to fix the date. He said he reflected, at the time, that RAY must have escaped because he knew he had attempted to escape and had been "set back" on parole and he had too much time to have been released.

He said he saw OWENS on other occasions. He recalled that in 1966 he went to take a Missouri State Driver's license examination. OWENS was there and they got to talking about the Penitentiary and the examiner made OWENS leave because he apparently thought he was getting answers to the questions. He said the people at the examining station mentioned that OWENS had been there before and caused them some trouble.

WALLACE said that RAY had the reputation of being the type of person who served his time without comment and did not "mess" in the affairs of other people. He said he did not think that RAY would kill anyone as he is just not the type. He also said he has never heard of any organization in the Penitentiary and has never heard the name of COOLEY used in connection with any type of business or "racket" inside the walls and he did not know anyone by that name.

He said that inmates have over the years used cigarettes as medium of exchange in lieu of money and they make "parlay" bets on baseball games, horse races and other types of contests similar to bets made with money outside. He said he knew of no "lottery" as such involving cigarettes, but he said this might exist. He said there are "cliques" of prisoners who connive together for various reasons, and who become close associates, but there is no wide-spread organization and never has been to his knowledge. He said he certainly would be in position to know about it if there was and would have no hesitation in saying so if such existed.

On May 14, 1968, Major BERNARD POIRY, MSP Custodial Staff, in charge of security for the past 25 years, said he has been unable to develop information regarding the identity of "Dago" or of any organization such as the COOLEY gang or similar.

On May 14, 1968, Mr. HARVEY MILLER, Guard, inside, said he has worked inmates inside of the walls on maintenance for the past 23 years. He said he knew JAMES EARL RAY on sight, but not otherwise. He said he never heard of COOLEY or any organization of that type. He could not identify "Dago".

On May 14, 1968, BRADLEY, mentioned above, said DAGO could be JOHN PAUL SPIKA, who is in the Penitentiary. However, he does not have any scar resembling a bullet wound in the face, but he does have the nickname of "Dago". He said he has known other inmates called "Dago", but he could not otherwise identify them and could not recall any with a scar as described.

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On May 14, 1968, BERCIA LEE BARBARICK, MSP #12587, born said he was admitted to the MSP in 1959. He was in until 1965; released and returned on a murder charge in 1966. He said he knew RAY on sight, but that is all and he knew nothing of his habits, associates or escape. He said a guard told him that some "kid" had seen RAY last summer sleeping on a hill near Jefferson City with a "long beard". He also said that there is an organization in the MSP which wanted KING killed. He said it was not the "COOLEY organization", of which he had never heard, but the KKK. He said he did not hear any mention of this before Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING was murdered and he could not identify anyone who has mentioned it since.

He said he had heard nothing concerning any bounty and knew of no lotteries.

On May 14, 1968, Mr. MC CORMICK WILSON, City Judge and Attorney, said he was appointed to represent JAMES EARL RAY in connection with an attempted escape by RAY in 1966. He said he talked to him at the Penitentiary and once in court. He said he also arranged to have him examined at State Hospital #1. He said he received no fees of any sort and was relieved on the case because he was appointed as an Assistant Attorney General. He said WILLIAM QUIGG completed the case.

On May 14, 1968, WILLIAM QUIGG, Central Missouri Trust Company, said he represented RAY by appointment of the court. He said he received no fees of any sort, and knew nothing about him, his background, associates, or whereabouts.

On May 14, 1968, Mr. W. C. SHELEY said that JAMES EARL RAY was represented in connection with a writ of habeas corpus case in January of 1963 by PHILLIP LEE BAKER.

OnMay 14, 1968, Mr. WADE BAKER, no kin, Secretary, Missouri Bar Association, Jefferson City, Missouri, said that PHILLIP LEE BAKER is an attorney and lives at 214 South Spring, Independence, Missouri.

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As pointed out in referenced airtel a limited number of Agents can be detailed to the files of the Passport Office during normal work hours due to current work in process there in limited space. Who has therefore perfected arrangements for the files to be open continuously from 9:00 a.m., bondays to 5:00 p.m., bridays except holidays beginning 5/20/68. The is scheduling spent personnel on around-the-clock basis to complete appropriate reviews as soon as possible. Passport Office is supplying appropriate personnel and security to safeguard USDs interests.

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Mr. ROBERT D. JOHNSON, Deputy Director, Passport Office, Department of State, advised SA KENNETH J. HASER on 5/16/68, that these arrangements for this review of passport files have been approved by Miss FRANCES G. KNIGHT, Director Passport Office, Mr. G. MARVIN GENTILE, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Security, and Miss BARBARA WATSON, Acting Administrator, Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs, All Department of State. Mr. JOHNSON is also handling necessary arrangements with the Captain of the Building Guards of the General Services Administration for entry and exit of Agent personnel when the passport building is normally closed to the public.

WFO will advise Bureau and Memphis of any developments.

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DIRECTOR; MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY

FROM:

ST. LOUIS (44-775) 5P

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RE KC TEL MAY FOURTEEN LAST, MSP INMATE JAMES D. WALLACE ALLEGATION SAW RAY AND JAMES L. OWENS ENTER JEFFERSON-GRAVOIS BANK, SLMO, SUMMER SIXTY SEVEN.

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JAMES LOAMA OWENS INTERVIEWED AT LENGTH TODAY. MET RAY FIFTYNINE AT SL RESCUE MISSION. AS FRIEND OF BLACKIE AUSTIN. KNEW FIRST AS JIM O CONNOR BUT RAY USED NAMES RYAN AND RAY. ALWAYS WITH FIRST NAME JIM. RAY WAS PROFESSIONAL THIEF. ROBBERY AND NEVER KNOWN TO WORK. ALWAYS HAD MONEY. THRIFTY. TOLD OWENS HE ONLY ROBBEN BUSINESSES HE FELT WOULD BE PROTECTED BY INSURANCE. PRESUMED LIVED ON HICKORY WHERE MOTHER AND GRANDMOTHER HAD ROOMING HOUSE. OWENS MET THEM AND YOUNGER BROTHER BUZZ. OWENS NEVER HEARD OF OTHER RELATIVEREC 5

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RAY WAS QUIET, LONER, LIKEABLE, CLOSE MOUTHED, THINKER WHO READ WIDELY ON VARIETY OF SUBJECTS. NEVER BRAGGART. LIKED CARS AND PISTOLS. ONCE DEMONSTRATED MARKSMANSHIP BY HITTING CAN SUCCESSIVELY ON BOUNCE. NEVER KNOWN TO HAVE RIFLE OR SHOTGUN. MODERATE DRINKER, BOURBON HIGHBALLS, NO BEER. NOT KNOWN TO GAMBLE OR USE NARCOTICS. WOMEN WERE TO USE AND FORGET. PREFERRED FEMALE STREET BUMS. NO ATTACHMENT ANY FEMALE. OWENS SAW RAY ONCE OR TWICE WITH OLDER MAN JACK (PHONETIC) GAWON (GAWRON), WHO, WITH AUSTIN, APPEARED TO BE HIS ONLY CLOSE ASSOCIATES. ONE BLACKIE DECORE, (PHONETIC) CHICAGO GAMBLER, EX PRO FIGHTER, THEN FORTY YEARS OLD AND ON MENARD PRISON LIFE PAROLE, WAS ASSOCIATE TO LESSER DEGREE. NO OTHERS KNOWN.

RAY NEVER DISPLAYED DISLIKE OF NEGROES. ACCEPTED MEN AT WORTH.

OWENS CONVINCED KING KILLING WAS FOR PAY. NOT PREJUDICE.

RAY ONCE DISPLAYED THOUSAND DOLLARS IN TRAVELERS CHECKS AND SAID GOING TO CANADA. MONTH LATER SAID HAD BEEN TO CANADA. END PAGE TWO

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GAVE NO EXPLANATION.

DURING FIFTYNINE ASSOCIATION WITH OWENS AND LATER AT MSP, RAY INDICATED AT LEAST DOZEN TRIPS TO MANY PARTS OF MEXICO TO COOL OFF, MENTIONED VERA CRUZ., ACAPULCO, NOGALES, AND MEXICO CITY. SAID HAD TO LEAVE MEXICO CITY WHEN STRUCK MAN IN HEAD WITH PISTOL, MAN WHO CAME AT HIM WITH KNIFE. NEVER MENTIONED MODE OF TRANSPORTATION OR IDENTITIES OF ANY PERSON KNOWN IN MEXICO. NEVER INDICATED ABILITY TO SPEAK SPANISH. MENTIONED SEVERAL TIMES HE ENJOYED ARMY DUTY IN GERMANY.

OWENS GOT IMPRESSION RAY ROBBERIES ALWAYS WELL PLANNED.

KROGER PLANNED BY RAY, BUT UNDERTAKEN WHEN BOTH WERE AT END OF

DRUNK, WHICH WAS EXCEPTION TO RAY MODERATE DRINKING RULE. OWENS

LATER RECEIVED IMPRESSION RAY PREJUDICED AGAINST JOBS WITH PARTNERS,

AS WAS INVARIABLY CAUGHT.

OWENS PLEAD GUILTY, GOT SEVEN YEARS, RAY STOOD TRIAL, GOT END PAGE THREE

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TWENTY. OWENS NEVER CALLED SAME MSP HALL OR WORKED TOGETHER.

SAW FREQUENTLY IN YARD. RAY NEVER DISPLAYED ANIMOSITY TOWARD OWENS. OWENS LEARNED FROM OTHER INMATES RAY SOLD PILLS BELIEVED BENNIES AND HAD THREE FOR TWO LOAN BUSINESS MSP. DID NOT BELIEVE RAY ACCUMULATED OVER THOUSAND DOLLARS BY TIME OF ESCAPE. OWENS IN MENARD PRISON PRIOR TO SECOND RAY ESCAPE ATTEMPT. LAST SAW AT MSP. NOT CONTACTED OR CORRESPONDED WITH SINCE.

DOES NOT FEEL RAY WOULD CONTACT ANY RELATIVE OR ACQUAINTENCE AFTER ESCAPE. NO IDEA PRESENT WHEREABOUTS.

OWENS OPENED JOINT ACCOUNT WITH MOTHER IDA AT JEFFERSON GRAVOIS BANK, SL ON MENARD RELEASE SIXTY FIVE. CLOSED EARLY SIXTY SIX. THIS HAS BEEN VERIFIED, SAYS HAS NOT BEEN NEAR BANK SINCE.

WAS QUESTIONED REGARDING SEVERAL MSP INMATES. CLAIMS MET INMATE JAMES WALLACE AT MSP, NEVER KNEW BEFORE. ONLY TIMES HE HAS SEEN WALLACE SINCE WAS SUMMER SIXTY FIVE, ONCE AT JEFFERSON GRAVOIS BANK. WALLACE STANDING ON CORNER WITH UNKNOWN FEMALE END PAGE FOUR

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HEAVY BUILD. WALLACE ASKED HIM IF PUTTING IN OR TAKING OUT, OWENS REPLIED PUTTING IN. NOTE OWENS VOLUNTEERED THIS. SAW WALLACE MAPLEWOOD. MO.. WHEN BOTH TOOK DRIVING TESTS FOR LICENSE.

COOLEY HAS NO SIGNIFICANCE TO OWENS. OWENS APPEARED
COOPERATIVE. EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO BE OF ANY ASSISTANCE
POSSIBLE.

KC AT JEFFERSON CITY, DETERMINE FROM INMATE JAMES WALLACE WHERE HE GREW UP WITH OWENS, SPECIFICALLY WHEN HE ALLEGEDLY SAW OWENS AND RAY AT BANK, AND THE IDENTITY AND PRESENT LOCATION OF THE FEMALE OWENS ALLEGES WAS WITH WALLACE.

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TO DIRECTOR, KANSAS CITY, SAN FRANCISCO, AND ST. LOUIS

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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Mr. Tolson Mr. DeLoach Mr. Mohr...

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Mr. Conrad. Mr. Felt\_ Mr. Gale... Mr. Rosen. Mr. Sullivan

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Tele. Room Miss Holmes Miss Gandy.

RE KC REPORT MAY FIFTEEN LAST AND SL REPORT MAY TEN LAST. MEMPHIS PD RECEIVED TODAY ANOTHER LETTER FROM SAME INDIVIDUAL AT HAMILTON, ONTARIO. THIS LETTER STATES SUBJECT IS DEAD AND BURIED IN MEXICO CITY, COPILEO RUINS, AND CONTAINS A ROUGH HANDDRAWN MAP INDICATING SPOT WHERE BURIED. THIS LETTER BEING FURNISHED BUREAU BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATION FOR TRANSMISSION TO LEGATS OTTAWA AND MEXICO CITY.

SAN FRANCISCO IN INTERVIEW WITH KENNETH LEE WADE WAS TOLD THAT SUBJECT, WADE AND THREE OTHERS WERE EARNING ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS PER MONTH FROM SALE OF NARCOTICS IN MSP. KANSAS CITY REPORT DOES NOT INDICATE ANY SUCH SIZEABLE TRANSACTIONS IN SUBJECT'S PRISON ACCOUNT.

SAN FRANCISCO REQUESTED TO REINTERVIEW WADE AND DETERMINE HOSW THIS MONEY WAS GOTTEN OUTSIDE MSP. SAN FRANCISCO SHOULD BEAR IN MIND EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED IN BELIEF THAT SUBJECT MAY HAVE MADE SCORE AFTER ESCAPE FROM MSP-AND BRIOR END PAGE ONE

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KING. IF WADE'S INFORMATION IS CORRECT, SUBJECT MAY HAVE HAD ON DEPOSIT OUTSIDE THE PRISON A LARGE AMOUNT OF MONEY. IT IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE THAT SAN FRANCISCO RESOLVE THIS MATTER TO DETERMINE IF WADE IS TRUTHFUL. SAN FRANCISCO SUBMIT RESULTS ALL INVESTIGATION IN FORM SUITABLE FOR INCLUSION IN REPORT.

KANSAS CITY SHOULD CONDUCT NECESSARY INVESTIGATION TO PROVE OR DISPROVE WADE'S STATEMENT THAT HIS GROUP WAS EARNING ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS PER MONTH.

KANSAS CITY ALSO REQUESTED TO EXPLAIN TRANSACTIONS IN SUBJECT'S PRISON ACCOUNT, SUCH AS HOW WAS SUBJECT ABLE TO EARN MONEY IN PRISON AND HOW MUCH WAS HE PAID FOR WORKING IN PRISON BAKERY. ALSO DETERMINE IF MSP REQUIRES INMATES TO EXPLAIN SOURCE OF MONEY SENT OUTSIDE PRISON. PAYMENTS MADE BY SUBJECT TO HIS BROTHER SEEM EXCESSIVE AND SHOULD BE EXPLAINED.

BASED ON INFORMATION CONTAINED PAGES SIXTY - SIXTYONE OF KANSAS CITY REPORT, ST. LOUIS REQUESTED TO EXHAUSTIVELY INTERVIEW ROBERT LYNN POWELL REGARDING HIS ASSOCIATION WITH AND HIS KNOWLEDGE OF THE LOCATION OS SUBJECT.

ST. LOUIS FURTHER REQUESTED TO EXHIBIT PHOTOS OF RAY TO RITA BROCKELMAN AND GEORGE MC QUADE, JR., IDENTIFIED ON PAGE FORTYSIX END PAGE TWO

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OF KANSAS CITY REPORT TO RESOLVE THE IDENTIFICATION OF THEIR ABDUCTOR TO BE LEO PARKER.

ST. LOUIS WILL ALSO REVIEW ST. CHARLES, MO., "DAILY BANNER,"
OF JULY TWELVE, LAST, RELATIVE TO THE DESCRIPTION OF THE
KIDNAPER, NOTING RAY AND PARKER ALLEGEDLY ARE SIMILAR, WITH THE
EXCEPTION OF THE COLOR OF THEIR EYES.

MEMPHIS SUBSCRIBER TO TELEPHONE RECEIVING CALLS FROM RESIDENCE OF WALTER ELLSWORTH NOLAN IDENTIFIED AS GLADYS WRIGHT WHO RECEIVED CALLS FROM HER BROTHER, CLARENCE PEMBERTON, RESIDING CARMEN PATTON'S ROOMING HOUSE, ST. LOUIS. P.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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DATE: May 16, 1968

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SUBJECT:

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1 - Mr. Long 1 - Mr. Sullivan

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

It is noted Ray was allegedly seen three times in May, 1967, in the neighborhood of John Gawron, St. Louis. Gawron, who is on the verge of senility, lived with Ray's mother from 1954 until her death in 1961. Gawron denies contact with Ray since Ray's escape from prison in April, 1967, but alleges Ray participated in a \$50,000 Southern bank robbery in June or July, 1967, and that one of Ray's accomplices gave Gawron \$250 from the loot of this bank robbery. It has not yet been established that any such robbery occurred.

John Larry Ray, subject's brother, St. Louis, has again been reinterviewed. John still denies any knowledge of Ray since his escape from prison. He states Ray would have contacted him if Ray had been in St. Louis, especially if Ray needed help. John added that he would still help Ray if Ray asked him to but that he "might" tell the FBI about it afterwards.

According to John Ray, Gawron is crazy. He said Gawron lives in the past, talking about pulling robberies or burglaries and sometimes casing them but never actually committing them. John expressed the opinion Ray would never contact Gawron because he 44-346/does not trust him. RFC-21

John Larry Ray believes when his brother escaped from MAY 21 1968 prison he had plenty of money as a result of dealing in amphetamines while incarcerated. He also believes Ray would have immediatelyleft the country and bases this on statements Ray made when John visited him in prison.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach

RE: MURKIN

It has previously been alleged Ray was seen in St. Louis with James L. Owens in the summer of 1967. John Larry Ray advised that the subject would not associate with Owens but would kill him on sight since he blames Owens for his arrest and twenty-year sentence in 1959.

### **ACTION:**

Vigorous, widespread investigation is continuing on a top priority basis.



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FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 2P

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RE ST. LOUIS TELETYPE THIS DATE RE J. D. DAILEY.

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TO THE PROBATION AND PAROLE DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION,
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INFO RECEIVED FROM PAROLE OFFICER, GREENE COUNTY, MISSOURI, THAT IVAN DALE UNDERWOOD, FORMER MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY INMATE, NO.

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THERE NEGATIVE. GREENE COUNTY PAROLE OFFICER ADVISED THAT UNDERWOOD SENT HIM A MONEY ORDER DURING FEB SIXTYEIGHT IN RESTITUTION ON A BAD CHECK, LISTING RETURN ADDRESS AS ABOVE.

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TO DIRECTOR, ST. LOUIS, AND MEMPHIS

FROM LITTLE ROCK (157-1215)

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RE ST. LOUIS TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, AND LITTLE ROCK. MAY FIFTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT, RE: JOHN EUGENE GAWRON.

MRS. HATTIE RAMSEY, RT. TWO, WEINER, ARK., ADVISED HER SON, JAMES HENRY RAMSEY, WAS AT WALDENBURG, ARK., ON MAY FIFTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, AT HOME OF WILLIS RAMSEY, A BROTHER. WILLIS RAMSEY ADVISED JAMES HENRY RAMSEY LEFT WALDENBURG MAY FIFTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, ENROUTE TO CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO., TO SEEK EMPLOYMENT AS A WELDER AT AN UNKNOWN CONSTRUCTION JOB. STATED HE UNDERSTOOD JAMES HENRY RAMSEY BORROWED MONEY FROM A BROTHER. C. W. RAMSEY. JR.

C. W. RAMSEY, JR., WEINER, ARK., ADVISED MAY FIFTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, HE LOANED HIS BROTHER, JAMES HENRY RAMSEY, FIFTY DOLLARS AND HE WAS TO GO TO POPLAR BLUFF, MO., TO END PAGE ONE

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SEEK EMPLOYMENT AS A WELDER. HE STATED HE COULD NOT STATE
WHERE JAMES HENRY RAMSEY COULD BE LOCATED BUT HE DID PROMISE
TO CONTACT HIM WITHIN TWO WEEKS AND HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY
THE FBI OF HIS WHEREABOUTS.

ST. LOUIS, WILL THROUGH SOURCES OF INFORMATION, ATTEMPT TO LOCATE JAMES HENRY RAMSEY AT POPLAR BLUFF, MO., AND CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO.

LITTLE ROCK, WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE EXACT WHEREABOUTS OF JAMES HENRY RAMSEY.

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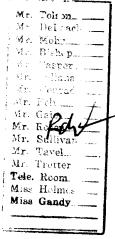
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RE KANSAS CITY TEL MAY SIXTEEN LAST RE J. D. DAILEY PHONE CALLS. REFERENCED TEL ADVISED JEFFERSON CITY TELEPHONE NO. SIX THREE FIVE DASH SEVEN ONE SIX SIX ASSIGNED DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE. THIS IS INCOR-THIS PHONE IS ACTUALLY ASSIGNED GRAHAM AND HAWKINS. ATTORNEYS. THREE ONE TWO EAST CAPITOL JEFFERSON CITY, MO. ATTORNEY THOMAS D. GRAHAM OF THIS FIRM REPRESENTS LARGE NUMBER OF INMATES MSP. RESIDENT AGENTS IN JEFFERSON CITY WELL ACQUAINTED WITH GRAHAM, HOWEVER, CONTACT WITH HIM IN THIS MATTER WILL BE HELD IN ABEYANCE UACB.

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	Re telephone call from Mr. McGOWAN, Bureau, May 15, 1968 and Los Angeles Conference Teletype, May 14, 1968, Air Mail copy Minneapolis.				
	Mr. JAMES E. BARROWMAN, Auditor, Money Order Audit Bureau, Western Union Telegraph Company, Minneapolis, Minnesota, (PROTECT IDENTITY WITHOUT FAIL) advised the records of the Money Order Audit Bureau are filed chronological by date under the city of origin of each Money Order and then alphabetically under the name of the payee. He stated that it therefore necessary to have a point of origin for any Money Ord before any type of search can be instituted in their records. He further advised that they handle more than ten million documents per year.  At the request of Mr. McGOWAN, Mr. BARROWMAN was asked to review their records for the period of February 14, 1968 through March 20, 1968 in an effort to locate any possible Money Orders sent to RAY from St. Louis, Missouri. On May 16, 1968, Mr. BARROWMAN advised that he had completed this search checking all Money Orders originating at St. Louis under RAY's true name and all known aliases with negative results.				
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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987) FROM SAN DIEGO (44-387)

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RE WILLIAM A. MARSHALL.

RE SAN DIEGO TEL TO BUREAU, SPRINGFIELD, MEMPHIS, AND ALL WESTERN DIVISION OFFICES. MAY SIXTEEN LAST.

FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, HANDWRITING SAMPLES OF UNSUB, AKA WILLIAM A. MARSHALL, APPEARING ON A PROMISSORY TYPE CHECK SIGNED BY HIM AND AN ESCROW CONTRACT AND DEPOSIT RECEIPT SIGNED BY MARSHALL HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU BY AIRTEL DATED MAY SIXTEEN LAST, ATTENTION IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, REQUESTING LATENT PRINT EXAMINATION AND HANDWRITING EXAMINATION.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, UNSUB, AKA WILLIAM A. MARSHALL,

HAS NO KNOWN BANK ACCOUNTS IN THE SAN DIEGO AREA. 25/4-3886/-

INVESTIGATION AT THE REAL ESTATE COMPANY, CHIMA VISTA,

CALIFORNIA, INDICATES UNSUB, AKA WILLIAM A. MARSHALL, WAS

NOT SEEN ARRIVING AT THIS COMPANY; HOWEVER, MARSHALL

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