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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, MIAMI, LAS VEGAS,
DETROIT & KNOXVILLE

FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 1P

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RE LOS ANGELES TEL MAY SEVENTEEN LAST.

INVESTIGATION KANSAS CITY SUBURBAN AIRPORTS NEGATIVE AS TO
PLANE OF WILLIAM PIERCE.

AGENTS ELIMINATED ALL MOVING COMPANIES IN AREA DESCRIBED BY
LOS ANGELES TIMES REPORTER BY PHYSICAL OBSERVATION.

WARDEN HAROLD SWENSON ADVISED NO PREVIOUS INMATE MISSOURI
STATE PENITENTIARY NAMED FRANK BICKLEY OR REGULAR NAME AND
MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL NEGATIVE RE FRANK BICKLEY. VARIATION
BRICKLEY REFERRED TO RE LOS ANGELES TEL WILL BE CHECKED AM
MAY EIGHTEEN INSTANT.

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1230AM URGENT 5-18-68 WTB

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, KANSAS CITY

FROM KNOXVILLE 44-696

MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE MAY SEVENTEEN INSTANT.

ATTENTION DIRECTED TO PAGE THREE OF NOTES OF WILLIAM
THOMAS WHEREIN HE REFERS TO "FRANK BRICKLEY OF CHATTANOOGA, TENN.
WHO WAS IN PRISON WITH RAY."

KANSAS CITY AT JEFFERSON CITY DETERMINE FROM PRISON RECORDS
WHETHER A FRANK BRICKLEY WAS IN PRISON AT TIME RAY INCARCERATED
AND , IF SO, SUTEL FULL BACKGROUND.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, AND LOS ANGELES
FROM LAS VEGAS 157-133

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RE LA T/T, MAY 17, RE LA TIMES INFORMANT "BOB" LNU.

CAL NEVA LODGE, CRYSTAL BAY, NEVADA HAS BEEN CLOSED SINCE
LABOR DAY 1967. IT HAS RECENTLY BEEN PURCHASED BY CEASARS PALACE
HOTEL AND CASINO, LAS VEGAS AND ACCORDING TO INFORMATION AVAILABLE
IS NOT SCHEDULED TO REOPEN THIS YEAR.

CAL NEVA CLUB, RENO NEVADA HAS ONE CHARLES THOMAS CATE RENO
PD #69350 EMPLOYED FOR LAST 12 YEARS NOW WORKING AS PIT BOSS ON
SWING SHIFT. LAS VEGAS INDICES NEGATIVE ON EDDIE WILBURN, BEN OR
JACK STURGIS.

WARREN NELSON OWNER ADVISED CAL NEVA CLUB HAD NO KENO HITS OVER
\$400 ON APRIL 3 LAST. CLUB HAS NOT HAD A \$25,000 KENO HIT IN ALMOST
THREE YEARS.

WASHOE COUNTY SO RENO HAS NO IDENTIFIABLE RECORD OF WILBURN
OR STURGIS, PER DEPUTY JAMES HAHN. REC-19

CATHY NEWBERRY ID BUREAU ADVISED RENO PD HAS NO IDENTIFIABLE
RECORD OF WILBURN, ONE BEN STURGIS, JR. FBI #1226167 APPLIED THERE
IN 1963 FOR WORK PERMIT AS BARTENDER AT BAR LOCATED ON SOUTH

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VIRGINIA ST. ABOUT 3/4 MILE FROM SECOND ST. HE IS NOT LISTED IN
^uCURRENT RENO CITY OR TELEPHONE DIRECTORY AND DOES NOT HOLD CURRENT
WORK PERMIT.

RENO PD RECORDED OF CATE'S WORK PERMIT AS CAL NEVA CLUB PIT BOSS
SHOWS HIS ADDRESS AS 6880 PEBBLE BEACH DRIVE, RENO, NEVADA.

CATE INTERVIEWED, UNABLE TO FURNISH ANY CLEARIFYING INFO
AND STATED WILBURN AND STURGIS UNKNOWN TO HIM.

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11:49PM URGENT 5-17-68 REF

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, MIAMI,
LAS VEGAS, DETROIT, MOBILE, KNOXVILLE, ALBANY AND CHARLOTTE
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (P) 6P

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RE LA PHONE CALL TO BUREAU AND LA TEL MAY SEVENTEEN
INSTANT, RE LOS ANGELES TIMES INFORMANT - "BOB" LNU.

FOR INFO ATLANTA, MOBILE AND ALBANY, LA TIMES HAS HAD
CONTACT WITH ONE BOB LNU WHO SAID HE HAD INFO CONCERNING WHAT
ACTUALLY HAD TAKEN PLACE IN CONNECTION WITH DEATH OF DR. KING.
IN ADDITION TO OTHER INFO FURNISHED BY BOB LNU, HE STATED
FOLLOWING REGARDING ASPECTS OF CASE INVOLVING LOS ANGELES AREA:

ONE. RAY SOMEBODY STAYED IN CLARK HOTEL, ROOM SEVEN
HUNDRED, ON APRIL SEVENTEEN DASH EIGHTEEN LAST.

TWO. LAMONT WHITE WHO WORKS FOR WESTERN UNION IN LA
HAS SENT MONEY TO LOUISIANA. BOUGHT TWO PISTOLS UNDER
HIS NAME. THEY REALLY WENT TO FRANK BRICKLEY OF CHATANOOGA,
TENN. WHO WAS IN PRISON WITH RAY. BRICKLEY SUPPOSED TO BE HERE.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-44-38861-100)

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

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

RE: [REDACTED]

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THREE. HAROLD'S CAFE, FIVE FIVE FIVE SOUTH MAIN. RAY BARTENDER THERE FOR WEEK OR SO. QUEER BAR. GUY NAMED CONNIE KNOWS HIM THERE.

ALSO WILLI SHEA. ONCE WORKED TOP RAIL BAR, SEVENTH AND ALVARADO. RAY SUPPOSEDLY MARRIED TO HER ONCE. SHE FROM MISSOURI, NOW LIVES IN NORTH HOLLYWOOD. HAS MONEY. MOTHER MMARRIED, LIVES IN COMPTON, DRIVES A PURPLE PONTIC CONVERTIBLE NOW LIVES AT EIGHT ONE TWO SOUTH WESTLAKE, L.A., WITH MAN WHO OWNS A BAR. SHE'S BLOND, ABOUT AGE THIRTY EIGHT.

FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED LA AREA THIS DATE.

JACK HERD, DAY MANAGER TOP RAIL BAR ADVISES WILLI SHEA ENTIRELY UNKNOWN. NO COCKTAIL WAITRESSES EMPLOYED BY THIS BAR, EXCEPT ON RARE OCCASIONS LIKE NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY. ON THOSE OCCASIONS, HIS OWN GIRL FRIEND OR GIRL NAMED BERNICE DOUGLAS WHO DOES NOT FIT DESCRIPTION OF WILLI SHEA HAS HELPED OUT AT BAR. MRS. NANCY BURGDORF, MANAGER FOR LAST SEVENTEEN YEARS AT EIGHT ONE TWO SOUTH WESTLAKE, REPORTS NO WILLI SHEA HAS OR IS RESIDING AT THAT ADDRESS.

LEAMONT ANDERSON WHITE, EFFEMINATE THIRTY SIX YEAR OLD NEGRO MALE, EMPLOYED BY WESTERN UNION, WHO RESIDES AT THREE EIGHT ONE SEVEN GIBRALTAR AVENUE, APT. FIVE, LOS ANGELES

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X TELEPHONE TWO ONE THREE DASH TWO NINE FOUR DASH NINE FIVE
THREE NINE, REPORTS HAS KNOWN FRANK BRICKLEY AND HIS BROTHER
BOB BRICKLEY FIVE OR SIX YEARS. DURING THAT TIME FRANK HAS
BEEN IN AND OUT OF ONE JAIL AFTER ANOTHER. BOTH FRANK AND
BOB ARE HEAVY DRINKERS AND WHEN IN LA AREA HAVE FREQUENTED
SKIDROW BARS NEAR FIFTH AND MAIN IN DOWNTOWN LA AND SEVENTH AND
ALVARADO NEAR WESTLAKE PARK. THEIR PARENTS RESIDE IN ROSSVILLE,
GEORGIA AND WHEN IN LA DURING JUNE SIXTY SEVEN THEY MADE
CALLS FROM WHITE'S HOME TO FOLLOWING NUMBERS, ONE OF WHICH IS
THEIR PARENTS NUMBER:

ROSSVILLE AREA CODE FOUR ZERO FOUR

TWO TWO NINE DASH TWO ONE FIVE FIVE

EIGHT SIX SIX DASH SEVEN THREE ONE ZERO

KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE CODE SIX ONE FIVE

FIVE TWO FOUR DASH ONE THREE ONE FIVE

SWEETWATER, TENNESSEE CODE SIX ONE FIVE

THREE THREE SEVEN DASH SEVEN SEVEN SEVEN FIVE

CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE CODE SIX ONE FIVE

SIX TWO TWO DASH NINE ZERO SIX SEVEN

WHITE ALSO FURNISHED TWO RECIPITS FOR PURCHASE OF GUNS BY HIM
FROM WEATHERBY SPORTING GOODS, TWO SEVEN EIGHT ONE EAST FIRESTONE
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*MR per 2/29/77
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X BLVD., SOUTH GATE, CALIFORNIA FOR ONE RAYARD THIRTY TWO
CALIBER, SERIAL NUMBER TWO FIVE TWO TWO ONE; AND BERETTA
TWENTY-FIVE AUTOMATIC PISTOL, SERIAL NUMBER EIGHT FIGHT
SEVEN TWO EIGHT ZERO, PLUS AMMUNITION FOR EACH WEAPON.

CLAIMS WHEN FRANK BRICKLEY WAS LAST IN LA AREA ABOUT
SUMMER SIXTY SEVEN BOTH OF THESE WEAPONS DISAPPEARED FROM
HIS RESIDENCE, AND HE SUSPECTED EITHER FRANK OR BOB BRICKLEY
OR THEIR COUSIN, WHOSE NAME HE CAN NOT NOW RECALL, STOLE
THEM. SAID HE HAS NEVER FILED A STOLEN REPORT. SAID ABOUT
TWO MONTHS AGO HE GOT COLLECT CALL FROM FRANK SEEKING MONEY,
AT WHICH TIME FRANK INDICATED HE HAD JUST GOTTEN OUT OF
HOSPITAL WHERE WAS RECOVERING FROM UNDESCRIBED WOUND. WAS
UNABLE AT THIS TIME TO FIND TELEPHONE COMPANY CHARGES FOR THIS
CALL, BUT BELIEVES IT WAS FROM KNOXVILLE OR NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE.
SAID HE IS SURE THAT NO ONE OTHER THAN FRANK OR BOB BRICKLEY
OR POSSIBLY THEIR COUSIN, COULD HAVE BEEN IN POSSESSION OF
INFO THAT HE HAD PURCHASED ABOVE DESCRIBED WEAPONS OR THAT HE
HAD RESPONDED TO CALL FOR MONEY BY SENDING TWENTY OR THIRTY
DOLLARS TO FRANK. CLAIMS LAST SAW BOB BRICKLEY LESS THAN TWO
MONTHS AGO, AT WHICH TIME BOB SAID FRANK WAS IN PRISON, BUT
DID NOT INDICATE SPECIFIC CHARGE OR LOCATION.

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X FRANK BRICKLEY APPEARS IDENT TO FRANK WILLIAM BRICKLEY,
AKA, SUBJECT OF BUFILE SEVEN SIX DASH TWO THREE SEVEN THREE FOUR;
ATLANTA FILE SEVEN SIX DASH TWO FOUR ONE TWO: MOBILE FILE
SEVEN SIX DASH ONE ZERO EIGHT ONE, WHO ACCORDING TO MOBILE
AIRTEL JANUARY TWO FOUR SIXTY SIX APPREHENDED AUSTIN TEXAS ONE
TWO FOUR SIXTY SIX.

X LAPD RECORDS INDICATE LEAMONT A. WHITE APRESTED JULY SIXTY
FIVE LEWD CONDUCT IN VICINITY OF FOURTH AND MAIN, L.A.

X PERSONNEL CLARK HOTEL ADVISE ONE RAY YOUNG, WHO GAVE HOME
ADDRESS OF ONE FIVE ONE BEACH ST., MASSENA, NEW YORK, WAS
REGISTERED ROOM SEVEN HUNDRED APRIL SEVENTEEN DASH LAST. PHOTOS
OF SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY EXHIBITED TO PERTINENT HOTEL PERSONNEL
WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

X CONRAD TORROMEO, NIGHT MANAGER, HAROLD'S BAR, FIVE FIVE
FIVE SOUTH MAIN, WHO IS KNOWN AS CONNIE, OBSERVED ALL PHOTOS
OF JAMES EARL RAY AND ADVISES NEVER EMPLOYEE OR CUSTOMER. PHOTO
DISPLAYED TO OTHER PERSONNEL, INCLUDING DAY SHIFT, WITH NEGATIVE
RESULTS.

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X FOR INFO ALL OFFICES, BUREAU HAS INSTRUCTED ALL LEADS
IN THIS MATTER RECEIVE IMMEDIATE AND CONTINUOUS ATTENTION.

ALBANY WILL CHECK OUT RAY YOUNG, MASSENA, N.Y. TO
ELIMINATE AS SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY, AND TO DETERMINE IF
KNOWS BRICKLEY BROTHERS OR LEAMONT ANDERSON WHITE, BEARING
IN MIND POSSIBLE HOMOSEXUAL INVOLVEMENT.

ATLANTA REQUESTED TO CONTACT BRICKLEY'S PARENTS AT
ROSSVILLE, GEORGIA TO SECURE CURRENT PHOTOS OF BOB BRICKLEY WHO
MAY BE AKA ROY BRICKLEY, JR. FORWARD PHOTO TO LA TO SHOW TO LA
TIMES REPORTERS WHO CONTACTED BOB LNU, TO DETERMINE IF HE IS
INFORMANT IN THIS MATTER.

IDENT DIVISION REQUESTED TO ADVISE LA AND INTERESTED
OFFICES OF ANY CURRENT INCARCERATION OF FRANK BRICKLEY FROM
RECORDS OF FBI NUMBER ONE NINE SEVEN SEVEN NINE SIX C.

INVESTIGATION LA CONTINUING. AIR MAIL INFO COPIES
X FURNISHED CINCINNATI, INDIANAPOLIS, NEW ORLEANS AND ST. LOUIS.

CHARLOTTE RECEIVING COPY FOR INFO PER INSTRUCTION MIAMI.

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CALLED:
A. CATERALL
By CR Time 9:23p

CC- MR. TROTTER

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FBI DETROIT

203AM URGENT 5/18/68 BCS

TO DIRECTOR. LOS ANGELES. MEMPHIS.

FROM DETROIT 44-989

MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR MAY SEVENTEEN LAST.

RE LOS ANGELES TIMES INFORMANT - "BOB" LNU.

MICHIGAN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY PRESENTLY ON STRIKE

AND ALL SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL IN CREDIT CARD DIVISION WORKING TWELVE
HOUR SHIFTS ON SWITCHBOARDS. INFORMATION REGARDING ANY BELL
CREDIT CARD IN NAME OF RIDELL (NO FIRST NAME) OR ROBERT BRINKLEY
WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL AT LEAST FIVE TWENTY NEXT.

SGT. ERJEVAC, HARPER WOODS, MICHIGAN PD, ADVISED NO FNU
RIDELL OR ROBERT BRINKLEY RESIDES IN HARPER WOODS.

DETROIT INDICES AND ALL REFERENCE BOOKS NEGATIVE REGARDING
FNU RIDELL, ROBERT BRINKLEY, OR RIDELL CATERING.

NO PERSONS FAMILIAR WITH CATERING FOR S. RUBBER AVAILABLE
TONGIGHT: DETROIT WILL ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN IF U.S. RUBBER HAS A
CATERER TOMORROW.

RECORDS, MILAN CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION, REVIEWED REGARDING
SAMUEL LEWIS, AND ONLY PERSON WITH SIMILAR NAME LOCATED WAS
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SAM LEWIS, WHO WAS RELEASED FROM MILAN IN NINETEEN THIRTY EIGHT.
AS THIS DATE DIFFERS GREATLY FROM INFO FURNISHED BY "BOB", NO
FURTHER ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO OTHERWISE IDENTIFY THE ABOVE LEWIS.

CONTINUING EFFORTS BEING MADE TO RESOLVE INFORMATION
RECEIVED FROM "BOB", AND BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

AM COPIES BIRMINGHAM AND KANSAS CITY.

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FBI ST LOUIS

618PM URGENT 5-18-69 JLS

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN - SUMMARY

RE JOHN LARRY RAY

IDENTIFIED PHOTO OF JAMES DAVID DAILEY AS PERSON KNOWN TO HIM ONLY AS J.D., WHO HAD TAVERN ON MORRISON ST., SLMO, AND WHO HE BEAT UP IN SIXTY. DAILEY DOES NOT KNOW HIM. DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER SUBJECT AND DAILEY EVER KNEW EACH OTHER. STATES TWO OR THREE MONTHS AGO HE SPENT NIGHT AT MACARTHUR HOTEL, SL, WITH NIGHT BARMAID, NAOMI REGAZZI, REGISTERED AS MR. AND MRS. JOHN RAY, OF FICTITIOUS ADDRESS. ADDRESS ONE EIGHT EIGHT SIX WYOMING HAS NO SIGNIFICANCE TO HIM.

STATES IN EARLY FALL SIXTY SEVEN, FATHER JERRY RAYNES SOLD SL PROPERTY AND GAVE HIM ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS TO HOLD FOR HIM. JOHN HAD SAVED VICINITY OF THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM VARIOUS EMPLOYMENTS. CLAIMED ALL OBTAINED IN COMPLETELY LAWFUL MANNER. USUALLY CARRIES FIVE OR SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS ON PERSON. PAYS HELP WITH CASH. IN EARLY AUGUST DECIDED TO DRIVE TO SAN FRANCISCO TO SEE IF DESIRABLE TO INVEST IN BAR OR OTHER BUSINESS THERE. STAYED SEVERAL DAYS AT VARIOUS CHEAP HOTELS, NAMES NOT REMEMBERED. FAILED TO FIND BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY. ENROUTE SL, HE DECIDED TO DRIVE TO TIAJUANA, MEXICO. KNEW THEY ROBBED PEOPLE THERE, SO BOUGHT SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS

IN TRAVELERS CHECKS AT SMALL WYOMING TOWN, NAME NOT REMEMBERED
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DROVE TO TIAJUANA, WAS UNABLE TO UNDERSTAND LANGUAGE, DIDN'T LIKE PLACE, BECAME DISGUSTED, AND WITHIN TWO HOURS OF ARRIVAL LEFT ENROUTE SL. ON ARRIVAL SL, ESTIMATED LAST OF AUGUST SIXTY SEVEN, OPENED BANK ACCOUNTS AT MANUFACTURERS BANK AND JEFFERSON GRAVOIS BANK, AS COMBINED BUSINESS HOURS BOTH BANKS COMPATIBLE WITH HIS OWN. DEPOSITED TRAVELERS CHECKS AND CASH. ENTIRE TRIP REQUIRED APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS. EMPHATICALLY DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF OR CONTACT WITH SUBJECT DURING TRIP OR ANY TIME FOLLOWING MSP ESCAPE. NEVER KNEW SUBJECT IN CALIFORNIA UNTIL CURRENT PUBLICITY.

REITERATED PREVIOUS RECOLLECTION OF STATEMENTS MADE BY SUBJECT DURING MSP VISITS THAT IF HE GOT OUT WOULD LEAVE COUNTRY. ASSUMED SUBJECT HAD SUFFICIENT MONEY TO DO SO. DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF ANY SOURCES OF INCOME FOR SUBJECT. ASSUMES IF SUBJECT ENGAGED IN SALE OF AMPHETAMINE AND LOAN BUSINESS WHILE AT MSP AS ALLEGED HE WOULD THEREBY PRESUMABLY HAVE MADE SOME MONEY. DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OR INFO THAT ANYONE OWED SUBJECT MONEY OR WAS HOLDING MONEY FOR HIM OUTSIDE.

RE CAROL PEPPER AND JERRY RAYNES:

SOURCES AND SPOT CHECK FAIL TO INDICATED SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY.

MISC: INVESTIGATION INDICATES FELLOW PRISONER ROBERT LYNN POWELL MAY HAVE LEFT AREA. PERSONNEL RECORDS, CITY HOSPITAL RE MARY SWYER, FRIEND OF ASSOCIATE ANDREW WILSON DECORE, NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL MONDAY.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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1042 PM URGENT 5/18/68 RML

TO DIRECTOR, TAMPA LOS ANGELES, AND MEMPHIS

FROM MIAMI (44-1854)

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RE LOS ANGELES TEL TO DIRECTOR, MAY SEVENTEEN LAST; MIAMI

TEL TO DIRECTOR, MAY EIGHTEEN INSTANT; AND LOS ANGELES TEL TO DIRECTOR
MAY EIGHTEEN INSTANT.

BENJAMIN LARNARD THOMPSON, JR., MIAMI, ADVISED THAT HIS FATHER,
BENJAMIN LARNARD THOMPSON, SR., DIED NOVEMBER, SIXTYSEVEN, AND THAT
HIS FATHER HAD BEEN SEMI-RETIRED SINCE NINETEEN FIFTYFOUR FROM COMMERCIAL
FISHING AFTER SUSTAINING HEART CONDITION.

THOMPSON ADVISED HE HAS BEEN EMPLOYED WITH AERODEX, MIAMI, SINCE
MARCH, SIXTYSEVEN, AND HAS BEEN ON THE THREE PM - MIDNIGHT SHIFT SINCE
JANUARY, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT.

THOMPSON ADVISED HE WAS NOT OUT OF MIAMI AREA DURING THE PERIOD
APRIL THREE THROUGH TWELVE LAST AND WAS WORKING AT AERODEX DURING THIS
PERIOD.

THOMPSON ADVISED HE FORMERLY WORKED AS COMMERCIAL FISHERMAN FOR
EAST COAST FISHERIES, MIAMI, FLA., AND PRIOR TO AUGUST, NINETEEN SIXTY-
SIX, HE HAD OWNED THREE SEPARATE BOATS DURING VARIOUS INTERVALS IN
THE PAST FIVE YEARS IN WHICH HE FISHED OFF FLORIDA KEYS, MOSTLY FOR
LOBSTERS.

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X THOMPSON STATED APPROXIMATELY FOUR YEARS AGO HE WAS ARRESTED BY BRITISH GOVT. FOR FISHING IN BAHAMIAN WATERS. HIS ARREST RECEIVED A GREAT DEAL OF PUBLICITY IN MIAMI NEWSPAPERS.

THOMPSON ADVISED HE WAS OUT OF STATE OF FLA. ONCE DURING HIS ENTIRE LIFETIME, THAT BEING DURING HIGH SCHOOL WHEN HE VISITED NEW YORK CITY.

HE EMPHATICALLY DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE REGARDING THIS MATTER AND NEVER HEARD OF THE NAMES WILBURN, PIERCE OR KNEW ANYONE WHO OWNED MOTEL OR AIRPLANE.

THOMPSON ADVISED IT WAS COMPLETE MYSTERY TO HIM AS TO HOW HIS NAME WAS BEING UTILIZED IN THIS MATTER.

HE STATED THAT HE HAD A RELATIVE WHO IS A COMMERCIAL FISHERMAN IN MARATHON, FLA., BY THE NAME OF RONNY PIERCE, AGE THIRTY FIVE.

ROBERT OPP, SECURITY OFFICER, AERODEX, MIAMI, ADVISED THAT ALL PERSONNEL RECORDS AND TIME CARDS AT AERODEX WILL BE UNAVAILABLE UNTIL MORNING OF MAY TWENTY NEXT.

CITY DIRECTORIES, MARATHON, AND KEY WEST, FLA., NEGATIVE RE BENJAMIN THOMPSON. KEY WEST CITY DIRECTORY NEGATIVE RE RONALD PIERCE. MARATHON CITY DIRECTORY LISTS A RONALD K. PIERCE, FISHERMAN.

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X INVESTIGATION MARATHON, FLA., DETERMINED RONALD K. PIERCE, AGE FORTYFIVE, IS AN INDIGENT LOBSTER FISHERMAN WHO IS MARRIED, HAS FIVE CHILDREN AND WHO SUPPLEMENTS HIS FISHING INCOME BY WORKING PARTTIME AS A MECHANIC. PIERCE IS A LIFELONG RESIDENT OF MARATHON, FLA., WHO SELDOM LEAVES THE FLORIDA KEYS. PIERCE DOES NOT HOLD A PILOT'S LICENSE HAS NO INTEREST IN ANY AIRPORT AND DOES NOT OWN A PLANE. PIERCE HAS NEVER BEEN A BUILDER AND HAS HAD NO AFFILIATIONS IN CUBA, DOES NOT KNOW EDDIE WILBURN AND HAS NEVER BEEN A MEMBER OF ANY KKK GROUP.

INVESTIGATION AT PAHOKEE AND BELLE GLADE, FLA., INDICATES THAT A WILLIAM L. PIERCE, WHITE MALE, AGE FIFTYEIGHT, EMPLOYED AT BELLE GLADE AS A WELDER AT TRUE FLOW, INC., FORMERLY OWNED SOME CATTLE AND A ^{LOW} ~~FL~~ CLASS MIGRANT LABORER BOARDING HOUSE WHICH HE WAS FORCED TO GIVE UP IN ~~19~~ ^{NINETEEN} SIXTYSEVEN FOR NONPAYMENT OF TAXES. DOES NOT OWN A PLANE AND DOES NOT FLY. PIERCE IS NOT RELATED TO OR ACQUAINTED WITH EDDIE WILBURN AND IS NOT AFFILIATED WITH ANY KKK ORGANIZATION. PIERCE HAD BEEN WEALTHY FOR A SHORT TIME OVER TWENTY YEARS AGO WHEN HE INVENTED A HEMP ROPE MANUFACTURING MACHINE WHICH WAS LATER BOUGHT BY BATISTA SUPPORTERS IN CUBA. NO OTHER WILLIAM L. PIERCE'S LOCATED IN THE PAHOKEE OR BELLE GLADE AREA.

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X INVESTIGATION AT OKEECHOBEE, FLA., INDICATES THAT LELAND CLIFFORD PEARCE, W/M, AGE FIFTY, OWNS PROPERTY AND SEVERAL COTTAGES AND IS A LAND DEVELOPER IN THE BUCKHEAD RIDGE SECTION OF OKEECHOBEE. PEARCE WAS A FORMER CATTLE OWNER IN THE OKEECHOBEE AREA AND SOLD CATTLE TO CUBA AND SOUTH AMERICA IN NINETEEN FIFTYSIX. PEARCE DOES NOT OWN A PRIVATE PLANE AND DOES NOT FLY. HE IS NOT ACQUAINTED WITH JIM GARRISON AND IS NOT RELATED TO EDDIE WILBURN. PEARCE DOES NOT KNOW ANYONE NAMED BEN THOMPSON AND IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE KKK. PEARCE WAS IN THE OKEECHOBEE AREA ON APRIL THREE - TEN, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT. PEARCE VIEWED PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND WAS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY.

PEARCE OF OPINION THAT JOHN THOMAS BOWLES AN ACTIVE KKK MEMBER IN THE UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA (UKA), OKEECHOBEE, FLA., SUBJECT OF MIAMI FILES ONE FIVE SEVEN - ONE NINE ONE ZERO AND ONE SEVEN THREE - ONE SEVEN TWO AND BUREAU FILES ONE FIVE SEVEN - SEVEN FOUR ONE SEVEN AND ONE SEVEN THREE - FOUR FIVE EIGHT NINE, COULD POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN CAPTIONED MATTER. BOWLES DESCRIBED AS W/M, DOB [REDACTED] AT KINERVILLE, FLA., HEIGHT FIVE FT. TEN IN., WEIGHT ONE THREE EIGHT LBS., FBI NO. THREE TWO ONE - NINE TWO EIGHT - C. PEARCE BELIEVES BOWLES MAY BE INVOLVED BECAUSE BOWLES'S PRIVATE PLANE GONE FROM OKEECHOBEE AREA AT INTERVALS FROM APRIL FOUR TO APRIL EIGHT, LAST.

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BOWLES INTERVIEWED AND STATED HE WAS AT CALLAHAN DENTAL LABORATORY, ARMENIA AVE., TAMPA, FLA., TEL NO. NINE THREE TWO - THREE ZERO EIGHT FIVE, ON APRIL THIRD, FOURTH, AND SIXTH, LAST, HAVING DENTURE WORK DONE. THIS STORY NOT VERIFIED BY INTERVIEWS WITH HIS WIFE AND BROTHER-IN-LAW. BOWLES STATES HE IS IN SYMPATHY WITH THE ASSASSIN OF KING AND WOULD LIKE TO SHAKE THE HAND OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE. BOWLES HAS PRIVATE PLANE AND FLIES REGULARLY. HE MANAGES THE RIDGE APARTMENTS, BUCKHEAD RIDGE, OKEECHOBEE, FLA., AND IS ALSO A FISHING PARTY GUIDE. BOWLES DOES NOT KNOW EDDIE WILBURN, JIM GARRISON, OR A BEN THOMPSON WHO OWNS BOATS. HE STATED HE DID NOT FLY KING'S ASSASSIN ANYWHERE AND WAS IN NO WAY INVOLVED WITH ASSASSINATION PLOT. BOWLES NOT WEALTHY. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING MIAMI.

TAMPA, INTERVIEW APPROPRIATE INDIVIDUALS AT CALLAHAN DENTAL LABORATORY TO DETERMINE SPECIFIC DATES AND TIMES JOHN BOWLES THERE FROM MARCH TWENTYEIGHT TO APRIL TWELVE, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT.

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MR. PIERCE VOLUNTEERED INFORMATION THAT SEVERAL YEARS AGO, A SMALL JUDGMENT WAS FILED AGAINST HIM IN MIAMI, FLA., ON A DEBT OF ANOTHER WILLIAM PIERCE, WHO WAS IN THE CATTLE BUSINESS IN BELLE GLADE, FLA., AND PAHOKEE, FLA., AREA, BOTH LOCATED NEAR LAKE OKEECHOBEE. HIS ATTORNEY, THOMAS TEASLEY, CORAL GABLES SAVINGS AND LOAN BUILDING, CORAL GABLES, FLA., MAY HAVE THE ADDRESS OF THAT WILLIAM PIERCE.

LOS ANGELES FURNISHED INFORMATION THAT WILLIAM PIERCE, BELLE GLADE, FLA., WAS PERSON REFERRED TO BY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT "BOB."

MIAMI ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY WILLIAM PIERCE OWNING PROPERTY IN BELLE GLADE, FLA., OR VICINITY OF LAKE OKEECHOBEE, FLA., AND CONDUCT REQUESTED INVESTIGATION.

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RE: WILLIAM A. MARSHALL.

RE SAN DIEGO TEL TO BUREAU AND MEMPHIS, MAY SEVENTEEN
LAST.

CHECK OF TAXICAB RECORDS, SAN DIEGO DIVISION, TO DATE
HAS FAILED TO INDICATE ANY INFORMATION RE MARSHALL.
INVESTIGATION CONTINUING TO IDENTIFY HIM.

OTHER OFFICE ADVISED SEPARATELY

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FROM: PHOENIX (44-371)

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RE TEL CALL TO PHOENIX FROM BUREAU FIVE/EIGHTEEN/INSTANT.

JOE AND GLADYS MINITT, ONE NINE THREE THREE IRENE VISTA, TUCSON, INTERVIEWED AT THREE AM INSTANT DATE BY SA KERMIT F. JOHNSON AT TUCSON, ARIZONA, RE INFORMATION FURNISHED BUREAU BY MRS. MINITT. MRS. MINITT STATED PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY, TAKEN IN JANUARY OF SIXTYEIGHT, LOOKS SIMILAR TO MAN SHE SAW IN REVIVAL MEETINGS AT CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, FIFTH STREET AND TENTH AVE., TUCSON, PASSED COUPLE OF NIGHTS. SHE DESCRIBED LOOK ALIKE HOWEVER AS ABOUT SIX FEET TALL AND SAID HE HAD TALKED WITH MINISTER CONDUCTING THE MEETINGS, INDICATING THAT HE IS AN ESCAPEE FROM MENTAL INSTITUTION IN UNKNOWN EASTERN STATE.

MINITT'S HAVE NO INFORMATION AS TO THIS PERSONS IDENTITY OR WHERE HE IS STAYING IN TUCSON. THEY ALSO SAID THIS LOOK-ALIKE HAS BEEN THROUGH TUCSON PREVIOUSLY AND HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH ELDER E. H. MARTIN, PASTOR OF MIRACLE CHURCH OF PENTECOSTAL FAITH, NINE TWO SEVEN NORTH PERRY, TUCSON.

EXCEPT FOR THE LOOK-ALIKE FEATERS OF UNKNOWN PERSON THE
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MINITT'S HAD NO OTHER INFORMATION WHICH WOULD INDICATE UNSUB IS IDENTICAL WITH RAY.

ELDER EDWARD H. MARTIN, FIVE SIX FIVE SEVEN SOUTH BRYANT STRAVENUE, TUCSON, PASTOR OF MIRICLE CHURCH, INTERVIEWED INSTANT DATE BY SA KERMIT F. JOHNSON. MARTIN AND WIFE ELANOR HAVE SEEN THE PERSON REFERREED TO BY THE MINITT'S, HAVING FIRST CONTACTED THE MARTINS IN NOVEMBER OF SIXTYSEVEN AT WHICH TIME HE INTRODUCED HIMSELF AS ELDER (FNU) TILLMAN AND CLAIMED TO BE A PENTECOSTAL PREACHER. AT TILLMAN'S REQUIST, MARTIN PERMITTED HIM TO PREACH ON SUNDAY MORNING IN HIS CHURCH LAST NOVEMBER, AND GAVE TILLMAN PART OF THE COLLECTION. TILLMAN AT THIS TIME WAS HITCHHIKING THROUGH COUNTRY AND HAD NO MONEY AND WAS SUBSISTING ON WHAT HE COULD GET PREACHING IN NEGRO CHURCHES.

MARTIN STATED HE DID NOT SEE TILLMAN AGAIN UNTIL SOON AFTER FIRST OF JANUARY, SIXTYEIGHT, WHEN TILLMAN AGAIN CONTACTED MARTIN IN TUCSON SAYING HE WAS ON WAY TO MEXICO TO DO MISSIONARY PREACHING.

BOTH MARTIN AND WIFE STATE TILLMAN OBVIOUSLY MENTALLY OFF BALANCE, HOWEVER MARTIN FELT SORRY FOR HIM. MARTIN STATED THAT TILLMAN IS NOT TYPICAL PENTECOSTAL MINISTER AND MARTIN INTERTAINS DOUBTS AS TO HIS SINCERITY. BOTH MR. AND MRS. MARTIN

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DESCRIBED TILLMAN AS WHITE MALE, IN FORTIES, BLACK HAIR, FIVE FEET TEN INCHES TO FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE NINE ZERO LBS., HEAVY BUILD, AND SWARTHY COMPLEXION.

MARTIN STATED TILLMAN HAS CALLED HIM TWICE IN PAST FEW DAYS WANTING TO PREACH AT MARTINS CHURCH. WHEN TILLMAN CALLS AGAIN MARTIN WILL OBTAIN ADDRESS WHERE TILLMAN CAN BE CONTACTED, SO MORE BACK GROUND INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED FOR USE OF THIS BUREAU IN EVENT OF FUTURE REPORTS ON TILLMAN AS BEING IDENTICAL WITH RAY.

BOTH MR. AND MRS. MARTIN STATE TILLMAN APPEARS SIMILAR TO LATEST PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY, HOWEVER, THEY CANNOT SAY TILLMAN IDENTICAL WITH RAY.

MARTIN WHO IS A NEGRO, STATED THAT TILLMAN'S SPEECH SOUNDS EXACTLY LIKE A NEGRO. MARTIN STATED HE THINKS TILLMAN IS FROM ONE OF SOUTHEASTERN STATES BECAUSE OF MANNER OF SPEECH.

EFFORT WILL BE MADE FIVE/NINETEEN/NEXT TO INTERVIEW PHROPHET HERMAN, WHO IS CONDUCTING ABOVE MENTIONED REVIVAL AND WHO HAS TALKED WITH TILLMAN THE PAST WEEK.

BUREAU AND MEMPHIS WILL BE ADVISED OF RESULTS OF FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED TO IDENIFY TILLMAN.

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FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 1P

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RE SPRINGFIELD TEL MAY SEVENTEEN LAST.

RE WILLIAM A. MARSHALL.

CONTACT ATTEMPTED WITH INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER (IH) HOME
OFFICE, MAY SEVENTEEN LAST, NEGATIVE. CONTACT, INSTANT DATE,
REVEALS ALL OFFICIALS WHO HAVE ACCESS TO PERSONNEL FILES OUT OF
CITY. CHECK RE MARSHALL WILL BE MADE MAY TWENTY NEXT.

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

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RESDAIRTEL MAY SIXTEEN SUBMITTING CHECK AND DEPOSIT RECEIPT
BOTH BEARING SIGNATURE "WILLIAM A. MARSHALL."

SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES INDICATE "MARSHALL" SIGNATURES PROBABLY
NOT PREPARED BY SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY. SOME VARIATIONS IN LIMITED
QUESTIONED SIGNATURES PRECLUDED DEFINITE OPINION.

NO LATENTS ON CHECK. TWO LATENT FINGERPRINTS DEVELOPED ON
DEPOSIT RECEIPT NOT IDENTICAL FINGERPRINTS OF JAMES EARL RAY, FBI
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TO DIRECTOR, (44-38861); MEMPHIS (44-1987); KANSAS CITY; AND
OKLAHOMA CITY

FROM LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) 2P

MURKIN, OO: MEMPHIS

RE: LOOKALIKE TO JAMES EARL RAY

ON MAY SEVENTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT, MRS. PHYLLIS REED, SUMMERS, ARK., ADVISED AN INDIVIDUAL WHO LOOKED LIKE RAY DROVE INTO HER STATION IN NINETEEN FIFTYSIX RED AND WHITE CHEVROLET STATION WAGON BEARING UNKNOWN NEW MEXICO LICENSE. SHE DESCRIBED THE INDIVIDUAL AS A WHITE MALE, ABOUT THIRTY YEARS OLD, FIVE FT. TEN INCHES TALL, STOCKY BUILD, SHORT LIGHT BROWN HAIR, DRESSED IN CASUAL SPORT CLOTHES, POSSIBLY A KNIT SHIRT, LIGHT COLORED PANTS, AND TENNIS SHOES

IMMEDIATELY RADIO INFO WAS DISPATCHED TO LOCAL SO'S IN OKLAHOMA AND SOUTHWEST MISSOURI THROUGH BENTON COUNTY, ARK., SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND ARKANSAS STATE POLICE, HUNTSVILLE, ARK. ROADBLOCKS WERE SET UP AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES ALERTED FOR THIS INDIVIDUAL AND CAR. ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS WILL BE IMMEDIATELY REPORTED. LIAISON IS BEING MAINTAINED WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES THROUGH STATE POLICE RADIO,
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HUNTSVILLE, ARK., AND FAYETTEVILLE, ARK. SO. CAR AND UNSUB NOT
LOCATED AT THIS TIME.

ABOVE FURNISHED OKLAHOMA CITY AND KANSAS CITY INASMUCH AS
THEY MAY RECEIVE INQUIRIES OR LEADS IN THIS MATTER. PENDING.

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FROM: MIAMI (44-1854) 3P

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RE LA TEL TO DIRECTOR DATED MAY SEVENTEEN SIXTYEIGHT.

ON FIVE DASH SEVENTEEN LAST DAVID LARSEN AND JOHN D. KENDALL,
LOS ANGELES TIMES REPORTERS APPEARED AT THE MIAMI FBI OFFICE,
STATING THEY HAD VITAL INFORMATION TO FURNISH REGARDING
CAPTIONED MATTER. THEY THEN RELATED INFORMATION SET FORTH IN
REFERENCED TELETYPE. AT CONCLUSION OF INTERVIEW, DAVID LARSEN
STATED HE DESIRED UP TO THE MINUTE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION WITH
FBI MIAMI. WHEN INFORMED THAT NO PROMISES COULD BE MADE HE
RELATED THAT ~~QUOTE~~ "SHOULD WE BE FROZEN OUT OF ANY UP TO THE
MINUTE INFORMATION WE WILL CRUCIFY YOU" ~~END QUOTE~~. IT WAS RELATED
TO LARSEN THAT NO PROMISES WOULD BE MADE.

MIAMI INDICES REGARDING WILLIAM LINCOLN PIERCE ~~NEGATIVE AND~~
CONTAIN NO IDENTIFIABLE REFERENCE REGARDING BEN THOMPSON. MAY 20 1968
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ON MAY SEVENTEEN LAST, GWENDOLYN PIERCE, WIFE OF WILLIAM LINCOLN PIERCE, FIVE ZERO ZERO NORTH EAST EIGHTYTHIRD STREET, APARTMENT FIVE, MIAMI, FLA., ADVISED SHE AND HUSBAND TOGETHER AT CONCH KEY, FLA., ON NIGHT OF APRIL FOUR, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT. LATE THAT NIGHT RETURNED TO MIAMI WHERE THEY REMAINED FOUR OR FIVE DAYS AT WHICH TIME HUSBAND LEFT MIAMI WITH HIS MOTHER DOLLY PIERCE IN OLD MODEL GREEN MERCURY COMET FOR WAYNESVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA.

PIERCE OWNS ROCKY WATERS MOTEL, WAYNESVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, TELEPHONE NUMBER NINE TWO SIX DASH ONE FIVE EIGHT FIVE, WHERE HE HAS BEEN SINCE LEAVING MIAMI. PIERCE HAS PRIVATE PILOTS LICENSE WHICH HE OBTAINED ABOUT ONE YEAR AGO AT ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA AIRPORT. LAST FLEW A PRIVATE PLANE ABOUT OCTOBER NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN IN NORTH CAROLINA. FLIES ONLY FOR PLEASURE, DOES NOT OWN A PLANE, AND WIFE KNOWS OF NO CLOSE ASSOCIATE IN A POSITION TO LOAN PLANE TO HUSBAND.

HUSBAND HAS NOT BEEN IN KANSAS CITY OR NEW ORLEANS AND TO HER KNOWLEDGE HUSBAND NOT ACQUAINTED WITH JIM GARRISON OR EDDIE WILBURN. HUSBAND NEVER BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH ANY KKK ORGANIZATION AND OWNS NO PROPERTY SUCH AS AIRPORTS OR LAND. HUSBAND BORN IN

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