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The Memphis Division is requested to submit items of clothing bearing laundry marks and hair samples recovered by the Laboratory in the MURKIN investigation for comparison with the above submitted items.

The St. Louis Division is requested to reinterview JOHN EUGENE GAWRON in depth; develop in detail his complete association with JAMES EARL RAY, together with all knowledge he has concerning RAY's movements and plans, particularly with reference to the casing of The Bank of Alton in 1959. Will also determine from GAWRON all known associates of RAY in order that they might be investigated as possible suspects in instant bank robbery. Will submit results to the Springfield Division in order that all future investigation concerning MURKIN and the bank robbery matter might be coordinated.

For information of the Bureau, the Springfield report of SA ROBERT C. HAINES dated 10/10/67 beginning of page 28 sets forth results of Laboratory examination of recovered evidence in this matter. With particular reference to the shotgun recovered, the Laboratory pointed out that there was no physical evidence to indicate the shotgun had ever borne a serial number and that there are some shotguns which do not bear a serial number.

For further information of the Bureau, inquiry of employees and officials at The Bank of Alton has disclosed that no exact figure or breakdown of the bills incorporated in the loot money obtained is available since the bank was robbed near the end of the business day and the tellers had no exact accounting of denominations taken. It is the opinion of employees that a large amount of \$20 bills was obtained and further that one teller specifically recalls she had twenty-one \$100 bills in her teller's cage.

Investigation continuing Springfield Division to develop information concerning information furnished by GAWRON.