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FBI Wants to Protect Its Case

***Blackout on Ray Sought**

By THOMAS TALBURT

Staff Writer

The FBI, anxious to protect its case against the accused assassin of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., has moved to stem the flow of information — possibly dealing with vital evidence — uncovered during the continuing investigation here and in other countries.

FBI agents serving as liaison with local police in Britain, Canada and other countries have tried to discourage these officers from divulging too much about their efforts to learn whether the key suspect, James Earl Ray, was part of a conspiracy.

For the last two days, Federal officials here have sidestepped virtually all questions about developments that have come to light since Ray's arrest Saturday in London.

NEWS CLAMP

And the profuse flow of information from Canadian and British police sources that followed Ray's arrest appeared to be drying up yesterday when a United Press International dispatch from London told of newsmen "trying to pierce a strict information blackout."

U.S. officials were concerned that a misplaced word might later lead the Supreme Court to throw out a conviction against Ray or might in some way jeopardize proceedings to return him to this country for trial.

Enforcement officials also are keenly aware of the American Bar Association's stand against releasing evidence prior to trial.

Mayor Sam Yorty of Los Angeles was sternly criticized last week by California officials, including the State Attorney General, for releasing details of a diary allegedly kept by Sirhan Sirhan, the accused assassin of Sen Robert F. Kennedy.

The veil on new information was lifted long enough last night for officials to straighten out confusion over one aspect of events that led to Ray's arrest.

OFFICIAL VERSION

Tho it was reported initially that Ray was arrested after arriving in London from Lisbon to board a connecting flight to Brussels, the official version now is that he had returned to London from Lisbon May 17 and when arrested Saturday was preparing to board a flight to Brussels.

This raised the question of Ray's activities in London from May 17 to last Saturday — when it was thought originally he had been in Portugal.

The FBI's silence in the aftermath of Ray's arrest has left a multitude of other questions unanswered, some of which were raised by partial disclosures attributed to police in other countries.

In some instances, officials here apparently do not yet have the answers, but in others great caution is being used to avoid disclosing what may prove to be key evidence.

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Talburt is the "squire" who wrote hostile article against Bureau the day Ray was apprehended, criticizing us for not locating Ray.

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TO DIRECTOR (PLAINTEXT) AND RICHMOND
FROM NEWARK (44-834) (P)

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

REBUTEL TO NEWARK FOUR TWENTY NINE, NO CC RICHMOND.

RETEL ADVISED THAT ALTHOUGH SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED
AS THE ASSAILANT, NEWARK SHOULD CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO DETER-
MINE IF ONE RICHARD VERTIZ MIGHT BE IMPLICATED AS A CONSPIRATOR.

RICHARD VERTIZ, ANVELL ROAD, MILLSTONE, NJ.

IN MARCH OF SIXTY FIVE, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] DR. DE BERNARD STATED
THAT WERNITZ HAD SERVED THREE YEARS IN NEW JERSEY STATE PRISON
FOR CARNAL ABUSE AND HAS FBI NO. TWO NINE ONE ZERO EIGHT FIVE C.

WERNITZ IS DESCRIBED A WHITE MALE, HEIGHT FIVE FEET SIX AND
ONE QUARTER INCHES, WEIGHT ONE FORTY SEVEN LBS., BROWN HAIR,
HAZEL EYES, RUDDY COMPLEXION, MARITAL STATUS DIVORCED, OCCUPATION
LABORER, NEAREST RELATIVE FATHER, WILLIAM WERNITZ, AMWELL RD.,
MILLSTONE, NJ.

ON FIVE ONE SIXTY EIGHT CHARLES AND MARY HOELER, MILLSTONE,
NJ, SUBJECT'S SISTER AND BROTHER-IN-LAW, ADVISED THAT FROM
OCT. SIXTY SEVEN THROUGH APRIL TWENTY SIXTY EIGHT, WERNITZ WAS LOCATED
AT THE PARK MOTEL, SEVEN TWO ZERO SIX WASHINGTON HIGHWAY,
(RI. ONE) RICHMOND, VA., WHERE HE WAS EMPLOYED AS A LABORER.
ON THREE TWENTY EIGHT SIXTY EIGHT, MARY HOELER TELEGRAPHED
TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS TO WERNITZ AT THE MOTEL AND SENT HIM ANOTHER
FIFTY DOLLARS JUST PRIOR TO FOUR TWENTY SIXTY EIGHT TO COME
HOME ON.

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ON FIVE TWO SIXTY EIGHT, WERNITZ WAS INTERVIEWED BY BUREAU AGENTS AND VERIFIED THAT HE HAD BEEN AT THE PARK MOTEL EMPLOYED IN GENERAL HANDY WORK FROM OCT. SIXTY SEVEN UNTIL APRIL TWENTY THREE SIXTY EIGHT. HE STATED THAT HE HAD ORIGINALLY GONE TO RICHMOND IN HIS FATHER'S NINETEEN FIFTY ONE BUICK, BLACK, FOUR DOOR SEDAN, BEARING NJ LICENSE EVR FOUR TWO TWO. IN JANUARY, SIXTY EIGHT, HE RETURNED THIS CAR TO HIS FATHER AND WENT IMMEDIATELY BACK TO THE MOTEL, WHERE HE HAS BEEN WITHOUT A CAR. HIS EMPLOYER AT THE MOTEL WAS IGOR YACENKO, A NATURALIZED RUSSIAN, TELEPHONE NO. TWO SIX SIX NINE NINE SIX THREE. WERNITZ STATED THAT THE ONLY TIME HE LEFT THE MOTEL WAS TO GO SHOPPING OR DRINKING IN A LOCAL BAR IN AND AROUND RICHMOND, VA., DURING THE ENTIRE PERIOD FROM OCT. SIXTY SEVEN TO APRIL, SIXTY EIGHT. HE STATED ON THE DAY REV. KING WAS SHOT, HE WAS IN HENRICO COUNTY SHOOTING POOL IN A POOL HALL AND THIS LOCATION IS ONLY SHORT DISTANCE FROM MOTEL. HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE WHATSOEVER OF THE KILLING OF REV. KING AND NEVER HAD ANY KNOWLEDGE OF JAMES EARL RAY, AKA ERIC STARVO GALT, ETC., BY PHOTO OR NAME.

RICHMOND WILL CONTACT IGOR YACENKO AT THE PARK MOTEL RE

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PAGE FOUR NK 44-834

KNOWLEDGE OF VERNIZ, HIS ASSOCIATES AND CONTACTS, AND MOVEMENTS
DURING OCT. SIXTY SEVEN, TO APRIL TWENTY THREE, SIXTY EIGHT,
TO DETERMINE IF VERNIZ COULD BE IMPLICATED AS A CONSPIRATOR.

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RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MAY 2, 1968.
SUBJECT: MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.;
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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: 6/4/68

FROM : N. P. Callahan *npc*

SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

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In connection with our investigation concerning the death of Martin Luther King, Jr., there is set forth below the estimated cost to the Bureau through the close of business May 31, 1968.

The total estimated cost is \$1,117,870. A peak of 3,075 field agents was assigned to this case and 5,380 hours of unpaid overtime have been performed. Bureau automobiles have been driven an estimated 448,775 miles.

ACTION:

None; informational.

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach (sent direct)
- 1 - Mr. Mohr (sent direct)
- 1 - Mr. Rosen (sent direct)
- 1 - Mr. Callahan (sent direct)
- 1 - Mr. Bishop (sent direct)
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Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 4, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach	1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Rosen	1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Malley	1 - Mr. Conrad
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This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr., on 4-4-68.

The total facilities of the FBI have been fully committed to this case since the outset and all phases of the investigation continue to receive top priority attention. The following are selected highlights to illustrate the intensive nature and extensive scope of investigative activity in this regard.

A peak of 3,075 field Agents have been assigned to this case and the estimated cost of the investigation at the end of April was \$781,407. During the month of April, Agents assigned to this case performed 5,380 hours of unpaid overtime, while Bureau automobiles were driven an estimated 332,849 miles in connection with this case. It is estimated that more than 30,000 interviews have been conducted.

More than 70 latent fingerprints and palm prints were developed on various items of evidence. These have been compared with the prints of approximately 500 individuals and the identification of James Earl Ray as Eric Galt resulted from a project of checking selected latent fingerprints against the fingerprints of approximately 53,000 fugitives.

The FBI Laboratory has also conducted extensive examinations covering more than 360 questioned specimens of evidence and more than 625 known specimens. Laboratory identifications of material typed and written by Ray have been of substantial assistance in the investigation.

Canadian and Mexican authorities have conducted extensive investigation on a national basis at our request. Among other projects undertaken by them was an examination of Canadian passports issued since 4-23-67. The initial examination is being limited to 177,000

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passports issued since 4-1-68, and has resulted in the location of a passport issued 4-24-68, in the name of Ramon George Sneyd, whom the Canadians believe to be probably identical with Ray. This is being vigorously pursued.

A special squad of Agents in Washington Field Office is examining the records of over 2,000,000 passports issued by the State Department since 3-1-67. This is not being restricted to a name check but is being conducted on the basis of photographs and handwriting.

Ray is not known to have ever had a bank account but is known to have maintained a safe deposit box. All safe deposit boxes are being checked in selected cities where he might logically maintain such a box. In a similar project to identify any possible payoff to Ray, various selected field divisions are checking all withdrawals from banks in the amount of \$10,000 or more during April, 1968.

When Ray purchased his Mustang in Birmingham in August, 1967, he made a point of not driving it until he had obtained a driver's license in the name of Eric S. Galt. Driver's license records in all states and the District of Columbia are being checked for all new driver's licenses issued since 4-1-68. To illustrate the scope of this project, over 675,000 licenses have been issued since 4-1-68, in California, over 600,000 have been issued in Texas, and in Virginia those issued since 4-1-68, are not segregated from those issued for the entire year, making it necessary to examine 2,000,000 licenses.

In connection with other projects, approximately 2,000 long-distance telephone calls have been checked, unsolved bank robberies have been reviewed, and Salvation Army Missions and other similar organizations, as well as more than 14,000 laundries and dry cleaning establishments have been circularized. Extensive reviews have also been made of airline travel records, all travel facilities have been circularized, and extensive investigation has been conducted regarding automobiles sold and stolen at selected places and times related to Ray's movements.

As a result of the unprecedented publicity that has been given to Ray's fugitive status, suspects are being continuously reported

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

throughout the field. All suspects are immediately processed and up to the present time more than 800 suspects have been under investigation.

In addition to widespread investigation throughout the United States, Canada, and Mexico, specific inquiries have been made in various other foreign countries, including England, Germany, Rhodesia, the Netherlands Antilles, Guatemala, Venezuela, New Zealand, Australia, Japan, Jamaica, Honduras, Italy and Bermuda.

As a result of the massive investigation conducted in this case, James Earl Ray has been identified as the subject and substantial evidence has been developed for prosecutive use as soon as he is apprehended.

ACTION:

This investigation is continuing to receive top priority attention.

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BACKGROUND:

John Eugene Gawron, known to have been an associate of James Earl Ray, stated that in 1959 he and Ray had cased a bank for a possible robbery. Gawron related that this bank had been robbed in July, 1967, and he had learned that Ray and another individual had robbed the bank. Gawron at first declined to identify the other individual or to furnish the exact name and location of the bank. Gawron later identified the bank as the Bank of Alton in Alton, Illinois. Bureau files disclose that this bank was robbed by two unidentified individuals on 7/13/67, and the description of one of the unknown subjects approximates the description of subject Ray. In view of the above facts SAC, Springfield was telephonically instructed on Friday, 5/24/68, to immediately submit evidence in the bank robbery case to the FBI Laboratory for comparison with evidence in instant case. The material from the bank robbery case was not received in the Laboratory until 5/31/68.

RECOMMENDATION OF SAC, SPRINGFIELD:

SAC, Springfield recommends no administrative action in this matter in view of fact it was necessary for the Agent handling the bank robbery case to conduct additional investigation at the bank, which was not opened for business until Monday, 5/27/68, to possibly establish relationship between the evidence obtained in bank robbery case and any connection it might have with Ray and evidence in the MURKIN case.

SAC, Springfield advises that since the physical evidence obtained in the bank robbery case, which occurred on 7/13/67, had not been recovered until more than three weeks after the robbery; namely, on 8/10/67, and it has not been definitely established that this evidence was, in fact, connected with the bank robbery, he desires to be on as firm ground as possible in submitting the evidence for comparison in the MURKIN case. To this end, the case Agent reviewed the available evidence in the bank robbery case with witnesses in order to possibly effect tentative identification of this evidence with them, and at the same time he displayed photographs of Ray and his associates to these witnesses for possible identification.

ADDENDUM, CONTINUED:

A communication was prepared on the next day, 5/28/68, advising the Bureau that certain items of evidence were being submitted to the Bureau under separate cover, which were then received in the Laboratory on 5/31/68. The pertinent evidence included a shirt, a pair of trousers, and slides of hair samples.

RECOMMENDATION OF GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION:

In view of fact Agent did handle the additional investigation at the bank at the earliest possible time and he took action the very next day regarding the evidence, the General Investigative Division does not recommend any administrative action. The SAC has been impressed with the necessity for promptly handling and following through on any leads which might be relevant to the MURKIN case.

From dm *12/28/68* *SR*
[Signature] *[Signature]*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen *Ry*

DATE: June 8, 1968

FROM : C. L. McGowan *CLM*

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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According to Kiggins, Trotter stated he was calling from the telephone number 343-6700, Clarksville, Tennessee.

ACTION: Security Patrol Clerk Donald Bell, Memphis Office, was advised of the above and instructed to relay the information to the SAC to have Trotter interviewed and Bureau advised.

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Memorandum

June 3, 1968

Mr. Rosen

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According to Higgins, Trotter stated he was calling from the telephone number 843-1700, Clarksville, Tennessee.

ACTION: Security Patrol Clerk Donald Bell, Memphis Office, was advised of the above and instructed to relay the information to the SAC to have Trotter interviewed and Bureau advised.

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TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: June 8, 1968

FROM : C. D. DELOACH

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I called the Attorney General (AG) at approximately 5:50 p. m., June 8, 1968, and advised him that in connection with the conversation in his office with me, the Director had instructed me to send two men to London instead of one for the purpose of escorting the subject back to the United States. The AG was told that this would make a total of four FBI representatives escorting the subject back to this country.

The AG was additionally told that the Director had instructed that the two men in question proceed to London as expeditiously as possible so that they would be on the scene in the event extradition or deportation proceedings occurred faster than anticipated. He was told that towards this end, I had called Joe Califano at the White House, who usually handled military transportation in expedite matters of this nature, to tell him that if he knew of a military plane proceeding to London, it would be appreciated if the FBI representatives could hitch a ride on this plane.

The AG snappishly inquired as to the reasons why this had not been cleared with him personally. I told him I had specifically mentioned in his office the fact that three men would be suitable for escorting subject Ray back to the United States and that he had disagreed stating that he felt additional men should be assigned to this project. He stated he did not recall this exchange of conversation. I told him I recalled it very well. He stated there was no need to get into a "spitting contest" over this particular issue and that he wanted me to definitely realize that he did not recall such matters being discussed. I told him I would not back down on the matter and that the discussion had taken place. He then turned to another topic.

The AG stated that he wanted me to know that he was unhappy about the manner in which this case had been handled. I immediately asked him for specifics. He stated that obviously the FBI had possessed a great deal of information and had not cut him in on it. He stated that as an example,

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of course, it is not to be taken as a statement of fact, but as a statement of opinion. The fact is that the Bureau has received information from a reliable source that the subject of this investigation is a member of the Communist Party, U. S. A. This information was obtained from a confidential source who has provided reliable information in the past. The Bureau is currently conducting an investigation into the activities of the Communist Party, U. S. A., and the subject of this investigation is one of the individuals who is being investigated. The Bureau is currently conducting an investigation into the activities of the Communist Party, U. S. A., and the subject of this investigation is one of the individuals who is being investigated.

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MEMORANDUM TO MR. TOLSON
RE: MURKIN

the Deputy Attorney General (DAG) of the United States had called me personally and that I had refused to give him "inside facts." I replied that when the DAG first called me this morning, I had indicated that I had no facts to give him but that a short time later I had called the DAG and had read to him the press release prior to the time the release was given to the wire services. I pointed out to the AG that his Deputy had fully approved the press release and had indicated that it was completely within guidelines of appropriate legal proceedings. The AG replied that he had been told differently. He stated that he had been advised that I had not given any information whatsoever to the DAG. I stated that as indicated in my conversation with him, the facts previously mentioned were true. The AG replied by stating this was one of the biggest cases the Department of Justice will ever have. He then asked me point blank, "Who the hell do you think you're working for?" He quickly added "I'll tell you who you're working for, you're working for the Department of Justice." He next added that he wanted to insist that in the future that any information whatsoever received in this case, any investigative step whatsoever, and any communications be brought to his personal attention without delay. He stated that obviously he had been kept in the dark thusfar and that he did not intend to put up with this in the future.

I told the AG if he insisted upon making such falsifications that there was no need to continue the conversation. I then hung up the phone on him.

The AG's secretary called me back approximately three minutes later and stated that he wanted to speak to me again. He then came on the phone and told me that our conversation had not been over and that he demanded to know why I had hung up the phone on him. I told him that apparently there was no need to continue the conversation and that I did not wish to discuss it further. He stated that he must insist, as Attorney General, that any arrangements made concerning this case be cleared with him. He stated that in connection with the military flight for our Agents that I should have realized Assistant Attorney General (AAG) Vinson wanted to go on the same flight and would have wanted to make arrangements on a personal basis with the White House or the military personnel. I told the AG that if he wanted Vinson to go on a military flight, this was entirely his prerogative to make his own arrangements. The AG then told me he would discuss this case at greater length later on.

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Within five minutes the AG's secretary called again and asked that I come around to his office right away. I took Mr. Rosen with me as a witness. The AG had with him DAG Christopher and AAG Pollak. The conversation was initiated by the AG and he immediately referred to his previous conversation relating to the Agents who were going to London and the discussion which had taken place in his office earlier during the day when I advised him that three Agents would be available in London for the purpose of handling the subject insofar as his return to the United States was concerned. He reviewed what he had said earlier and I repeated exactly the position I had previously taken. There was a sound-off and when he recognized that I had not changed my position, he turned to Rosen for verification at which time Rosen repeated that it was his understanding that three Agents would be available in London and that this matter had been thoroughly discussed at FBI Headquarters earlier.

I made no further reference to this conversation and he then turned to what he said were the three most important considerations in this matter: (1) Security; (2) insuring that all proper legal procedures acceptable to the United States and Great Britain would be followed; (3) that proper interviews would take place.

In this connection, there was a discussion concerning security and he referred to the availability of Legal Attache Minnich. He insisted that Minnich meet Vinson at the plane Sunday morning, June 9, 1968. I told him that Minnich would not be available to meet Vinson inasmuch as Minnich or one of our people would probably spend all night at the jail. He asked me if this was a true statement. I told him it was a true statement or I would not have made it.

He then referred to the legal proceedings that would take place. He said that Vinson would be in complete charge of this matter, that he would make the arrangements and insure that proper procedures be followed. He said that Minnich would report to Vinson concerning any developments and that the question of deportation was viewed favorably by him. He said if deportation was pursued, it could be criticized from a legal standpoint insofar as he was concerned. He said transporting the subject by any plane, military or owned by the United States Government, is not a free deportation from any country. He said that his attorneys would be reviewing this matter and would be in a position to make appropriate recommendations to him. He said that the legal procedures which would be followed were obviously paramount and would have to receive first consideration over any expedient investigative procedures. I told the AG at this point that we wanted him to know that the FBI had not injected

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itself into any such so-called legal procedures and that our actions up to this date had been strictly of an investigative nature. I also advised him that I had informed him of the attitude of the British Government with reference to their attitude toward deportation and that this had not been an opinion of FBI representatives in London. I stated that when I mentioned that there was a 60/40 chance that he would be deported, that this was the attitude of the British authorities rather than our representatives.

The AG was advised that we had set in motion the obtaining of the copy of the indictment which had been requested which indictment was returned by the Tennessee authorities naming this subject as the person responsible for the killing of King, that this would be made available immediately upon its receipt and that a properly certified copy was being obtained.

DAG Christopher asked me if the subject was being detained on a "holding action" or as a result of a violation of British law. He was told that the subject was being detained on the basis of entering the country with illegal documents and because he had a loaded gun on his person.

The AG then turned to AAG Pollak. He stated he wanted him to divorce himself from other work for the next several days and that he should supervise this case completely. The AG then turned to me and stated that he wanted Pollak to be kept advised of any communication, airtel, or cablegram that might come in in connection with this case. I told the AG that any facts which were pertinent would be furnished to the Department. The AG then indicated that the meeting was over.

I called Legal Attache Minnich upon my return to the office and informed him that he should proceed as planned; however, under no circumstances should he give the impression to Vinson or the Embassy that the FBI was injecting itself into extradition or deportation proceedings. Minnich properly replied that he had not thusfar injected himself and that as a matter of fact, following my call to him concerning Vinson coming over there, he had immediately informed Embassy officials that all proceedings pertaining to extradition or deportation would be strictly handled between Vinson, the American Embassy and the British Government. I told Minnich that he should be diplomatic but firm with Vinson and that under no circumstances should Vinson be allowed to push our personnel around. I also informed him that the AG had been told that he, Minnich, would be unable to meet Vinson inasmuch as he would be spending almost full time at Scotland Yard and at the jail.

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MEMORANDUM TO MR. TOLSON
RE: MURKIN

Minnich was advised that Special Agents Bounds and Zeiss would arrive in London by military transportation at approximately 1:30 p. m. , London time, Sunday, June 9, 1968. I stated that the Director had wanted these men to report to London on an expeditious basis in the event the British Government allowed proceedings to happen rapidly. Minnich was told that these men would report to him upon their arrival.

Specific instructions have been given to Special Agents Bounds and Zeiss as to how they are to handle themselves. They have been particularly advised concerning Vinson and his background.

ACTION: For record purposes.

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JUN 8 1968

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10:13PM 6-7-68 URGENT MXG

TO: DIRECTOR AND SACS MEMPHIS, LOS ANGELES, LAS VEGAS AND
DIEGO.

FROM: SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) (3-P)

MURKIN:

WILLIAM A. MARSHALL (CONSIDER ARMED AND DANGEROUS) OO: MEMPHIS;
HOWARD MASON BIRRELL, JR., AKA WILLIAM A. MARSHALL, WILLIAM L. DE LUCA
FUGITIVE. ITSMV. OO: SD.

RE SAN DIEGO TEL TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, LOS ANGELES, LAS VEGAS
AND SAN FRANCISCO, JUNE SEVEN, INSTANT.

SUBJECT BIRRELL INTERVIEWED THIS DATE, SAN MATEO COUNTY JAIL,
WHERE HE IS INCARCERATED FOR CHARGE OF SEX PERVERSION, WHICH HAS BEEN
REDUCED TO CHILD MOLESTING, OUT OF MILLBRAE, CALIF.

SUBJECT, AFTER OBSERVING JAMES EARL RAY'S PHOTO, STATED HE RECALLS
SERVING TIME WITH HIM AT THE FEDERAL PRISON AT LEAVENWORTH SOME TIME
IN THE NINETEEN FIFTIES, BUT CANNOT RECALL EXACTLY WHAT PERIOD OF
TIME. HE STATED HE HAS HAD NO CONTACT WITH RAY SINCE THAT TIME AND
HAVE NO IDEA OF HIS PRESENT WHEREABOUTS, ASSOCIATES OR ANY WAY TO FIND
HIM.

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WAVE NO IDEA OF HIS PRESENT WHEREABOUTS. ASSOCIATES CHIEF KAY AT BUREAU
SAID HE STATED HE HAS HAD NO CONTACT WITH EVA SINCE LAST 1964
IN THE NINETEEN FIFTIES. SHE CANNOT RECALL ANYONE FROM BUREAU OF
CRIMINAL JUSTICE WITH HIM AT THE RECENT VISIT TO BUREAU OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE.

SUBJECT'S OFFICE OBSERVING THAT EVA WALKS BACK. SHE HEARD
SOURCES TO CHIEF INVESTIGATOR. ONE OF SUBJECT'S OFFICE.

WILL BE TO INVESTIGATED FOR CHARGE OF SEX DEVIATION. WHICH HAS BEEN

SUBJECT'S OFFICE INVESTIGATED THIS CASE. SHE WOULD SAY THAT
AND EVA WOULD SAY THAT SHE WOULD SAY THAT.

BE EVA WOULD SAY TO DIRECTOR. MEMBERS FOR VICTIMS. TWO ALIVE.

REMITTANCE. BUREAU. OO: 21.

MORRIS WOULD SAY BUREAU. 15. EVA WOULD SAY BUREAU. 15. 15. 15.

WILLIAM V. WOODHULL (CORRIGED NAME) TWO DANGEROUS. ONE ALIVE.
WILLIAM.

FROM: SAN FRANCISCO (157-15) (2-2)

DIEGO.

TO: DIRECTOR AND SAC MEMBERS FOR VICTIMS. TWO ALIVE. TWO

WILLIAM. 2-3-68. BUREAU. 15.

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WITH REGARD TO BIRRELL'S RECENT ACTIVITIES SINCE HIS RELEASE FROM FEDERAL PRISON ON MAY TEN, LAST, HE STATED HE TRAVELED TO SAN DIEGO, CALIF. AND ADMITTED OBTAINING A LATE MODEL PLYMOUTH FROM THE PLYMOUTH DEALER IN CHULA VISTA NEAR BROADWAY AND THIRD STREETS ON OR ABOUT MAY FOURTEEN, LAST, AND ABANDONING THAT CAR IN SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF. AFTER COLLIDING WITH A CAMPER, DROPPING IT OFF SOME PLACE IN A SUPERMARKET PARKING LOT, AND THEN TAKING A CAB TO THE GREYHOUND BUS DEPOT IN WEST COVINA, CALIF., THE CAB COSTING ABOUT THREE DOLLARS. HE STATED THIS SUPERMARKET PARKING LOT WAS SOMEWHERE OFF A FREEWAY.

HE STATED NO POLICE INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED RE THIS ACCIDENT SINCE INDIVIDUAL OWNING CAMPER, AS WELL AS HIMSELF, DID NOT DESIRE SAME.

BIRRELL ADMITTED HAVING BURGLARIZED THE HOME OF WILLIAM L. DE LUCA. ADDRESS HE GAVE WAS EIGHT FOUR THREE TWO ALVARADO DRIVE, HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIF., AND OBTAINING A WALLET WITH ID AND CREDIT CARDS AND DRIVERS LICENSE OF MRS. DE LUCA.

HE STATED HE TRAVELED BY GREYHOUND FROM WEST COVINA TO LAS VEGAS AND WITH THE USE OF ALTERED DRIVERS LICENSE OF MRS. DE LUCA AND HER CREDIT CARDS RENTED SIXTY SEVEN FORD GALAXIE, WHITE IN COLOR, WITH NEVADA LICENSE HE RECALLED AS CK ONE FOUR SEVEN SEVEN, FROM NATIONAL CAR RENTALS FOR ONE DAY, AND TRAVELED IN SAME TO SAN DIEGO WHERE HE ABANDONED IT IN THE PARKING LOT OF THE LAND TITLE CO.

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LEWISTON

SAN DIEGO IMMEDIATELY RECALLED SUBJECTIVE MATTER TO SAN DIEGO
FOR INVESTIGATION DATE 6/1

ON SUBJECT IN BOSTON NOW BEING FROM THE SUBJECT BEING OBSERVED BY

HE HAS SAN DIEGO REF CASE THIS DATE TO SE. A NOTE HAS BEEN BEING
NOT CHARGES BASED ON THE BASIS OF THE BOSTON CASE. 6/1/68

HE INDICATED DESIRE TO BEING CHARGE UNDER STATE LITIGATION BE VIA LITIGATION
REMEMBERED TO DIFFERENT CASE. ON 6/1/68

NOTE: AND BEING SENT TO SAN LEWISTON 6/1/68 WHEN HE WAS RECALLED
HE SAN DIEGO VISITING WITH THE CASE SUBJECT CASE FOR A PERIOD OF TIME

HE STATED HE THEN OBSERVED SIXTY EIGHT DODGE FROM 6/1/68-6/1/68
LITIGATION ONE. 6/1/68

RECALLED ONE BLOCK EAST OF BROADWAY AND ABANDONED ON ON 6/1/68
WHICH HE ESTIMATED WAS ONE BLOCK FROM THE OBSERVATION DATE 6/1/68

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MR. MOSS LEE INNES,
c/o UNITED STATES EMBASSY,
100 WELLINGTON STREET,
OTTAWA, ONTARIO.

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FOR TRANSMITTAL TO: DIRECTOR, F.B.I.

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Montreal C.I.S.			

RE:
OBJET:

**Dr. Martin Luther KING - Murder of
Assistance to F.B.I.**

1. Further to paragraph 1 of PCR dated 7 MAY 68 and to paragraph 4 of PCR dated 10 MAY 68, wanted flyers with attached circular letters were forwarded to the undermentioned business concerns.

532 Banks	- Mailing date: 24 MAY 68
121 Caisses Populaires	- Mailing Date: 24 MAY 68
33 Post Offices	- Mailing Date: 24 MAY 68
27 Dance Studios	- Mailing Date: 27 MAY 68
58 Car Rental Agencies	- Mailing Date: 28 MAY 68
87 Car Sales (new)	- Mailing Date: 28 MAY 68
86 Car Sales (used)	- Mailing Date: 28 MAY 68

944 TOTAL CIRCULATION

2. Please find attached to this report, copies of the wanted flyers and copies of the circular letters which were mailed attached to the flyers. It will be noted that the circular letters/addressed the type of business concerned.

3. Further to the A/Officer i/c C.I.B. memorandum dated in Ottawa on the 21 MAY 68, the only persons who could possibly identify the photo of STEIN would be Mr. and Mrs. QUINTAL, former janitors of the Harkay Apartments, who are now residing in Windsor, Ontario.

4. It is to be noted that the QUINTAL's have already been interviewed in respect to this investigation. Please refer to paragraph 4 of report from Windsor Detachment dated 18 APR 68, where it is mentioned that two women had visited RAY at his Montreal address. One of these women was identified by the QUINTAL's as being one Rita STEEN, this could well be Rita STEIN.

5. Further to paragraph 3 of PCR dated 3 MAY 68, attempts to get in touch with BLACKMAN's brother through BLACKMAN, have to date met with nil results. It is not felt by this investigator that the interview of BLACKMAN's brother is imperative to the investigation and consequently, it is being differed until such time, if any, that a complaint is received on an alleged sighting of RAY which could possibly be clarified through interview of BLACKMAN's brother.

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Sgt.

(E.J.C. Mager) #17440
Montreal C.I.S.

(JWR LAUZON) S/SGT
i/c Montreal C.I.S.

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LETTRE CIRCULAIRE AUX BANQUES
ET CAISSES POPULAIRES DU QUÉBEC,
BUREAUX DE POSTES, ETC.

CIRCULAR LETTER TO ALL BANKS AND
CAISSE POPULAIRES OF THIS PROVINCE,
POST OFFICES, ETC.

MOTIF DE CETTE DIFFUSION:

EFFECTUÉE à la demande du "Federal Bureau of Investigation" (" F.B.I. ") en vue de découvrir la retraite du fugitif James Earl RAY.

RAY est RECHERCHÉ EN RAPPORT AVEC L'ASSASSINAT DU PASTEUR MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. Il est également recherché pour fuite d'un état à l'autre pour éviter l'emprisonnement pour le crime de vol qualifié.

LE F.B.I. a raison de croire que ce fugitif pourrait se cacher quelque part à Montréal ou dans la région. En conséquence, il se pourrait que RAY ait ouvert un compte de banque chez vous en se servant soit de son vrai nom, savoir: James Earl RAY ou de faux noms (voir bulletin ou autres faux noms. Il aurait pu aussi louer un coffret de sûreté. SIGNALEMENT DESCRIPTIF: Voir photo et autres détails sur le BULLETIN.

NOUS VOUS FAISONS TENIR CETTE CIRCULAIRE EN VUE D'IDENTIFICATION ET DE RENSEIGNEMENTS. SI VOUS AVEZ VU CETTE PERSONNE OU SI VOUS AVEZ DES RENSEIGNEMENTS CONCERNANT SES ALLÉES ET VENUES OU SON ADRESSE, PRIÈRE D'EN AVISER D'URGENCE LE BUREAU DE LA GENDARMERIE ROYALE DU CANADA LE PLUS PRÈS DE CHEZ VOUS dont le numéro de téléphone apparaît dans votre annuaire local. (Pour la région de Montréal, veuillez communiquer avec le sergent MAGER de la Section des enquêtes générales, Tel. 879-6054.

REASON FOR THIS REQUEST:

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police has been requested to assist the F.B.I. in locating James Earl RAY wanted by this U.S. police force and who is believed to have been in Montréal or surrounding area during 1967.

RAY IS SOUGHT IN CONNECTION WITH THE MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. He is also wanted for interstate flight to avoid confinement for the crime of robbery.

THE F.B.I. has reasonable grounds to believe that this individual could be hiding in Montréal or area. Consequently, it is suggested that he may have open bank accounts using either his real name, i.e. James Earl RAY or one of his several aliases (See BULLETIN) or other unknown aliases. He may also have rented a safety deposit box, etc.

DESCRIPTION: See BULLETIN.

IF YOU HAVE SEEN THIS MAN OR KNOW HIS ADDRESS OR HAVE ANY INFORMATION THAT MAY LEAD TO HIS WHEREABOUTS, please notify immediately your nearest Royal Canadian Mounted Police office, the telephone number of which appears in your local directory. (In Montréal district, contact Sergeant MAGER of the General Investigation Section, Tel. 879-6054.

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RECHERCHÉ WANTED

par la GRC division "C"
pour le F.B.I.

by the RCMP "C" division
for the F.B.I.

JAMES EARL RAY

Eric Starvo Galt, W. C. Herron, Harvey Lowmyer, James McBride, James O'Conner, James Walton, James Walyon, John Willard, "Jim"

fait l'objet d'un **mandat d'arrêt** pour
complet entravant les droits
constitutionnels du citoyen.
Fuite d'un état à l'autre pour
le crime de vol qualifié.

Mandat en vigueur en Québec

Si localisé, détenir ou si vous avez des renseignements à ce sujet,
prière d'en aviser d'urgence le bureau de la Gendarmerie Royale
du Canada le plus près de chez vous.

SIGNALEMENT ci-après



James Ray
SIGNATURE

DATE ET LIEU DE NAISSANCE - DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH		
Quincy ou Alton, Ill. - 10-3-28		
TAILLE - HEIGHT	POIDS - WEIGHT	CHEVEUX - HAIR
5' 10"	163 à 174	bruns
YEUX - EYES	TEINT - COMPLEXION	EMPLOI - OCCUPATION
bleus	moyen	barman
CICATRICES, TATOUAGES, TRAITS DISTINCTIFS, HABITUDES, ETC.		pouce droit - right thumb
SCARS, TATTOOS, PECULIARITIES, HABITS, ETC.		
petite cicatrice sur le front - aussi sur la paume de la main droite. Small scar centre of forehead and on palm of right hand.		

is wanted on a **warrant of arrest** for
conspiring to interfere with a
constitutional right of a citizen.
Interstate flight to avoid confinement for the crime of robbery.

PROVINCE WIDE WARRANT

if found, please detain or if you have any information concerning
this person, notify immediately the nearest ROYAL CANADIAN
MOUNTED POLICE Office.

DESCRIPTION hereafter

SFJ MTL 16-5-68
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N° DU DOSSIER DE LA DIV. DIVISION FILE NO.	N° F.P.S. - F.P.S. NO.
DÉTACHEMENT OU SERVICE - DET. OR BRANCH	
Enquêtes générales, Montréal	
FAUX NOMS ALTASES	
(voir ci-haut)	
No du MANDAT - Warrant No.	OBSERVATIONS - REMA

RAY est recherché en rapport avec
un meurtre. Considéré armé et
extrêmement dangereux.

RAY is sought in connection with a
murder. Consider armed and extremely dangerous.

Le Chef du Service des recherches criminelles,

(G. Paquette) Surint. - Supt.

Officer i/c Criminal Investigation Branch

44-38861-4449

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

JUN 11 1968

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9:26 PM URGENT 6-7-68 KH

TO DIRECTOR NEW YORK MEMPHIS
FROM LOS ANGELES 56-156

MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS; OO: MEMPHIS.
KENSALT; CIVIL RIGHTS; OO: LOS ANGELES.

RE NEW YORK TEL TO DIRECTOR AND LOS ANGELES JUNE SIX
LAST.

INDICES NEGATIVE ON ALL PERSONS NAMED IN REFERENCED
TELETYPE.

INVESTIGATION LOS ANGELES THIS DATE DISCLOSES THAT
"CULT" REFERRED TO BY DOROTHEA BARTON IS THE RADIO CHURCH
OF GOD WITH HEADQUARTERS AT AMBASSADOR COLLEGE, PASADENA,
CALIF. SGT. RICHARD E. SMITH, PASADENA PD, ADVISED THAT
DR. HERBERT ARMSTRONG IS BOTH PRESIDENT OF THE AMBASSADOR
COLLEGE AND FOUNDER OF THE RADIO CHURCH WHICH IS EXTREMELY

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INFLUENTIAL AND WELL KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE WESTERN HEMISPHERE. DR. ARMSTRONG DESCRIBED AS REPUTABLE MINISTER AND EXTREMELY WELL REGARDED. RADIO CHURCH OF GOD TEACHES STRICT ADHERENCE TO THE TEN COMMANDMENTS, IS MULTI-RACIAL AND NONPOLITICAL.

FORMER LANDLORD OF BOYD ROBERT BARTON AT ONE ZERO EIGHT FIVE ZERO KLING ST., NORTH HOLLYWOOD, DESCRIBES BARTON AS REPUTABLE STABLE INDIVIDUAL WHO APPEARED RELIGIOUS, QUIET LIVING AND NEVER INDICATED ANY EXTREMISM IN ANY FORM. STATED SHE WAS IN BARTON'S APARTMENT ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS AND NEVER SAW ANY EXPLOSIVES OR FIREARMS. BARTON INTERVIEWED THIS DATE AT PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT AND DENIES POSSESSION OF ANY EXPLOSIVES NOW OR DURING PERTINENT PERIOD AND EMPHATICALLY DENIED EVER DISCUSSING OR ADVOCATING ASSASSINATION OF KING OR TO BLOW UP UNITED NATIONS BUILDING. HE IDENTIFIED MONSEE, JOHNSON AND ARMSTRONG AS WELL MEMBERS OF THE RADIO CHURCH OF GOD AND STATED THAT THE BELIEFS OF THE RADIO CHURCH OF GOD ARE STRICTLY CONTRARY TO VIOLENCE AND PREACH STRICT ADHERENCE TO THE TEN COMMANDMENTS THEREBY ABHORING RACISM, ANTI SEMITISM OR VIOLENCE IN ANY FORM.

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BARTON ADVISED THAT HE AND WIFE ATTEMPTED A RECONCILIATION APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR AGO UNSUCCESSFULLY. AFTER A BRIEF VISIT TO HIM IN LOS ANGELES, SHE RETURNED TO NEW YORK. BARTON DESCRIBED HIS EX WIFE AS A HEAVY DRINKER WHO HAS HAD SEVERAL MARRIAGES. HE STATED THEY PARTED ON A BITTER NOTE AS SHE EXPECTED MORE FINANCIAL HELP FROM HIM ON THE TRIP THAN HE WAS WILLING TO PROVIDE.

IN VIEW OF THE FAVORABLE REPUTATION OF THE RADIO CHURCH OF GOD AND OF ITS LEADER, DR. HERBERT ARMSTRONG, THE ALLEGATION BY MRS. BARTON APPEARS BASELESS AND NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION APPEARS WARRANTED AT THIS TIME. SECRET SERVICE NOTIFIED. ONE HUNDRED FIFTEENTH MIG, REGION II, PASADENA NOTIFIED, LOCAL AUTHORITIES ADVISED.

END

BGM

FBI WASH DC

VIA TELETYPE
JUN 10 1968
ENCIPHERED

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
Mr. Tele. Room	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

URGENT 6-10-68
TO DIRECTOR (PLAINT)
FROM NEW YORK (100-874)

Encl

FBI PHOENIX ADVISED TODAY ONE ENVELOPE OF JUNE THREE
SEVENTEENTH AND ENVELOPE FROM JUNE TWO, SEVENTEENTH, PHOENIX
POSTMAN'S OFFICE, ILL. ENVELOPE CONTAINED MONEY ORDER
FROM JERRY IS AMOUNT OF FORTY DOLLARS. IT IS TO BE NOTED
THAT IS ONE OF SEVERAL INSTANCES WHERE JERRY HAS BEEN
MAKING MONEY ORDERS ON MONEY TO PAYERS FOR THE SAME. THE
AS HE IS APPARENTLY VERY POOR AS HE.

REPORTER STATED ONE RECALLED THAT THE MONEY ORDER
WAS ENCLOSED IN A FOUR PAGE FOLD TYPE WRITING LETTER BEARING
HEADING OF "THE ROYAL BAZAR OF CANADA SOCIETY LETTER".

BEHIND THIS HEADING APPEARS THE INFORMATION "THIS
FOLD LETTER REPRESENTS VOLUME FORTY NINE, NUMBER FIVE" AND
THAT THE INFORMATION ABOVE APPEARS IN AN ENVELOPE. THE
FOLD LETTER IS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, SEVENTEENTH, 1968
EIGHT AND SEVENTEENTH IN THE MONTH OF MAY. THE
LIFE.

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RIGHT AND COMING TO THE U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE
THE NEWS RELAY IS FOR THE WORLD OF WVA NINETEEN SIXTY

INVI THE JUN 12 11 45 AM '68

WVA RELAY REPRESENTS AGONY ONLY NINE NUMBER FIVE AND

REVEALS THE READING REVEALS THE INFORMATION THIS

REVEALS OF THE BOARD BANK OF CANADA MONITOR RELAY

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ACROSS THE FRONT OF THE NEWS LETTER IS WRITTEN
IN INK, "LOOK INSIDE". I AM AT THE POST OFFICE AND DIDN'T
HAVE ANY PAPER". FETTERS ADVISED THIS WAS THE ONLY MESSAGE
WHICH APPEARED ON THIS NEWS LETTER.

NEWARK HAS OBTAINED NEWS LETTER AND WILL FORWARD TO
FBI LAB IN AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE IF SUBJECT'S PRINTS MIGHT
POSSIBLY BE CONTAINED THEREON.

IN ³VIEW ³OF THE FACT SUBJECT REPORTEDLY IN CANADA DURING
MAY, SIXTYEIGHT, AND POSSIBLY DEALT WITH A BANK, IT COULD BE
SPECULATED THAT SUBJECT MAY HAVE FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER
SENT ³LETTER ³TO JERRY RAY OR PERHAPS JERRY RAY MERELY FOUND
NEWS ³LETTER ³IN POST OFFICE AND USED IT FOR STATIONERY SINCE
HE INDICATED HE DID NOT HAVE "ANY PAPER".

ABOVE BEING FURNISHED TO BUREAU FOR INFORMATION SHOULD
THE BUREAU DESIRE TO MAKE ANY INQUIRY OF ROYAL BANK OF CANADA
UNDER SUBJECT'S ALIASES WITH RESPECT TO A SAFE DEPOSIT BOX.

END...JDR

FBI WASH DC

FBI WASH DC

END***JCE

UNDER SUBJECT'S ALIBI WITH RESPECT TO A BANK ROBBERY.
THE BUREAU DECIDE TO MAKE A SEARCH OF BANK OF CANADA

RECORDS BEING FURNISHED TO BUREAU FOR INFORMATION SHOULD
HE INDICATED HE DID NOT HAVE A BANK ACCOUNT.

WAS CALLED IN BUREAU OFFICE AND TOLD IT FOR CIVILIAN SINCE
HEI CALLED TO TELL A MAN OF BUREAU THAT A PERSONAL RECORD
SUBMITTED THAT SUBJECT WAS AWAY FOR ONE WEEK OF APPROX
MAY 1968. SUBJECT WAS BORN IN 1944. IT COULD BE

IN CASE OF THE LAST SUBJECT PERSONAL RECORDS BUREAU
SUBMITTED BE CONTAINED THEREIN.

THE FBI IS BEING TO DETERMINE IF SUBJECT'S BIRTH NAME

RECORD HAS OBTAINED NAME LETTER AND WILL FORWARD TO
BUREAU ADVISED ON THIS NAME LETTER.

WAS A BANK. RELIABLE ADVISED THIS WAS THE ONLY MESSAGE
IN THE "LOOK INSIDE". I AM AT THE BUREAU OFFICE AND WOULD

BEFORE THE BUREAU OF THE NAME LETTER IS RELIABLE
AND THE

RECEIVED
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JUN 10 1968