

F B I

Date: 5/14/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS

RE: Calls made by subject en route from LA to NO.

RE Dallas teletype 5/1/68 and El Paso airtel 4/30/68;
Houston airtel 5/3/68.

Dallas tel 5/1/68 lists 12/15/67, 9:19 p.m. call made
to 3472382, Ramsey, Indiana; and December 15, 1967, 9:14
p.m. call made to 6334609, Milltown, Indiana.

Telephone Directory Ramsey, Indiana, reflects number
347 2382 issued to RUSSELL STEPH, DePauw, Indiana. On 5/3/68
Mrs. RUSSELL STEPH advised call made by boy known to her as
PAUL DIAZ or DIEZ, who used to date her daughter. PAUL is
Mexican and had returned home to Texas.

Photos of RAY exhibited; not identical to DIAZ.

3 - Bureau
2 - Dallas (44-2649)
2 - El Paso (157-186)
2 - Houston
2 - Kansas City
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
① - Indianapolis
PJF/css *Css*
(14)

Searched _____
Serialized *Y*
Indexed _____
Filed *Y*

Approved: *R.F.D.* Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

44-563-203

IP 44-563)

Telephone Number 633-4609, Milltown, Indiana, is assigned to EDNA GREEN.

EDNA GREEN advised on 5/3/68 call received from PAUL GUADARRAMA, Box 295, Sanderson, Texas. He returned to Texas to go to school. Photo of RAY exhibited; Mrs. GREEN stated no resemblance. Mr. DAN SMITH, Irby Construction Company, advised GUADARRAMA worked for company. He advised no resemblance between RAY and GUADARRAMA.

Tell City Number 547-3141 assigned to J. ROBERT CLARK, 1339 14th Street, Tell City, Indiana. On 5/3/68, CLARK interviewed; advised his son DON KEITH CLARK might have made call. DON KEITH CLARK on 5/3/68 advised he made one collect call from Weatherford, Texas, and another from Pecos or Midland, Texas. He explained he drove to California on 12/15/67 and called home every night.

Telephone Number 317-288-0107 is assigned to TRUMAN G. POPE, Burlington Pike, Muncie, Indiana.

On 5/3/68, Mrs. GEORGIA POPE advised she had relatives visting her, ALICE and DAVE VAUGHT, sister and brother-in-law. They ran into a snowstorm in Texas and had to stay overnight and called to advise them of this.

Telephone Number 872-4551, Mexico, Indiana, is assigned MARVIN L. JONES, Vice-President, Bank of Peru, Peru, Indiana. JONES interviewed on 5/7/68 and cannot recall receiving call from Texas on 12/16/67. His wife cannot recall receiving call either. Both have excellent reputation in community.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

FBI INDAPOLS

FBI ST LOUIS

1217 PM URGENT 5-15-68 MPB

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, AND INDIANAPOLIS.
FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN.

WALTER ELLSWORTH NOLAN, SIX EIGHT, CLAIMS TO BE SUBJECT'S
CLOSEST ASSOCIATE AT MSP PRIOR TO SUBJECT'S ESCAPE.

SW BELL TELEPHONE CO. (PROTECT), ADVISED FOLLOWING CALLS CHARGED
TO PHONE OF CARMEN PATTON, FIVE TWO ZERO SIX WASH., SLMO, NOLAN'S
LANDLADY: PHONE EIGHT FOUR FIVE DASH TWO NINE NINE ZERO, CYNTHIANA,
IND., NOV. SEVENTEEN TWO CALLS; FEB. TWELVE AND MARCH FIFTEEN.
IMMEDIATELY IDENTIFY SUBSCRIBER. UNLESS RELATIONSHIP TO NOLAN
PATTON APPARENT, INTERVIEW, COMPLETELY PROTECTING PHONE CO., AND
DETERMINE IF CALL BEARS ON WHEREABOUTS OR ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

CRT

FBI INDAPOLS

TU

CYNTHIANA TELEPHONE
KIRKSVILLE TELEPHONE CO
PRINCETON, INDIANA

*Rural
handl
5/15/68
S*

44-563-204

| | |
|--------------------|---------|
| SEARCHED | INDEXED |
| SERIALIZED | FILED |
| MAY 15 1968 | |
| FBI - INDIANAPOLIS | |

Dural

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

FROM : SA JOHN D. BURROUGHS, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/24/68

Re NY teletype to IP, 4/23/68.

The following information was obtained from the inmate file of ORVILLE DEMPSEY EWING at the USP, Terre Haute, Indiana:

| | |
|--------|-----------------------|
| Race | White |
| Sex | Male |
| Height | 5'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " |
| Weight | 223 pounds |
| DOB | |
| POB | Rockbridge, Illinois. |

EWING was serving a three-year sentence for probation violation: concealment of assets and false oath. He was originally given probation, USDC, Springfield, Illinois, 6/8/60; however, his probation was violated and his confinement began 10/1/63. He was given a mandatory release 11/17/65.

EWING reportedly resided 406 Washington, East Alton, Illinois. He had heart trouble and while confined worked in the prison library.

At the time of his release, he proposed residence with his wife HELEN at 602 South Main Street, Auburn, Indiana. His employer was to be Koenig Dry Wall Company, 1120 Kenwood Avenue, Fort Wayne, Indiana. There is no reference to Richmond, Indiana, in his file; however, he does have a brother-in-law FRANK RICHMOND who resides at 1119 Kenwood Avenue, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

② - Indianapolis

JDB:ndv

(2) *ndv*



5010-108-02

44-563-205
HORT H
HANDLING 4/24/68
5
Letiter

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

IP 44-563

SUGGESTED LEADS:

At Auburn, Indiana

Will attempt to locate EWING and interview through 602 South Main Street.

At Fort Wayne, Indiana

Attempt to locate and interview EWING at Koenig Dry Wall Company or through brother-in-law FRANK RICHMOND.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC 44-563

DATE: 4-23-68

FROM : SA Dudley S. Horth

SUBJECT: ~~Murkin~~
CR

Retel from NY 4-23-68; IP serial 106.

At Fort Wayne, Indiana

On 4-24-68 Mrs. Frank Richmond, 1119 Kenwood Avenue, Fort Wayne, advised that Orville D. Ewing has a used-car lot under the name HOV Used Cars in Auburn, Indiana.

At Auburn, Indiana

On 4-24-68 Orville D. Ewing, 1629 South Wayne Street, (business), 114 West 17th Street, (residence), advised he knew a man whose last name was Ray (first name not recalled) who worked as a salesman, etc., for D. M. Lile, who has a used-car lot at 230 West St. Louis Avenue, East Alton, Ill. Ewing said he formerly had a lot at the same place and lived at 406 ~~East~~ Washington, East Alton.

Ewing said he has but one daughter, Vondle Ewing, who will be 21 in June 1968. She never dated Ray; she would have been far too young and would not have been permitted to date him in any event, as he had a poor reputation.

Ewing said he has not seen Ray in six years but about six weeks ago asked Lile where Ray was and Lile said something but ~~a number~~ ~~KN~~ not now recalled because it was just a casual inquiry.

At the Ewing residence, Vondle (pronounced Vondelee) Ewing advised she did not recall any man named Ray in East Alton and is certain she never dated him; she dated only youths her own age.

sent airtel

44-563-206

| | |
|--------------------|---------|
| SEARCHED | INDEXED |
| SERIALIZED | FILED |
| APR 2 | |
| FBI - INDIANAPOLIS | |

File
Detaker



5010-108-02

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC

DATE: 5-10-68

FROM : Gerald Wayne Karns Night Clerk

SUBJECT: Murkin-possibility

*Call Joebe
in this*

At 10:25 this date Mr. Estel Walters of 321 N. Beech, Brazil Ind., Telephone 443-7496 contacted this office stating he and his wife went fishing by Mansfield Ind. off the highway by some unidentified creek where he said he seen a man that resembled James Earl Ray

The subject stole ~~XXXX~~ his wife's billfold and his binoculars which he chased the man and conored him and got his belongings back when he asked the man why he stole them he said he was hungry. He said the man was very nervous, and asked ~~XX~~ his name he said "Chuck Connors"(ph) and said the man had the following description ~~XX~~ needed a hair cut and shave with Ray's description with a scar on his forehead to the left side of his face. He believed the man was staying in a old trailer on the creek.

He said the binoculars which the subject handled might have fingerprints plus Mr. Walters own prints.

*Rec'd to Zolke
5-10-68
GWR*

44-563-207

| | |
|--------------------|---------|
| SEARCHED | INDEXED |
| SERIALIZED | FILED |
| MAY 10 1968 | |
| FBI - INDIANAPOLIS | |



5010-108

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

F B I

Date: 5/13/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO DIRECTOR (MAIL) (44-38861)

ST. LOUIS (44-775)

FROM INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

MURKIN

RE ST. LOUIS TEL TO BUREAU, INDIANAPOLIS, MEMPHIS, AND
SPRINGFIELD, MAY TEN LAST.

RE: SUBJ. BROTHER, JOHN LARRY RAY

RECORDS INDIANA STATE REFORMATORY (ISR), PENDLETON, IND.,
UNAVAILABLE NIGHTS AND WEEKENDS.

FOR INFORMATION ST. LOUIS, RECORDS ISR PENDLETON, IND.,
DISCLOSE "JOHN LARRY RAYNS" AKA JACK, PRISON REGISTRY NO. THREE
FIVE TWO NINE SEVEN, SENTENCED TWO TO FIVE YRS. FOR SECOND DEGREE
BURGLARY, KOSCIUSKO COUNTY, IND. ON JAN. TWENTYTHREE NINETEEN
FIFTY. RAYNS PAROLED MAR. TWENTYONE FIFTYTWO, TO STATE OF
ILLINOIS, TO RESIDE WITH AN UNCLE, WILLIAM E. MAYHER, ALTON, ILL.
AND TO WORK FOR LEE R. MOREHEAD, OF ALTON. HE VIOLATED PAROLE
BY ABSCONDING FROM PAROLE SUPERVISION ON APR. TWO FIFTY AND BEING
ARRESTED IN HOLTVILLE, CALIF., DEC. THREE FIFTYTWO, AS A SLEEPER,
ACCORDING TO FBI REPORT, USING ALIAS "JOHNNY LARRY RAY": ALSO

- 1 - Bureau (RM)
1 - Memphis (44-1987)
1 - Kansas City
1 - Indianapolis

aHTB:gsp

(4)

Approved: _____

Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

44-563-208

F B I

Date: _____

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via _____
(Priority)

IP 44-563

PAGE TWO

FOR BEING ARRESTED FOR LARCENY ON APR. SEVEN FIFTYTHREE, AT QUINCY, ILL. THIS ARREST RESULTED IN A ONE TO TWO YR. COMMITMENT TO ILL. STATE PENITENTIARY, MENARD, ILL. SPRINGFIELD PREVIOUSLY ADVISED OF FOREGOING.

JAMES MURRAY, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, ISR, ADVISED THIS DATE FILE REFLECTS RAYNS HAD NO FORMER PSYCHIATRIC TREATMENT WHILE IN ISR. FILE SHOWS ON SEPT. SIXTEEN FIFTY, RAYNS WAS PLACED IN GUARD HOUSE FOR SLACKNESS IN WORK. RAYNS DESCRIBED AS HAVING INFERIOR INTELLIGENCE, WITH MENTAL AGE OF ABOUT FOURTEEN YRS., ALSO AS IMMATURE AND ADOLESCENT. FILE SHOWS HE ATTENDED PUBLIC SCHOOL QUINCY, ILL, FROM THIRTYEIGHT TO FORTYEIGHT, COMPLETING EIGHTH GRADE. WORKED IN FURNITURE FACTORY AT ISR.

HIS ACCOMPLICE IN ABOVE BURGLARY WAS EUGENE MILLS, ISR # THREE FIVE TWO NINE SIX, ALSO SENTENCED JAN. TWENTYTHREE FIFTY, IN KOSCIUSKO CO., IND., FOR SAME CHARGE. MILLS, IN STATEMENT SAID HAD BEEN WORKING AS FARM HAND NEAR QUINCY, ILL, FOR FIVE

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

F B I

Date:

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via _____
(Priority)

IP 44-563

PAGE THREE

MONTHS. AFTER THIS JOB HAD GONE TO QUINCY WHERE MET RAYNS ON DEC. THIRTY FORTYNINE IN POOL HALL. STATED WAS LEFT IN ORPHANAGE. NEVER SAW PARENTS, SINCE ELEVEN YRS. OLD HAS BEEN TRAVELING THROUGHOUT U.S. ORPHANAGE AT FIVE FOUR NINE FIFTH AVE., WEST NORTH, KALISPELL, MONTANA. WAS IN U.S. AIR FORCE FROM SEPT. NINE FORTYSEVEN TO JAN. SEVENTEEN FORTYNINE UNDER AFSN ONE NINE THREE ONE ONE NINE FIVE FIVE, WHEN GIVEN UNDESIRABLE DISCHARGE FOR STRIKING OFFICER. MILLS PAROLED IN INDIANA AND LAST UNDER SUPERVISION IN RUSH COUNTY, IND., WHERE WORKING FOR CARTHAGE CONTAINER CORP. MILLS DISCHARGED FROM PAROLE FEB. TEN FIFTYFOUR.

MURRAY STATES TO HIS KNOWLEDGE RAYNS UNKNOWN TO PRISON OFFICIALS.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

AM COPIES BEING FURNISHED MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY.

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

5/9/68

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, ST. LOUIS
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) -P-
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
OO: MEMPHIS

Correspondence records, Menard State Penitentiary, Menard, Illinois, reveal the following correspondents of subject's brothers, JOHN LARRY RYAN and JERRY WILLIAM RYAN:

JOHN: RALPH HOWARD, Indianapolis Indiana
(No address given)

JERRY: PAT WITT, 3971 Westminister, St. Louis,
Missouri

RUBY DOBYNS, 3971 Westminister, St. Louis,
Missouri

JERRY LANCASTER, 4431 North 19th, St.
Louis, Missouri

St. Louis and Indianapolis are requested to attempt to locate and interview above individuals concerning any information they might possibly have regarding subject JAMES EARL RAY.

2 - St. Louis
② - Indianapolis
1 - Memphis (INFO)
2 - Springfield (44-561)
WR/jac
(8)

1 - Chicago (info)

Conrad
5/10/68

44-563-289

| | |
|--------------------|---------|
| SEARCHED | INDEXED |
| SERIALIZED | FILED |
| MAY 13 1968 | |
| FBI - INDIANAPOLIS | |

John

DECODED COPY

☒ Radio

MAY 14, 1968

☐ Teletype

TO: SAC'S, ALL FIELD DIVISIONS

FROM: DIRECTOR, F.B.I.

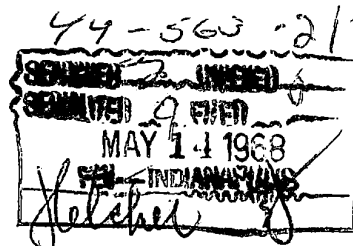
URGENT

MURKIN

IN VIEW OF FACT THAT SUBJECT SPENT A CONSIDERABLE SUM OF MONEY FROM APRIL 23, 1967 TO APRIL 4, 1968, AND THE SOURCE OF HIS MONEY HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED, HIS PHOTOGRAPH SHOULD BE DISPLAYED TO APPROPRIATE WITNESSES IN UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERIES AND BANK BURGLARIES IN THOSE INSTANCES WHERE WITNESSES ARE AVAILABLE. YOU SHOULD ALSO CONSIDER THE REQUESTING OF POLICE DEPARTMENTS TO DISPLAY PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY TO WITNESSES IN THEIR UNSOLVED ROBBERIES.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

B. all SPAs
Robbery Agents
advised previously
photo - description
furnished



If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

TOR 1:12P/BRFH

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

DATE: 5/15/68

FROM : SA PAUL A ZOLBE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 5/10/68, Mr. ESTEL WALTERS, 321 North Beech Street, Brazil, Indiana, advised while fishing on the Big Raccoon Creek in Parke County, Indiana, he saw an individual whom he thought was JAMES EARL RAY. At this time WALTERS viewed the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and WALTER RIFE. He selected the photograph of RIFE as being the individual whom he had seen earlier that day on the Big Raccoon Creek. He advised this appeared to be the same individual whom he had seen but he did not see anyone fitting the description of RAY or matching the photographs of RAY.

He stated further he believed this individual whom he had seen was living in an abandoned trailer which is located just east of the Conley Ford Bridge which crosses the Big Raccoon Creek approximately four miles west of State Road 59 in Parke County.

A thorough search of the area of the Conley Ford Bridge and the abandoned trailer located in that proximity failed to indicate that anyone had been in that area for quite some time.

On 5/10/68, Mr. GLEN CHAPMAN, of Conley Ford Bridge stated there had been no one living in the abandoned trailer for approximately one and one-half years. He stated he crosses the bridge several times each day and he could say quite frankly that he had not seen anyone in the area of that abandoned trailer in the year and one-half since it was abandoned. He advised earlier that day on 5/10/68, there were several people fishing on Big Raccoon Creek in the area of the Conley Ford Bridge but he did not see anyone in the area of the abandoned trailer at that time. 44-563-311

(2) Indianapolis
PAZ-dms *dms*
(2)



| | |
|--------------------|--------------|
| SEARCHED..... | INDEXED..... |
| SERIALIZED..... | FILED..... |
| MAY 15 1968 | |
| FBI - INDIANAPOLIS | |

F-6/PAZ/dms

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

IP 44-563

Inasmuch as WALTER RIFE has been interviewed prior to this date and no identification was made in any way of JAMES EARL RAY by ESTEL WALTERS, this investigation is being terminated.

FBI

Date: May 10, 1968

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via Airtel _____
(Priority)

To: All SACS
LEGATS, Mexico City
Ottawa

From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

For your information and investigative assistance, subject James Earl Ray took a bartending course in Los Angeles, California, during the early part of 1968, and prior to his departing Los Angeles, in March of 1968, he made several telephone calls to country clubs in an effort to obtain employment.

This should be borne in mind in covering leads in connection with this and other cases.

Armed and Dangerous.

*Leads being
set out
5/16/68
✓*

44-563-212
SEARCHED INDEXED
SERIALIZED FILED
MAY 16 1968
FBI - MEMPHIS
FL 11/11/68
15 file info
✓

Sent Via _____ M Per _____

F B I

Date: May 9, 1968

Transmit the following in _____

(Type in plaintext or code)

Via Airtel _____

(Priority)

To: All SACS
LEGATS, Mexico City
Ottawa

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

In order to cover the possibility that subject may have died since commission of the crime, the U. S. Census Bureau and Department of Health, Education and Welfare were contacted and they advised that no central records of unidentified deceased are maintained by those agencies. It was suggested that each state may maintain such a record in their Bureau of Vital Statistics or similar agency.

There is no known Federal law requiring the maintenance of such information; and it is possible that if any record of unidentified dead is maintained, it would only be maintained at local police departments, morgues, medical facilities, or the like.

Each office covering state capitals should check to ascertain if such records are maintained, and if so, should check records for the period from 4-5-68, to date, for any information which might possibly identify subject Ray with unidentified deceased person over that period.

If there is no central record repository maintained in the various states or nationally in the case of Mexico and Canada, you should, in connection with your contacts with law enforcement agencies on this case or other Bureau matters, make appropriate inquiries relative to

Sent Via _____

M

Per _____

*Capt Charles Davis
advise all unidentified
dead are printed
and sent to his
office - he checks
personally
+ will check against all
pages. 5/14/68*

44-563-213
SEARCHED INDEXED
SERIALIZED FILED
MAY 16 1968
FBI - MEMPHIS
F. L. Patterson

Airtel to All SACS and LEGATS, Mexico City and Ottawa
RE: MURKIN

unidentified dead for the period beginning 4-5-68; and if fingerprints on such dead are maintained, they should be compared with those on the Identification Order on Ray in order to effect identification or nonidentification. This should be handled in the normal course of business and only reasonable investigation should be pursued along these lines.

The Identification Division has placed an appropriate stop on unidentified deceased inquiries it may receive. If feasible, appropriate offices and Legats, Mexico City and Ottawa should place similar stops with appropriate state, local or national agencies in your territories.

Armed and Dangerous.

5/14/68

PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND SACS, ST LOUIS (44-775)
SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TEL MAY NINE LAST.

RE JOSEPH ELMER AUSTIN AKA; FORMER ASSOCIATE OF SUBJECT.

AUSTIN LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED THIS DATE. RESIDES
IN CHICAGO'S WEST SIDE COLORED AREA. STATES LAST SAW
SUBJECT IN ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, IN NINETEEN FIFTY NINE, HAD
NO IDEA SUBJECT ESCAPED FROM PRISON AND WAS NOT AWARE RAY
WAS BEING SOUGHT FOR MURKIN.

ONLY KNEW RAY FOR ABOUT SIX MONTHS DURING FIFTY NINE,
ROBBERY OF SUPERMARKET ALTON, ILLINOIS, WAS ONLY SCORE
HE PULLED WITH SUBJECT, DID NOT KNOW ANY MALE OR FEMALE
FRIENDS AND STATES NO POSSIBILITY OF SUBJECT KNOWING WHERE
HE IS.

WHEN FIRST SHOWN SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAPHS STATED INDIVIDUAL
NOT KNOWN TO HIM. WHEN TOLD PHOTOS WERE OF SUBJECT STATED
NEWEST PHOTO IN BUSINESS SUIT LOOKS A LITTLE LIKE RAY

- 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)
- ① - Indianapolis (44-563) (AM)

RJD:jap (3)

*Wissman
discontinue
lead @
5/17/68
Sund 198*

44-563-214
SEARCHED
SERIALIZED
INDEXED
FILED
FBI - ST. LOUIS
JUN 10 1968
Fletcher

PAGE TWO

BUT HEAVIER THAN HE RECALLS.

CLAIMS NEVER MET SUBJECT'S BROTHERS. STATES IF HE EVER SEES SUBJECT OR DEVELOPS ANY INFORMATION RE WHEREABOUTS WILL IMMEDIATELY CONTACT FBI SINCE RAY CHEATED AUSTIN OF HIS PART OF THE LOOT FROM ABOVE ROBBERY. NOTE AUSTIN SIXTY-NINE YEARS OLD, APPEARS TO BE ALCOHOLIC.

DAILY CONTACT BEING MAINTAINED WITH BROTHER JERRY. HAS FURNISHED NO ADDITIONAL PERTINENT INFORMATION. STILL STATES SUBJECT HAD NO DEEP RACIAL HATRED FOR NEGROES. CONSIDERING MOVE FROM PRESENT RESIDENCE SINCE LOCATION KNOWN TO EX-WIFE AND POSSIBLY PRESS.

AMCC'S MEMPHIS AND INDIANAPOLIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

F B I

Date: 5/16/68

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), ST. LOUIS (44-775)
FROM INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

MURKIN

RE ST. LOUIS TEL TO BUREAU MAY FIFTEEN LAST.

TELEPHONE NO. EIGHT FOUR FIVE - TWO NINE NINE ZERO ISSUED
FRANK WADE, CYNTHIANA, IND. WADE ADVISED HAS SISTER, CARMEN
PATTON, ST. LOUIS, MO. NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED
RE ABOVE, UACB.

① - Indianapolis

JRD:kmgl

(4)

Searched _____
Serialized _____
Indexed _____
Filed _____

Approved: A. L. [Signature]
Special Agent in ChargeSent WA 1203 P MPer [Signature]

44-563-215

FBI INDAPOLS

FBI KNOXVLE

447AM URGENT 5-18-68 WTB

TO BUREAU..ATTENTION IDENTIFICATION DIVISION AND CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION.
ATLANTA, LOS ANGELES, LOUISVILLE, MEMPHIS, EL PASO, BIRMINGHAM,
KANSAS CITY, MIAMI, LAS VEGAS, DETROIT. INDIANAPOLIS.

FROM KNOXVILLE 44-696

MURKIN

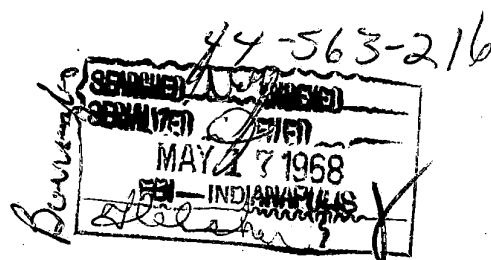
RE LOS ANGELES TEL MAY SEVENTEEN LAST COPIES OF WHICH BEING
SENT SEPARATELY BY TELETYPE TO ATLANTA, INDIANAPOLIS AND LOUISVILLE
FOR INFO.

THE FRANK BRICKLEY OF CHATTANOOGA REFERRED TO BY INFORMANT
MAY BE FRANK WILLIAM BRICKLEY AKA WILLIAM ROY BRICKLEY, WILLIAM
FRANKLIN BRICKLEY, WILLIAM FRANK BRICKLEY, WILLIAM ROY BUCKLEY,
BILL ROBERT SHAW, BILL SHAW, BILLY SHAW, BILL R. SHAW, FBI NO.
1 9 7 7 9 6 C
ONE NINE SEVEN SEVEN NINE SIX C ORIGINALLY FROM CHATTANOOGA, TENN.
AND WHO HAS AN EXTENSIVE CRIMINAL RECORD. HE WAS LAST KNOWN TO HAVE
BEEN IMPRISONED AT TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA AND WAS RELEASED JAN.
SIXTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN UPON COMPLETION OF SENTENCE. TERRE HAUTE PRISON
NO. 2 3 6 4 2 - TH
NO. TWO THREE SIX FOUR TWO DASH TH.

END PAGE ONE

*Tell Mr. Calver
J. R.*

*Birmingham has
lead - 5-18-68
are*



PGE TWO

KX 44-696

BRICKLEY DESCRIBED AS WMA, BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AT CHATTANOOGA,

TENN. OR VICINITY. HEIGHT FIVE FT. EIGHT INCHES, ONE FORTY TO ONE FORTYFIVE LBS., (IN NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE), EYES BROWN, HAIR BROWN, DIM TATTOO LEFT UPPER ARM.

IT IS NOTED THAT BRICKLEY HAS SERVED TIME IN CHILlicothe AND TERRE HAUTE AND ATTENTION IS CALLED TO ALLEGATION THAT "SAMUEL LEWIS" SERVED TIME IN CHILlicothe AND TERRE HAUTE. POSSIBILITY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED THAT BRICKLEY IS TRUE IDENTITY OF SAMUEL LEWIS AND BOB, LNU, WHO FURNISHED INFORMATION TO LOS ANGELES TIMES. IDENT DIVISION REQUESTED TO AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY COPIES OF MOST RECENT PHOTOGRAPH OF BRICKLEY TO LOS ANGELES, EL PASO, MEMPHIS, AND KNOXVILLE FOR DISPLAY BY THOSE OFFICES TO WILLIAM THOMAS, CITY EDITOR, LOS ANGELES TIMES, JERRY COHEN, LOS ANGELES TIMES, AT THE EL PASO BUS STATION, MEMPHIS BUS STATION AND KNOXVILLE BUS STATION.

INDIANAPOLIS AT TERRE HAUTE REVIEW PRISON RECORDS FOR LEADS AS TO CURRENT WHEREABOUTS OF BRICKLEY AND SET OUT LEADS TO HAVE HIM INTERVIEWED. ALSO DETERMINE IF THEY HAVE A MORE RECENT PICTURE THAN THE ONE TAKEN MAY THIRTY, NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE AND IF SO, OBTAIN AND FORWARD COPIES TO INTERESTED OFFICES.

END PAGE TWO

PAGE THREE

KX 44-696

LOS ANGELES AT LOS ANGELES...BRICKLEY WAS ARRESTED PD
LOS ANGELES, CALIF. APRIL EIGHT, SIXTYTHREE UNDER NAME BILL SHAW
NO. SIX FIVE THREE SEVEN ZERO SIX S FOR GT-AUTO AND BY SO LOS
ANGELES AS BILL ROBERT SHAW APRIL NINE SIXTYTHREE, GT-AUTO, UNDER
NO. B-NINE SIX ZERO FOUR TWO SEVEN. OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPHS IF AVAILABLE
AND IF GOOD PHOTOGRAPH CONSIDER DISPLAYING TO THOMAS IMMEDIATELY.
ALSO REVIEW RECORDS FOR LOCAL LEADS ...IT BEING NOTED THAT HE
ALLEGEDLY IS IN LOS ANGELES AREA AT THIS TIME ACCORDING TO INFO
FURNISHED BY "BOB" TO THOMAS.

ATLANTA REVIEW YOUR FILE SEVEN SIX DASH TWO FOUR ONE TWO FOR
LEADS TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW BRICKLEY.

KNOXVILLE WILL INTERVIEW RELATIVES AND KNOWN ASSOCIATES OF
BRICKLEY IN CHATTANOOGA AREA.

LOUISVILLE AT LEXINGTON AT GREYHOUND OFFICE, EIGHT ZERO ONE
LIMESTONE, REVIEW COPIES OF AUDITORS STUBS OF TICKETS ISSUED AT
KNOXVILLE, TENN. TO DETERMINE IDENTITY OF TICKET AGENT
SELLING TICKET NO. THREE SPACE ZERO ZERO ZERO EIGHT TWO TWO TWO
ZERO SPACE FOUR TWO ON APRIL SEVEN, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT AT
KNOXVILLE FOR TRANSPORTATION KNOXVILLE TO LOS ANGELES VIA
MEMPHIS AND EL PASO AND FOR ANY OTHER DATA AVAILABLE.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

GWK

FBI INDAPOLS

P

FBI INDAPOLS

NINE PAGES

FBI KNOXVLE

652 AM URGENT 5-18-68 WTB

TO INDIANAPOLIS, ATLANTA, LOUISVILLE..

FROM KNOXVILLE 44-696

MURKIN

RE KNOXVILLE TELETYPE TO BUREAU, INDIANAPOLIS AND OTHER
OFFICES MAY EIGHTEEN INSTANT.

THE REFERENCED LOS ANGELES TELETYPE OF MAY SEVENTEEN LAST
IS AS FOLLOWS...

"RE LOS ANGELES PHONE CALL TO BUREAU MAY SEVENTEEN INSTANT.

RE LOS ANGELES TIMES INFORMANT --"BOB" LNU.

WILLIAM THOMAS, CITY EDITOR, LOS ANGELES TIMES,
TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED SAC LOS ANGELES TODAY AND
ADVISED PAPER HAD INFORMATION WHICH THEY FELT MIGHT BE OF
ASSISTANCE TO FBI IN THIS MATTER. SAC WESLEY G. GRAPP
AND SUPERVISOR WILLIAM JOHN NOLAN CONTACTED MR. THOMAS
AND REPORTER JERRY COHEN AT LOS ANGELES TIMES OFFICE. THEY
ADVISED EARLY IN THE WEEK, MONDAY OR TUESDAY, THE PAPER
HAD BEEN TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO SAID HE
HAD INFORMATION CONCERNING WHAT ACTUALLY HAD TAKEN PLACE IN
CONNECTION WITH THE DEATH OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. THOMAS
ADVISED THERE WERE THREE OR FOUR TELEPHONE CALLS, AND HE
MADE NOTES DURING THE CALLS, AND ON THE EVENING OF MAY SIXTEEN, 217
END PAGE ONE

Tells advised
Chau
Remains
was 74 lead
5-12-68
He

44-363-217

| | |
|--------------------|---------|
| SEARCHED | INDEXED |
| SERIALIZED | FILED |
| MAY 17 1968 | |
| FBI - INDIANAPOLIS | |

PAGE TWO

SIXTY EIGHT, HE AND JERRY COHEN MET THIS INDIVIDUAL AT A BAR. HE ADVISED THE INDIVIDUAL GAVE THE NAME QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE, NO LAST NAME, DESCRIBED AS IN MIDDLE THIRTIES, DECENT LOOKING FELLOW, AND APPARENTLY HAD BEEN IN SEVERAL PENITENTIARIES, AS HE KNEW THE LANGUAGE VERY WELL. THOMAS ADVISED THE PAPER HAD TAKEN NO OVERT STEPS IN ATTEMPTING TO VERIFY THE STORY BUT DID HAVE REPORTERS IN KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS, HUNTSVILLE, MIAMI AND BIRMINGHAM, AND HE HAD INSTRUCTED THE REPORTERS TO CONTACT THE LOCAL FBI OFFICE AND MAKE THIS INFORMATION, AS SET FORTH IN HIS NOTES, AVAILABLE. HE ADVISED FURTHER HE CONTEMPLATED MAKING THIS INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK. HE ADVISED HIS SOLE PURPOSE WAS TO GET A STORY OUT OF THE MATERIAL, BUT DID NOT WISH TO INTERFERE IN ANY FBI INVESTIGATION.

HE ADVISED DURING HIS MEETING WITH QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE HE GOT FROM BOB A BUS TICKET DATED APRIL SEVEN, SIXTY EIGHT, ON A GREYHOUND BUS FROM KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, WHICH TICKET WAS ISSUED BY SOUTHERN GREYHOUND AT KNOXVILLE ON APRIL SEVEN, SIXTYEIGHT AND HAD THE NUMBERS
3 0 0 0 8 2 2 2 9 4
THREE SPACE ZERO ZERO ZERO EIGHT TWO TWO TWO NINE SPACE FOUR
END PAGE TWO

PAGE THREE

2
TWO. TRANSPORTATION WAS FROM KNOXVILLE TO MEMPHIS, MEMPHIS TO EL PSO, THEN TO LOS ANGELES. HE ADVISED HE HD GIVEN QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR THE TICKET AND THIS INFORMATION AND DID NOT EXPECT TO HEAR FROM HIM AGAIN, AS QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE SAID HE NEEDED THE MONEY TO LEAVE TOWN.

SET FORTH FOR THE INFORMATION OF RECEIVING OFFICES ARE THE NOTES AS TYPED UP BY THOMAS CONCERNING HIS INTERVIEW OF "BOB".

PAGE ONE

ONE. THE DAY BEFORE THE SHOOTING, RAY WAS PICKED UP IN ATHEN, ALABAMA, AND WAS TAKEN TO MEMPHIS.

TWO. HE REGISTERED IN ROOMING HOUSE. ANOTHER MAN REGISTERED AS SAMUEL LEWIS. PAREN LEWIS WAS SUPPOSED TO BE BACKUP MAN, KILL KING AT RALLY THAT NIGHT IF RAY MISSED HIS CHANCE ON THE BALCONY. PAREN.

THREE. AFTER SHOOTING KING, RAY WALKED TWO OR THREE BLOCKS TO THE GETAWAY CAR, ACCOMPANIED BY A GIRL AND A GUY. THE CAR IS A NEW BLUE BUICK, WITH ALABAMA PLATES. FIRST DIGITS ARE BELIEVED TO BE ONE FOUR. CAR IS OWNED AND WAS DRIVEN BY EDDIE WILBURN OF HUNTSVILLE, ALA. IT IS EQUIPPED WITH A POLICE
END PAGE THREE

PAGE FOUR

RADIO. PAREN SECOND MAN STAYED OVERNIGHT, TOOK EARLY BUS TO KNOXVILLE. PAREN.

FOUR. RAY, TWO GIRLS AND A CHILD WERE DRIVEN OUT OF MEMPHIS BY WILBURN IN THE BLUE BUICK. WENT TO KANSAS CITY. TRIP TOOK SIX AND ONE HALF HOURS. GIRLS, CHILD, WILBURN ALL FROM HUNTSVILLE.

FIVE. IN KANSAS CITY, RAY STAYED OVERNIGHT AT A HOME. IT IS A SMALL, GRAY, SHINGLED, ONE-BEDROOM HOUSE ABOUT THREE MILES FROM CENTRAL KANSAS CITY. PAREN WE HAVE ROUGH LOCATION. PAREN.

SIX. AT DUSK THE NEXT DAY PAREN APRIL FIVE PAREN RAY WAS FLOWN TO BELLE GLADE, FLORIDA, IN A PRIVATE PLANE. TOOK OFF FROM PRIVATE FIELD, ALSO USED AS TRAINING FIELD FOR MILITARY. RAY ARRIVED EARLY APRIL SIX.

SEVEN. PLANE IN WHICH RAY WAS FLOWN IS OWNED BY A WILLIAM PIERCE, A WEALTHY MAN WHO OWNS OR OPERATES AN AIRPORT IN BELLE GLADE, AND ONCE OWNED A CONTRACTING COMPANY IN CUBA.. NOT KNOWN WHETHER PIERCE FLEW THE PLANE. PIERCE ALSO OWNS MOTEL IN BELLE GLADE AND COTTAGES ON THE LAKE IN NEARBY OKEECHOBEE PAREN OR MAYBE, ON NEARBY LAKE OKEECHOBEE PAREN. PIERCE SAID
END PAGE FOUR

PAGE FIVE

TO BE KKK MEMBER.

EIGHT. THEORY: RAY STAYED IN MOTEL OR IN COTTAGE. MAY BE STILL THERE OR IN CUBA.

NINE. ON APRIL ELEVEN, RAY GOT ON YACHT PAREN PROBABLY CHARTER BOAT PAREN IN KEY WEST. BOAT OWNED BY BEN THOMPSON. PAREN A BEN THOMPSON OF MIAMI OWNS THREE FISHING BOATS. PAREN.

PAGE TWO

ONE. PIERCE OFTEN FLIES OWN PRIVATE PLANE TO NEW ORLEANS. SAID TO KNOW DA JIM GARRISON. ALSO MIGHT CHECK POSSIBLE FLIGHTS IN DIRECTION OF CUBA.

TWO PIERCE AND WILBURN SAID TO BE RELATED.

THREE. LEAD TO WILBURN MIGHT BE VFW CLUB IN HUNTSVILLE, WHERE HE IS SUPPOSED TO BE A MEMBER.

FOUR. RIFLE IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN LEFT IN FURNACE OF MEMPHIS ROOMING HOUSE, AND IS BELIEVED STILL THERE. MUST REFER TO BACKUP MANS WEAPON.

FIVE. RAY NOW WEARING BIFOCALS.

SIX. WHITE MUSTANG BELONGING TO RAY WAS NOT IN MEMPHIS ON DAY OF KING SLAYING, AND HE DID NOT ESCAPE IN IT. PRESUMABLY IT NEVER LEFT GEORGIA IN APRIL.

END PAGE FIVE

PAGE SIX

SEVEN. ON THE DAY OF THE KILLING PAREN APRIL FOUR PAREN RAY MADE PHONE ALLS FROM MEMPHIS TO BELLE GLADE. CALLS BELIEVED TO BE MADE FROM A BUS STATION.

EIGHT. IN THE WEEKS BEFORE THE KILLING, RAY STAYED SOMEWHERE IN BELLE GLADE.

NINE. STORY OF PAYOFFS VERY COMPLICATED. WILBURN SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN PAID OFF IN RENO. NIGHT BEFORE KILLING, SOMEBODY HIT A KENO TICKET FOR TWENTYFIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS IN CAL-NEVA LODGE. RIGGED, TO PASS THE MONEY. DONE WITH KNOWLEDGE OF CHARLIE CATE, SIX EIGHT EIGHT ZERO PEBBLE BEACH DRIVE, RENO, WHO RUNS A SHIFT AT CAL-NEVA. THEN THERE IS BEN PAREN OR JACK PAREN STURGIS OF ST. LOUIS, WHO USED TO WORK BAR ON SECOND STREET, RENO. CAME INTO MONEY. ANOTHER QUOTE CONTACT. UNQUOTE.

PAGE THREE - LOS ANGELES.

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

TWO. LAMONT WHITE, WHO WORKS FOR WESTERN UNION IN LOS ANGELES. HAS SENT MONEY TO LOUISIANA. BOUGHT TWO PISTOLS UNDER HIS NAME. THEY REALLY WENT TO FRANK BRICKLEY OF CHATTANOOGA, END PAGE SIX

PAGE SEVEN

TENN., WHO WAS IN PRISON WITH RAY. BRICKLEY SUPPOSED TO BE HERE.

THREE. HAROLDS CAFE PAREN FIVE FIVE FIVE SOUTH MAIN PAREN. RAY BARTENDER THERE FOR WEEK OR SO. QUEER BAR. GUY NAMED CONNIE KNOWS HIM THERE.

WILLI SHEA ONCE WORKED TOP RAIL BARR, SEVENTH AND ALVARADO. RAY SUPPOSEDLY MARRIED TO HER ONCE. SHE FROM MISSOURI, NOW LIVES IN NORTH HOLLYWOOD. HAS MONEY. MOTHER MARRIED, LIVES IN COMPTON, DRIVES A PURPLE PONTIAC CONVERTIBLE. NOW LIVES AT EIGHT ONE TWO SOUTH WESTLAKE, LOS ANGELES, WITH MAN WHO OWNS A BAR. SHE IS BLOND, ABOUT THIRTYEIGHT.

PAGE FOUR - MORE SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:

ONE. TELEPHONE CREDIT CARD SUPPOSEDLY USED BY RAY WAS ISSUED TO RIDELL CATERING, U.S. RUBBER, DETROIT. EITHER IN NAME OF RIDELL PAREN NO FIRST NAME PAREN OR A ROBERT BRINKLEY. RIDELL REPORTER LIVES IN HARPER WOODS, MICH. CALLS ON CARD REPORTED MADE FROM MEMPHIS TO BELLE GLADE, FLA., AMOUNG OTHERS.

TWO. SAMUEL LEWIS, SECOND MAN IN ROOMING HOUSE, DISCHARGED NINETEEN SIXTY THREE FROM MILAN, MICH. ALSO SERVED TIME IN CHILLICOTHE AND TERRE HAUTE. PAREN WARDEN AT MILAN SAYS NO
END PAGE SEVEN

PAGE EIGHT

RECORD OF LEWIS. PAREN.

THREE. LEWIS TOOK BUS TO LOS ANGELES FROM KNOXVILLE ON APRIL SEVEN. CAME THROUGH MEMPHIS AND EL PASO.

THOMAS ADVISED THAT IN RELATION TO ITEM FIVE, PAGE ONE, OF HIS NOTES, THIS HOUSE IS LOCATED OFF A MAIN STREET STARTING FROM DOWNTOWN KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, DIRECTION UNKNOWN, AND FROM THE MAIN STREET A SMALLER STREET GOES TO THE LEFT, WHICH STREET HAS A WESTERN UNION BUILDING LOCATED ON IT AND GOES OFF FROM THE MAIN STREET IN THE FORM OF A STEEP HILL. TWO TO THREE MILES UP THE HILL ON THE LEFT ARE LOCATED NICE LOOKING APARTMENTS, BROWNISH IN COLOR, WHERE STUDENTS FROM SOME SCHOOL LIVE, AND JUST PRIOR TO THIS ON THE RIGHT IS THE LOCATION OF A MOVING COMPANY, NO NAME KNOWN, AND A GROCERY STORE IS LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF THE MOVING COMPANY ON THE SAME SIDE. ABOUT TWO BLOCKS BEYOND THE GROCERY STORE THERE IS A NARROW STREET WITH RAMSHACKLE HOUSES ON ONE SIDE AND VACANT LOTS ON THE OTHER. TURNING RIGHT ON THIS STREET, THE THIRD HOUSE ON THE LEFT WOULD BE THE CORRECT HOUSE INVOLVED, WHICH IS OCCUPIED BY AN INDIVIDUAL QUOTE WHO SELLS BEER AND BOOZE AFTER HOURS AND HIDES GUYS OUT. UNQUOTE. THE HOUSE IS DESCRIBED AS ONE BEDROOM, END PAGE EIGHT

PAGE NINE

NO GARAGE, DIRT DRIVEWAY, SINGLE STORY AND HAS A LARGE FREEZER
IN THE LIVING ROOM.

THOMAS ADVISED FROM THE STORY RECEIVED, IT IS A
POSSIBILITY QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE IS THE SAME AS THE SAMUEL LEWIS
MENTIONED IN HIS NOTES.

EACH RECEIVING OFFICE SHOULD CAREFULLY REVIEW THE NOTES
AND IMMEDIATELY ATTEMPT TO VERIFY ANY OF THE INFORMATION SET
FORTH AND ADVISE BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND LOS ANGELES.

LOS ANGELES WILL IMMEDIATELY PURSUE EFFORTS TO PROVE OR
DISPROVE THE ALLEGATIONS SET FORTH FOR LOS ANGELES AREA.

AIR MAIL COPIES BEING FURNISHED CINCINNATI, NEW ORLEANS,
ST. LOUIS AND INDIANAPOLIS IN VIEW OF INFORMATION FURNISHED
IN THE NOTES.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS."

END

IS THAT ALL

YES GOOD

GWK

FBI INDAPOLS

F B I

Date: 5/18/68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO DIRECTOR
ATLANTA
KNOXVILLE (44-696)
LOS ANGELES
LOUISVILLE

FROM INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

MURKIN

RE KNOXVILLE TEL TO INDIANAPOLIS, ATLANTA AND LOUISVILLE
MAY EIGHTEEN INSTANT; KNOXVILLE TEL TO BUREAU, ATLANTA AND OTHER
OFFICES MAY EIGHTEEN INSTANT.

REVIEW OF PRISON RECORDS AT TERRE HAUTE, IND., THIS DATE RE-
VEALED BRICKLEY'S FILE HAS EITHER BEEN PULLED OR MISFILED. FULL
WORKING FORCE AT PRISON, WHICH WILL BE NECESSARY TO LOCATE FILE,
WILL NOT BE ON UNTIL MONDAY MORNING NEXT, AT WHICH TIME A SEARCH
FOR FILE WILL BE CONDUCTED.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

① - Indianapolis

TJC:swm

(1) swn

*Tel sent
5/18/68
can't locate record
yet 8.*

Searched _____
Serialized Q
Indexed Q
Filed _____

Approved: JAN
Special Agent in Charge

Sent Dis 254 PM Per Q
at 256 PM LA 301 PM
KX 259 PM LS 303 PM

44-563-218

5/16/68

Airtel

To: SACs, Chicago
Detroit
Indianapolis
Jackson
Kansas City
Knoxville
Memphis
Milwaukee
Minneapolis
New Orleans
Omaha
Little Rock
St. Louis
Springfield

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

John Eugene Gawron was interviewed by St. Louis Office and advised he taught Ray to be a burglar. He stated that on or about 6/23-24/67, he read in the Chicago "Tribune" of a \$50,000 bank burglary in a southern state and recalled that he and Ray cased the same bank in 1958 or 1959, but did not rob the bank at that time because he injured his leg. A few days after reading this article Gawron claims he was visited by a man whom he refuses to identify and whom he believes he introduced to Ray in 1959. This man told Gawron he and others had robbed the bank, displayed a valise full of money and gave Gawron \$250. About six weeks ago this man again visited Gawron and allegedly indicated to him that Ray and one or more other persons had been involved with him in the bank robbery.

44-560-219
SEARCHED INDEXED
SERIALIZED FILED
MAY 20 1968
FBI - INDIANAPOLIS
Fletcher

Airtel SACs, Chicago, Detroit, Indianapolis, Jackson,
Kansas City, Knoxville, Memphis, Milwaukee, Minneapolis,
New Orleans, Omaha, Little Rock, St. Louis, Springfield

RE: MURKIN

During this interview Gawron refused to identify the bank or the man who visited him. He did say that the bank was in the deep South in a State like Mississippi, but not in Mississippi, in a city that is not small and is near a river. The robbers were out of state in five minutes and the loot amounted to \$50,000, plus or minus two thousand.

Based upon available information, the Chicago "Tribune" and the Bureau's bank robbery files have been reviewed without finding any reference to a robbery such as Gawron described.

Gawron has now been reinterviewed and he denies having any contact with Ray since Ray's escape. Regarding the southern bank robbery Gawron previously alleged Ray was involved in, Gawron now states that this could have occurred in July, 1967, instead of June, and was in a city on the east bank of the Mississippi River.

Each office receiving this communication should make a review of their records to determine if such bank robbery or any other robbery coming within the jurisdiction of the Bureau occurred. You should make inquiry at appropriate police departments to determine if a robbery of this magnitude exists in their files.

Armed and dangerous.

F B I

Date: 5/16/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIP MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) -P-

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

Re Cincinnati teletype, 5/15/68.

For the information of Indianapolis and Springfield,
the contents of referenced teletype is set out:

Mrs. JOHN VANCE, 514 Ryan Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, received a letter from her sister, Mrs. R. M. PERKINS, 2262 Market Street, San Francisco. Mrs. VANCE contacted Columbus Resident Agency because the letter contained the following:

"Before I forget PUBY, did you know that guy they claim shot MARTIN LUTHER KING is a grandson of those RAINES (RAYNES) that lived across from us on Vermont Street? (JIMMIE). Aunt NETTIE was married to a RAY (last name) from Missouri that is also one of his aliases. (EARL RAY) I bet GOLDIE knew him. Also DIDDIE. RAY HALL remembers him so BERNICE said."

Mrs. M. R. PERKINS, 2262 Market Street, San Francisco, on 5/15/68, advised that the RAYNES or RAY family lived across the street from her grandmother in Quincy, Illinois. She advised that she knows nothing about the RAY family and

- 3 - Bureau (RM)
- 1 - Cincinnati (Info.) (RM)
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987) (RM)
- ② - Indianapolis (RM)
- 2 - Springfield (RM)
- 2 - San Francisco

MTG:bjc
(12)

44-563-220
SEARCHED *ay*
SERIALIZED *0*

MAY 20 1968
Shelton

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

SF 173-65
MTG:bj

JAMES EARL RAY except the fact that they could be the RAY family that lived across the street from her grandmother. She advised it was only after reading about the KING murder in the newspapers and reading the name RAY that she associated the name and Quincy, Illinois.

She advised that the following people from Quincy live in San Francisco:

GOLDIE CLARK, 244 Circular Avenue,
South San Francisco, California
telephone number JU6-7941,
an employee of the Pacific Telephone Co.

RAYMOND HALL, 1512 Shrader Street,
San Francisco, California
telephone number LO6-9463.

She advised a JAMES HALL was from Quincy, Illinois and was now residing at 1711 Shawnee Road, Indianapolis, Ind. She advised JAMES HALL was about RAY's age and grew up in the same neighborhood.

She advised that DIRICK (DITTY) FRANKS also known as HALL, resided at 615 Jefferson, Quincy, Illinois, and was the former husband of GOLDIE CLARK. She advised that GOLDIE CLARK at one time operated a house of prostitution in Quincy.

She advised that her father, LAFAYETTE DILTS, exact address unknown, Quincy, Illinois, might know the RAY family because at one time he was a bootlegger in Quincy and it was reported that the RAY family was engaged in bootlegging activities.

GOLDIE CLARK, 244 Circular Avenue, South San Francisco, on 5/15/68, advised that she has been away from Quincy, Illinois for several years. She stated she never knew the RAY or RAYNES family in Quincy. She advised that she did not know JAMES EARL RAY and does not know his present whereabouts. She advised that she vaguely recalled having heard of an EARL RAY. She advised that she could not furnish

SF 173-65
MTG:bja

any information regarding JAMES EARL RAY and/or his present whereabouts.

Mrs. RAYMOND HALL, 1512 Shrader, San Francisco, on 5/15/68, advised that she and her husband were both from Quincy, Illinois but have been away from Quincy for over 25 years. She advised that they have read newspaper accounts of JAMES EARL RAY's involvement in the KING case, but advised that neither of them know JAMES EARL RAY. She stated that she has no idea of his present whereabouts.

LEADS

INDIANAPOLIS

AT INDIANAPOLIS, IND. Will contact JAMES HALL, 1711 Shawnee Road, for any information he might have regarding the background and/or whereabouts of JAMES EARL RAY.

SPRINGFIELD

AT QUINCY, ILL. Will contact DIRICK (DITTY) FRANKS, aka HALL, 615 Jefferson, for any information regarding the background and/or whereabouts of JAMES EARL RAY.

(2) Will contact LAFAYETTE DILTS, exact address unknown, possibly 300 block of Elm or Vine, for any information regarding background and/or whereabouts of JAMES EARL RAY. (Mrs. PERKINS suggested that the Chief of Police would know her father's whereabouts.)

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

DECODED COPY

☒ Radio

MAY 21, 1968

☐ Teletype

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
SAC, INDIANAPOLIS

FROM: SAC, CINCINNATI

URGENT

MURKIN.

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO BUREAU MAY 17, LAST, AM CCS.
CINCINNATI AND INDIANAPOLIS.

CHILLICOTHE FEDERAL REFORMATORY CLOSED DECEMBER 1966, AND
MOST RECORDS TRANSFERRED TO TERRE HAUTE. INDIANAPOLIS HANDLE
CHECK OF RECORDS RE SAMUEL LEWIS.

AM COPY TO MEMPHIS.

USA, Cyn
permanently
Samuel Lewis
33464-2
Samuel Lewis
44-563-221

44-563-221

| | |
|--------------------|---------|
| SEARCHED | INDEXED |
| SERIALIZED | FILED |
| MAY 21 1968 | |
| FBI - INDIANAPOLIS | |

If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

TOR 312P/TODEC 324P/TOD 331P/BRFH

F B I

Date: 5/21/68

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA, KNOXVILLE (44-696),
MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM : INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

MURKIN

RE KNOXVILLE TEL, MAY EIGHTEEN LAST, AND INDIANAPOLIS TEL,
MAY EIGHTEEN LAST.

RECORDS AT TERRE HAUTE FEDERAL PENITENTIARY FOR BRICKLEY HAVE
NOT BEEN LOCATED TO DATE. EXTENSIVE SEARCH BEING CONDUCTED BY
PRISON OFFICIALS. INTERESTED OFFICES WILL BE FURNISHED INFORMATION
UPON REVIEW.

(1) - IP

PJF/fjm *fjm*
(1)

Approved: *f. n. m.*
Special Agent in Charge

Sent *ME 4/18
KX 4/18
AT 4/18
WA 4/18* P MPer *ap*

44-563-528

DECODED COPY

☒ Radio

MAY 22, 1968

☐ Teletype

TO: SAC'S, ALL FIELD DIVISIONS
FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

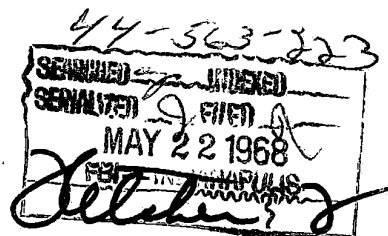
URGENT

MURKIN

INASMUCH AS RAY IS KNOWN TO STAY AT "FLOPHOUSES" AND LOWER CLASS ROOMING HOUSES, ALL OFFICES WILL FURNISH COPY OF IDENTIFICATION ORDER REGARDING RAY TO SALVATION ARMY AND OTHER CHARITABLE TYPE MISSIONS.

ALL OFFICES COVERING STATE CAPITALS, IF NOT ALREADY DONE, WILL AT DRIVERS LICENSE BUREAUS CHECK ALL DRIVERS LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR MONTHS OF APRIL AND MAY, 68, CONCERNING ALL MALE CAUCASIANS OVER THIRTY YEARS OF AGE AND UNDER FIFTY-FIVE YEARS, IN VIEW OF FACT IT IS POSSIBLE SUBJECT SECURED DRIVERS LICENSE USING ANOTHER NAME OTHER THAN ALIASES KNOWN. AS RESULT OF REVIEWING THESE APPLICATIONS, YOU SHOULD CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF ANY SUCH INDIVIDUAL IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.



If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

TOR 116P/TOB 140P/TOD 158P/BRFH

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Albany

DATE: May 20, 1968

jsa
FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: MURKIN
PUBLICITY ON REWARDS OFFERED

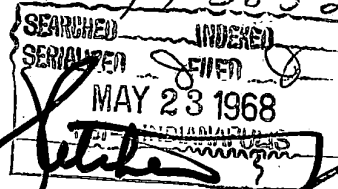
Each Special Agent in Charge and Legal Attache is instructed to promptly remind their established cooperative news sources, in a discreet and tactful manner, of the existence of substantial reward money for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killer of Dr. Martin Luther King. This money now totals at least \$100,000. The FBI should not, however, be publicized as the source of this reminder.

While the Bureau's continuing policy is to encourage the public to furnish information to law enforcement authorities as a matter of good citizenship, without expectation of financial reward, it is fully recognized that monetary rewards are often necessary to motivate some individuals. The knowledge of the existence of the substantial rewards available in the Murkin case could possibly prove of value in the solution of this major investigation.

1 - Copies to all Special Agents in Charge and Legats



5010-108



Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

FBI

Date: 5/20/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242) (P)

RE: MURKIN
CR

Re Butel, 4/25/68, to El Paso, Houston and San Antonio, advising that each office should determine from telephone company the long-distance calls placed at each public telephone on Highway 90 and Interstate Highway 10 over which subject and CHARLES STEIN allegedly traveled 12/15-17/67. Subject reportedly made eight long-distance telephone calls while in Texas.

Set forth by field divisions are some of the telephone calls made from the San Antonio Division, 12/15-17/67, which were obtained from available Southwestern Bell Telephone Company records. The various field division will determine from the subscriber or person receiving the call, the identity of the caller. If the caller was JAMES EARL RAY, aka, obtain

5-Bureau
 (2-Legat, Mexico City) 2-Little Rock
 2-Albuquerque 3-Los Angeles
 2-Atlanta 2-Memphis (44-1987)
 2-Baltimore 2-New Haven
 2-Chicago 3-New York
 3-Dallas 2-Oklahoma City
 2-Denver 2-Omaha
 3-Detroit 2-Pittsburgh
 3-Indianapolis 2-San Francisco
 2-Jackson 2-San Antonio
 2-Jacksonville JMK:csh
 2-Kansas City (51)

Valente Smith { *advised* } *44-563-225*
9/2
Stecher

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
 Special Agent in Charge

SA 44-1242

all available information. Further, determine if the subscriber or the person receiving the call has any knowledge of JAMES EARL RAY.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU

The Bureau is requested to furnish Legat, Mexico City two copies of this airtel and set forth the same lead for Legat, Mexico as set forth for the other recipient offices listed above.

| <u>DATE</u> <u>LEGAT, MEXICO</u> | <u>CALLING NUMBER</u> | <u>CALLED NUMBER</u> | <u>PLACE AND/OR PERSON CALLED</u> |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|---|
| 12/16/67 | 223-8252 | 1227 | Sabinas, Coahuila, Mexico |
| 12/17/67 | 278-9068 | 1250 | Rosita, Coahuila, Mexico |
| 12/15/67 | 223-7920 | 427056 | Records show to "Lerdo, Mex." Place "Monty" |
| 12/16/67 | 223-8252 | 427056 | Monterrey, Mexico |
| 12/17/67 | 223-8252 | 468515 | Mexico City |
| <u>ALBUQUERQUE</u> | | | |
| 12/16/67 | 563-9704 | 505-877-9947 | To JENNY SHOUP |
| <u>ATLANTA</u> | | | |
| 12/15/67 | 875-9087 | 404-544-2190 | Columbus, Georgia |
| <u>BALTIMORE</u> | | | |
| 12/15/67 | 563-9793 | 301-675-0381 | |
| 12/16/67 | 563-9719 | 301-675-0381 | |
| <u>CHICAGO</u> | | | |
| 12/16/67 | 223-8252 | 312-847-4122 | |
| 12/16/67 | 432-9322 | 312-533-1084 | |

SA 44-1242

1-58512

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>CALLING NUMBER</u> | <u>CALLED NUMBER</u> | <u>PLACE AND/OR PERSON CALLED</u> |
|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|--|
| <u>DALLAS</u> | | | |
| 12/16/67 | 278-9012 | 214-247-6949 | |
| 12/17/67 | 432-9277 | 214-295-5689 | |
| 12/16/67 | 278-9194 | 214-351-6970 | |
| 12/15/67 | 223-8148 | 214-374-6379 | |
| 12/15/67 | 278-9041 | 214-465-0015 | |
| 12/15/67 | 278-9086 | 214-748-5851 | |
| 12/17/67 | 278-9194 | 806-362-7797 | |
| 12/16/67 | 278-9030 | 806-364-0709 | |
| 12/16/67 | 278-9066 | 806-364-4789 | |
| 12/15/67 | 223-0300 | 806-373-1108 | |
| 12/15/67 | 223-7271 | 806-385-5322 | |
| 12/17/67 | 278-9068 | 806-765-5963 | |
| <u>DENVER</u> | | | |
| 12/17/67 | 379-9059 | 303-641-1586 | Gunnison, Colorado |
| <u>DETROIT</u> | | | |
| 12/17/67 | 379-9953 | 517-867-3781 | Gustine |
| 12/17/67 | 432-9447 | 616-236-5598 | Miss SNEAA WATKINS Tolman, Michigan |
| <u>INDIANAPOLIS</u> | | | |
| ✓ 12/15/67 | 674-9919 | 317-473-7263 | |

3A 44-1242

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>CALLING NUMBER</u> | <u>CALLED NUMBER</u> | <u>PLACE AND/OR PERSON CALLED</u> |
|-------------|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| ✓ 12/15/67 | 875-9079 | 317-963-2331 | Sharpville, Indiana <i>Valentine</i> |
| ✓ 12/17/67 | 379-9925 | 219-456-2832 | Fort Wayne, Indiana |

SA 44-1242

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Calling No.</u> | <u>Called No.</u> | <u>Place and/or Person Called</u> |
|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--|
| <u>JACKSON</u> | | | |
| 12/17/67 | 674-9919 | 601-475-7722 | |
| 12/17/67 | 432-9005 | 601-762-3813 | |
| <u>JACKSONVILLE</u> | | | |
| 12/17/67 | 875-9055 | 904-433-1459 | Pensacola, Fla. |
| <u>KANSAS CITY</u> | | | |
| 12/15/67 | 674-9761 | 913-539-4300 | |
| <u>LITTLE ROCK</u> | | | |
| 12/16/67 | 223-7271 | 501-375-6561 | |
| 12/16/67 | 432-9005 | 501-624-4536 | VELMA THOMPSON |
| 12/17/67 | 432-9277 | 501-835-3481 | WORKMAN |
| <u>LOS ANGELES</u> | | | |
| 12/15/67 | 223-8266 | 213-231-5482 | |
| 12/17/67 | 988-7491 | 213-429-9378 | |
| 12/17/67 | 223-7271 | 213-663-3675 | |
| 12/16/67 | 379-9092 | 714-540-7240 | Santa Ana, Calif. |
| <u>MEMPHIS</u> | | | |
| 12/15/67 | 223-8080 | 901-947-1819 | Memphis, to RUBY SIMONS or SIMORS |
| <u>NEW HAVEN</u> | | | |
| 12/17/67 | 223-7689 | 203-754-6121 | Waterbury, Conn., from Miss JAMES, Room 319, Palace Hotel |

SA 44-1242

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Calling No.</u> | <u>Called No.</u> | <u>Place and/or Person Called</u> |
|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <u>NEW YORK</u> | | | |
| 12/16/67 | 432-9407 | 212-588-7147 | |
| 12/16/67 | 379-9059 | 914-343-3240 | Middletown, N.Y. |
| <u>OKLAHOMA CITY</u> | | | |
| 12/17/67 | 674-9919 | 405-771-3268 | |
| <u>OMAHA</u> | | | |
| 12/17/67 | 379-9084 | 515-388-4928 | |
| <u>PITTSBURGH</u> | | | |
| 12/17/67 | 432-9595 | 304-727-8137 | St. Albans, West Virginia |
| <u>SAN FRANCISCO</u> | | | |
| 12/17/67 | 223-7765 | 415-654-4366 | |

Unless pertinent information is developed during the course of the investigation requested above which pertains to the San Antonio Division, it is not necessary to advise the San Antonio Division of the results.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

F B I

Date: 5/23/68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO DIRECTOR (44-1574), ATLANTA, KNOXVILLE, MEMPHIS, LOS ANGELES
FROM INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

MURKIN.

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE, MAY SEVENTEEN LAST; KNOXVILLE TELETYPE,
MAY EIGHTEEN LAST.

RECORDS U. S. PENITENTIARY, TERRE HAUTE, IND., REFLECT FRANK
WILLIAM BRICKLEY, WMA, BORN [REDACTED] AT TENN.,
FIVE FEET SEVEN, ONE FIFTYSIX POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, BROWN EYES,
TWO INCH SCAR ABOVE LEFT EYE, SENTENCED SIX YEARS INDETERMINATE
WESTERN DISTRICT VIRGINIA, MAY TWENTYTHREE SIXTY, YCA - ITSMV.
LATER ARRESTED AS PAROLE VIOLATOR. BRICKLEY CONVICTED MARCH
TWENTYFOUR, SIXTYSIX, RECEIVED ONE YEAR CONCURRENT MIDDLE DISTRICT
ALABAMA FOR ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER. BRICKLEY RELEASED JAN.
SIXTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN, NO SUPERVISION, INTENDED RESIDENCE WITH MOTHER
MRS. DOROTHY (ROY) BRICKLEY, THREE ZERO ONE ROWLAND AVE.,
ROSSVILLE, GA. COPY OF BRICKLEY'S PACE RECORD SENT USPO, ATLANTA,
GA., FOR INFORMATION UPON RELEASE.

END PAGE ONE

(1) - Indianapolis

JDB:ndv

(1)

Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent

M Per

F B I

Date:

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via _____
(Priority)

IP 44-563

PAGE TWO

FOLLOWING RELATIVES NOTED: SISTER BIRDIE LEE (ARCHIE) HOLLAND, ONE TWO TWO THREE EAST THIRTYFIFTH STREET PLACE, CHATTANOOGA, TENN., SISTER EDNA WILBURN, TWO EIGHT ZERO EIGHT EAST THIRTYNINTH STREET, CHATTANOOGA; BROTHER ROY BRICKLEY, JR., CHATTANOOGA; SISTER MARY F. (CHARLES) DURHAM, WILDWOOD, GA.; SISTER ANN (GENE) CRAWLEY, ADDRESS UNKNOWN.

FILE INDICATES BRICKLEY HAS EXCESSIVE DRINKING HABITS, IS SOPHISTICATED, AND HOSTILE TOWARD QUESTIONING. PRIOR RECORD INCLUDES KIDNAPING AND HIGHWAY ROBBERY. BROTHER ROY BRICKLEY, JR. WAS CO-DEFENDANT IN KIDNAPING CASE.

BRICKLEY BELIEVED IDENTICAL TO PERSON FURNISHING INFORMATION REGARDING RAY TO EDITOR LOS ANGELES TIMES.

JUNE, SIXTYSIX PHOTO BEING OBTAINED AND FORWARDED TO INTERESTED OFFICES.

ATLANTA INTERVIEW INDICATED RELATIVES AT WILDWOOD AND ROSSVILLE, GEORGIA, AND REVIEW BRICKLEY'S RECORD USPO, ATLANTA, IN ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW BRICKLEY.

END PAGE TWO

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge