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TITLE CHANGED TO ADD ALIAS LARRY HACKER.

RE KNOXVILLE TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU AND ALL SAC'S,  
JUNE 11, 1977, AND KNOXVILLE TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, JUNE 11,  
1977.

FOR INFO OFFICES NOT RECEIVING REFERENCED KNOXVILLE  
TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, JUNE 11, 1977, ON JUNE 11, 1977,  
COMPLAINT AUTHORIZED BY USAG GRIFFIN BELL THROUGH SPECIAL  
ASSISTANT FREDERICK BARRON AND PREPARED BY AUSA EDWARD WILSON  
AT KNOXVILLE, TENN., WAS FILED BY SA RONALD L. JOHNSON BEFORE  
USDJ FRANK A. KAUFMAN AT KNOXVILLE CHARGING SUBJECT HACKER  
WAS IN VIOLATION TITLE 18, USC, SECTION 371, IN UNLAWFULLY,  
ETC., CONSPIRING TO VIOLATE TITLE 18, USC, SECTION 1073. IT  
IS RECOMMENDED THAT SUBJECT BE HELD WITHOUT BOND.

A REVIEW OF MEMPHIS FILE CONCERNING HACKER REVEALS THAT  
HE IS A WM, 32 YEARS OF AGE, 6'1", 170 LBS., ACNE SCARS ON  
FACE, TATTOOS OF SPIDER ON LEFT HAND AND "LARRY" ON RIGHT  
FOREARM, DOB  GRAY EYES, BROWN HAIR,  
RESIDENCE HAMILTON, OHIO.

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MEMPHIS FILES REVEAL THAT THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS HAVE  
AT ONE TIME BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH HACKER. THESE INDIVIDUALS  
SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY INTERVIEWED RE WHEREABOUTS OF HACKER  
AND OTHER ESCAPEES:

WANDA FITCH, ATLANTA, GA.

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GLORIA POWELL, HUNTSVILLE, ALA.

LENNIS CURTIS, AKA PENNY CURTIS, 1806 MARTIN ST., S. E.,  
DECATUR, ALA.

BRYANT HOLCOMB, HUNTSVILLE, ALA.

ARLO BARGER, C/O BILLY DAWSON, LAYTON, ALA.

JAMES HOYT POWELL, 500 MARGUERITE DR., HUNTSVILLE, ALA.

J. C. BROOKS, BURGLARY SQUAD, HUNTSVILLE, ALA., PD

ARTHUR EDWARD WILLIAMSON, AKA (UFAP) OO CHICAGO, CGFILE  
88-15295, WHO WAS ARRESTED WITH HACKER AT ONE TIME

FOREST DENZIL MC GUIRE, CHICAGO

LARRY BEAL, 13914 W. 145TH PLACE, LOCKPORT, ILL.

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HERMAN ROSE, 2601 MILLVILLE, OXFORD RD., OXFORD, OHIO

BILL BOWLING, 24 SPRING ST., NEWARK, OHIO

CURTIS PERRY, WIFE LINDA, RR 3, WEST ALEXANDRIA, OHIO

CAROLYN SUE JOHNSON, 3723 MILLVILLE, OXFORD RD., OXFORD,  
OHIO

JAMES EDWARD CREAMER, GREENVILLE, S. C.

MELVIN COX, 407 MORRIS ST., GREENVILLE, S. C.

PETE WALL, GREEN ACRES TRAILER PARK, GAFFNEY, S. C.

DOLLY AND ROBERT LAW, HUB CAFE, EATON ST., HAMILTON, OHIO

IRIS HACKER, 442 S. C ST., HAMILTON, OHIO

MILLIE LAUER, DORO CONSTRUCTION CO., 414 PARK ST.,  
HAMILTON, OHIO

MITCH HARRIS, SOUTHERN OHIO AND TEXAS DRY WALL CO.,  
HAMILTON, OHIO

ARETTA STEELE, 1223 GRAND BLVD., HAMILTON, OHIO

BUTCH RILEY, HAMILTON, OHIO

DET. AUSTIN SIMPSON, HAMILTON, OHIO, PD

MOVENA ROBBINS, 1907 GRAND BLVD., HAMILTON, OHIO

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MARY CAUDILL, 1307 KAHN AVE., HAMILTON, OHIO

JACK CROUCHER, 1820 SEE AVE., HAMILTON, OHIO

MATTHEW CREHAN, HAMILTON, OHIO

GEORGIA HACKER, MOTHER, 146 WEBSTER AVE., HAMILTON, OHIO

ED HACKER, FATHER, SAME ADDRESS

LINDA AND ARNOLD MC GUIRE, 236 N. SECOND ST., HAMILTON,  
OHIO

RAY JAY PERRY, 232 S. D ST., HAMILTON, OHIO

GAIL BLACKBURN, 602 HOLDIMAND AVE., HAMILTON, OHIO

DET. JERRY MERZ, HAMILTON, OHIO, PD

HERBERT ODLE, 7340 OAK ST., TAYLOR, MICH.

[REDACTED] DAUGHTER, METAMORA, IND.

JN 26-C

LOU STEELE, RT. 2, APOPKA, FLA.

DUE TO THE FACT SUBJECT ACCOMPANIED JAMES EARL RAY IN  
ESCAPE, EXPEDITIOUS HANDLING OF ALL LEADS IS REQUESTED DUE TO  
NATIONAL PROMINENCE OF THIS MATTER. RECEIVING OFFICES ARE  
REQUESTED TO COVER LEADS SET OUT IN THIS COMMUNICATION IN

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THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THE SUBJECT  
WAS CONVICTED OF ROBBERY WITH A DEADLY WEAPON AND BURGLARY, HE  
SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DOUGLAS SWANE SHELTON, AKA DOUGLAS SHELTON - FUGITIVE;

CONSPIRACY; UFAP - ESCAPE. OO: KNOXVILLE.

ON JUNE 11, 1977, COMPLAINT AUTHORIZED BY U. S. ATTORNEY  
GENERAL GRIFFIN BELL THROUGH SPECIAL ASSISTANT FREDERICK BARRON  
AND PREPARED BY AUSA EDWARD WILSON AT KNOXVILLE, TENN., WAS  
FILED BY SA RONALD L. JOHNSON BEFORE U. S. DISTRICT JUDGE FRANK A.  
KAUFMAN AT KNOXVILLE, TENN. CHARGING SUBJECT SHELTON WAS IN  
VIOLATION OF TITLE 18, USC, SECTION 371, IN UNLAWFULLY, ETC.  
CONSPIRING TO VIOLATE TITLE 18, U. S. CODE, SECTION 1073.  
IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT SUBJECT BE HELD WITHOUT BOND.

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AT APPROXIMATELY 7:20 P.M., JUNE 10, 1977,  
DOUGLAS SWANE SHELTON, IN THE COMPANY OF JAMES EARL  
RAY, EARL HILL, JR., DAVID LEE POWELL, DONALD RAY CAYLOR  
AND LARRY EDWARD HACKER, ALL INMATES OF THE BRUSHY MOUNTAIN  
STATE PRISON, PETROS, TENN., ESCAPED BY PLACING MAKE SHIFT  
LADDER ON OUTSIDE WALL OF PRISON COMPOUND. ESCAPEES  
WERE INMATES OF GENERAL PRISON POPULATION. PRISONERS  
WERE ALLOWED IN MAIN PRISON YARD AT 6:00 P.M. FOR  
SUPERVISED EXERCISE.

ESCAPE WAS FACILITATED BY TWO INCIDENTS OCCURRING  
IN PRISON YARD: A STAGED FIGHT AND FAKED ACCIDENT.  
PRISONERS ESCAPED WHILE ATTENTION OF GUARDS AND MAIN  
PRISON POPULATION DIRECTED TOWARD THESE INCIDENTS.  
ONE PRISONER ATTEMPTING TO ESCAPE WAS SHOT AND RECAPTURED  
BY PRISON GUARDS.

REVIEW OF TENNESSEE PRISON RECORD NUMBER 65927  
INDICATES FOLLOWING INFORMATION RE DOUGLAS SWANE SHELTON:  
WHITE, MALE, DOB [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] POB KINGSFORD, TENN.,  
5'10", 157 LBS., EYES BROWN, HAIR BROWN, TATTOOS

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SKULL - RIBBON WITH "DEATH BEFORE DISHONOR" RIGHT ARM;  
RIBBON WITH "ALICE" RIGHT ARM; CROSS WITH RIBBON "CONNIE"  
LEFT ARM; "SEND THIS CONVICT TO HEAVEN. HE SPENT HIS  
TIME IN HELL" UPPER LEFT ARM; A BEE ON RIGHT AND LEFT  
CHEST. EDUCATION: 11TH GRADE. MARITAL STATUS: SINGLE.  
PRIOR OCCUPATIONS: BRICKSON DISCAPN PAINTER  
AND PRESS OPERATOR. SSAN [REDACTED] FBI NUMBER 388 357 F.  
TENNESSEE PRISON NUMBER 65907. CURRENTLY SERVING  
SENTENCES OF 63 TO 65 YEARS FOR FELONIOUS ASSAULT,  
GRAND LARCENY AND FIRST DEGREE MURDER.

PRISON RECORDS INDICATE FOLLOWING RELATIVES: MOTHER  
AND FATHER WILLIAM MC KINLEY SHELTON, ROXIE PEARL  
SHELTON, RT. 4, P. O. BOX 262, KINGSFORT, TENN.: BROTHERS: ✓  
BOBBY SHELTON, 2242 SCHPAGE AVE., WHITING, IND.: HARVEY  
WILLIS SHELTON, 209 S. ARCH RD., RICHMOND, VA.: GERALD  
SHELTON, RT. 4, KINGSFORT, TENN.: AUDIE P. SHELTON, ✓  
ADDRESS 1620 CLEVELAND AVE., WHITING, IND.: SISTERS:  
ROBINA LANE, 1030 ROBINSON STREET, KINGSFORT, TENN.  
(HUSBAND'S NAME MARION LANE): ORFEL B. SHELTON, 1845 1/2 ✓



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NEW YORK AVE., WHITING, IND.; FORMER GIRL FRIEND  
JAMIE OVENBY, 1446 WILLOW STREET, KINGSPORT, TENN.

MOST RECENT VISITORS AT PRISON FOR SHELTON ON  
MAY 29, 1977: GERALD M. SHELTON, BROTHER, RT. 4,  
KINGSPORT, TENN.; HELEN SHELTON, SISTER-IN-LAW,  
RT. 4, KINGSPORT, TENN.; [REDACTED] NIECE  
AND NEPHEW, RT. 4, KINGSPORT, TENN.

ON MAY 22, 1977, ROXIE SHELTON, MOTHER, RT. 4,  
BOX 262, KINGSPORT, TENN.; EDITH CRAWFORD, FRIEND,  
RT. 4, KINGSPORT, TENN.; GEORGIA CRAWFORD, FRIEND, RT. 4,  
KINGSPORT, TENN.

ON MAY 9, 1977: AUDIE R. SHELTON, BROTHER, 1620 ✓  
CLEVELAND AVE., WHITING, IND.

IN VIEW OF NATIONAL PROMINENCE OF JAMES EARL  
RAY WHO MAY BE ACCOMPANYING SUBJECT, EXPEDITIOUS  
COVERAGE OF LEADS IS REQUESTED BY RECEIVING OFFICES.

LEADS. INDIANAPOLIS. AT WHITING, IND. 1.  
WILL CONTACT BROTHERS BOBBY SHELTON, 2242 SCHRAGE AVE.;  
AUDIE R. SHELTON, 1620 CLEVELAND, AVE., AND SISTER

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ORELL B. SHELTON, 1845 1/2 NEW YORK AVE., IN ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND APPREHEND SUBJECT. WILL ADVISE OF OTHER ESCAPEES WHO MAY BE IN COMPANY OF SUBJECT.

RICHMOND. AT RICHMOND, IND. WILL CONTACT SUBJECT'S BROTHER, HARVEY WILLIS SHELTON, IN ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND APPREHEND SUBJECT AND WILL ADVISE OF OTHER ESCAPEES WHO MAY BE IN COMPANY OF SUBJECT.

KNOXVILLE. AT KINGSFORT, TENN. 1. WILL CONTACT ALL RELATIVES AND FRIENDS IN KINGSFORT, TENN. AS REQUESTED IN THIS COMMUNICATION IN ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND APPREHEND SUBJECT. 2. WILL CONTACT TBI AGENT JAMES KEASLING, KINGSFORT, TENN., FOR ASSISTANCE AND ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION HE MAY HAVE RE SUBJECT. (FOR INFORMATION OF KINGSFORT, KEASLING WORKED CASE ON SUBJECT WHEN SUBJECT ORIGINALLY SENT PENITENTIARY).

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS IN VIEW OF CHARGE OF MURDER AND PRESENT AND PRIOR ESCAPES.

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DONALD RAY CAYLOR - FUGITIVE; LARRY EDWARD HACKER - FUGITIVE;  
EARL HILL, JR. - FUGITIVE; DAVID LEE POWELL - FUGITIVE; JAMES  
EARL RAY - FUGITIVE; DOUGLAS SHELTON - FUGITIVE, CONSPIRACY  
TO VIOLATE UFAC - ESCAPE, OO: KNOXVILLE

RE EARLIER TELETYPES THIS DATE.

THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE INVESTIGATION AND  
EVENTS INCIDENTAL TO CAPTIONED MATTER:

GENERAL MATTER:

SIX CAPTIONED SUBJECTS ESCAPED FROM BRUSHY MOUNTAIN  
PRISON (BMP) JUNE 10, 1977, AT ABOUT 7:20 PM, AND FLED TO  
RUGGED MOUNTAINOUS TERRITORY. ONE WOULD-BE ESCAPEE UNSUC-  
CESSFUL AND WOUNDED SLIGHTLY IN ATTEMPT. LOCAL AUTHORITIES

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CONVERGED ON AREA AND JOINED EFFORTS TO RECAPTURE SUBJECTS.  
FBI AGENTS ON SCENE TO DETERMINE ANY EXISTENCE OF FEDERAL  
VIOLATION.

PROCESS AUTHORIZED BY ATTORNEY GENERAL AND FILED BEFORE  
USDJ DAVID A. KAUFMAN BY FBI AGENT ABOUT 4:00 AM, JUNE 11, 1977.  
ADDITIONAL AGENTS ARRIVED IN KNOXVILLE FROM SURROUNDING OFFICES  
AND PROCEEDED TO SCENE.

JAMES EARL RAY PLACED ON TOP TEN THIS DATE.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, SR., ARRIVED THIS DATE AT KNOX-  
VILLE FOR SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT AND AFFORDED EXTENSIVE POLICE  
PROTECTION.

INVESTIGATION AT BMP:

DAVID LEE POWELL APPREHENDED JUNE 11, 1977, BY TENNESSEE  
HIGHWAY PATROL (THP) AFTER BEING OBSERVED FROM HELICOPTER.

MAIN THRUST OF INVESTIGATION PLACED ON LOCATING ESCAPEES.

JERRY W. WARD, UNSUCCESSFUL ESCAPEE, DECLINED INTERVIEW. INTER-  
VIEWS OF INMATES BELIEVED TO HAVE FEIGNED DISTURBANCE UNPRODUC-  
TIVE. GUARD NEAREST THE ESCAPEES INTERVIEWED AND ADVISED HE  
WAS DISTRACTED BY FIGHT AND APPARENT ACCIDENT. WHEN HE OBSERVED

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ESCAPEES, HE ACCIDENTALLY JAMMED DOOR TO GUARD TOWER WHILE REACHING FOR WEAPON. SUBSEQUENTLY, HE FIRED A SHOTGUN AND THEN A .22 RIFLE AT ESCAPEES. HE BELIEVES THAT HE MAY HAVE WOUNDED ONE. NO BLOOD KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN OBSERVED IN AREA. TRACKS OBSERVED IN SEVERAL AREAS BEING SEARCHED. SEARCH PARTIES USING BLOODHOUNDS WORKED THROUGHOUT JUNE 10-11, 1977. ON JUNE 11, 1977, TWO THP HELICOPTERS, ONE FBI PLANE, AND ONE PLANE RENTED BY THE FBI, AS WELL AS ONE SWAT HELICOPTER FROM KNOXVILLE, TENN. PD, UTILIZED IN SEARCHING AREA.

ROADBLOCKS ORGANIZED IN CONJUNCTION WITH ROVING PATROLS. AGENTS ON SCENE OPERATING IN 12-HOUR SHIFTS WHERE SEARCH TO CONTINUE FROM DAWN TO DUSK. FBI, STATE, AND LOCAL SWAT TEAMS, AS WELL AS TRACKERS ARE OPERATING.

ARRANGEMENTS MADE WITH RAILROADS FOR SEARCH OF TRAINS PASSING THROUGH AREAS CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE PRISON.

INVESTIGATION KNOXVILLE DIVISION OTHER THAN AT BMP:

RELATIVES, FRIENDS, AND ASSOCIATES OF SUBJECTS CAYLOR, SHELTON, AND HILL CONTACTED THROUGHOUT EASTERN TENN. WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. CONTINUED COVERAGE BEING AFFORDED AND

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APPROPRIATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES NOTIFIED.

AIRLINES AND BUS TERMINALS AT KNOXVILLE PLACED ON  
ALERT WITH DESCRIPTIONS OF SUBJECTS.

COPIES OF PHOTOS OF SUBJECTS BEING PREPARED TO BE  
DISTRIBUTED LOCALLY THIS DATE.

NATIONWIDE INVESTIGATION:

ALL FBI FIELD OFFICES HAVE BEEN ALERTED TO ESCAPE AND  
OUTSTANDING PROCESS ON SUBJECTS. FIELD OFFICES AFFORDING  
CLOSE COVERAGE OF RELATIVES, FRIENDS, AND ASSOCIATES OF  
SUBJECTS AND AGGRESSIVELY INVESTIGATING THIS MATTER. MOST  
OF JAMES EARL RAY'S RELATIVES CONTACTED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS  
RE HIS WHEREABOUTS.

WANTED FLYERS BEING DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT NEWS MEDIA  
IN EASTERN TENN.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

IT IS NOTED THAT ON THE PLANES OWNED AND RENTED BY THE  
FBI WE ARE USING SENSITIVE EQUIPMENT AND EXPECT THIS EQUIP-  
MENT TO BE MOST EFFECTIVE DURING LATE AFTERNOON OR EARLY  
MORNING HOURS. IT IS NOTED ALSO THAT INVESTIGATION IS BEING

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PURSUED WITH FULL AWARENESS OF THE POSSIBLE IMPLICATION OF  
FEDERAL FUGITIVE WILLIE FOSTER SELLERS AND HIS ASSOCIATES.  
IN THIS REGARD, KNOXVILLE HAS RECEIVED PERMISSION FOR THE  
CONSENSUAL MONITORING OF THE TELEPHONE UTILIZED BY TWO FEMALE  
FRIENDS OF SELLERS' ASSOCIATES, CHARLES WILLIAM GARY AND  
RICHARD LEE BECK.

NEGRO AGENT CURRENTLY ASSIGNED KNOXVILLE AND ON THE  
SCENE WILL RE-INTERVIEW POWELL PER AG INSTRUCTIONS.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES NOTIFIED OF AG'S DESIRES RE CAPTURE  
OF RAY.

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LARRY EDWARD HACKER, AKA - FUGITIVE; CONSPIRACY;

UFAC - ESCAPE. OO: KNOXVILLE

ON JUNE 11, 1977, COMPLAINT AUTHORIZED BY U. S. ATTORNEY  
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BAPRON AND PREPARED BY AUSA EDWARD WILSON AT KNOXVILLE, TENN.,  
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FRANK A. KAUFMAN AT KNOXVILLE, TENN., CHARGING SUBJECT HACKER  
WAS IN VIOLATION OF TITLE 18, USC, SECTION 371, IN UNLAWFULLY,  
ETC. CONSPIRING TO VIOLATE TITLE 18, USC, SECTION 1073.  
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AT APPROXIMATELY 7:20 P.M., JUNE 10, 1977, LARRY EDWARD HACKER IN THE COMPANY OF JAMES EARL RAY, EARL HILL, JR., DAVID LEE POWELL, DOUGLAS SHELTON AND DONALD RAY CAYLOR, OF THE BRUSHY MOUNTAIN STATE PRISON, PETROS, TENN., ESCAPED BY PLACING MAKESHIFT LADDER ON THE OUTSIDE WALL OF THE PRISON COMPOUND. THE ESCAPEES WERE INMATES OF THE GENERAL PRISON POPULATION. THE PRISONERS WERE ALLOWED INTO THE MAIN PRISON YARD AT 6:00 P.M. FOR SUPERVISED EXERCISE.

THE ESCAPE WAS FACILITATED BY TWO INCIDENTS WHICH OCCURRED IN THE PRISON YARD: A STAGED FIGHT AND A FAKED ACCIDENT. THE PRISONERS ESCAPED WHILE THE ATTENTION OF THE GUARDS AND THE MAIN PRISON POPULATION WAS DIRECTED TO THESE TWO INCIDENTS.

ONE OF THE PRISONERS ALSO ATTEMPTED TO ESCAPE AND WAS SHOT AND RECAPTURED BY PRISON GUARDS.

REVIEW OF TENNESSEE STATE PRISON RECORD NUMBER 70640-W, FBI NUMBER 255 832 G, OF LARRY EDWARD HACKER

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REVEALS HACKER, WHITE MALE, 32 YEARS OLD, 6'1",  
170 LBS., ACNE SCARS ON FACE, TATTOOS OF SPIDER ON  
LEFT HAND AND "LARRY" ON RIGHT FOREARM, DOB [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], EYES GRAY, HAIR BROWN, RESIDENCE HAMILTON,  
OHIO.

FILE REVEALS WIFE MILDRED HACKER, ADDRESS 343 S. P  
STREET, HAMILTON, OHIO. VISITORS LIST INCLUDES FORMER  
WIFE SANDRA (MILLIS) HACKER, STREET ADDRESS UNKNOWN,  
MATAMORE, INDIANA: ED HACKER, FATHER, 146 WEBSTER  
AVENUE, HAMILTON, OHIO; GEORGIA HACKER, MOTHER, SAME  
ADDRESS-AS FATHER; IRIS HACKER, SISTER, 342 S. P STREET,  
HAMILTON, OHIO; EDITH WILSON, 146 WEBSTER AVENUE, HAMILTON,  
OHIO; MURNA M. OBENCHAIN, 1202 LAURENT STREET, NASHVILLE,  
TENN.: HERBERT ODLE, 7340 OAK STREET, TAYLOR,  
MICHIGAN: JAMES HOYT POWELL, 500 MARYUETTE DRIVE,  
HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA: ARLO BARGER, 1865 PARRISH AVENUE,  
HAMILTON, OHIO.

EMPLOYMENTS LISTED AS SOUTHERN TEXAS DRY WALL COMPANY,  
DAYTON, OHIO, 1969 - 1970. OCCUPATION CARPENTER,

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CHAMPION PAPER COMPANY, HAMILTON, OHIO, MACHINE OPERATOR,  
1966 - 1968; PHILCO, CONNERSVILLE, IND., SPOT WELDER,  
1964 - 1966.

DUE TO THE FACT SUBJECT ACCOMPANIED JAMES EARL  
RAY IN ESCAPE, EXPEDITIOUS HANDLING OF ALL LEADS IS  
REQUESTED DUE TO NATIONAL PROMINENCE OF THIS MATTER.

RECEIVING OFFICES ARE REQUESTED TO COVER LEADS  
SET OUT IN THIS COMMUNICATION IN THEIR RESPECTIVE  
AREAS.

IN VIEW OF FACT SUBJECT CONVICTED OF ROBBERY  
WITH A DEADLY WEAPON AND BURGLARY, HE SHOULD BE  
CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DONALD RAY CAYLOR - FUGITIVE; LARRY EDWARD HACKER -  
FUGITIVE; EARL HILL, JR. - FUGITIVE; DAVID LEE POWELL -  
FUGITIVE; JAMES EARL RAY - FUGITIVE; DOUGLAS SHELTON -  
FUGITIVE. CONSPIRACY TO VIOLATE UFAC - ESCAPE. OO:  
KNOXVILLE.

RE KNOXVILLE TELETYPE JUNE 11, 1977 CAPTIONED AS  
ABOVE.

FOLLOWING PHYSICAL DESCRIPTIONS OF ALL SUBJECTS  
SET FORTH:

REVIEW OF PRISON RECORDS, BRUSHY MOUNTAIN STATE  
PRISON, ON JUNE 11, 1977, DISCLOSED FOLLOWING DESCRIPTIVE

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AND BACKGROUND DATA ON JAMES EARL RAY: <sup>DOB</sup>  ~~D-N~~

POB ALTON, ILL., OR ST. LOUIS, MO., WHITE, MALE, BLUE EYES, 5'10", 175 POUNDS, BLACK AND GRAY HAIR, FAIR COMPLEXION, BRUSHY MOUNTAIN PRISON 65477. RELATIVES: FATHER GEORGE RAY, ADDRESS UNKNOWN; BROTHERS: JOHN RAY, 1982 ARSENAL ST., ST. LOUIS, MO.; JERRY RAY, BOX 145, LAKE ZURICH, ILL.; SISTER: CAROL PEPPER, 523 FRONRU (PHONETIC) LANE, CITY AND STATE NOT LISTED, AND 4025 BELLEVUE AVE., MAPLEWOOD, MO.

REVIEW OF TENNESSEE PRISON RECORD NUMBER 65907 INDICATES FOLLOWING INFORMATION RE DOUGLAS SWANE SHELTON: WHITE, MALE, DOB  POB KINGSFORT, TENN., 5'10", 157 POUNDS, EYES BROWN, HAIR BROWN, TATTOOS: SKULL - RIBBON WITH "DEATH BEFORE DISHONOR" RIGHT ARM; RIBBON WITH "ALICE" RIGHT ARM; CROSS WITH RIBBON "CONNIE" LEFT ARM; "SEND THIS CONVICT TO HEAVEN. HE SPENT HIS TIME IN HELL" UPPER LEFT ARM; A BEE ON RIGHT AND LEFT CHEST. EDUCATION: 11TH GRADE. MARITAL STATUS: SINGLE. PRIOR OCCUPATIONS: BRICKMASON, LANDSCAPING, PAINTER AND PRESS OPERATOR. SSAN  FBI NO. 388 367 F.

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TENNESSEE PRISON NUMBER 65907. CURRENTLY SERVING SENTENCES OF 63 TO 65 YEARS FOR FELONIOUS ASSAULT, GRAND LARCENY AND FIRST DEGREE MURDER.

EARL HILL. WHITE, MALE, DOB [REDACTED] ERWIN, TENNESSEE, SINGLE, 5'6", 135 POUNDS, BLACK HAIR, GREEN EYES, COMPLEXION MEDIUM, SCAR TOP RIGHT HAND. EDUCATION 8TH GRADE.

DAVID LEE POWELL, NEGRO MALE, AGE 28, DOB [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] CLARKSVILLE, MISSISSIPPI, 6'1", 158 POUNDS, HAIR BLACK, EYES BROWN, TATTOO OF HEART WITH "CM" LEFT UPPER ARM.

LARRY EDWARD HACKER, WHITE MALE, 32 YEARS OLD, 6'1", 170 POUNDS, ACNE SCARS ON FACE, TATTOOS OF SPIDER ON LEFT HAND AND "LARRY" ON RIGHT FOREARM. DOB [REDACTED] EYES GRAY, HAIR BROWN, RESIDENCE: HAMILTON, OHIO.

DONALD RAY CAYLOR, WHITE MALE, 5'6", 130 POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, BROWN EYES, FAIR COMPLEXION, DOB [REDACTED],  
[REDACTED] KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, TWO INCH SURGICAL SCAR ON

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LEFT FOREHEAD.

ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

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LARRY EDWARD HACKER, AKA - FUGITIVE; CONSPIRACY;

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WILLIE FOSTER SELLERS, AKA - FUGITIVE, AND ASSOCIATES,

"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES MATTER."

REFERENCE IS MADE TO RECENT CORRESPONDENCE UNDER  
CAPTION NOTED ABOVE:

FOR YOU INFORMATION:

ON JUNE 11, 1977, COMPLAINT AUTHORIZED BY U. S. ATTORNEY  
GENERAL GRIFFIN BELL THROUGH SPECIAL ASSISTANT FREDERICK  
BARRON AND PREPARED BY AUSA EDWARD WILSON AT KNOXVILLE, TENN.,  
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FRANK A. KAUFMAN AT KNOXVILLE, TENN., CHARGING SUBJECT HACKER  
WAS IN VIOLATION OF TITLE 18, USC, SECTION 371, IN UNLAWFULLY,  
ETC. CONSPIRING TO VIOLATE TITLE 18, USC, SECTION 1073.

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AT APPROXIMATELY 7:20 P.M., JUNE 10, 1977, LARRY EDWARD HACKER IN THE COMPANY OF JAMES EARL RAY, EARL HILL, JR., DAVID LEE POWELL, DOUGLAS SHELTON AND DONALD RAY CAYLOR, OF THE BRUSHY MOUNTAIN STATE PRISON, PETROS, TENN., ESCAPED BY PLACING MAKESHIFT LADDER ON THE OUTSIDE WALL OF THE PRISON COMPOUND. THE ESCAPEES WERE INMATES OF THE GENERAL PRISON POPULATION. THE PRISONERS WERE ALLOWED INTO THE MAIN PRISON YARD AT 6:00 P.M. FOR SUPERVISED EXERCISE.

THE ESCAPE WAS FACILITATED BY TWO INCIDENTS WHICH OCCURRED IN THE PRISON YARD: A STAGED FIGHT AND A FAKED ACCIDENT. THE PRISONERS ESCAPED WHILE THE ATTENTION OF THE GUARDS AND THE MAIN PRISON POPULATION WAS DIRECTED TO THESE TWO INCIDENTS.

ONE OF THE PRISONERS ALSO ATTEMPTED TO ESCAPE AND WAS SHOT AND RECAPTURED BY PRISON GUARDS.

REVIEW OF TENNESSEE STATE PRISON RECORD NUMBER 70640-W, FBI NUMBER 255 832 G, OF LARRY EDWARD HACKER REVEALS HACKER, WHITE MALE, 32 YEARS OLD, 6'1",

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170 LBS., ACNE SCARS ON FACE, TATTOOS OF SPIDER ON  
LEFT HAND AND "LARRY" ON RIGHT FOREARM, DOB

EYES GRAY, HAIR BROWN, RESIDENCE HAMILTON,  
OHIO.

FILE REVEALS WIFE MILDRED HACKER, ADDRESS 343 S. B  
STREET, HAMILTON, OHIO. VISITORS LIST INCLUDES FORMER  
WIFE SANDRA (WILLIS) HACKER, STREET ADDRESS UNKNOWN,  
MATAMORE, INDIANA; ED HACKER, FATHER, 146 WEBSTER  
AVENUE, HAMILTON, OHIO; GEORGIA HACKER, MOTHER, SAME  
ADDRESS AS FATHER; IRIS HACKER, SISTER, 342 S. B STREET,  
HAMILTON, OHIO; EDITH WILSON, 146 WEBSTER AVENUE, HAMILTON,  
OHIO; MURNA M. OBENCHAIN, 1202 LAURENT STREET, NASHVILLE,  
TENN.; HERBERT ODLE, 7340 OAK STREET, TAYLOR,  
MICHIGAN; JAMES HOYT POWELL, 500 MARYUERITE DRIVE,  
HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA; ARLO BARGER, 1865 PARRISH AVENUE,  
HAMILTON, OHIO.

EMPLOYMENTS LISTED AS SOUTHERN TEXAS DRY WALL COMPANY,  
DAYTON, OHIO, 1969 - 1970. OCCUPATION CARPENTER,  
CHAMPION PAPER COMPANY, HAMILTON, OHIO, MACHINE OPERATOR,  
1966 - 1968; PHILCO, CONNERSVILLE, IND., SPOT WELDER,  
1964 - 1966.

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AS ALL OFFICES KNOW, HACKER A KNOWN ASSOCIATE OF SELLERS, WAS RECENTLY APPREHENDED AT NORFOLK, VIRGINIA, BY BUREAU AGENTS. IT IS SUSPECTED THAT HE HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN A RECENT NORTH CAROLINA BANK HOLDUP. SELLERS TO BE ADDED TO TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVE LIST, A.M. JUNE 14, 1977. INSURE INTENSIFIED EFFORTS MADE IN CONNECTION WITH FUGITIVE SELLERS AND RELATED SUBJECTS.

DUE TO FACT SUBJECT ACCOMPANIED JAMES EARL RAY IN ESCAPE, EXPEDITIOUS HANDLING OF ALL LEADS IS REQUIRED DUE TO NATIONAL PROMINENCE OF THIS MATTER.

RECEIVING OFFICES ARE REQUESTED TO COVER LEADS SET OUT IN THE COMMUNICATION IN THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS.

IN VIEW OF FACT SUBJECT CONVICTED OF ROBBERY WITH A DEADLY WEAPON AND BURGLARY, HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

ALL LEGATS ADVISED SEPARATELY.

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DOUGLAS SWANE SHELTON, AKA DOUGLAS SHELTON - FUGITIVE;

UFAC - CONSPIRACY - ESCAPE, OO: KNOXVILLE.

RE KNOXVILLE TELETYPE TO BUREAU, JUNE 11, 1977.

ATTEMPTS TO CONTACT SUBJECT'S BROTHERS, ORELL BOBBY SHELTON AND AUDIE SHELTON, NEGATIVE. SUBJECT'S NEPHEW, BOBBY SHELTON, 1923 NEW YORK AVENUE, WHITING, IND., ADVISED HE HAS NOT HEARD FROM HIS UNCLE AND DID NOT KNOW HE HAD ESCAPED.. SHELTON STATED SUBJ. DOES NOT HAVE A SISTER LIVING IN WHITING, IND., AND THAT ORELL SHELTON IS ACTUALLY SUBJECT'S BROTHER AND IS HIS FATHER. HE ADVISED SUBJ. HAS A SISTER, REBINA LONG, WHO RESIDES IN KINGSFORT, TENN., EXACT ADDRESS UNKNOWN; HOWEVER, SHE IS MARRIED TO HARPER LONG, A TENN. STATE TROOPER. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING AT INDIANAPOLIS. ARMED AND DANGEROUS. ESCAPE RISK.

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JAMES EARL RAY, AKA - FUGITIVE; "TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVE";  
UFAC- ESCAPE; CONSPIRACY; OO: KNOXVILLE.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF ALL LEGATS AND OFFICES WHO MAY NOT HAVE RECEIVED PRIOR CORRESPONDENCE IN THIS MATTER, AT APPROXIMATELY 7:20 P.M., JUNE 10, 1977, CAPTIONED SUBJECT, ALONG WITH FIVE OTHERS, ALL INMATES AT THE BRUSHY MOUNTAIN STATE PRISON, PERO, TENNESSEE, ESCAPED CUSTODY BY PLACING A MAKESHIFT LADDER ON OUTSIDE WALL OF PRISON COMPOUND.

INMATES HAD BEEN ALLOWED TO ENTER PRISON YARD AT 6 P.M. FOR SUPERVISED EXERCISE. ESCAPE ACCOMPLISHED BY TWO INCIDENTS, ONE A PURPORTED STAGED FIGHT INVOLVING TWO INMATES; THE SECOND A FAKED ACCIDENT INVOLVING ANOTHER. ONE INMATE IN ATTEMPTING TO SCALE THE WALL WAS SHOT BY PRISON GUARDS AND APPREHENDED.

SUBJECT RAY, FBI NUMBER 405942G, WAS INCARCERATED

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IN THE CUSTODY OF THE TENNESSEE AUTHORITIES SERVING A 99-YEAR  
PRISON SENTENCE FOLLOWING HIS CONVICTION FOR SLAYING THE  
LATE REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HE IS DESCRIBED  
AS:

AGE: 49

BORN:

PLACE OF BIRTH: QUINCY OR ALTON, ILLINOIS

HEIGHT: 5'10"

WEIGHT: 170 POUNDS

BUILD: MEDIUM

HAIR: BLACK - GRAYING

EYES: BLUE

COMPLEXION: MEDIUM

RACE: WHITE

NATIONALITY: AMERICAN

OCCUPATIONS: BAKER, LABORER

SCARS AND MARKS: SMALL SCAR ON CENTER OF FOREHEAD AND

SMALL SCAR ON PALM OF RIGHT HAND

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER:

A FEDERAL WARRANT WAS ISSUED ON JUNE 11, 1977, AT KNOXVILLE,  
TENNESSEE, CHARGING RAY WITH CONSPIRACY TO VIOLATE THE UNLAWFUL

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FLIGHT STATUTE (TITLE 18, U. S. CODE, SECTION 371, AND 1073).

EXTENSIVE AIR AND TERRAIN SEARCHES BEING CONDUCTED IN PETROS, TENNESSEE, AREA. SURVEILLANCES INSTITUTED RE KNOWN RELATIVES OF RAY AFTER INTERVIEW ATTEMPTS PROVED NEGATIVE. THESE SURVEILLANCES SHOULD CONTINUE. FAA HEADQUARTERS ALERTED WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO NOTIFY ALL AIRLINES CONCERNING RAY'S FUGITIVE STATUS. A POSSIBILITY DOES EXIST THAT RAY AND OTHER ESCAPEES MAY COMMANDEER AIRLINE. ACCORDINGLY, AN APPROPRIATE FAA ALERT BEING MADE. PASSPORT OFFICES AND INS HEADQUARTERS REQUESTED TO PLACE APPROPRIATE STOPS THROUGH WDC HEADQUARTERS. WANTED FLYERS BEING PREPARED TODAY AND SUBJECT APPROVED AS ADDITION TO BUREAU'S LIST OF TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES. APPROPRIATE PRESS RELEASES BEING MADE.

FOR YOUR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, SEPARATE CASES HAVE BEEN OPENED RE OTHER FUGITIVES, WHO ARE:

EARL HILL, JR.; WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED] HEIGHT 5'6", WEIGHT 135, BLACK HAIR, GREEN EYES, INCARCERATED FOLLOWING MURDER, RAPE AND ASSAULT CONVICTIONS. EARL CONVICTED OF MURDERING A WDC POLICEMAN AND ATTEMPTING TO MURDER HIS WIFE WHILE BOTH WERE ON VACATION IN TENNESSEE.

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DAVID LEE POWELL, NEGRO MALE, AGE 23; BORN [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] CLARKSVILLE, MISSISSIPPI, HEIGHT 6'1", WEIGHT 158  
POUNDS; SENTENCED TO 100 YEARS FOLLOWING MURDER CONVICTION.

DOUGLAS SWANE SHELTON, WHITE MALE; BORN [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] AT KINGSPORT, TENNESSEE, 5'10", 152 POUNDS, BLACK HAIR  
AND EYES, FBI NUMBER 388357F; WAS SERVING 65 YEAR SENTENCE  
FOR ASSAULT, MURDER AND GRAND LARCENY.

DONALD RAY CAYLOR, WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED]  
AT KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, 5'6", 130 POUNDS, BROWN HAIR AND EYES,  
FBI NUMBER 615232H; SERVING 50 YEAR SENTENCE FOR ARMED CONSPIRACY  
AND THREE 21 YEAR SENTENCES ASSAULT TO MURDER. (NOTE: HAS  
ASSAULTED POLICE OFFICER IN PAST).

LARRY HACKER, WHITE MALE; BORN [REDACTED]  
FBI NUMBER 255832G, HEIGHT 6'1"; 170 POUNDS, BROWN HAIR AND  
GREY EYES. (HACKER CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF WILLIE FOSTER SELLERS,  
SOON TO BE ADDED TO BUREAU'S TOP MOST WANTED LIST).

ALL OFFICES SHOULD INSURE THAT APPROPRIATE ALERTS  
ARE PLACED CONCERNING RAY AND ASSOCIATES WITH LOCAL AND STATE  
POLICE AGENCIES, AIR AND GROUND TRANSPORTATION CONCERNS,  
INCLUDING MAJOR AIRLINES, BUSES, CAR RENTAL AGENCIES, ETC.



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ALL BORDER STOPS MUST BE PLACED TO PREVENT RAY AND ASSOCIATES FROM LEAVING COUNTRY. ALL LEGATS OF COURSE SHOULD PLACE SIMILAR STOPS WHERE APPROPRIATE WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE TERRITORIES.

DURING THE INITIAL STAGES OF THIS IMPORTANT INVESTIGATION, LEADS SHOULD BE HANDLED TELEPHONICALLY, CONFIRMED BY TELETYPE. LEADS SHOULD RECEIVE PROMPT RESPONSE. INSTANT MATTER IS BEING DESIGNATED A MAJOR CASE AND SHOULD BE HANDLED ACCORDINGLY. AN ALL-OUT EFFORT MUST BE EXPENDED TO LOCATE RAY AND OTHER ESCAPEES WHO ARE ALSO BEING SOUGHT FOR CONSPIRACY TO VIOLATE THE UNLAWFUL FLIGHT STATUTE. INSURE FBIHQ AND KNOXVILLE, THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN, ARE KEPT ADVISED OF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT JAMES EARL RAY IS ALSO KNOWN AS: PAUL BRIDGEMAN, ERIC STARVO GALT, W. C. HERRON, HARVEY LOWMYER, JAMES MC BRIDE, JAMES O'CONNER, RAYMOND GEORGE SNEYD, JAMES WALTON, JAMES WALYON, JOHN WILLARD, "JIM," AND OTHERS.

ALL LEGATS ADVISED SEPARATELY.

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JAMES EARL RAY, AKA - FUGITIVE; WANTED FLYER 500 "TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVE"; UFAC- ESCAPE; CONSPIRACY; OO: KNOXVILLE.

REBUTEL JUNE 11, 1977 CAPTIONED AS ABOVE AND  
KXTEL DATED JUNE 11, 1977 (NOT TO ALL) CAPTIONED "DAVID LEE POWELL, AKA - FUGITIVE; UFAC - ESCAPE; CONSPIRACY; OO: KNOXVILLE."

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EARL HILL, JR., AKA - JUNIOR HILL, JIMMY HILBERT -  
FUGITIVE. CONSPIRACY; UFAC - ESCAPE. (OO: KNOXVILLE).

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TITLE 18, USC, SECTION 1073. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT  
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AT APPROXIMATELY 7:25 PM, JUNE 10, 1977, EARL HILL,

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ON MAY 5, 1969, A CRIMINAL COURT JURY AT JONESBORO, TENN., FOUND HILL GUILTY OF MURDERING A WASHINGTON, D.C., POLICEMAN IN TENNESSEE ON NOVEMBER 26, 1967. THE POLICEMAN'S WIFE WAS RAPED SEVERAL TIMES AND SHOT BY HILL. HILL RECEIVED SENTENCES OF LIFE IMPRISONMENT AND THREE 21-YEAR SENTENCES TO RUN CONSECUTIVELY.

IN MAY, 1974, HILL ESCAPED FROM STATE PRISON, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE. HE WAS CAPTURED A FEW DAYS AFTER ESCAPE.

HILL IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: WM AMERICAN, DOB OCTOBER 19, 1941, IN UNICOI COUNTY, TENNESSEE, 5'6 1/4", 142 POUNDS, MEDIUM-SLENDER BUILD, RUDDY COMPLEXION,

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EYES HAZEL, HAIR BLACK, SINGLE, EDUCATION - 8TH GRADE,  
OCCUPATION AT TIME OF ARREST - E-4, U. S. ARMY, ASSIGNED  
94TH TRANSPORT COMPANY, FORT STEWART, GEORGIA, ASN RA-  
[REDACTED] SSAN [REDACTED] WILL ALSO HAS MANY RELA-  
TIVES IN JOHNSON CITY, TENNESSEE, AREA.

INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED.

IN VIEW OF SUBJECT'S CONVICTION OF MURDER, HE SHOULD  
BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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AT APPROXIMATELY 7:20 PM, JUNE 10, 1977, EARL HILL,

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DONALD RAY CAYLOR - FUGITIVE; LARRY EDWARD HACKER - FUGITIVE;  
EARL HILL, JR. - FUGITIVE; DAVID LEE POWELL - FUGITIVE; JAMES  
EARL RAY - FUGITIVE; DOUGLAS SHELTON - FUGITIVE. CONSPIRACY TO  
VIOLATE UFAC - ESCAPE. OO: KNOXVILLE.

RE KNOXVILLE TELCALL TO LOUISVILLE, JUNE 20, 1977, MEMPHIS  
TELCALL TO LOUISVILLE, JUNE 11, 1977, AND LOUISVILLE TELCALLS TO  
INDIANAPOLIS, MEMPHIS, AND KNOXVILLE, JUNE 11, 1977.

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INFO IN MEMPHIS TELCALL TO LOUISVILLE ADVISED A SOURCE OF MEMPHIS DIVISION ADVISED JAMES EARL RAY, WHO HAD RECENTLY ESCAPED FROM PRISON IN TENNESSEE, WAS TO BE FLOWN FROM PETROS, TENNESSEE, TO CAMDEN, TENNESSEE, ON AN OTTER AIRCRAFT SCHEDULED TO LAND CAMDEN, 6:00 AM. TELCALLS BY MEMPHIS DETERMINED ONLY OTTER AIRCRAFT UNACCOUNTED FOR WAS SOLD JUNE 7, 1977, TO JERRY LEEDS, LARK CORPORATION, HENDERSON, KENTUCKY. AIRCRAFT DESCRIBED AS MANUFACTURED BY DE HAVILLAND CORPORATION, TWIN ENGINE MODEL BN2, RED AND WHITE IN COLOR, BLUE TRIM, WITH TAIL NUMBER NB4CA, SERIAL NUMBER 274. INVESTIGATION AT HENDERSON, KY., DETERMINED PLANE SEEN INSIDE HANGER AT HENDERSON AT 4:00 AM, EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME, BLOCKED IN HANGER BY THREE OR FOUR OTHER AIRCRAFT. AIR FIELD AT HENDERSON NOT OPERATIVE DURING NIGHT HOURS AND SHERIFF AT HENDERSON, KY., KNOWS JERRY LEEDS TO BE A BUSINESSMAN RESIDING IN EVANSVILLE, INDIANA, WHO OPERATES A RECREATIONAL VEHICLE SALES COMPANY. LEEDS IS 54-60 YEARS OF AGE, WAS FORMERLY A DEALER FOR THE ABOVE TYPE AIRCRAFT AT FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, AND ALLEGEDLY PURCHASED AIRCRAFT AT HENDERSON FOR SPECULATIVE PURPOSES AND DUE TO HEALTH, IS NOT LICENSED TO FLY AIRCRAFT, AND HAS NO KNOWN PILOT. AIRCRAFT HAS NOT BEEN FLOWN SINCE IT ARRIVED AT

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