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SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS; ESCAPE PROPENSITITES.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), — 1150 A  
MEMPHIS (44-1987), — 1153 A  
ST. LOUIS AND — 1155 am  
SPRINGFIELD — 1159 am

FROM: KANSAS CITY (44-760)

MURKIN. OO MEMPHIS.

JEROME CARPENTER, INMATE, MO. STATE PENITENTIARY, ADVISED THAT SUBJECT'S FATHER MARRIED HIS MOTHER, RUBY CARPENTER, SOME TIME AGO. HE STATED THAT SINCE THAT TIME APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS AGO RUBY CARPENTER AND SUBJECT'S FATHER SEPARATED. HE ADVISED THAT HIS MOTHER, RUBY CARPENTER, CURRENTLY RESIDES SIX THREE ZERO NORTH SIXTH STREET, QUINCY, ILL. CARPENTER FURTHER ADVISED PERSON CLOSEST TO SUBJECT IN MO. STATE PENITENTIARY IS INDIVIDUAL BY NAME OF CARL BENTON DRAKE, WHO WAS RELEASED FROM THE PENITENTIARY SOMETIME DURING SIXTYFIVE. CARPENTER ADVISED HE DID NOT KNOW DRAKE'S WHEREABOUTS: HOWEVER, PRISON RECORDS REVEAL HIS MOTHER TO BE OLA DRAKE, TWO ONE ONE EIGHT NORTH NINTH, ST. LOUIS, MO., AND HIS WIFE TO BE BETTY DRAKE, THREE ZERO EIGHT MILL STREET, POPLAR BLUFF, MO. FULL DETAILS WILL FOLLOW.

RBH:tlw  
(1) *tlw*Approved: *KWD*

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ST. LOUIS ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS AND INTERVIEW  
CARL BENTON DRAKE.

SPRINGFIELD AT QUINCY, INTERVIEW RUBY CARPENTER FOR ANY  
INFORMATION SHE MAY HAVE RE SUBJECT OR HIS FAMILY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-760)

FROM : SA PATRICK P. QUIGLEY P

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CIVIL RIGHTS  
OO ME

DATE: 4/22/68

Re memo of SA ORVILLE N. THOMAS, 4/20/68.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SAS ROBERT L. ROSI and PATRICK P. QUIGLEY:

AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

On 4/20/68, CHARLES BETHEL, Owner, Chicken Delight, 4224 Main, Kansas City, Missouri, advised that GENE CODDARD was the deliveryman on duty at 5:00 PM on 4/19/68. He said CODDARD had been an employee of his for the past three years. BETHEL viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and said CODDARD was definitely not the same man. He described CODDARD as a white male, 30 years old, 6'1", 210 lbs., brown hair and brown eyes.

PPQ:WSA

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-760)

FROM : SA LARRY D. FINK

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/22/68

On 4/19/68 SAs LARRY D. FINK and JAMES V. LAUGHLIN contacted the following persons at the respective agencies with negative results concerning both RAY and RIFE:

Salvation Army Men's Social Center  
1310 East 10th  
DAVID POLLARD, Supervisor

Salvation Army Intake Office  
917 Tracy  
ELLEN GARNER, Case Worker  
ROBERT FORD, Intake Interviewer

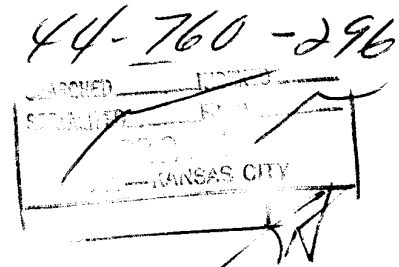
Helping Hand Institute  
523 Grand  
W. E. HOCKING - Desk Clerk

Manpower, Incorporated  
1320 Walnut  
JOHN CARROLL

LDF:jb  
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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-760)

FROM : SA LARRY D. FINK

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/22/68

Re memo of Complaint Clerk RONALD R. GROVE, 4/19/68.

At 5:30 PM, Motel Manager PHIL FORTE, Capri Motel, advised SAs LARRY D. FINK and ROBERT MULCAHY, he had never seen anyone at either the motel or restaurant who resembled the photos of GALT or JAMES EARL RAY. He was working at the restaurant cash register during the morning. He made available motel registration cards for the night of 4/18-19/68, which were checked for RAY under his true name and known aliases, with negative results.

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TO DIRECTOR (AM) AND MEMPHIS  
FROM CINCINNATI (157-1893) 1P

JAMES EARL RAY, AKA. - FUGITIVE. MURKIN, CR; UFAC - ARMED ROBBERY,  
OO: MEMPHIS.

RESFTEL APRIL TWENTY, LAST.

RETEL REQUESTS CINCINNATI TO DETERMINE IDENTITY OF JOHN WILLARD  
STAYING AT GARDENA MOTEL, GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, OCTOBER SEVEN THRU  
FOURTEEN, LAST WITH JAMES AND BILLIE RAY SELLERS.

INVESTIGATION FAIRBORN, OHIO TODAY DETERMINED THIS JOHN  
WILLARD IS JOHN CHARLES WILLARD BORN [REDACTED] TEXAS  
WITH PERMENANT RESIDENCE ONE NINE ONE EIGHT GLENROSE DRIVE,  
FAIRBORN, OHIO.

SINCE WILLARD NOT IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION  
WARRANTED.

AIR MAIL COPY TO KANSAS CITY, BIRMINGHAM, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

END

RMJ/

DHV

(1) KANSAS CITY

(1) BIRMINGHAM

(1) SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) (BUREAU) (44-38861)

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P

MURKIN

Enclosed for each Office is one copy of a pre-sentence report prepared regarding JAMES EARL RAY for the U. S. District Court, Western District of Missouri, Kansas City, Missouri, dated April 26, 1955. This report contains background information regarding JAMES EARL RAY, including his travel through numerous states in connection with the theft and passing of stolen money orders in March, 1955. RIFE located and interviewed Quincy, Illinois.

**LEADS**

All Offices are requested to review the enclosure thoroughly for the purpose of covering all pertinent leads suggested in the enclosure. This coverage should include, if not already done, a check of all places where the subject is listed as having been incarcerated, all places at which he is believed to have visited in the passing of stolen money orders, and any other investigation, including contact of law enforcement agencies, credit bureaus, public sources, informants and any other logical investigation suggested by the enclosed material which might assist in developing information helpful in locating JAMES EARL RAY at this time.

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2 - Chicago (Enc. 1)  
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2 - Little Rock (Enc. 1)  
2 - Los Angeles (Enc. 1)

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11:31AM CST URGENT 4/22/68

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), HOUSTON,  
PHOENIX (44-371), DALLAS, JACKSONVILLE AND KANSAS CITY  
FROM \ITTLE ROCK (157-1215) 3P

MURKIN; CR. MEMPHIS ORIGIN.

RE PHOENIX TELETYPE TO BUREAU, ET AL, APRIL TWENTY-ONE  
LAST, CONCERNING INTERVIEW OF DAVID L. WILSON AND POSSIBLE  
PLOT OF EX-CONS TO MURDER DR. KING.

FOR INFORMATION OF HOUSTON, WHICH DID NOT RECEIVE  
LENGTHY REFERENCED TELETYPE, DAVID L. WILSON WAS INTERVIEWED  
AT PHOENIX ON APRIL TWENTY-ONE LAST.

"WILSON STATED HE LAST SAW RAY LAST SUMMER AT LUPTON  
OR LUFTON, MISSOURI, WHERE WILSON WAS ARRESTED FOR DWI AND  
WAS IN COUNTY JAIL FOR THREE OR FOUR WEEKS UNTIL HE COULD  
PAY FINE. AT TIME OF ARREST WILSON STATED HE WAS WITH  
GENE BRISINDINE (PHONETIC), TRUCK DRIVER FOR WILLIS SHAW,  
ELM SPRINGS, ARKANSAS. ON RELEASE HE WENT TO BAR ABOUT  
FOUR BLOCKS FROM COUNTY JAIL TO USE PHONE AND RAN INTO RAY,  
WHO RECOGNIZED WILSON AND WHOM WILSON SAID HE HAD SEEN  
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BEFORE ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT REMEMBER WHERE."

LEAD WAS SET FORTH FOR LITTLE ROCK AT ELM SPRINGS, ARKANSAS, "WILL THROUGH WILLIS SHAW LOCATE GENE BRISINDINE AND INTERVIEW BRISINDINE CONCERNING ALLEGED ARREST AND INCARCERATION OF WILSON DURING SUMMER OF SIXTY SEVEN WITH PARTICULAR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING LOCATION OF THE OCCURENCE SINCE THERE IS NO LUFTON, MISSOURI IN POSTAL GUIDE."

MR. WILLIS SHAW, WILLIS SHAW FROZEN EXPRESS, ELM SPRINGS, ARKANSAS, TRAILER NUMBER SEVEN FORTY, TRACTOR NUMBER THREE FIFTY-SIX. HE IS DUE TO ARRIVE IN HOUSTON, TEXAS, FOR UNLOADING ON THE MORNING OF APRIL TWENTY-THREE NEXT. HE WILL UNLOAD SOME FROZEN FOOD FROM MORTON'S OF RUSSELLVILLE, ARKANSAS, AT HINKE PILLOT WHOLESALE GROCERY ESTABLISHMENT, HOUSTON, TEXAS, STREET ADDRESS UNKNOWN. BRIZENDINE IS SCHEDULED TO CALL WILLIS SHAW ON AFTERNOON OF APRIL TWENTY-TWO. IF HE DOES SO, HE WILL BE TOLD TO CONTACT THE FBI, HOUSTON, REGARDING THIS MATTER.

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HOUSTON OFFICE AT HOUSTON WILL INTERVIEW GENE BRIZENDINE  
AT THE HINKE PILLOT WHOLESALE GROCERY ESTABLISHMENT TO  
DETERMINE INFORMATION AS SET FORTH IN LEAD ABOVE FOR LITTLE  
ROCK.

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1119 AM URGENT 4-22-68 LMB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987), JACKSONVILLE,  
KANSAS CITY AND PHOENIX (44-371)  
FROM DALLAS (44-2649)

MURKIN. OO MEMPHIS.

RE PHOENIX TEL, APRIL TWENTYONE, LAST.

T. L. MAULDIN, RECORDS CLERK, FCI, TEXARKANA, TEXAS, ADVISED  
APRIL TWENTYTWO, INSTANT, THAT RECORDS, THAT INSTITUTION, SHOW  
DAVID L. WILSON, FCI NO. ONE TWO FIVE NINE ONE, WAS RECEIVED ON NOV.  
SEVEN, SIXTYONE, AND WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE FCI, TALLAHASSEE,  
FLORIDA, ON JAN. TWELVE, SIXTYTWO.

ONE, CLARENCE JAMES CLARK, AGE TWENTYEIGHT, IN NINETEEN  
FIFTYSIX, FCI NO. ONE ONE THREE FIVE THREE, WAS SERVING SENTENCE FOR  
WSTA AT FCI, TEXARKANA, UNTIL HIS TRANSFER TO U. S. FEDERAL HOSPITAL,  
SPRINGFIELD, MO., ON JULY SEVENTEEN, SIXTYONE. HE WAS SCHEDULED  
FOR RELEASE IN SIXTYONE, EXACT DATE NOT SHOWN, WITH TIME OFF FOR  
GOOD BEHAVIOR. HE WOULD THEN BE ON CONDITIONAL RELEASE FOR THREE  
HUNDRED AND THIRTYSIX DAYS. CLARK WAS SHOWN AS BEING FROM LAKE CHARLE  
LA., . CLARK AND WILSON WERE NOT AT FCI, TEXARKANA AT SAME TIME.

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7701 PCS  
Adams - Wilson  
NR - Wilson  
Clark's records  
are # 67A1018  
at Records Center  
Bureau Rd  
2881 - 2973

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Shane H. H. RA

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AJCKSONVILLE, AT TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA, CONTACT FCI AND DETERMINE  
IF WILSON AND CLARK SERVED AT THAT INSTITUTION TOGETHER.

KANSAS CITY, AT SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI, CONTACT U. S. FEDERAL  
HOSPITAL, FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING CLARK AND WHETHER WILSON AND  
CLARK WERE AT THE FACILITY TOGETHER. SET OUT LEADS TO DETERMINE  
PRESENT LOCATION OF CLARK FOR INTERVIEW. P

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