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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), LITTLE ROCK (157-1215),  
DALLAS (44-2649), KANSAS CITY, AND JACKSONVILLE.  
FROM PHOENIX (44-371) 2P

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REPXTEL APRIL TWENTYONE LAST.

EDNA WILSON, WIFE OF DAVID L. WILSON, LISTENED TO TAPE OF ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALLER AND STATED SHE HAS HEARD THE VOICE BEFORE AND BELIEVES IT IS THAT OF HER FORMER HUSBAND RICHARD HARRELL, AKA JIMMY, FROM WHOM SHE SEPARATED IN LATE FIFTYTHREE. HARRELL WAS COMMITTED THERAFTER TO ARIZONA STATE PENITENTIARY, FLORENCE ARIZONA, FROM FLAGSTAFF SO, AND SHE BELIEVES HE HAS BEEN IN PEN ELSEWHERE ALSO. SHE MARRIED HARRELL AT LAKE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS WHERE HIS PARENTS LIVE AND FATHER IS BELIEVED NAMED EMMET HARRELL. HE ALSO HAS A MARRIED SISTER FANNIE LNU AT MC GEE, ARKANSAS. AFTER SHE MARRIED DAVID WILSON THEY WENT TO IDAHO IN SUMMER OF NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE AND AT THAT TIME HARRELL CAME TO RESIDENCE OF HER SISTER TILLIE HERNANDEZ AT FLAGSTAFF LOOKING FOR EDNA WILSON. IT IS NOTED ANONYMOUS CALLER MENTIONED HE HAD BEEN OUT TO THE HERNANDEZ HOUSE ONCE.

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RECORDS OF COCONINO COUNTY SO, FLAGSTAFF, UNDER NUMBER FOUR EIGHT THREE NINE, CONCERN RICHARD BURNAHAM HARRELL, AKA JIMMY, BORN [REDACTED] AT PUCKETT, MISSISSIPPI, FIVE FEET SIX, ONE ONE FIVE POUNDS, IN NINETEEN FIVE FIVE. WRITTEN NOTATION INDICATES POSSIBLE FBI NUMBER FOR HARRELL IS SEVEN FIVE ONE ONE NINE FIVE A.

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION ATTEMPT TO LOCATE ARREST RECORD FOR HARRELL AND FURNISH SAME WITH PHOTOS TO RECEIVING OFFICES.

LITTLE ROCK AT LAKE VILLAGE LOCATE PARENTS OF HARRELL AND OTHER RELATIVES AND INSTITUTE INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE HIS WHEREABOUTS FOR INTERVIEW.

PHOENIX WILL CONTACT ASP, FLORENCE, ARIZONA, FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON HARRELL.

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TO DIRECTOR(44-38861), MEMPHIS(44-1987), DALLAS, JACKSONVILLE,  
KANSAS CITY, LITTLE ROCK.

FROM PHOENIX (44-371) (9 PAGES)

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DEPUTY SHERIFF RAY STOCK, COCONINO COUNTY SHERIFF'S  
OFFICE, FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA, ADVISED THAT AT TWO TWENTY A.M.  
APRIL TWENTY LAST HE RECEIVED PHONE CALL FROM ANONYMOUS MALE  
WHO STATED HE HAD DONE STATE TIME WITH RAY AKA GAULT. CALLER  
ALSO SAID HE HAD DONE FEDERAL TIME AT TEXARKANA, TEXAS WITH  
ONE DAVID WILSON WHO LATER MARRIED FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA GIRL  
BY NAME OF HERNANDEZ. CALLER STATED RAY AND WILSON HAD DONE  
TIME TOGETHER AND THAT DAY OR TWO PRIOR TO ASSASSINATION OF  
KING HE, CALLER, MET WILSON ABOARD PLANE FROM PHOENIX TO  
DETROIT, MICHIGAN AT WHICH TIME WILSON HAD TICKET TO NASHVILLE,  
TENNESSEE EN ROUTE MEMPHIS. CALLER STATED HE HEARD LATER  
THAT RAY WAS IN MEMPHIS THAT TIME BUT CALLER DID NOT KNOW  
FOR SURE. CALLER INDICATED DURING CONVERSATION THAT WILSON  
WANTED TO GET EVEN WITH RAY FOR SOMETHING THAT HAPPENED IN  
PENITENTIARY. CALLER INDICATED THAT WILSON HATES "NIGGERS".

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CALLER INDICATED WILSON WAS IN FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA AT TIME OF HIS CALL. CALLER AGREED TO PHONE BACK IN THIRTY MINUTES AND TALK TO FBI AGENT BUT NO CALL RECEIVED.

INVESTIGATION AT FLAGSTAFF DETERMINED DAVID L. WILSON, IS WHITE MALE AMERICAN, BORN WESTBURN, TENNESSEE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SIX FEET THREE, ONE NINETY POUNDS, BLUE EYES, BROWN HAIR, FBI SEVEN TWO NINE TWO FOUR TWO C. WILSON EVADED ATTEMPTS TO BE CONTACTED BY FBI BUT MADE HIMSELF AVAILABLE THROUGH LIEUT. ROBERT JACKSON, FLAGSTAFF POLICE DEPARTMENT, A FRIEND. WILSON INTERVIEWED IN PRESENCE OF LIEUT. JACKSON BY BUAGENT AND EMPHATICALLY DENIED ANY RECENT TRIP TO MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. HE CLAIMED EMPLOYMENT AT CONTINENTAL BODY SHOP, PHOENIX FOR APPROXIMATELY SIX MONTHS AND CHECK OF EMPLOYMENT RECORDS VERIFY HIS PRESENCE DURING PERIOD PRIOR TO AND FOLLOWING ASSASSINATION. WILSON STATED HIS WIFE HAS BEEN LIVING WITH HER SISTER AT FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA FOR PAST WEEK OR SO AND ON FRIDAY APRIL NINETEEN LAST HE RENTED CAR AT PHOENIX TO VISIT WIFE AT FLAGSTAFF.

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PRIOR TO LEAVING PHOENIX HE MET ANOTHER FORMER PRISON MATE, CLARENCE CLARK (PHONETIC) AT MAGOO'S NIGHT CLUB, PHOENIX, AND CLARK ACCOMPANIED WILSON TO FLAGSTAFF. WILSON SAID HE DROPPED CLARK ON CITY STREET IN FLAGSTAFF AND CLARK WAS BOUND FOR DENVER, COLORADO.

WILSON AGREED TO LISTEN TO TAPED PHONE CALL IN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY CALLER AND HALF WAY THROUGH CALL WILSON PANICKED AND LEFT THE ROOM REFUSING TO TALK FURTHER. LIEUT. JACKSON DROVE WILSON HOME AND ON RETURN STATED WILSON IN GREAT FEAR BLURTED THAT HE WAS FULLY INFORMED OF ASSASSINATION PLOT WHICH INVOLVED GROUP OF EXCONS ALL KNOWN TO HIM. WILSON STATED THAT VOICE ON TAPE NOT CLARK, BUT THAT OF AN EXCON FROM KANSAS CITY WHOM HE REFUSED TO IDENTIFY. WILSON SAID JACKSON WOULD KNOW CALLER'S IDENTITY BY TOMORROW, AS ONE PHONE CALL BY WILSON WOULD RESULT IN DEATH OF SQUEALER TOMORROW. WILSON ALSO TOLD JACKSON THAT RAY NOT ACTUAL KILLER. SAID RAY WAS ORIGINAL TRIGGER MAN BUT BACKED OUT DAY BEFORE AND OTHERS PINNED IT ON HIM IN VIEW OF HIS WANTED STATUS. SAID REAL KILLER STILL IN ATLANTA AND RAY PRESENTLY

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HIDING IN FAJORA (PHONETIC), MEXICO. WILSON LEFT JACKSON'S CAR IN PANIC AND STATED HEADING BACK TO PHOENIX TO MAKE PHONE CALL. WILSON DRIVING SIXTYFOUR YELLOW MERCURY COMET, ARIZONA LICENSE JXE THREE FOUR ZERO.

WILSON INTERVIEWED AT PHOENIX ON APRIL TWENTYONE INSTANT. 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 BEFORE ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT REMEMBER WHERE. RAY ASKED HIM IF HE WEREN'T WILSON AND HE SAID HE WAS AND RAY INDICATED THAT THEY HAD DONE TIME TOGETHER. RAY LOANED HIM FIFTY DOLLARS WHICH HE USED THE FOLLOWING DAY AFTER SPENDING THAT NIGHT IN LOCAL MOTEL FOR BUS TICKET TO FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA. WILSON QUESTIONED WHERE HE HAD SERVED TIME WITH RAY AND HE COULD

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NOT DESIGNATE THE SPECIFIC PLACE ALTHOUGH HE SAID HE KNEW HIM IN A PRISON SOMEPLACE. WILSON WAS SHOWN PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY, MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, NUMBER ZERO ZERO FOUR ONE SIX, AND RAY'S CLOSE ASSOCIATE, WALTER T. RIFE, KANSAS CITY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NUMBER TWO NINE SIX THREE SIX, TOGETHER WITH SIX OTHER PHOTOGRAPHS. WILSON INITIALLY PICKED BOTH PHOTOGRAPHS OF RIFE AND RAY AS BEING RAY AND THEN SETTLED ON PHOTO OF RIFE AS THAT OF RAY. HE WAS ALSO SHOWN COMBINATION PHOTO OF RIFE AND RAY TOGETHER AND HE CONTINUED TO IDENTIFY RIFE AS RAY. WILSON DESCRIBED RAY AS BEING FIVE FOOT SIX OR SEVEN AND HE ALSO SAID RAY WAS PROBABLY YOUNGER THAN HIS OWN THIRTYSIX YEARS, ONE SIXTY POUNDS, WITH SCAR SOMEPLACE IN THE FOREHEAD AREA WHICH HE COULD NOT SEE IN PHOTOGRAPH OF RIFE. HE STATED RAY CONTINUALLY CHANGED HIS HAIR STYLE.

AVAILABLE INFO REFLECTS WILSON WAS RECEIVED NOVEMBER TWENTYONE NINETEEN FIFTY ONE AT STATE PENITENTIARY, RAIFORD, FLORIDA FOR ESCAPE FROM COUNTY JAIL AND WAS LATER RECEIVED NOVEMBER SEVEN NINETEEN SIXTY ONE FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL

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INSTITUTE, TEXARKANA, TEXAS FOR MAIL THEFT AND FEDERAL P.V. AND WAS TRANSFERRED FROM THERE TO FCI, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA ON NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO NINETEEN SIXTY TWO. HIS LAST ARREST WAS AT SPRINGFIELD COLORADO BY THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE ON MAY TWO NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN FOR TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS. ABOVE INFORMATION IS NOT COMPLETE RECORD OF WILSON BUT RECORD DOES NOT CORRESPOND AT ANY POINT TO RECORD OF JAMES EARL RAY SO FAR AS KNOWN TO PHOENIX. WILSON DENIES ANY KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING KINGS ASSASSINATION OR ANY PLOT BY EXCONVICTS TO ASSASSINATE KING. WILSON ALSO DENIED STATING RAY ORIGINAL TRIGGER MAN AND DENIED STATING THAT THE REAL KILLER WAS STILL IN ATLANTA. WILSON CLAIMS HE DID NOT STATE RAY WAS IN ANY SPECIFIC PLACE IN MEXICO BUT HAD MERELY COMMENTED THAT IF HE WERE RAY HE WOULD BE IN MEXICO.

WILSON QUESTIONED ABOUT IDENTITY OF ANONYMOUS CALLER. HE INDICATED BY ATTITUDE HE HAD IDEA OF CALLER'S IDENTITY BUT STEADFASTLY REFUSED TO REVEAL SAME TO INTERVIEWING AGENTS. INTERROGATION INDICATED CALLER POSSIBLY IDENTICAL TO

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CLARENCE CLARK WHO WILSON STATED HE SERVED TIME WITH AT  
RAIFORD, FLORIDA. WILSON DESCRIBED CLARK AS WMA, IN HIS  
FORTIES, SMALL THIN BUILD, FIVE FEET ONE OR TWO INCHES,  
ONE THIRTY FIVE TO ONE FORTY POUNDS, GRAY HAIR.

PHOENIX CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF THERE  
IS ANY SUBSTANCE TO INFORMATION FURNISHED BY CALLER AND  
STATEMENTS MADE BY WILSON TO LIEUT. JACKSON.

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION WILL FURNISH ALL RECEIVING  
OFFICES COMPLETE IDENTIFICATION RECORDS OF JAMES EARL RAY  
FBI THREE ZERO SIX FOUR FOUR THREE A, AND DAVID L. WILSON,  
FBI NUMBER SEVEN NINE TWO TWO FOUR TWO C. IDENT DIVISION  
ALSO REQUESTED TO SEARCH RECORDS ON BASIS OF NAME AND  
DESCRIPTION HEREIN FOR IDENTIFICATION RECORD ON ONE  
CLARENCE CLARK WHO WOULD HAVE SERVED PRISON TERM AT RAIFORD,  
FLORIDA DURING PERIOD OF WILSON'S INCARCERATION THERE AND  
IF SUCH RECORD FOUND FURNISH SAME TO RECEIVING OFFICES.

JACKSONVILLE DIVISION CONTACT STATE PENITENTIARY, RAIFORD,  
FLORIDA AND ATTEMPT TO IDENTITY CLARENCE CLARK  
DESCRIBED ABOVE AND DETERMINE IF HE SERVED TIME WITH WILSON.  
IF IDENTIFIED, FURNISH IDENT DIVISION WITH

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APPROPRIATE NUMBERS WITH REQUEST THAT ALL RECEIVING OFFICES BE FURNISHED IDENT RECORD. ALSO FURNISH DETAILS OF WILSON'S INCARCERATION AT RAIFORD.

DALLAS DIVISION AT TEXARKANA WILL ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY CLARENCE CLARK (PHONETIC) DESCRIBED ABOVE AS INMATE OF THAT INSTITUTION APPARENTLY DURING NINETEEN SIXTYONE AND SIXTYTWO AND IF IDENTIFIED WILL REQUEST IDENTIFICATION DIVISION FURNISH COMPLETE ARREST RECORD TO RECEIVING OFFICES. DALLAS WILL ALSO SET OUT ANY NECESSARY LEADS TO LOCATE CLARK FOR INTERVIEW.

MEMPHIS ADVISE IF THERE IS ANY INDICATION OF CONSPIRACY OF EXCONS AS MENTIONED BY WILSON TO LIEUT. JACKSON.

KANSAS CITY WILL CONDUCT INVESTIGATION THROUGH GENERAL AVAILABLE SOURCES IN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY CLARENCE CLARK, PHONETIC, WHO IS BELIEVED TO POSSIBLY BE THE ANONYMOUS CALLER SINCE WILSON ALLEGEDLY TOLD LIEUT. JACKSON THE CALLER WAS FROM KANSAS CITY. NO LEAD BEING SET FOR KANSAS CITY RE LUFTON SINCE NOT LISTED IN POSTAL GUIDE. KANSAS CITY SHOULD UPON RECEIPT OF IDENTI RECORD OF WILSON ATTEMPT TO

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VERIFY PLACE WHERE HE STATES HE WAS INCARCERATED DURING SUMMER  
OF SIXTY SEVEN FOR DWI AND WHERE HE MET RAY UPON HIS RELEASE.

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 OS SIXTY SEVEN WITH PARTICULAR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING  
LOCATION OF THE OCCURRENCE SINCE THERE IS NOT FUFTON, MISSOURI  
IN POSTAL GUIDE.

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TO: BUREAU , MEMPHIS, KANSAS CITY, PHOENIX

FROM: JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

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RE PHOENIX TELETYPE TO BUREAU, ETAL, APRIL TWENTYONE LAST AND  
DALLAS TELETYPE TO BUREAU, ETAL, APRIL TWENTYTWO LAST.

RE : DAVID LINDSEY WILSON; CLARENCE CLARK

RECORD FLORIDA STATE PRISON, RAIFORD, FLORIDA, REFLECT WILSON,  
INMATE NUMBER SIX FOUR SEVEN FOUR SEVEN FOUR SEVEN, FBI NUMBER  
LISTED AS SEVEN <sup>7</sup>NINE <sup>9</sup>TWO <sup>2</sup>TWO <sup>2</sup>FOUR <sup>4</sup>TWO <sup>2</sup>C, RECEIVED NOVEMBER  
TWENTYONE NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT TO SERVE TWO YEARS FOR ESCAPE  
FROM PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA, JAIL WHERE HE WAS ORIGINALLY  
CONVICTED ON ROBBERY CHARGE. WILSON RELEASED APRIL SIX  
NINETEEN SIXTY UPON EXPIRATION OF SENTENCE. NO RECORD OF  
A CLARENCE CLARK BASED ON INFORMATION FURNISHED AT RAIFORD,  
FLORIDA.

RECORDS FLORIDA DIVISION OF CORRECTIONS, TALLAHASSEE,  
FLORIDA, REFLECT NO FUTHER RECORD ON WILSON AND NO RECORD FOR  
CLARK.

RECORDS FCI, TALLAHASSEE, REFLECT WILSON RECEIVED FROM  
TEXARKANA, TEXAS, JANUARY, NINETEEN SIXTYTWO AND PAROLED SEPTEMBER  
FOUR NINETEEN SIXTYTWO. NO RECORD ON CLARK.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : SAC (44-760)

DATE: 4/21/68

FROM : SA THOMAS H. WEAVER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re telephone call from Clerk GENE THOMECZEK, 4/21/68, to SA THOMAS H. WEAVER.

On 4/21/68, Trooper JOHN CUMMINGS, MSHP, Warsaw, Mo., advised by telephone that he would contact his source who has said that he has information regarding JAMES EARL RAY to determine if he has information in addition to that which CUMMINGS relayed to Troop A, MSHP, Lee's Summit, Mo., which was referred to FBI, KCMO, and if the source would be willing to furnish this information to the FBI.


On 4/21/68, Trooper CUMMINGS advised that his source had said that he thought he could assist in the location of RAY from the information he has, and that he would be willing to discuss this information with the FBI on a confidential basis. Trooper CUMMINGS stated that he had arranged with the source to be available at Warsaw during the noon hour on 4/21/68.

On 4/21/68, JACK FOX LANPHERE, Riverside Resort, Warsaw, Missouri, was interviewed by SA THOMAS H. WEAVER with Trooper JOHN CUMMINGS, MSHP. LANPHERE requested that his identity as the source of information about RAY be concealed. The following information was obtained in the interview:

He was in the Jackson County Jail at KCMO with RAY in about 1962, and both rode to Jefferson City to the Missouri State Penitentiary to start serving their sentences in the same bus. At the MSP, LANPHERE was in cell F-89, or thereabouts, and RAY in about cell F-71. At first, RAY had no cellmate. RAY became indebted to RONNIE FREEMAN at the MSP through poker games, and FREEMAN was going to kill RAY, but JIMMY CARPENTER stood good for RAY's debts "in the yard" and "took him in as his kid". CARPENTER is a many-times convicted con about 70-years-old, who is still in the MSP to the best of LANPHERE's knowledge. CARPENTER was paroled once, but he came back on conviction on Armed Robbery charges in SIMO, as LANPHERE recalls, during the time LANPHERE and RAY were in the MSP. CARPENTER worked in the kitchen at the MSP along with RAY.

RAY is a "weak sister", and a homosexual. He was a "girl". Through his taking care of RAY's debts, CARPENTER was RAY's "boyfriend" and had RAY as a cellmate some of the time he was at the MSP. RAY was not a "born

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queer", he participated in homosexual acts because he was afraid not to participate. He was "born yellow" and could be made to do anything by anyone who wanted to intimidate him. LANPHERE stated that he himself had had RAY perform acts of sodomy on him or submit to sodomy by LANPHERE. LANPHERE stated that he and others used RAY as a "girl", and RAY was a "big joke" at the MSP. He said RAY had no friends as such at the MSP, but RAY wanted to "be a part of the yard" but was not accepted by anyone other than those using him. RAY was always referred to in joking terms at the MSP. He was victimized in this manner at the Jackson County Jail in KCMO before coming to the MSP.

RONNIE FREEMAN and CHARLIE GARTON or GARTIN were well acquainted with RAY at the MSP. LANPHERE believes CARPENTER, FREEMAN and GARTIN are all still doing time at the MSP. GARTIN, from New Mexico, and FREEMAN were in the Colo. State Pen, Canon City, Colo., with LANPHERE.

LANPHERE does not know who helped RAY escape from the MSP in 4/67. He does not know GEORGE OWENS. The name LOUIS RAYMOND "LOUIE" DOWDA sounds familiar to him, but he cannot connect this name to RAY. LANPHERE was in the MSP when RAY escaped in 4/67, but he did not know RAY was planning to go out. He never heard RAY say that he would go to any specific place when he was released from the MSP, or discuss a hideout with any escape plans. In the latter part of 4/67, or approximately that time, LANPHERE was transferred to Moberly, MSP, but he did not hear anyone discuss RAY with regard to who helped him escape or where he was going on escape.

In his conversations with RAY, RAY would always mention his liking for the Rogue River area of Oregon. He got the impression that RAY had lived in that area and possibly had relatives there. He never heard RAY name any relatives. RAY gave the impression, although no specific names or comments are recalled, that he was familiar with saw mill work in Oregon, and "riding on a chair while sawing logs". LANPHERE got the impression that Rogue River as referred to by RAY was a town in Oregon. (It is noted the Postal Guide lists a Rogue River, Oregon.)

RAY would talk fishing in his conversation. He mentioned fishing in streams. He does not know whether or not RAY ever fished, but he spoke fondly of fishing, which LANPHERE took to be trout fishing.

RAY spoke of logs in a pond in the Rogue River area. He spoke of saw mill type work being available in the area of Oregon of which he was fond.

RAY never spoke of racial prejudice. RAY did not seem to have any strong opinions about any subject.

He does not recall having heard RAY speak of Montreal, Canada or of Mexico.

He cannot believe that JIMMY RAY is named as the killer of Rev. KING. He does not think RAY has the brains to figure out KING's timetable or plan a murder from ambush, and he does not think RAY has the "guts" to "put a gun on anyone".



LANPHERE would not dismiss the possibility that RAY would kill someone for money, but he felt it would be out of character for him to devise the assassination of Rev. KING and carry it out. He believes someone had to be with RAY or had to be directing RAY.

He does not know of any associates or "hangouts" of RAY in KCMO or elsewhere. He does not believe RAY would actively seek homosexual company, however, he would be prone to put himself into a position where he would come into contact with the homosexual element, such as in bars, and if money were the object or if an aggressive homosexual intimidated him, he probably would take up with the homosexual life.

If he were to look for RAY, he would go to the southern U. S. and seek him through the KKK. The only reason he says this is because if he himself wanted to get some money, and knew the KKK wanted some Negro killed, he would go to the KKK leader in South Carolina or to "SHELBY" in Alabama, to seek how much he could get paid for killing for the KKK. This is the way he thinks a "professional" killer would think, but he does not know if RAY would think along those lines.

LANPHERE stated that he cannot help but feel a BOB PORTER might have been involved with RAY in the KING murder. He has no reason for thinking this other than the fact that on about 4/13/68, PORTER called him at the City Union Mission, near Warsaw, where LANPHERE was living from the time he was paroled from Moberly until 4/15/68. He believes PORTER probably found out where he was paroled to from inmates at the MSP, although PORTER told him that he had learned his address through LANPHERE's father... doubted because LANPHERE's father is in Ft. Collins, Colorado. PORTER told him on the telephone on about 4/13/68 that he was in serious trouble, had to keep moving, and wanted LANPHERE's help. He indicated that he wanted money from LANPHERE, but he told PORTER that he did not want anything to do with him and did not want to see him. PORTER said he was staying at the Osage Hotel in Warsaw, and he threatened LANPHERE that when LANPHERE was returned to the MSP for some violation, PORTER's friends would kill him if he did not help PORTER now. He wanted "any kind of help" LANPHERE could give him.

PORTER knows JAMES RAY very well. PORTER was received at the MSP in about 1960 or shortly before and was released in about 2/68, as he recalls. He thought PORTER was doing time for checks. PORTER would do anything for money. PORTER was transferred to Moberly from the MSP in about 4/67. PORTER was known as a "Negro lover" at the MSP and was seen by LANPHERE to "hang around" Negroes. PORTER is a white male, age about 40, about 5'9", about 175 lbs., crew cut, graying hair, always wears prescription tinted (green) glasses. PORTER's relatives live in Iowa, and he has done time at Ft. Madison, Iowa, Pen., as well as at Lansing, Kansas, he believes. It was possibly the night of 4/11/68 that PORTER called him on the telephone. He called back for LANPHERE after that time, but LANPHERE told the director at the City Union Mission that he did not want to talk with him. He believes it was on 4/12/68 that he saw PORTER standing on the court house steps in Warsaw talking with some unknown, elderly man, but LANPHERE did not talk to him. He does not know where PORTER is now.

He has told all he knows about JAMES RAY. He would like to see RAY caught.

LANPHERE furnished the following information about himself:

WM, born [redacted] at Ft. Collins, Colo., last sentence at the MSP served under #06726, fell from Jackson County, about 1962, for Armed Robbery and Murder (killed KCMO Police Officer GEORGE WILBER, II). Paroled from Moberly, 9/67, and came directly to the City Union Mission, where he lived until 4/15/68. Worked at various jobs in Warsaw, Mo., area, returning at night to his quarters at City Union Mission, and for about the last two months, employed daily at ART's Building Supply, Warsaw, by ART SINDT, doing construction work. He was living at the mission camp when he heard of the KING murder, and he thought to himself he would be a good suspect in that murder, but he never connected that murder with RAY. LANPHERE claimed that he, REX PECK and others killed six Negro inmates when Warden (Late) E. V. NASH, MSP, tried to integrate "F" Hall at the MSP by moving six Negro inmates to that cell block. He said he did not miss a day of work during 4/1-5/68 for ART SINDT.

On 4/21/68, Trooper CUMMINGS said that JACK LANPHERE did 2-5 years at Canyon City, Colo, penitentiary, paroled in 5/61; arrested for homicide and robbery in 6/62, KCMO, sentenced to 30 (reduced to 20) years for Murder 1st, in 6/62, with Robbery 1st charges dismissed, and was received at the MSP in 4/63, and paroled in the fall of 1967. He said he arrested LANPHERE in 1/68 for DWI, and for the same charge on 4/20/68. He said he casually mentioned to LANPHERE that they were looking for one of his "buddies" from the MSP in the KING case. He stated LANPHERE asked him the name, and he told him JAMES EARL RAY. He advised LANPHERE told him he had known ~~as~~ a JIMMY RAY at the MSP, the one who was the "hide out" man about twice in the MSP and who finally escaped in a bread truck. Then he said LANPHERE began talking about how whoever killed KING had caused a lot of trouble and he thought RAY might be hiding in the Rogue River area of Oregon.

It is noted that at the outset of the interview on 4/21/68, LANPHERE said that he was drunk, but knew what he was saying. He also told CUMMINGS that CUMMINGS would have to tear up his DWI ticket, which CUMMINGS told him was done, with the approval of the Prosecuting Attorney at Warsaw. He identified "closed-eyes" photo of "ERIC GALT" as RAY.

On 4/21/68, Mrs. AGNES WEST, owner, Osage Hotel, Warsaw, Mo., advised SA THOMAS H. WEAVER that her registration book shows registration for ROBERT DALE PORTER, Waverly, Iowa, who checked into the hotel on 4/12/68. She recalled that PORTER came in about 5 to 5:30 p.m., 4/12/68, carrying a duffel bag. She said she believes he had a sandwich for the evening meal. She said he told her that he had been hitchhiking, had come from Texas, and was enroute Iowa. She stated that PORTER tried to call a "JACK" somebody at the mission farm near Warsaw, several times, and told her that he wanted to borrow some money from "JACK". She suggested to him that anyone at the mission farm would have little money, and he told her that "JACK" painted some on the side. He made telephone calls from

the telephone booths across the street from the hotel both Friday night, 4/12/68 and Saturday morning, 4/13/68. He told her that he was expecting someone in Texas to send him some money. He asked her where the Western Union office was, and she told him it moved from place to place in Warsaw, sometimes at the drug store and sometimes at the Community bank. He walked toward the bank and drug store but he told her later that there had been no money for him. He indicated that he had tried to call the party in Texas from whom he expected to receive money, but the party had left. He had no visitors at the hotel. The only person she saw him speaking with was ANDY BOOKER, a night policeman in Warsaw, as she referred him to BOOKER, suggesting that he would know "JACK" at the mission and where he could locate him. PORTER did not tell her what kind of work he had been doing. She assumed he was heading for his home in Iowa. She last saw him at about 10:30 a.m., 4/13/68, but she did not see him leave and does not know how he left. He paid her cash for the room at her hotel. She described PORTER as WM, age in 30's or about 40, hair crew cut, short, bald in front, brown hair, 5'11" to 6', medium build, wearing brown slacks and a white or light-colored "fuzzy" jacket or zipper sweater. She said she believes the telephone billing for Warsaw is handled out of Clinton, Missouri.

On 4/21/68, it was noted that the telephone booths across from the Osage Hotel in Warsaw have numbers (AC 816) 438-9847 and 438-9445. Telephone numbers not in Warsaw prominently scribbled in the booths and apparently recently noted were 637-5652; 377-2513; 812 752-3770; LA4-4227; 286-3042.

On 4/21/68, Trooper CUMMINGS advised that he understands that persons wanting to send Western Union money orders to persons in Warsaw send the wire, which is received at the WU Office in Sedalia, which has arrangements with the banks in Warsaw that they pay the recipient on authorization from WU, Sedalia. He said he received information on 4/21/68 from Troop A, MSHP, that ROBERT DALE PORTER, MSP #03189, FBI #4590482, who has arrests dating back to 1946, and who has served time in the Iowa Pen, is not listed as wanted, NCIC.

The above information was furnished telephonically to SA JOSEPH KISSIAH, KCMO, 4/21/68, by SA THOMAS H. WEAVER.

In the event there are still unidentified latent prints in this case, it is suggested that they be checked against the fingerprints of ROBERT DALE PORTER, FBI #4590482.

Since full details of this case are not known in the Jefferson City RA, following lead is set forth based on this memo.

#### LEAD

#### AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Review this memo for possible leads.

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FBI JACKSVLE

413 PM URGENT 4/23/68 MHM  
TO LOUISVILLE, MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY  
FROM JACKSONVILLE /44-769/ 1P

MURKIN.

RE LOUISVILLE TELETYPE TO JACKSONVILLE, APRIL TWENTY THREE  
INSTANT RE GEO. MC BRIDE AS SUSPECT.

THOMAS J. TIPPIN, PRESIDENT, OAKLAND TERRACE MENS CLUB,  
PANAMA CITY, FLA., ADVISED THIS DATE THAT GEORGE MC BRIDE HAS BEEN  
KNOWN TO HIM MANY YEARS AS THE OWNER AND PROMOTER OF A TRAVELING  
KID'S CARNIVAL. EACH SPRING MC BRIDE TRAVELS WITH HIS CARNIVAL TO  
PANAMA CITY, FLA., WHERE THE SHOW IS PRESENTED ONE DAY AT OAKLAND  
PARK. THE SHOW WAS PRESENTED THIS YEAR ON APRIL TWENTYONE LAST.  
THE SHOW HAS MOVED ON TO PENSACOLA, FLA., THIS WEEK. MC BRIDE  
STAYED AT CABANA MOTEL FOR ONE WEEK IN PANAMA CITY, FLA. TIPPIN  
ADVISED MC BRIDE IS NOT IDENTICAL WITH JAMES EARL RAY.

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The following is the record of FBI number 768642

*J. E. Hoover*  
*Director.*

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Special Agent, Chicago and Alton RR., Kansas City, Mo	William Edward Maher, #--	10-15-33	robb., 1st. deg. auto theft- aslt. to kill	
SP, Jefferson City, Mo., #--	William Maher, #721, St. Intermediate Ref., Algoa, Mo.	11-22-33	robb., 1st. deg.	10 yrs.
ONI, Wash., D. C. MID, Wash., D. C.	William Edward Maher, #1203	applicant for position, Laclede Steel Co., Alton, Ill., 4-2-41		
Naval Government (Guam PD) San Fran Calif PD Alton Ill	William Edward Maher #3791	6-19-49	susp of drunken driving & dist the peace	\$125 fine \$10 costs 6-20-49
PD St Louis Mo	William Edard Maher #7473	6-2-51	intox	fined & rel
	William Edward Maher #--	2-6-54	invest	
PD Quincy Ill	William Edward Maher #--	3-15-57	OMVWI	pd \$230.30

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All descriptive factors (if any) furnished by you match those in our identification file unless herein quoted.

DESCRIPTION AND RELATED DATA:

Race: white

Sex: male

Height: 6'2"

Weight: 210

Hair: brown & gray

Eyes: blue

Date and Place of Birth:  Bridgeton, New Jersey

Scars & Marks: 2" ct scar on right cheek, cut scars on bridge of nose. Impediment of speech. Both ears stand out well from head. 4" cut scar left forearm outer near wrist.

Address: 3-15-57 listed as 1118 East 7th St. Alton, Illinois

Occupation: sign board advertising and painter, laborer

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TO: **SAC, KANSAS CITY**

Date **4-21-68**

**MURKIN**

Your inquiry  
**Tel - SAC, SI**  
**4-20-68**

- ☐ Attached furnished in reply to your inquiry.
- ☒ Attached furnished in compliance with request from **SAC, Springfield**
- ☐ Only record available attached.
- ☐ This matter is receiving attention and you will be advised at an early date.
- ☐ Supplementing FBI Laboratory report dated
- ☐ Records FBI #
- ☐ are furnished since there is a possibility that one may pertain to the subject in whom you are interested.
- ☐ Fingerprint files fail to disclose
- ☐ Confirming FBI wire of
- ☐ A wanted notice has not been placed as subject appears to be in custody.
- ☐ When you no longer desire your notice maintained, please advise.
- ☐ If you determine subject to be in custody, please advise so that your notice may be canceled.
- ☐ Subject of your inquiry searched in name indices only. Enclosed record(s) possibly identical. If identical, resubmit request and wanted (or flash) notice will be placed.
- ☐ If it is determined that the subject of this record is not the individual in whom you are interested, please advise.
- ☐ Your communication is returned.
- ☐

- ☒ Enc. **1.**
- ☒ Copy to **SAC'S AT, BH, CG, ME, SF, SL, SI.**

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John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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

MURKIN

OO: Memphis

Re Phoenix teletype to Bureau, 4/21/68, concerning interview of DAVID L. WILSON, and possible plot of exconvicts to murder Doctor KING; Dallas teletype to Bureau, 4/22/68.

Enclosed for Phoenix is one photo of CLARENCE JAMES CLARK.

A review of U. S. Penitentiary (USP) records regarding CLARENCE JAMES CLARK, USP# 76195-L, reveals CLARK was committed to that institution 12/11/58 to serve four years on charge of white slavery at Lake Charles, Louisiana. CLARK was transferred to Federal Correctional Institution, Texarcana, Texas, 7/22/59, and on 7/17/61, was sent to the Federal Medical Center, Springfield, Missouri for the surgical correction of a hernia. CLARK refused surgery and was mandatorily released 10/6/61 to return to Muskogee, Oklahoma to engage in oil and construction work.

Records under date of 2/61, indicate CLARK's mother, EDITH PETTY TIPTON, and stepfather, J. L. TIPTON were residing at Anadarko, Oklahoma. Records show CLARK's ex-wife, HELEN BEARMAN CLARK or HELEN THURMAN CLARK residing with her parents at Dublin, Texas.

USP records describe CLARK as follows:

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2 - Phoenix (Enc. 1) (44-371)  
2 - Kansas City

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Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'9½"
Weight	160 lbs.
POB	Mountain Park, Oklahoma
DOB	
Military service	U. S. Army, 12/19/45 - 2/2/47, serial # 19213925 4750341
FBI#	
Incarceration	From 1947 to 1949, Virginia Penitentiary; From 1956 to 1957, USP, Leavenworth, Kansas, and Texarcana, Texas.

USP record is voluminous, showing relatives, friends, associates, past employment, from March of 1957. This voluminous background information is not being set forth at this time to locate CLARK, inasmuch as Jacksonville FBI Office has advised no record of a CLARENCE CLARK was located at the Florida State Prison, Raiford, Florida, and the Dallas Office has advised that CLARENCE JAMES CLARK and DAVID L. WILSON were not at FCI, Texarcana at the same time.

It is also noted that WILSON described one CLARENCE CLARK as being 5'1", or 5'2", while CLARENCE JAMES CLARK is 5'9½" tall.

LEAD

PHOENIX

AT FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA

Will display the enclosed photograph of CLARENCE JAMES CLARK to DAVID L. WILSON to determine whether identical with one CLARENCE CLARK referred to in referenced Phoenix teletype. If CLARENCE JAMES CLARK is identical, will advise Kansas City in order that leads from the USP file can be set forth to locate and interview CLARK.

FBI KAN CITY

FBI ST LOUIS

3:20 PM 4-23-68 URGENT REM

TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, AND KANSAS CITY

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775) 2P

MURKIN.

SUBJECT'S BROTHER, JOHN LARRY RAY, OPERATES GRAPEVINE TAVERN, ONE NINE EIGHT TWO ARSENAL, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, OWNED BY SISTER, CAROL PEPPER. LOCAL STATE LIQUOR CONTROL OFFICE ADVISES LIQUOR LICENSE GRANTED HER, DBA JACK'S PLACE, DECEMBER NINETEENTH, SIXTYSEVEN, UNDER CONTROL NUMBER SIX TWO FOUR THREE AND THAT APPLICATION AND RESULTING INVESTIGATION SHOULD INCLUDE EXTENSIVE BACKGROUND ON PEPPER, INCLUDING RESIDENCES FOR PAST TEN YEARS, WHERE MONEY TO PURCHASE OBTAINED, AND PHOTOGRAPH. PREVIOUS LICENSE THAT ADDRESS, GRANTED GEORGENE AUDREY MC GUIRE, JULY ONE, SIXTYSIX, FOR ONE YEAR, NOT RENEWED.

KANSAS CITY, AT JEFFERSON CITY, CONTACT HARRY WIGGINS,  
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STATE LIQUOR CONTROL OFFICE; REVIEW AND OBTAIN COPY OF APPLICATION, INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS AND OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION AVAILABLE; OBTAIN AUTHORITATIVE STATEMENT OF PENAL AND OTHER POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES UNDER MISSOURI LAW OF HYPOTHETICAL CASE WHERE PERSON WITH CRIMINAL RECORD, OTHER THAN LICENSEE, OPERATES TAVERN FOR POSSIBLE USE AS LEVER ON PEPPER AND JOHN RAY.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Director.

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
West Virginia State Police Ripley, W.Va.	Clarence Albert Clark, #BJ 1408	9-18-47	Drunk & Disorderly	\$25.00 and \$5.62 costs.

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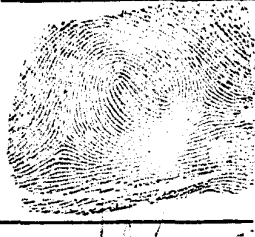


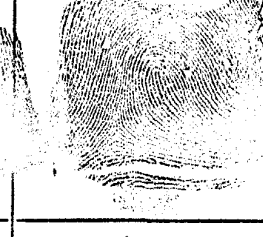
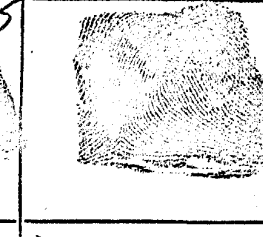
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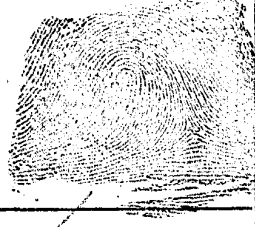

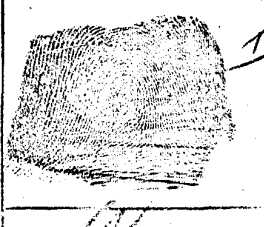
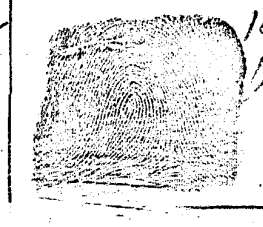
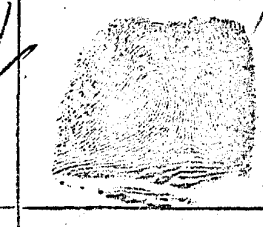
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LEFT HAND

6. Thumb <u>0</u>	7. Index finger <u>13</u>	8. Middle finger <u>1</u>	9. Ring finger <u>14</u>	10. Little finger <u>14</u>
				

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(Signature of official taking prints)

Clarence Albert

Date impressions taken

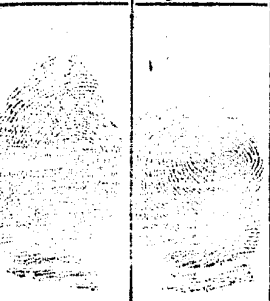

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Four fingers taken simultaneously

Left Hand

Left thumb Right thumb

Right Hand

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

Record from W. Va. S. Pol. Address Ripley, W. Va.  
(On the above line please state whether Police Department, Sheriff's Office, or County Jail)

Date of arrest 9/18/47  
Charge D. D.  
Disposition of case 20 5.62  
Cr.  
Residence Box 85 Porters Falls  
W. Va.  
Place of birth Moundsville, W. Va.  
Nationality Amer.  
Criminal specialty \_\_\_\_\_

(PLEASE PASTE PHOTO HERE)

INDEX NO

Date of birth    
Height 5'2 Comp. fair Hair brn  
Weight 130 Eyes blue Build sl  
Scars and marks Mole right side  
of chin

**CRIMINAL HISTORY**

NAME	NUMBER	CITY OR INSTITUTION	DATE	CHARGE	DISPOSITION OR SENTENCE

**ACCOMPLICES**

NAME	NUMBER	NAME	NUMBER	NAME	NUMBER

(Please furnish all additional criminal history and police record on separate sheet)

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PD Des Moines Iowa	David Lindsay Wilson #19121	12-28-48	1-runaway 2-delinquency 3-incorrigible	12-28-48 rel to Juv Crt
PD Greenville Miss	David Lindsay Wilson #9595	2-5-58	inv mail theft	
PD Dade City Fla	David Lindsey Wilson #2195	4-17-58	unarmed robb	
SO Dade City Fla	David L. Wilson #16002	4-17-58	unarmed robb	
SP Raiford Fla	David L. Wilson #64747	11-21-58	escape from Co J1	two (2) yrs
USM Jacksonville Fla	David L. Wilson #10872-J	4-6-60	prov ( T of US mail)	
SO Jacksonville Fla	David L. Wilson #154 761	4-6-60	viol of prob	
SO Wallace Idaho	David Linsay Wilson #11497	8-10-61	Fed PV	rel to US Deputy Marshal Coeur d'Alene Idaho
SO Coeur D'Alene Idaho	David Lindsay Wilson #14790	8-13-61	rel to US	returned to USM at Jacksonville
USM Fargo NDak	David Lindsey Wilson #01701	8-21-61	PV (in transit)	rel to USM at Jacksonville
SO Kans City Mo	David Lindsay Wilson #40290	8-30-61	PV (Govt)	9-8-61 out USM to Oxford Miss

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
USM Oxford Miss	David Lindsay Wilson #365-2704	9-15-61	Prob Vio - Postal Laws	Del to FCI Texarkana Texas 11-7-61
Fed Corr Inst Texarkana Texas	David L. Wilson #12591-TT	11-7-61	Mail Theft (Prob Viol)	18 mos Trans to FCI Tallahassee Fla 1-12-62
Fed Corr Inst Tallahassee Fla	David L. Wilson #19162-TF	1-22-62 Trans fr Fed Corr Inst Texarkana Texas	Prob Vio (Mail Theft)	9-4-62 Par
SO Lake City Fla	David Wilson #7603	9-4-62	Robbery	
PD Fairbanks Alaska	David Lindsay Wilson #15826	6-2-64	vag	
PD Flagstaff Ariz	David Wilson #50498	3-30-65	13-379 drunk	\$10 BF
PD Las Vegas Nev	David Lindsay Wilson #M-56164	5-31-65	D.O.P.	\$2 or 1 da
SO Springfield Colo	David Leslie Wilson #2435	5-2-67	dist expired special permit (auto)	\$10 F both b chgs total F \$25

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	<p>FLASH: David L. Wilson, if arrested prior to 2-14-62 notify Chief US Prob Off Fed Bldg Oxford Miss per inf rec 10-14-60.</p> <p>FLASH CANCELLED: inf rec US Prob Off Oxford Miss 10-14-60 (transfer)</p> <p>WANTED: David L. Wilson for prob vio. Notify US Prob Off Fed Bldg Oxford Miss per inf rec 11-16-60.</p> <p>NO LONGER WANTED: per inf rec 8-11-61 (located by Fed Agts &amp; PD 8-10-61 Kellogg Idaho incar Shoshone Co Jail Wallace Idaho)</p> <p>FLASH: David L. Wilson if arrested prior to 4-1-63 Notify US Prob Off Tampa Fla and US Board of Parole Room 200 HOLC Bldg Wash 25, DC Inf rec 9-6-62.</p>			

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
CC-PD Springfield Colo				

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Army	James Earl Ray #16 163 129	February 19, 1946		
Sheriff's Office Los Angeles, California	James Earl Ray #B-119908	October 11, 1949	suspicion of burglary	
Police Department Los Angeles, California	James Earl Ray #139648	October 11, 1949	suspicion 459 Penal Code (burglary)	8 months County Jail suspended; 2 years probation served; first 90 days County Jail; 146 December 30, 1949 Cs129438
Sheriff's Office Cedar Rapids, Iowa	James E. Ray #5937	April 18, 1950	vagrancy	
Police Department Alton, Illinois	James Earl Ray #7514	July 23, 1951	no operator's license - no State License - no City License	released to pay later
Police Department Chicago, Illinois	James Ray #D90696	May 6, 1952	robbery (Gun)	Grand Jury \$3000
Cook County Jail Chicago, Illinois	James Ray #131165	May 9, 1952	robbery	June 13, 1952 sentenced to penitentiary 1 to 2 years
State Penitentiary Joliet, Illinois	James E. Ray #32419	June 13, 1952	robbery	1 to 2 years
State Penitentiary Pontiac, Illinois	James E. Ray #19121	July 7, 1952 in transfer from Joliet	robbery	1 to 2 years March 12, 1954 discharged

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Sheriff's Office Edwardsville, Illinois	James Earl Ray #2640	August 30, 1954	burglary and larceny	
Police Department Hannibal, Missouri	James E. Ray #40714	March 23, 1955	investigation of breaking and entering Post Office	
State Highway Patrol Macon, Missouri	James Earl Ray #B-3376	March 23, 1955	cashing stolen postal money orders	released to Postal Inspector Kansas City, Missouri March 24, 1955
United States Marshal Kansas City, Missouri	James Earl Ray #12018	March 28, 1955	forgery United States Postal Money Order	sentenced to 15 months custody of Attorney General
Sheriff's Office Kansas City, Missouri	James Earl Ray #29637	March 28, 1955	Forgery - Government	July 7, 1955 3 years and 9 months
United States Penitentiary Leavenworth, Kansas	James Earl Ray #72498-L	July 7, 1955	Post Office Laws Forge Money Orders	3 years and 9 months May 20, 1958 conditional release March 31 1959 maximum April 5, 1958 conditional release on charge of Post Office forgery Post Office Money Orders
Police Department Saint Louis, Missouri	James Earl Ray #81071	October 10, 1959	suspicion of robbery	

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Police Department Saint Louis, Missouri	James Earl Ray #81071	October 16, 1959	suspicion of robbery stealing and fugitive other authorities	
State Penitentiary Jefferson City, Missouri	Janes Earl Ray #00416	March 17, 1960	"TC" operating motor vehicle without permission of owner robbery first "b/m DDW" (2 charges)	20 years (20, 7, 5, concurrent)
State Hospital Number 1 Fulton, Missouri	James Earl Ray #37045 C-5	September 8, 1966	Patient	

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	<p>WANTED: James Earl Ray for escape April 23, 1967 (operating motor vehicle without permission of owner; robbery first degree "b/m of a D &amp; DW") (will extradite) Notify Warden State Penitentiary Jefferson City, Missouri information received May 10, 1967.</p>			

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All descriptive factors (if any) furnished by you match those in our identification file unless herein quoted.

DESCRIPTION AND RELATED DATA:

Race: White

Sex: Male

Height: 70 inches

Weight: 174 pounds

Hair: Brown

Eyes: Blue

Date and Place of Birth:  Illinois.

Scars & Marks: dimpled chin, small scar center forehead, scar 3 inch palm right hand

Address: (in 1966) State Hospital Number 1 Fulton, Missouri.

Occupation: Laborer

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	WANTED BY BUREAU: James Earl Ray, also known as, James McBride, James Walyon, W.C. Herron, James O'Conner, Jim, for unlawful flight to avoid custody-robbery first Fugitive Index #121426 Bureau file #88-41730 Office of Origin Kansas City information received July 27, 1967. CAUTION: ARMED AND DANGEROUS			
	Alias: James Walton			
	WANTED BY BUREAU: Eric Starvo Galt, also known as Harvey Lowmyer, John Willard, Civil Rights-Conspiracy Fugitive Index #127540 Bureau File #44-38861 Office of Origin Memphis. Information received April 19, 1968. CAUTION: ARMED AND DANGEROUS			
	THIS PAGE SHOULD NOT BE DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.			

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TO:

Date **4/22/68**

SAC, Kansas City

Your inquiry

**PX - Teletype**  
**4/21/68**

**MURKIN. CIVIL RIGHTS.**

- ☐ Attached furnished in reply to your inquiry.
- ☒ Attached furnished in compliance with request from **SAC, Phoenix (44-371)**
- ☐ Only record available attached.
- ☐ This matter is receiving attention and you will be advised at an early date.
- ☐ Supplementing FBI Laboratory report dated
- ☐ Records FBI #  
are furnished since there is a possibility that one may pertain to the subject in whom you are interested.
- ☐ Fingerprint files fail to disclose
- ☐ Confirming FBI wire of
- ☐ A wanted notice has not been placed as subject appears to be in custody.
- ☐ When you no longer desire your notice maintained, please advise.
- ☐ If you determine subject to be in custody, please advise so that your notice may be canceled.
- ☐ Subject of your inquiry searched in name indices only. Enclosed record(s) possibly identical. If identical, resubmit request and wanted (or flash) notice will be placed.
- ☐ If it is determined that the subject of this record is not the individual in whom you are interested, please advise.
- ☐ Your communication is returned.
- ☐

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☒ Copy to: **SACS ME, DL, JK, LR, PX,**

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Date: 4/23/68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT  
(Priority)TO: BUREAU  
AND ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

FROM: KANSAS CITY (44-760)

MURKIN, OO MEMPHIS

AT THE TIME OF JAMES EARL RAY'S ESCAPE FROM MISSOURI  
STATE PENITENTIARY (MSP), ON APRIL TWENTY THREE, SIXTY SEVEN,  
THE PENITENTIARY ISSUED A WANTED ORDER FOR ESCAPED CONVICT.  
THIS WANTED ORDER WAS NUMBERED ZERO ZERO FOUR ONE SIX WHICH  
SHOWS A PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY TAKEN JANUARY FOUR, SIXTY SIX, AND  
ALSO HAS A COMPLETE SET OF FINGERPRINTS. IT IS TO BE NOTED  
~~THAT~~ THESE FINGERPRINTS ARE NOT IDENTICAL WITH THE FINGER-  
PRINTS OF JAMES EARL RAY, ON <sup>BUREAU</sup> IDENTIFICATION ORDER FOUR ONE  
EIGHT TWO, ISSUED BY ~~THE BUREAU~~ ON APRIL TWENTY, LAST. INFO  
HAS BEEN RECEIVED <sup>from Mo. Penal authorities</sup> THAT ANOTHER PRISONER, CHARLES JAMES EASLEY  
FBI # FOUR SIX ZERO THREE EIGHT FOUR E ESCAPED FROM MSP  
SHORTLY AFTER RAY. <sup>MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY MADE AN ERROR</sup> ~~THERE WAS A MIXUP~~ IN THE FIRST PRINTING  
OF THE MISSOURI <sup>STATE</sup> WANTED ORDER <sup>IN THAT</sup> AND EASLEY'S FINGERPRINTS WERE

<sup>INCORRECTLY PLACED</sup> ~~PUT ON RAY'S WANTED ORDER~~. THIS ERROR WAS <sup>NOTICED</sup> A SHORT  
~~REFLECTED~~ DETECTED

RBH:ak

Approved: OK  
Special Agent in ChargeSent 345p MPer jm

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Date:

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TIME LATER AND CORRECTED COPIES OF THIS WANTED ORDER WERE SENT OUT BY THE MSP ON MAY ONE, SIXTY SEVEN. ~~IT IS~~ ALSO <sup>to</sup> ~~TO BE~~ <sup>be</sup> NOTED ON THE MISSOURI STATE WANTED ORDER, JAMES EARL RAY'S FBI # IS LISTED AS THREE ZERO SIX FOUR FOUR THREE A, <sup>reflects Ray's</sup> ON ~~THE~~ BUREAU'S IDENTIFICATION ORDER HIS FBI # ~~IS LISTED~~ AS FOUR ZERO FIVE NINE FOUR TWO G. THE REASON FOR THIS BEING THIS FBI # WAS ASSIGNED ~~GALT~~ BEFORE IT WAS DETERMINED HE WAS IDENTICAL WITH RAY, AND IT IS CONTINUED TO BE USED ON THE IDENTIFICATION ORDER IN THIS CASE. THEREFORE, JAMES EARL RAY <sup>currently</sup> ~~IN REALITY~~ HAS TWO FBI NUMBERS, <sup>namely</sup> ~~BOTH~~ THREE ZERO SIX FOUR FOUR THREE A, AND FOUR ZERO FIVE NINE FOUR TWO G. ~~BEFORE~~ <sup>SE</sup> ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

BUREAU SEND TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES.

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 4/19/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: SAC, ALBANY

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN

At about 6 p.m. on 4/4/68, while standing on the second floor balcony outside Room 306 of the Lorraine Motel, 406 Mulberry Street, Memphis, Tennessee, Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. was struck in the right side of the face by a single bullet fired from a 30-06 rifle. The bullet severed KING's spinal cord and death was almost instantaneous.

This investigation, predicated upon a specific request from the Attorney General of the United States, disclosed that the fatal shot had been fired from the bathroom of a cheap rooming house located at 422½ South Main Street, Memphis, which bathroom was located at the rear of the rooming house, and had a window overlooking the Lorraine Motel.

At about 3 p.m. on 4/4/68, an individual using the name JOHN WILLARD had rented Room 5-B in the rooming house at 422½ South Main Street and had paid one week's rent. After hearing the rifle shot at about 6 p.m. on that same day, other tenants in the rooming house observed a man presumably identical with WILLARD, fleeing from the rooming house carrying a large package which was subsequently abandoned by him on the sidewalk in front of the Canipe Amusement Co., 424 South Main Street, Memphis. A neighborhood investigation in the vicinity of 424 South Main Street disclosed that the subject had fled from the scene in a white Mustang.

Found abandoned in front of 424 South Main Street was a 30-06 Remington model 760 rifle which was determined to have been

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Approved: RG Jensen  
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sold to one HARVEY LOWMEYER on 3/30/68 by Aeromarine Supply Co., Birmingham, Alabama.

Investigation at Memphis disclosed that an individual had purchased a set of binoculars at the York Arms Company in Memphis on 4/4/68. These binoculars were among the material abandoned with the rifle and recovered in Memphis. Also recovered was a brown and green herringbone bedspread. The items abandoned in Memphis were all wrapped in this bedspread. The blue bag which was inside the bedspread contained numerous items, among which were the binoculars and a set of underwear consisting of a T-shirt and shorts. The T-shirt and shorts are those on which appears the laundry mark which has been a matter of interest in this case.

A search of motel records in the Memphis area disclosed that an individual using the name ERIC S. GALT had spent the night of 4/3/68 at the Rebel Motel, Memphis, Tennessee, and was driving a 1966 white Mustang bearing Alabama License 1-38993. Investigation at Birmingham disclosed that this automobile had been purchased by ERIC S. GALT on August 30, 1968, from a private person in response to a newspaper ad. He paid a total of \$1995 cash. While in Birmingham he furnished the address of 2608 South Highland Avenue, Birmingham. This is also the address which appeared on a driver's license issued to him by the State of Alabama. The driver's license identifying data listed his birth date as [redacted], his height as 5'11", his weight as 170 and his eyes blue and hair brown.

The automobile in question, the white Mustang bearing the Alabama tags mentioned above, was recovered in Atlanta on 4/11/68 and determined to have been abandoned there prior to 9 a.m. on 4/5/68.

In connection with the evidence submitted by Atlanta, Birmingham, and Memphis, identifiable latent prints were recovered. It was on the basis of these latents that identification was made of JAMES EARL RAY. In handling future leads, all offices should be particularly interested in securing an identifying number, military, police, or FBI, in connection with suspects so that the necessary check can be made through the Identification Division.

On 4/17/68, AUSA R. NACEY TAYLOR, Birmingham, authorized the filing of a complaint charging ERIC STARVO GALT with a conspiracy to violate Section 241, Title 18, U. S. Code, and

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**recommended bond in the amount \$50,000. On that same date, SAC JOSEPH H. GAMBLE filed a complaint before USC MILDRED F. SPRAGUE, Birmingham, and warrant was issued that same date.**

**For further information re JAMES EARL RAY, all offices are directed to press release furnished them by the Bureau on 4/19/68.**

**ARMED & DANGEROUS.**

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Date: 4/19/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Priority)

TO: SAC, KANSAS CITY

FROM: SAC, DENVER (157-203)

MURKIN.

This morning at 8:50 a.m., Mrs. LEO WILLIAMS, 1257 Xandu Street, Aurora, Colorado, telephone number 364-2504, telephonically furnished the following information to the Denver Office:

in 1962 she was acquainted with one RUSSELL GALT who then worked with her at the American Bridge and Steel Company in Sedalia, Missouri. GALT allegedly lived on Second Street above a tavern in Sedalia and his work was in connection with installing Minutemen missile sites.

Mrs. WILLIAMS described GALT as age 34 to 35, 5'9", brown hair, 175 pounds, well-educated, well-mannered, well-dressed and from the State of Louisiana. She said GALT's family was also from Louisiana, no specific location.

She said during the time she knew GALT he married one HELEN GRANDFIELD and Mrs. WILLIAMS last saw GALT in December of 1962 when she terminated her employment at the American Bridge and Steel Company. She said GALT and his wife are now divorced and she believes HELEN GRANDFIELD lives with her parents, who are long-time residents of Sedalia. She indicated she has no current knowledge of the whereabouts of GALT.

Mrs. WILLIAMS said the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT currently being circulated in connection with instant matter was observed by her in the newspapers and resembles RUSSELL GALT. She also said she would contact this office in the event she has any further information.

The above information submitted for appropriate action.

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

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ReButeltype to all SACS 4/19/68.

~~PENNY GILLIAM~~, Apartment 102, 2118 County Road, District Heights, Maryland, telephone 735-1064, telephonically advised WFO instant that she had just seen television broadcast revealing identity of assassin as JAMES EARL RAY. GILLIAM furnishing following information in the event individual she knows as JIM RAY might possibly be identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

GILLIAM related that in 1962 or 1963 she used to swim at a private lake near Kansas City, Mo., at 9900 Raytown Road. She related this lake is secluded from the road and presently deserted with no one living nearby. GILLIAM recalls a JIM RAY, who was quite a bit older than she and who was from a large family, also swam in this lake during this period.

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GILLIAM feels that if the JIM RAY she knows is identical with MURKIN subject that he possibly could use this area as hideout.

GILLIAM relates that her mother, VERA BROOKE, 6791 San Diego Road, Buena Park, California, ~~would know~~ owner's identity of this property.

Inasmuch as referenced teletype indicates that JAMES EARL RAY was incarcerated at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Mo., since March 17, 1960, and allegedly confined to that Institution until time of his escape, 4/23/67, this is being furnished to Memphis and Kansas City for info purposes. Possibility exists that "JIM RAY" individual GILLIAM refers to is a possible relative of subject JAMES EARL RAY.

Kansas City from file review determine if this is area of RAY's background and determine if this information has significance to captioned case.

No lead is being set forth for the Los Angeles Division at this time because of the limited information available to WFO concerning subject this case.

RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.