

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, KANSAS CITY(88-9449)(44-760)(P)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SA THURMAN T. MAYNARD

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY, aka
UFAP; MURKIN

On 4/19/68 JERRY IAMB, Secret Service, 811 Grand, advised he could locate no record concerning the subject and ~~no~~ akas in their files.

On 4/19/68 JAMES P. TURNER, Attorney, 1200 Commerce Towers, 9th & Main, KCMO, advised he had no record indicating that he may have represented the subject in a trial in 1955, and he was probably a court-appointed attorney for the subject as court records indicate. After about one year, records concerning persons of which he was a court appointed attorney, and of which there has been no further contact by the person with him, are destroyed. He has a vague recollection that he represented RAY, but he can recall no further contact with RAY since ~~1955~~ 1955. He advised that permanent files are maintained concerning clients that pay their own fees, and a review of his records indicated no record of the subject.

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(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
AND SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760)

MURKIN. OO MEMPHIS. DAILY SUMMARY.

KANSAS CITY PRESENTLY CONTACTING ALL MAJOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT ANY CURRENT ROBBERIES OR BURGLARIES COMMITTED IN WHICH LATENTS RECOVERED FOR UNSUB FITTING GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT.

NUMEROUS TELEPHONE CALLS CONTINUE FROM LOCAL CITIZENS RE SUBJECT DUE TO EXTENSIVE PUBLICITY THIS AREA. THESE BEING HANDLED IMMEDIATELY.

ON RELEASE PROGRESS REPORT FROM USP, LEAVENWORTH, KS. DATED APRIL, FIFTYEIGHT, IT STATES AS FOLLOWS: "ON SEPTEMBER TWELVE, FIFTYSEVEN, RAY WAS APPROVED FOR OUR HONOR FARM BUT WAS NEVER ACTUALLY TRANSFERRED TO SUCH ASSIGNMENT DUE TO FACT THAT HE DID NOT FEEL HE COULD LIVE IN HONOR FARM DORMITORY BECAUSE THEY ARE INTEGRATED. DUE TO THIS FACT HE WAS NEVER PLACED UNDER SUCH STATUS. HE WAS ASSIGNED TO BAKERY WHERE HE REMAINED UNTIL RELEASED."

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RBH:lib *lib*(1)
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FENCE HANDLING POSTAL MONEY ORDERS AND TRAVELERS CHECKS, KANSAS CITY AREA, BELIEVED TO BE JAMES HARVEY BRADLEY, JR., CURRENTLY SERVING FIFTEEN YEARS IN FEDERAL PENITENTIARY, LEAVENWORTH, KS.; BEING INTERVIEWED RE SUBJECT.

LAWRENCE EUGENE WRAY, CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF SUBJECT IN MISSOURI STATE PEN, AND PCI SINCE JANUARY FOUR SIXTYEIGHT, WAS PAROLED FROM MSP MARCH TWENTYSIX SIXTYEIGHT, AND IS REPORTEDLY RESIDING KANSAS CITY AREA. HE IS BEING CONTACTED IN THIS MATTER. OTHER INMATES, MSP, CONTINUE TO BE INTERVIEWED ~~AND~~ NO INFORMATION RE BOUNTY FOR KING'S ASSASSINATION RECEIVED AS YET.

SCHOOL TEACHER, NORTH KANSAS CITY, MO., REPORTED GERALD B. GERIT MADE TRIPS TO TENNESSEE WITH CITIZENS BAND RADIO IN CAR DURING MARCH, SIXTYEIGHT. MADE NUMEROUS DEROGATORY REMARKS AGAINST COLORED RACE. MOVED AWAY FROM THIS AREA UNANNOUNCED MARCH TWENTYNINE SIXTYEIGHT. REPORTEDLY RESIDING EL CAJON, CALIFORNIA. SAN DIEGO ADVISED.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS; ESCAPE PROPENSITIES.

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METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICER THOMAS R. OWENS WASHINGTON, D. C., OBSERVED WHITE MALE BEARING RESEMBLANCE TO JAMES EARL RAY RIDING IN SIXTYFIVE WHITE FORD BEARING CURRENT TENNESSEE TAGS DP FIVE TWO NINE FIVE AT WASHINGTON, D. C., THIS DATE. AUTO OPERATED BY NEGRO MALE WITH NEGRO MALE PASSENGER.

MEMPHIS AT DMV, NASHVILLE, OBTAIN TAG REGISTRATION DATA AND DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS OF REGISTERED OWNER. SET FORTH LEADS TO LOCATE AND HANDLE,

AIRMAIL COPIES TO KANSAS CITY AND KNOXVILLE.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES, KANSAS CITY,
SPRINGFIELD.
FROM ATLANTA (44-2386)

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SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION, APRIL TWENTYTHREE, SIXTYEIGHT.

NEW AND USED CAR DEALERS IN ATLANTA AND SUBURBAN AREAS
CONTINUE TO BE CANVASSED AND SHOWN PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECT RAY.
CHECKS NEGATIVE TO DATE. LEADS OBTAINED FROM CLASSIFIED SECTION
OF NEWSPAPERS FROM MARCH TWENTYFOUR TO APRIL FIVE LAST AND
CONTINUE TO BE CHECKED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

CAR RENTAL AGENCIES IN ATLANTA AND SUBURBAN AREAS ARE
BEING CHECKED, PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY EXHIBITED, SUCH CHECKS
NEGATIVE TO DATE.

NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION ON FOURTEENTH STREET, WEST
OF PEACHTREE STREET, CONDUCTED TODAY. RAY'S PHOTOGRAPH SHOWN TO
PERSONS INTERVIEWED AND SUCH CHECKS NEGATIVE.

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CHECKS OF CREW MEMBERS AND PASSENGERS ON FOREIGN BOUND FLIGHTS OF APRIL FIVE AND SIX LAST, CONTINUE THIS DATE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. SUCH CHECKS ARE CONTINUING.

ADDITIONAL ATTEMPT MADE THIS DATE TO INTERVIEW JIMMY DELTON GARNER, OWNER OF ROOMING HOUSE AT ONE ONE THREE FOURTEENTH STREET, ATLANTA, WHERE RAY ROOMED WHILE IN ATLANTA. GARNER CONTINUES TO BE IN A HIGHLY INTOXICATED CONDITION AND INTERVIEW NOT CONCLUDED.

INDIVIDUAL WITH NAME JAMES RAY WITH UNLISTED TELEPHONE NUMBER CHECKED OUT AND DETERMINED NOT IDENTICAL BASED ON HIS NEGRO RACE.

FLIGHT PERSONNEL OF EASTERN AIRLINES FLIGHT ONE THREE THREE, APRIL TWELVE LAST, CONSISTING OF FIRST OFFICER AND TWO OTHER CREW MEMBERS, INTERVIEWED RE A PASSENGER RESEMBLING RAY WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. THOSE THREE STATED GILCHRIST WAS IN ERROR IN STATING ONLY ONE PASSENGER DEBARKED AT HOUSTON, TEXAS. REMAINING THREE CREW PERSONNEL WILL BE INTERVIEWED APRIL

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TWENTYFOUR NEXT.

BANK ROBBERY OCCURRED AT WESTSIDE BRANCH OF FULTON NATIONAL BANK TODAY. RAY'S PHOTOGRAPH SHOWN TO EYE WITNESSES AND HE WAS ELIMINATED AS SUBJECT OF THAT ROBBERY.

INDIVIDUAL FURNISHING NAME JAMES WRAY, EIGHT TWO SIX EIGHT FORTTEETH STREET, NORTH, PINELLAS PARK, FLORIDA, AGE THIRTYTHREE, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CONTACTED INSURED DRIVEAWAYS, NINE FOUR TWO MURPHY AVENUE, S.W., ATLANTA, LATE DECEMBER OR EARLY JANUARY LAST CONCERNING DRIVING A CAR TO CALIFORNIA. JAMES WRAY NOT PERMITTED TO DRIVE BECAUSE HIS NAME CONTAINED ON BLACK LIST PUBLISHED BY AUTO DELIVERY DIVISION OF DEALERS TRANSIT, INC. AND CONTAINED NOTATION "HE DROVE CAR FOUR US IN LOS ANGELES - UNRELIABLE." ACCORDING TO INDIVIDUAL INTERVIEWED, JAMES WRAY BEARS SLIGHT RESEMBLANCE TO SUBJECT'S SIXTY PHOTOGRAPH AS CONTAINED ON IDENTIFICATION ORDER OF RAY. INSURED DRIVEAWAYS IS MEMBER OF DEALERS TRANSIT, INC.

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915PM URGENT 4-23-68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, KANSAS CITY, AND CHICAGO
FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN CR 00:ME SUMMARY

JAMES DAVID DAILEY INDICATED BELIEF SL BONDSMAN HOMER TOWNSLEY WAS SOURCE OF ALLEGATION HE HARBORED SUBJECT FOLLOWING MSP ESCAPE. TOWNSLEY, FORMER SL ONE TWO ONE FIVE DASH C, STATED SUBJECT FREQUENTED HIS BAR FIFTY EIGHT DASH FIFTY NINE. FURNISHED NAMES OF OTHERS WHO KNEW HIM THIS PERIOD. HAS NOT SEEN SUBJECT SINCE. HEARD SUBJECT CAME TO SL FOLLOWING ESCAPE TO KILL PERSON HE BELIEVED RESPONSIBLE FOR CONVICTION. CLAIMED DAILEY TOLD HIM RAY CONTACTED HIM AFTER ESCAPE AND THAT HE HAD KNOWN RAY A LONG TIME. WAS PUZZLED WHY DAILEY GAVE UP HALF WAY TAVERN SLMO AND MOVED TO BOOTHEEL AS HE HAD RECENTLY PURCHASED NEW FIXTURES. DID NOT BELIEVE DAILEY STORY MOVE WAS BECAUSE LANDLORD REFUSED TO WIRE BUILDING. ADMITTED FORMER ENMITY TO DAILEY, BUT THOUGHT DIFFERENCES PATCHED UP. DENIED RESPONSIBILITY FOR JUNIOR RAY CONWAY BREAKING WINDOWS AND BEATING DAILEY. KNEW DAILEY HARBORED ESCAPEE CREWS, (BELIEVED TO BE THOMAS BEECHUM CREWS FBI NUMBER FOUR NINE FOUR SIX ZERO SIX SEVEN), SUMMER NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN. BELIEVES JOHN LNU (JOHN LARRY RAY) MORE LIKELY
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TO HARBOR SUBJECT THAN DAILEY.

RONALD BOCKENKAMP, SLPD INTELLIGENCE UNIT, STATED DAILEY WAS LIAR IF HE DENIED KNOWING SUBJECT, ALTHOUGH HE HAD NEVER SEEN THEM TOGETHER. FOLLOWING RAY ESCAPE, BOCKENKAMP RECEIVED TIP FROM SOURCE HE DECLINED TO IDENTIFY DAILEY WAS HARBORING SUBJECT. HE SHOOK DOWN WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. SAME SOURCE GAVE TIP WHICH RESULTED IN CREWS ARREST. SAID SUBJECT IN MSP SAME TIME AS CRES WHO COULD HAVE TOLD HIM TO CONTACT DAILEY. HE KNEW DAILEY TOOK FREQUENT TRIPS BY HONOR FARM, JEFFERSON CITY, MO., AND DROPPED WHISKEY, CIGARETTES AND MONEY ON ROAD FOR PRISONER. BOCKENKAMP AND SGT. ED SCHAFF DENIED TOWNSLEY WAS SOURCE OF HARBORING ALLEGATION AGAINST DAILEY.

DAILEY LANDLORD CONFIRMED MOVE CAUSED BY HIS REFUSAL TO RE-WIRE BUILDING. NEIGHBORING TAVERN OWNER STATED DAILEY TOOK NEW FIXTURES WITH HIM.

SLPD REPORT OF KORGER ROBBERY OCTOBER TEN FIFTY NINE WHICH RESULTED IN RAYS CONVICTION LISTS JAMES LOAMA OWENS, BORN [REDACTED] [REDACTED] ELVINS, MO., SLPD NUMBER FOUR TWO EIGHT EIGHT FOUR, AS PARTICIPANT BELIEVED STILL IN MSP JEFFERSON CITY MO.

MRS. ORVILLE ROBBINS, FLORISSANT, MO. WAS SCHOOL MATE OF SUBJECT AT EWING, MO., UNTIL NINETEEN FORTY THREE, EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATION WHEN HIS FAMILIED MOVED TO HANNIBAL, MO.

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INVESTIGATION CONTINUING REGARDING CAROL PEPPER LIQUOR
LICENSE FOR GRAPEVINE TAVERN OPERATED BY JOHN LARRY RAY; TO LOCATE
JUNIOR RAY CONWAY; AND IDENTIFY ASSOCIATES OF SUBJECT.

KC AT JEFFERSON CITY, MO., INTERVIEW PRISONERS THOMAS BEECHUM
CREWS AND JAMES LOAMA OWENS MSP RE SUBJECT AND DAILEY AND IDENTI-
FICATION OF OTHER ASSOCIATES.

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TO: CINCINNATI

FROM: LOS ANGELES (44-1574) 2P

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RECORDS, POINSETTA GARDENS MOTEL, ONE THREE NINE TWO ONE SOUTH NORMANDIE, GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, REFLECT THAT ON OCTOBER SEVEN LAST, A JAMES SILLES, BILL SILLES, AND A JOHN WILLARD ALL REGISTERED IN ROOM ONE THREE ZERO AND STAYED AT MOTEL UNTIL CHECK OUT OCTOBER FOURTEEN LAST. REGISTRATION CARD INDICATES THEY WERE DRIVING ONE NINE SIX ZERO THUNDERBIRD WITH OHIO LICENSE PLATE SEVEN ZERO ONE EIGHT T T. LAST TWO LETTERS THIS LICENSE PLATE MAY BE INCORRECT AND LICENSE PLATE POSSIBLY SHOULD HAVE BEEN SEVEN ZERO ONE EIGHT T ONE. FIRM REPRESENTED SHOWN ON REGISTRATION CARD AS MURREY AND SONS.

MANAGER AND ONE CLEANING MAID AT THIS MOTEL, AFTER VIEWING PHOTOGRAPH OF ERIC STARVO GALT (JAMES EARL RAY) IN NEWSPAPERS WERE OF OPINION THIS INDIVIDUAL STAYED AT MOTEL SOMETIME IN PAST AND MANAGER THEREAFTER LOCATED REGISTRATION CARD IN NAME OF JOHN WILLARD.

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CINCINNATI ENDEAVOR TO IDENTIFY THROUGH DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND THROUGH LICENSE PLATES, THESE INDIVIDUALS AND DETERMINE IF THEY HAVE ANY CONNECTION WITH INSTANT CASE.

BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM SHOULD BE ADVISED OF ANY POSITIVE INFORMATION.

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BMV advises:

1967 Ohio 7018TT registered to JAMES SELLERS, 23 East Grand Street, Springfield, Ohio, for a 1965 Pontiac Convertible, SN 262675P258465.

1967 Ohio 7018T1 is a trailer license, registered to ERVIN HOLZAPFEL, 2902 Glenway Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio for a Mastercraft Trailer, 260 pounds (no SN).

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (MAIL), SAN FRANCISCO, AND
LOS ANGELES (44-15714)
FROM CINCINNATI (157-1893) (P)
JAMES EARL RAY, AKA. - FUGITIVE. MURKIN, CR; UFAC -
ARMED ROBBERY. OO: MEMPHIS

RE LOS ANGELES TEL TO CINCINNATI, APRIL
NINETEEN, LAST.

FOR INFORMATION SAN FRANCISCO, REFERENCED
LOS ANGELES TEL ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

RECORDS, POINSETTA GARDENS MOTEL, ONE THREE
NINE TWO ONE SOUTH NORMANDIE, GARDENA, CALIFORNIA;
REFLECT THAT ON OCTOBER SEVEN LAST, A JAMES SILLES,
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TODAY, BMV, COLUMBUS, OHIO, ADVISED NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN OHIO TAG SEVEN ZERO ONE EIGHT SEVEN SEVEN ISSUED JAMES SELLERS, SPRINGFIELD, OHIO, FOR SIXTY-FIVE PONTIAC CONVERTIBLE, VIN TWO SIX TWO SIX SEVEN FIVE P TWO FIVE EIGHT FOUR SIX FIVE.

TODAY, SANDRA JEAN SELLERS, YELLOW SPRINGS, OHIO, ADVISED HER FORMER HUSBAND, JAMES SHIRL SELLERS, W/M, DOB IN ANNISTON, ALA., LIVING ONE EIGHT ZERO BUCKINGHAM AVE., APT. TWENTY-SEVEN, REDWOOD, CITY, CALIFORNIA, END PAGE THREE.

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AS OF APRIL TWELVE, LAST.

SANDRA ADVISED JAMES ACCOMPANIED BY HIS BROTHER, BILLE RAY SELLERS, W/M, AGE EIGHTEEN. BOTH SELLERS FORMERLY RESIDED AT GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, WHERE JAMES EMPLOYED AS FURNITURE FINISHER FOR POOL TABLE MANUFACTURER.

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO, BANK REPOSSESSED JAMES' NINETEEN SIXTY THUNDERBIRD AUTOMOBILE DURING OCTOBER, SIXTY-SEVEN, AT REDWOOD, CITY, CALIFORNIA.

SANDRA ADVISES JAMES' ASSOCIATES UNKNOWN TO HER, CLAIMS SHE DOES NOT KNOW ANY JOHN WILLARD, AND SUBJECT UNKNOWN TO HER.

SELLERS ADDITIONALLY DESCRIBED FROM SPRINGFIELD, OHIO, FIRE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION DATED FEB. FIFTEEN, SIXTY-SIX, AS FIVE FEET TEN AND ONE HALF INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-FOUR

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LBS., DARK BROWN HAIR, LIGHT BLUE EYES, MEDIUM
COMPLEXION, MEDIUM BUILD.

SANFRANCISCO, AT REDWOOD CITY, INTERVIEW
JAMES SHIRL SELLERS, RE ASSOCIATE JOHN WILLARD AND
DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT WILLARD IDENTICAL TO
SUBJECT, FUGITIVE.

BUREAU, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, AND KANSAS
CITY SHOULD BE ADVISED OF ANY POSITIVE INFORMATION.

ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

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4/20/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: *HM* SAC, CINCINNATI (157-1893) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: ME)

On 4/20/68, EDWIN ADAMS, former Cincinnati Police Officer, advised that on evening of 4/8/68, a white male, driving a late model Pontiac, GTO, color black or blue, with South Dakota registration 30-1777, stopped at a local Cincinnati grill at which time this person appeared to be quite nervous and lost. He was directed by complainant to U. S. Route 50, heading west and mentioned he might proceed to St. Louis. ADAMS added that he later observed photo of suspect wanted in connection with instant matter in local newspaper and that unsub bore a resemblance to this photo. ADAMS added that this person was traveling alone and he did not know if above license plate was a 1967 or 1968 number.

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AT PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA

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Will ascertain to whom S. Dakota license # 30-1777 is listed and conduct appropriate investigation to determine whether this individual involved in captioned matter.

PM EST URGENT 4-21-68 WRJ
TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY (MAIL)
FROM PITTSBURGH 44-578

MURKIN.

RE CLEVELAND TEL APRIL TWENTY LAST.

INQUIRY AT LAKE CENTRAL AIR LINES (LCAL), CLARKSBURG, W.VA.,
REFLECTS NO AVAILABLE RECORDS TO VERIFY ARRIVAL OF CHARLES
MOATS ON FLIGHT FIVE THREE FOUR APRIL EIGHTEEN, LAST.

BY DESCRIPTION ONLY, PERSON APPEARING TO BE IDENTICAL
WITH MOATS, TOOK TAXI FROM AIRPORT TO CLARKSBURG BUS TERMINAL
ON APRIL EIGHTEEN, LAST AFTER ARRIVAL OF FLIGHT FIVE THREE FOUR.
THIS PERSON MADE INQUIRY CONCERNING AVIS CAR RENTAL BUT RE-
FUSED TO RENT CAR WHEN TWO HUNDRED DOLLAR DEPOSIT REQUESTED.
THIS PERSON INDICATED IT WOULD BE CHEAPER TO BUY A CAR AND
WAS GIVEN DIRECTIONS TO LOCAL FORD DEALER. CONTACTS AT BUS
TERMINAL, HOTELS AND MOTELS, LOCAL POLICE, TRAIN DEPOT,
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LCAL AND LOCAL FORD AGENCY FAILED TO LOCATE MOATS. ONE
CHARLES MOATS OF ROWLESBURG, W.VA., CHECKED OUT THIS DATE
AND COULD NOT BE IDENTICAL WITH PERSON IN RETEL BASED ON
DESCRIPTION.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING IN CLARKSBURG AND OTHER NEARBY
AREAS WHERE MOATS IS VERY COMMON FAMILY NAME.
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N. B. MAY 9 1952

Prev. No.

Reg. No. D90696

S. B.

MAY 9 - 1952

Group

Date of Arrest

5-6-52 19

NAME

JAMES RAY

Alias

Residence

853 N. FURNERTON AVE

FOREHEAD	Incln	Age	24	Height	5'10"
	Height	Nativity	Irish	Outs. Arms	
	Width	Occupation	LABOR	Trunk	
	Pecul	Weight	150	HEAD {	Length
		Chin	REG.		Width
	Ridge	Beard	NONE	Cheekbones	
	Base	Hair	MEDIAN	R. EAR {	Ear Lgth
	Root	Comp	FAIR		Pecul
	Length	Married	NO	L. Foot	
	Project	Teeth	FULL	L. M. finger	
COLOR OF LEFT EYE	Breadth	Build	MED	L. I. finger	
	Pecul	Held	GT 3000.00	Forearm	
	Circle	Judge	H. R. TIGAN	Remarks	
	Periph, z	Officer	GREEN & McDONOUGH		
	Pecul	District	25		
		Remarks			

Crime

ROBBERY (GUN)

Measured by

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NO.	MARKS, SCARS, MOLES, ETC.
I	GUNSHOT WOUND IN F.A.
II	NIL
III	NIL

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No. D-90696Name James RayCharge Robbery (Gun).

ISSUED ON INQUIRY
BY NAME

May 9, 1952, Held over to Grand Jury, \$3,000.00 Bond.
Judge Hartigan.

Arr. Offs. Green & McDonough, 35th Dist.
WITNESSES

Complainant Louis Knox, 6945 N. Paulina St.,

Trial before Judge

*6-13-52. J. B. Knox 6-4-52. John T. P. 32419 Robb. 1-2 yrs Plea N. Robb.
Trans. 7-7-52. to J. O. Pontine, Ill. #19121
J.B. #306443-A
Disch. 2-12-54 EXP. of SENT.
PREVIOUS RECORD*

As James Earl Ray.

*10-11-49 J.O. Los Angeles Calif. Sup. Burg. 8 mos. Co J
Sup. 2 yrs Prob 1st 90 days Co J
4-18-50 J.O. Cedar Rapids Ia. Vay.
7-23-51 Alton Ill. No Oper. At this City, his rel to pay later*

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WANTED
BY *Alton, Ill. P.D.*
DATE *Aug. 26 1957*
CHARGE *Robbery Armed*
CANCELLED..... 19.....

DB File
#57-2587

WANTED	
BY <i>Missouri State</i>	
<i>Jefferson City Mo.</i>	
JUN 25 1967	
CHARGE <i>Escaped Convict</i>	
WARRANT REGISTER NO. <i>10-1771</i>	

J.C. 64

WANTED	
BY <i>FBI</i>	
<i>PER FBI Buil. Nov. 67</i>	
UNIT	DATE
	<i>12 Dec 67</i>
CHARGE <i>Unlawful flt to avoid confinement</i>	
WARRANT REGISTER NO. <i>(Robt)</i>	

J.C. 64

ISSUED ON MONDAY
BY MAIL
CHECK ONLY

FORM 50

INMATES RECORD - COOK COUNTY JAIL

CHICAGO, ILL.

INDICTMENT NUMBER	HOW HELD	BAIL	COMMITTED BY	CHARGE	DATE CHARGES RECORDED
2HC. 5763	FULLY COMMITTED	1500	HARTICAN	ROBBERY	MAY 9 1952
2-1155	CAPIAS	2000	CAPIAS	ROBBERY	MAY 13 1951
		10000			

WARRANTS

SPECIAL ORDERS

NOTED TO PENTON

SENTENCED TO 52-1155 (1) YR TO (2) YRS JUDGE CROWLEY DATE JUN 4 1952

RELEASED JUN 13 1952 HOW RELEASED SENT TO PENTON TIME

PREVIOUS ARRESTS

CONVICTIONS

DOCK	FLOOR	CELL	DATE	TIME	CAUSE
4	1	24	5/1/52		JUN 13 1952 ALL PERSONAL PROPERTY DEPOSITED

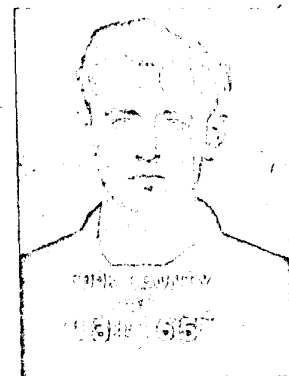
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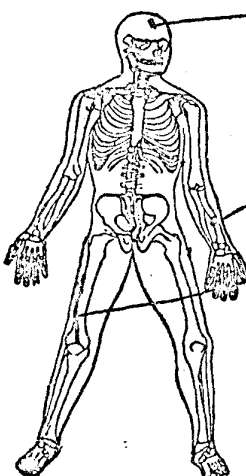
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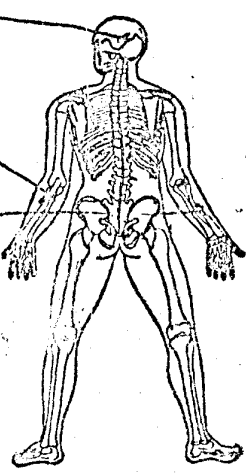
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HAIR BROWN	USE DRUGS NO	KIND OF DRUGS	
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WIFE OR HUSBAND			
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CHILDREN AND AGES			
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IN CASE OF EMERGENCY NOTIFY		JAIL OFFICER	
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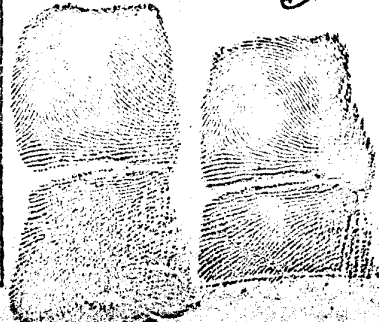


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I, James E. Ray, AN INMATE IN THE COOK COUNTY JAIL, DO HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SAID JAIL, BY HIMSELF OR HIS AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE TO RECEIVE, OPEN AND EXAMINE ALL INCOMING AND OUTGOING LETTERS, PAPERS AND OTHER MAIL MATTER WHICH MAY BE DIRECTED TO ME AS LONG AS I AM AN INMATE IN SAID JAIL.

DATE MAY 9 1952



C. J.

James E. Ray
SIGNATURE OF INMATE

AR Bane
SIGNATURE OF CLERK

CODE NO.	SURNAME (Print)	FULL GIVEN NAME & MIDDLE INITIAL (Print)
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		35
ADDRESS		BOOKED AT
853		35
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FEMALE <input type="checkbox"/>	HEIGHT	MARKS, SCARS, ETC.
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ARRESTING OFFICERS	CHARGES (RELEVANT)	
W. M. E. S.	Vandalism - 1st Offense	
	CHARGE CHANGED TO	
COURT BRANCH	DATE OF ARREST	CONTINUANCES
1st	4/9/54	

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RECORD OF ARREST

Form UP-41, 200M 2332

INVESTIGATING OFFICERS	ASSIGNED BY
ARRESTED WITH	NAME
WHY ARRESTED (GIVE BRIEF FACTS)	ADDRESS
COMPLAINTS - NAMES, ADDRESSES AND PHONE NOS.	
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Chicago teletype dated 4/19/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau and interested offices is one Xerox copy of the file re JAMES E. RAY, inmate Number 19121 dated 7/9/55, from the ISP, Pontiac, Illinois. Also enclosed is one copy of the Chicago Police Department file re JAMES RAY. In addition, there is enclosed a Xerox copy of the Cook County Jail inmate card dated 6/13/52, re JAMES E. RAY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 3)
- 1 - Memphis (Enc. 3) (44-1987)
- 1 - Birmingham (44-1740) (Enc. 3)
- 1 - Springfield (Enc. 3) (44-561)
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Air Mail

TO: SAC, MIAMI
FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (44-388)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
OO: MEMPHIS

On 4/20/68 Mr. DANIEL S. KELLY, 2533 North Wall Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, telephonically furnished the following information to the FBI, Milwaukee. Mr. KELLY stated that he and his wife were recently in Florida, having arrived there 3/28/68 from the West Coast. They checked into the Sun Castle Club, 1380 South Ocean Blvd., Pompano, Florida which Mr. KELLY stated was operated by an ex-FBI Agent, ERNEST CASTLE. He said that upon his arrival he was roomed by a bellboy of the Club and subsequently requested this bellboy to furnish him with three or four copies of various newspapers. He stated that two or three days later he attempted to locate the bellboy to reimburse him for the papers and found out that he had left the employ of the Club. He stated that inquiry revealed that this bellboy, whom he knew only by the first name of EARL, had told others at the Club that he was leaving to accept an offer to work as an electrician someplace in Tennessee for \$500 a week. Mr. KELLY stated that this salary sounded absurd and that upon subsequently checking photographs of JAMES EARL RAY he and his wife felt that this individual closely resembled RAY, both in looks and general description. Above being furnished for whatever action deemed necessary by Miami.

2-Miami (Air Mail)
1-Birmingham (Air Mail) (Info)
1-Memphis (Air Mail) (Info)
1-Kansas City (Air Mail) (Info)
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FBI ALBANY

4:49 PM URGENT 4/23/68 PXB

TO DIRECTOR (44-3886), BUFFALO, MEMPHIS (44-1987),

CHICAGO (44-1114), KANSAS CITY, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

FROM ALBANY (44-493) 3P

MURKIN

RE ALBANY TEL, APRIL TWENTYTWO LAST AND SPRINGFIELD
TEL, APRIL TWENTYTHREE INSTANT.

FOR INFO BUFFALO, EARL EVERET RAY, BORN [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], QUINCY, ILL., IDENTIFIED AS BEING UNCLE OF SUBJECT
JAMES EARL RAY. INVESTIGATION AT NYS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,
BVS, ALBANY, NY, DISCLOSED CERTIFICATE OF DEATH NO. TWO SIX
SEVEN FIVE REVEALED EARL EVERET RAY, BORN [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] W/M, DIED MAY TWO, NINETEEN FIFTYNINE IN BUFFALO,
NY. BODY WAS FOUND UNDER RAILROAD BRIDGE AT FOOT OF COMMERCIAL
DRIVE, BUFFALO, NY. DEATH CERTIFICATE SET FORTH FOLLOWING INFO:
FATHER'S NAME: JAMES RAY; MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME: LILLIAN MATTHEWS;
MARITAL STATUS: DIVORCED; OCCUPATION: STEWARD; USUAL RESIDENCE:
ALBANY, NY, STREET ADDRESS: WESTERN RD.

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PERSON FURNISHING INFO CONTAINED ON DEATH CERTIFICATE WAS
NORMAN J. ROBERTS, TWO FOUR ZERO ZERO MAIN ST. (CITY UNKNOWN).
CERTIFICATE INDICATES RECORDS FROM GEORGE J. ROBERTS AND SONS,
F.H., UNDERTAKER. BODY WAS REMOVED TO GREENMONT CEMETERY,
QUINCY, ILL. BY GEORGE J. ROBERTS AND SONS, TWO ZERO FIVE
LINWOOD AVE., QUINCY, ILL. IT SHOULD BE NOTED CERTIFICATE OF
DEATH ALSO LISTS ADDRESS OF TWO FOUR ZERO ZERO MAIN ST., CITY
NOT GIVEN, AFTER NORMAN J. ROBERTS' SIGNATURE. CAUSE OF DEATH
LISTED AS CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE.

RECORDS, ALBANY PD, NEGATIVE RE EARL EVERET RAY. LESLIES
CREDIT BUREAU, ALBANY, NY, SHOWS EARL EVERET RAY RESIDED AND
WORKED AT ALBANY COUNTRY CLUB, ALBANY, NY, IN NINETEEN FIFTY
SEVEN. RAY CAME TO ALBANY IN NINETEEN FIFTYSEVEN FROM FOUR
SEVEN SIX FRANKLIN ST., BUFFALO, NY, WHERE HE WAS EMPLOYED AT
BUFFALO HOSPITAL.

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BUFFALO DIVISION WILL CONTACT BUFFALO PD FOR INFO RE RAY, ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY PERSONS IN NEIGHBORHOOD FOUR SEVEN SIX FRANKLIN ST., IN EFFORT TO DETERMINE IF SUBJECT EVER VISITED AREA OR KNOWN TO THEM.

WILL IDENTIFY HOSPITAL WHERE RAY EMPLOYED AND ATTEMPT TO LOCATE PERSONS ACQUAINTED WITH HIM.

WILL CHECK CITY DIRECTORIES FOR NORMAN J. ROBERTS, TWO FOUR ZERO ZERO MAIN ST. FOR PERTINENT INFO. BUFFALO SHOULD NOTE ROBERTS PROBABLY AFFILIATED WITH UNDERTAKING FIRM. WILL CHECK CREDIT BUREAU FOR ADDITIONAL INFO RE RAY.

SPRINGFIELD CONTACT GEORGE J. ROBERTS AND SONS, TWO ZERO FIVE LINWOOD AVE., FOR ANY ADDITIONAL PERTINENT INFO RE RAY.

ALBANY DIVISION WILL CONDUCT NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION AT ALBANY COUNTRY CLUB TO DETERMINE ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFO RE DECEASED. RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

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443 PM URGENT 4-23-68 TRB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO, KANSAS CITY,
MEMPHIS (44-1987, ST. LOUIS, LOS ANGELES, LAS VEGAS, AND SPRINGFIELD
FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) 2P

MURKIN

RE HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER, SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA.

LOHMEYER REINTERVIEWED AT SAN JOSE BY BUREAU AGENTS TODAY. HE
IS UNABLE TO RECOGNIZE ANY PHOTOGRAPH OF JAMES EARL RAY, HOWEVER, NAME
EARL RAY IS FAMILIAR TO LOHMEYER. HE IDENTIFIED ONE NINE FIVE FIVE
PHOTOGRAPH OF WALTER TERRY RIFE AS INDIVIDUAL HE KNEW IN QUINCY,
ILLINOIS, PRIOR TO ONE NINE FIVE FIVE. ALSO ADVISED HE KNEW JOHN RAY AND
HIS BROTHER, JERRY RAY. THESE PEOPLE ALSO USED NAME RYAN. LOHMEYER
SERVED TIME AT MENARD, ILLINOIS, WITH JOHN RAY AND LONNIE RIFE, BROTHER
OF WALTER.

DURING PERIOD ONE NINE FIVE FIVE TO ONE NINE FIVE EIGHT THE
RAY (RYAN) FAMILY CONSISTING OF MOTHER AND SISTER OF JOHN RAY
MOVED FROM QUINCY TO ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI. DURING THIS PERIOD ONE
OF RAY FAMILY, POSSIBLY JERRY OR EARL RAY, WAS ARRESTED IN MISSOURI
FOR CRIME INVOLVING POSTAL MONEY ORDERS ACCORDING TO LOHMEYER.
LOHMEYER WORKED IN PRISON KITCHEN WITH JOHN RAY WHEN RAY WAS EIGHTEEN
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TO NINETEEN YEARS OF AGE. STATES RAY HAD STRONG PREJUDICE AGAINST NEGROES BUT EXPAINED THIS WAS GENERAL FEELING AMONG WHITE INMATES. LOHMEYER CONSIDERS JOHN RAY OF TEMPERMENT TO COMMIT MURKIN BUT PROBABLY WOULD BE INVOLVED AS HIRED ASSASSIN. THIS OPINION WAS NOT SOLICITED BUT WAS INTRODUCES IN INTERVIEW BY LOHMEYER WHO HAS CLOSELY FOLLOWED THIS CASE THROUGH NEWS MEDIA.

ALL OFFICES CONSIDER RAY BROTHERS AND RIFE BROTHERS AS POSSIBLE ACCOMPLICES OF JAMES EARL RAY.

SPRINGFIELD AND ST. LOUIS ATTEMPT TO FURTHER IDENTITY JOHN LARRY RAY (RYAN) AND ASCERTAIN CURRENT ACTIVITIES.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

OTHER OFFICES ADVISED

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1155PM DEFERRED 4/23/68 LCC

TO KANSAS CITY 44-760 MEMPHIS 44-1987 OMAHA

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN

REKCTEL APRIL TWENTYTHREE.

REMAINING UNIDENTIFIED FINGERPRINTS INSTANT CASE NOT IDENTICAL
FINGERPRINTS ROBERT DALE PORTER, FBI NUMBER FOUR FIVE NINE ZERO
FOUR EIGHT TWO. NO PALM PRINTS HERE FOR PORTER.

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TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND PORTLAND
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) (P)
MURKIN.

NO INFORMATION IN KANSAS CITY FILES REFLECTING SUBJECT
HAS RELATIVES IN OREGON. NO INDICATION THAT JIMMY CARPENTER
MAY HAVE ORIGINALLY BEEN FROM OREGON OR HAD CONNECTIONS IN
OREGON.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS; ESCAPE PROPENSITIES.

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MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY INITIALLY PUT WRONG FINGERPRINTS
ON THEIR WANTED ORDER FOR SUBJECT DATED APRIL TWENTYTHREE, SIXTYSEVEN.
THEY CORRECTED THIS MAY ONE, SIXTYSEVEN. ALL OFFICES ADVISED.

EXTENSIVE BACKGROUND INFO REGARDING SUBJECT PREPARED FOR
THE US DISTRICT COURT, KANSAS CITY, MO., APRIL TWENTYSIX, ~~SIXTY~~ ^{FIFTY} FIVE.
COPIES OF THIS WERE FORWARDED TO PERTINENT OFFICES TO ASSIST IN
THEIR BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS.

ALL LOCAL LEADS BEING HANDLED IMMEDIATELY.

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424 ??PM URGENT 4/23/68 VLT

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

AND SAN DIEGO (44-387)

FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) 1P (P)

MURKIN

RE SAN DIEGO TEL INSTANT DATE.

FOR INFORMATION OF SAN DIEGO, HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER

LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED AT SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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 TO: DIRECTOR, ATTN. FBI LAB,
 AND MEMPHIS, OMAHA, 455P
 446P
 FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) (P)

MURKIN.

JACK FOX LANPHERE, WARSAW, MO., FORMER INMATE, MSP,
 ADVISED A ROBERT DALE PORTER, FBI NO. FOUR FIVE NINE ZERO
 FOUR TWO, MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH RAY IN KING MURDER.
 STATED PORTER CALLED HIM APRIL THIRTEEN LAST AT CITY UNION
 MISSION, WARSAW, MO. LANPHERE BELIEVES PORTER RECENTLY
 PAROLED MSP. PORTER TOLD HIM HE WAS IN SERIOUS TROUBLE,
 HAD TO KEEP MOVING, AND WANTED LANPHERE'S HELP. INDICATED
 WANTED MONEY FROM LANPHERE BUT TOLD PORTER HE DID NOT WANT
 ANYTHING TO DO WITH HIM AND DID NOT WANT TO SEE HIM. PORTER
 SAID HE WAS STAYING AT OSAGE HOTEL IN WARSAW AND THREATENED
 LANPHERE THAT WHEN HE RETURNED TO MSP FOR SOME VIOLATION
 PORTER'S FRIENDS WOULD KILL HIM IF HE DID NOT HELP PORTER NOW.
~~WANTED "ANY KIND OF HELP" LANPHERE COULD GIVE HIM.~~ LANPHERE
 ADVISED PORTER KNOWS JAMES RAY VERY WELL. WAS AT MSP FROM
 NINETEEN SIXTY THROUGH FEBRUARY, SIXTYEIGHT. STATED PORTER

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WOULD DO ANYTHING FOR MONEY. ADVISED THAT PORTER IS A
WHITE MALE, AGE FORTY, FIVE FT. NINE, HUNDRED SEVENTYFIVE,
CREW-CUT GREYING HAIR, PRESCRIPTION GREEN-TINTED GLASSES.
RELATIVES LIVE IN IOWA. PORTER HAS DONE TIME AT FT.
MADISON, IOWA, PEN.

OWNER, OSAGE HOTEL, WARSAW, MO. ADVISED HER REGISTRATION
BOOKS SHOW REGISTRATION FOR ROBERT DALE PORTER, WAVERLY,
IOWA, ON APRIL TWELVE LAST. TOLD HER HE HAD BEEN HITCHHIKING,
HAD COME FROM TEXAS, AND WAS EN ROUTE TO IOWA. HE WAS
CARRYING ONLY A SMALL DUFFLE BAG.

OMAHA, AT WAVERLY, IOWA, ATTEMPT TO LOCATE ROBERT DALE
PORTER AND INTERVIEW HIM RE HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH SUBJECT.

FBI LAB, IF THERE ARE ANY UNIDENTIFIED LATENT PRINTS
IN THIS MATTER, IT IS SUGGESTED THEY BE CHECKED AGAINST
FINGERPRINTS OF ROBERT DALE PORTER, FBI NO. FOUR FIVE NINE
ZERO FOUR EIGHT TWO.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS; ESCAPE PROPENSITIES.

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TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) (P)

MURKIN.

INMATES, MSP, ADVISED THAT A WALTER E. NOLAN, FORMER
INMATE, MSP, AND A CON-MAN AND RACIAL EXTREMIST, KNEW SUBJECT
WELL AT PEN. IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THEY GOT TOGETHER UPON
NOLAN'S RELEASE DURING SUMMER, SIXTYSEVEN. RECORDS REVEAL
NOLAN BORN FBI NO. FOUR ONE EIGHT
FOUR SEVEN, HAS UNCLE, SAM KRAMER, SEVENTEEN FORTYONE CRYSTAL,
ST. LOUIS, MO.

ST. LOUIS ATTEMPT TO LOCATE NOLAN THROUGH UNCLE AND
INTERVIEW RE SUBJECT.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS; ESCAPE PROPENSITIES.

RBH:lib *lib*

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FBI PORTLAND

AM URGENT 4-23-68 JAS

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), KANSAS CITY (44-760)
FROM PORTLAND (157-380) 3P

MURKIN.

RE KANSAS CITY TEL APRIL TWENTYTHREE INSTANT.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFO AND CONSIDERATION OF THE BUREAU,
FOLLOWING INFO IS SET FORTH. THERE IS A ROGUE RIVER CITY IN
OREGON. IT HAS A POPULATION OF ABOUT SEVEN HUNDRED INDIVIDUALS.
IT IS IN THE CENTER OF THE LOGGING INDUSTRY OF SOUTHERN OREGON.
A FAMOUS FISHING RIVER, NAMELY THE ROGUE RIVER, RUNS THROUGH
THE CITY. THERE ARE NUMEROUS SAW MILLS IN SOUTHERN OREGON, AS
WELL AS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE STATE, INASMUCH AS LOGGING IS
THE PRINCIPAL INDUSTRY IN THE STATE OF OREGON. THE REFERENCE
"RIDING ON A CHAIR WHILE SAWING LOGS" IS PROBABLY THE JOB
DESCRIPTION OF THE POSITION OF SAWYER. THIS INDIVIDUAL
THROUGH THE USE OF MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT SITS ATOP IN A CAB ON
THE LOG BEING SAWED AND OPERATES THE SAW WHICH CUTS THE LARGE
LOGS INTO PLANKING. EACH SAW MILL OPERATOR MUST MAINTAIN A

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POND OR HAVE A SPRINKLING SYSTEM TO KEEP THE LOGS DAMP UNTIL THEY CAN BE SAWED. CONSEQUENTLY, WE HAVE IN OREGON HUNDREDS OF SUCH LOGGING PONDS.

WE HAVE COMMENCED INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION IN THE AREA IMMEDIATELY AROUND THE TOWN OF ROGUE RIVER TO INDIVIDUALLY CONTACT ALL LOGGING OPERATORS IN THAT VICINITY. HOWEVER, THE ROGUE RIVER, ITSELF, TRAVERSES A DISTANCE OF SEVERAL HUNDRED MILES IN SOUTHERN OREGON BEFORE IT EMPTIES INTO THE PACIFIC OCEAN AND IN THIS AREA ALONE, WHICH IS HIGHLY MOUNTAINOUS AND DENSELY FORESTED, THERE ARE A LARGE NUMBER OF OTHER LOGGING OPERATORS. THIS WOULD BE TRUE OF A LARGE PORTION OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, AS WELL AS THE STATE OF WASHINGTON. CONSEQUENTLY, DIRECT INVESTIGATIVE EFFORT CONCERNING RAY AT THIS TIME WILL BE LOCALIZED IN THE AREA IMMEDIATELY AROUND THE TOWN OF ROGUE RIVER. IN ADDITION, WE HAVE DETERMINED THAT THERE IS A UNION COMPOSED OF SAWYERS AND WE ARE CHECKING TO SEE IF RAY HAS EVER BELONGED TO SUCH A UNION.

AS A SUGGESTION, INASMUCH AS RAY HAS INDICATED AN INTEREST IN THE LOGGING TRADE, THE BUREAU MAY DESIRE TO HAVE THE PORTLAND, SACRAMENTO, SAN FRANCISCO, BUTTE AND SEATTLE DIVISIONS CIRCULARIZE THE LOGGING INDUSTRY, INCLUDING INDEPENDENT LOGGING OPERATORS WITH

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THE WANTED FLYER AND IDENTIFICATION ORDER OF RAY. IN THE EVENT CIRCULARIZATION IS DESIRED, PORTLAND WOULD NEED APPROXIMATELY THREE HUNDRED FIFTY ADDITIONAL COPIES OF WF FOUR FOUR TWO A AND IO FOUR ONE EIGHT TWO.

KANSAS CITY IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE WHETHER THERE IS ANY INFORMATION IN FILE INDICATING THE NAMES OF RELATIVES RAY MAY HAVE HAD IN OREGON. ADDITIONALLY, PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER THERE IS ANY INDICATION JIMMY CARPENTER MAY HAVE ORIGINALLY BEEN FROM OREGON OR HAS CONNECTIONS IN OREGON.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. ESCAPE PROPENSITIES.

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FBI ST LOUIS

443PM URGENT 4-23-68 MPB

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, MIAMI, BALTIMORE, AND KANSAS CITY.
FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN.

RE: JOHN LARRY RAY.

RE NEW YORK TEL TO ABOVE THIS DATE. SUBJECT'S BROTHER
JOHN LARRY RAY LOCATED ST. LOUIS.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

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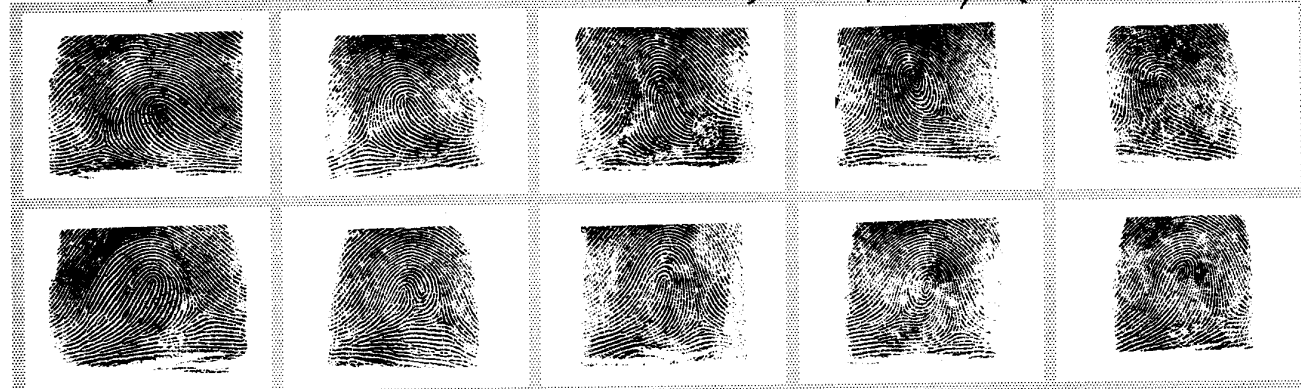
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WANTED BY FBI

JAMES EARL RAY

FBI No. 405,942 G
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ALIASES: Eric Starvo Galt, W. C. Herron, Harvey Lowmyer, James McPhide, James O'Connor, James Walton, James Walyon, John Willard, "Jim"



Photographs taken 1960



Photograph taken 1968
(eyes drawn by artist)



James Ray

DESCRIPTION

AGE: 40, born March 10, 1928, Alton, Illinois
HEIGHT: 5' 10" EYES: blue
WEIGHT: 163 to 174 pounds COMPLEXION: medium
BUILD: medium RACE: white
HAIR: brown, possibly cut short NATIONALITY: American
OCCUPATIONS: baker, color matcher, laborer
SCARS AND MARKS: small scar on center of forehead and small scar on palm of right hand
REMARKS: noticeably protruding left ear; reportedly is a lone wolf; allegedly attended dance instruction school; has reportedly completed course in bartending

CRIMINAL RECORD

Ray has been convicted of burglary, robbery, forging U. S. Postal Money Orders, armed robbery, and operating motor vehicle without owner's consent.

CAUTION

RAY IS SOUGHT IN CONNECTION WITH A MURDER WHEREIN THE VICTIM WAS SHOT. CONSIDER ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

A Federal warrant was issued on April 17, 1968, at Birmingham, Alabama, charging Ray as Eric Starvo Galt with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a citizen (Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241). A Federal warrant was also issued on July 20, 1967, at Jefferson City, Missouri, charging Ray with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a citizen (Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 1073).

**IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS PERSON, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL FBI OFFICE.
TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES OF ALL FBI OFFICES LISTED ON BACK.**

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REMEAIRTEL TO ALL OFFICES APRIL 19 LAST FURNISHING BACKGROUND
DATA CONCERNING JAMES EARL RAY.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED POSSIBLE SUSPECT IN ANY UNSOLVED
BANK ROBBERIES, BURGLARIES OR ARMED ROBBERIES (POSSIBLE ITSP VIOLATIONS)
OCCURRING AFTER APRIL 23, 1967. RAY SHOULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED SUSPECT
IN ANY FUTURE SUCH VIOLATIONS AND BUREAU ADVISED TELEPHONICALLY OF ANY
TENTATIVE IDENTIFICATION.

ANY PERTINENT LEADS DEVELOPED DURING REVIEW OF PAST VIOLATIONS
SHOULD BE EXPEDITIOUSLY RUN OUT AND BUREAU ADVISED.

SUBJECT'S HANDWRITING AND HAND PRINTING NOT IDENTIFIED IN BANK
ROBBERY NOTE FILE AND HIS FINGERPRINTS ARE BEING SEARCHED AGAINST
LATENTS SUBMITTED IN UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERY AND BURGLARY VIOLATIONS.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861),
1132A MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND
PHOENIX 1137A
FROM: KANSAS CITY (44-760)

MURKIN.

RE PHOENIX TEL TO BUREAU, ETAL, APRIL TWENTYSECOND LAST.
WILLIAM HENRY HOLLAND, FORMER INMATE, LEAVENWORTH, KS.
PENITENTIARY, USPL NUMBER EIGHT TWO THREE SIX THREE L,
TRANSFERRED NOV. TWENTYEIGHT SIXTYSEVEN TO FEDERAL PRISON
CAMP, SAFFORD, ARIZONA, ALONG WITH HIS USP FILE.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Approved: KW
Special Agent in Charge

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987)
SAN DIEGO (44-387)
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) (P)

MURKIN. OO MEMPHIS.

RE suspect GERALD B. GERLT

RE KANSAS CITY TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL TWENTYTWO LAST
AND SAN DIEGO TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL TWENTYTHREE LAST.

LYLE ROBINSON, LIBERTY, MO., ADVISED GERALD B. GERLT'S
SON OR STEP-SON IS RICHARD LEE WERNER, FIFTH GRADE STUDENT
AND SCHOOL AUTHORITIES RECEIVED A REQUEST APRIL NINETEENTH,
LAST, FOR RECORDS TO BE FORWARDED TO EL CAJON, CALIF. ALSO
KANSAS CITY CREDIT RECORDS REVEAL FORMER ADDRESS BOX SEVEN
THREE THREE, ALPINE, CALIF., DATE NOT INDICATED. U.S. POST
OFFICE RECORDS REVEAL NO CHANGE OF ADDRESS AND MAIL IS BEING
HELD FOR FURTHER NOTIFICATION FROM GERLT.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Approved: *KJ*
Special Agent in Charge

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