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SO Edwardsville Ill	Joe Ray #--	2-9-35	suspect	
PD Peoria Ill	Earl Everette Ray #14439	8-15-41	hold - inv	rel by Capt
Alaska Travel Control Seattle Wash	Earl Everett Ray #B-1289-E	inquiry 6-18-43		
ASF War Dept	Earl Everett Ray #88-MHK-25	Second Cook 6-5-43		
PD Wilmington Del	Earl Everett Ray #DU644238	Laborer 1-29-44		
PD Ft Worth Texas	James Patrick Clancy #EX-64465	11-27-47	inv	rel'd
PD Kans City Mo	Earl E. Ray #62428	7-5-48	Inv unlawful flight to avoid pros	7-8-48 rel to Fed
SO Kans City Mo	Earl Everett Ray #18476	7-7-48	unlawful flight	7-13-48 hold for gov't
USM Kans City Mo	Earl Everette Ray #9819 K C Mo	7-7-48	unlawful flight fr Justice	Pending 7-13-48 ret to USM So Dist Ill Springfield Ill
PD Springfield Ill	Earl E. Ray #10785	7-13-48	unlawful flight	
SP Menard Ill	Earl Ray #21025	10-4-48	aslt to comm mayhem	3-10 yrs 1-3-55 disch exp of sent
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Illinois St Ref	Earl Ray #A-2632	3-27-20	petty larceny	1 yr
PD Quincy Ill	Earl Ray #--	6-1-21	vag	sent to WH for 134½ das
PD Sacramento Calif	Earl Ray #9782-A	7-3-22	inv	rel 7-5-22
PD Keokuk Iowa	Earl Everett Ray #38	12-17-22	rape and rob (at Quincy Ill)	taken to Quincy Ill by Sheriff of Adams County
SP Menard Ill	Earl Ray #5786	2-18-23	rape	1 yr
PD Lincoln Nebr	Earl Ray #1083	7-14-24	inv stole car in Foul Co Kans robbed 4 homes in Kans and Nebr	turned over to St Sheriff Lincoln Nebr
SP Menard Ill	Earl Ray #6588	2-11-25	assault to kill	1 to 14 yrs *8 yrs and 3 mos disch
SO Bloomington Ill	Earl Ray #--	8-23-33	carrying concealed weapon	
SF Vandalia Ill	Earl Ray #B-370	9-4-33	carrying concealed weapons	6 mos
PD Quincy Ill	James Ryan #--	3-4-34	grand larceny	\$1000 bond to circuit court
SF Vandalia Ill	Earl Ray #B-1202	5-25-34	tamp with motor vehicle	6 mos

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TO:

Date 4-23-68

SAC, Springfield

Your inquiry 4-23-68  
Re: SI Tel 11:24 A.M.

RE: MURKIN

- ☒ Attached furnished in reply to your inquiry.
- ☐ Attached furnished in compliance with request from
- ☐ 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. (2) *20W*  
☒ Copy to: SAC, Chicago  
SAC, Kansas City  
SAC, Memphis  
SAC, Albany

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402 P 4/10 P 4/16 P

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

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE ST. LOUIS TEL TO BUREAU ET AL APRIL FIVE, LAST.  
RECORDS, JEFFERSON CITY TELEPHONE DIRECTORY, NINETEEN  
SIXTY EIGHT, REVEAL TELEPHONE NO. SIX THREE FIVE - SIX  
EIGHT THREE ONE IS ASSIGNED ALL OFFICES OF DEPARTMENT OF  
REVENUE, STATE OF MISSOURI, ONE ZERO ZERO EAST CAPITOL  
AVENUE, JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.RBH:pe  
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*me*44-760-480  
*m*  
*m*Approved: *KWD*  
Special Agent in ChargeSent *See Above* MPer *f*



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Date: 4/25/68

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TO: *3560*  
*DIRECTOR* *404P* *4HP*  
BUREAU, MEMPHIS, ST. LOUIS

FROM: KANSAS CITY (44-760) P

MURKIN

INFO RECEIVED FROM MRS. JEAN PRANGER, COLUMBIA, MO. SHE  
KNEW A JOHN RAY, GRANITE CITY, ILLINOIS. HE WAS EXCON MARRIED  
TO LINDA (LNU). HE WORKED IN BELLEVUE UNDER SUPERVISION  
LEMUEL ~~HARRY~~ *HARRY*, A PAROLE OFFICER. LINDA WAS OF GERMAN DESCENT  
AND ~~HARRY~~ *HARRY* WHO CURRENTLY WORKS AT BROWN SHOE CO., SIXTEENTH  
AND WASHINGTON, ST. LOUIS COULD FURNISH ALL INFO RE THIS COUPLE.

MSP INMATE BILLY MILES SERVING LIFE ADVISED HAD BEEN  
INTERVIEWED BY REPORTERS WITH PERMISSION WARDEN SWENSON AND HAD  
BEEN QUOTED WITHOUT USE OF NAME ABOUT HIS KNOWLEDGE OF RAY.  
HAS KNOWN RAY SINCE FEB, SIXTY ONE, KNEW NOTHING OF HIS  
BACKGROUND. MILES WORKED IN BAKERY WITH RAY. SAID NO ONE  
ACTUALLY CLOSE FRIEND OF RAY AS HE WAS A LONER. MILES SAID  
HE AND RAY OPERATED A BOOK SHOP TOGETHER FOR A TIME IN PRISON  
AND MADE SOME MONEY DOING THIS. HE SAID PERSON CLOSEST TO

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Special Agent in Charge

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BEING FRIEND OF RAY IS EXCON FROM ST. LOUIS DISCHARGED ABOUT SIXTY FIVE BY NAME CARL DRAKE. MILES SAID RAYMOND LEWIS CURTIS UNKNOWN TO HIM.

RECORDS MSP REVEAL CARL BENTON DRAKE SERVED FROM FEB. FIVE, SIXTY UNTIL JUNE ONE, SIXTY FIVE FOR ROBBERY FIRST DEGREE. HIS RELATIVES LISTED AS WIFE BETTY DRAKE, ONE THREE ZERO EIGHT MILL ST., POPLAR BLUFF, MO.; MOTHER, OLA DRAKE, TWO ONE ONE EIGHT N. NINETH ST., ST. LOUIS, MO.; BROTHER JAMES DRAKE, SAME ADDRESS.

MAJOR BERNARD J. POIRY, CUSTODIAL OFFICER, MSP, ADVISED HE COULD FURNISH NO INFO ABOUT RAY'S ESCAPE IN BREAD CONTAINER FROM MSP BAKERY IN APRIL, SIXTY SEVEN, BUT HAD RECEIVED INFO FROM PRISON "GRAPEVINE", NO SOURCE IDENTIFIABLE, THAT TALK IN PEN IS RAY MADE CONTACT WITH WALTER NOLAN, ST. LOUIS, WHO WAS RELEASED FROM PEN ON WRIT AND THERE IS POSSIBILITY NOLAN WAS "BRAINS" BEHIND KING MURDER. SAID ABSOLUTELY NO INFO TO CONFIRM THIS.

MSP INMATE JAMES Z. BRADLEY SERVING LIFE SENTENCE SINCE DEC., FIFTY SIX, ADVISED RAY LIVED IN K HALL FOR AT

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Special Agent in Charge

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LEAST TWO YEARS AND ALWAYS DESIRED TO CELL ALONE. BRADLEY ALSO LIVED IN K HALL. BRADLEY STATED HE KNOWS RAY TOOK MILD DRUGS SUCH AS AMPHETAMINE AND HAD VERY SMALL VEINS AND IT WAS DIFFICULT FOR RAY TO "MAIN LINE" HIS SHOTS. ADVISED RAY ALWAYS BELIEVED HIMSELF ILL AND USED DRUGS AS MATTER OF MEDICINE. HOWEVER, WHENEVER HE COULD HE PURCHASED AMPHETAMINE AND BARBITUATES. BRADLEY SAID RAY PROBABLY HAD A SOURCE WITHIN PEN FOR THESE DRUGS. BRADLEY SAID RAYMOND LEWIS CURTIS UNKNOWN TO HIM.

ST. LOUIS INTERVIEW LEMUEL ~~HARRY~~ HARRY FOR INFO ABOUT SUBJ OR JOHN RAY. ATTEMPT LOCATE CARL DRAKE THROUGH WIFE BETTY OR MOTHER OLA. CONTINUE EFFORTS CONTACT WALTER NOLAN, BACKGROUND INFO RE HIM PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED, FOR ANY INFO HE MAY HAVE RE SUBJECT.

END

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

4/24/68

Airtel

To: SAC's, Los Angeles (44-1574)  
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Los Angeles teletypes 4/20/68, and 4/23/68.

Fingerprints James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G, not identical latent fingerprint previously reported in case entitled "Unsub.; U. S. National Bank, Buena Park Branch, 6301 Beach Boulevard, Buena Park, California, 11/22/67; BR," Bufile #91-28587, latent case #87819.

No palm prints here for Ray for comparison latent palm print previously reported latent case #87819 and case entitled "Unsub.; First Western Bank, Compton Office, 1701 Long Beach Boulevard, Compton, California, 2/28/68; BR," Bufile #91-29482, latent case #90307.

No latent prints of value reported in other three bank robbery cases named in Los Angeles teletype of 4/23/68.

Fingerprints of Ray compared with remaining latent fingerprints in bank robbery section of National Unidentified Latent File, but no identification effected.

- 1 - Birmingham (44-1740)
- ① - Kansas City (44-760)

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, KANSAS CITY

FROM *P*: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/23/68

If not already done, Kansas City is requested to furnish Memphis copies of all investigative reports prepared thus far in your UFAC investigation of subject JAMES EARL RAY.

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REPORT  
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 24, 1968

Re: MURKIN  
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-561271 JK

Specimens received 4/22/68

K171 Missouri State Penitentiary form dated 10/24/66,  
bearing known handwriting of JAMES E. RAYALSO SUBMITTED: Copies of two-page report of psychiatric  
examination dated 10/24/66

## Result of examination:

The "Galt" writings considered together and specimen K171 can be identified as having been prepared by the same individual.

Because of the limited questioned material and the lack of comparable letters and letter combinations, it could not be determined whether the "Harvey Lowmyer" signature on the Q72 gun invoice was prepared by JAMES E. RAY, K171.

Specimen K171 is being retained.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 24, 1968

Re: MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861  
Lab. No. D-561271 JK

Examination requested by: Kansas City  
Reference: Airtel 4/20/68  
Examination requested: Document

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Remarks:

It should be noted that the questioned writings on some of the items received in this case are limited to the "Galt" name alone. The identification of the "Galt" writings with K171, as set forth in the attached report, considered all these questioned writings as a unit and it may not be possible to identify a particular specimen with K171 because of the limited nature of the questioned writing involved and the lack of comparable known material. The "Galt" writings are those items attributed to ERIC S. GALT which were previously identified together.

For information, similarities were noted between K171 and the "Lowmyer" signature on Q72.

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

- ② - Kansas City (44-760) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
- 1 - Atlanta (44-2386) Enclosure (Lab report)
- 1 - Birmingham (44-1740) Enclosure (Lab report)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565) (P)  
RE: MURKIN  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Cleveland teletype to Bureau, ET AL, 4/20/68.

Original and one copy of article appearing on page 1, Cleveland Press, 4/23/68, entitled "JAILMATE OF KING SUSPECT GIVES CLUES TO PHONY NAMES".

On 4/20/68, the Cleveland Office was telephonically contacted by a guard from the Cuyahoga County Jail who advised that an inmate, JAMES T. BOND, wished to speak with an FBI Agent in connection with JAMES EARL RAY.

On Saturday, 4/20/68, JAMES THOMAS BOND was interviewed at the Cuyahoga County Jail by SA MARTIN P. MC CANN, JR., at which time he advised as follows:

JAMES T. BOND advised that he is presently incarcerated in the Cuyahoga County Jail, having been arrested on 3/13/68, in Lakewood, Ohio, on a carrying concealed weapon charge. BOND stated he is presently on parole out of Missouri State Penitentiary until 1969. He stated that he had been serving a 10 year sentence for armed robbery and had served in Missouri State Penitentiary from 10/62 through 12/65, at which time he was placed on parole.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 2)
- 2 - Kansas City (88-9449)
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
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BOND advised that during this time of incarceration at Missouri State Penitentiary he was in K Hall, cell 187. He stated that the Missouri State Penitentiary has one-man cells and that JAMES EARL RAY, during this period of time, was incarcerated in cell 191.

BOND stated that RAY was a bread man and that he worked in the bakery. He stated that RAY's duties consisted of slicing the bread for the meals and that because of these duties RAY would be up earlier than the other inmates and would usually be back in his cell at 7:00 AM and would be free to come and go as he pleased during meal hours.

BOND advised that RAY was a racist and many times he heard him discussing his dislike for Negroes.

BOND advised that he would be considered a friend of RAY's but this was due mainly to the fact that they both had free time and that their cells were near each others and that during break periods they would discuss various matters.

BOND stated that RAY had no close friends inside the prison and would be considered strictly a loner. BOND stated that RAY was hooked on amphetamine powders. BOND stated that RAY always had an "outfit" in his cell, stating that an "outfit" was a nose dropped with a needle with which he would shoot a solution made up from the amphetamine powder into his veins. BOND stated that he considered RAY a "fiend" on amphetamine powders. He stated that he was constantly shooting the amphetamines into his veins. BOND stated that he was not sure exactly what type of amphetamines RAY used but that he knows that RAY secured the amphetamines through a source in the prison at a price that ranged anywhere from \$50 - \$100 per spoonful. BOND stated that on occasion RAY would break down the amount of powder he received and in turn would sell it in smaller packages.

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BOND stated that RAY was a very nervous individual and that he attributed this nervousness to his using amphetamines. He stated that because of the use of this drug RAY was a very poor eater and slept very little. BOND stated that he did not recall RAY smoking hardly at all and that he drank very little. BOND stated that RAY would have access to "hooch" made from potato or rice that was made in the prison bakery but that to the best of his knowledge RAY drank very little. BOND stated that if amphetamine powder was not available RAY would break up "bennies" and use it.

BOND advised that RAY was strictly a lone wolf and never discussed his own personal background. BOND stated that RAY was an avid reader of sex books and girlie magazines but that he had never known him to engage in any homosexual acts.

BOND stated that he did not recall RAY getting many visitors and very few letters. He stated, however, that on occasion when RAY did not have sufficient money to buy the amphetamine RAY would get a letter smuggled out of the prison to some unknown individual who in turn would send a check directly to the inmate RAY was purchasing the drug from and as soon as the check cleared BOND would get the amphetamine.

BOND advised that while incarcerated in the Missouri State Penitentiary he had his own little business going which was renting books. He stated it was because of his renting books to RAY he was familiar with the type of books RAY read. He stated that he did not recall specifically but believed that RAY had read practically all of the James Bond series with the exception of "Man With a Golden Gun".

BOND stated that RAY was a constant reader and that he used to write considerably. He stated that he did not know if RAY was writing letters or what, but that he had observed him on many occasions writing page after page.

BOND stated that RAY's personal habits, as far as cleanliness of his person, were excellent but he did not keep his cell clean and things would be thrown all over the cell at various times.

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BOND stated that RAY seldom went to the movies but he did not think this too strange inasmuch as the movies were a source of trouble in the prison where numerous prisoners were knifed by fellow-prisoners on various occasions.

BOND stated that RAY had talked of escaping on numerous occasions and he believes that on one occasion he had been put into maximum security when he was caught with a rope and a hook. BOND stated that on another occasion RAY took part in a tunnel job that had been discovered by prison authorities who were unaware who had been involved in this attempt.

BOND stated that RAY never trusted anyone, that he was suspicious of everyone and had a feeling that everyone was out to get him.

BOND stated that on occasion he and RAY had talked about the philosophy of FRIEDRICH NIETZSCHE, the philosopher, and he stated it was RAY's feeling that "man can do anything as long as it seems right for him".

BOND stated that RAY had a habit of pulling at his left ear constantly. He stated it was impossible to be with RAY for any period of time at all without being aware of this.

BOND, after much reluctance, advised that the inmate RAY purchased the amphetamine from was JIM BRADLEY. BOND described BRADLEY as the "top con" and stated that everyone in the Missouri State Penitentiary would know BRADLEY. BOND stated that this information being furnished by him must be kept confidential since a retainer is outstanding for him and he may be returned to the Missouri State Penitentiary and he fears retaliation should it be known information furnished by him.

JAMES T. BOND advised that his wife and child are presently residing with his mother, Mrs. REBECCA BOND, 1343 West 78th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, telephone 651-1366. BOND stated that his DOB was [redacted] Cleveland, Ohio, and the only other name he has ever been known by was JAMES SNYDER.

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At approximately 6:00 PM on 4/22/68, JAMES BOND telephonically contacted SA MARTIN P. MC CANN, JR. at which time he advised him that the papers, namely the Cleveland Press, were attempting to contact him since his release from Cuyahoga County Jail on a writ on 4/22/68. BOND stated that his lawyer evidently had contacted the papers in the belief it might help his case. BOND asked if it were possible for the FBI to prevent the newspapers from printing his name. BOND was advised that there was nothing that the FBI could do in the way of repressing the newspapers and that inasmuch as it was his own attorney who had made this information available to the newspapers there was nothing that the FBI could do in this matter.

BOND stated that he then would attempt to have the papers at least keep his name out of the papers when they printed this information.

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MEMPHIS

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

MURKIN. DAILY SUMMARY.

TELEPHONE CALL MADE BY LUCILLE PEPPER, ST. LOUIS, MO.,  
ON APRIL TEN LAST WAS MADE TO STATE OF MO., DEPT. OF REVENUE,  
JEFFERSON CITY, MO.

MO. STATE PRISONER BILLY MILLS ADVISED HE OPERATED BOOKSHOP  
IN PRISON WITH SUBJECT AND THEY MADE SMALL AMOUNT OF MONEY FROM  
THIS PROJECT.

PRISON RECORDS ALSO REVEALED RAY RECEIVED NUMEROUS MONEY  
ORDERS AT PRISON FROM SIXTYTHREE THROUGH FEB., SIXTYSEVEN.  
LIST OF THESE MONEY ORDERS BEING FURNISHED PERTINENT OFFICES  
BY AIRTEL.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RE EX-PRISONER WALTER NOLAN,  
FURNISHED ST. LOUIS OFFICE.

INFORMATION ALSO RECEIVED FROM FELLOW PRISONER, MSP,  
THAT SUBJECT USES AMPHETAMINE AND BARBITUATES, WHICH HE  
"MAINSTREAMS."

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(1)Approved:   
Special Agent in ChargeSent me 447P M Per me 447P

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KANSAS CITY ATTEMPTING OBTAIN INFORMATION RE SALE OF  
FORTYNINE LINCOLN AUTO BY SUBJECT WHILE IN LEAVENWORTH PEN  
IN FIFTYFIVE.

RECORDS, USP, LEAVENWORTH, AND MSP, JEFFERSON CITY, MO.,  
IN NAME OF SUBJECT, FAILED TO LIST SOCIAL SECURITY NO.  
OFFICIALS AT PRISON ADVISE THAT THEY DO NOT HOLD SOCIAL  
SECURITY IN CONNECTION WITH PAYMENTS FOR WORK DONE AT  
INSTITUTIONS.

INTERVIEWS WITH PRISONERS CONTINUE. LOCAL LEADS HANDLED  
IMMEDIATELY.

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4/25/68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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

MURKIN

OO: Memphis

ReButel 4/24/68 to Memphis and Kansas City, in which Bureau designated office of origin as Memphis in this entire matter, and instructed Kansas City to forward immediately appropriate copies of communications in Kansas City file entitled "JAMES EARL RAY, aka, UFAC-ROBBERY" to Memphis.

Enclosed for Memphis are one copy of the following:

1. Copy of classification study dated 8/10/55 and progress report for JAMES EARL RAY.
2. Copy of pre-sentence report for JAMES EARL RAY, dated 4/26/55.
3. Report of SA ROWEN B. AYERS, 8/29/67 at Kansas City.
4. Report of SA ROWEN B. AYERS, 10/30/67 at Kansas City.
5. Report of SA JOSEPH L. KISSIAH, 12/29/67 at Kansas City.
6. Memo of SA JOSEPH L. KISSIAH, 1/25/68 at Kansas City.
7. Report of SA JOSEPH L. KISSIAH, 2/23/68 at Kansas City.
8. Springfield letter to Chicago, 2/21/68.
9. Memo of SA ROWEN B. AYERS, 3/18/68 at Kansas City.

2 - Memphis (Encls. 14) (RM)  
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10. St. Louis letter to Kansas City, 3/25/68.
11. Investigative insert by IC LEONARD L. AYRES at Leavenworth, Kansas on 2/8/68, and IC WILLIAM F. ROHR at Kansas City, Mo. on 2/20/68.
12. Memo of SA THURMAN T. MAYNARD, 4/19/68 at Kansas City.
13. Memo of SA WALTER A. WITSCHARD, 4/23/68 at Kansas City.
14. Memo of SA JOSEPH L. KISSIAH, 4/25/68 at Kansas City.

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SACS, CHICAGO (44-1114),  
MINNEAPOLIS, AND PHILADELPHIA

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

MURKIN.

TODAY VETERANS ADMINISTRATION (VA), HEADQUARTERS, WASHINGTON, D.C., ADVISED JAMES EARL RAY, BORN [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] ENLISTED UNITED STATES ARMY FEBRUARY NINETEEN FORTYTWO, IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, AND DISCHARGED DECEMBER TWENTYTHREE FORTYEIGHT. ADDRESS AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT, FIVE THREE EIGHT EAST BROADWAY, ALTON, ILLINOIS. RAY ASSIGNED VA CLAIM NUMBER SEVEN SIX SIX ONE THREE FOUR ZERO. FILE LOCATED VA REGIONAL OFFICE, CHICAGO. RAY HAD INSURANCE POLICY NUMBER N ONE NINE EIGHT SIX EIGHT THREE THREE SIX. INSURANCE RECORDS MAINTAINED

- 2 - Bureau
- 2 - Teletype Unit
- ① - Kansas City (44-760) (AM)
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)
- 2 - WFO

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VA INSURANCE CENTER, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, OR ST. PAUL,  
MINNESOTA. NO RECORD FOR RAY AT VA BOARD OF VETERANS APPEALS.

CHICAGO REVIEW VA FILE.

PHILADELPHIA AND ST. PAUL ATTEMPT TO REVIEW INSURANCE  
RECORDS.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY.

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4/23/68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, JACKSONVILLE  
FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374) (P)  
MURKIN

On 4/22/68, EUGENE R. ROSZYK, 90 Cleveland Avenue, Salamanca, New York, advised that about 10:30 A. M., that date, he was in Langworthy's Restaurant, on Killbuck, when a man entered the restaurant and sat a stool away from him. He was wearing a white shirt, no tie; blue sports coat, checked; light gray pants, and sunglasses. He was driving a 1964 or 1965 two-door, either white or light tan, Ford, with Florida License 4W 69100.

ROSZYK had seen photographs of RAY on television the preceding night and felt that this individual bore a close resemblance.

The driver proceeded west on Route 17, towards Jamestown, New York.

Lookouts placed with State Police and Sheriff's Office failed to locate the car.

Jacksonville, at Tallahassee, Florida, will determine to whom Florida Registration 4W 69100 is issued.

RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

2 - Jacksonville (AM)  
1 - Birmingham (44-1740) (Info) (AM)  
① - Kansas City (Info) (AM)  
2 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)  
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**AIRTEL**

**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)**  
**FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2849) (P)**  
**SUBJECT: MURKIN**  
**OO-MEMPHIS**

**Re San Diego teletype, 4/24/68.**

**FBI Identification Record of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI No. 405 942 G, shows that RAY was incarcerated in the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, from 7/7/55 until 1956. Therefore, could not be identical person by same name residing in Dallas, in 1956 and 1957.**

**3-Bureau**  
**2-San Diego**  
**2-Memphis (44-1987)**  
**1-Kansas City**  
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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374) (P)  
MURKIN

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On 4/22/68, Mrs. MARY GROOMS, 159 Barkdale Crescent, Rochester, New York, furnished a letter which she received on 4/19/68. The letter was contained in an envelope postmarked "Rochester, NY, PM, 17 April 1968." The letter reads as follows:

"Mrs. Grooms -

"I read your column regularly they are good and factual, with lots of common sense. The King plot was hatched recently in Detroit by Black Nationalists, Muslims, and Commies (I was there). The job was done by a hired professional killer. The Commies paid for the job. The authorities will eventually find out.

"An anonymous black man"

Mrs. GROOMS, who writes a weekly column for the Rochester "Times Union," a daily Rochester newspaper, was unable to furnish any additional information.

The letter is being obtained and forwarded to the Laboratory.

RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

- 3 - Bureau (AM)
  - 1 - Birmingham (44-1740) (Info) (AM)
  - ① - Kansas City (Info) (AM)
  - 2 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)
  - 1 - Buffalo
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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

MURKIN

Re SCOTT NORDAL (Look-A-Like)

Re New Orleans teletypes to WFO 4/22/68 and  
4/23/68.

On 4/23/68 W. H. GORDON, Superintendent, U.S. Post Office, Columbia Heights Station, WDC, advised SA WAYNE R. GILBERT that 1836 19th St., is a non-existent address in any section of WDC.

SA GILBERT personally determined that there is no 1836 19th St., in N.W., N.E., or S.E., WDC.

Credit and criminal checks negative re SCOTT NORDAL.

In view of information contained in re teletype dated 4/23/68, WFO is taking no further action re NORDAL UACB.

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- 3 - Bureau
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 1 - New Orleans (157-10673)
- ① - Kansas City (44-760) (Info)
- 1 - WFO

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FBI ST LOUIS

226 PM URGNET 4-25- 68 MJD  
TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, AND KANSAS CITY  
FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775) 2-P

MURKIN; FORMER INMATES OF JAMES EARL RAY, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY. CR.

RE KANSAS CITY TEL TO BUREAU, APRIL TWENTYFOUR, LAST.

JAMES R. RUSSELL, INMATE, MISSOURI TRAINING SCHOOL FOR MEN, MOBERLY, MISSOURI, THIS DATE, ADVISED HE WAS COMMITTED MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, NOVEMBER SIXTYFIVE, CONFINED THERE TO JANUARY SIXTYSIX WHEN HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO MOBERLY, MISSOURI, AND RELEASED FROM THERE FEBRUARY, SIXTYSEVEN. HE WENT BACK TO JEFFERSON CITY AS A PAROLE VIOLATOR JUNE SIXTYSEVEN AND WAS IN THE SAME CELL WITH ROBERT (NO MIDDLE NAME) POWELL, AKA, BOB POWELL, FROM AUGUST, SIXTYSEVEN THROUGH JANUARY SIXTYEIGHT. RUSSELL KNOWS JAMES EARL RAY BY REPUTATION ONLY AND NOT PERSONALLY.

RUSSELL WAS IN PRISION KITCHEN AT JEFFERSON CITY AND ALSO  
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WORKED WITH POWELL. POWELL MENTIONED TAT RAY, BECAUSE OF HIS  
ESCAPE, WAS THE CAUSE OF PRISON OFFICIALS CUTTING DOWN THE SIZE  
OF THE BOXES USED TO HOLD BREAD FROM THE MAIN KITCHEN.

POWELL RELEASED FEBRUARY SIXTYEIGHT AND WAS EMPLOYED  
AMERICAN CAR COMPANY, ST. LOUIS. HE IS REPORTEDLY NOW IN THE  
LOS ANGELES TELEPHONE AREA. HIS SISTER, FRANKIE POWELL, IS STUDENT  
AT FARMINGTON, MISSOURI, HIGH SCHOOL, WOULD KNOW HIS LOCATION.

RUSSELL KNOWS NEGRO PENITENTIARY GUARD, BILLY BOB TURNER.  
HE AS NEVER HEARD ANY STATEMENT THAT HE SHOULD BE DEAD.

ST. LOUIS WILL INTERVIEW FRANKIE POWELL.

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FBI MIAMI

6:52PM URGENT 4-25-68 PJL

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS (44-1987) KANSAS  
CITY (44-760) AND BIRMINGHAM  
FROM MIAMI (44-1854)

MURKIN

RE JAMES EARL RAY

OLIVER BRIGHT, VICE PRESIDENT, HIALEAH-MIAMI SPRINGS  
BANK, HIALEAH, FLA., ADVISED THAT HIS BANK PURCHASED CONTRACT  
FROM FINCHER OLDSMOBILE, MIAMI, FLA., MADE BY GUY E. RAY AT  
FINCHER MOTERS, INC., MIAMI, FLA., ON APRIL THREE SIXTYEIGHT.  
ON APPLICATION RAY GAVE MIAMI ADDRESS AS RESIDENCE PAST  
TWO AND ONE HALF YEARS. RAY REPORTEDLY NOT HAVING LIVED AT THIS  
ADDRESS. RAY FURTHER GAVE FICTITIOUS EMPLOYMENT AND ADVISED  
HE HAD PREVIOUSLY LIVED ROUTE TWO, BOX ONE FOUR A, KILLEN,  
ALA., AND ROUTE ONE, OWENS CROSS ROADS, ALA. MR. BRIGHT  
HAS CONTACTED A MR. BUFORD CARNER, STATE NATIONAL BANK OF

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MUSCLE SHOALS, NINE ZERO NINE WOODWARD AVE., MUSCLE SHOALS, ALA. GARNER ADVISED RAY AND WIFE DIANE RAY KNOWN TO BANK FOR ONLY THREE MONTHS. TYPE OF BUSINESS NOT KNOWN, BUT DEPOSITS TO ACCOUNT ARE WITH FLA. CASHIER CHECKS. GARNER HAS NEVER SEEN RAY AND ALLEGED WIFE HAS HANDLED ALL BANK CONTACTS. RAY ACCOUNT CAME TO STATE NATIONAL BANK OF MUSCLE SHOALS AS A REFERENCE FROM FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BIRMINGHAM. BIRMINGHAM WILL MAKE PROPER INQUIRES AT MUSCLE SHOALS, KILLEN AND OWENS CROSS ROADS, ALA., TO ELIMINATE GUY E. RAY AS IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY. SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI MINNAPLS

1128 AM 4-25-68 URGENT TJJ  
TO DIRECTOR, KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS, ST. LOUIS, AND SPRINGFIELD  
FROM MINNEAPOLIS (157-450)

MURKIN. CR.

RE ST. LOUIS TEL APRIL TWENTY-FOUR, LAST.

ROY WILLIS, SIX FIVE ZERO EIGHT FIFTEENTH AVENUE SOUTH,  
RICHFIELD, MINNESOTA, ADVISED HE WAS FORMER POLICE OFFICER  
WITH HANNIBAL, MISSOURI PD. WILLIS ADVISED HE VAGUELY RECALLED  
JAMES EARL RAY BEING HELD IN HANNIBAL FOR FEDERAL AUTHORITIES.  
WILLIS ADVISED HE DID NOT BUY A CAR FROM RAY BUT RAY ASKED  
HIM TO SELL IT FOR HIM. WILLIS STATED HE BELIEVES INSTANT  
VEHICLE TO HAVE BEEN AN OLD MODEL LINCOLN WHICH HE FINALLY  
SOLD SOMETIME AFTER RAY HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED TO U. S.  
PENITENTIARY, LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS. WILLIS STATED HE BELIEVES  
HE WAS TO SELL THE CAR AND FORWARD PROCEEDS FROM SALE TO  
SOMEONE, NAME NOT RECALLED, IN QUINCY, ILLINOIS. WILLIS  
STATED HE BELIEVES RAY WROTE AT LEAST ONE LETTER TO HIM  
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CONCERNING THE SALE OF THE CAR FROM THE U. S. PENITENTIARY, LEAVENWORTH. WILLIS DOES NOT RECALL TO WHOM INSTANT VEHICLE WAS SOLD OR HOW THE VEHICLE WAS PAID FOR. WILLIS ADVISED TO BEST OF HIS RECOLLECTION, RAY, IN NINETEEN FIFTY-FIVE, WAS FRIENDLY WITH A POLICE CHARACTER BY NAME OF BUDDY BATCHELDER OR BATCHELOR, WHO HAD HAD NUMEROUS ARRESTS BOTH IN HANNIBAL, MISSOURI, AND QUINCY, ILLINOIS, FOR BURGLARY, PROSTITUTION, ETC.

WILLIS STATED HE RECALLS BATCHELDER AS BEING WHITE MALE, ABOUT SAME AGE AS RAY AND BEING SHORT AND STOCKY. WILLIS STATED HE IS CERTAIN THAT SOME OF THE OLD-TIME OFFICERS WOULD BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY BATCHELDER.

WILLIS STATED THAT HE SEEMS TO RECALL THAT RAY WAS FRIENDLY WITH THE OWNER OF ALABI TAVERN, WHOSE NAME WILLIS RECALLED AS SOMETHING LIKE CHARLIE GUNN. WILLIS STATED HE SEEMS TO RECALL SOME INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED CONCERNING RAY N. BOXELDER AND A COUPLE OF GIRLS FROM QUINCY.

ST. LOUIS, ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY BATCHELDER WHO REPORTEDLY WAS IN CUSTODY THE SAME TIME AS RAY AND INTERVIEW HIM FOR ANY INFORMATION HE MAY HAVE CONCERNING RAY.

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KANSAS CITY, ASCERTAIN WHETHER OR NOT IT IS POSSIBLE  
THROUGH MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT TO IDENTIFY INSTANT VEHICLE  
SOLD BY RAY AND IDENTIFY PURCHASER SO THAT PURCHASER MAY  
BE INTERVIEWED WITH VIEW TO LOCATING THE ULTIMATE RECIPIENT  
OF THE PROCEEDS OF THIS SALE.

*Lead previously  
covered - Jeff. City  
record destroyed*

SPRINGFIELD, AT QUINCY, ILLINOIS, ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY  
BATCHELDER AND ANY OTHER ASSOCIATES OF RAY.

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9 45 PM URGENT 4/25/68 DLN  
TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), BIRMINGHAM, LOS  
ANGELES (44-1574), AND KANSAS CITY (44-760)  
FROM PHOENIX (44-371) 1P

MURKIN . CR. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE KANSAS CITY TEL TO BUREAU ET AL, APRIL TWENTY FOUR LAST.  
ASSOCIATE OF SUBJECT: WILLIAM HENRY HOLLAND.

HOLLAND INTERVIEWED INSTANT DATE AT FEDERAL PRISON CAMP,  
SAFFORD, ARIZONA AND DENIED KNOWING SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY.  
HOLLAND FURTHER STATED HE COULD NOT HAVE BEEN GAMBLING WITH  
SUBJECT RAY IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, PRIOR TO APRIL NINETEEN FIFTY  
SINCE HE WAS INCARCERATED IN USP, ATLANTA, GA. FEBRUARY TWENTY  
EIGHT FORTY EIGHT FOR DYER ACT VIOLATION UNTIL SIX TWENTYFIVE  
FIFTYTWO CONDITIONAL RELEASE FROM USP LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS.  
CHECK OF HOLLAND'S ID RECORD OF PX CASE TWENTY SIX DASH TWO FOUR  
ONE ONE TWO CONFIRMS THIS.

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FBI ST LOUIS

1026PM URGENT 4-25-68 JHH

TO: DIRECTOR KANSAS CITY MEMPHIS

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44:775) 1P

MURKIN

RE KANSAS CITY TEL TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS, MIAMI, ST. LOUIS  
THIS DATE.

SHERIFF GARLAND BETHEL, MONTGOMERY CO, MO.,

ADVISED THE PARK HOTEL MONTGOMERY CITY WHERE RAY ALLEGEDLY  
STAYED IN NINETEEN FIFTY FIVE IS NO LONGER IN OPERATION.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-760)

FROM : SA LOY O. HICKMAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4-25-68

On 4-19-68, CARL ZARTER, Administrative Assistant, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, furnished SA LOY O. HICKMAN with 100 photos each along with negatives of WALTER T. RIFE and JAMES EARL RAY.

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FBI ST LOUIS

928PM URGENT 4-25-68 JHH

TO: DIRECTOR MEMPHIS KANSAS CITY CHICAGO SPRINGFIELD  
FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN: SUMMARY

SUBJECTS STEPFATHER JERRY RAYNES, CENTER, MO., REINTERVIEWED CLAIMED NEVER MARRIED SECOND WIFE RUBY CARPENTER, BUT LIVED WITH HER INTERMITTENTLY NINETEEN FIFTYTWO TO SIXTYTHREE. LIVED SHELBYVILLE, MO., FIFTYTWO; ST. LOUIS TO SIXTY ONE; CLARENCE, MO., ON FARM OWNED BY HER, ONLY WENT TO TOWN ONCE IN TWO YEARS; SIXTY THREE TO FALL SIXTY SEVEN ST. LOUIS; SEPT. SIXTY SEVEN TO DATE, CENTER, MO. NEVER LIVED DESMOINES, IOWA. CLAIMED SUBJECT NEVER LIVED WITH HIM AFTER EWING, MO., RESIDENCE NINETEEN FORTY THREE OR FORTY FOUR. SUBJECT AND RUBY GOT ALONG WELL. BELIEVED SUBJECT WORKED AT SOME BAKERY IN ST. LOUIS NAME AND LOCATION UNKNOWN. UNABLE TO RECALL ANY RESIDENCE ADDRESSES FOR SUBJECT. UNABLE TO RECALL OWN RESIDENCE ADDRESSES IN ST. LOUIS, BUT REMEMBERED HE LIVED ON WEST PINE ST., AND THAT LAST ST. LOUIS RESIDENCE WAS ON PARK. STATED HIS FIRST NAME IS JERRY NOT GERALD OR JAMES, AND THAT RAYNS IS ONLY OTHER SURNAME USED.

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HE IS ALCOHOLIC, AND APPEARED MENTALLY CONFUSED. DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECTS WHEREABOUTS. HAS HOUSE BARRICADED AND EXPRESSED FEAR SUBJECT MIGHT COME THERE.

NEIGHBORHOODS RE ST. LOUIS RESIDENCES OF RAYNES ALLEGED BY RUBY CARPENTER NEGATIVE.

HIPPIE NEIGHBORHOODS AND GEORGIA AUTO RECOVERIES UNPRODUCTIVE TO DATE.

RECORDS OF AMERICAN TELEVISION SCHOOL ALLEGEDLY ATTENDED BY RAY FORTY NINE DETERMINED TO BE IN CHICAGO.

BAKERY UNION RECORDS NEGATIVE. UNABLE TO VERIFY BAKERY EMPLOYMENT TO DATE.

ST. LOUIS COUNTY PD COMPARISON OF UNIDENTIFIED LATENTS WITH SUBJECTS PRINTS NEGATIVE.

INTERVIEWS WITH FORMER FELLOW PRISONERS UNPRODUCTIVE AS TO SIGNIFICANT BACKGROUND OR INFORMATION AS TO RAY WHEREABOUTS.

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RAY VA CLAIM RECORD CONTAINED ONLY VERIFICATION OF ARMY  
SERVICE IN ADDITION TO CLAIM FOR EDUCATION ALLOWANCE APRIL  
NINETEEN, NINETEEN FORTY NINE. CHICAGO HAS ADVISED VA  
EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION FILE DESTROYED.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-760)

FROM : IC WILLIAM C. MC DONALD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/25/68

On 4/19/68, Mr. WILLIAM T. RIDENHOUR, Deputy Clerk, Osage County, Linn, Missouri, caused the Poll Books to be available, these record were checked for the name of ERIC STARVO GALT and aliases with negative results.

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FBI NEW YORK

7:20 PM URGENT 4/25/68 WPK

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND MEMPHIS, LOS ANGELES, SAN FRANCISCO,  
CINCINNATI, CHICAGO, DALLAS, INDIANAPOLIS, DETROIT,  
KANSAS CITY AND SEATTLE  
FROM NEW YORK 44-1609

MURKIN

RG WHLSIRE BOOK COMPANY, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.  
RE LA TEL TO BUREAU, APRIL TWO SEVEN, LAST.  
MAILING LIST OF ~~WILSHIRE BOOK COMPANY~~ FOR ONE NINE SIX  
SIX, ONE NINE SIX SEVEN, AND ONE NINE SIX EIGHT CONSISTING  
OF APPROXIMATELY THIRTY THOUSAND NAMES FURNISHED ON APRIL  
TWO FOUR, LAST, BY BERNARD LANDE, PRGSDENT, RESEARCH PROJECTS  
COMPANY, ONE SEVEN ZERO SIX ROCKAWAY AVENUE, LYNBROOK, NY, TO  
SAS JOHN F. CURRAN, NORMAN A. MURRAY, AND ROBERT G. OFTEDAL.  
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*Phore J. Kelly JR*  
*Harold K. Leach*

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SEARCH BY SAS FOR NAMES, GAULT AND JAMES E. RAY,  
NEGATIVE. LIST REFLECTED INDIVIDUALS NAMED RAY AS FOLLOWS.  
DATE REFLECTS YEAR, LIST COMPLETED:

MR. R. L. RAY, THREE FIVE FOUR SEVEN SOUTH FEDERAL  
STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS (ONE NINE SIX EIGHT).

DONALD J. RAY, NINE NINE FOUR SOUTH ROYS AVENUE,  
COLUMBUS, OHIO (ONE NINE SIX SIX).

RONNIE RAY, FOUR ZERO SIX WEST FRANKLIN STREET, ELECTRA,  
TEXAS (ONE NINE SIX EIGHT).

ANGIE RAY, NINE FOUR TWO AND ONE-HALF SOUTH CLALA,  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, MOVED IN ONE NINE SIX SEVEN OR  
ONE NINE SIX EIGHT, NO FORWARDING ADDRESS INDICATED.

B.J. RAY, THREE TWO SEVEN FIRST AVENUE EAST, PACIFIC  
WASHINGTON (ONE NINE SIX EIGHT.)

MARVIN L. RAY, EIGHT ONE ONE BOYER AVENUE, WALA  
WALA, WASHINGTON (ONE NINE SIX EIGHT).

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JACK D. RAY, FIVE ZERO ZESO FIVE EAST ORION, INDIANAPOLIS,  
INDIANA (ONE NINE SIX SEVEN).

W.S. RAY, FIVE TWO FOUR SEVEN COLLEGE AVENUE,  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA (ONE NINE SIX SEVEN).

FLOYD RAY, BOX SEVEN ZERO EIGHT SEVEN FLINT, MICHIGAN  
(ONE NINE SIX SEVEN).

ROBERT G. RAY, ONE FIVE TWO SIX EAST SIXTY SIXTH PLACE,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS (ONE NINE SIX SEVEN).

DELMA RAY, NINE TWO THREE WEST GRAND, HAYSVILLE, KANSAS  
(ONE NINE SIX SEVEN)

DEBBIE RAY, SIX SIX THREE THREE DERBY AVENUE, APARTMENT  
FOUR, RESEDA, CALIFORNIA (ONE NINE SIX SEVEN).

RECEIVING OFFICES INSTRUCTED TO DETERMINE IF ANY OF  
ABOVE ARE IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT, JAMES E. RAY, OR A  
RELATIVE. SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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SA JACK H. PORTER

TOP TEN FUGITIVE PUBLICITY

JAMES EARL RAY, IO 4182

Material on JAMES EARL RAY sent to outlets  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) (P)  
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OO: Memphis

Enclosed herewith is a list of money orders received by JAMES EARL RAY at the Missouri State Penitentiary from 1963 through February, 1967.

Copies are being sent to interested offices, and senders in each division should be contacted for any information they may have regarding the subject in this matter.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (88-9449) (P) DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA JOSEPH L. KISSIAH

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE  
UFAC-ROBBERY FIRST

OO: KC

Rerep SA JOSEPH L. KISSIAH, 2/23/68 at Kansas City.

The following negative investigation was conducted by the writer to locate the captioned individual prior to the receipt of Butel to All SACS, 4/19/68, in which it was announced that JAMES EARL RAY is being sought in connection with the fatal shooting of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,

PCI HAROLD JACK BENNETT was contacted 2/21/68 by SA ROWEN B. AYERS

PCI LAWRENCE WRAY was contacted 3/11/68 by SA ROWEN B. AYERS

The following informants were all contacted on the indicated dates by SA JOSEPH L. KISSIAH:

PCI JOE F. ROSS, 3/4 & 12/68

PCI HENRY MC FAD, 3/4 & 13/68

PCI RAYMOND E. MC DOWELL, 3/8 & 21/68

PCI JAMES BOYD, 3/13; 4/2 & 18/68

KC 601-C, 3/13; 3/25/68 and 4/15/68

PCI JOSEPH W. JONES, 3/14/68

KC 473-C, 3/14; 4/2 & 17/68

PCI HELEN GRAYSON, 3/19; 4/2 & 19/68

In addition, the following establishments were

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