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TO ALBANY AND KANSAS
FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

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WALTER TERRY RIFE REINTERVIEWED. JOHN DAVID DAILY UNKNOWN
TO RIFE. RIFE STATES WILLIARD J. MC BRIDE A FICTITIOUS PERSON

ROM WHOM HE AND RAY CLAIMED THEY PURCHASED THE STOLEN MONEY
ORDERS FROM KELLERVILLE, ILLINOIS POST OFFICE BURGLARY IN
NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE. RIFE USED NAME OF VERNON ILMO RIFE ON
FIRST ARREST WHEN FINGERPRINTED. FOR THIS REASON NAME OF
VERNON ELMO RIFE COULD BE SHOWN AS ASSOCIATE OF RAY IN
JACKSON COUNTY JAIL, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, WHEN ACTUALLY
WAS WALTER RIFE.

RIFE STATED ONLY VISITORS TO JACKSON COUNTY JAL FOR EITHER HE
OR RAY WERE FBI AGENTS WHO INTERVIEWED BOTH CONCERNING
A BANK ROBBERY AT HULL, ILLINOIS. RIFE DID NOT KNOW

13 ANYYYYYYY COIN IN NEW ORLEANS AND KNOWSSS OFFFFFFFFFFF NNO ASSOCIATEE
NEW ORLEANS. RIFE AND RAY NET A WILLIAM COHEN IN KANSAS CITY
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IN NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE, RE PASSING OF POSTAL MONEY ORDERS.

THIS WAS A MAN FIFTYFIVE TO SIXTY YEARS OF AGE, DARK SKIN,

GRAY HEADED, PROBABLY WOULD BE KNOWN TO KANSAS CITY PD.

RIFE HAS NO BACKGROUND ON THIS INDIVIDUAL.

RIFE STATED RAY PREJUDICE AGAINST NEGROES IN A
GENERAL WAY, HAS NEVER KNOWN RAY TO BELONG TO ANY ORGANIZATION
OR TO MAKE ANY THREAT AGAINST NEGROES.

NO RECORD OF JOHN DAVID DAILY IN QUINCY. NO RECORD OF
GEORGE J. ROBERTS AND SONS UNDERTAKERS IN QUINCY. LINDWOOD
NONEXISTANT STREET IN QUINCY. NO RECORD OF NORMAN J.
ROBERTS IN QUINCY, TWO FOUR ZERO ZERO MAIN NONEXISTANT
IN QUINCY.

SI ONE SIX FIVE SIX - C VERY CLOSED ASSOCIATE OF RIFE,
STATES RIFE DEFINITELY PULLED BURGLARY OF KELLERVILLE
POST OFFICE IN NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE BUT WILL NOT ADMIT TO
BURGLARY.

KANSAS CITY WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE WILLIAM COHEN IN
KANSAS CITY.

ALBANY, AT ALBANY, WLLL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE NORMAN J.

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ROBERTS AND GEORGE J. ROBERTS. P.

AIR MAIL COPIES SENT TO MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, NEW ORLEANS,
ATLANTA, CHICAGO, AND ST. LOUIS. P.

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ANY COIN IN NEW ORLEANS AND KNOWS OF NO ASSOCIATE OF RAY IN
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FROM: KANSAS CITY (44-760) (P)

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LEO HOLDEN PARKER, ~~MRS~~¹⁹⁶⁸, RECEIVED APRIL NINETEEN ~~LAST~~,
TO SERVE FIFTEEN YEARS, ARMED ROBBERY FIRST, SAID HE WAS
RELEASED ON PAROLE TO DISMAS HOUSE, ST. LOUIS, JUNE ONE
SIXTYSEVEN AFTER SERVING THIRTEEN YEARS FOR MURDER IN ILLINOIS.
WAS ARRESTED JULY EIGHTEEN SIXTYSEVEN FOR HAVING KIDNAPED AND
ROBBED NINETEEN YEAR OLD COUPLE, RITA BROCKELMAN, FIFTEEN ZERO
TWO A MONTGOMERY, AND GEORGE MC QUADE, JR., FORTYSEVEN ZERO
EIGHT PLOVER, ST. LOUIS, MO. CASE INVESTIGATED BY DETECTIVES
JOHN LEPPING AND EDWARD ALLERS, FIFTH DISTRICT, ST. LOUIS PD.
PARKER CLAIMS INNOCENT OF CRIME AND IDENTIFICATION MADE ON
TOUCHED PHOTO. STATES NEWSPAPER ARTICLE JULY TWELVE SIXTYSEVEN
ST. CHARLES, MO. DAILY BANNER, REFLECTS CONFLICTING STATEMENTS
BY VICTIMS WITH HIS IDENTIFICATION. STATES WAS IN ST. LOUIS
JAIL FOR TEN MONTHS ON FOURTH FLOOR UNTIL DECEMBER OF SIXTY-
SEVEN AND THEREAFTER ON FIRST FLOOR. VICTIMS CLAIM PERSON
WHO KIDNAPED AND ROBBED THEM STATED HAD BROKEN OUT OF
PRISON AND NEEDED A CAR. PARKER INTERVIEWED EVERYBODY HE

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COULD IN JAIL TO FIND OUT WHO WAS OUT OF PRISON AND AMONG PERSONS HE FOUND OUT HAD ESCAPED WAS JAMES RAY. WAS TOLD BY ONE UNRECALLED INMATE THAT AS LATE AS SEPTEMBER SIXTYSEVEN RAY WAS IN ST. LOUIS AND LIVING AND COOKING IN GARAGE, HAD A CAR, WAS PUSHING OR USING NARCOTICS AND MAKING MONEY BY STICK-UPS. REQUESTED ATTORNEY TO GET PHOTOS OF RAY BUT THIS WAS NOT DONE. PARKER SAID THIS WEEK HE OBSERVED VARIOUS PHOTOS OF RAY IN NEWSPAPERS AND NOTED HIS DESCRIPTION IS IDENTICAL TO PARKER'S EXCEPT HE, PARKER, HAS TATTOOS AND BROWN EYES, WHEREAS VICTIMS CLAIM PERSON WHO KIDNAPPED THEM HAD BLUE EYES. PHOTO OF PARKER OBTAINED AND GENERAL APPEARANCE OF RAY AND PARKER IS SAME.

ST. LOUIS, AT ST. CHARLES, MO., AND ST. LOUIS, MO., WILL CONTACT INVESTIGATING OFFICERS AND WITNESSES IN PARKER CASE AND CONDUCT OTHER LOGICAL INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF RAY COULD HAVE BEEN ACTUAL SUBJECT IN PARKER MATTER AND ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH THROUGH CIS OR PCIS WHETHER RAY WAS IN

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ST. LOUIS AREA HIDING OUT IN GARAGE. IN THIS CONNECTION IT
SHOULD BE NOTED THAT INVESTIGATION INDICATES THAT JOHN RAY,
BROTHER OF SUBJECT, POSSIBLY COULD HAVE AIDED IN ESCAPE OF
RAY FROM MSP. ST. LOUIS IMMEDIATELY ADVISE IF PHOTOS OF
PARKER AVAILABLE. ~~Memphis advise if whereabouts~~

~~RAY~~ ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) (P)

MURKIN
(OO: Memphis)

Re Bureau teletype 4/25/68, requesting further information regarding LAWRENCE EUGENE WRAY.

Enclosed for Bureau is copy of correlation memorandum reflecting information in Kansas City file re LAWRENCE EUGENE WRAY.

LAWRENCE EUGENE WRAY was inmate with subject at MSP from April, 1965, until April, 1967. He is currently a PCI of the Kansas City Office. He was interviewed 4/24/68 but could furnish no information re subject's whereabouts. WRAY is willing to aid the FBI in any manner whatsoever, but advised that it would have to be cleared through his Missouri Parole Officer.

WRAY is working at a local hospital in Kansas City, but suggested that if the Bureau knew of anyone who may be in contact with subject, he would travel to that individual's location and approach him as a former cellmate and friend of subject, stating he is willing to help subject, and could hand over prepared identification papers in an assumed name, such papers as driver's license about to expire, Social Security card, or even passport about to expire, then if these papers were forwarded to subject and he utilized them, it would possibly come to Bureau's attention. WRAY went on to state he was in the same cell with the subject for two months at MSP, however, prison records fail to substantiate this.

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It is also to be noted that WRAY had psychological tests in 1961, 1962, and again in 1965, results of these tests were both favorable and unfavorable. The complete information regarding them appears in Kansas City report dated 9/22/65 entitled "LAWRENCE EUGENE WRAY, aka, ITSMV", Bufile 26-350771.

This information is being furnished information for Bureau's consideration. It is to be noted Memphis and Chicago have stated they have no use for such an individual at this time.

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) (P)

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(OO-Memphis)

Re Bureau telephone call, 4/25/68.

Enclosed herewith for Bureau as requested in referenced telephone call, is one copy of a pre-sentence report dated 4/26/68, Kansas City, Mo. It was prepared for the U. S. District Court, Western District of Missouri, in the name of JAMES EARL RAY.

Copies of this pre-sentence report were previously furnished to interested offices.

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801PM URGENT 4-26-68 JLS

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

MURKIN CR

RE KC TEL THIS DATE

RE MSP INMATE LEO HOLDEN PARKER. PHTOS OF PARKER WILL BE
AVAILABLE APRIL TWENTY SEVEN.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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446PM URGENT 4-26-68 SMK

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY
FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775) 1P

MURKIN.

OFFICER RONALD BOCKENKAMP, INTELLIGENCE UNIT, ADVISED HE RECALLED GOSSIP AT TIME OF SUBJECT'S ESCAPE THAT A FELLOW PRISONER, RICH RENO, MAY HAVE BEEN DRIVER OF TRUCK IN WHICH SUBJECT HID DURING ESCAPE.

KANSAS CITY DETERMINE IDENTIFYING DATA AND LAST WHEREABOUTS OF RENO FROM RECORDS MSP, JEFFERSON CITY, AND SET LEAD FOR INTERVIEW. P

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MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

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RE KANSAS CITY TEL APRIL TWENTYSIX, INSTANT.

ON INTERVIEW APRIL TWENTYTWO, LAST, SUBJECT'S BROTHER
JOHN LARRY RAY, AKA JACK, CLAIMED CONTACT WITH SUBJECT TWO TO
FOUR YEARS AGO, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY (MSP); PRIOR TO THAT
ONLY ON ONE OCCASION APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN YEARS AGO AT TIME OF
SUBJECT'S DISCHARGE FROM U.S. ARMY AND VISITING IN QUINCY, ILL.
DENIED ANY OTHER CONTACTS WITH BROTHER (SUBJECT). ALSO CLAIMED
NO KNOWLEDGE OF BROTHER'S ESCAPE FROM PENITENTIARY.

IN VIEW OF INFORMATION IN RETEL REGARDING JOHN RAY VISITING
SUBJECT AT MSP ON NINE OCCASIONS FROM NINETEEN SIXTYTWO TO
NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, KANSAS CITY IS REQUESTED TO RETRIEVE RECORDS
OF THESE VISITS FOR HANDWRITING OF JOHN RAY AND SUBMIT SAME TO
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BUREAU FOR HANDWRITING COMPARISON WITH KNOWN HANDWRITING OF
JOHN LARRY RAY, FBI NUMBER THREE SIX EIGHT SEVEN TWO FIVE A,
IN EFFORT TO ESTABLISH WHETHER IN FACT SUBJECT'S BROTHER DID
VISIT HIM ON THE OCCASIONS MENTIONED IN RETEL.

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TO DIRECTOR, KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS, MIAMMI
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) 2P

MURKIN

RE MIAMI TEL TO BUREAU, APRIL TWO FIVE, LAST.

MADISON COUNTY SO AND MADISON COUNTY CREDIT BUREAU,
HUNTSVILLE, ALA., HAVE NO RECORD GUY E. RAY AND WIFE DIANE.
POSTMASTER, OWENS CROSS ROADS, ALA., ADVISED NO RECORD OR
KNOWLEDGE OF GUY E. RAY EVER RECEIVING MAIL OR RESIDING IN
THAT SMALL RURAL COMMUNITY.

JESSE A. KELLER, ATTORNEY, FLORENCE, ALA., ADVISED APRIL
TWO SIX, INSTANT, HE HAS KNOWN GUY ERSKINE RAY FOR ABOUT TWO
YEARS. RAY HAS BEEN IN THE HOME REPAIR BUSINESS AND NOW
OPERATES THE MID SOUTH CONSTRUCTION CO., SIX ONE FOUR EAST
WAVERLY STREET, MUSCLE SHOALS, ALA. HE RESIDES KILLEN, ALA.,
ROUTE ONE, BOX ONE FOUR A, BUT TRAVELS EXTENSIVELY IN HIS
HOME REPAIR BUSINESS. KELLER STATES GUY ERSKINE RAY IS TWO
NINE YEARS OLD, SIX FT. ONE, TWO TEN - TWO TWENTY LBS., HAS
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NOTICEABLE SCAR NEAR MOUTH AND JAW, BLACK WAVY HAIR, HEAVY BUILD, AND DOES NOT RESEMBLE PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY. ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO RAY OPERATED HOME REPAIR BUSINESS IN FLORENCE, ALA. AREA, BUT MOVED AWAY WITH A NUMBER OF OUTSTANDING DEBTS, HOWEVER, RETURNED TO THE AREA ABOUT THREE MONTHS AGO.

DIANE RAY, OFFICE MANAGER, MID SOUTH CONSTRUCTION CO., ADVISED APRIL TWO SIX, INSTANT, SHE HAS BEEN MARRIED TO GUY ERSKINE RAY FOR THREE AND ONE HALF YEARS, AND THEY HAVE LIVED IN A NUMBER OF STATES, INCLUDING ALA., FLA., AND VA. IN NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE OR SIXTYSIX, RAY WAS CHARGED WITH EMBEZZLEMENT AT DANVILLE, VA., AND THE FBI HAD A UFAP CHARGE AGAINST RAY. THE EMBEZZLEMENT MATTER WAS SETTLED BY RAY BEFORE HE WAS APPREHENDED BY FBI AND THE UFAP CHARGE WAS DISMISSED.

MRS. RAY STATES HUSBAND BORN

GURLEY, ALA., SIX FT. ONE, TWO TEN LBS., BROWN WAVY HAIR, LONG NOTICEABLE OPERATION SCAR UNDER RIGHT JAW, FATHER ERSKINE RAY, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, MOTHER AILENE RAY, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK. SHE OBSERVED PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY, AND STATES HE DID NOT RESEMBLE HER HUSBAND, GUY ERSKINE RAY.

NO COMMUNICATION FOLLOWS.

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MURKIN. DAILY SUMMARY.

INFORMATION RECEIVED JIMMY CARPENTER, CLOSE ASSOCIATE, MSP, WITH RAY IS CURRENTLY INCARCERATED ST. LOUIS COUNTY JAIL. ST. LOUIS ADVISED.

FORMER ESCAPEE FROM MSP AND TOP TEN FUGITIVE, GEORGE BEN EDMONDSON, INTERVIEWED AT MSP. ADVISED THAT ALL INMATES ARE AWARE HOW EASY IT IS TO GET CANADIAN PASSPORTS IN MONTREAL BY JUST USING SUCH PAPERS AS BIRTH CERTIFICATES. EDMONDSON COULD FURNISH NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING RAY, OTHER THAN RAY ASSOCIATED WITH INMATES FROM ST. LOUIS AT MSP, AND WAS ALWAYS TRYING TO "MAKE A BUCK."

RECORDS, MSP, REGARDING VISITORS TO SUBJECT DURING HIS INCARCERATION FURNISHED PERTINENT OFFICES.

FBI LABORATORY ADVISED THAT THE "GALT" WRITINGS CONSIDERED TOGETHER WITH SPECIMENS OF RAY'S HANDWRITING OBTAINED FROM MSP, CAN BE IDENTIFIED AS HAVING BEEN PREPARED BY SAME INDIVIDUAL. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF LIMITED QUESTIONED MATERIAL

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AND LACK OF COMPARABLE LETTERS AND LETTER COMBINATIONS IT COULD NOT BE DETERMINED WHETHER THE "HARVEY LOWMYER" SIGNATURE ON GUN INVOICE WAS PREPARED BY JAMES E. RAY. NUMEROUS ADDITIONAL HANDWRITING SAMPLES BEING OBTAINED FROM MSP AND BEING FORWARDED TO FBI LABORATORY.

COMPLETE SUMMARY OF PERTINENT INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED KANSAS CITY AREA SINCE GALT WAS IDENTIFIED AS RAY, FURNISHED MEMPHIS AND BUREAU, ~~AS REQUESTED TELEPHONICALLY BY MEMPHIS OFFICE.~~

~~INASMUCH AS SUBJECT IS NOW ONE OF TEN MOST WANTED,~~
~~FUGITIVES, KANSAS CITY OFFICE IS TAKING ACTION AS REQUIRED~~
~~BY BUREAU TO FULLY EXPLOIT ALL INVESTIGATIVE TECHNIQUES~~
~~AND PUBLICITY TO EXPEDITE THE APPREHENSION OF SUBJECT.~~
~~ALL LEADS CONTINUE TO BE HANDLED ON IMMEDIATE BASIS.~~ NUMEROUS
TELEPHONE CALLS FROM LOCAL CITIZENS REGARDING LOOK-ALIKES AND
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONTINUE TO BE RECEIVED AND ARE
HANDLED IMMEDIATELY.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

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ReButelephone call by Supervisor CLEMENT L.
MC GOWAN, JR. to SA PHILIP E. COGHLAN, WFO 4/22/68.

RICHARD LYONS, employee Maritime Administration
441 G Street, N.W., WDC, advised SA JOHN L. PATTERSON on
4/22/68, that he had discovered the name JAMES E. RAY in
checking the general files of the Maritime Administration.
It was determined that the JAMES E. RAY in the Maritime
Administration records was born [] at Zion, Illinois.

It has been previously determined through finger-
print comparison that the JAMES E. RAY, born [] at
Zion, Illinois, is not identical with JAMES EARL RAY,
subject of instant case.

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Enclosed herewith are photostatic copies of two
FD-302's concerning interviews with truck drivers at Missouri
State Penitentiary who were reportedly driving the bread truck
at the time of subject's escape.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760)

DATE: 4/27/68

FROM : SA RAY HOMESLEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

telephone 722-714
EDDIE SCRUGGS, 1846 North 7th, Kansas City, Kansas advised he operates the Imperial Auto Service and hired (FNU) CHARLES, two or three days ago from Kansas Employment office. He stated CHARLES bears a good resemblance to the sketches he has seen in the paper regarding Martin Luther KING.

LEAD

Watson
Kansas City, Kansas

Interview SCRUGGS, 1846 North 7th, Kansas City, Kansas and display photographs of subject of MURKIN. Obtain background info re CHARLES.



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(OO Memphis)

Re Baltimore teletype to Bureau dated 4/25/68.

Enclosed herewith for Bureau and all receiving
offices are two (2) copies each of FD-302s concerning
CARLOS LEE BILLINGS.

Referenced communication reveals CARLOS LEE
BILLINGS, former IO Fugitive No. 4017, in ITSP prison
break case, Office of Origin Little Rock, received an
offer from JAMES (LNU) and EDDIE (LNU) of \$50,000. to
kill MARTIN LUTHER KING in March of 1965.

The FD-302s concern interview with CARLOS LEE
BILLINGS, who is currently an inmate at the Medical
Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, and
a psychiatric evaluation of BILLINGS.

LEADS:

COLUMBIA:

AT COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA:

Attempt to locate and interview JOHNNIE BLACKWELL
and JUNE TAYLOR to confirm story and further identify individuals
named by BILLINGS.

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TAMPA:

AT FT. MYERS, FLORIDA:

Attempt to locate and interview BARBER's parents operating trailer park in 1965.

NEW ORLEANS:

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA:

Conduct investigation at Canal Bank Inn to confirm story or further identify individuals.

MEMPHIS:

AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE:

Attempt to identify JAMES (LNU), owner of large parking lot that area.

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520IMMEDIATE 4-26-68 DCJ

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

MURKIN.

RE KANSAS CITY TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS, ST. LOUIS,
INSTANT DATE.

RECORDS OF MISSOURI TRAINING SCHOOL FOR MEN, MOBERLY,
MISSOURI, FAILED TO INDICATE THAT ERIC LARSON IS NOW, OR HAS
EVER BEEN, IN INMATE OF THIS INSTITUTION. NUMBER ZERO EIGHT
SEVEN SEVEN IS NOT A MOBERLY NUMBER.

INMATE JAMES C. FLETCHER, SEVEN TWO ZERO SEVEN ONE, KNEW
RAY FROM GOING BACK AND FORTH TO THE DINING ROOM TO EAT.
EVERYONE IN THE PENITENTIARY KNEW HIM BY REPUTATION, AS HE
HAD ATTEMPTED TO ESCAPE SO MANY TIMES. HE REPORTED RAY BEING
MISSING AT THE TIME OF HIS ESCAPE, APRIL TWENTYTHREE, SIXTYSEVEN,
TO LIEUTENANT BILLY "BOB" TURNER, AFTER HE HAD HEARD IT FROM
OTHER INMATES. THE RUMOR WAS THAT RAY WAS GOING TO GO TO
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GEORGIA IF HIS ESCAPE WAS SUCCESSFUL. MAJOR B. J. PORTER,
PRESENTLY AT THE PENITENTIARY AT JEFFERSON CITY, WOULD KNOW
THE IDENTITY OF THE INMATES WHO FURNISHED THIS INFORMATION.

INMATE DONALD DEAN RIGGER, NUMBER ZERO THREE NINE FIVE
NINE, WHITE MALE, DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED], PLACE
OF BIRTH CAMPBELL, MISSOURI, CONVICTED DECEMBER, FIFTYONE, AND
AN INMATE AT JEFFERSON CITY FROM DECEMBER, FIFTYONE THROUGH
AUGUST, SIXTYSEVEN, WORKED IN THE KITCHEN AT THE PENITENTIARY
WITH RAY. HE ADVISED NO ONE WAS REAL FRIENDLY WITH RAY.
RIGGER, BEFORE HIS APPREHENSION, JUMPED BOND AND WAS IN SALTILLO
COAHUILA, MEXICO, AND RECEIVED MAIL FROM THERE. RAY ASKED
QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE ECONOMY IN MEXICO AND WAS PARTICULARLY
INTERESTED IN THE ARMY STRUCTURE. IT WAS GENERALLY KNOWN THAT
IF YOU COULD GET INTO THE MEXICAN ARMY THAT YOU WOULD LOSE
YOUR IDENTITY. RIGGER ADVISED THAT THE PERSON WHO WAS CLOSEST
TO RAY WAS AN INMATE, DONALD JOHNSON, WHO PRESENTLY IS EMPLOYED
IN THE BREAD ROOM AT JEFFERSON CITY. *Werner 4-30-68*

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KANSAS CITY, AT JEFFERSON CITY, RECHECK MSP RECORD
FOR ERIC LARSON TO DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS. CONTACT MAJOR
B. J. PORTER AND INTERVIEW INMATE DONALD JOHNSON.

BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO CONSIDER ADVISING MEXICO LEGATS
TO CHECK RECENT ARMY ENLISTMENTS IN MEXICO.

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Los Angeles
Memphis

From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

Bureau has received requests from receiving field divisions to circularize various business establishments either on a state wide or nation wide basis. The requests have not been specific as to what is to be accomplished but have been general in nature.

The suggestions already submitted, as well as any future such suggestions, should be fully evaluated by you as to nature of the circularization, what is expected to be accomplished, scope of the circularization, any disadvantages as weighed against advantages, costs, if any, involved and any other factors on which the Bureau can base an evaluation of the suggestions.

Subject armed and dangerous.

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) (ATTN: FBI LABORATORY)
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) (P)
MURKIN
(OO-Memphis)

Re FBI Laboratory transmittal form to SAC, Memphis
dated 4/24/68.

Enclosed herewith are 34 pieces of paper containing
purported handwriting and handprinting of JAMES EARL RAY.
These items were contained in the Missouri State Penitentiary
file of RAY, and were furnished to SA ROWEN B. AYERS on 4/26/68
by Mr. HARRY LAUF, Records Officer, Missouri State Penitentiary,
Jefferson City, Mo. They are to be returned upon completion
of use by FBI.

Referenced communication identified the "GALT" writings
with K171, previously submitted; however, were unable to make
positive identification between K171 and "LOWMYER" signature
on Q72.

REQUEST OF FBI LABORATORY:

It is requested that the Laboratory compare handwriting
samples being submitted with Q72.

Kansas City Office is currently reviewing handwriting
samples and will submit leads for necessary investigation
arising from this review.

3-Bureau (Enc. 34)(AMRM)
2-Memphis
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FBI DALLAS

856PM URGENT 4/26/68 JDP

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND KANSAS CITY
FROM DALLAS (44-2649) 2P

MURKIN. OO-MEMPHIS.

RE KANSAS CITY TEL APRIL TWENTYFOUR LAST AND HOUSTON TEL
APRIL TWENTYFIVE LAST CONCERNING NEAL EDGAR AEBY, REPORTED ASSO-
CIATE OF RAY IN MISSOURI STATE PEN.

U. S. PROBATION OFFICE, DALLAS, REPORTS AUBREY AEBY,
CURRENTLY INMATE USP, LEAVENWORTH. KANSAS CITY INTERVIEW HIM
CONCERNING ANY POSSIBLE ACQUAINTANCE OF RAY THROUGH ASSOCIATION
OF BROTHERS WITH RAY.

JAMES AEBY, DALLAS, ADVISES RAY COMPLETELY UNKNOWN TO HIM
AND HE HAS NOT ASSOCIATED WITH HIS THREE BROTHERS FOR MANY YEARS.
JAMES AEBY IS APPARENTLY LEGITIMATE BUSINESSMAN AND CONFIRMED
LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, DALLAS.

BILLY BROWN AEBY, FORMER INMATE MISSOURI STATE PEN, IS
CURRENTLY IN DALLAS AREA ON BOND IN CONNECTION WITH THREE
NARCOTIC CHARGES. IS REPORTED HEROIN USER AND PUSHER. EFFORT
BEING MADE TO LOCATE THIS MAN THROUGH BONDSMAN AND ATTORNEY
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*Robert
Richardson
handling
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WHO APPARENTLY ARE COOPERATIVE TO EFFECT INTERVIEW UNDER
MOST FAVORABLE CIRCUMSTANCES. -P-

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FBI ST LOUIS

1037PM URGENT 4-26-68 JLS

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

MURKIN CR

NR-
RE BUTELS THIS DATE RE PRIOR THREATENERS OF KING

RE BENNY K. PINKSTON FBI NUMBER THREE ONE FOUR SEVEN FOUR THREE
ONE.

SL FILES SHOW SLPD ADVISED OCT NINE SIXTY FOUR OF RECEIPT OF
INFORMATION FROM CAIRO, ILL., PD THAT PINKSTON THREATENED KING'S LIFE.
CONSULTED ATTORNEY DAVID V. LANDEN, CAIRO, AS TO WHAT WOULD HAPPEN
IF HE KILLED KING. PINKSTON REPORTED IN SLIPSTON WHEN INFO RECEIVED.

LR LHM AUG EIGHTEEN SIXTY SEVEN LISTS AKA B. K. PINKSTON, NICK-
NAMES HARDWALKER, PREACHER AND PROFESSOR, DESCRIBES AS NM, BORN

FORREST CITY, ARK., FIVE FEET FIVE, ONE FORTY
LBS., BROWN EYES, BLACK HAIR, MEDIUM BUILD, TWO INCH VERTICAL SCAR
FOREHEAD. LISTED RESIDENCE FORREST CITY, ARK., BUT STATED HE MAKES
FREQUENT TRIPS. CLAIMED TRAVELED IN MEXICO EXTENSIVELY.

SLPD RECORDS SHOW ARREST FEB FOURTEEN SIXTY EIGHT, POSSESSION OF
MARIJUANA, RELEASED ON BAIL MARCH THIRTEEN SIXTYEIGHT. GAVE NO SL
ADDRESS BUT LISTED RESIDENCES ONE FOUR THREE WEST SCOTT, FORREST
CITY, ARK., AND ONE FOUR THREE WEST OR SOUTH COTTON, KCMO.

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*Indicates
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C. M. G.
RDL*

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SL CURRENTLY ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE.

SI AT CAIRO INTERVIEW ATTORNEY DAVID V. LANDSDEN AND DETERMINE
CIRCUMSTANCES OF THREAT AND POSSIBLE WHEREABOUTS.

LR AT FORREST CITY ATTEMPT TO LOCATE OR DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS.

KC ATTEMPT LOCATE OR DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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4/24/68

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, KANSAS CITY
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565) (P)
RE: MURKIN

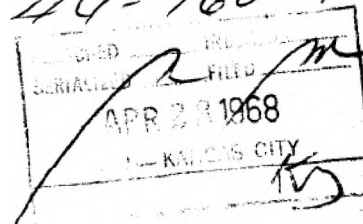
On 4/22/68, one MARY CHORTOS telephonically contacted this office and advised that she had observed a male resembling subject RAY in the parking lot at the Fulton Shopping Center. She stated at the time he was sitting on the passenger side of a 1966 blue Cadillac, bearing Missouri license plates starting with PS 6. She stated she could not recall the other numerals of the plate.

It is requested that Kansas City check State Bureau of Motor Vehicles to identify all Missouri Cadillacs with licenses starting with PS 6. Advise Cleveland and OO and set out appropriate leads.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

- ② - Kansas City
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)
2 - Cleveland

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FBI DALLAS

209PM URGENT 4/27/68 JDM

TO DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), ST. LOUIS, AND
KANSAS CITY
FROM DALLAS (44-2649)

MURKIN

RE DALLAS TEL APRIL TWO SIX LAST CONCERNING PROPOSED INTERVIEW
WITH BILLY BROWN AEBY.

AEBY INTERVIEWED DALLAS OFFICE TODAY. ENTERED MISSOURI
STATE PEN ONE NINE SIX ONE ON THREE NINE-YEAR CONCURRENT SENTENCES
FOR ROBBERY OUT OF ST. LOUIS. KNEW SUBJECT AS JIMMY RAY FROM ONE
NINE SIX ONE THROUGH SIX FOUR WHEN AEBY TRANSFERRED TO PRISON.
WORKED WITH RAY IN BAKERY WHERE WAS CONSIDERED GOOD WORKER. RAY
WAS MONEY HUNGRY. DEALT EXTENSIVELY IN SALE OF AMPHETAMINE POWDER
AND BENZIDINE TO OTHER INMATES. RAY USED AMPHETAMINE ON RESTRICTED
BASIS HIMSELF, BUT WAS PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN SALE OF SAME.

ONLY INMATE WITH WHOM RAY WAS APPARENTLY ASSOCIATED TO ANY
DEGREE WAS MAN FIFTY YEARS OR MORE OF AGE WHO GOT CAUGHT WITH
BULLETS IN POCKET AND WAS SENT TO ISOLATION WARD AS RESULT. NAME
NOT RECALLED. ONE OCCASION RAY HAD INMATE NAMED GREEN BEATEN
UP BY TWO OTHER INMATES BECAUSE OF NON PAYMENT AMPHETAMINE

END PAGE ONE

*Check files on Monday so he
can come with W.H.S.P. along
with other leads there. RH*

*Teletype sent
in by W.H.S.P.*

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POWDER. INMATE NAMED WADE (FNU) FROM KANSAS CITY MAY HAVE BEEN ONE
OF PRISONERS WHO DID BEATING. EARL HARRIS, NEGRO KINGPIN OUT OF
ST. LOUIS, SOLD AMPHETAMINE POWDER TO NEGROES AND BELIEVED TO HAVE
KNOWN RAY. ONE RALPH OVERTON WOULD HAVE KNOWN RAY, BUT NOT INTI-
MATELY.

ONLY RELATIVE RAY EVER SPOKE OF WAS BROTHER IN ST. LOUIS WHO
WAS APPARENTLY MIDDLEMAN FOR MONEY PAID BY RELATIVES AND FRIENDS
OF INMATES FOR AMPHETAMINE POWDER AND BROTHER BELIEVED TO HAVE
TURNED MONEY OVER TO LAWYER WORKING ON RAY'S APPEAL FOR ROBBERY
CONVICTION.

AEBY RECALLS RAY AS HAVING GENERAL APPEARANCE, EXCEPT FOR
HAIR, OF ONE NINE SIX ZERO PHOTO ON IDENTIFICATION ORDER. HAIR
WAS BELIEVED TO BE WORN NORMALLY LONG, POSSIBLY WITH PART. AEBY
STATED WOULD NOT HAVE RECOGNIZED RAY FROM STANDUP PHOTO WHICH
APPEARED IN SOME NEWSPAPERS AND WOULD NOT HAVE RECOGNIZED HIM FROM
ONE NINE SIXTY EIGHT PHOTO.

AEBY DESCRIBED THE SUBJECT AS HAVING NORMALLY MODULATED VOICE,
POSSIBLE MIDWESTERN ACCENT. HAD CLEAN PERSONAL HABITS AND LIKELY
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BE GOOD DRESSER AND HAS GENERAL APPEARANCE OF BUSINESSMAN OUTSIDE. APPEARED TO HAVE ABOUT A HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION. ONLY POSSIBLE OCCUPATION WHICH AEBY CONSIDERS RAY MIGHT BE QUALIFIED FOR WOULD BE IN BAKERY.

RAY NOT RECALLED TO HAVE HAD ANY SPECIAL INTEREST OR TO HAVE SAID ANYTHING REGARDING NEGROES, KKK, ARMY SERVICE, SPORTS, FOREIGN TRAVEL, WOMEN, HOMOSEXUALITY, CLOTHES, DRINKING, AND OUTSIDE WORLD IN GENERAL. LIKED TO PLAY POKER AND CONSIDERED GOOD PLAYER. NOT A BRAGGART, GENERALLY KIND MANNERED AND MIGHT APPEAR TIMID TO PERSONS NOT KNOWING HIM WELL. NAME ERIC STARVO GALT MEANS NOTHING TO AEBY.

AEBY CURRENTLY ON BOND FOR NARCOTICS POSSESSION, CHARGES IN DALLAS AND FORT WORTH, EXPECTS TO PLEAD GUILTY AND BE SENT TO TEXAS PEN IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE. PROMISED COOPERATION, HOWEVER, IF RAY SHOULD CONTACT HIM OR HE OTHERWISE LEARNS ANYTHING OF VALUE.

AEBY CONSIDERS RAY'S NORMAL CRIMINAL OCCUPATION AS ARMED ROBBERY BASED CONVERSATIONS, THAT HE WOULD BE HIT AND RUN TYPE, COVERING WIDE AREAS. STATED CANNOT CONCEIVE RAY WOULD HAVE KILLED VICTIM EXCEPT FOR MONEY.

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ST. LOUIS CONSIDER REINTERVIEWING SUBJECT'S BROTHER ON BASIS
INFORMATION HEREIN AND INTERVIEW EARL HARRIS, NEGRO KINGPIN, IF
AVAILABLE.

KANSAS CITY ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY WADE AND INTERVIEW.

END

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-760)

DATE: 4/28/68

FROM : Eugene N. Thomeczek,
Security Patrol Clerk

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Ray Brown, 3115 Iowa, Topeka, Ks., 266-4777, telephonically contacted this office and furnished the following information:

Brown, as result of photo of subject Ray shown on TV this date, is confident that he saw Ray sitting on steps of the main Post Office, Topeka, Ks., 4/27/68.

Brown described this ~~individual~~ individual as about 35-8 years, 5'9", 165#, "not bad looking", nervous as if had just been "on a jag". The individual asked Brown for a cigarette and Brown described his voice as muttering, sort of choked up and a french accent.

Brown stated that he will be out of contact until after 5 pm 4/29/68.

*Attempted contact 4/29/68
Contacted 5/1/68 - no additional info.
Photo shown to J. Stewart, Parson
Hotel 4/28/68 & Kansas 5/1/68 - neg.
JES*



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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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Date: 4/25/68

Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND
ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Atlanta airtel to Director, 4/22/68.

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*all agents**memor sent PPA*

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Approved: *[Signature]*
Special Agent in Charge

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AT 44-2386

For information those offices not receiving reairtel, it was pointed out therein that Subject JAMES EARL RAY, aka. was last known to be in the Atlanta, Georgia, area on 4/5/68. Intensive investigation by Atlanta to date has not established mode of transportation RAY may have used after 4/5/68. Receiving Offices were requested in reairtel to check cars recovered their division that were stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 4/4/68, and where the transporter of same was not identified or otherwise accounted for, investigation should be conducted to determine if RAY was person who may have stolen and transported same.

Investigation reflects Subject RAY can be placed in the Atlanta, Georgia, area 3/24/68.

In view of the above, all Continental Offices are requested to review car recoveries within their respective territories of cars stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 3/23/68, and where the transporter of same is not otherwise eliminated or accounted for, consider Subject RAY as suspect. Where there is any remote indication that Subject RAY may have been person transporting such a car, exhaustive and intensive investigation should thereafter be conducted.

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (MAIL) AND SAC, CHICAGO, AND SAC ST. LOUIS
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS

RE MINNEAPOLIS TEL THIS DATE.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF CHICAGO 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 CONCERNING SALE OF THE CAR FROM THE U. S. PENITENTIARY,

L - Springfield (44-561)
1 - Bureau (AM)
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1 - Memphis (AM)
1 - Minneapolis (AM)
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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 ~~12~~ ~~12~~ ~~12~~ 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 ALABAMA TAVERN, WHOSE NAME WILLIS RECALLED AS SOMETHING LIKE CHARLIE GUIN. WILLIS STATED HE SEEMS TO RECALL SOME INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED CONCERNING RAY N. BOXELDER AND A COUPLE OF GIRLS FROM QUINCY.

INVESTIGATION AT SPRINGFIELD REVEALED ABOVE INDIVIDUAL TO BE MILTON DEAN BATCHELDER, AKA BUCKY, FBI NUMBER FIVE FOUR EIGHT THREE ONE TWO B, WHITE MALE, DATE OF BIRTH

, AT QUINCY, ILLINOIS. CHECKS AT

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MENARD STATE PRISON, REVEALED BATCHELDER TRANSFERRED TO JOLIET BRANCH, ILLINOIS STATE PENITENTIARY ON SEPTEMBER SEVEN, NINETEEN SIXTY SIX.

CHICAGO AT JOLIET INTERVIEW BATCHELDER RE SUBJECT, RAY, AND ASSOCIATES.

AIR MAIL COPIES FURNISHED TO KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS, AND MINNEAPOLIS.

F B I

Date: 4/25/68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO: SAC, CLEVELAND
 FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)
 MURKIN. CR.

ON APRIL TWENTY FOUR, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT, SI
 ONE SIX TWO THREE DASH C ADVISED HE FORMERLY KNEW JAMES EARL
 RAY, BUT HAS NOT SEEN HIM IN APPROXIMATELY SEVEN OR EIGHT
 YEARS. INFORMANT RECALLED THAT RAY WAS CONFINED TO THE JEFFERSON
 CITY, MISSOURI PENITENTIARY WITH ONE WILLIAM JOSEPH KRAMZER,
 HE BELIEVED IN NINETEEN SIXTY THREE AND NINETEEN SIXTY FOUR.
 INFORMANT SAID KRAMZER IS SUPPOSEDLY IN PRISON, WHEREABOUTS
 UNKNOWN, AFTER BEING CONVICTED IN CLEVELAND FOR WHITE SLAVE.

CLEVELAND WILL CONTACT UNITED STATES MARSHAL TO
 DETERMINE WHERE KRAMZER INCARCERATED AND SET OUT LEADS TO HAVE
 HIM INTERVIEWED CONCERNING RAY.

P.

END.

1 - Springfield (44-561)
 1 - Bureau (AM)

① - Kansas City (AM)
 1 - Memphis (AM)

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SPRINGFIELD

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) 1P

MURKIN.

RE SAN FRANCISCO TEL TO BUREAU DATED APRIL TWENTY THREE
LAST AND SAN DIEGO TEL TO BUREAU APRIL TWENTY FOUR LAST.

SPRINGFIELD AT MENARD, ILL., OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPH OF HARVEY
EDWARD LOWMEYER, FBI NO. SEVEN THREE ZERO NINE SEVEN NINE A,
FROM RECORDS OF MENARD PRISON AND FORWARD SAME TO ATLANTA,
TO BE DISPLAYED TO CURTIS AT DALTON, GA.

ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO, KANSAS CITY, ST. LOUIS,
LOS ANGELES, LAS VEGAS AND SAN DIEGO ADVISED BY AIRMAIL.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

END.

1 - Atlanta (AM)
1 - Birmingham (AM)
1 - Chicago (AM)
① - Kansas City (AM)
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(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) -P-
RE: MURKIN
CR

Re ME airtel to All Continental Offices, 4/19/68, requesting that all laundries determined to be using Thermo-Seal laundry marking machines be contacted in effort to locate laundry marking "20R-3", and LA teletype to Bureau, 4/18/68.

All offices discontinue efforts to locate inasmuch as laundry mark identified as coming from laundry in Culver City, California, per Los Angeles teletype to Bureau, 4/18/68.

- 1 - Each Continental Office
2 - Memphis

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KC

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TELETYPE URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND CHICAGO
FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN

RE WFO TEL TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO, MINNEAPOLIS, PHILADELPHIA
AND ST. LOUIS, APRIL TWENTYFOUR, LAST.

ON APRIL TWENTYFIVE, INSTANT, REVIEW OF RECORDS, VETERANS
ADMINISTRATION (VA) RECORD PROCESSING CENTER, SIMO, DISCLOSED
JAMES E. RAY, BORN [REDACTED] ALTON, ILL., U. S.
ARMY SN [REDACTED] VA CLAIM NUMBER
C SEVEN SIX SIX ONE THREE FOUR ZERO, FILED CLAIM FOR EDUCATION
OR TRAINING ALLOWANCE ON APRIL NINETEEN, FORTYNINE, AT VA
REGIONAL OFFICE, CHICAGO, ILL.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS CONCERNING THIS CLAIM NOT SHOWN. CLAIM
FILE INDICATED RAY'S REHABILITATION AND EDUCATION FOLDER
RETIRED TO FEDERAL RECORD CENTER, CHICAGO, ILL., MARCH FIFTEEN,
FIFTYFIVE.

1 - ST. LOUIS
① - KANSAS CITY (AM)
1 - MEMPHIS (AM)
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ADDRESSES FOR RAY SHOWN AS FIVE ZERO FIVE ZERO NORTH
BROADWAY, APRIL FORTYNINE, AND FOUR FIVE NINE ST. JAMES
PLACE, NOVEMBER FIFTY, BOTH IN CHICAGO, ILL.

NO FURTHER INFORMATION NOTED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF
MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS VERIFYING RAY'S MILITARY SERVICE.

CHICAGO LOCATE AND REVIEW RAY'S REHABILITATION AND
EDUCATION FOLDER FOR ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION. CONDUCT
NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION AT ABOVE ADDRESSES IF NOT ALREADY
DONE.

AM COPIES TO KANSAS CITY AND MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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4/26/68

PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: CLEVELAND (44-565)

MURKIN.

RE LOUISVILLE TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND CLEVELAND,
APRIL TWENTYSIX, INSTANT.

CLAUDE CHARLES COFFEY, WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RD FIVE, UPPER SANDUSKY, OHIO, STEADILY EMPLOYED
AT GALION IRON WORKS MANUFACTURING COMPANY, NORTH SANDUSKY
STREET, BUCYRUS, OHIO, SINCE AUGUST TWELVE, SIXTYFIVE, AS AN
ASSEMBLER. EMPLOYER'S TIME CARD RECORDS SHOW COFFEY EMPLOYED
ON PERTINENT DATES AND ON APRIL FOUR, LAST, ON DUTY FROM
SIX FORTYSEVEN AM TO THREE THIRTY PM. SUPERINTENDENT OF PLANT
STATES NATURE OF COFFEY'S JOB IS SUCH HE COULD NOT BE AWAY
FROM HIS SPECIFIC JOB ANY LENGTH OF TIME AND NOT BE MISSED.
COFFEY'S WORK RECORD IS EXCELLENT AND IS HIGHLY REGARDED BY
SUPERINTENDENT. COFFEY IN U.S. ARMY ON ACTIVE DUTY FROM MAY
FOURTEEN, FIFTYFOUR TO APRIL TWENTYSEVEN, FIFTYSEVEN, AND FROM
EARLY SIXTYTWO TO JUNE TWENTYSEVEN, SIXTYFIVE.

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1 - Kansas City (AM)

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COFFEY INTERVIEWED BY BUAGENTS THIS DATE AT WORK AND
ELIMINATED BY FINGERPRINTS AND PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO LOS ANGELES AND KANSAS CITY.

P.

END.