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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), KANSAS CITY (44-760),
EL PASO
FROM PHOENIX (44-371) 1P

MURKIN.

RE KANSAS CITY TEL TO BUREAU, ET AL, APRIL TWENTYNINE,
INSTANT.

FCI, FLORENCE, ARIZONA, PHASED OUT JUNE, NINETEEN
SIXTYSEVEN RECORDS SENT TO FCI, BOX ONE THOUSAND, LA TUNA,
ANTHONY, NEW MEXICO - TEXAS.

EL PASO CHECK RECORDS AT LA TUNA FOR J. R. KELLER,
LEAVENWORTH PRISON NO. SEVEN TWO SIX ONE FOUR DASH L, AS
HE WAS REPORTEDLY ASSOCIATE OF SUBJECT AT LEAVENWORTH.

INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED TO LOCATE KELLER AT PRESENT
TIME. NO RECORD OF KELLER EXISTS AT FCI, FLORENCE, ARIZONA.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), KANSAS CITY AND ST. LOUIS
FROM SAN DIEGO (44-387) 3P

MURKIN.

REFERENCE HOUSTON TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND SAN
DIEGO APRIL TWENTY NINE, CURRENT.

RE SUSPECT EARL RAY, RAY EARL, WARREN RAY, AND RAY
WARREN.

REFERENCED TELETYPE AS FOLLOWS:

"ON TODAY, A. E. "KIT" BROWN, GEN. DEL., HAMPSHIRE,
TEX. ADVISED EX-WIFE'S NAME IS DORIS DEAN JONES NEE SCHULTZ,
AKA., DORIS DEAN BROWN AND PRESENTLY RESIDES ONE ZERO SEVEN
ZERO SEVEN JAMIACA BLVD., SPACE TWO FOUR SIX, SWEETWATER LODGE,
SPRING VALLEY, CALIF. BROWN ADVISED BASIS FOR DIVORCE FROM
WIFE IN ONE NINE SIX ZERO WAS FINDING LETTER IN WIFE'S PURSE
FROM AN EARL RAY OR RAY EARL OR WARREN RAY OR RAY WARREN
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WHO AT TIME WAS IN STATE PRISON AT JEFFERSON CITY, MO. IN LETTER WAS PHOTO AND BROWN STATES WITH EXCEPTION OF HAVING MORE HAIR IT CLOSELY RESEMBLED THE NINETEEN SIXTY PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY. WIFE WHEN CONFRONTED SAID PERSON WRITING LETTER WAS IN JAIL ON ARMED ROBBERY CHARGE BUT WAS FRAMED AND IF HE EVER NEEDED HELP SHE WOULD GIVE IT TO HIM. BROWN KNEW LITTLE ABOUT WIFE'S PAST BEFORE MARRIAGE IN NINETEEN FIFTY NINE BUT DID KNOW SHE WAS EMPLOYED AS WAITRESS IN ST. LOUIS, MO. FROM NINETEEN FIFTY SIX TO NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT. WIFE LAST IN AREA APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTH AGO FOR FUNERAL OF HUSBAND WILLIAM L. JONES WHO WAS IN U.S. NAVY."

"LEAD: SAN DIEGO AT SPRING VALLEY, CALIF. INTERVIEW DORIS DEAN JONES TO DETERMINE IDENTITY OF PERSON REFERRED TO BY HUSBAND. BROWN REQUESTS SOURCE OF INFO NOT BE DISCLOSED TO WIFE."

DORIS DEAN JONES INTERVIEWED AT SAN DIEGO. ADVISED SHE FORMERLY KNEW A RAY EUGENE WARREN WHO WOULD NOW BE THIRTY EIGHT TO THIRTY NINE YEARS OF AGE, WHITE MALE, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES,
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ONE HUNDRED FIFTY POUNDS, DARK BROWN WAVY HAIR, BLUE EYES AND HAS NUMEROUS TATTOOS, INCLUDING TATTOO OF ROSE ON BACK OF ONE HAND; "RAY" ON ONE HAND; THE WORD "LOVE" ON THE FINGERS OF ONE HAND; AND A "PACHUCO" TYPE CROSS ON RIGHT HAND.

MRS. JONES ADVISED RAY EUGENE WARREN DURING NINETEEN FIFTY FOUR OR NINETEEN FIFTY FIVE INCARCERATED AT ST. LOUIS CITY JAIL FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR PRIOR TO BEING SENTENCED TO A THIRTY YEAR SENTENCE AT STATE PRISON, JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI. MRS. JONES ADVISED IT IS HER OPINION THAT RAY EUGENE WARREN IS NOT IDENTICAL WITH JAMES EARL RAY AS NONE OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY DISPLAYED TO HER APPEARED TO BE IDENTICAL WITH RAY EUGENE WARREN.

ST. LOUIS. CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION AT CITY JAIL TO FURTHER IDENTIFY AND ELIMINATE RAY EUGENE WARREN.

KANSAS CITY. AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION STATE PRISON, JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, REGARDING RAY EUGENE WARREN TO ELIMINATE.

AIRMAIL COPY SENT TO MEMPHIS AND HOUSTON.

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FBI ATLANTA

931 PM URGENT 4-29-68 ARK

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES, KANSAS CITY AND
SPRINGFIELD.

FROM ATLANTA (44-2386) (P) 3P

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SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION APRIL TWENTYNINE INSTANT.
INTERVIEW OF WILLIAM ERNEST HARPER, COLUMBUS, GA.,
WHO RESIDED AT ONE ZERO SEVEN DASH FOURTEENTH STREET, NE,
ATLANTA, GA., IN JAN. AND FEB. SIXTYEIGHT, INDICATED THAT
THE INDIVIDUAL WITH LAST NAME OF FAULKNER WHO RESIDED WITH
HIM AND WHO RETURNED IN APRIL, SIXTYEIGHT, WAS BOBBY JOE
FAULKNER NOT BILLY JOE FAULKNER. BOBBY JOY FAULKNER'S MOTHER
ADVISED THIS DATE BOBBY JOE WAS IN ATLANTA THE FIRST WEEK IN
APRIL AND LEFT AFTER THE KING ASSASSINATION INASMUCH AS
CONSTRUCTION WORK SLOWED DOWN IN ATLANTA. HE IS PRESENTLY
WORKING IN PINE HILL, ALA., AND LEAD SET FORTH FOR MOBILE
TO INTERVIEW HIM.

REVIEW OF WANT ADS FOR CARS FOR SALE CONTINUING. NEGATIVE
TO DATE.

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ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED NARCOTICS ASPECT WITH
COOPERATION NARCOTICS OFFICERS ATLANTA PD.

CONTACT OF KLAN INFORMANTS RE POSSIBLE BOUNTY ON KING'S
LIFE CONTINUING. NEGATIVE TO DATE.

LEWIE RAYMOND POWDA REINTERVIEWED APRIL TWENTY NINE.
STATED ANOTHER INMATE AT MISSOURI STATE PRISON, NAME UNRECALLED
KNEW RAY. LEADS BEING SET FORTH BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATION.

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AT 44-2386

CHECK OF DRIVERS LICENSE RECORDS FOR NEW DRIVERS LICENSES IN STATE OF GA. FOR PERTINENT PERIOD CONTINUING. NEGATIVE TO DATE.

CHECK OF SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES CLOSED DURING PERTINENT PERIOD IN ONLY BANK IN AREA SUBJECT'S RESIDENCE WHICH HAS SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES CONDUCTED THIS DATE. TWENTYFIVE BOXES CLOSED DURING PERIOD, MAJORITY OF WHOM ARE WELL KNOWN CUSTOMERS, REMAINDER BEING CHECKED OUT.

AIRLINE CHECKS BEING EXPANDED.

NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION IN AREA OF ABANDONMENT OF CAR AND AREA OF RESIDENCE EXPANDED, BUT NO ADDITIONAL INFO OBTAINED.

JIMMIE DELTON GAENER REINTERVIEWED THIS DATE, RECOVERING FROM PROLONGED DRUNK. NOTHING ADDITIONAL OF SIGNIFICANCE OBTAINED.

FORMER HEAD OF HIPPIES, ATLANTA, WHO IS PRESENTLY INCARCERATED NARCOTICS CHARGE INTERVIEWED. FURNISHED INFORMATION RE POSSIBLE DRUG SOURCES IN HIPPIE AREA. HE WAS IN JAIL DURING PERTINENT PERIOD WHEN RAY IN ATLANTA.

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1107PM URGENT 4-29-68 JDB

TO DIRECTOR, FBI 44-38861, OMAHA 44-310, MEMPHIS 44-1987
EL PASO, KANSAS CITY 44-760, AND ST. LOUIS.
FROM OKLAHOMA CITY 44-686 P

MURKIN

RE OMAHA TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR FOUR TWENTYFOUR SIXTYEIGHT.
ROBERT DALE PORTER, FBI NUMBER FOUR FIVE NINE ZERO FOUR EIGHT TWO,
LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED BY BUAGENTS THIS DATE. PORTER ADVISED SINCE LEM
RESIDENCE OF MOTHER, CLARA PORTER, WAVERLY, IOWA, LATTER PART OF
FEBRUARY, HAS TRAVELED THROUGH IOWA, WYOMING, CALIFORNIA, NEVADA,
UTAH, COLORADO, MISSOURI, TEXAS, AND OKLAHOMA, MAINLY HITCHHIKING
RIDES. PORTER IS LEAVING THIS DATE, HITCHHIKING TO HOME OF
MOTHEER, WAVERLY, IOWA. PORTER STATES HAS NOT SEEN RAY SINCE
RAY'S ESCAPE, AND HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF RAY'S WHEREABOUTS. PORTER
STATES NEAL AEBY WAS CLOSEST FRIEND OF RAY IN MISSOURI STATE
PENITENTIARY. HE STATED JOHN STOUT, EX-GUARD, MSP, USED TO
OBTAIN AMPHETAMINES FOR RAY TO SELL TO OTHER INMATES, AND WAS
CLOSE FRIEND OF RAY. RETEL REFLECTS PORTER STAYED NIGHT OF
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APRIL TWELVE AT WARSAW, MISSOURI, AND CONTACTED FORMER INMATE MSP, JACK FOX LANPHERE, AT CITY UNION MISSION WARSAW, MISSOURI, APRIL THIRTEEN. LANPHERE ADVISED PORTER MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN KING MURDER; PORTER'S ACCOUNT IS THAT HE HEARD OF KING MURDER WHILE IN BUS DEPOT, JOPLIN, MISSOURI, EN ROUTE BY BUS FROM MIAMI, OKLAHOMA, TO CARTHAGE, MISSOURI; HOWEVER, ACCOJ T OF TRAVELS BY PORTER INDICATES POSSIBLY STAYING AT ONLY HOTEL IN VAN HORN, TEXAS, AT TIME OF KING'S MURDER.

PORTER IS DESCRIBED AS WMA, DOB POB CLARINDA, IOWA, HEIGHT SIX FT, WEIGHT ONE SEVEN FIVE POUNDS, BLUE EYES, GREY HAIR CUT IN CREW CUT, WEARS GREEN-TINTED PRESCRIPTION GLASSES.

ELPASO AT VAN HORN, TEXAS, WILL ASCERTAIN DATE(S) PORTER RESIDED AT HOTEL. WILL THEREAFTER SET OUT ADDITIONAL LEADS FROM FOLLOWING OC AIRTEL TO ASCERTAIN WHEREABOUTS OF PORTER APRIL FOUR LAST.

KANSAS CITY AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW JOHN STOUT FOR ANY INFORMATION RE SUBJECT RAY.

HOUSTON TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR FOUR TWENTYFIVE SIXTYEIGHT REFLECTS INTERVIEW OF NEAL EDGAR AEBY. AIRTEL AND PHOTOGRAPH OF PORTER FOLLOW.

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The following investigation was conducted by
IC WILLIAM C. MC DONALD:

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

On April 23, 1968, Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) records were checked for JIM BRADLEY. The following information was obtained:

JAMES Z. BRADLEY, MSP #71844, was received at the MSP December 19, 1956, from St. Louis City to serve a natural life sentence on charge of murder 1st, robbery by means of dangerous and deadly weapon (three charges). He escaped June 29, 1959, returned June 29, 1959; on August 24, 1959, he was ordered held to serve a new sentence of eight years for the crime of violence to guard (three charges) and escaping from guard, Cole County, at the expiration of the life sentence he is now serving.

His relatives are listed as:

Wife	Mrs. MAXINE BRADLEY, 135 St. George, St. Louis, Missouri
Mother	OPHIE BRADLEY, 1724A S. 14th, St. Louis, Missouri
Father	JOHN B. BRADLEY, 1023 Lafayette, St. Louis, Missouri

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AIR MAIL

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

Enclosed herewith is additional information from the Missouri State Penitentiary regarding JAMES E. BRADLEY, MSP #71844. This information is being furnished St. Louis Office inasmuch as the relatives of BRADLEY may have information of value in this matter.

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The following investigation was conducted by
IC WILLIAM C. MC DONALD:

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

On April 24, 1968, Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) records were checked for JAMES L. OWENS. The following information was obtained:

JAMES LAOMA OWENS, MSP #00184, was received at the MSP February 5, 1960, from St. Louis City to serve a seven-year sentence on charge of robbery 1st by means of dangerous and deadly weapon. He was discharged on January 2, 1964. A detainer in favor of Division of Supervision of Paroles, Springfield, Illinois, was filed February 23, 1960.

Cell assignments:

2/23/60	3/3/60	B-Hall B-7
3/3/60	4/30/60	B-54
4/30/60	12/1/60	B-54
12/1/60	6/22/61	C-35
6/22/61	3/28/62	C-97
3/28/62	1/2/64	C-9

OWENS is described as a white male, born [redacted] at Elvins, Missouri, 5'4", 149 pounds, hair brown, eyes blue, complexion medium, build stocky, occupation barber, tattoo ship on left lower forearm.

Relatives:

Mother	IDA OWENS, 517 5th Street, Honolulu, Hawaii
Brother	ERNIST OWENS, same address
Wife	BETTY OWENS, 9447 Rosemary, Berkeley, Missouri
Aunt	ANNA MERRITT, Rural Route 1, Elvins, Missouri
Cousin	RHONDA MERRITT, same address

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AIR MAIL

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

Enclosed herewith is one copy of investigative insert concerning investigation conducted at the Missouri State Penitentiary in the name of JAMES LAGMA OWENS, MSP #00194. Previous information regarding OWENS was furnished pertinent offices by teletype. This information is being furnished for additional background information and in case it is felt that other relatives of OWENS should be contacted in this matter. One copy is being sent to Springfield Office inasmuch as a detainer for JAMES OWENS in favor of the Division of Supervision of Paroles, Springfield, Illinois, was filed 2/23/68.

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2-Memphis (Enc. 1)
2-St. Louis (Enc. 1)
2-Springfield (Enc. 1)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Kansas City (44-760)

FROM : Norman D. Garber
Security Patrol Clerk

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/30/68

Burton W. Arnold 137-70-61
Burton Wilmont Arnold
94-491-2138, P16, P17
94-491-2182
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At 6:47 am this date Burton Arnold, 915 Wall, Joplin, Mo., Phone MA3 3478, telephonically contacted this office and stated that he had heard through the "grapevine" that JAMES EARL RAY was living in a shack on Lone Elm Road in the north part of Joplin, Missouri.

Writer made definite attempts to obtain more definite information but Arnold would only say that he had heard it from someone who was in Missouri Penitentiary with RAY. Under no circumstances would Arnold give name of person that gave info to him.

Arnold stated that he was a lawyer and that he could be contacted at his residence at any time. Arnold appeared to be under the influence of alcohol as he could not be understood at times.

*ARNOLD IS A Drunk and has
been one for years. J.W. Jackson*

*Arnold Contacted 4/30/68
By R.E. Hickam & Memo re
results dictated same date*

Neighborhood handled & dictated 5-1-68

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Kansas City (44-760)

DATE: 4/30/68

FROM : Norman D. Garber
Security Patrol Clerk

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 2:40 am this date Patricia Statler, P.O. Box 2, Carbondale, Kansas, (564-7478) telephonically contacted this office and stated that she was sure that she had seen JAMES EARL RAY in Indianapolis, Indiana, last Friday, April 26, 1968. Caller stated she was in the Mahogany Bar, 901 North Dorman, in Indianapolis when RAY came in, ordered and drank one "Weidman" and later left.

Patricia Statler stated RAY was wearing black trousers, white socks, black shoes, and blue sweater and had a "sort of a V triangle scar on forehead"; hair very neatly kept. After man believed to be RAY left bar, Patricia Statler asked bartender and waitress if they had ever seen man and they stated had never seen him before then.

Patricia Statler gave following directions to her residence on Rural Route, Carbondale, Kansas: South of Topeka on highway 75 to caution light in Carbondale, Kansas, turn right at light and go approximately six blocks to end of road and turn left to 2nd house which is a pink duplex (McCormick Duplex).

Caller stated she would be at residence all day on 4/30/68 and would be very interested in seeing more pictures of subject RAY other than ones seen in newspapers. Caller also insisted that her name be kept confidential re information furnished.

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