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653PM PM URGENT 5/2/68 WPK

TO ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO, JACKSON, KANSAS CITY,
MEMPHIS, MOBILE, NEW ORLEANS, ST. LOUIS, SAVANNAH AND
SPRINGFIELD

FROM DIRECTOR (44-38861) 2P

MURKIN

IT IS NOTED THAT SUBJECT APPARENTLY WAS NEAT IN HIS
DRESS AND REGULARLY UTILIZED LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANING
SERVICES.

THE ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, JACKSON, MEMPHIS, MOBILE AND
SAVANNAH OFFICES SHOULD GIVE CONSIDERATION TO CIRCULARIZING
IO'S AND/OR WANTED FLYERS TO ALL LAUNDRIES AND DRY
CLEANING ESTABLISHMENTS IN YOUR HEADQUARTERS CITY AND
OTHER LOGICAL POINTS IN YOUR TERRITORY. IN THE OTHER
OFFICES THIS CIRCULARIZATION MAY BE LIMITED TO SUCH
ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE LARGER CITIES AT THIS TIME. IT IS
SUGGESTED THAT THOSE ESTABLISHMENTS LOCATED IN THE LOWER
CLASS ROOMING HOUSE AREAS BE CONTACTED FIRST. IN ADDITION
PERSONAL CONTACT FOR PURPOSE OF SHOWING SLICK PHOTOGRAPHS
OF SUBJECT SHOULD BE UTILIZED WHERE JUSTIFIED.

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MEMPHIS IMMEDIATELY FURNISH EACH OFFICE SUFFICIENT
BACKGROUND REGARDING LAUNDRY MARKINGS AND ANY OTHER
PERTINENT INFORMATION ON THE LAUNDRY ASPECTS OF THIS CASE.

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FBI MEMPHIS

230PM URGENT 5-3-68 SAB

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO, JACKSON
KANSAS CITY, MOBILE, NEW ORLEANS, ST. LOUIS, SAVANNAH AND
SPRINGFIELD

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 2P

MURKIN.

RE BUTEL MAY TWO LAST.

ONE PAIR SHORTS AND T-SHIRT BELIEVED PROPERTY OF SUBJECT,
RECOVERED IMMEDIATELY AFTER SLAYING, BORE BLACK LAUNDRY MARKS
O TWO B DASH SIX" ON RED THERMO SEAL TAPE. SHEET AND PILLOW
CASE FOUND IN ABANDONED MUSTANG AT ATLANTA BORE BLACK LAUNDRY
MARKS "TWO ZERO R DASH THREE" ON WHITE THERMO SEAL TAPE.

IN VIEW OF RAY'S INDICATED TENDENCIES TOWARD PERSONAL
CLEANLINESS, PHOTOS OF RAY SHOULD BE SHOWN AT ALL LAUNDRIES
IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS OF REBUTEL AND CONSIDERATION
GIVEN TO ALERTING LAUNDRIES ABOVE DESCRIBED TAGS MAY STILL
BE AFFIXED TO SOME OF SUBJECT'S LAUNDRY.

THE BUREAU MAY WISH TO FURNISH RECEIVING OFFICES WITH
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PHOTOGRAPHS IN COLOR OF LAUNDRY MARKS.

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FBI ST LOUIS

9:23 AM URGENT 5-7-68 DCJ

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), AND
KANSAS CITY (44-760)
FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN. CR.

RE KANSAS CITY TEL TO BUREAU, MAY TWO, LAST.

ORVILLE ERNEST GANN, FORMER MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY (MSP)
INMATE, # SIX NINE SEVEN TWO NINE, ADVISED THAT BOBBY ASH AND
JIM BRADLEY, PRESENTLY INMATES MSP, ARE ONLY INMATES TO HIS KNOW-
LEDGE WITH "CONNECTIONS ENOUGH" TO HAVE INFORMATION CONCERNING
ANY PLOT OR CONSPIRACY AGAINST DOCTOR KING.

KANSAS CITY, IF NOT ALREADY DONE, WILL CONSIDER INTERVIEWING
ASH AND BRADLEY AT MSP.

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FBI BIRMGHAM

1121 AM URGENT 5-7-68 JGA

TO DIRECTOR, KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS
FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740

MURKIN.

THOMAS BRITTON, HALEYVILLE, ALA., ADVISED HE KNEW JAMES EARL RAY WHILE CONFINED TO MISSOURI STATE PRISON. BRITTON STATED RAY WAS "WALK BOY", THAT IS BROUGHT HOT WATER FOR SHAVING, CANDY, ETC. TO PRISONERS IN J BLOCK WHERE BRITTON WAS CONFINED. BRITTON ADVISED FIRST BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH RAY, WHEN RAY NOTICED HE WAS RECEIVING A BIRMINGHAM NEWSPAPER, AND MENTIONED TO HIM THAT HE USED TO LIVE IN BIRMINGHAM AND WOULD ENJOY READING THE PAPER. BRITTON SAVED PAPER FOR RAY THEREAFTER, THUS BECOMING FRIENDS.

BRITTON STATED THAT "COOLEY'S ORGANIZATION" WAS A PROTECTION AND ENFORCER ORGANIZATION THAT OPERATED IN THE PRISON. MEMBERSHIP WAS GAINED BY PAYING TEN DOLLARS MEMBERSHIP FEE. MEMBERS RECEIVED HELP AGAINST OTHER PRISONERS WHEN NEEDED, AND FOR AN ADDITIONAL FEE COULD OBTAIN "SPECIAL FAVORS" IF A PRISONER BECAME

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INVOLVED IN TROUBLE WITH PRISON AUTHORITIES. FEES WERE PAID TO THE ORGANIZATION TO OBTAIN ANYTHING FROM SIMPLE CONTRABAND, TO HAVING A PRISONER MURDERED. BRITTON STATED HE NEVER HEARD THAT "COOLEY'S ORGANIZATION" EVER OFFERED A REWARD FOR KING'S ASSASSINATION. BRITTON DID NOT KNOW WHO HEADED THE ORGANIZATION OR IF THERE ACTUALLY WAS A MAN NAMED COOLEY WHO RAN IT. HE BELIEVED IT MIGHT HAVE CONSISTED OF FIVE, SIX OR SEVEN MEN.

BRITTON ADVISED RAY TOLD HIM ONCE ABOUT AN ORGANIZATION OUTSIDE THE PRISON CALLED THE "BUSINESS MENS ASSOCIATION2 WHICH OFFERED ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS "FOR PEOPLE LIKE KING TO BE KILLED." BRITTON STATED THAT RAY ADDED, REFERRING TO KING, "HE'S FIVE YEARS PAST DUE."

BRITTON STATED RAY WAS "MONEY CRAZY" AND ON ONE OCCASION TOLD HIM "ONE OF THESE DAYS IF I EVER GET OUT OF HERE I'M GOING TO MAKE MYSELF A BUNCH OF MONEY." WHEN BRITTON ASKED HIM HOW HE INTENDED TO DO THIS, HE REPLIED, "THERE ARE MORE WAYS OF MAKING MONEY THAN ROBBING BANKS."

BRITTON DESCRIBED RAY AS A CALM PERSON, A "DAYDREAMER," AND A LONER. HE SAID RAY DID NOT TAKE DOPE BUT WAS A HEAVY DRINKER. HE BELIEVED RAY HAD A NORMAL SEX LIFE. BRITTON STATED

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RAY WAS DEFINITELY "SLOUGH-FOOTED" AND HIS TOES POINTED OUT NOTICEABLY WHEN HE WALKED CAUSING HIS HEELS TO WEAR DOWN ON OUTSIDE EDGES. BRITTON STATED RAY DID NOT ASSOCIATE WITH ANY NEGRO PRISONERS AND WOULD GO OUT OF HIS WAY TO AVOID THEM. HE NEVER HEARD HIM MAKE ANY VIOLENT REMARKS REGARDING THEM.

BRITTON ADVISED THAT THE ONLY OTHER PERSON RAY MIGHT HAVE BEEN CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH IN PRISON WAS A FULL BLOODED INDIAN BARBER IN J BLOCK, WHOSE NAME HE DID NOT RECALL.

PRIOR TO RAY'S ESCAPE, BRITTON STATED HE GAVE RAY HIS ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER IN JASPER, ALA.; HOWEVER, HE DENIES HE HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY RAY SINCE HIS RELEASE FROM PRISON IN MAY, SIXTYSEVEN.

BIRMINGHAM INDICES SHOW BRITTON SUBJECT OF BH EIGHT EIGHT - FOUR TWO SIX AND KC EIGHT EIGHT - SIX THREE SIX SIX, CAPTIONED "THOMAS EDWARD BRITTON, AKA. UFAP - UTTERING A FORGED CHECK."

KANSAS CITY, AT JEFFERSON CITY, MO., ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY AND LOCATE INDIAN BARBER WHO WAS IN J BLOCK WHEN RAY INCARCERATED THERE AND INTERVIEW CONCERNING INFORMATION SET OUT ABOVE, HIS ASSOCIATION WITH RAY, AND ANY INFORMATION HE MIGHT HAVE REGARDING

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HIM. ALSO OBTAIN INFORMATION RE EXISTENCE AND OPERATION OF
"COOLEY'S ORGANIZATION" OPERATING IN THE PRISON AS ALLEGED BY
BRITTON. PROTECT IDENTITY OF BRITTON IN THESE INTERVIEWS AND
IN ANY LEADS SET FORTH.

BIRMINGHAM WILL OBTAIN BRITTONS LONG DISTANCE PHONE CALLS AND
REINTERVIEW BRITTON TODAY FOR SPECIFIC DETAILS AS HE APPEARED TO BE
RELUCTANT TO FULLY COOPERATE AT TIME OF ORIGINAL INTERVIEW.

BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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AIRMAIL

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

Re Dallas teletype to Bureau, dated 4/27/68,
Kansas City airtel to Bureau, dated 5/1/68, copy to LA,
and Kansas City teletype to Bureau, dated 5/2/68.

Enclosed for Los Angeles is the FBI record and
photograph of DENNIS WADE FONTENNOT, FBI # 860 489 B,
which indicates he was last arrested by Sheriff's Office,
Los Angeles #C534159 on 6/14/67 for begging in public
place or soliciting alms.

LEADS:

LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Review FONTENNOT's arrest record for leads to
his whereabouts.

3 - Bureau
2 - Los Angeles (Enc. 2)
2 - Kansas City

RH:WSA

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AIRMAIL

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

Re Birmingham teletype to Director, 5/3/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Memphis Office is one photograph of TOM BRITTON, MSP #10980 and 3 pages from his penitentiary file containing complete background information regarding him. This is being furnished per request of referenced communication to assist in locating BRITTON in the Birmingham area.

3 - Bureau
2 - Birmingham
2 - Memphis (Enc. 4)
2 - Kansas City

RBH:WSA

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3:32PM URGENT 5-7-68 ACT

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ST. LOUIS (44-775), KANSAS CITY
AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) 2P

MURKIN.

RE ST. LOUIS TELETYPE TO BUREAU THIS DATE, AND MYTEL
TO BUREAU AND ST. LOUIS, MAY SIX, NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT.

NO REASON KNOWN FOR RUSSELL LEE MARTIN, PCI, TO FURNISH
ANY FALSE INFORMATION AS SET FORTH IN REFERENCED LITTLE ROCK
TELETYPE. PCI FURNISHED INFORMATION REGARDING NARCOTICS,
ELYTHEVILLE, ARKANSAS, AREA WHICH HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIATED.

PCI ALSO ADVISED THAT HE WAS SOURCE OF INFORMATION FOR
WARDEN, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, WHICH INCARCERATED AND
HELPED TO BREAK UP NARCOTIC RING THAT PRISON.

KANSAS CITY AT JEFFERSON CITY CONTACT WARDEN AND
DETERMINE FROM HIS ANY INFORMATION HE MAY HAVE REGARDING
PCI'S MENTAL STABILITY, RELIABILITY AND REPUTATION FOR
VERACITY.

MARTIN HAS BEEN INTERVIEWED THREE TIMES REGARDING
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INFORMATION SET FORTH IN REFERENCED LITTLE ROCK TELETYPE
AND HAS NEITHER ENLARGED NOR DELETED ANY INFORMATION
PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

MAY 3 1968

J. Edgar Hoover
Director

The following FBI record, NUMBER 2 530 100, is furnished FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD, Fort Worth, Texas	William Thomas Jacobs, #EX-45637	3-19-41	inv.	rel. 3-19-41
War Department Wash., D.C.	William Thomas Jacobs, #18057276			
PD Waco Texas	William Thomas Jacobs #4904	5/23/50	rape	trans to Co
Co Jail Eastland Texas	William T. Jacobs #--	4-24-51	swindling with worthless chk	pending
SO Odessa Texas	William Thomas Jacobs #746	5-20-51	swindle	90 das co jail
PD Okla City Okla	William Thomas Jacobs #70193	7-25-52	vag by ne sup & inv	rel to Off from F Worth Texas PD 7-29-52
PD Fort Worth Texas	William Thomas Jacobs #19532	7-29-52	viol check Law	rel to Co 7-31-52
SO Fort Worth Texas	William T Jacobs #16264	7-31-52	VCL U \$50	
SO Lubbock Texas	William Thomas Jacobs #6546	3/17/53	vio check law	5 das & costs
PD Okla City Okla	William Thomas Jacobs #70193	4-22-53	vag no Sup & inv	4-24-53 fined \$20 & fined \$20
PD Okla City Okla	William Thomas Jacobs #70193	5-5-53	embezzlement & inv (hold for S/O Lubbock Texas)	5-6-53 rel to Deputy Sheriff from Lubbock Texas on wt charging embezzlement trans to Co
PD Lubbock Texas	William Thomas Jacobs #23336	5-16-53	embezzlement	

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J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Off Provost Marshal General P & O Div Enforcement Branch Wash DC	William T. Jacobs #BA 18 057 276	3-29-49	cashing checks w/o having funds (AW 96)	CHL for 6 mos & forf of \$50 for a like period
SO Pensacola Fla	William Thomas Jacobs #5904	2-5-58	GL	
PD Pensacola Fla	William T. Jacobs #46497	2-4-58	Inv GL	TOT Co Auth
PD San Angelo Texas	William Thomas Jacobs #10709	5-15-60	ark	fined \$25 in CC
SO Odessa Texas	William Thomas Jacobs #746	7-21-60	vagrancy	
SO Odessa Texas	William Thomas Jacobs #746	10-6-60	vag by loitering	\$400 bond
PD Beaumont Texas	William Thomas Jacobs #16312	12-20-63	shoplifting & inv	
House of Det New Orleans La	William Jacobs #HC 12949	5-4-64	Vag	\$10 R 10 das
PD Kans City Mo	William Thomas Jacobs #106491	2-17-65	invest Capias Wrnt embezzlement & felony theft (Texas)	Rel to Texas auth on waiver
SO Kans City Mo	William T. Jacobs #47291	2-19-65	hold for Texas	out to Texas on waiver 2-20-65

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
SO Beaumont Texas	William Thomas Jacobs #7566	2-22-65	felony T (embezzlement)	
Dept of Corr Huntsville Texas	William Thomas Jacobs #183303	3-25-65	Embezzelment (1)	2 yrs 5-11-66 Disch

Information shown on this Identification Record represents data furnished FBI by fingerprint contributors. Where final disposition is not shown or further explanation of charge is desired, communicate with agency contributing those fingerprints.

Notations indicated by * are NOT based on fingerprints in FBI files but are listed only as investigative leads as being possibly identical with subject of this record.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, HOUSTON
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Houston teletype to Kansas City, 5/1/68,
regarding WILLIAM THOMAS JACOBS.

Credit, criminal teamsters union locals and all
other logical investigation in Kansas City Division
negative. Identification record obtained and shows last
entry as 5/11/66 and discharge from Department of Corrections,
Huntsville, Texas.

It is noted that JACOBS on 3/25/65, was sentenced
to 2 years and released after just over 1 year on 5/11/66.

Houston is requested, if not already done, to
check possibility JACOBS paroled and later whereabouts
could be ascertained. If this investigation negative,
suggest lead be set out to locate and interview J.W.
JACOBS, brother, regarding the present whereabouts of
WILLIAM THOMAS JACOBS.

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3 - Bureau (44-38861)
2 - Houston
1 - Memphis (44-1987)
② - Kansas City
TJC:WSA
(8) *[Signature]*

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Date: 5/7/68

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

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760)

MURKIN

DAILY SUMMARY

INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION TO LEARN INFORMATION
REGARDING ^{COOLEY'S} ~~COOLY'S~~ ORGANIZATION" IN THE MISSOURI STATE
PENITENTIARY (MSP) UNSUCCESSFUL TO DATE, INTERVIEWS AT
PRISON CONTINUE.

LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANING ESTABLISHMENTS IN LOWER
CLASS ROOMING HOUSE AREA BEING ^{CONTACTED} ~~CONTINUED~~. INVESTIGATION
UNDERWAY TO IDENTIFY AND INTERVIEW FULL-BLOODED INDIAN
BARBER REPORTED TO BE ASSOCIATE OF RAY AT THE MSP.
SUBSCRIBER TO TELEPHONE # NINE ONE THREE NINE EIGHT NINE
FOUR FOUR SIX EIGHT IS MRS. FLOYD HONTZ, RT. ONE, WATHENA,
KS. SHE AND HER SON A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ARE THE ONLY
RESIDENTS AT THAT ADDRESS. BOTH ADVISED THAT TELEPHONE
IN THEIR NAMES SINCE MAY SIXTYSEVEN AND RECALL NO CALLS

1 - MEMPHIS
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Approved: *W*
Special Agent in Charge

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FROM THE STATE OF TEXAS AT ANY TIME. PHOTOGRAPH OR NAME
OF SUBJECT UNKNOWN TO THEM.

COMPLETE BACKGROUND INFORMATION REGARDING TOM BRITTON
FURNISHED BIRMINGHAM.

LOCAL LEADS CONTINUE TO GET ~~ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.~~

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IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

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TO SACS MIAMI (44-1854)
JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN.

REJKAIRTEL MAY TWO LAST SUBMITTING COPY OF
AUTOMOBILE REGISTRATION AND MIAIRTEL MAY TWO LAST
SUBMITTING ITEMS RELATING TO BOAT RENTALS ALL BEARING
SIGNATURE MICHEL ST. PIERRE.

CONCLUDED MICHEL ST. PIERRE SIGNATURES ON DOCUMENTS
SUBMITTED NOT PREPARED BY JAMES EARL RAY. LATENT REPORT
AND DISPOSITION OF EVIDENCE FURNISHED SEPARATELY. COPY
MAILED TO MEMPHIS, ATLANTA, KANSAS CITY AND ALBANY.

- 1 - Memphis (44-1987) - Airmail
- 1 - Atlanta (44-2386) - Airmail
- 1 - Kansas City (44-760) - Airmail
- 1 - Albany (44-493) - Airmail

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JAMES EARL RAY, also known as Eric Starvo Galt, Harvey Lowmyer, John Willard, James McBride, James Walton, W. C. Herron and James O'Conner.

James Earl Ray, a Missouri prison escapee, sought under the alias Eric Starvo Galt in connection with the gunshot slaying of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is one of the FBI's "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives." FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover ordered the special addition of Ray to the "Top Ten" list to insure widespread dissemination of Ray's photograph and description to speed his location.

Ray has been intensively sought since the murder of Dr. King on April 4, 1968, as he stood on the balcony of a Memphis, Tennessee, motel. An exhaustive FBI fingerprint search, comparing latent fingerprints uncovered in the Dr. King case against fingerprints of over 53,000 persons on whom wanted notices were posted, determined that Galt and Ray are identical.

A Federal warrant, issued at Birmingham, Alabama, on April 17, 1968, charges Ray, under the alias of Galt, with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a citizen. Ray, who escaped on April 23, 1967, from the Missouri State Penitentiary, is also sought for unlawful flight to avoid confinement for robbery. His long criminal record also includes convictions for burglary and forging U.S. Postal Money Orders.

A white American, born in Alton, Illinois, on [redacted] Ray is 5'10" tall, weighs 163 to 174 pounds, has blue eyes and short brown hair. He has a nervous habit of tugging at an ear lobe and his left ear protrudes noticeably. Known as a "loner" and "drifter," Ray has worked as a baker, laborer and color matcher. He has taken dancing lessons and completed a course at a school of bartending.

Consider Ray armed and extremely dangerous. Report any information concerning him to the nearest FBI office.

5/6/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (100-427) (P)
RE: MURKIN
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OO: MEMPHIS

Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau dated 4/18/68, and Los Angeles letter to Sacramento dated 4/26/68 (IO).

Re Possible Mental Condition of Subject RAY

On 5/2/68, CHARLES LUNDHOLM, Bureau of Viostatistics, California State Department of Mental Health, Sacramento, California, advised they had no record of subject RAY or his aliases ever having been a patient in any of the mental institutions back to 1922. This would also include committed alcoholics.

LUNDHOLM advised that this would not be a complete record for the State of California inasmuch as about 2/3 of the counties in California have their own Inpatient, Outpatient and Rehabilitation Centers where one could go on his own volition. The names of all these individuals are not submitted to the state. He said it was possible that counties could have central indices but did not know whether the indices would be by name or file number.

- 3 - Bureau
- 2 - Atlanta (44-2386)
- ② - Kansas City
- 2 - Los Angeles (Enc. 2)
- 2 - San Diego (Enc. 2)
- 2 - San Francisco (Enc. 2)
- 2 - MEMPHIS (44-1987)

2 - Sacramento
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Whether counties in all states have their own facilities as they do in California is not known, but those that do, a check would have to be made at county as well as state level to be all inclusive.

Above is being submitted as a suggestion and checks on county level will be held in abeyance so that the Bureau and Office of Origin may offer additional observations if deemed advisable.

LUNDHOLM furnished a Statistical Bulletin No. 39 dated 3/14/68, wherein each county having inpatient, outpatient or rehabilitation types of service is listed as well as the number of each. It may be noted that Los Angeles County has 243 such centers.

Los Angeles, San Diego, and San Francisco are being furnished two copies of this bulletin in the event counties listed thereon are to be contacted.

5/6/68

AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM : SAC, SACRAMENTO (100-427)
MURKIN
(OO:ME)

Re Dallas teletype to the Bureau, 5/1/68.

Regarding telephone call made from telephone located at Alpine, Texas, 12/17/67, 7:18 a.m., to Number 882-296, Del Rey, California, it was determined that one digit was missing. ED NELSON, Special Agent, Pacific Telephone Company, advised that most of the prefix numbers at Del Rey, California, are 888. He advised that Telephone Number 888-2296 was listed to COSME GARZA, 11117 East Central, Del Rey. The phone was disconnected on 2/15/68.

On 5/6/68, LYDIA GARZA, 11117 East Central Avenue, Del Rey, advised that her father, COSME GARZA, has worked in the Del Rey area since 1964, and formerly resided in Weslaco and Mercedes, Texas, but she was unable to recall instant telephone call from Alpine, Texas. She advised that the call

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- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
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may have been made from some relative, but she is not acquainted with anyone in Alpine, Texas, nor was any other member of the family aware of any telephone call received on 12/17/67, from Alpine, Texas.

5/6/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (100-427) (P)
RE: MURKIN
CR
OO: MEMPHIS

Re El Paso airtel to Bureau dated 4/30/68.

Telephone Calls by Subject RAY Enroute
from Los Angeles to New Orleans

A call was placed from Texas to Sacramento, telephone No. 422-5789, on 12/17/67.

On 5/3/68, CS SC 55-5 advised that this number was listed to BETTY HUMAN, 5622 Florin Road, Apartment 72, Sacramento. Source said this service was established in November, 1967, and because of the heavy toll charges, HUMAN's employment was checked and it was determined she was a waitress at the Richfield Cafe, 7891 Stockton Blvd., Elk Grove, California. Source said in checking this number for names of collect caller or callers, it was determined that HUMAN had received over 120 calls during the past three months from an individual named SIDBURY from all over the United States.

On 5/3/68, BETTY L. HUMAN was contacted at which time she said FLETCHER L. SIDBURY, her boyfriend who is separated from his wife, is a driver with USAC Transport, main office

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being in Detroit, Michigan. She said he calls her almost daily and subsequently pays the phone bill. She displayed her last phone bill dated 4/23/68 in the amount of \$189.37. This bill reflects he called her from Abilene on 4/4/68. She also had a photograph of SIDBURY taken Easter Sunday, 1968, who she said was 56 years old and has brown eyes. He has no resemblance to the subject of this case.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

DATE: 5/6/68

FROM : SA JAMES B. KELLY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Kansas City airtel to Bureau, 5/1/68.

On 5/3/68, LINDA POINDEXTER, 2526 North Minneapolis, advised that she has lived in this location for over two years and has never known anyone named ALENE WADE. She pointed out that CHRISTOPHER J. CONDE currently lives at 2531 N. Minneapolis. She does not know how long CONDE has lived at this address and does not know who lived at 2531 N. Minneapolis prior to CONDE. She stated that she is not acquainted with anyone named JAMES A. WADE. She pointed out that there are no white families living in the neighborhood.

Efforts to contact occupants at 2531, 2525, and 2537 N. Minneapolis were unsuccessful.

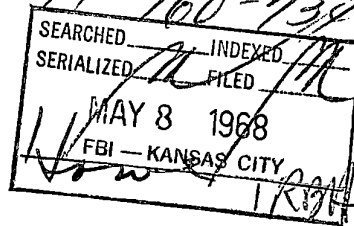
A search of local street and telephone directories was negative for any listing for the name ALENE WADE.

BEVERLY OYLER (PROTECT), Postal Inspector's Office, Wichita, Kansas, advised that there is no record of any forwarding address for ALENE WADE or JAMES A. WADE from 2531 N. Minneapolis.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

DATE: 5/6/68

FROM : SA JAMES B. KELLY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re New York teletype to Kansas City, 4/25/68.

On 4/26/68, a search of Sedgwick County Street Directory revealed that DELMA RAY, 923 West Grand, Haysville, Kansas, is the wife of Reverend ROY F. RAY, President, Friends University.

Due to identity of husband and the unquestioned good reputation in the community, no contact was made with DELMA RAY.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

DATE: 5/6/68

FROM : SA JAMES B. KELLY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re New York teletype to Indianapolis and Kansas City, 5/2/68.

On 5/3/68, WILLIAM D. DE VORE, President, Advance Products Company, 2300 E. Douglas was contacted at his office. He advised that JAMES EDWARD RAY, 816 North Sumner, Belle Plaine, Kansas, has been employed as a salesman for Advance Products Company since November, 1964. He furnished JAMES EDWARD RAY's date of birth as being [redacted] and social security number as [redacted]. He is personally acquainted with RAY and is certain that RAY does not resemble the photographs of subject JAMES EARL RAY appearing on I. O. 4182. He pointed out that JAMES EDWARD RAY was in the office of Advance Products Company on the date of 4/4/68.

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Via AIRTEL

(Priority)

TO: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760)

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN;
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Re Kansas City airtel to Memphis, 4/24/68,
requesting Memphis to check out 1965 Volkswagen bearing
Tennessee License JO-0987.

A check of Tennessee Automobile Registration Bureau,
Nashville, Tenn., determined that Tennessee License No. JO-0987,
was registered to a 1965 Volkswagen VIN 115127096, in the
name of JESSE BLAKELY, 3507 Ashford, Memphis, Tenn.

JESSE E. BLAKELY, 3507 Ashford, Memphis, advised on
5/3/68 that he owns a 1965 Volkswagen, blue in color, bearing
Tennessee License JO-0987. He stated that he purchased this
vehicle during December of 1967 and further stated that this
car had never been to Kansas City, Mo. He advised that he
has never loaned his car out to anyone since purchasing it
and that the only person driving the vehicle other than
himself was LARRY BLAKELY, his 20-year-old son.

It was noted from personal observation that a
1965 Volkswagen, blue in color, bearing License No. (Tennessee)
JO-0987, was parked in the driveway of 3507 Ashford, Memphis,
on 5/3/68. It is further noted that JESSE BLAKELY is a Negro
male, age 51.

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2 - Memphis

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U.S. GOVERNMENT

TO: ALL SENIOR AND SINGLE RA'S

DATE: 5/8/68

FROM: SAC (44-760) P

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed is a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY taken in the Fall of 1967, this reportedly is the best likeness of subject.

Teletype dated 5/3/68, the Bureau advised that in view of RAY's indicated tendencies towards personal cleanliness that cleaning establishments in lower class rooming house areas of the larger cities be contacted regarding the subject. IO or wanted flyers should be furnished when deemed advisable also photographs of subject should be utilized where justified.

It is to be noted that shorts and T-shirt which is believed to be subject's was recovered immediately after slaying bearing black laundry marks 02B-6 on red thermo seal tape. Sheet and pillow slip found in abandoned Mustang in Atlanta wearing black laundry marks 20R-3 on white thermo seal tape. Consideration should be given to alert logical cleaning establishments that above described marks may be still affixed to some of subject's laundry. Bureau has also advised that informants and sources in area where hippies or users of drugs and narcotics frequent, be contacted regarding this subject.

1 - Chanute (Enc. 1)
1 - Colby "
1 - Garden City "
1 - Hays "
1 - Hutchinson "
2 - Jeff City (Enc. 2)
2 - Joplin "
1 - Lawrence (Enc. 1)
1 - Leavenworth "
1 - Manhattan "
1 - St. Joseph "
1 - Salina "
2 - Springfield (Enc. 2)
2 - Topeka "
2 - Wichita "
② - 44-760
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The following investigation was conducted by
SA JAMES P. HOSTY, JR. on April 24, 1968:

The following local police officers advised
that they have no unsolved armed robberies or burglaries
with latent fingerprints in which the unknown subject may
fit the general description of JAMES EARL RAY:

Lt. CHARLES LANE, Detective Bureau, Johnson
County Sheriff's Office, Olathe, Kansas

Lt. JOHN PATTON, Detective Bureau,
Overland Park, Kansas, Police Department

Lt. JAMES LECKNER, Detective Bureau,
Prairie Village, Kansas, Police Department

KBI Agent HOWARD DOCKER, Olathe, Kansas.

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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, ST. LOUIS
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed herewith for the St. Louis Office are background information regarding JOHNNY VELANTI, WALTER E. NOLAN and EARL HARRIS, as obtained from the records of the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri.

This information is being furnished to assist in locating and interviewing the above three individuals in connection with MURKIN.

2 - St. Louis (Enc. 3)
② - Kansas City
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC:

FROM : SA: Rowen B. Ayers

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/30/68

Re Airtel from Atlanta to Director et al dated 4/25/68.

Lead at Columbia, Missouri being disregarded for the following reasons:

1. There are three Colleges and Universities at Columbia, Missouri.

Two are Colleges for women.

2. There is no indication RAY was ever in Columbia, Missouri except for information furnished by LEWIE RAYMOND DOWDA, who according to his own friend (Edmondson) is a pathological liar.

3. It is not believed the time which would be spent on covering this lead is justified, at this time, by the facts as developed and time can be spent in this matter on a more productive basis elsewhere.

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TO ALL SACS RELAY MESSAGE PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

MURKIN

TWO ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY WERE RELEASED TODAY TO NEWS MEDIA IN WASHINGTON. PHOTOGRAPH NUMBER ONE SHOULD BEAR CAPTION "JAMES EARL RAY (PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN IN MEXICO)." THIS IS THE PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY IN DARK GLASSES AND SPORT SHIRT. PHOTOGRAPH NUMBER TWO SHOULD BEAR CAPTION "JAMES EARL RAY (PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN LATE JANUARY OR EARLY FEBRUARY NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT IN CALIFORNIA)." THIS IS HEAD SHOT OF RAY IN BUSINESS SUIT WHICH SHOWS MARKED CLEFT IN CHIN. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO REPRODUCE COPIES OF THESE TWO PHOTOGRAPHS LOCALLY AND YOU SHOULD INSURE THEY RECEIVE WIDE-SPREAD DISTRIBUTION THROUGH ALL MEDIA CONTACTS. FIVE COPIES OF EACH OF THESE PHOTOGRAPHS PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED ALL OFFICES. LEGATS OTTAWA AND MEXICO ADVISED.

*5/8/68 Letter to 550 offices
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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
FROM MIAMI (44-1854)

MURKIN. CIVIL RIGHTS.

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU APRIL TWENTYNINE,
LAST, AND BALTIMORE TELETYPE TO LOS ANGELES AND MIAMI MAY
FOUR, LAST.

RE: TELEPHONE BOOTH ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES
MAX MENDELSON INTERVIEWED, MIAMI, THIS DATE AND ADVISED
HE WAS IN LOS ANGELES DURING FEBRUARY AND MARCH, SIXTYEIGHT,
AND RESIDED ONE SEVEN TWO SEVEN GARFIELD PLACE, APT. SIX
WITH HIS SISTER AND USED TELEPHONE IN ST. FRANCIS HOTEL TO
CALL HIS DAUGHTER. MENDELSON VIEWED PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES
EARL RAY AND WAS UNABLE TO RECALL SEEING HIM.

AM COPIES TO MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

- ① - Kansas City (44-760) (AMRM)
 - 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (AMRM)
 - 1 - Miami
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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-760)

FROM : SA JOHN T. MC MURRER -P-

SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO-Memphis)

DATE: 5/8/68

Re Cleveland teletype to Bureau and Kansas City,
dated 4/26/68.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA JOHN T. MC MURRER:

AT MC PHERSON, KANSAS:

The telephone directories for McPherson, Kansas
for the years 1965 and 1967 include a listing for one EARL
K. RAY, 1129 N. Elm Street, telephone #CH1-0280.

Available City Directories for the town of
McPherson, Kansas, for the years 1958 through 1968, include
a listing for EARL K. RAY and wife, JEAN, indicating this
couple resides at 1129 N. Elm, and he is employed at the
National Co-Op Refinery Association and she is employed at
the McPherson Citizens State Bank.

The 1962 Directory indicates that at that time,
this couple had two children, PHILLIP, age 17; and CAROLE,
age 15.

On 5/2/68, Sheriff DALE BISHOP, McPherson County
Sheriff's Office, advised he was acquainted with EARL K.
RAY, and this man is between the age of 45 - 50 years; has
red hair; and a noticeably freckled complexion. He said,
based on his extensive knowledge of this man, and the fact
he has resided in McPherson, Kansas for a period of over

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ten years, he does not consider this man to be identical with subject JAMES EARL RAY; and based on the total lack of similarity in their physical appearance.

BISHOP said he had no arrest record pertaining to EARL K. RAY, and did not have any knowledge as to his birth data.

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PLAIN TEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI & MEMPHIS
FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)
MURKIN

RE KANSAS CITY TELETYPE, APRIL TWENTY NINE LAST TO
BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND SAN ANTONIO.

MARINE, CREDIT AND ARREST RECORDS AND ALL AVAILABLE
WATERFRONT SOURCES, PORT BROWNSVILLE-PORT ISABEL (CAMERON
COUNTY, TEXAS) AREA NEGATIVE AS TO MATEO LOPEZ GARCIA
OR MATEO GARCIA LOPEZ. SOURCES ALERTED AS TO SUBJECT RAY.

THESE SOURCES ADVISE APPROXIMATELY FIVE HUNDRED
SHRIMP FISHING VESSELS OPERATE OUT OF THIS AREA, ALL OF
WHICH FISH SOUTHERN GULF AREA, INCLUDING BAY OF CAMPECHE
AT VARIOUS TIMES. SUCH ^{BOATS} PORTS USUALLY RENDEZVOUS IN
SHALLOW WATER AREA, COMMONLY KNOWN AS CAMPECHE FLATS
WITHIN SIGHT OF CAMPECHE, MEXICO, TO TRANSFER SHRIMP
CATCH, SUPPLIES, ETC. AMERICAN SEAMEN ARE NOT ALLOWED
IN PORT OF CAMPECHE EXCEPT EMERGENCY BASIS, BUT FISHERMEN
DESIRING TO VISIT PLACES OF AMUSEMENT CAN USUALLY
ARRANGE TO DO SO CLANDESTINELY THROUGH CONTACT WITH

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MEXICANS OPERATING SMALL VESSELS KNOWN AS "BUM BOATS" OR
CAYUQUEROS," WHICH BRING WOMEN, LIQUOR, MARIJUANA, ETC.
OUT TO SHRIMP BOATS FROM CAMPECHE, MEXICO, FOR EXCHANGE
FOR CASH, FRESHLY CAUGHT SHRIMP, BOAT EQUIPMENT OR ANY
OTHER DESIRED ARTICLES IN POSSESSION OF SUCH FISHERMEN.

KANSAS CITY FURNISHED AIR MAIL COPY. END.

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Date: 5/6/68

Transmit the following in _____

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Via AIRTEL

(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, NEWARK (44-854) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

On 5/5/68, MARJORIE LOUISE FETTERS (protect identity), 2420 Arnold Street, Camden, N.J., advised SA JOHN E. OTTO that JERRY RAY telephonically contacted her at her residence around noon. Her telephone number is area code 609-964-4923.

For the first time in their contacts JERRY RAY acknowledged to FETTERS the subject is his brother. It is noted FETTERS was instructed to discuss the subject with RAY the next time he called her in view of recent nationwide news coverage, which identified him as the subject's brother.

RAY explained he did not want FETTERS to know he is the subject's brother, because he was fearful she would not want to continue to have contact with him. FETTERS reassured him it did not matter to her that he is related to the subject. FETTERS said RAY appeared to be quite relieved she felt this way. He then mentioned to her he has been contacted by the FBI, but he did not mention anything further regarding same.

2 - Memphis
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1 - Chicago (Info)
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RAY said he was calling her from St. Louis, Mo., where he is presently living with his sister and father. He did not identify this sister. He left his job with the Country Club in Illinois under a mutual agreement with his employer due to the described recent publicity, he told FETTERS. He said he will contact the Country Club on 5/8 or 5/9/68, to determine when his employer feels he should return to work.

RAY said if he does not go back to work within the next week, he might decide to travel by car or plane to visit FETTERS in Camden, N.J.

FETTERS stated under no circumstances does she want her cooperation with the FBI in connection with this matter to ever become known outside of the FBI. She also said it is a special concern to her that JERRY RAY never know of her assistance to the Bureau.

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NEWARK

AT CAMDEN, N.J. Will continue to maintain close liaison with FETTERS looking towards ascertaining subject's whereabouts and effecting his arrest.

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Date: 5/8/68

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT

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Via TELETYPEURGENT

(Priority)

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

MURKIN

DAILY SUMMARY

SIX HUNDRED PHOTOS OF SUBJECT REPRODUCED AS AUTHORIZED BY BUREAU AND KANSAS CITY IN PROCESS OF SENDING THEM TO ALL NEWS MEDIA THIS AREA. LEADS FROM PUBLICITY BEING HANDLED IMMEDIATELY.

SUSPECTS JAMES EDWARD RAY, BELLE PLAIN, KS., AS SET FORTH IN NEW YORK TELETYPE MAY TWO, LAST AND EARL K. RAY, MC PHERSON, KS. AS SET FORTH IN CLEVELAND TELETYPE, APRIL TWENTYSIX LAST ELIMINATED AS SUBJECT.

MSP RECORDS REFLECT CECIL C. LILLIBRIDGE AND SUBJECT SHARED CELL C DASH SEVENTEEN IN PRISON FROM NOV. SEVENTEEN, SIXTYSIX THROUGH JAN. EIGHTEEN SIXTYSEVEN. THIS CONFIRMED LILLIBRIDGE'S PREVIOUS STATEMENT. NAMES OF SEVEN INMATES MSP FROM LOS ANGELES AREA RELEASED SINCE APRIL ONE SIXTYSEVEN

1 - Memphis
1 - New York (AM)
① - Cleveland (AM)

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Special Agent in Charge

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FURNISHED LOS ANGELES OFFICE INASMUCH AS SUBJECT SPENT
TIME THERE AFTER HIS ESCAPE.

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Special Agent in Charge

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

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

On May 6, 1968, Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) records were checked for information on inmates released with California addresses since April 1, 1967. The following information was obtained:

DAVID DON MCFARLIN, MSP #12241, was received June 10, 1966 and discharged October 24, 1967.

Relatives listed on his mailing list are:

Wife: JUDITH LEA MCFARLIN, 8111 Stanford Drive, Garden Grove, California;
Mother: CHRISTINE DAVIS, Senath, Missouri;
Stepfather: O.L. DAVIS, same address.
MARIE and JOHN SLAUGHTER, 2333 Park Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

MICHAEL P. CLARK, MSP #12155, was received at the MSP May 27, 1966, and discharged May 10, 1967.

Relatives listed in this file are:

Mother: J.L. CLEVELAND, % DOROTHY RAUCH, P.O. Box 238, Dumas, Texas, or Box 431, Cactus, Texas;
Stepfather: JAMES CLEVELAND, same address;
Girlfriend: ELIZABETH ALEXANDER, 1771 Ellwell, Milipitas, California.

CLARK indicated that he would be employed in California by BUD RAU, 445 Laurel Avenue, Hayward, California.

JIMMIE LEE HILL, aka, MSP #12766, was received October 12, 1966 and discharged March 1, 1968.

Relatives listed in this file are:

Wife: ELIZABETH ANN HILL, % 72- East Compton Blvd., Compton, California;
Father: BILL HILL, General Delivery, DeWitt, Arkansas.

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Records reflects that on March 5, 1968, HILL was incarcerated in the Correctional Training Facility, North Soledad, California, #93960.

CALE FRANKLIN FISHER, MSP #03439, was received September 18, 1961 and discharged July 3, 1967.

Relatives listed in this file are:

Mother: MARVEL FISHER, 3185th Street, Aurora, Illinois;
Sister: CAROL SMITH, 272 Beach Street, Aurora, Illinois;
Sister: SHIRLEY FOREMAN, RFD #1, Box 107, Plainfield, Illinois.

JOHN RAY LESTER, aka, MSP #76041, was received September 25, 1959 and paroled October 31, 1967. In California he was to live at 19250 Hickory, El Verano, California.

Relatives and friends listed are:

Mother: EUNA F. LESTER, 111 Napa Street, Sonoma, California;
Father: JOHN W. LESTER, same address;
Brother-in-law: HERB COHN, P.O. Box 808, Boyes Springs, California;
Sister: Mrs. HERB COHN, same address;
Aunt: NOLA HEAD, 2012 Franklin, Santa Rosa, California;
Brother-in-law: JAMES BARRY, Rt. 22, Box 213, Parkville, Missouri;
Friend: DONNIE RISLER, 3622 A McKee, St. Louis, Missouri;
Friend: Mrs. JOHN A. KEHOE, 1822 Morris, Lincoln Park, Michigan;
Friend: Mrs. T. PINCH, 125 Taft Avenue, Hempstead, New York.

LAWRENCE ALBERT GRIDER, MSP #10214, was received May 5, 1965 and discharged January 12, 1968.

Relatives listed are:

Wife: ROSELEE GRIDER, % PAULINE COMBS, 4676 W. 133rd Street, Hawthorne, California.
Daughter: PATSY KAY and RITA JUDY GRIDER, 1015 1/2 N. Lane, Springfield, Missouri.

CHARLES AMOS STEWART, MSP #08716, was received June 18, 1964 and discharged February 7, 1968.