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Memphis	4
Miami	1
New York	2
Norfolk	1
Omaha	1
Philadelphia	2
Sacramento	1
Seattle	1
Springfield	3
St. Louis	1
Tampa	1
Atlanta	1
Albuquerque	2
Boston	2
Charlotte	2
Chicago	3
Cincinnati	3
Detroit	1
Cleveland	3
El Paso	3
Jackson	6
Jacksonville	2
Las Vegas	1

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Dallas	59
San Antonio	46
Phoenix	1
Houston	391
Total	<u>969</u>

All of the above field divisions were furnished the telephone number called in their division, date called and number and place from which call emanated.

The following investigation was conducted by SAs WILLIAM J. FLANAGAN and KENNETH B. JACKSON on April 25, 1968 at Houston, Texas.

JERRY F. MC PHERSON, Manager, Holiday Inn, 9799 Katy, reviewed records for the period December 14-20, 1967; D.J. GRAVINK, Manager, Howard Johnson Motor Lodge, 7953 Katy, reviewed records for the entire year 1967; LOWELL MASON, Assistant Manager, Cactus Court, 7631 Katy, records for December, 1967. Each advised no record of CHARLES STEIN or of JAMES EARL RAY by name or aliases as occupants of motel unit during respective periods indicated.

The following investigation was conducted by SAs FRANK M. IVEY and WILLIAM G. MORRISSEY on April 25, 1968 at Houston, Texas.

Registration records of the following motels along Katy Freeway west (I.S. 10) were reviewed through the following persons for the period December 16-18, 1967 for CHARLES STEIN and/or JAMES EARL RAY by name or aliases. No record was located:

Field Inn
TED DEMETRE, Manager
9821 Katy Freeway

Yupon Motel
Mrs. NORA WILSIE, Manager
8615 Katy Freeway

Western Skies Motel
DAVID PEERY, Manager
7809 Katy Freeway

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Robinhood Motor Lodge
ROSE PATTON, Assistant Manager
7611 Katy Freeway

9. Associates of JAMES EARL RAY

Information developed by the Kansas City Office, FBI determined that NEAL EDGAR AEBY had been closely associated in Missouri State Penitentiary with JAMES EARL RAY while RAY was incarcerated at that institution until his escape April 23, 1967.

On April 25, 1967 NEAL EDGAR AEBY also interviewed at Ramsey Unit, Texas State Department of Corrections, Houston, Texas. AEBY advised as follows:

He and JAMES EARL RAY had been inmates at Missouri State Penitentiary for about five years. He and RAY had handled minor narcotics while in prison in order to get money for commissary items. AEBY stated that he had never known RAY to be a user of hard narcotics. AEBY has three brothers, BILL AEBY, Box 64, Segoville, Texas who also was a friend of RAY and who had served time with RAY at Missouri State Penitentiary; AUBREY AEBY, address unknown, Dallas, Texas; and JAMES AEBY who owns and operates a filling station, Dallas, Texas and who has never been arrested.

AEBY advised that he arrived at Ramsey No. 1 on April 24, 1968 after having been transferred from Missouri State Penitentiary to the TDC, Huntsville, Texas. AEBY stated that while enroute to Huntsville he was lodged in a jail in Oklahoma City for one night where he mailed a postcard to FRANK GUINAN, an inmate, Missouri State Penitentiary.

AEBY advised that his ex-wife JUDY possibly resides in the Houston area but he has not seen her for several years and does not know where she could be located.

AEBY stated that JAMES EARL RAY had very few friends while in the Missouri State Penitentiary. He described RAY as being "very deadly". He stated that RAY was not a loud rabble rousing type individual and that RAY never expressed any hatred for the Negro race but if anyone wronged him in any way RAY would immediately contrive means to get even. AEBY stated that he was a chief cook while at Missouri State Penitentiary and that RAY worked under him

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as a slicer in the bread room. AEBY advised that RAY on two occasions, once in 1962 and again in 1966 attempted to escape from Missouri State Penitentiary but in each case he was unsuccessful. In one instance the ladder broke and in the other instance the rope which he was using failed to support him and he fell and fractured his arm. After serving time in solitary RAY was again returned to the bread room.

AEBY stated that RAY had mentioned to him that he, RAY, had a brother in St. Louis and that he, RAY, was from St. Louis. AEBY advised that he did not know the names of RAY's brother or where he could be located. When questioned about the escape route utilized by RAY in 1967 AEBY advised he would not divulge this escape route as the route is still good and could be used by other prisoners. AEBY advised that he hated the warden at Missouri State Penitentiary and hoped that he was receiving considerable "heat" as a result of RAY's escape. Regarding the escape of RAY, AEBY stated that it would have been the "smart thing to do" to have an outside man waiting to assist RAY in leaving the territory. AEBY would not admit that he knew of any outside man so assisting RAY in his escape. AEBY did not state whether or not RAY had had any inside help in his escape.

AEBY advised that in 1963 or 1964 RAY had a nervous breakdown while at Missouri State Penitentiary and RAY developed a bad stomach which necessitated RAY eating special foods. AEBY on numerous occasions would cook eggs for RAY because of RAY's stomach. He stated RAY was partial to eggs. He recalled that while at Missouri State Penitentiary RAY quit smoking probably because of his stomach ailment. He recalled too that RAY enjoyed tinkering with mechanical things and that RAY had built an air conditioner out of spare parts for RAY's jail cell. RAY was also handy in the repair of radios, parts for which he would obtain from the penitentiary machine shop. AEBY stated that he did not believe that RAY would go to Mexico or leave the country and he stated that he hoped that RAY would never be caught. AEBY stated he would in no way render assistance that would aid in the capture of RAY and he would furnish no further information regarding RAY.

JUDY CAROL PETERS, nee Thomas, also known as Judy Carol Aebly, 10205 W. Hardy, Houston, no telephone, interviewed on April 26, 1968 and furnished the following information:

She was married to NEAL EDGAR AEBY for approximately two years in 1960 and 1961. When he was arrested and returned to Missouri in 1961, she came to Houston and has not seen AEBY since that time. She last contacted him on April 19, 1962 advising him of the birth of their daughter. She has divorced AEBY and has not corresponded with him since that date. Subject RAY is unknown to her and she has not been contacted by any of AEBY's associates during the past six years. She stated AEBY does not know her exact address and could not locate her himself.

The only relative of AEBY who subject RAY might contact would be brother AUBREY AEBY, Dallas, Texas. She does not know the whereabouts of AEBY's relatives and never was closely associated with them.

PETERS promised complete cooperation and will immediately advise the FBI of any information received regarding RAY.

10. GEORGE WILLIAM RUSSELL

GEORGE WILLIAM RUSSELL, a salesman for Pat Lape Mobile Homes, 3712 Telephone Road, Houston, Texas when interviewed on April 26, 1968 advised that JAMES EARL RAY was unknown to him by name or photograph. RUSSELL had been incarcerated at Missouri State Penitentiary from May, 1958 to December, 1966. He was released in 1966 and had come to Houston from St. Louis, Missouri in approximately November, 1967. RUSSELL also stated that the name NEAL EDGAR AEBY was also unknown to him.

Information was received by the FBI, Birmingham, that ERIC STARVO GALT had once indicated that he had been employed as a barge working out of St. Louis, Missouri between that city and New Orleans, Louisiana.

On April 11, 1968 COURTNEY ALLEN, Vice President, Sioux City and New Orleans Barge Lines, Houston, Texas advised records of that company, 1953 to date, contained no employment record for an ERIC STARVO GALT.

11. Check of Ship Departures, Houston Division

The following investigation was conducted by SA PENROD W. HARRIS:

AT CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

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On April 11, 1968 REUBEN TRAYNHAM, Inspector in Charge, U.S. Customs, Oil Industries Building, advised as follows: His agency receives a list of crew members and passengers of all U.S. vessels departing from Corpus Christi and vicinity direct for foreign ports. Since April 3, 1968 there has been only one such departure, a Marine Sea Transport Service vessel. TRAYNHAM checked the list of crew members and passengers and advised it did not contain the name ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOWMYER or JOHN WILLARD or any logical variations of these names.

On April 11, 1968 MARGIE LE BARRON, U.S. Customs, advised her files reflected no American vessels have sailed from Galveston since April 4, 1968. She stated several foreign vessels have sailed from Galveston since April 4, 1968 but her files would not contain the crew and passenger lists as these are maintained by the agency that handles these vessels. She furnished the following list of foreign vessels that have sailed since April 4, 1968 together with the agencies that handled these vessels:

"TRADE CARRIER"
Gulf Motorship, Inc.
Texas Building
Galveston, Texas

"MANBALDO"
Texas Transport & Terminal
U.S. National Bank Building
Galveston, Texas

"MANILA MARU"
Dalton Steamship Corporation
U.S. National Bank Building
Galveston, Texas

"ILICE"
Strachen Shipping Co.
U.S. National Bank Building
Galveston, Texas

"NEW YORK MARU"
Dalton Steamship Corporation
U.S. National Bank Building
Galveston, Texas

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"HONNOR"

Texas Transport and Terminal
U.S. National Bank Building
Galveston, Texas

"BOLIVA MARU"

Kerr Steamship Company
Cotton Exchange Building
Galveston, Texas

"NORSLAND"

Hansen and Tideman
Cotton Exchange Building
Galveston, Texas

The above listed agencies were contacted on April 11, 1968 and their crew and passenger lists were reviewed with negative results as to anyone by the names of ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER, HARVEY LOWMEYER or JOHN WILLARD.

RUSSELL ZOET, Supervisory Customs Maritime Officer, Houston, Texas advised on April 11, 1968 that five ships of American registry sailed from the Port of Houston during the period April 4-11, 1968, all going foreign direct. Crew and passenger lists contained no name identifiable with GALT, LOWMEYER or WILLARD. By law there is no coast-wise passenger service from Houston or any other Texas port.

Inspector L.D. TURNER, JR., U.S. Customs, Beaumont, Texas and PERCY E. WALLACE, JR., Inspector, U.S. Customs, Port Arthur, Texas, April 11, 1968, were contacted and advised as follows:

A check of all departing ships, U.S. registry, April 4-10, 1968 failed to reflect the names of GALT, LOWMEYER or WILLARD as either crewmen or passengers.

12. Airline Checks

On April 5, 1968, DAVID MAC DONALD, Ticket Supervisor, National Airlines, Houston, advised that National Airlines and American Airlines were the only carriers flying a direct route from Houston to San Francisco. Mr. MAC DONALD was furnished the names of the possible suspects and advised that none of these names appeared on the National Airlines, Houston to San Francisco passenger manifesto for April 5, 1968.

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On April 5, 1968 JOSEPH CUTLIP, Reservations Salesman, American Airlines, Houston, was furnished the names of the possible suspects and advised that none of these names appeared on the American Airlines, Houston to San Francisco or Dallas to San Francisco passenger manifesto for April 5, 1968.

On April 23, 1968 the following stops were reset and the most current Wanted Flyer No. 405 942 G regarding JAMES EARL RAY, also known as, along with his IO, were furnished to the following:

Braniff Airlines
JOHN HARE, Agent in Charge

KLM
Ursula Plumbee, Station Agent

Pan Am
LEE ROJAS, Airport Customer Service Manager

Aeronaves de Mexico
ALBERTO ROJAS, Manager

The above comprise those airlines that furnish international transportation from Houston International Airport.

13. Criminal, Credit, Street and Telephone
Directory Checks on All Known Names
for James Earl Ray

On April 11, 1968 the following individuals advised their files contained no record concerning HARVEY LOWMEYER or HARVEY LOWMYER:

Mrs. DORA KUHN
Credit Bureau of Greater Houston

Mrs. LOIS MOERBY
Records Division
Houston Police Department

Mrs. POLLY KIRKBRIDE
Identification Division
Houston Police Department

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Lieutenant REX FULLERTON
Identification Division
Harris County Sheriff's Office

Mrs. MARY C. SMITH
Voter Registration Section
Harris County Tax Office
Houston, Texas

A review of the Houston telephone and city directories reflects no listing of an individual by the name of HARVEY LOWMEYER or HARVEY LOWMYER.

Houston indices negative concerning HARVEY LOWMEYER or HARVEY LOWMYER.

AT CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

The following investigation was conducted by SA PENROD W. HARRIS:

On April 10, 1968 the following persons checked their respective records under the names ERIC STARVO GALT and LOWMEYER and LOWMYER and advised they were unable to locate any record under any of these names:

GORDON LEWIS, Retail Merchants Association

W.L. BURCH, Identification Officer,
Nueces County Sheriff's Office

JEFF BAGWELL, Identification Officer,
Corpus Christi Police Department

EVELYN MILLER, Clerk,
Local Draft Board 97

In addition, the current Southwestern Bell Telephone Company directory for Corpus Christi and the Corpus Christi City Directories for the years 1960 through 1967 were checked under these names, but no listing was located.

On April 10, 1968, Mrs. ROMA FERGUSON, Auto License Department, office of Assessor and Collector of Taxes, advised that auto licenses in Nueces County are listed by license number only and not by name of the person to whom issued. Accordingly, there is no manner in which it can be ascertained if a particular person has an automobile license issued in this county.

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On April 10, 1968, D.L. ASKEY, Voter Registration, Tax Collector's Office, advised as follows: Voter registration lists for Nueces County are maintained by alphabetical lists for each of the 106 precincts. Without knowing the address of a particular person, it would be necessary to check each precinct list to ascertain if the person has registered to vote. The voter registration lists are not presently available for examination in view of the fact they are being cross-checked and verified in connection with the approaching primary election.

On April 10, 1968, BEATRICE GARZA, Clerk, Driver's License Division, Texas Department of Public Safety, 1402 S. Port, informed that no alphabetical list is maintained at this office regarding persons who have sought or to whom have been issued, Texas Driver's Licenses. She did not know whether or not alphabetical listings are maintained at the Driver's License Division of the Department of Public Safety at Austin, Texas but was of the opinion they are.

On April 10, 1968 pertinent telephone and city directories within the College Station Resident Agency were checked regarding the names of HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER and ERIC S. GALT with negative results.

On April 10, 1968 RAYMOND BUCHANAN and on April 12, 1968 MARY ARNOLD, Tax Assessor-Collector for Brazos and Walker Counties, respectively, advised no voters registration appear concerning the above names.

On April 11, 1968 BENNIE WILLIAMS, Chief Communications Officer, Department of Public Safety, Bryan, advised he caused checks to be made at Tax Assessor-Collectors Offices in Madison, Grimes, Montgomery, Polk, Trinity and San Jacinto Counties on the above names, with negative results. Similar checks were made through each respective law enforcement agency in the above counties, all negative.

The following sources of information were contacted on the dates indicated for any record of the names HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOWMYER, ERIC GALT, ERIC GAULT and JOHN WILLARD:

AT ANAHUAC, TEXAS

On April 11, 1968

HAZEL MOOR
Chambers County Sheriff's Office
Current telephone directory

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JACQUELINE MC DANIEL
Voter registration records

AT LIBERTY, TEXAS

On April 11, 1968

Deputy Sheriff M. TIPPITT
Liberty County Sheriff's Office

Chief of Police A.L. REGISTER
Police Department

On April 12, 1968

STEVE DAVIS
Retail Merchants Credit Bureau

LOLA GRILLIETTE
Selective Service System

On April 11, 1968

MAY CLAYTON
Voter registration records

On April 11, 1968

Current telephone and city directory

AT DAYTON, TEXAS

On April 12, 1968

Chief of Police HD. LOVINGS
Police Department

On April 10, 1968

Current telephone directory

AT CLEVELAND, TEXAS

On April 12, 1968

Chief of Police W.W. MOORE
Police Department

ERNESTINE CAIN
Retail Merchants Credit Bureau

Current telephone and city (1965) directory

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AT NEDERLAND, TEXAS

On April 10, 1968

WALTER DE CUIR
Police Department

ANN GOSS
Retail Merchants Credit Bureau

Current telephone directory

AT PORT NECHES, TEXAS

On April 10, 1968

Chief CHARLES R. BENEFIELD
Police Department

Current telephone directory

On April 16, 1968 JOYCE NIELSEN, Clerk, Voters Registration Records, Galveston County, Galveston, Texas, advised her files made no reference to ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOWMEYER or JOHN WILLARD.

On April 12, 1968 ELSIE THRASH, Clerk, Local Board 49, Galveston, Texas, advised her files made no reference to GALT, LOWMYER, LOWMEYER or WILLARD.

On April 15, 1968 GERRY BARBER, Credit Bureau of Texas City and the Mainland, Texas City, Texas and LILLIAN VAUGHAN, Credit Bureau of Greater Galveston, Galveston, Texas advised their files made no reference to GALT, LOWMYER, LOWMEYER or WILLARD.

On April 12, 1968 all city and telephone directories covering the towns in Galveston County, Texas were reviewed with negative results as to ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER, HARVEY LOWMEYER or JOHN WILLARD.

On April 12, 1968 all banking institutions, Galveston County, Texas, all police departments, Galveston County, Texas as well as Galveston County Sheriff's Office, Galveston, Texas were contacted with negative results as to ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER, HARVEY LOWMEYER and JOHN WILLARD.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN G. HOUSTON at Port Arthur, Texas:

On April 16, 1968 Mrs. ELIZABETH BUCKINGHAM, Identification Division, Port Arthur Police Department, advised she was unable to locate any arrest record identifiable with a RICHARD GALT.

On April 16, 1968, FLOYD MARCEAUX, Credit Bureau of Port Arthur, stated he was unable to locate a credit record for a RICHARD GALT.

On April 16, 1968 BEN JOHNSON, Secretary, National Maritime Union (NMU), 333 7th Street, advised he was unable to locate any record for a RICHARD GALT.

On April 16, 1968 TOMMY GLADWELL, Business Agent, Seafarers International Union, 1348 7th Street, stated he did not have any record for a RICHARD GALT; Mr. GLADWELL advised all records are destroyed after a five year period.

A review of the 1967 City Directory for Beaumont, Port Arthur, Orange and Vidor, Texas, failed to reflect a listing for ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER or JOHN WILLARD.

A review of the current telephone directories for the following cities also failed to reflect a listing for the above mentioned individuals:

Jasper, Texas
Beaumont, Texas
Orange, Texas
Bridge City, Texas
Port Arthur, Texas
San Augustine, Texas
Woodville, Texas
Spurger, Texas
Hemphill, Texas
Bronson, Texas
Pineland, Texas
Cleveland, Texas
Kirbyville, Texas
Liberty, Texas
Dayton, Texas

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Credit and criminal checks, Port Arthur and Beaumont, Texas negative concerning GALT, LOWMEYER or WILLARD.

On April 11, 1968 Inspector L.G. TURNER, JR., Beaumont, Texas advised a review of all ships departing the Beaumont-Port Arthur, Texas area for foreign ports since April 4, 1968 failed to reflect a passenger or crew member under the name of JOHN WILLARD, HARVEY LOWMEYER or ERIC STARVO GALT.

The following investigation was conducted by SA GEORGE P.D. HUDNOR on April 10, 11, and 12, 1968 and listed below are the names of those individuals with their titles, agencies and locales, who were contacted in order to have their records reviewed for the names of ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER or any similar name. All record checks were negative.

April 10, 1968 At Orange, Texas

DAN GRAY
Officer, Identification Division
Orange Police Department

GLENDA ROBINSON, Clerk
Identification Division
Orange County Sheriff's Office

ROSEMARY AARON, Clerk
Tax Assessor and Collector's Office

JUDY SMITH, Clerk
Retail Merchants Association

April 11, 1968 At Jasper, Texas

BUTCH NIGER
Dispatcher
Jasper County Sheriff's Office

ALTON WRIGHT
COP, Jasper Police Department

ESTELLE HINSON
Clerk, Jasper Credit Bureau
(Credit bureau covers Jasper and Newton Counties)

MARTIN LINSEY
Tax Assessor and Collector
Jasper County, Texas

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At San Augustine

N.L. TINDALL
Sheriff, San Augustine County
Sheriff's Office

BILL MC CALLUM
Chief of Police, San Augustine Police Dept.

DOYLINE BENNEFIELD, Clerk
Retail Merchants Association

Mrs. JIMMIE ALFORD
Tax Assessor and Collector
San Augustine County, Texas

At Hemphill, Texas

MUTT BARLOW
Deputy, Sabine County Sheriff's Office

VIRGIE SPEIGHTS
Retail Merchants Association
Sabine County, Texas

PAUL SMITH
Tax Assessor and Collector
Sabine County, Texas

At Newton, Texas

CURTIS HUMPHREYS
Sheriff, Newton County Sheriff's Office

BILL DAVIS
Chief of Police, Newton Police Department

ELIZABETH SMITH
Chief Deputy
Tax Assessor and Collector's Office
Newton County, Texas

April 12, 1968 At Woodville, Texas

JOHN GRAMMER
Chief of Police, Woodville Police Department

RICHARD COLE
Deputy, Tyler County Sheriff's Office

PETE THORNTON
Tax Assessor and Collector, Tyler County, Texas

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At Kountze, Texas

CURTIS DAVIS
Dispatcher, Hardin County Sheriff's Office

WILLIE BEAN
Tax Assessor and Collector's Office
Hardin County, Texas

The following investigation was conducted by SA
G.R. SCHWEICKHARDT and SA JOHN H. SCHULTE:

On April 19, 1968, Sergeant JERRY FOWLER and
Court Dispatcher JINNY GILLASPIE of the Webster Police
Department, advised that they checked their records under
the names GALT, WILLARD and LOWMYER and could find no
one having been arrested by the Webster Police Department.
FOWLER advised there are no restaurants or bars off the
main highway passing through Webster.

The following investigation was conducted by SA
CARLOS L. KIRBY, JR.:

On the dates indicated the following advised they
have recovered no vehicles which were stolen in the State
of Georgia subsequent to March 23, 1968:

MAURICE HARR
Captain, Galveston Police Department
Galveston, Texas on May 2, 1968

LEO ADAMS
Identification Officer, Galveston County
Sheriff's Office, Galveston, Texas
May 2, 1968

RANKIN DE WALT
Chief of Police
Texas City, Texas Police Department
May 2, 1968

RICHARD DUROUX
Acting Chief of Police
LaMarque, Texas Police Department
May 2, 1968

They further advised they maintain no latent finger-
print file.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTN: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION
FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-773) P
RE: MURKIN
CRIME

Re SA tel to ST, 5-16-68; ST tel to SL, 5-16-68;
and SL MURKIN summary tel to Bureau, 5-17-68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the following items
of evidence:

1. One empty match box.
2. One lid from small box bearing Woolworth's price tag.
3. One piece of paper imprinted "Bountree, Reg. Patent. Dept. Agr., Printed in England".
4. One Missouri road map.
5. One empty brown paper bag.

Also enclosed are 11 sections of rubber lifting tape bearing latent impressions taken from vehicle.

For information of Bureau and other offices, on 5-16-68, a 1968 Dodge Dart 270, VIN 1000000000000000, bearing 1968 Mo. license 1B00000, was recovered at Lambert-St. Louis Municipal Airport by Trooper ROBERT BROWN, MISS. Airport

3 - Bureau (Encl. 14) (RM)
2 - St. Louis
1 - Kansas City
1 - Memphis
1 - St. Louis (1 - to 44-38861)
1 - St. Louis (1 - to 44-773)
(RM)

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checked daily for possible abandoned cars by SHURE and this vehicle had been unlocked since 5-5-68. Inquiry by MSHP determined vehicle rented Atlanta, Ga., 4-2-68, from National Car Rental utilizing stolen credit cards in name of SAMUEL SCHNEIDERMAN, 6835 Wood Rd., Richmond, Ill. These cards were allegedly stolen from SCHNEIDERMAN in an armed robbery in ECHO, however, date of robbery and other details not furnished. It is noted in examining vehicle for latent fingerprints that the vehicle was extremely dusty inside and out. This vehicle was towed to Westlake Motors, 12105 St. Charles Rock Rd., EL Co., Mo., and a representative of the National Car Rental Agency operating out of EL Municipal Airport was to handle recovery arrangements.

The Bureau is requested to compare enclosed evidence and latent prints with prints on file of JAMES EARL RAY and other prints obtained in MURKIN investigation.

LEADS

ATLANTA DIVISION

AT ATLANTA, GA.

Will ascertain details pertaining to rental of vehicle and submit original rental agreement to Laboratory for handwriting comparison.

CHICAGO DIVISION

AT RICHMOND, ILL.

Will interview SAMUEL SCHNEIDERMAN, 6835 Wood, regarding robbery of credit cards from him and determine if description of unsub resembles JAMES EARL RAY.

KANSAS CITY DIVISION

AT KANSAS CITY, MO.

Will at the PD ascertain details of theft of credit cards from SAMUEL SCHNEIDERMAN.

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Date: 5/22/68

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) ⁶²⁹/_P
 MEMPHISS (44-1987) ⁷¹²/_P
 CHICAGO ⁶³⁹/_P
 ST. LOUIS (44-775) ⁶³²/_P

FROM: KANSAS CITY 44-760
 MURKIN.
 DAILY SUMMARY.

RE KANSAS CITY DAILY SUMMARY TEL, MAY TWENTYONE LAST,
 AM COPIES CHICAGO AND ST. LOUIS.

RE INTERVIEW OF ATTORNEY PHILLIP BAKER, INDEPENDENCE,
 MO. RECORDS MSP, JEFFERSON CITY, MO., REFLECT THAT FORMER
 INMATE, JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, AKA JOHN WILLIAM MYERS, MSP NO.
 ZERO THREE EIGHT FOUR EIGHT, WAS DISCHARGED FROM MSP, APRIL
 FIVE, SIXTYEIGHT, PROBABLE RESIDENCE NOT GIVEN, BUT WHEREABOUTS
 CAN PROBABLY BE DETERMINED THROUGH EITHER HIS MOTHER, LILLIAN
 MEYER, ^{number} ONE FOUR ZERO ^{on} ONE HUNDRED THIRTY AVENUE, GULFPORT,
 MISSISSIPPI, OR A FRIEND, MRS. IRENE COLLINS, FIVE FOUR FOUR
 SEVEN WEST CHICAGO AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILL. FORMER INMATE
 NATHAN J. MURPHY, MSP NO. ZERO FOUR SEVEN TWO FIVE, WAS
 PAROLED JULY TWENTYEIGHT, SIXTYFOUR, FROM MSP, TO RESIDE
 WITH HIS WIFE, NAME NOT LISTED, AT TWO EIGHT THREE SIX EADS
 AVE., ST. LOUIS, MO., AND WAS DISCHARGED FROM PAROLE

RVH:rdad
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Approved: [Signature]
 Special Agent in Charge

Sent See Above Per [Signature]

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Date:

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(Priority)

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JANUARY FOUR, SIXTYSEVEN; AT WHICH TIME HE COULD BE REACHED
THROUGH JOHN A. ZITZENZANICH, THREE ONE SEVEN SEVEN A OREGON
ST., ST. LOUIS, MO.

CHICAGO AND ST. LOUIS, INTERVIEW ABOVE ASSOCIATES OF
MEYER AND MURPHY TO LOCATE THEM FOR INTERVIEW RE SUBJECT.

SEPARATE TEL TO JACKSON WITH INFO. IN REFERENCED TEL.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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(Priority)

TO: JACKSON

FROM: KANSAS CITY 44-760

MURKIN.

ATTORNEY PHILLIP BAKER, INDEPENDENCE, MO., ADVISED HE REPRESENTED SUBJECT IN HIS APPLICATION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS IN SIXTYTHREE. HEARING WAS UNSUCCESSFUL AND RAY PAID HIM FIFTY DOLLARS ATTORNEY'S FEES. HE ALSO ADVISED HE RECEIVED LETTER JULY, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE, FROM JERRY RAY, ST. LOUIS, STATING JAMES RAY WAS GOING TO SEND HIM MONEY AND LATER ON SEND MORE WHICH BAKER WAS TO SEND TO JERRY RAY. MSP RECORDS FAILED TO REFLECT ANY PAYMENT FROM SUBJECT TO BAKER AND IN FACT, RECORDS REVEALED JUNE NINETEEN, SIXTYTHREE, BAKER SENT FIFTY DOLLARS TO RAY. BAKER, UPON RE-INTERVIEW, ADVISED IN LETTER FROM RAY DATED MAY, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE, HE INDICATED MONEY ORDER WOULD BE SENT TO HIM AND HE SHOULD TAKE FIFTY DOLLARS OF IT. ANOTHER LETTER FROM RAY POSTMARKED JUNE ELEVEN, SIXTYTHREE, INDICATED RELATIVE WAS SENDING MONEY ORDER FOR

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ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS. LETTER POSTMARKED JUNE TWELVE, SIXTYTHREE, UNSIGNED, ADVISED ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR CHECK WAS ENCLOSED FOR LEGAL FEES. THIS LETTER BORE RETURN ADDRESS NATHAN J. MURPHY, INMATE NO. ZERO FOUR SEVEN TWO FIVE, MSP. BAKER, ON JUNE SEVENTEEN, SIXTYTHREE, SAID HE SENT RAY CHECK FOR FIFTY DOLLARS WHICH WAS IN EXCESS OF HIS FEE. BAKER CONTINUING TO CHECK HIS RECORDS FOR ANY INFO. WHICH MAY BE OF HELP. HE ADVISED RAY RECOMMENDED HIM TO A PRISONER BY NAME OF JOHN WILLIAM MYERS, MSP, WHO CONTACTED HIM IN JULY, SIXTYTHREE. BAKER REFUSED TO HANDLE THIS CASE.

~~RE INTERVIEW OF ATTORNEY PHILLIP BAKER, INDEPENDENCE,~~
~~MO.,~~ RECORDS, MSP, JEFFERSON CITY, MO., REFLECT FORMER INMATE JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, AKA JOHN WILLIAM MYERS, MSP NO. ZERO THREE EIGHT FOUR EIGHT, WAS DISCHARGED FROM MSP APRIL FIVE, SIXTYEIGHT, PROBABLE RESIDENCE NOT GIVEN, BUT WHEREABOUTS CAN PROBABLY BE DETERMINED THROUGH EITHER HIS MOTHER, LILLIAN MEYER, ONE FOUR ZERO ONE HUNDRED THIRTY AVENUE, GULFPORT, MISS., OR A FRIEND, MRS. JUNE COLLINS, FIVE FOUR FOUR SEVEN W. CHICAGO AVE., CHICAGO, ILL. FORMER INMATE, NATHAN J. ~~MURPHY~~

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MSP NO. ZERO FOUR SEVEN TWO FIVE, WAS PAROLED JULY TWENTYEIGHT, SIXTYFOUR, FROM MSP, TO RESIDE WITH HIS WIFE, NAME NOT LISTED, AT TWO EIGHT THREE SIX EADS AVE., ST. LOUIS, MO., AND WAS DISCHARGED FROM PAROLE JANUARY FOUR, SIXTYSEVEN, AT WHICH TIME HE COULD BE REACHED THROUGH JOHN A. ZITZEZANICH, THREE ONE SEVEN SEVEN A OREGON ST., ST. LOUIS, MO.

Jackson office
~~CHICAGO AND ST. LOUIS~~, INTERVIEW ~~ABOVE ASSOCIATES~~ *mother*
~~OF MEYER AND MURPHY~~ TO LOCATE ~~THEM~~ *him* FOR INTERVIEW RE SUBJECT.

SEPARATE TEL TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS, CHICAGO, AND ST. LOUIS.

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TO : SAC (44-760) -P-

FROM : SA LAWRENCE R. NOLAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/22/68

OO: Memphis
Bufile: 44-38861

Re SAC Memo to Resident Agency, Springfield, Topeka, Wichita, and Joplin, dated 5/8/68.

On 5/13/68, the enclosed photographs accompanying referenced memorandum, were furnished to VIC COX, News Department, KOAM TV, Channel 7, Pittsburg, Kansas, for his information, and COX stated that he would immediately produce these on the news telecast in the near future on this channel.

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FROM: KANSAS CITY (44-760)
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DON REED, KANSAS HWY. PATROL, COUNCIL GROVE, KANSAS, ADVISED AS FOLLOWS. ON MAY NINETEEN LAST, FOUR MILES SOUTH OF HERINGTON, KANSAS, CHECKED ONE JOE M. BEANS, WM, DOB [REDACTED] RESIDENCE KEARNEY, NEBRASKA, NO ADDRESS GIVEN, SOC. SEC. NO. [REDACTED] BEANS DRIVING FIFTYSEVEN CHRYSLER, NEBRASKA LICENSE TWO-D SEVEN FIVE FOUR, ROSE OVER IVORY. BEANS, ALONE AT TIME, STATED GOING TO OKLAHOMA FOR WORK. HAD KNIFE IN BELT AND SEVERAL RIFLES IN CAR. NCIC NEGATIVE.

REED STATES BEANS FITS DESCRIPTION OF RAY EXCEPT HAIR A BIT GRAY AND HAS FULLER FACE. HE HAS PLACED THUMB OVER HAIR AREA OF PHOTO OF RAY APPEARING ON WANTED FLYER AND STATES PHOTO LOOKS LIKE BEANS.

OMAHA AT KEARNEY ATTEMPT CONFIRM IDENTITY OF BEANS AS TRUE INDIVIDUAL AND-OR WHETHER POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH RAY.

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PHOTO OF BVA APPEARING ON WANTED PLATE AND STATES PHOTO LOOKS
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MORSE. HAD KNIFE IN BELT AND SEVERAL BILGES IN CAR. MUSIC RECORDING
OVER RADIO. BEAVIS ALONE AT TIME. STATED GOING TO OKLAHOMA FOR
EIGHTEEN CHRISTMAS. NEBRASKA LICENSE TWO-D SEVEN FIVE FOUR. ROSE

[REDACTED] BEAVIS DRIVING
RESIDENCE KEARNER, NEBRASKA. NO ADDRESS GIVEN. SOC. SEC. NO.

KANSAS. CHECKED ONE JOE W. BEAVIS. MW. DOB [REDACTED]

AS BOTTOMS. ON MAY NINETEEN LAST. FOUR WIVES SOUTH OF MINISTON.

DON REED. KANSAS HWY. PATROL. COUNCIL GROVE. KANSAS. ADVISED

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

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

On May 16, 1968, Mrs. MARY LOU BOCK, Clerk,
Bureau of Vital Statistics, caused the file on death
certificates to be available. These records were checked
from April 5, 1968 to the present time, for unidentified
white males. There is no record on file. Mrs. BOCK
stated that she would notify the FBI, Jefferson City,
Missouri, should she receive any record of unidentified
white males being recorded on death certificates.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA ROY L. HUMPHREYS, JR.:

At Leavenworth, Kansas

On May 17, 1968, Inmate RICHARD L. MENARD, USP #A83068L, advised he is serving a 15 year sentence for bank robbery from St. Louis. He said he began serving his sentence in May, 1966.

MENARD said he knew JAMES EARL RAY from about 1961 to 1965 when both were inmates at the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP), Jefferson City, Missouri. He said RAY was still in the MSP when he was released. He said he knew RAY as a good friend, but did not cell with him or work in the same place with him.

MENARD said he did not have any conversations with RAY concerning escape or what RAY would do if he did escape. He said to his knowledge, RAY did not plan or consider escape.

MENARD said he did not know RAY to be race minded and said he was surprised that RAY would consider killing for racial reasons.

MENARD said RAY's closest friend at the MSP was ~~CARL DRAKE~~, who is presently released and residing at 2634 St. Vincent, St. Louis, Missouri.

RAY talked about having a brother in St. Louis and apparently this brother was connected in some way with the supplying of drugs to RAY. DRAKE was connected closely with RAY in the supplying of drugs in the MSP. Two other inmates were also connected with this business, JIM BRADLEY of St. Louis, Missouri and BOBBY ASHE of Kansas City.

MENARD said it was hard to estimate what RAY's take per month on the drug sales was, but it would probably run an average of \$200.00 per month. Some months it might be nothing and others it might run up to \$1,000.00. He said this would depend on the source of supply and ability of suppliers to get drugs into the penitentiary.

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He said inmates were able to obtain money for drugs by having guards bring in money to them for a percentage.

MENARD said he preferred not to discuss details of the drug supply as he did not see how this could be connected to the whereabouts of RAY. He said he would co-operate fully in the location of RAY, but did not wish to become involved in any investigation of the non-narcotic drug trade at the MSP, as such, for obvious reasons.

He stated that should the information he furnished be of value in the location of RAY, he would appreciate it if the fact he had co-operated be made a matter of record in his file for parole consideration and for consideration of any agencies holding detainers against him.

MENARD said he would be alert for information he could learn from inmates at the USP at Leavenworth, which would relate to the whereabouts of RAY and would contact the FBI through Penitentiary personnel, if he was successful in learning information of value.

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After interview with attorney PHILLIP LEE BAKER at Independence, Missouri, SA RAYMOND B. HOWE returned to the office and checked subject's file to determine if there was a recording of subject's sending \$50 to attorney PHILLIP LEE BAKER. Prison records failed to substantiate this. In fact, they show that on June 19, 1963, PHILLIP LEE BAKER, 516 Guitar Building, Columbia, Missouri, sent a money order of \$50 to JAMES EARL RAY. Because of this, SA HOWE recontacted attorney PHILLIP LEE BAKER the same date.

BAKER advised that his file reveals that he received a letter from JAMES EARL RAY dated May 19, 1963, from the Missouri State Penitentiary stating he was going to sign over \$50 to BAKER and the money would be sent to him when money orders can be sent out. He advised that he got a letter dated June 11, 1963, postmarked June 11, 1963, from JAMES EARL RAY indicating that a relative was sending him \$100. He stated he received another letter dated June 7, 1963, postmarked June 12, 1963, from the Missouri State Penitentiary enclosing a check or money order (BAKER could not tell from this letter) for legal fees. This letter was unsigned, however, the return address listed NATHAN J. MURPHY, Missouri State Penitentiary #04725, Hall K, Cell 91. BAKER advised that his records revealed that on June 17, 1963, he sent RAY a check for \$50 which was the excess over his legal fees.

BAKER stated he could not remember any further details of these transactions, however, he would continue to review his files and check records and see if he could furnish any information which would be more helpful in this matter. BAKER supposed that maybe he was supposed to send the \$50 to JERRY RAY instead of back to the subject in view of the letter he received from JERRY RAY on July 10, 1963, however, he could not elaborate on this.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA RAYMOND B. HOWE:

AT INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI

On May 21, 1968, Attorney PHILLIP LEE BAKER, 214 South Springfield Street, Independence, Missouri, advised that in January, 1963, he was appointed by Judge GIBSON, U. S. District Court, to represent JAMES EARL RAY at the Missouri State Penitentiary in his application for Writ of Habeas Corpus. He stated that previous to this, RAY had filed application for appointment of counsel as an indigent pauper. This Writ of Habeas Corpus was to bring the warden into court to show why he was being detained. The hearing was unsuccessful.

BAKER advised that prior to the hearing and sometime during 1963, he talked to RAY at the Penitentiary and he believes this is the only time he spoke with him at the Penitentiary and the only other time he saw him was at the hearing which was held in Jefferson City, Missouri. After the hearing, RAY indicated to him he was going to appeal. BAKER stated he did not wish to represent RAY any further and his records show that on September 23, 1963, he wrote RAY at the Penitentiary to confirm his understanding to appeal and advising him that he should handle it himself.

BAKER stated he remembers nothing unusual in his conversations with RAY. They mainly talked of the hearing. He has not been in contact with RAY since September, 1963, and could furnish no information as to his whereabouts. He did advise that in about August, 1963, RAY sent him a \$50.00 fee for representing him in this matter. Also, he received a letter dated July 24, 1963, from another inmate, Missouri State Penitentiary, JOHN W. MYERS, Registry #03848J, Hall F, Cell 90. This inmate advised that BAKER had been recommended to him by RAY and he requested BAKER to handle his case in the same manner he handled RAY's case.

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BAKER said he sent MYERS a letter in August, 1963, advising him he would be unable to handle his case. BAKER also produced a letter dated July 10, 1963, that he received from JERRY RAY, 1713 Lafayette, St. Louis, Missouri. This letter states as follows:

"I visited my brother James Ray this past Sunday and he said you represent him. Also, he said he was going to mail you \$49.75 plus later on send you some money and you are supposed to send it to me.

"He will let you know when he sends it. He will also let me know.

"/s/ Jerry Ray"

BAKER advised that this was the extent of his contact with RAY and can furnish no further information regarding him. However, if such information comes to his attention, he will immediately contact the FBI.

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RE: CARL M. CRAIG

The following investigation was conducted by
SA JAMES A. MITCHELL:

AT SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI:

On May 17, 1968, CARL M. CRAIG, inmate, County Jail, advised he was just released from the Missouri State Prison, Jefferson City, Missouri, May 1, 1968, and had been there since October 29, 1965, serving a five-year sentence from Greene County for burglary. He celled in K Hall and worked in the Main Dining Room. RAY celled in either J or K. He did not cell with him and was not close to him. He never talked to him at length at any time and the only time he saw him was at sick call. RAY always complained of stomach trouble. He knows nothing about his friends or what he might have talked about to others at the prison. He is aware that many of the inmates would come forth with some "manufactured" information about him in the hope of gaining a parole. Many of them would say anything if they thought it would help their own case.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA
JAMES P. HORTON:

AT SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

On May 16, 1968, JOHN T. THOMASON, Greene County Parole Officer, Greene County Court House, advised that on September 26, 1967, IVAN DALE UNDERWOOD, appeared before Judge BARBOUR, Springfield, Missouri in connection with insufficient fund check and was released. THOMASON advised the record shows a money order was received from UNDERWOOD making restitution on the insufficient funds check on February 28, 1968 and a return address is 5105 Minnesota Avenue, Apartment B, St. Louis, Missouri and this is the most recent information in the file.

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ST. LOUIS- *1013A*

FROM: KANSAS CITY 44-760

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RE ST. LOUIS TEL TO BUREAU, MAY SIXTEEN, LAST.

BUREAU TEL MAY TWENTYTWO, LAST ADVISED BUREAU CONTEMPLATING PLACING AN AD IN A PUBLICATION IN AN EFFORT TO POSSIBLY SURFACE THE SUBJECT. IT MUST BE DETERMINED WHAT PUBLICATIONS, IF ANY, WERE HABITUALLY READ BY SUBJECT. BUTEL REQUESTS KANSAS CITY TO INTERVIEW JAMES L. OWENS, FELLOW INMATE, TO DETERMINE WHAT PUBLICATIONS SUBJECT HABITUALLY READ.

REFERENCED COMMUNICATION REVEALS JAMES L. OWENS INTERVIEWED BY ST. LOUIS THAT DATE.

ST. LOUIS WILL RE-INTERVIEW OWENS RE ABOVE.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760)

DATE: 5/22/68

FROM : SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Re Kansas City teletype to Dallas dated 5/17/68.

RE: BARTENDER POSSIBLY IDENTICAL TO RAY WORKING AT
STREAMLINER BAR, DALLAS, THREE MONTHS AGO.

The following investigation was conducted by
SAs JAMES J. SHERMAN and WILLIAM B. HOLLOMAN on 5/17/68:

AT DALLAS, TEXAS

PATSY BENSON, Manager, Streamliner Club, 4727 S. Lamar, telephone HA 8-9027, advised she has managed the club for the past six months, and has had only one male bartender, BOBBY BUTLER, white male, age 22, who is now working elsewhere. RAY FEWEN helped out occasionally. BENSON was furnished I.O. 4182 and advised subject RAY did not remotely resemble either BUTLER or FEWEN, or anyone else she knew. She expressed a cooperative attitude and advised she will be on the lookout for RAY.

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REPORTING OFFICE BIRMINGHAM	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MEMPHIS	DATE 5/20/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 4/17/68 - 5/17/68
TITLE OF CASE JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE IO #4182 WF #442-A TOP TEN FUGITIVE; DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY SA HENRY A. SNOW	TYPED BY cap
		CHARACTER OF CASE CR - CONSPIRACY; UFAC - ROBBERY	

REFERENCES: Report of SA HENRY A. SNOW at Birmingham, dated 4/17/68, and numerous communications and reports.

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LEAD:BIRMINGHAM:AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA:

Will continue efforts to locate fugitive RAY.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

No leads are being set forth in this report as all have been handled by telephone or teletype during the period covered in this report.

One extra copy is being furnished to the Memphis Office marked "Hold" for the U. S. Attorney, Memphis, which may be released only upon Bureau authority.

The voluminous negative information is not being reported herein as it would serve no useful purpose. However, in separate volumes of the Birmingham file related to this matter, all such investigation is recorded including elimination of numerous "look-alikes" and suspects.

In accordance with Bureau instructions each informant including CI's and PCI's as well as logical racial informants and sources of information have all been contacted personally during the period covered herein and each such individual has been supplied a copy of the Identification Order for RAY together with exhibition of several views of his photographs. This has resulted negatively to date.

The confidential source whose interview is set forth in this report at length who was a former inmate of subject RAY at the Missouri State Penitentiary is THOMAS BRITTON who resides at 1710 Alabama Avenue, Jasper, Alabama, and is presently employed at Foster's Cabinet Shop, Haleyville, Alabama. He is being contacted on a regular basis and it is believed that should he receive a call from subject RAY that he will notify the Birmingham Office immediately. It was deemed advisable not to

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disclose his identity in this report since he is apprehensive of possible retaliation by former inmates should it become known that he is being contacted by FBI Agents. Contacts with him have been had after his regular work-day hours in order that he not be compromised.

In connection with the information furnished in the body of this report by the above-mentioned confidential source regarding the possibility that subject RAY may have known that Walker County, Alabama was dry but that there were "beer joints" just over the neighboring county line of Jefferson near Birmingham, the following is noted:

The location of the "beer joints" described by the confidential source is in close proximity to the terminus of the navigable Warrior River upon which large tow barges operate to port Birmingham and Cordova, Alabama. The Warrior River is navigable from those locations through the length of Alabama to Mobile thence by inter-coastal canal to New Orleans and from there up the Mississippi River. Birmingham contemplates additional investigation on the possibility that RAY during the period 1958 to 1960 may have, in fact, been employed as a deck hand or cook on one of the barge lines operated on the Mississippi-Warrior system.

In connection with the information furnished by BRITTON, it was thought advisable to check the long distance telephone calls made from his home telephone to determine whether there might be any possibility of his having been contacted by such means by subject RAY.

On May 8, 1968, SA JOHN H. KRESEK secured from Mrs. ELAINE DOWNEY, Assistant Manager, Southern

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Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, Jasper, Alabama, whose identity should be protected, a list of all such toll calls made to ERITTON's home telephone 387-7988 beginning on September 18, 1967, through April 4, 1968. The identity of the individuals called have been established and reflect no possibility of RAY being the recipient of any call. A record of this is maintained in the Birmingham file.

Information copies of this report are being furnished the auxiliary offices indicated due to their investigation conducted in this matter and possible future requests for additional investigation.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date May 15, 1968

Mrs. BEATRICE BRITTON, 1710 Alabama Avenue, Jasper, Alabama, furnished the following:

She is married to THOMAS BRITTON, a former inmate at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri. Mrs. BRITTON stated her husband never identified JAMES EARL RAY as a person known to him after or during the time when RAY's photograph and name were appearing frequently on TV and in newspapers and also stated her husband had never commented anything about RAY until about May 3, 1968, when Mrs. BRITTON was first contacted by the FBI in an effort to locate her husband. Her husband then told her that the FBI was seeking him concerning a man he had known in the penitentiary who had carried hot water to the prisoners' cells.

Mrs. BRITTON stated that neither she nor her husband, to her knowledge, has ever received any telephone calls from any unknown men who were attempting to contact her husband and who could be identical with JAMES EARL RAY. She stated she has never been contacted at her residence by anyone resembling RAY who was looking for her husband. She was unable to identify any photograph of RAY as a person ever seen by her at any time.

She stated that from June, 1967, until January, 1968, she and her family had not resided at 1710 Alabama Avenue, Jasper, but had resided in a rural area outside of Jasper. During the same time, however, they had kept the same telephone number they had had prior to moving from 1710 Alabama Avenue. In January, 1968, they moved back into the house at 1710 Alabama Avenue.

On 5/8/68 at Jasper, Alabama File # BH 44-1740
by SA ROBERT M. BARRETT and
SA WILLIAM A. SAUCIER / RMB:hss Date dictated 5/14/68

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In connection with the information received from THOMAS BRITTON that JAMES EARL RAY had identified to BRITTON several bars and night clubs in Northwest Jefferson County, Alabama, the following investigation was conducted on May 8, 1968, by Special Agents ROBERT M. BARRETT and WILLIAM A. SAUCIER:

GLADYS KEY, who was formerly known as GLADYS HAYWOOD, wife of C. C. HAYWOOD, and also known as "MAMA" HAYWOOD, stated she operated, along with her former husband, C. C. HAYWOOD, the Riverview Night Club from July, 1958, until 1964. This place is located on the Warrior River in northwest Jefferson County. Mrs. KEY stated she could not recall any former customer during the period 1958 - 1960 who was identical with JAMES EARL RAY. She further advised that the photographs of RAY were not identical with any person she recalls seeing at the Riverview Night Club from 1958 to 1960 or at her present bar from April, 1967, to the present time.

Mrs. KEY is presently operating the "Little Warrior River Cafe," which is located one-half mile from the Riverview. Mrs. KEY's employee, MARLENE KILGORE, also was unable to identify the photograph of RAY as a customer she has ever seen in the Little Warrior River Cafe.

Mr. C. C. HAYWOOD, owner of the Riverview Night Club since 1958, advised he was unable to identify photographs of JAMES EARL RAY as a customer who came to his place either in 1958 to 1960 or since April, 1967. The photographs of RAY were also shown to HAYWOOD's barmaid, Mrs. ELLEN SICKLES, and to Mrs. C. C. (PHYLLIS) HAYWOOD, who were unable to identify photographs of RAY as anyone they had seen in the Riverview.

MAMIE MITCHELL, Manager of Rose's Place on Old U. S. Highway 78, Route One, Dora, Alabama, advised she has operated this "beer joint" since 1963. In 1958 it was known as "Johnny's Place" and in 1960 it was known as "Parker's Place." When MITCHELL took over in 1963, she named it "Mamie's Place" and changed the name to "Rose's" in 1964. Mrs. MITCHELL was unable to identify a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY as a person she has ever seen in her bar.

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ED HOLLIS, operator of the Allstate Cafe, U. S. Highway 78, advised he and his brother, HAROLD HOLLIS, had been operating the Allstate Night Club and Allstate Cafe as two separate businesses since 1957. HOLLIS stated he could not identify any of the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY as a person he had ever seen at the Allstate Cafe either during the period 1958-1960 or since April, 1967. HAROLD HOLLIS was also unable to identify subject RAY after viewing the photographs.

ELEANOR HOLLIS, wife of ED HOLLIS and who works as a waitress at the Allstate Cafe, identified the 1967 and 1968 photographs of JAMES EARL RAY as a person she has seen at the Allstate Cafe. She stated that quite frankly she is unable to furnish any other information whatsoever about the person she identified as RAY, as to description, time seen at the cafe, automobile used, or anything else. She was quite definite in that she had seen RAY at the cafe.

MYRTLE NELSON, cook at the Allstate Cafe, identified the 1967 and 1968 photographs of JAMES EARL RAY as a person she had seen in the Allstate Cafe as a customer. She stated, however, she could not furnish any other information whatsoever concerning this person.

Both Mrs. HOLLIS and MYRTLE NELSON stated they would give the matter considerable thought in an effort to recall any other information concerning the individual they identified.

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Title: JAMES EARL RAY;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -
VICTIM

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY; UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID
CONFINEMENT - ROBBERY

Synopsis: Proprietor of the "Gun Rack", Birmingham, a store dealing in the sale of firearms, is of opinion that subject spent considerable time examining high power rifles in his place on 3/27/68, which was two days prior to his appearance at the Aeromarine Supply Company where murder weapon was purchased. Record located of bank draft purchased by subject, as GALT, on 9/28/67, in amount \$337.24, payable to Superior Bulk Film Company, Chicago, for photographic equipment. Son of seller of Mustang to subject believed photograph of subject identical to purchaser. Same opinion of photograph expressed by operator and cook at the Economy Rooming House, Highland Avenue, Birmingham, where subject resided from 8/26/67 to 10/7/67. JAMES W. BROWN, Reform, Alabama, who was well acquainted with subject RAY while both confined in Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City. Missouri, recalled that RAY was considerably upset during demonstrations led by KING and about the Fall of 1963 RAY made the statement that he was going to kill KING when he got out and was under the impression that some organization would pay \$10,000.00 for KING's murder. BROWN also identified several former and present inmates who knew subject. Similar information secured from another former inmate, who is now a parolee from Missouri State Penitentiary, residing near Birmingham, but who desired his identity not be made known. RAY eliminated as possible suspect in any bank robbery committed in Birmingham Office territory. Since

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submission of last report and since issuance of Identification Order and wanted flyer for RAY's apprehension, extensive investigation has continued in Birmingham territory without securing any additional information as to his whereabouts, although numerous "look-a-likes" and suspects eliminated. This investigation included personal contacts and delivery of Identification Orders to all employees in the following business categories: outlets of salacious books, rooming houses, hotels and motels, bus stations, railroads, airline facilities, car rental agencies, public luggage lockers, laundries and dry cleaners, "lonely heart" type organizations, and bank safe deposit box departments. Classified ads of used cars for sale which appeared in Birmingham newspapers during pertinent period, 3/21-4/2/68, were reviewed and 486 cars advertised eliminated as having been sold to subject. Subject's photographs published in periodical distributed to all service stations in state. No record located of subject having applied for employment at any country club. No record of any unidentified deceased male who might be subject located. Check of marriage and divorce records of all counties in Birmingham territory negative. SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Date 5/2/68

The following signed statement was furnished by CLYDE R. MANASCO, Route 9, Box 602, Birmingham, Alabama, clerk at the Gun Rack located at 1507 S.W. 31st Street, Birmingham, Alabama:

"Birmingham, Alabama
April 18, 1968

"I, CLYDE MANASCO, having viewed seven photographs exhibited to me by Special Agent J. T. ARNETT of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, have selected the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT as appearing similar to the man who came to The Gun Rack Store, Birmingham, Alabama, where I am employed, and made inquiry regarding high-powered rifles and scopes. I believe the date the man appeared at The Gun Rack was March 27, 1968. The photograph of a man identified as ERIC STARVO GALT appears identical to this man with the exception in the photograph ERIC STARVO GALT's face appears slightly broader than I recall the man who was in The Gun Rack.

"I have read this statement and it is true to the best of my knowledge.

/s/ CLYDE R. MANASCO

"Witnessed:

Special Agent J. T. ARNETT (/s/), FBI, Birmingham, Ala.
April 18, 1968"

In addition to information furnished in the signed statement, Mr. MANASCO advised that as he had previously stated, the man who was in The Gun Rack making inquiry regarding high-powered rifles had light brown hair.

Photographs exhibited to Mr. MANASCO were as follows:

JOHN OSCAR LUCK, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office

On 4/18/68 at Birmingham, Alabama File # BH 44-1740

by SA J. T. ARNETT:scb/epg Date dictated 4/25/68

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#102955, Birmingham, Alabama, photograph taken April 21, 1962;

ROBERT CROSS, Birmingham FBI #91-1803;

CHARLES NEWMANT GAULT, Birmingham FBI #26-22408;

ERIC STARVO GALT, true name JAMES EARL RAY;

THOMAS FRANKLIN BRADY, Birmingham FBI #26-22408;

ERNEST GEORGE BLAND, Birmingham FBI #44-1740;

JAMES ROBERT LUKE, Atlanta Police Department
#251309, photograph taken October 20, 1967.

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QUINTON B. DAVIS, 912 Ann Street, Birmingham, Alabama, owner of The Gun Rack, 1507 31st Street, S.W., Birmingham, Alabama, viewed the following photographs:

JOHN OSCAR LUCK, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office #102955, Birmingham, Alabama, photograph taken April 21, 1962;

ROBERT CROSS, Birmingham FBI #91-1803;

CHARLES NEWMANT GAULT, Birmingham FBI #26-22408;

ERIC STARVO GALT, true name JAMES EARL RAY;

THOMAS FRANKLIN BRADY, Birmingham FBI #26-22408;

ERNEST GEORGE BLAND, Birmingham FBI #44-1740;

JAMES ROBERT LUKE, Atlanta Police Department #251309, photograph taken October 20, 1967.

Mr. DAVIS advised, after viewing the above photographs on April 18, 1968, that he could not make a positive statement as to whether the photograph of any of the above individuals was identical to the photograph of the individual who had been in The Gun Rack making inquiry regarding the high-powered rifle and had specifically made inquiry regarding a Model 264 Browning automatic rifle.