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12/15/67	223-0300	806-373-1108	
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<u>DENVER</u>			
12/17/67	379-9059	303-641-1586	Gunnison, Colorado
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12/17/67	432-9447	616-236-5598	Miss SNEAA WATKINS Tolman, Michigan
<u>INDIANAPOLIS</u>			
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12/15/67	875-9079	317-963-2331	Sharpsville, Indiana
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<u>JACKSON</u>			
12/17/67	674-9919	601-475-7722	
12/17/67	432-9005	601-762-3813	
<u>JACKSONVILLE</u>			
12/17/67	875-9055	904-433-1459	Pensacola, Fla.
<u>KANSAS CITY</u>			
12/15/67	674-9761	913-539-4300	
<u>LITTLE ROCK</u>			
12/16/67	223-7271	501-375-6561	
12/16/67	432-9005	501-624-4536	VELMA THOMPSON
12/17/67	432-9277	501-835-3481	WORKMAN
<u>LOS ANGELES</u>			
12/15/67	223-8266	213-231-5482	
12/17/67	988-7491	213-429-9378	
12/17/67	223-7271	213-663-3675	
12/16/67	379-9092	714-540-7240	Santa Ana, Calif.
<u>MEMPHIS</u>			
12/15/67	223-8080	901-947-1819	Memphis, to RUBY SIMONS or SIMORS
<u>NEW HAVEN</u>			
12/17/67	223-7689	203-754-6121	Waterbury, Conn., from Miss JAMES, Room 319, Palace Hotel

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<u>NEW YORK</u>			
12/16/67	432-9407	212-588-7147	
12/16/67	379-9059	914-343-3240	Middletown, N.Y.
<u>OKLAHOMA CITY</u>			
12/17/67	674-9919	405-771-3268	
<u>OMAHA</u>			
12/17/67	379-9084	515-388-4928	
<u>PITTSBURGH</u>			
12/17/67	432-9595	304-727-8137	St. Albans, West Virginia
<u>SAN FRANCISCO</u>			
12/17/67	223-7765	415-654-4366	

Unless pertinent information is developed during the course of the investigation requested above which pertains to the San Antonio Division, it is not necessary to advise the San Antonio Division of the results.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : FILE ⁴⁴(157-760)

DATE: 5/17/68

FROM : SAC

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Supervisor HUNTER HELGERSON, FBI headquarters, on 5/16/68 telephonically requested that the Kansas City Office expeditiously furnish the dental chart for fugitive JAMES EARL RAY contained in the records of the Missouri State Prison, Jefferson City, Missouri.

Copies of the complete medical history contained in the Kansas City Office were immediately forwarded and a lead has been sent to Jefferson City to obtain X-rays which will be forwarded as soon as received.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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

MURKIN

Re St. Louis airtel to Bureau, 5/20/68.

Sergeant EARL KING, Crimes Against Persons Unit, Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, advised this date that he could locate no record of a robbery in which the victim was named SAMUEL SCHNEIDERMAN, 6135 Road, Richmond, Illinois, or any other individual by that name.

LEAD:

CHICAGO DIVISION

At Richmond, Illinois

In interview with SAMUEL SCHNEIDERMAN, 6135 Road, endeavor to obtain details of alleged robbery in view of the fact the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, cannot locate any record pertaining to this robbery.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760)

MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS

Re Kansas City airtel to the Bureau, 5/17/68.

A photostatic copy of subject's Missouri State Penitentiary file was forwarded to the Bureau with referenced communication; however, some of the pages were too faint to read, thus the following seven copies, which are as legible as possible, are being furnished herewith to the Bureau.

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Date: 5/23/68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
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Via TELETYPE - URGENT
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR 44-38861
MEMPHIS 44-1987

FROM: KANSAS CITY 44-760

MURKIN.

DAILY SUMMARY.

JOE M. BEANS, KEARNEY, NEBRASKA, DRIVING NINETEEN FIFTYSEVEN CHRYSLER, STOPPED BY KS. HIGHWAY PATROL, HARRINGTON, KS., MAY NINETEEN, LAST. NCIC CHECK NEGATIVE. BEANS NOT DETAINED. PATROLMAN DON REED ADVISED BEANS GENERALLY FITS SUBJECT'S DESCRIPTION AND HE HAD RIFLES IN THE CAR.

OMAHA ADVISED.

TELEPHONE NO. NINE ONE THREE-FIVE THREE NINE-FOUR THREE ZERO ZERO IS ASSIGNED TO JOHNSON PAINT STORE, MANHATTAN, KS. STORE BEING CONTACTED.

MSP RECORDS REVEALED FORMER INMATE, NATHAN J. MURPHY, SENDING MONEY ORDER FOR ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS TO ATTORNEY PHILLIP L. BAKER ON JUNE TEN, SIXTYTHREE. NO OTHER PERTINENT MONEY TRANSACTIONS IN MURPHY'S FILE.

DMV, JERFERSON CITY, MO., ADVISED ON MAY TWENTYNINE, NEXT, THEY WILL FURNISH DATA BRIEFS CONCERNING NEW DRIVERS
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Approved: KW Adams
Special Agent in Charge

Sent 44-449-P M Per 44-760-961

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LICENSE APPLICATIONS IN THE ST. OF MISSOURI FOR APRIL AND THAT PART OF MAY, SIXTYEIGHT. THEREAFTER, A WEEKLY LIST WILL BE SUBMITTED. THESE BRIEFS CONTAIN EVERYTHING ON APPLICATION. THESE WILL BE ON ALL WHITE MALE APPLICANTS BETWEEN THIRTY AND FIFTYFIVE YEARS OF AGE. DMV ESTIMATES THERE WILL BE TWENTYFIVE THOUSAND. MO. DMV DOES NOT SEND ALL DRIVER'S LICENSE APPLICATIONS THROUGH THE NATIONAL DRIVERS REGISTRY, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, WASHINGTON, D. C.

DIRECTOR, L. BILLINGS, KANSAS DMV, ADVISED THAT ALL DRIVERS LICENSE RENEWALS AND APPLICATIONS ARE PUT ON TAPE AND SENT TO THE NATIONAL DRIVERS REGISTRY, WASHINGTON, D. C. ALSO, THEY HAVE ON FILE DRIVERS LICENSE NUMBER AND NAME OF INDIVIDUALS FROM APRIL EIGHT, LAST, TO THE PRESENT TIME. THE NAMES PRIOR TO APRIL EIGHT, LAST, DESTROYED. KS. DMV NEEDS AT LEAST ONE WEEK TO FURNISH THESE NAMES. *Neither Missouri or Kansas can separate renewals from New Applications* KANSAS CITY SENDING I.O.S TO DRIVER'S LICENSE EXAMINING STATIONS IN KS. AND WESTERN PORTION OF MO.

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

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824PM URGENT 5/22/68 WPK

TO BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO, KANSAS CITY, LOS ANGELES

AND NEWARK

FROM DIRECTOR (44-38861) 2P

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BUREAU IS 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 RAY.

ACCORDINGLY, KANSAS CITY WILL INTERVIEW CECIL CLAYTON LILLIBRIDGE AND JAMES L. OWENS, FELLOW INMATES OF SUBJECT, TO DETERMINE WHAT PUBLICATIONS SUBJECT HABITUALLY READ. BIRMINGHAM WILL INTERVIEW THOMAS BRITTON ALONG SAME LINES AS SET FORTH FOR KANSAS CITY. NEWARK OFFICE WILL CONTACT LOCKSMITHING INSTITUTE AT LITTLE FALLS, NEW JERSEY, TO DETERMINE IN WHICH MAGAZINE THEIR AD WAS PLACED FROM WHICH SUBJECT ORDERED CORRESPONDENCE COURSE. CHICAGO WILL CONDUCT INVESTIGATION AT SUPERIOR BULK FILM COMPANY TO DETERMINE IDENTITY OF PUBLICATION FROM WHICH SUBJECT AS GALT ORDERED

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MERCHANDISE. LOS ANGELES WILL CONDUCT INVESTIGATION AT
TIFFANY ENTERPRISES AND THE E. Z. FORMULA COMPANY TO DETERMINE
FROM WHICH PUBLICATION SUBJECT ORDERED MERCHANDISE.

EACH OFFICE SUTEL RESULTS OF INQUIRY.

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AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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FBI BIRMGHAM

1056PM URGENT 5-23-68 HEP
TO DIRECTOR, KANSAS CITY
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) 1P

MURKIN

REBUTEL TO CHICAGO, MAY TWENTYTWO, SIXTYEIGHT.

THOMAS BRITTON (PROTECT IDENTITY) HALEYVILLE, ALABAMA,
ADVISED THIS DATE HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE RE PUBLICATIONS SUBJECT
READ, BUT SUGGESTED MAJOR POIRY, SECURITY OFFICER, MSP, MIGHT
HAVE SINCE HE USE TO CHECK CELLS FOR CONTRABAND GOODS AND MIGHT
THEREFORE BE FAMILIAR WITH TYPE OF PUBLICATIONS FAVORED BY SUBJECT.

KANSAS CITY AT JEFFERSON CITY, MO., CONTACT MAJOR POIRY, MSP,
RE HIS KNOWLEDGE OF PUBLICATIONS READ BY SUBJECT.

AIR MAIL COPY MEMPHIS.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), KANSAS CITY & MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM LAS VEGAS (157-133)

MURKIN.

RE KANSAS CITY TELEPHONE CALL TODAY CONCERNING INFORMATION
FURNISHED BY SOURCE OF KANSAS CITY OFFICE.

JOHN AND RUBY WILLIAMS, MAN AND WIFE, OPERATE THE PALMISTRY
SHOP, ONE FIVE FOUR EIGHT B STREET, SPARKS, NEVADA. RUBY GIVES
READINGS UNDER THE NAME THERISA BROWN AND JOHN KEEPS OUT DRUNKS AND
TROUBLE MAKERS.

JOHN AND RUBY WERE INTERVIEWED TODAY BY BUAGENT UNDER PRETEXT
OF ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE BUREAU FWGITIVES. THEY WERE DISPLAYED A
GROUP OF PHOTOS INCLUDING ALL AVAILABLE PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY
AT WHICH THEY BOTH STATED THAT NONE OF THESE INDIVIDUALS HAD BEEN IN
THEIR PLACE OF BUSINESS AND THEY DID NOT RECALL EVER SEEING ANY OF
THEM.

JOHN AND RUBY WERE TOLD THAT SOME OF THE INDIVIDUALS IN THE
PHOTOS WERE BANK ROBBERS AND THEY WGRE ASKED IF ANYONE HAD SPENT
A LARGE SUM OF MONEY WITH THEM. RUBY REPLIED SHE CHARGES THREE

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DOLLARS FOR PALM READINGS AND FIVE DOLLARS FOR BOTH PALM AND CARD READINGS. WHEN ASKED ABOUT TIPS, RUBY STATED THE MOST SHE EVER GETS IS ONE DOLLAR AND THAT IS VERY RARELY.

UPON CONCLUSION OF THE INTERVIEW, RUBY WHO HAD BEEN CONTINUOUSLY LOOKING AT THE ABOVE PHOTOS HELD OUT THE PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY THAT APPEARS ON HIS IDENTIFICATION ORDER AND ASKED IF THAT WAS THE MAN THAT SHOT MARTIN LUTHER KING. JOHN ALSO LOOKED AT THIS PICTURE AGAIN AND BOTH RELATED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION.

ON THE FOLLOWING SATURDAY EVENING AFTER KING WAS SHOT, A YOUNG MAN CAME IN FOR A READING. RUBY AT THE TIME HAD A CUSTOMER IN THE READING ROOM AND THE MAN WAS ASKED TO SIT DOWN. THIS MAN VOLUNTEERED TO JOHN THAT HE HAD SOME GUNS IN HIS CAR AND THAT HE WAS GOING TO SAN FRANCISCO TO SEEK EMPLOYMENT, AND IF UNSUCCESSFUL HE WAA GOING TO A FOREIGN COUNTRY. HE DID NOT SAY WHAT COUNTRY HE WAS GOING TO AND DID NOT INDICATE WHAT TYPE OF WORK HE WAS SEEKING OR FURNISH AND BACKGROUND INFO CONCERNING HIMSELF, EVEN TO THE EXTENT OF WHETHER OR NOT HE LIVGD IN THE RENO-SPARKS AREA.

JOHN SAID AFTER RUBY WAS FINISHED GIVING THE READING TO THE CUSTOMER HE TOLD HER IN THEIR NATIVE LANGUAGE THAT THE MAN WAITING WAS A TROUBLE MAKER. RUBY THEN TOLD THIS MAN SHE HAD AN APPOINTMENT AND COULD NOT GIVE HIM A READING AFTER WHICH HE LEFT.

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A FEW DAYS LATER, RUBY SAW THE PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY ON TELEVISION AND SHE IMMEDIATELY THOUGHT OF THE MAN MENTIONED ABOVE, ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT LOOK LIKE HIM. SHE SAID SHE EASILY BECOMES FRIGHTENED.

BOTH JOHN AND RUBY SAID THIS MAN DEFINITELY WAS NOT IDENTICAL WITH RAY AFTER VIEWING ALL OF RAY'S PHOTOS CAREFULLY. THEY BOTH SAID THERE WAS NO RESEMBLANCE.

JOHN, WHO SAW THE MAN FOR ABOUT TEN MINUTES, DESCRIBED HIM AS A WM, NOT OVER TWENTYEIGHT YEARS OF AGE, FIVE FEET NKNE, STOCKY BUILD, DARK BROWN HAIR, HAD SORT OF OKLAHOMA ACCENT AND DRESSED IN WORK CLOTHES.

JOHN SAW THIS MAN THROUGH A WINDOW GET IN AN OLD STATION WAGON, ABOUT FIFTYSEVEN OR FIFTYEIGHT AND POSSIBLY A PLYMOUTH, AND DRIVE OFF. HE DID NOT KNEW THE LICENSE PLATE NOR THE COLOR OF THIS VEHICLE, NOTING IT WAS DARK OUT AT THE TIME.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-760)

DATE: 5-23-68

FROM : IC HAROLD H. UMSTEAD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau radiogram dated 5-22-68.

On 5-23-68 the following investigation was conducted
by IC HAROLD H. UMSTEAD.

AT TOPEKA, KANSAS

Mr. L. A. "BUD" BILLINGS, ~~Supt.~~ (NA), Supt., Kansas
Department of Motor Vehicles, advised that it would be at
least one week before their work schedule would permit
checking Kansas drivers license records ~~for~~ which are now
maintained in an IBM Computer. He said a check now would
only go back to April 8, 1968 and forward until approximately
May 15, 1968. He said that "control" tapes are made which
show only the licensee's name and license number. He said
that from the name and number a check could be made ~~xxxx~~
for the actual license which contains the name, address and
descriptive data. He indicated it would be impossible to
program the computer to make a general search for the
complete drivers license without first securing the
licensee's name and number from the "control" tapes which
are made as a temporary record and have been destroyed
for applicant's who applied prior to April 8, 1968.



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Mr. BILLINGS suggested that Identification Orders of JAMES EARL RAY be furnished to his office for distribution to the 32 drivers license examiners throughout Kansas.

Mr. BILLINGS advised that tapes are prepared which include all new ~~k~~ and renewal drivers licenses which contain complete name, address, and description of licensee. The tapes are forwarded to the U. S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Safety Bureau, Washington, D. C., for a check against records of the ^{National} ~~Nation~~ Drivers Register. He said this check is to locate applicants who are suspended or revoked in another state, and if the tapes aren't immediately destroyed after checking, the possibility exists that a more rapid and detailed check could be made at that agency.

LEAD:

AT TOPEKA, KANSAS

Will follow with the Department of Motor Vehicles, and obtain a list of all male caucasians over thirty and under 55 who applied for a Kansas drivers license in April & May, 1968.

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AIRTEL AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) (P)
RE: MURKIN

Re New Orleans teletype to Kansas City, 5/17/68;
Kansas City teletype to New Orleans, 5/21/68.

RE: CARLOS LEE BILLINGS

BILLINGS, inmate, Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, was first interviewed at the Medical Center regarding captioned matter on 4/26/68. It is apparent from this interview and subsequent interviews that he is primarily concerned about getting a Federal detainer lodged against him from Montgomery, Alabama, lifted. He has stated that he could furnish information that would assist in identifying the subject of this case if this detainer were lifted. It is doubtful in the mind of the interviewing agent that he has this information in his possession. In his interview of 5/20/68, BILLINGS indicated that the name ENIS HEAD was totally unknown to him. He denied that he stayed on a permanent basis at Carmerdelle's Canal Bank Inn continuously from May to December, 1965. He reported that when he stayed at this place initially in Apartment 6, it was already occupied by two men who were working off shore and that these men had rented this apartment from the owner. He stated that he and BEN BLACKWELL moved into the apartment when the occupants went to work off shore and would not be needing the apartment.

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He feels certain that in June, 1965, BLACKWELL paid the rent to the owner. He indicated that he left about June, 1965, and returned to Columbia, South Carolina, where he lived with a woman named JUNE TAYLOR. He stated he stayed in Columbia for about a month and then returned to New Orleans, but rather than staying at the Canal Bank Inn, he stayed at an unrecalled motel on Chef-Menteur Highway under his true name. He indicated he remained here for a month or a month and a half, during which time he just gambled at various establishments in Slidell, Louisiana, which is about 20 miles from New Orleans. He did visit BLACKWELL at the Canal Bank Inn during this time and BLACKWELL had another roommate, name unrecalled. He stated after he left New Orleans, he was in Dallas and Irving, Texas, and that he was here on two occasions; however, he cannot recall just exactly when this was. He stated he believes one of the times was in 1966, when he stayed at 1627 Cooper Street, in Irving, Texas, and had a job with a firm known as Shedd Bardish Foods, Inc.

Still in 1965, exact dates unrecalled, he traveled to Las Vegas, Nevada, where he stayed at the Horseshoe Club under the names of ROBERT JAMES, Dallas, Texas. He stated that while here he sent a telegram to his wife in Pennsylvania, and she joined him in Las Vegas. He stated they then traveled to Artesia, New Mexico. He believes he arrived in Artesia sometime in July, 1965, at which time he opened a fruit stand, which he called Robert's Produce, located in the 4900 block of Main Street. He stated he and his wife lived right behind the fruit stand. In August, 1965, he took his wife as far as Wilmington, Delaware, and called his brother and told him to come and return her to her home.

He then went to Hartford, Connecticut, and got a job at Williams Ford, where he took care of the used car lot. At this place of business he used the name JAMES ROBERTS and he stayed about two weeks. He stated that at the end of the second week he stole about \$1,500 from this company from a night deposit and left. He stated he does not recall the name of the place where he stayed in Hartford, Connecticut, but it was a room in some rooming house. He then traveled to Buffalo, New York, where he stayed at an unrecalled hotel under the name LAURENT RIQUIER. He stated this was in the latter

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part of 1965, and the only reason he went to Buffalo was so that he could travel to nearby Batavia, New York, to bet on the horses. He stayed about two weeks and then returned to New Orleans, where he continued his gambling activities in various clubs in Slidell and Covington, Louisiana. He stayed in a motel in New Orleans called "Monte Leon" under the name LAURENT RIQUIER. He stated that this was toward the end of 1965, and that BLACKWELL was still staying at the Canal Bank Inn. He stated he wanted to emphasize that the owner of the Canal Bank Inn is incorrect when he says that he stayed at the inn from May to December, 1965, on a continuous basis. He stated this is not so and that he was quite transient during most of this period.

BILLINGS stated he believes he can be of assistance in this investigation, however, he would have to have an assurance of a Federal detainer lodged against him at the Medical Center being dismissed. He was informed that no such promise could be made to him.

Again, for information of receiving offices, it is documented that BILLINGS has been and still is of questionable mental competency.

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FBI

Date: MAY 22, 1968

Transmit the following in Plaintext
(Type in plaintext or code)Via Teletype URGENT
(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND SAC Memphis:

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

RE: MURKIN

RE LA PHONE CALL TO BUREAU AND LA TELSMAY SEVENTEEN
LAST CONCERNING LA TIMES INFORMANT - "BOB" LNU.

INFORMATION DEVELOPED WHICH INDICATES INDIVIDUAL
KNOWN TO LEAMONT ANDERSON WHITE, EMPLOYEE OF WESTERN UNION,
LOS ANGELES, AS BOB BRICKLEY (ALLEGED TO BE BROTHER OF
FRANK BRICKLEY) IS IN REALITY LESTER EDWARD PACKETT FBI
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SIX ZERO.

PHOTO OF LESTER PACKETT EXHIBITED TO LEAMONT ANDERSON
WHITE WHO IDENTIFIED IT AS INDIVIDUAL HE KNEW AS BOB BRICKLEY.
NANCY BURGDORF, APT. MANAGER, EIGHT ONE TWO SOUTH WESTLAKE,
L.A., IDENTIFIED SAME PHOTO AS FORMER RESIDENT THAT APT. WITH
ODELA A. PACKETT WHO IS IDENT WITH FBI NUMBER THREE NINE ZERO
EIGHT SEVEN SEVEN A. AND SHE IS CURRENTLY SERVING THIRTY DAYS
FOR PROSTITUTION IN L.A. PHOTO OF LESTER PACKETT WAS TAKEN BY
KNOXVILLE PD DECEMBER SEVENTEEN, NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT.

POLAROID COPY OF PHOTO OF LESTER PACKETT BEING FORWARDED
AMSD TO AL FOR EXHIBITION TO RAY ANDREW YOUNG, MASSENA, N.Y.,
TO DETERMINE IF THIS WAS INDIVIDUAL WHO APPROACHED HIM WHILE HE
WAS STAYING AT CLARK HOTEL APRIL SEVENTEEN LAST.

JERRY COHEN, LA TIMES NEWSPAPER, ADVISES PAPER PROMISED
THEIR INFORMANT "BOB" LNU, THEY WOULD NOT REVEAL HIS IDENTITY
OR HOW TO LOCATE. COHEN DID HOWEVER TELL THIS OFFICE HE WOULD
ADVISE IF ANY PHOTOS EXHIBITED WERE NOT IDENTICAL WITH INFORMANT.
COHEN STATED PHOTO OF FRANK BRICKLEY NOT IDENT, BUT QUOTE DECLINED
TO COMMENT END QUOTE, WHEN PHOTO LESTER PACKETT EXHIBITED TO HIM.

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WIFE, ODELA PACKETT, INTERVIEWED AT LENGTH IN LA COUNTY JAIL. STATES FILED FOR DIVORCE FROM PACKETT TWO MONTHS AGO THROUGH ATTORNEY PHIL CLOUGH ON GROUNDS OF DESERTION, CRUELTY, AND NONSUPPORT. LEGAL FEES PAYED BY HER RELATIVES. SAID SHE WAS SO MAD AT PACKETT AT TIME OF FILING FOR DIVORCE THAT SHE TORE UP ALL PHOTOS SHE HAD OF HIM. DESCRIBED HIM AS SHIFTLESS DRIFTER, WHO NEVER HELD JOB DURING THEIR FIVE YEAR MARRIAGE. SHE DOES NOT KNOW HIS PRESENT WHEREABOUTS.

REVIEW OF LA FILES RE LESTER PACKETT AND INTERVIEW WITH ODELA PACKETT INDICATES HE HAS SPENT TIME IN BELLE GLADE, FLORIDA; RENO, NEVADA; VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN TENNESSEE; CHICAGO AND KANSAS CITY. LEAMONT WHITE BELIEVES HE IS INDIVIDUAL WHO TOOK HIS TWO GUNS, AND IS ONLY INDIVIDUAL OUTSIDE OF FRANK BRICKLEY AND PERSON HE KNEW AS BRICKLEY'S COUSIN (WHOSE NAME HE CAN NOT RECALL) THAT WOULD HAVE KNOWN HE EVEN OWNED THE GUNS.

IT WOULD APPEAR PACKETT BILKED LA TIMES OUT OF AT LEAST ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS. OTHER THAN SHOWING HIS PHOTO TO RAY

ANDREW YOUNG, MASSENA, N.Y., TO WRAP UP THIS ASPECT OF CASE, *IT is*

that NO FURTHER INVESTIGATIVE EFFORT BEING CONDUCTED IN LA RE "BOB" *should be*

LNU.

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AIRMAIL COPIES BEING SENT FOLLOWING OFFICES; WITH PHOTO
ENCLOSED FOR ALBANY TO DISPLAY AS INDICATED ABOVE:

ALBANY, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, MIAMI, LAS VEGAS,
DETROIT, MOBILE, KNOXVILLE, CHARLOTTE.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING LA.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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May 22, 1968

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-760) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: Memphis)

Reference San Francisco airtel to Bureau dated
5/9/68.

On 5/16/68, JACKIE THOMAS, Title Clerk, Department
of Motor Vehicles, Tallahassee, Florida, advised that 1967
Florida License [REDACTED] issued to JAMES E. FARNER, 1601
Johnson Street, Perry, Florida, for use on a 1966 Mercury
Comet, VIN 8N063802653.

On 5/21/68, FARNER was contacted and advised he has
been in Perry, Florida, since August, 1967, working for the
Buckeye Cellulose Company, Perry, Florida, formerly with the
same company in Memphis, Tennessee. He advised his vehicle
has not been out of the State of Florida since he left Memphis
and license plate has always been attached to vehicle. Vehicle
is a powder blue station wagon. FARNER did not fit description
of JAMES EARL RAY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

3 - Bureau (RM)
① - Kansas City (44-760) (RM)
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (RM)
1 - San Francisco (173-65) (RM)
2 - Jacksonville
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Date: **May 21, 1968**Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)

To: All SACs
LEGATS, Mexico City
Ottawa

[Signature]
From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

For your information and investigative assistance, subject James Earl Ray has been known to consort with prostitutes and "street bums." A photograph of subject was obtained from a prostitute in Mexico. This photograph showing subject wearing sunglasses was previously forwarded to your office.

This should be borne in mind in your daily contact with informants, officers of vice squads and prostitutes in covering leads in connection with this and other cases.

*-encl. ael
ag 5/27/68
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Armed and dangerous.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO SAC, (44-760)²

DATE: 5/24/68

FROM SA RAYMOND B. HOWE

SUBJECT MURKIN

Enclosed herewith for the Topeka RA are approximately 70 copies of identification order #4182, in the name of JAMES EARL RAY.

LEADS:

KANSAS CITY DIVISION

At Topeka, Kansas

untested

Furnish I.O.'s to the Driver's License Bureau, State of Kansas, for distribution to the Driver's License Examination Offices throughout the State of Kansas in an effort to locate above subject in the event he applies for a license under an assumed name.

ARMED & DANGEROUS.

1 - Topeka RA (Encs. 70)
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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN.

REBUTEL TO BIRMINGHAM ET AL MAY TWENTY TWO LAST.

RE PUBLICATIONS HABITUALLY READ BY SUBJECT.

PREVIOUS CONTACT WITH SUPERIOR BULK FILM COMPANY HAS DETERMINED THAT DUE TO THE MANNER IN WHICH THE COMPANY HANDLES REQUESTS FOR A CATALOG THERE IS NO WAY TO DETERMINE THE SPECIFIC MAGAZINE FROM WHICH ANY CUSTOMER REQUESTED THE CATALOG, IF IN FACT REQUEST WAS RECEIVED FROM MAGAZINE SLIP. NORMALLY THE CUSTOMER WILL SUBMIT A SLIP FROM ONE OF THE VARIOUS MAGAZINES REQUESTING A CATALOG BUT ON NUMEROUS OTHER OCCASIONS LETTER REQUESTS FOR A CATALOG HAVE BEEN RECEIVED. THE COMPANY DOES NOT MAINTAIN ANY LIST OF THE PERSONS REQUESTING THE CATALOG NOR THE MANNER IN WHICH THE REQUEST WAS MADE. THE FIRST TIME CUSTOMER'S NAME IS RECORDED IS WHEN AN ORDER FORM IS SUBMITTED WHICH FORM IS MAILED AS AN INSERT IN THE CATALOG.

THE FILM COMPANY ADVERTISES IN THE FOLLOWING MAGAZINES:

1 - Birmingham (44-1740) (AM)
① - Kansas City (44-760) (AM)
1 - Los Angeles (44-1574) (AM)
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1 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)
1 - Newark (44-354) (AM)

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POPULAR MECHANICS, POPULAR SCIENCE, SCIENCE AND MECHANICS, U.S. CAMERA, POPULAR PHOTOGRAPHY, MODERN PHOTOGRAPHY, FIELD AND STREAM, HUNTING AND FISHING, AND MECHANIX ILLUSTRATED.

FROM PREVIOUS INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED RE ADVERTISING MEDIA IT APPEARS THAT THE MOST COMMON MAGAZINES UTILIZED WERE POPULAR MECHANICS, POPULAR SCIENCE, MECHANIX ILLUSTRATED AND FIELD AND STREAM.

SUBJECT'S BROTHER JERRY THIS DATE ADVISED THAT IN PAYMENT OF THE REMAINING AMOUNT OF A SMALL LOAN TO HIS BROTHER JAMES WHILE IN PRISON JAMES ASKED HIM TO GET A YEAR'S SUBSCRIPTION TO TRUE MAGAZINE AND HAVE IT SENT TO HIM IN PRISON. JERRY COULD NOT RECALL ANY OTHER CONVERSATIONS WITH THE SUBJECT CONCERNING A PARTICULAR MAGAZINE. HE DID EXPRESS THE OPINION THAT HIS BROTHER'S INTERESTS WOULD LIE IN THE FIELD OF POPULAR MECHANICS AND A HUNTING OR FISHING MAGAZINE.

AMCC MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, LOS ANGELES, NEWARK.

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A I R T E L

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Chicago, et al except Newark, dated 5/22/68 and Chicago teletype to the Bureau, Newark, and Kansas City dated 5/19/68.

RE CORRESPONDENCE LOCKSMITHING COURSES

Previous contact with Nelson-Hall, Inc., 325 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, revealed that their firm publishes a book, "Modern Locksmithing," which was sold to the Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey. The book is also sold to individual answering advertisements in "Popular Mechanics" magazine. Records have been reviewed against the name of the subject and known aliases for the period of 1/1/67 to 5/19/68 with negative results. This firm does not offer a correspondence course in locksmithing.

No stop will be placed against individuals ordering the book, "Modern Locksmithing," since it is assumed that this book was furnished to the subject by the Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey, when the subject enrolled in the locksmithing correspondence course.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

3 - Bureau
1 - Buffalo (44-374) (AM)
① - Kansas City (44-760) (AM)
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)
1 - Newark (44-834) (AM)
1 - Sacramento (AM)
1 - Chicago
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RE 1968 DODGE DART RECOVERED
LAMBERT-ST. LOUIS AIRPORT

The following investigation was conducted on
May 23, 1968, by SA JOSEPH B. GRAFF:

ROBERT HRODEY, Dispatcher, Mc Henry County Sheriff's
Office, Mc Henry, Illinois, advised that on May 19, 1968,
his department had received a request from the Kirkwood,
Missouri, Police Department to locate and interview SAMUEL
SCHEIDERMAN, 6535 Noad Road, Richmond, Illinois. HRODEY
said that he dispatched a car to that area at which time
the deputy learned that there was no such address in
Richmond, Illinois, as 6535 Noad Road.

ROSS COURTEMASH, Postmaster, Richmond, Illinois,
advised that there is no such address as above in that
town nor, in fact, in Mc Henry, Illinois.

Chief of Police WILLIAM BOTTS advised from
records and recollection there was no information
available at his police department concerning a SAMUEL
SCHEIDERMAN. Chief BOTTS also stated that there was no
such address as above.

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Via A I R T E L _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re St. Louis airtel to the Bureau et al 5/20/68.

RE 1968 DODGE DART RECOVERED
LAMBERT-ST. LOUIS AIRPORT

Enclosed herewith for the assistance of the Indianapolis Division are two Xerox copies of referenced airtel. Also, enclosed for the Bureau are three copies of an investigative insert; Indianapolis two copies of an investigative insert; and other offices receiving one copy of an investigative insert setting forth investigation conducted at Richmond, Illinois.

LEAD

INDIANAPOLIS

AT RICHMOND, INDIANA. Will conduct investigation as set forth for the Chicago Division under Richmond, Illinois, in referenced airtel to preclude the possibility of an error in SCHEIDERMAN's address.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 3)
 - 1 - Atlanta (44-2386) (Enc. 1) (AM)
 - ① - Kansas City (44-760) (Enc. 1) (AM)
 - 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Enc. 1) (AM)
 - 2 - Indianapolis (44-563) (Enc. 4)
 - 2 - St. Louis (44-775) (Enc. 1) (AM)
(1 - 26-32047)
 - 1 - Chicago
- RJD:jap (11)

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237PM URGENT 5-24-68 JDG

TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN.

RE KC TEL, MAY TWENTYTHIRD, LAST, REQUESTING JAMES L. OWENS REINTERVIEW TO DETERMINE PUBLICATIONS HABITUALLY READ BY SUBJECT, IN CONTEMPLATION OF PLACING AD.

JAMES LOAMA OWENS ADVISED RAY READ ALMOST EVERYTHING HE COULD GET HANDS ON, ESPECIALLY NEWSPAPERS, PARTICULARLY TWO SL DAILY METRO NEWSPAPERS GLOBE DEMOCRAT AND POST DISPATCH. UNABLE TO RECALL SPECIFIC MAGAZINES PERTAINING TO CARS AND GUNS, BUT VARIOUS SPORT MAGAZINES OF TYPE REPRESENTED BY FIELD AND STREAM AND ARGOSY WERE INCLUDED IN RAY'S READING. UNABLE TO BE MORE SPECIFIC IN IDENTIFYING PUBLICATIONS.

SUBJECT A & D. P

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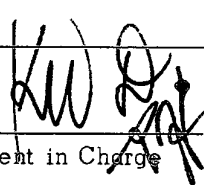
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(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE - URGENT
(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
MEMPHIS

FROM: KANSAS CITY 44-760

MURKIN.

RE BUREAU AD IN PUBLICATION OF INTEREST TO SUBJECT. CECIL C. LILLYBRIDGE, INMATE, COLE CO. JAIL, ADVISED THIS DATE THAT ONLY MAGAZINE HE EVER SAW SUBJECT READ WAS TIME MAGAZINE WHICH HE SEEMED TO RECEIVE EVERY WEEK. HE ADVISED SUBJECT ALSO QUOTED U. S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT BUT HE NEVER ACTUALLY SAW HIM READ THIS MAGAZINE. HE SAID TYPE OF MAGAZINES YOU COULD GET INTO THE PRISON WAS VERY LIMITED AND THUS THE PRISONERS DID NOT HAVE THE COMPLETE SELECTION THEY MAY DESIRE. HE REMEMBERS RAY READING A BOOK BY NIETZSCHE, A GERMAN PHILOSOPHER. HE ALSO STATED THAT RAY WAS AN ATHEIST. LILLYBRIDGE SAID RAY WAS IMPRESSED BY GEORGE WALLACE'S PLATFORM FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION. HE REMEMBERS RAY QUOTING WALLACE AS SAYING, "I HAVE NOTHING AGAINST NEGROES, EVERYONE SHOULD OWN AT LEAST TWO." LILLYBRIDGE ADVISED IT WAS NOT SUBJECT'S STYLE TO PUT AD IN THE PAPER, WANTED "PASSIONATE WOMAN" UNLESS

RBH:rdm
(1)Approved: 

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ME 3:13 PM

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HE WAS DOING THIS TO GET A MESSAGE TO ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 5/24/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE - URGENT
(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR 44-38861
MEMPHIS 44-1987

FROM: KANSAS CITY 44-760

MURKIN.

DAILY SUMMARY.

EFFORTS TO LOCATE RALPH RENFRO IN JOPLIN, MO., NEGATIVE.
LEADS SET OUT FOR LOUISVILLE AND OMAHA.CECIL LILYBRIDGE, FORMER CELLMATE OF SUBJECT, ADVISED
THE ONLY MAGAZINE HE OBSERVED RAY READING WAS "TIME."ORIGINAL RECORDS BELSAW LOCKSMITHING INSTITUTE, KANSAS
CITY, MO., BEING OBTAINED AND FORWARDED TO LAB FOR HANDWRITING
EXAMINATION. THESE RECORDS FROM APRIL ONE, LAST, TO THE
PRESENT TIME, INCLUDING ABOUT ONE HUNDRED TWENTYFIVE APPLICATIONS.DRIVER'S LICENSE EXAMINATION OFFICES FOR ^{ENTIRE} STATE OF MO.
BEING CIRCULATED WITH IDENTIFICATION ORDERS THROUGH DRIVER'S
LICENSE HEADQUARTERS AT JEFFERSON CITY, MO.

ALL LOCAL LEADS CONTINUE TO BE HANDLED IMMEDIATELY.

AM COPY ST. LOUIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

1 - St. Louis (AM)
RBH:rd
(2)Approved: KW

Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-760)

FROM : SA PAUL J. WALTERSCHEID

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/24/68

Re telephone call of SA RAYMOND B. HOWE, 5/23/68 .
AT MANHATTAN, KS.

Current city & telephone directories show telephone number 913-539-4300 is listed to Johnson Paint Store, 612 N. 12th St., Manhattan.

On 5/24/68 AL C. JOHNSON, proprietor, and KAREN SHAW, clerk, Johnson Paint Store, 612 N. 12th St, advised any telephone call to the store would have been answered by either of them, but they have no recollection of any call from Texas about 12/15/67. They exhibited Southwestern Bell Telephone Co billing to this telephone from 11/28/67 through 1/68 which showed no toll calls to or from Texas.

JOHNSON noted that in addition to selling paint, he is a paint contractor and hires painters for various jobs. He said the only possible reason he could suggest for a call from Texas might be a painter who called here to see whether work was available. He said that if the call was prepaid he would not have been aware of the point of origin, and would have thought nothing further about. He could not recall the possible identity of any painter who might have called in 12/67 asking for work.

JOHNSON and SHAW viewed the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY taken Fall, 1967, and advised he was unknown to them.

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) -P-

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

Re Memphis teletype, 5/17/68.

Re: VINCENT WALKER

San Francisco in teletype dated 4/5/68, advised 449 Steiner Street, San Francisco, is a non-existent address. San Francisco indices and San Francisco Police Department records reveal no information identifiable regarding VINCENT WALKER.

Records of the Credit Bureau Metro, Inc., San Jose, Calif., covering the Bay Area, did not disclose any information identifiable with VINCENT WALKER.

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Airtel

**To: SAC's, St. Louis (44-776)
Memphis (44-1997)**

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re St. Louis airtel 5-23-68, submitting eleven lifts and other items from 1968 Dodge Dart recovered at Lambert-St. Louis Municipal Airport.

Three latent fingerprints of value were found on two of the lifts, one fingerprint on lift #6 and two fingerprints on lift #11. No other latent impressions of value found or developed.

These three latent fingerprints are not identical with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G. These latent fingerprints were compared, insofar as possible, with latent fingerprints previously reported in this case, but no identification effected.

Specimens being returned to St. Louis under separate cover.

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1 - Chicago
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1 - St. Louis (44-32047)**

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TELETYPE

DEFERRED

TO: CHICAGO

FROM: JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN.

RE KANSAS CITY TEL TO JACKSON MAY TWENTY TWO LAST.

RE ATTORNEY PHILLIP BAKER, INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.

LILLIAN MYERS, NINE ONE ZERO FOUR - EIGHTEENTH AVENUE,
GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI, LOCATED TODAY. SHE ADVISED HER SON,
JOHN MYERS, RESIDING AT FIVE TWO NINE WEST PALATINE ROAD,
PALATINE, ILLINOIS. SHE LAST HEARD FROM HIM ON MOTHER'S
DAY WHEN HE TELEPHONED HER FROM CHICAGO. MRS. MYERS
REQUESTED HER IDENTITY BE CONCEALED AND SHE WANTS NOTHING
TO DO WITH HER WAYWARD SON.

CHICAGO AT PALATINE, ILLINOIS LOCATE AND INTERVIEW
JOHN MYERS. *A & D*

AIR MAIL COPY TO KANSAS CITY.

① - Kansas City (AM) (44-760)
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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686) (P)
 MURKIN
 CR
 OO Memphis

Re Oklahoma City airtel to Bureau 4/30/68; telephone call from JOE KELLY, Bureau Supervisor, Civil Rights Division to Oklahoma City 5/3/68; Oklahoma City teletype to Bureau 5/4/68; and Omaha teletype to Oklahoma City 5/4/68.

Re: LOCATION OF ROBERT DALE PORTER

The following is a summary of the investigation to re-locate ROBERT DALE PORTER after reBU telephone call.

At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

CARMEN RAMAGE, 1642 N. W. 12th; PCI HAROLD BAILEY ATLEE, Blood Plasma Center, 505 West Main; HERMAN SWAIN, Clerk, Hudson Hotel, 331 W. Sheridan; PCI MIKE MC FARLAND, Cedar Lounge, 738 North Indiana; BERTHA WILSON and WINONA RISCH, Winnie's Tap Room, 424 W. Sheridan; JAMES RALPH SPERRY, 814 W. Sheridan; and MINNIE HUGHES, Double R Bar, 510 W. Sheridan, have been contacted on a continuing basis since they are acquainted with PORTER and are persons he would logically contact if he were in Oklahoma City. None of the above persons have observed PORTER or heard of his whereabouts in Oklahoma City since he

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 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
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 2 - Omaha
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was last interviewed by BuAgents 4/29/68 at Oklahoma City. In addition to the above, contact has been made with numerous other sources in Oklahoma City without determining PORTER's whereabouts. All of the above have indicated they would notify the FBI immediately should any of them learn of PORTER's whereabouts.

LEADS

OMAHA DIVISION

At Waverly, Iowa

Will maintain contact with PORTER's family, and will set out logical leads to contact relatives of PORTER in an attempt to determine present whereabouts. Will advise Oklahoma City when ROBERT DALE PORTER located so that contact with logical persons in Oklahoma City may be terminated.

KANSAS CITY DIVISION

At Jefferson City, Missouri

Will advise Oklahoma City and Omaha results of interview with ex-guard JOHN STOUT when located and whether or not he is identical with ex-guard mentioned by PORTER to RAMAGE in telephone conversation so that contact with logical persons and family may be discontinued.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

5/24/68

Airtel

Air Mail

TO: SAC, LOUISVILLE
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) -P-
RE: MURKIN

Reference St. Louis teletype to Bureau, 5/20/68.

For information of Louisville and Omaha Divisions, which did not receive referenced teletype, the St. Louis Division advised as follows on 5/20/68:

IVAN DALE UNDERWOOD, former inmate, Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, on 5/20/68 advised he was not acquainted with JAMES EARL RAY while UNDERWOOD was incarcerated at the Missouri State Penitentiary. On basis of name and photograph, UNDERWOOD believes RAY is identical with an individual who worked with RALPH RENFRO for a short period during the late 1950's at Joplin, Missouri. RENFRO carried on a furnace and heating business and would "finger" residence and business establishments in Joplin area. On pretext of free inspection of premises, RENFRO would gain entrance to case establishment for possible robbery or burglary, or if the owner was gullible, he would attempt to sell a new heating unit. As of 18 months ago, RENFRO was working at an independent oil company service station on 20th Street in Joplin, Missouri, and hung out at Elmer's Bar, Main Street, also at Joplin.

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2 Omaha
2 Kansas City
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UNDERWOOD claims he knew RAY only through their mutual association with RENFRO.

UNDERWOOD described RENFRO as a white male, age 42.

UNDERWOOD wishes his identity be concealed as the source of the above information.

In an effort to locate and interview RALPH RENFRO to determine if he had in the past employed JAMES EARL RAY or had any knowledge as to his whereabouts, the following investigation was conducted by SAs JOSEPH V. JACKSON and LAWRENCE R. NOLAN:

AT JOPLIN, MISSOURI

On 5/21/68 a review of Polk's City Directory for Joplin, Missouri, 1956-1967 editions, failed to reveal any information regarding RALPH RENFRO.

On 5/21/68 a review of the current combined telephone directory for Joplin, Carl Junction, Cartersville, and Webb City, Missouri, area failed to reveal a telephone listed to RALPH RENFRO.

On 5/21/68 IRENE CLARK, Clerk, Records and Identification Bureau, Police Department; CLENNIS EUGENE CORELAND, Chief Deputy Sheriff, and RACHEL BRAXTON, Credit Bureau, all advised records of their respective offices contained no reference to RALPH RENFRO and that they had never known anyone by that name as a resident of Joplin, Missouri.

On 5/21/68 the following individuals all stated they did not know RALPH RENFRO as either a present or former resident of Joplin, Missouri:

EARL FORTNER, Records and Identification Officer, Police Department;

WALTER H. FLENNER, Captain of Detectives, Police Department;

KC 44-760

HAROLD ARSEN, Detective, Police Department;
W. T. NAYLOR, Dispatcher, Police Department;
OLEN J. DANIELS, Detective, Police Department;
JOHN KUBANKS, Lieutenant, Police Department.

On 5/21/68 JAMES H. RENTFRO, Branch Manager, Lairmore's Armored Car Service, advised while he did not know RALPH RENTFRO it seemed to him RALPH RENTFRO about two years ago had briefly been employed at the Consumers Service Station, Inc., 2002 Main Street, Joplin. RENTFRO stated while he had never met RALPH RENTFRO, that he, JAMES H. RENTFRO, recalled having been asked by his brother-in-law, HAL W. STEPHENS, Manager, Consumers Service Station, Inc., if he was any kin to RALPH RENTFRO, an attendant at the station, and that he, JAMES H. RENTFRO, had replied that he had never heard of and was no kin to anyone named RALPH RENTFRO. In this regard, RENTFRO said he had never met RALPH RENTFRO and had no idea as to his present location.

On 5/21/68 Patrolman WILLIAM R. STEPHENS, Police Department, advised an individual named RENTFRO had briefly worked for HAL W. STEPHENS, his father, at the Consumers Service Station, Inc., 2002 Main; however, Patrolman STEPHENS related he had never met RENTFRO and had no information as to the latter named individual's whereabouts. He also advised he was of the opinion HAL W. STEPHENS had discharged RENTFRO nearly two years ago, possibly for drinking on the job.

On 5/22/68 HAL W. STEPHENS, Manager, Consumers Service Station, Inc., advised he had hired a drifter named RALPH RENTFRO to work as an attendant on 4/2/66, and had fired RENTFRO for drinking on the job on 6/22/66. RENTFRO was not reliable, drank heavily, always drew against his earnings, and has not been seen by STEPHENS since he was

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fired. STEPHENS did recall that at Christmas, 1966, RENFRO had mailed a Christmas card to the service station employees from some western state, possibly Washington; however, STEPHENS said he had thrown the Christmas card away and actually had not paid any attention to the postmark, but had only noted it was some western state.

STEPHENS said he did not know whether RENFRO was married or single, that he had never seen RENFRO in company with any person away from his place of employment, and did not have the slightest idea in what city RENFRO might be living at this time. He could only state that RENFRO had left Joplin nearly two years ago and that RENFRO's present whereabouts are unknown to him.

STEPHENS said RENFRO, Social Security [redacted] had lived at 2124 Adele, telephone MAYfair 4-0279, Joplin, Missouri, and STEPHENS did not know whether RENFRO had been a roomer at that address or had rented the entire house. Also as an employment reference, which had not been verified, RENFRO had listed that he had previously worked as a part-time service station attendant for CURTIS RENFRO, Standard Oil Company Service Station, Lexington, Kentucky.

On 5/22/68 it was determined telephone number MA 4-0279, furnished by RENFRO to RAL N. STEPHENS, was listed to EMMA JEAN WHIPPLE, aka Mrs. Floyd Whipple, 2124 Adele, Joplin, Missouri.

On 5/22/68 the house at 2124 Adele was found to be vacant.

On 5/22/68 JOHN HOSWELL, 2126 Adele, advised EMMA JEAN WHIPPLE, aka Mrs. Floyd Whipple, had moved from her home at 2124 Adele to Ames, Iowa, about a year ago, and that he was unable to furnish her residence or employment address at that city. He stated he did not know RALPH RENFRO as a former resident at 2124 Adele, but presumed he had been a roomer at that address prior to the departure of Mrs. WHIPPLE from Joplin.

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On 5/22/68 ELMER COY, owner, Elmer's Place, 202 Main, a tavern catering to "Wild Man" types, advised he recalled RALPH KENYON as a drifter who had worked briefly at a service station in Joplin and as a former patron. COY said he had not seen KENYON in Joplin in over a year and did not have the slightest idea where KENYON might be located at this time.

On 5/22/68 EILEEN GLOVER, Cook, Helen's Cafe, 202 Main, mother-in-law of GEORGE WARRE DOTY, who was arrested by SA JOSEPH W. JACKSON on 12/25/67 for the armed robbery on 2/29/67 of the Scott Valley Bank, Fort Jones, California, advised she recalled RALPH KENYON as a waiter at the cafe when he had been employed as an attendant in an area service station. Mrs. GLOVER said KENYON had disappeared from Joplin a year or so ago and that she did not have the slightest idea as to his present location.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

On 5/22/68 ROBERT BENTLEY, Superintendent of Mails, advised no change of address cards had been filed by either RALPH KENYON or EUNA JEAN WHIPPLE, aka Mrs. Floyd Whipple, when they moved from 2124 Adelle Street, Joplin, Missouri, and that the present location of these individuals is unknown to him.

LEADS:

LOUISVILLE DIVISION

At Lexington, Kentucky:

- 1) Will, through CURTIS KENYON, Standard Oil Company Service Station, endeavor to establish the whereabouts of RALPH KENYON, whose interview is desired in order to

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determine if RALPH RENFRO did in fact in the past employ JAMES EARL RAY in the furnace and heating business at Joplin, Missouri, and for any information RALPH RENFRO may be able to supply regarding RAY's background and possible whereabouts.

2) Will, in the event investigation establishes CURTIS RENFRO to be unknown at Lexington, submit request to Bureau for approval for a search to be made through records of Baltimore Confidential Source (FD-266) as to RALPH RENFRO, Social Security Number [redacted] in an effort to establish RENFRO's current or recent whereabouts.

OMAHA DIVISION

At Ames, Iowa:

1) Will, through established sources of information, locate and interview EMMA JEAN WHIPPLE, aka Mrs. Floyd Whipple, for the whereabouts of RALPH RENFRO as a possibility exists RENFRO may have corresponded with Mrs. WHIPPLE after RENFRO left Joplin, Missouri.

2) Will, in the event Mrs. WHIPPLE is able to furnish the whereabouts of RALPH RENFRO, set out lead to have RENFRO interviewed to determine if RENFRO did in fact in the past employ JAMES EARL RAY at Joplin, Missouri, and for any information RENFRO may be able to supply regarding RAY's background and possible whereabouts.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA ROWEN B. AYERS on May 17, 1968:

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

Mr. HAROLD SWENSON, Warden, Missouri State Penitentiary, advised that in Food Services, RAY received \$2.00 per month official pay. He said in industries the pay might run as high as \$12.00.

Mr. M. J. STEWART, Treasurer, said the ledger sheets of RAY'S account reflected all items received and disbursed by him together with the sources of each. The first column "cash credit" indicates the amount received from the state. He said there was nothing unusual about RAY'S account. He said checks can be drawn up to \$20.00 for the commissary. Any amounts sent out over \$20.00 require approval by the warden. The check is usually sent with a letter stating the purpose of the payment outgoing, he said.

JAMES WALLACE, previously interviewed, was upset about being recontacted. He said he should have not furnished any information in the first place as he did not want to get involved. He said, after calming down, that he was raised in South St. Louis and OWENS used to "hang around" that area a great deal and he met him there and associated with OWENS until he went to Illinois to prison. He said there was not any doubt in his mind about having seen OWENS and RAY together in St. Louis at the bank, and it would have had to be in the summer of 1967. He said his wife was with him. She is BETTY WALLACE, 1031 Lynch, St. Louis, Missouri. He now recalled that they parked the car in the parking lot and both walked into the bank so she should have seen OWENS and RAY. He said they maintained a joint checking account in the bank and his wife had a savings account in the bank (Jefferson-Gravois). He could not fix the date.

The records of the Identification Division, searched by HARRY LAUF, reflected a CHARLES MARTIN WALLER, #68389, served a sentence of 50 years. No WALTERS was found with this sort of sentence.

J. RAYMOND BILLS, Board of Pardons and Paroles, stated that WALLER was paroled on June 13, 1967, and resides at 204 East Lindenwood Boulevard, Kansas City, Missouri. His parole officer is WILLIAM LEWIS, Kansas City, Missouri.

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RONALD WESTBERG, Missouri State Penitentiary, #71859, said he knew RAY well. He said he was working in Food Services in the vegetable room when RAY escaped and he knew all about it. He said another inmate was going to escape in the bread box, but he and RAY decided, since RAY had more time, that RAY would go. He said the other inmate gave RAY some money and some clothing he had acquired to make the escape, and RAY went with the cooperation of the other inmate covering him and "for him". WESTBERG said under no circumstances would he divulge the identity of this other inmate since he is a good friend of his and still in the prison. He said there was no conspiracy and no mention had ever been made of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING and he doubts that RAY had anything to do with that murder. He said it was a case of law enforcement attempting to get a "scapegoat".

ED WEATHERS, Missouri State Penitentiary #76239, assigned to the hospital, said he was out of the penitentiary from June of 1966 to August of 1967 when he was returned for parole violation. He said he knew RAY to talk to him, but knew nothing of his escape and could furnish no information concerning his whereabouts. He said he has heard of a lot of cliques in the penitentiary that make bets, handle emphatamines, etc., but he knew of no organization called Cooley or similar and had never heard of any bounty on Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

Warden HAROLD SWENSON, Missouri State Penitentiary, advised he could locate no record of FRANK BICKLEY, in or out of the penitentiary.

Sgt. DORSEY ARNOLD, Missouri State Highway Patrol, Jefferson City, Missouri, advised no record for FRANK BICKLEY could be located.

On May 18, 1968, Assistant Warden JESS ELLIOTT, Missouri State Penitentiary, and JAMES R. DOYLE, Identification, advised they could locate no FRANK BRICKLEY as ever having been in the Missouri State Penitentiary.