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TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861

MURKIN

SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY APPREHENDED AT LONDON,
ENGLAND, JUNE EIGHT INSTANT. DISCONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE
AND REMOVE ALL STOPS.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA RAY HOMESLEY and SA WILLIAM G. BROOKHART:

On June 3, 1968, Miss LOUISE DRAKE, Personnel Office, K. W. Dart Company, 3541 Gardner, North Kansas City, Missouri, advised she could locate no record concerning PAUL OSBORNE BRIDGEMAN or PAUL JAMES BRIDGEMAN being employed for the company at any time.

On June 3, 1968, Mr. J. L. BUCHANAN, Superintendent, Shawnee Mission Post Office, Shawnee Mission, Kansas, advised he has no record of PAUL BRIDGEMAN or KATHY BRIDGEMAN residing at 3653 Skyline Drive. BUCHANAN advised Skyline Drive is in the Roe Village Apartment Development and the numbers run from 4700 to 5300, and there is no 3653 Skyline Drive.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA RAY HOMESLEY at Kansas City, Missouri:

LEE CHAPMAN, Clerk, Records Bureau, Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, made available the arrest record concerning PAUL JAMES BRIDGEMAN, Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department #104182. This record indicates the following arrests:

On March 13, 1964, BRIDGEMAN was arrested for investigation for larceny but was released by the #1 Detective Unit. On November 6, 1964, a pick-up order was issued for investigation concerning robbery. On December 8, 1964, BRIDGEMAN was arrested for robbery and sentenced to five years, Missouri Department of Corrections, on February 8, 1965.

The record indicates BRIDGEMAN was received at the Missouri State Penitentiary April 23, 1965, from Jackson County, Missouri, and was discharged from the Penitentiary on January 16, 1968. On February 8, 1968, BRIDGEMAN was arrested for disturbing the peace, which charges were dismissed at the request of the complaining witness on February 12, 1968.

A review was made of the file maintained by the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department concerning PAUL JAMES BRIDGEMAN, which indicates the arrest on March 13, 1964, was for investigation in connection with the larceny of a cash register at the Oak Hotel, 414 East 8th Street, Kansas City, Missouri. On this date BRIDGEMAN listed his employment as the Princeton Hotel, 3241 Paseo, Kansas City, Missouri, as clerk. A sister by the name of JANET CAWVEY was listed as nearest relative but no address shown. An associate was shown as CLARENCE ROUNDS, white male, age 40, 414 East 8th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

On December 8, 1964, BRIDGEMAN was arrested for investigation of robbery at Clark Service Station, 4241 Blue Parkway on November 6, 1964, and the Clark Service Station at 7441 Troost also on November 6, 1964. At the time BRIDGEMAN was arrested, he was driving a 1960 Dodge two-door hardtop, Missouri license SW5-897, and was accompanied by

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NICHOLAS E. EDWARDS, white male, born [redacted] residing 1201 East 8th Terrace, Kansas City, Missouri. EDWARDS was released by the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department. An associate in addition to EDWARDS was shown as WAYNE ROTHBERG, 5000 Oak, Kansas City, Missouri.

On February 8, 1968, BRIDGEMAN was arrested at 85th and Troost for disturbing the peace by fighting in the Old Fortress Tavern at that address. The complainants were ROBERT G. NELSON, 524 Benton, and JERRY D. HENDRICKSON, 12811 13th Street, Grandview, Missouri. BRIDGEMAN listed his employment as K. W. Dart Company, 3541 Gardner, North Kansas City, Missouri, and his address as 3653 Skyline Drive, Mission, Kansas. He listed nearest relative as KATHY BRIDGEMAN of 3653 Skyline Drive, Mission, Kansas.

The Missouri Department of Corrections report concerning BRIDGEMAN maintained in the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department files shows BRIDGEMAN's parents moved to Warrensburg, Illinois, when he was six months old and seven years later moved to Salem, Arkansas, where they resided five years. BRIDGEMAN's parents were divorced when he was fifteen years old but were later reunited. BRIDGEMAN's parents, JAMES and IRENE BRIDGEMAN, were involved in a murder - suicide in 1962.

The records show BRIDGEMAN married CAROLYN BROOKER in 1961 and two children were born to this union. The wife, CAROLYN BROOKER, allegedly took one of the children and deserted the home; and BRIDGEMAN's son is reported to be residing with friends in Kansas City, Missouri.

The Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department records reflect the following description:

Name	PAUL JAMES BRIDGEMAN
Alias	PAUL BRIDGEMAN
Birth	[redacted]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	6'1"
Weight	195

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Eyes	Blue
Hair	Blond
Sister	JANET CAWVEY Lanton, Missouri
Former	
Employments	Clerk, Princeton Hotel, 3241 Paseo, Kansas City, Missouri (1964); Concrete finisher for Flemly Dirckson, Bloomington, Illinois
Associates	NICHOLAS E. EDWARDS 1201 East 8th Terrace Kansas City, Missouri; WAYNE ROTHBERG 8228 Holmes Street Kansas City, Missouri (ROTHBERG is reported to be the guardian of BRIDGEMAN's son.)

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA RAY HOMESLEY and SA WILLIAM G. BROOKHART on June 4, 1968:

R. L. STIRTON, Patrolman, Roeland Park Police
Department, Roeland Park, Kansas, advised he has no record in
his files concerning PAUL BRIDGEMAN or JACQUELINE KLINE.

STIRTON caused a check to be made with the Johnson
County Sheriff's Office and determined that JACQUELINE KLINE,
alias JACQUELINE GOLDSTEIN, was arrested May 3, 1968, on a
felony check charge. He determined KLINE was sentenced to
one year probation and is under the supervision of WILLIAM
HECK, Probation Officer, Johnson County, Kansas.

WILLIAM HECK, Probation Officer, Johnson County,
Olathe, Kansas, advised JACQUELINE KLINE is residing at the
Netherlands Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri, and is employed for
a Mrs. TAVERNS, telephone number EM 1-2118.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA RAY HOMESLEY and SA WILLIAM G. BROOKHART on June 4, 1968:

Mrs. OLLIE GRAULICH, 8230 Holmes, Kansas City, Missouri, advised she does not know anyone by the name of WAYNE ROTHBERG residing at 8228 Holmes, Kansas City, Missouri. She advised to her knowledge no one by that name has resided at that address for the last few years.

An effort was made to contact individuals residing at 8228 Holmes Street, but there was no one home on June 3, 1968. The mailbox lists the name of F. R. and C. L. BARTKOSKI.

IDAMAE HARBOLT, Manager, Twin Oak Apartments, 5000 Oak Street, Kansas City, Missouri, advised WAYNE M. ROTHBERG resided at this address for approximately six months and moved in August, 1964. She stated she believes an aunt of ROTHBERG's by the name of FANNY WALKER also resided at the Twin Oak Apartments in 1964. She stated, however, WALKER has also moved from this address and she has no forwarding address for WALKER. She advised ROTHBERG listed employment with the Inland Underground Storage, Kansas City, Kansas.

KAYE HAMMOND, barmaid, Old Fortress Tavern, 85th and Troost, Kansas City, Missouri, advised she recognizes the photograph of PAUL BRIDGEMAN but she does not believe he has been in the tavern for approximately two months. HAMMOND viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and advised she does not know this individual.

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JAMES DAUGHERTY, owner, Old Fortress Tavern, 85th and Troost, Kansas City, Missouri, advised that PAUL BRIDGEMAN frequented this tavern up until about two months ago and apparently left town. He stated he does not know for sure that BRIDGEMAN has left town but he has not seen BRIDGEMAN for about two months and since BRIDGEMAN came to the tavern frequently, he assumes BRIDGEMAN left town. DAUGHERTY advised also that MIKE HEAD frequents this tavern and BRIDGEMAN and HEAD frequently played pool at the tavern. He stated he does not believe HEAD is closely associated with BRIDGEMAN and HEAD still frequents the Old Fortress Tavern.

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FAYE ANTHONY, 305 West 109th Terrace, Overland Park, Kansas, advised she is a friend of JACKIE KLINE and she talked by telephone with KLINE last Sunday morning, June 2, 1968. She stated KLINE did not mention leaving town and she has no idea concerning KLINE's present whereabouts. She stated JACKIE KLINE was dating PAUL BRIDGEMAN and she believes BRIDGEMAN's family is in Bloomington, Illinois. She stated she could furnish no information concerning the whereabouts of BRIDGEMAN but she believes BRIDGEMAN left town one month or six weeks ago.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI; SAC, COLUMBIA; & SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

(4 P)

MURKIN

RE PAUL OSBORNE BRIDGEMAN

RE KANSAS CITY TELETYPE SUMMARY, JUNE FOUR LAST,
SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE, JUNE FOUR LAST.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COLUMBIA RAMON GEORGE SNEYDTM
WHOSE PASSPORT PHOTO MAY BE THAT OF SUBJECT RAY, OBTAINED
A BRITISH COMMONWEALTH PASSPORT ON APRIL TWENTYFOUR, LAST.
IN APPLYING FOR PASSPORT HE FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING DESCRIP-
TION: WM, DOB [REDACTED] TORONTO, WEIGHT ONE
HUNDRED SIXTYEIGHT, BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES, RESIDENCE NINE
SIXTYEIGHT DUNDAS, TORONTO, CANADA, WHICH IS A CHEAP CHINESE
ROOMING HOUSE WHERE SNEYD HAD RESIDED SINCE APRIL NINETEEN,
SIXTYEIGHT, BUT PROPRIETOR COULD NOT MAKE A POSITIVE IDENTI-
FICATION ON SNEYD AS RAY FROM PHOTO. FRIEND NAMED IN PASS-
PORT APPLICATION, PAUL BRIDGMAN, ONE ZERO TWO OR ONE ZERO
EIGHT OSSINGTON STREET, TORONTO, CANADA. PASSPORT APPLICA-

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TION WAS OBTAINED THROUGH TRAVEL AGENCY NEAR SNEYD'S ROOMING HOUSE. TRAVEL AGENCY RECORDS INDICATED SNEYD PLANNED TO TRAVEL TO LONDON VIA BOAC AND WOULD RETURN ON MAY TWENTYONE, SIXTYEIGHT. INVESTIGATION IN CANADA HAS FAILED TO LOCATE BRIDGMAN.

PAUL BRIDGMAN, ABOVE, MAY BE IDENTICAL TO FORMER FELLOW INMATE OF SUBJECT RAY, PAUL OSBORN BRIDGEMAN, AKA PAUL JAMES BRIDGEMAN, MSP NO. ONE ZERO ONE THREE FOUR, BORN [REDACTED] WINCHESTER, INDIANA, WHO HAS RECEIVED AT MSP FROM JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, ON APRIL TWENTYTHREE, SIXTYFIVE, AND WAS DISCHARGED JANUARY SIXTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT, AND WAS NOT ON PAROLE. BEFORE BEING TRANSFERRED TO PRISON LIMITED SECURITY SECTION AT MOBERLY, MISSOURI, ON MARCH SEVEN, SIXTYSIX, BRIDGEMAN WORKED IN THE MSP KITCHEN AND COULD HAVE HAD CONTACT WITH SUBJECT RAY. WARDEN SUSPECTS BRIDGEMAN IS HOMOSEXUAL.

MRS. HOWARD DANIELS, FORMER GUARDIAN OF BRIDGEMAN'S CHILD, BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS, ADVISED AFTER LOOKING THROUGH SOME OF PAUL BRIDGEMAN'S PERSONAL AFFECTS, WHICH SHE HAS

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HAD POSSESSION OF FOR SEVERAL YEARS, THAT SHE LOCATED THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF AN UNCLE AND AUNT WHO BRIDGEMAN HAS ALWAYS BEEN VERY FOND OF AND FURNISHED THE NAMES ROBERT L. AND RULEY JENKINS, FORTY D, SAVANNAH, NORTH AUGUSTA, SOUTH CAROLINA, TWO NINE EIGHT FOUR ONE.

SHE FURTHER ADVISED THAT PAUL BRIDGEMAN PREVIOUSLY RESIDED AT RURAL ROUTE THREE, BOX FOUR HUNDRED, DELAND, FLORIDA, IN NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE.

COLUMBIA LOCATE AND INTERVIEW ROBERT L. AND RULEY JENKINS RE BRIDGEMAN.

JACKSONVILLE CONDUCT INVESTIGATION DELAND, FLORIDA, RURAL ROUTE THREE, AND ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY ANY PERSON WITH KNOWLEDGE AS TO PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF BRIDGEMAN.

INTENSIVE EFFORT BEING MADE TO LOCATE PAUL BRIDGEMAN FOR INTERVIEW CONCERNING HIS RECENT KNOWLEDGE OF JAMES EARL RAY.

BY BUTEL JUNE FOUR LAST, BUREAU ADVISED PASSPORT OFFICE, DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, OTTAWA, HAS SPECIFICALLY STATED THEY DO NOT WANT ANY MENTION MADE THAT PASSPORT OFFICE WAS SOURCE OF INFORMATION CONCERNING RAYMON GEORGE SNEYD.

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IN INTERVIEWING MEMBERS OF FAMILY AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS NO STATEMENT WHATSOEVER SHOULD BE MADE INDICATING THAT BUREAU HAS OBTAINED INFORMATION FROM PASSPORT OFFICE IN CANADA NOR SHOULD IT BE INDICATED THAT BUREAU BELIEVES SUBJECT IS IDENTICAL WITH SNEYD AND HAS DEPARTED FROM U. S. INTERVIEWS SHOULD BE DESIGNED TO OBTAIN FACTUAL INFORMATION FROM PERSONS BEING INTERVIEWED. THERE IS NO NECESSITY TO MENTION TO INDIVIDUALS THAT BUREAU HAS OBTAINED PHOTOGRAPH BELIEVED IN WHICH HE IS NOW WEARING GLASSES OR THAT HE HAS NOW BEEN USING ADDITIONAL ALIASES.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA ROWEN B. AYERS:

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

On June 3, 1968, HARRY LAUF, Records Office, Missouri State Penitentiary, advised that PAUL OSBORN BRIDGEMAN, MSP #10134, also known as PAUL JAMES BRIDGEMAN, was received from Jackson County, Missouri on April 23, 1965 to serve five years. He was discharged by commutation on January 16, 1968; not paroled.

On June 3, 1968, Mr. HERBERT BUNKER, Classification Office, Missouri State Penitentiary, furnished the institution file for BRIDGEMAN from which the following was noted:

He was transferred to Moberly on March 7, 1966; reassigned to the Missouri State Penitentiary on May 22, 1967 and Renz Farm May 22, 1967 as of May 16, 1967. On June 7, 1967, he received \$10.00 from WAYNE ROTHBERG who was put on his visiting list. The file indicated his parents were deceased and that WAYNE ROTHBERG was the guardian of his child. He resided at 8228 Holmes, Kansas City, Missouri. However, as of March 13, 1967, there was a letter from Mr. ROTHBERG, indicating his address as 8603 Beuregard, Dallas, Texas and he was employed by the RoCo Auto Supply Company.

Also, there was a letter in the file indicating that GREEN and GREEN of West Plains, Missouri (Attorneys) were representing IRENE BRIDGEMAN, mother of inmate. BRIDGEMAN was born at Winchester, Indiana on [redacted] He was married when 18 years of age to a CAROLYN BROOKER who apparently took one child and deserted him and he had no contact with her after November of 1963. He had no visitors. Communications were reflected only with ROTHBERG. He attended Salem, Arkansas high school to 10th Grade, and has served time in Illinois.

Warden HAROLD SWENSON, on June 3, 1968, said that

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ROTHBERG was a real problem to him in connection with BRIDGEMAN. He said there was an apparent homosexual relationship existing between the two and he caught ROGHBERG smuggling currency to BRIDGEMAN through another inmate.

A Classification Sheet and photograph of BRIDGEMAN were obtained.

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO DIRECTOR INDIANAPOLIS LOUISVILLE MEMPHIS
FROM CINCINNATI

MURKIN

REIPTL TODAY.

MRS. ALTA HICKS, THREE FOUR SEVEN PARK DRIVE, DAYTON, OHIO,
TONIGHT ADVISED:

PAUL BRIDGMAN IS SON OF HER DECEASED BROTHER MITT AND IRENE
BRIDGMAN WHO WERE BURIED HIDALGO, KENTUCKY, NINETEEN SIXTY TWO,
FOLLOWING MURDER - SUICIDE. LAST SAW PAUL AT FUNERAL AND HIS PRESENT
LOCATION, OCCUPATION UNKNOWN TO HER. LAST TIME SHE SAW PAUL BEFORE
FUNERAL HE WAS SMALL CHILD.

HICKS IDENTIFIED FOLLOWING RELATIVES OF BRIDGMAN: UNCLE WALTER
BRIDGMAN, RFD SIX, RUSHVILLE, INDIANA. UNCLE ERNIE BRIDGMAN, WINDY,
KENTUCKY (RETEL SHOWS MONTICELLO, KENTUCKY). AUNT PERNA HARMON,
WASHAM LANE, MONTICELLO, KENTUCKY. SISTER JANET CAWVEY, BOX FIFTY
TWO LEO ROUTE, WEST PLAINS, MISSOURI.

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LOUISVILLE NOTE DIFFERENT ADDRESS FOR ERNIE BRIDGMAN.
INDIANAPOLIS AT ROUTE SIX, RUSHVILLE, INDIANA, IF NOT DONE,
INTERVIEW WALTER BRIDGMAN.

AM COPY KANSAS CITY DUE TO INVESTIGATIVE INTEREST.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date June 7, 1968

ROBERT LAWRENCE RUSSELL, FBI Number 892 144A was interviewed in the San Francisco County Jail, Hall of Justice Building, San Francisco, California, on June 4, 1968.

RUSSELL advised that his true name was ROBERT LAWRENCE RUSSELL although he was confined to the San Francisco County Jail under the name ROBERT LAWRENCE. RUSSELL stated he was born on [redacted] in Atlantic City, New Jersey. He stated he is being held on a charge of grand theft and his trial date is July 10, 1968.

RUSSELL related he was arrested in New York City, New York, about September 23, 1967, and has been in custody ever since except for a week in November, 1967. He advised that in November, 1967, he was released because he was cooperating with the New York City Police Department and/or the New York County District Attorney's Office. He advised he was returned to California and since returning to California has been confined first in the San Francisco City Jail and then the San Francisco County Jail, located on the sixth and seventh floors respectively of the Hall of Justice Building.

He advised that his wife is VALERIE RUSSELL, 12 East 31st Street, New York City, New York. He advised she was a legal secretary who formerly worked for Judge MURPHY, not otherwise identified. He related his wife is pregnant and expecting a baby in the next two weeks.

RUSSELL advised that he had written a letter which he gave to BRUCE GOVERN while they were both confined in San Francisco City Jail. He advised that this letter was entirely a figment of his imagination and had no basis in fact except that he said he knew a man by the name of GALT in New Orleans, Louisiana, in 1967.

RUSSELL stated after examining the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY that he saw RAY who was using the name JIMMY GALT in the Roosevelt Hotel bar in New Orleans, Louisiana, in April, 1967, late in the month, or May, 1967.

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On 6/4/68 at San Francisco, California File # SF 173-65

by SAs LEO A. SCHON and
MICHAEL T. GEARY - sms

Date dictated 6/6/68

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AIRMAIL - REGISTERED

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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OO: MEMPHIS

Re San Francisco teletype, dated 6/5/68, and report of SA JOE C. HESTER, dated 6/5/68, at Memphis.

Enclosed for the Bureau are three copies of an FD-302, dated June 7, 1968, reflecting the results of interview of ROBERT LAWRENCE RUSSELL. Two copies each of this FD-302 are enclosed for Kansas City, Memphis, and New Orleans.

Observations of the San Francisco Office Relative to the Interview of ROBERT LAWRENCE RUSSELL

ROBERT LAWRENCE RUSSELL was interviewed during the morning of June 7, 1968, and the interview was continued after a break for lunch. During this entire interview, RUSSELL rambled, was vague, incoherent, inconsistent, and evasive. The entire impression created was that RUSSELL was looking for attention. It is believed that he was not truthful at all times in that any knowledge that he has concerning JAMES EARL RAY could have easily been obtained by reading newspapers and could be spiced by his knowledge of New Orleans where he was arrested in 1967. RUSSELL stated that he knows he has lied on

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many occasions, but he was telling the truth now. His story would vary from time to time.

By teletype dated June 6, 1968, the Philadelphia, New York, and Newark Offices ~~were~~ advised that ROBERT LAWRENCE RUSSELL had furnished those offices with inaccurate and unreliable information.

San Francisco does not contemplate a reinterview of RUSSELL at this time unless directed to do so by the Bureau, Memphis, or Kansas City.

New Orleans is being furnished copies of this communication; however, no lead is being set out for New Orleans to conduct specific investigation. It is noted that New Orleans conducted an 88 investigation regarding ROBERT LAWRENCE RUSSELL during 1967 at which time he was using the names JAMES ALEXANDER and ROBERT LAWRENCE.

Report Follows -

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RUSSELL related he was using the name JAMES ALEXANDER at this time. He related that eventually he was arrested in the City of New Orleans and was booked under the name JAMES ALEXANDER.

He advised that he did not consider the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY wherein RAY is wearing sunglasses to be a good likeness. He related that the photograph showing RAY in a business suit with a white shirt and wearing a tie was a good likeness of the man he knew as JIMMY GALT. He described JIMMY GALT as a white male American, 180 to 190 pounds, 5'10", and having black hair. He advised he never paid any attention to GALT's eyes. He stated he could not recall any scars on his forehead or hands. He was unable to describe the nose and made no remarks concerning the chin. He advised that GALT wore a watch and a diamond pinky ring. He also wore sunglasses with a black frame. He advised that he met RAY in the bar at the Roosevelt Hotel in New Orleans.

RUSSELL advised that he had won some money gambling and was in New Orleans to enjoy himself and to see if he could make any other scores. He stated he was aware that the State of California wanted him at that time.

He advised that he had frequented the Hotel Roosevelt bar for several days and noticed RAY, or GALT as he was called, in the bar and eventually met him. He advised that GALT had a great deal of money. He stated it was his belief that he could have had as much as \$25,000 and this was based upon the fact that he saw GALT take money out of his pocket and that he had several \$50 and/or \$100 bills in his possession. He advised after seeing GALT with this roll that he decided he wanted to get to know him and to get to know where his residence was located so that he could get the money from him. He advised he intended to burglarize GALT's residence if necessary.

He advised that after talking with GALT at the bar in the Roosevelt Hotel that he eventually told GALT that he was wanted by the police. He advised that he saw GALT several times during a two or three week period. He advised that eventually GALT indicated that he also had done time but had been out for five or six years.

He described GALT as being very quiet, did not like Negro people, and seemed to enjoy gambling.

He related GALT never took him to his residence. He advised it was his belief that GALT lived either with his brother or his uncle in New Orleans, Louisiana. He stated this was based upon the fact that they went riding in an automobile one afternoon and that they drove by a house which was located three or four blocks from the French market and also near a big church, and GALT indicated he lived there.

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He advised that the automobile they were riding in belonged to GALT's girl friend.

He advised that this house was located about ten or twelve blocks from Canal Street and five or six blocks from a big church, stating that the street had big houses on it and that at least two families lived in the building.

He advised it was his recollection that he was introduced to GALT by a barmaid in the Roosevelt Hotel. RUSSELL stated that he frequented the bar every night and was so well known there that he could even leave a tab. He advised that he cannot recall the barmaid's name or her description. He stated it was his recollection that the bartender was a white male American, about 55 years of age, with gray hair, wearing glasses, who was short and stocky. He stated this bartender had a helper behind the bar who was either of Mexican or Spanish extraction.

RUSSELL stated GALT was frequently in the company of women and he believed that the girl he was with most of the time was named EVELYN (Last Name Unknown) who came from some place in the South, possibly Montgomery, Alabama. RUSSELL stated that it was his belief or recollection that EVELYN was a friend of a girl who had worked at JACK RUBY's place in Dallas, Texas. He advised that also in RAY's company was another woman by the name of IRENE and that he believes she might have been from Los Angeles, California, and had some connection with a bar either as an owner or a prospective purchaser.

RUSSELL related that although he met GALT in the bar at the Roosevelt Hotel, that he also saw him in a restaurant or bar across the street from the Royal Orleans Hotel and near Napoleon's Bar. He remarked that the Royal Orleans Hotel had a bar called the Touche Bar which opened after 4:00 p.m. He advised that located on a corner immediately adjacent to the Royal Orleans Hotel was Napoleon's Bar and that further down in the block was a small bar which had a large back room entirely devoted to gambling. He advised that he was in this small bar with the back room for gambling with GALT on at least one occasion and that GALT placed bets in this room with a girl named "PAT."

He stated that a city building was located across the street from the Royal Orleans Hotel and that very close to this city building was a bar called Sinatraville. He advised that the bartender or owner of this establishment would know GALT and would know RUSSELL as JIMMY ALEXANDER.

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He stated that if the owner of the Sinatraville were contacted, that he should be asked about the little blonde girl that came from Mississippi or Alabama, the one who quit her job. He stated that the owner should be asked if he has seen ALEXANDER or JIMMY recently.

He advised that there was a restaurant located over the Absinthe House and that he was in this restaurant on one occasion with JIMMY GALT.

RUSSELL related that after he had been in New Orleans a short time he was arrested and was held in jail for a few days, and after he got out went back to the bar, Sinatraville, inquired about the girl and was told that RAY had gone to a place in Mexico. RUSSELL could not remember the exact dates for the above.

He related that also during the time that he was in New Orleans, a girl he was out with one night got picked up by the police. He stated that he immediately got in contact with the syndicate through a bartender at the Touche Bar in the Roosevelt Hotel and that this girl was then released almost immediately.

He advised that during the time he was in New Orleans that MATT MONROE (phonetic), a singer, was appearing in the Roosevelt Hotel. RUSSELL related that he got to know MATT MONROE and KENNY (Last Name Unknown), MATT MONROE's pianist. He related that on one occasion they went to a bar on Bourbon Street and that JIMMY GALT came in and joined them. He related MATT MONROE resided at the hotel during his engagement.

RUSSELL advised that during the time he was in New Orleans, the Japanese International Floating Fair was in town. He advised that he became very well known aboard this ship and in fact was able to have the Mayor of New Orleans declare one of the officials connected with the Japanese International Floating Fair an honorary citizen of the City of New Orleans.

He advised, "Maybe RAY killed him. I believe that RAY was hired. Both men were killed by the same people." He related that by both men he meant President JOHN F. KENNEDY and Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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He stated, "I have no knowledge of RAY's present whereabouts. I believe RAY is alive and is either in New Orleans or Rio de Janeiro, South America."

He stated he believes he might have RAY's New Orleans telephone number in some notebooks which he had but which are now in the possession of a District Attorney in New York City as a result of his having been arrested in New York City.

He stated, "I believe that I could locate RAY or his body through making calls or contacts."

He said he had no knowledge of RAY's whereabouts and had no knowledge that RAY was dead.

It was his opinion that President JOHN F. KENNEDY and Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING were killed by the same people. He said it was his belief that the same people are responsible for these two deaths and that the money came from the same people. He advised that it was his belief that President KENNEDY was killed because Cuban exiles held him responsible for the death of Cuban patriots in the Bay of Pigs invasion. He stated it was his opinion that these same Cuban exiles were responsible for the death of MARTIN LUTHER KING because the United States had not supported an invasion which was to be led by a RAOUL TIGART (phonetic). He advised that this man named RAOUL TIGART was captured by CASTRO forces.

He advised that in July, 1964, he was able to become very friendly with some men in Trenton, New Jersey, who were connected with the syndicate. He advised that a man known as CARL or PAPPY (Last Name Unknown) who had done time at Leavenworth but was now a wealthy man had a phone booth registered to the Famous Restaurant on State Street in Trenton, New Jersey. He advised this man, PAPPY, came to him and asked him if he wanted to make a million dollars and that he could make a million dollars by "knocking a guy off." RUSSELL stated that he told PAPPY you have your own men, why don't they do it. PAPPY responded that he did not want to get involved.

He advised that PAPPY checked him out and later indicated that he should get in contact with MARIA CASTRO at the Rio de Janeiro Hotel, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

He advised that he did call MARIA CASTRO at the Rio de Janeiro Hotel. He stated at the time he made this call he was accompanied by a girl by the name of ADELE MANCINI who lives in Philadelphia. He advised that he spoke to MARIA CASTRO through her aid, GONZALES (phonetic), and was offered one million dollars

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to kill FIDEL CASTRO. He stated that MARIA CASTRO indicated that they would make all arrangements.

He advised that in talking with MARIA CASTRO she indicated that one million dollars was the same price that was paid for the death of President KENNEDY.

He advised that this CARL or PAPPY had a partner by the name of JOHN KEYES (Phonetic), also of Trenton, New Jersey.

He advised that ROBERT KENNEDY wanted him to help work the HOFFA case and that a man known as PAUL MONROE contacted him to help him organize cab drivers in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

He advised that during the time he was in New Orleans in 1967 that he called Mr. GARRISON several times but GARRISON never came to the Sheraton Hotel to see him. He stated he wanted to talk to GARRISON about the death of President KENNEDY but got no response. He advised that he had information to furnish GARRISON about the KENNEDY case. He related that both ROBERT KENNEDY and Mrs. JOHN F. KENNEDY had written to him in November, 1963, when he was confined in the New Jersey State Prison. He related that he had written to Mr. ROBERT KENNEDY and Mrs. JOHN F. KENNEDY after the death of President KENNEDY. He stated, "If I told my theory, I would be killed. My theory about the KENNEDY and KING murders."

He stated that he had written a letter to the "Saturday Evening Post" in New York City about the KENNEDY case and that this letter was written in either February or March, 1968.

He advised that he had just prepared a script for a motion picture regarding the KENNEDY case for which he received the sum of \$5,000 from Leonard Anderson (phonetic) Associates in New York City.

He advised that FRANK HOGAN, the District Attorney in New York City, had in his possession personal property belonging to him, RUSSELL, which consisted of notebooks, cards, etc., which he is certain were they returned to him would be productive in locating some telephone number for GALT (RAY) in New Orleans, Louisiana. He also advised that a Mr. MIKE DOUGHTY, telephone number 609-695-6281, New Jersey State Penitentiary, a kitchen officer, also has some personal papers of his.

He advised that his San Francisco attorney is Mr. GEORGE T. DAVIS.

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12:21PM 6-11-68 URGENT BKS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), BUFFALO (44-374), KANSAS CITY (44-760)
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) (3P)

MURKIN.

ALTHOUGH JAMES EARL RAY HAS BEEN ARRESTED, IT IS
IMPERATIVE THAT WE CONTINUE EFFORTS TO ACCOUNT FOR RAY'S
ACTIVITIES AND WHEREABOUTS DURING ENTIRE PERIOD OF FREEDOM
FROM APRIL TWENTYTHREE, SIXTYSEVEN, TO JUNE EIGHT LAST.
IN VIEW OF WORLDWIDE PUBLICITY ATTACHED TO POSSIBLE
CONSPIRACY IN REGARD TO DEATH OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,
IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE DETERMINE KNOWN ASSOCIATES OF RAY
DURING HIS PERIOD OF FREEDOM; HIS ESCAPE ROUTE TO CANADA;
HIS SOURCE OF FUNDS AND HIS REPOSITORY FOR KEEPING FUNDS;
HOW HE GAINED KNOWLEDGE OF NECESSARY DOCUMENTS NEEDED TO
OBTAIN CANADIAN PASSPORT; HIS CONTACTS IN CANADA IN ORDER TO
OBTAIN SUCH DOCUMENTS, AND HIS TRAVEL DURING THIS PERIOD.

BUFFALO, IN VIEW OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS INDICATING
THAT SUBJECT HAS USED THREE DIFFERENT NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS
RESIDING IN THE TORONTO, CANADA, AREA, IS REQUESTED THROUGH

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LIAISON WITH TORONTO, CANADA, PD, TO ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IF RAY WAS IN TORONTO BETWEEN APRIL TWENTYFOUR, SIXTYSEVEN, AND JULY EIGHTEEN LAST, THE LATTER DATE BEING THE DATE THAT RAY OBTAINED AN APARTMENT IN MONTREAL, CANADA, IN THE NAME OF ERIC S. GALT. DETERMINE IF RAY COULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY UNSOLVED ROBBERIES OR BURGLARIES INVOLVING LOSS OF LARGE SUMS OF MONEY OR MERCHANDISE EASILY CONVERTED INTO MONEY DURING THIS PERIOD OFOR DURING THE PERIOD APRIL FIVE LAST TO MAY SIX LAST.

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83947 KANSAS CITY IS REQUESTED TO REINTERVIEW GEORGE BEN EDMONDSON, INMATE, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, FORMER TOP TEN FUGITIVE WHO ESCAPED AND FLED TO CANADA, TO ASCERTAIN IF HE CAN FURTHER ASSIST IN GIVING DETAILS RE ESCAPE ROUTE TO CANADA AND IDENTITY OF CONTACTS IN CANADA, PARTICULARLY MONTREAL AND TORONTO, FOR OBTAINING NECESSARY DOCUMENTS FOR CANADIAN PASSPORTS. IF EDMONDSON WILL NOT FURNISH THIS

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INFORMATION, CONSIDER CONTACT WITH OTHER INMATES AND INMATE SOURCES OF PRISON PERSONNEL, AS EDMONDSON CLAIMS THIS TYPE OF INFORMATION READILY KNOWN BY OTHER INMATES AND FUGITIVES.

A REVIEW OF RAY'S INMATE FILE REVEALS THAT JOSEPH SEIBERT, INMATE NO. W - ZERO NINE ONE ONE ONE, ALSO MADE AN UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE FROM MSP ON MARCH ELEVEN, SIXTYSIX. INTERVIEW SEIBERT TO ASCERTAIN IF HE HAD ANY KNOWLEDGE OF RAY'S ESCAPE PLANS AND IF SEIBERT POSSESSES ANY INFORMATION RE ESCAPE ROUTE TO CANADA AND MEANS OF OBTAINING CANADIAN PASSPORT. P. END.

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On 6-4-68, Mr. HARRY LAUF, Records Officer, MSP, furnished the following photos of inmates. These photos need not be returned:

JAMES STEDHAM
BOBBY ASH
CHESTER LEE ELEY
CHARLES EDWARD LAWSON
RAYMOND LOUIS ALLEN
WALTER TRUMAN STARKEY
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☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.

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Remarks: ReBulet 5-20-68.

In the event of inquiries regarding the identity of the sources of the reward money offered in the Murkin case, you may confidentially advise established sources that according to a compilation set forth in the April 27th edition of the "Commercial Appeal," Memphis, Tennessee, \$25,000 each has been offered by the "Commercial Appeal" and Scripps-Howard newspapers and that in addition, businessmen and citizens in Memphis have offered several thousands more and the Memphis City Council has under-written the reward up to a total of \$100,000.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760)

DATE: 6/7/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM F. SCOTT -R-

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 5/31/68 LOUISE HOBSON, Credit Bureau of Wichita, advised she could locate no record identifiable with a JOHN E. SHEPARD, 2627 North Hillside, Wichita, Kansas,

On 6/3/68 KATHERINE PERKINS, Records Section, Wichita, Kansas, Police Department, and CHRIS PESETTO, Records Section, Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office, advised that they could locate no record identifiable with JOHN E. SHEPARD,

Attempts to contact JOHN E. SHEPARD at 2627 North Hillside, Wichita, Kansas, on 6/3/68 met with negative results. It was determined that the property at that address is owned by W. J. AMMONS,

On 6/3/68 W. J. AMMONS, 8002 Dresden Lane, advised he owns the rental property located at 2627 North Hillside in Wichita. In approximately September, 1966, JOHN E. SHEPARD rented an apartment from him at that address. He believes SHEPARD worked as a maintenance man at Wichita State University while in Wichita. After having lived in the apartment for approximately three months, SHEPARD left all of a sudden in November or December, 1966, leaving behind what personal belongings he had brought with him. Mr. AMMONS stated they had not heard from SHEPARD since and had no idea where he may have gone. He knows of no friends or relatives SHEPARD has in Wichita, stating he lived by himself and he knows of no regular visitors he had while he lived there,

On 6/3/68 Mrs. WANDA TURNER, Personnel Office, Wichita State University, advised she could locate no record of a JOHN E. SHEPARD ever having been employed at the University.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Kansas City

DATE: April 29, 1968

JEM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE
I.O. #4182; W. F. #442-A
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;
INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ARMED ROBBERY
"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES" PROGRAM
NEWSPAPER MAT

Being forwarded under separate cover is a supply of newspaper mats and proofs for expeditious distribution to all cooperative daily and weekly newspapers in your territory. Additional publications such as shoppers' guides should not be overlooked in obtaining the greatest possible publicity regarding this fugitive.

In most cases, these mats and proofs may be distributed by mail but when circumstances warrant they may be personally delivered by Special Agents. A form letter over the signature of the Special Agent in Charge may be utilized in distributing this material by mail and this letter should point out that the FBI is requesting the aid of the Nation's press in bringing about the prompt apprehension of this badly sought fugitive.

Prompt distribution should be made and additional supplies, if needed, are available at the Bureau. The following number of mats and proofs are being forwarded to your office under separate cover: 600.

As an additional means of securing widespread publicity concerning Ray, offices covering the place of publication of magazines which have previously cooperated in publicizing FBI fugitives should request the assistance of such publications in carrying an article on captioned fugitive. The Bureau press release, copies of which are available in each office, along with a glossy photograph of this fugitive can be furnished. The earliest possible utilization of this material should be encouraged and special attention should be given to publications aimed at minority groups.

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~~OKLAHOMA CITY~~FROM: KANSAS CITY (44-760) *2 p*

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RE MEMPHIS TELETYPE, JUNE ELEVEN LAST.

RE COMMUNICATION REVEALED THAT A REVIEW OF RAY'S INMATE FILE AT MSP, JEFFERSON CITY, MO. REVEALED THAT JOSEPH SEIBERT, INMATE NO. W ZERO NINE ONE ONE ONE, ALSO MADE AN UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE FROM MSP ON MARCH ELEVEN, SIXTYSIX. KANSAS CITY WAS REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW SEIBERT TO ASCERTAIN IF HE HAD ANY KNOWLEDGE OF RAY'S ESCAPE PLANS AND IF SEIBERG POSSESSES ANY INFORMATION REGARDING ESCAPE ROUTE TO CANADA AND MEANS OF OBTAINING CANADIAN PASSPORT.

HARRY LAUF, RECORDS CLERK, MSP, ADVISED THIS DATE THAT JOSEPH SEIBERT WAS TAKEN TO JACKSON COUNTY COURT HOUSE, JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI, ON A WRIT ON OCTOBER ELEVEN, SIXTYSEVEN; HE ESCAPED FROM THERE OCTOBER THIRTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN. HE WAS ARRESTED OCTOBER TWENTYSIX, SIXTYSEVEN, BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES

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OC 428 *8*Approved: *KW*
Special Agent in ChargeSent *P* MPer *jm**44-760-1100*

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AT TULSA, ~~OKLAHOMA~~ ^{okla.} FOR ARMED ROBBERY AND WAS TO BE PROSECUTED BY DISTRICT ATTORNEY, ~~TULSA~~ ^{okla.} ~~OKLAHOMA~~. MSP RECORDS FURTHER REVEAL THAT ON NOVEMBER TWENTYNINE, SIXTYSEVEN, SEIBERT WAS TAKEN TO THE EASTERN STATE HOSPITAL, VENITA, ~~OKLAHOMA~~ ^{okla.} FOR NINETY DAYS OBSERVATION. MSP RECORDS COULD FURNISH NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RE SEIBERT.

OKLAHOMA CITY, AT TULSA, ~~OKLAHOMA~~ ^{okla.} ATTEMPT TO LOCATE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF SEIBERT AND INTERVIEW HIM AS REQUESTED BY THE BUREAU.

^{RE}~~REFERENCE~~D COMMUNICATION FURTHER ADVISED THAT ALTHOUGH JAMES EARL RAY HAS BEEN ARRESTED, IT IS IMPERATIVE WE CONTINUE EFFORTS TO ACCOUNT FOR RAY'S ACTIVITIES AND WHEREABOUTS DURING ENTIRE PERIOD OF FREEDOM FROM APRIL TWENTYTHREE, SIXTYSEVEN, TO JUNE EIGHT LAST, IN VIEW OF WORLD WIDE PUBLICITY ATTACHED TO POSSIBLE CONSPIRACY IN REGARD TO DEATH OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. IT IS ESSENTIAL WE DETERMINE KNOWN ASSOCIATES OF RAY DURING HIS PERIOD OF FREEDOM, HIS SOURCE OF FUNDS AND DEPOSITORY FOR KEEPING FUNDS, HOW HE GAINED KNOWLEDGE OF NECESSARY DOCUMENTS NEEDED TO OBTAIN CANADIAN PASSPORTS, HIS CONTACTS IN CANADA IN ORDER TO OBTAIN SUCH DOCUMENTS, AND HIS

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707 United States Court House
Kansas City, Missouri 64106
June 12, 1968

Honorable Warren E. Hearnes
Governor of Missouri
Jefferson City, Missouri

Dear Governor Hearnes:

This is to express my sincere thanks for the assistance of the Drivers License Section, State of Missouri, in our investigation and subsequent apprehension of the badly wanted fugitive, James Earl Ray, who was sought in connection with the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., and also as an escapee from the Missouri State Penitentiary. The Drivers License Section furnished our office with several thousand drivers license data briefs covering a period considered pertinent by this office and also set up their data processing machines to furnish our office with additional weekly information.

I would like to commend the state officials and employees who gave unstintingly of their time and efforts in a matter of intense national interest and to ask that you convey my genuine appreciation to these dedicated public servants.

Sincerely,


KARL W. DISSLY
Special Agent in Charge

cc - Howard J. Turnbull
Assistant Director of Revenue
for Drivers Licenses, Jefferson Building
Jefferson City, Missouri

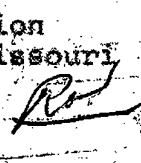
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State Drivers License Unit, Department of Revenue
Jefferson Building, Jefferson City, Missouri

Betty B. Dreher, System Analyst
Data Processing, Drivers License Section
Jefferson Building, Jefferson City, Missouri

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The following investigation was conducted by
IC WILLIAM C. MC DONALD at Jefferson City, Missouri:

On June 4, 1968, Mr. HARRY LAUF, Records Officer,
Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP), stated that the only
record he could locate on inmate with the last name of ALLEN
or ALLAN being released from the MSP in 1965 is as follows:

RAYMOND LOUIS ALLEN was received at the MSP on
June 19, 1964, from Crawford County to serve a two-year
sentence on charge of Stealing Over \$50. He was released
to a detainer filed by Illinois on September 19, 1965.

Mr. LAUF advised that his records reflect ALLEN
was incarcerated in the Illinois State Penitentiary,
Joliet, Illinois, on September 30, 1965.

Relatives listed in this file are:

Father	RICHARD ALLEN, Route 2, Seymour, Illinois
Mother	DOROTHY ALLEN, same address
Fiancee	CHARLENE K. LOCKE, 721 Bellmont, Room 329, Abbott Hotel, Chicago, Illinois

Mr. LAUF stated that he could locate no record
of an inmate with the name of WALTER SERAKEY. However,
WALTER TRUMAN STARKEY was received at the MSP on March 16,
1960, and assigned MSP number 00344. He was discharged
on January 5, 1963. STARKEY was received from Pemiscot
County to serve a five-year sentence on charge of Felonious
Stealing.

Relatives and friends are listed in this file as
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Mother	MARY NORWOOD 105 East 13th Street, Caruthersville, Missouri
Father	CHARLEY STARKEY, 430 South Main, Osceola, Arkansas
Sister	RUBY STARKEY, 105 East 13th Street, Caruthersville, Missouri
Sister	ZULA RAMSEY, Caruthersville, Missouri
Brother	NATHANIEL STARKEY, 105 East 13th Street, Caruthersville, Missouri
Brother	LOYE STARKEY, Hayti, Missouri
Ex-wife	MYRTLE STARKEY, 1625 Pennsylvania, St. Louis, Missouri
Friend	DELIE MORGAN, Box 166, Hayti, Missouri

STARKEY is described as:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of birth	[REDACTED]
Place of birth	Earl, Arkansas
Height	6'
Weight	164 pounds
Hair	Light brown
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Ruddy
Build	Medium
Tattoo	Upper left arm "DELIA"; upper right arm "LINDA"
Social Security #	[REDACTED]

Mr. LAUF advised that CHESTER LEE ELEY, MSP #00846, FBI #844 555 A, was discharged from the MSP on October 14, 1965.

ELEY listed his father as SAM ELEY, 4115 North 2nd, St. Louis, Missouri. He indicated that he would seek employment as a meat cutter, butcher, and find a place to stay through the Dismas Clark Foundation, St. Louis, Missouri.

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Mr. LAUF advised that CHARLES EDWARD LAWSON, MSP #00273, was received at the Colorado State Penitentiary, Canon City, Colorado, May 6, 1968, to serve a sentence from two to five years on charge of Burglary.

LAWSON listed his brother as PAUL OSCAR LAWSON, 6136 Wilson Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, in the MSP files, according to MR. LAUF.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-760)

FROM : SA WALTER F. SCOTT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 6/13/68

The following investigation was conducted by SA WALTER F. SCOTT and SA JAMES B. KELLY:

AT WICHITA, KANSAS

On 6/7/68, JOHN E. SHEPARD, 619 E. Douglas, was contacted at his place of residence and employment, the Salvation Army, 619 E. Douglas. Mr. SHEPARD advised he is employed as a cook by the Salvation Army. Mr. SHEPARD viewed the photographs appearing on the Identification Order for JAMES EARL RAY and said he recalls that RAY worked for him in the bakery at the Missouri State Penitentiary, during which time SHEPARD was employed as a civilian cook at the prison. SHEPARD stated he terminated his employment at the prison as of 9/1/66. He has not been contacted by RAY since that time, nor has he learned anything of RAY's present whereabouts. Mr. SHEPARD stated his first reaction when he heard that RAY was implicated in the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING was that they had the wrong man. He did not know at that time RAY was out of prison having effected a successful escape.

SHEPARD stated RAY was very hard to know, was basically inoffensive and did his work well while employed in the bakery at the prison. RAY seemed to be pretty much of a loner, almost to the point of being antisocial. He never had much to say and seemed to prefer not being around other people. He added that although RAY tended to give the opposite impression that he was very shrewd. RAY did not seem to be a trouble maker but was obsessed with the idea of getting out of prison.

During the time that SHEPARD was at the prison, he recalls that RAY attempted to escape, possibly three or four times, never making it outside the prison walls. On at least one of these attempted escapes RAY remained concealed in a ventilation shaft next to the warden's office for a full week



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before being discovered. While he was employed at the prison he recalls that a friend of RAY, whose name he cannot recall, but who was also employed in the bakery, was killed by another inmate, possibly in connection with the pill traffic at the prison.

SHEPARD does not recall RAY ever committing himself openly one way or the other regarding racial matters and Negroes. As he recalls, RAY got along with the Negro inmates at the prison and was never involved in any conflict with members of the Negro race.

SHEPARD was able to recall the following individuals who he recalls had some degree of association with RAY at the prison:

(FNU) ~~FRY~~ - This individual seemed to be the spokesman or mouthpiece for the majority of the inmates and as he recalls, was serving time for armed robbery and escape from the honor farm. ~~FRY~~ was also at one time a trustee at the prison.

A young white male, approximately 25 years of age, whose name he cannot recall. This individual worked in the bakery with RAY and was originally from Eldon, Mo. He was a three-time loser and was serving time for armed robbery. He had been at the Boys Reformatory at Boonville, Mo., and also in another reformatory outside Jefferson City, Mo.

(FNU) possibly ~~RICHARD McBRIDE~~ - The word was that McBRIDE pushed pills at the penitentiary and he associated with RAY off and on. ~~McBRIDE~~ was at one time head of the pastry crew and he believes was doing time possibly 30 years to life for murder.

A young white male in his early twenties - He was from around Eldon, Mo., and he believes has a family there. He worked in the kitchen and knew RAY. SHEPARD believes he was serving two years for armed robbery. This individual was released in January, 1966, robbed a hotel in Kansas City and was returned to the prison in April, 1966. Upon return to prison in April, he was placed in the section where RAY was located.

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SHEPARD stated he has no personal knowledge that RAY was involved in pill traffic at the prison or took pills himself.

SHEPARD's personal opinion is that RAY has not fled very far. He stated if he were looking for RAY, he would go to East St. Louis and check the summer resorts and lakes. He stated that at one time RAY mentioned Colorado to him. In his opinion RAY might possibly be within not too far a distance from the Jefferson City - St. Louis, Mo., area. SHEPARD stated to his knowledge, no other inmates were ever involved with RAY in any of his attempted escapes. To his knowledge, RAY was always on his own. He believes RAY could conceal himself without engaging in a far-flung flight, basing this opinion in part upon the fact that RAY did conceal himself for a full week in a ventilator shaft during one of his attempted escapes at the prison. SHEPARD stated RAY will never look a person in the eye with whom he is talking and has a nervous habit of stroking the side of his nose with his right index finger.

SHEPARD stated he could think of no further pertinent information regarding the subject, however, should he recall any other pertinent facts or learn anything of RAY's whereabouts, he will promptly notify the FBI.

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RE: JAMES EARL RAY, aka -
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OO: MEMPHIS

Re report of SA JOE C. HESTER 6/5/68 at Memphis.

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