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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD Evansville Ind	Vernon Elmer Rife #12071	12-5-43	inv	Arrest
SO Quincy Ill	Walter Rife #--	3-3-44	2 of motor veh	\$1500 bond to Cir Ct
St Paul Vandavia Ill	Walter Rife #20075	4-8-44	camp with mch	1 yr: 3-3-45 final check per
PD Hannibal Mo	Walter Terry Rife #27520	4-29-47	disorder 2nd Army	rel to Fed Auth
St Hwy Patrol Macon Mo	Walter Terry Rife #B-9375	8-5-47	escape from USDF Ft Leavenworth Kans	6-8-47
USDA Fort Leavenworth Kans	Walter Rife #15053	12-5-47	disorder	5 yrs
PD Quincy Ill	Walter T. Rife #--	2-28-51	bad checks	rel to Dep Sheriff of DeCATUR Ill
SO Decatur Ill	Walter T. Rife #39302	3-1-51	forged check	
PD DeCATUR Ill	Walter Terry Rife #7828-1	3-6-51	forg	
SO Decatur Ill	Walter Rife #22574	10-4-51	forg	1-18-55 par
St Hwy Patrol Macon Mo	Walter Terry Rife #B-3376	3-23-55	cashing stolen postal money orders	rel to Postal Insp Kans City Mo 3-24-55
USM Kans City Mo	Walter T. Rife #12019	3-28-55	forg US Postal Money Order	
SO Kans City Mo	Walter Terry Rife #29636	3-28-55	forg govt	

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44-760-1A2 ①

Date Received

4/24/68

From

Martin J. T. Willingham

(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Federal Pen

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Leavenworth, KS

(CITY AND STATE)

By

SA W. N. O'Connell

(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

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Letter dated 4/21/68
from Maurine Bloch
to J. T. Willingham

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Photo of James Earl
Ray



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April - 21-68

Warden

Mr G. J. Willingham:

Sir:

I am not seeking favor, but feel I owe someone a favor; so if you would I'd appreciate it if you would see to it that this message reach Mr J. B. Melton, Federal Bureau of Investigation; K. C. Mo.

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Warden H. Swenson, of Jefferson City, Penn was wrong in his statement concerning the man James Earl Ray - they said, may be the killer of Dr Martin L. King. He (Ray) did have two very near and dear friends - that helped him get out in the Bread Box. I worked with them all and was somewhat trusted; plus, Ray - did indeed have deep racial feelings. There is a colored Lt, name Billy Bob who Ray said should be dead.

The two men who he trusted and walked with - are: Bob, pamee; and I heard him say, he wanted Ray to go to Wae Run Mo, and beat up a woman name Frankie Barbara. Bob, also is a deep feeling guy. The other - is J. R. Russee, whom I think was from Farmington Mo.

Sir, I don't know if this will help any but I

know that Bob and Ray use to do a lot of off
in the dark talking:

Warden Willingham, please, don't feel I am at-
tempting to go over your head; I wouldn't mind
telling you this in person first. But I was
once burnt pretty bad in the 1950's - over a food
strike in here I tried to keep head off - plus
I don't know any more about it - than this.

Thanks.

P. O. Box 1000
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS 66048

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J. J. Willingham

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Date Received 7/26/68

From IRL DAY
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(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

USPL
(CITY AND STATE)

WALTER A. WITSCHART
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

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Warden from
Roy G. KUCP

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Federal Penitentiary
Leavenworth, Ks.

Aug. 1, 1978

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IRL E. DAY WARDEN

Sir:

For what it may be worth - James Earl Ray
escaped from Mo. State Pen at Jefferson City in 1967.

Informant - J. J. Hull, Sheriff's Office (~~Boonville~~^{Burgan}
County, Mo.) Versailles, Mo., 1967.

Witness - Policeman named Sonny.

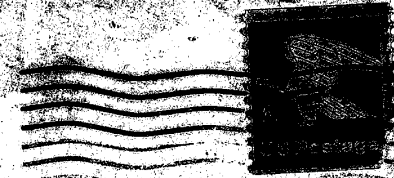
Signed

Roy H. Kulp

Gen. Del.

Lewiston, Idaho 83501

J. J. Hull could have been involved in Stringbean -
Hess Hunt (1974) - Re Nashville, Tenn. Police Dept.



Warden,
Federal Penitentiary,
Leavenworth,
Kansas



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