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him was through P. O. Box 22, Wheeling, Illinois, since he, JERRY, had obtained this box for the specific use of his brother since he did not want mail from the penitentiary coming to the country club.

JERRY related that JOHN came to this area sometime around 1964 and stayed for about 2½ years. To the best of JERRY's recollection, JOHN first worked at Murphy's Steakhouse, then went to the Rolling Green Country Club and from there to the White Pines Country Club where he was employed as a pot washer. JOHN then went to bartending school in Chicago and went to work for the Indian Hills Country Club in Itasca, Illinois. JERRY is of the opinion that his brother, JOHN, uses the name RYAN.

JERRY said that on April 20 or 21, 1968, he telephonically contacted his sister, CAROL PEPPER, and explained that the uncooperative attitude of both CAROL and JOHN arose from the harassment of the newspaper reporters in the neighborhood and that both were afraid of unfavorable publicity which would adversely effect the tavern business causing them to sell out and move. He said that his sister, CAROL, has told him that she feels that she now has to move from the particular neighborhood where she resides in St. Louis, Missouri. CAROL has commented to him that the picture in the newspaper of JAMES RAY does look something like him. JERRY said that he agrees with this but that felt it could not be his brother because he read in the newspapers that the person sought by the FBI for the KING murder had attended dancing school in New Orleans, Louisiana, in 1964 and 1965, but since his brother was imprisoned during these years, he knew it could not be him.

Concerning his trip to St. Louis, Missouri, in February, 1968, JERRY advised that he stayed at the MacArthur Hotel for one night; he believes the date to be February 2, 1968, and that his brother, JOHN, either stayed in an apartment over the tavern or nearby, but not at the hotel as he previously implied. He said that about every six or seven weeks he drives to St. Louis, Missouri, to visit with

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CAROL and sometimes JOHN since they are the only family he has. He denied that his brother, JAMES RAY, had been at this family reunion at this last or any other time.

JERRY advised that he owns two automobiles, one a 1960 light green four-door De Soto which presently is parked in front of the cottage at the Sportsman's Country Club. The other, a 1961 two door white over red Plymouth. Both of these cars were purchased from a stepfather, JERRY RAYNES, who resides on a farm in Center, Missouri. He exhibited a receipt from the Dunhurst Currency Exchange showing that Missouri driver's license [REDACTED] plus title and registration for 1960 De Soto had been turned in. The receipt was in the name of JERRY WILLIAM RYAN, 2897 Techny Road. JERRY said that he had turned over these items April 24, 1968, and expected to obtain his Illinois driver's license and license tags within the next several days.

JERRY further related that he paid \$200 for the 1961 Plymouth and has owned it for about six months. The car is presently at his stepfather's farm and is not registered. The reason it is not registered is that the title to this car was filed by his stepfather in St. Louis, Missouri, but was not returned. Both he and his stepfather made inquiry concerning the title, but it was evidently lost. JERRY said that he has driven the car to Chicago and in this area on one occasion utilizing license plates from a junk car. CAROL PEPPER has also driven the car on several occasions with the same plates. However, the plates have since been removed from the car and destroyed.

In response to questions concerning Post Office Box 22, Wheeling, Illinois, JERRY reiterated that the only person who has ever written to him was his brother JAMES RAY with the rare exception that he might receive some advertising literature of no consequence. He persisted in stating that that he had received no communications at this Post Office box within recent weeks. After further questioning, JERRY admitted that on April 23, 1968, he received a telegram addressed to him at P. O. Box 22. He then made available a copy of this telegram which read as follows:

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"JERRY RAY

"PO BOX 22 WHEELING ILL

"(RTE WATS CHGO)

"PLEASE CONTACT ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, COLLECT AT 217-224-1710  
ROOM 230, OR MYSELF OR GERALD MOORE 312-467-9700. I HAVE A  
METTER OF IMPORTANCE TO DISCUSS AND SOME MONEY FOR YOU

"DICK WOODBURY LIFE MAGAZINE"

He then related that on April 23, 1968, he went to "Life" magazine offices where he was interviewed concerning his brother, other family members and family residences and background. He stated that it appeared to him that what "Life" magazine was interested in was the family history. He also advised that his picture was taken and that for his services he was paid \$150. According to JERRY, his sister, CAROL PEPPER, refused to talk with the "Time" and "Life" reporters but that his uncle, WILLIAM MAHER, cooperated freely. MAHER also told the reporters that SUE (SUSAN DONIAN) had a family album in which there were pictures of JAMES RAY, including a picture in uniform. Concerning SUE, JERRY related that he does not know SUE's present whereabouts and is certain that JAMES also is not aware of her present address. He requested to be informed of her whereabouts which was denied.

He related that his usual day off is Tuesday, and that on occasion, he will go to Northbrook, Illinois, where he gets a train to the Union Station and spends some time in Chicago, Illinois. The evening of April 23, 1968, he spent at the Victoria Hotel, Clark and Van Buren Streets.

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JERRY advised that sometime around September, 1960, shortly after his release from prison, he was unemployed in St. Louis and he was contacted by his brother, JOHN, who told him to come to the Chicago area which JERRY did. He commenced employment at the Rolling Greens Country Club, Arlington Heights, Illinois, from September, 1960, until January, 1962. He then returned to St. Louis, Missouri, and returned sometime in April, 1962, where he obtained employment at the North Shore Country Club, Glenview, Illinois. He also worked for the Olympia Fields Country Club for 13 days and then went to work for the Medinah Country Club until sometime in December, 1963, when he was hit by a car as he was walking along a highway. JERRY spent some time in the hospital as a result of these injuries and then went back to St. Louis, Missouri, with JOHN. He again returned to this area and was employed at the Flossmoor Country Club, from April until September, 1964. At that time, he commenced his present employment at Sportsman Country Club.

JERRY said that he had resided at the Sportsman Country Club except for a short period of time from March to September, 1967, when he resided at 2897 Techny Road, Northbrook, Illinois, with his wife GJERDIS STREET who presently resides on Wisconsin Avenue, Lake Forest, Illinois. He said that while they were married, she had a child, however, this child was by her previous husband. He went on to say that he and his wife separated in August of 1967 and the divorce was finalized on January 25, 1967. Later in the interview, JERRY advised that he was married in August, 1966, and that the divorce was final January 25, 1968.

When questioned as to whether or not he had been married previously, JERRY replied that he hadn't, but that he had lived common-law with CAROL SARTAIN who is presently residing in Morristown, Tennessee. He did know that CAROL is presently married but he did not know CAROL's married name. CAROL and JERRY had one child, MICHAEL, age 6, who is presently living with CAROL's parents, Mr. and Mrs. WILLARD SARTAIN, Route #2, Whitesburg, Tennessee.

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This town is located 24 miles outside of Knoxville, but JERRY does not know exactly where the SARTAINS live. He said that he doubted that the subject would be aware of the SARTAINS identity since JAMES was in prison before JERRY met his ex-wife.

JERRY related that his take-home pay is approximately \$113 per week and that he also receives room and board. He said that he has no money to speak of, at the present time, since all of his savings had been expended in his ill-fated marriage. He said that he sends money to his sister, CAROL, which she deposits in her account to keep for him.. He estimated that he has approximately \$200 in that account. He denied that any of his money had been utilized by his brother JOHN in the purchase of the tavern in St. Louis.

JERRY sends money to the SARTAINS spasmodically, about \$50 at a time and estimates that since December, 1967, he has sent them approximately \$150. He also sends clothing and other items for MICHAEL's use. He also advised that he expends a great deal of money on automobiles and since he has been in this area has had at least 12 cars but never seems to be able to purchase a newer model than a 1962. He informed that his marriage "cost him a fortune" indicating that in the first two months he was married, his wife ran up \$300 in phone bills. He also paid \$135 to send her to driving school after which she had three automobile accidents and in one completely demolished one car so that he had to buy another. His ex-wife was also extravagant and spent money freely through charge accounts.

JERRY related that he has never heard of anyone named JAMES DAVID DAILEY, THOMAS BEECHUM CREWS or JUNIOR RAY CONWAY.

JERRY advised that he was not aware that JOHN registered at the Mac Arthur Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri, during the time that he, JERRY, was there. He said that he did know that JOHN used the Mac Arthur Hotel whenever he was able to "pick up a woman". He said that JOHN has never married and has no knowledge that JOHN is presently going with or residing with any particular woman.

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He related that he has no idea as to the present whereabouts of his brother, JAMES, and believes that he is either dead or out of the country. He could offer no reason for JAMES alleged murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr., but did say that JAMES would have to have been paid for this murder in view of the purchase of the car and the dance school payments which JAMES made which information he obtained from reading the newspapers. JERRY did speculate that if anyone did pay JAMES for this murder, it would have to be someone he met after his escape because he doubted that anyone in prison or anyone that he knew in JAMES' life prior to being in prison would have the money or the desire to kill KING. JERRY said that all of the other crimes committed by JAMES were small scores and that he knew he never realized much money from them.

JERRY further related that it is his opinion that JAMES would never get in touch with anyone in the family nor matter how bad he needed help.

JERRY RAY was then interviewed by SAC MARLIN W. JOHNSON and ASAC KYLE G. CLARK in an effort to obtain his complete cooperation in this matter. After discussion, JERRY gave his word that he would not lie in the future and that if his brother did contact him, he would contact the FBI. He reiterated that he had no reason to believe that JAMES would contact him.

JERRY advised that he sends his money to his sister, CAROL, because he would spend it if it was available to him. He sometimes sends her his whole paycheck to put in the account. He wants the money to save to put as a downpayment on opening a bar.

Concerning his automobile accident, JERRY advised that he was walking along the highway when he was struck by a car and that he was taken to the hospital at Elmhurst, Illinois, where he was semi-conscious for three days. He

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stayed in the hospital for 13 or 17 days and his pelvis bone had been broken. He entered into a lawsuit in an effort to recover damages, however, he was only paid \$1,00 and believes he owes the hospital around \$400.

He again stated that he had absolutely no idea as to his brother's whereabouts and then advised that if there was anyone else involved in the crime with JAMES, it was JERRY's opinion that JAMES would never divulge this person's identity. He said that at the time his brother received the 20 years' sentence, from which he escaped, he had been offered eight years to turn state's evidence but did not do so. The other person involved with JAMES did turn state's evidence and received a six year sentence. JERRY opined that even if JAMES was offered a sentence, of five years, against death in the electric chair, he would not implicate a partner if in fact he had one.

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The following description of JERRY WILLIAM RAY was obtained through interview and observation:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	Quincy, Illinois (No birth certificate, doctor died two days after birth)
Height	5'9" tall
Weight	178 pounds
Build	Medium, stocky
Hair	Brown, receding
Eyes	Brown
Scars and Marks	Circle scar $\frac{1}{4}$ " diameter above left eyebrow;
Tattoos	"J.R." left forearm outer; "J.R." in scroll right forearm outer
Other employments	Knodel Bakery Company St. Louis, Missouri, oven worker, one day, 1963-64; Sunset Sanitarium, St. Louis, Missouri 12 days, 1963-64; Keeshen's, cannot recall working there
Marital Status	Divorced

JERRY then advised that he used the Bell Employment Service, Chicago, since his brother JOHN had used it because the fee was only \$15 or \$30 to locate a job. He then related that he came to Sportsman's Country Club from Flossmoor Country Club where he had been a bar waiter. He said he started out at Sportsman's as a dishwasher and then went to work for the Marx Maintenance Company as a maintenance man in the country club. Sometime thereafter, the country club dropped the maintenance service and hired JERRY. He also advised that his brother JOHN was employed at the Indian Hills Country Club, Elmhurst, Illinois, not at Indian Lake. He then recalled that his brother was also employed at Green Acres Country Club, about 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  miles from Sportsman's in Northbrook, Illinois.



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JERRY WILLIAM RAY advised that he had never discussed photography with his brother JAMES and had no knowledge that JAMES was in any way interested in or proficient in photography. He never knew of him to make any comments concerning the taking of pictures of nude women and in fact, never knew JAMES to be particularly interested in women. In this regard, he advised that JAMES never had any lasting attachment with a woman and that he would usually either pick them up in a bar or go to a hotel and contact the bellhop. He knew of no associate of his brother in Atlanta, Birmingham, New Orleans, or Los Angeles. He could offer no suggestions as to the person allegedly contacted by his brother via long-distance telephone calls while on a trip to New Orleans in December, 1967.

JERRY then advised that he had lied previously when he said that his father died in 1961 at Hannibal, Missouri. The true father for all of the children born to JERRY and LUCILLE RAY, RYAN, or RAYNES is JERRY RAYNES, Center, Missouri. He said that his father and other members of the family variously used the names set forth previously but that his father's birth certificate is in the name of RAY. He also advised that his sister, MELBA, now uses the surname of FULLER. JERRY also advised that his paternal grandfather's name is GEORGE RAY.

JERRY advised that he had never heard his brother JAMES mention the name ALFRED GEORGE SCHNEIDER or NEAL AEBY. He said that the only individuals with whom he knew JAMES was friendly with in prison were RALPH "RAT" DAVIS (deceased), WALTER TERRY and LONNIE RIFE. He said that he did not know if JOSEPH "BLACKIE" AUSTIN had done time with his brother but that he was arrested with the subject in Quincy, Illinois, on an armed robbery charge. JERRY said that he was acquainted with AUSTIN while they both were in the Illinois State Penitentiary, Menard, Illinois. He said he thought that AUSTIN is presently on parole but he does not know whether he is in St. Louis or Chicago. JERRY doubts that there is any close contact between AUSTIN and JAMES RAY now.

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Concerning his father, JERRY did not furnish a reason for the various names but said that for the last fourteen years his father has been using the name JERRY RAYNES. JERRY made the statement that "I was about 20 years old before I knew my name."

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JERRY WILLIAM RAY advised that he has no information as to any available photographs of his brother and that the only one he can recall ever seeing was a photograph of his brother in Army uniform. JERRY thinks that the last time he saw that photograph was in 1953 but that he cannot recall who had it.

JERRY said that he considered the \$150 he received from "Life" Magazine as payment for the information for the article, as his brother's and when his brother is found he will give him this money to use for his defense.

He also advised that he gave the phone number of the cottage where he resides to the "Life" Magazine reporter and that the reporter has called him at that number.

He said that he has no information indicating that his sister SUSAN has any type of a family album and in fact, doubts that she does.

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JERRY WILLIAM RAY advised that he had accidentally met with his ex-wife, DJERDIS, in Wheeling, Illinois, at which time she told him that she had moved to that area.

During conversation with her about his brother JAMES, DJERDIS asked him if she had ever met him. JERRY told her that she had not and then in further conversation, she pointed out that one of the brothers had been to Northbrook, Illinois, to visit with them when they were married. JERRY told her that this was his brother JOHN. JERRY advised that he thinks that JOHN came to the Northbrook residence sometime in March, 1967, and that he sold JOHN an older model Rambler and that JOHN took the Rambler back to Missouri with him. JERRY is of the opinion that this car is now at his father's farm in Missouri.

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JERRY WILLIAM RAY advised that from 1948 to 1952 or 1953, he was residing in Quincy, Illinois, and that during 1950, he was sent to the reformatory at St. Charles, Illinois. He said that all of the addresses in Chicago where his brother JAMES resided meant nothing to him and he knew of no acquaintances or relatives of his brother JAMES in Chicago, Illinois. He said that the last time he saw his brother JAMES outside of prison was in 1951. The last time he saw him in prison was in 1964. He said that on several occasions, he had sent money to his brother JAMES while he was in prison and that JAMES had sent him out about \$40 or \$50. He said that this was a total accumulation of three or four amounts sent to him while JAMES was in prison. He did remember that JAMES came to the Illinois State Penitentiary, Menard, Illinois, to visit JERRY while he was in prison.

He said that the names of VERONICA WOODHOUSE and PHILLIP BAKER meant nothing to him.

He furnished CAROL PEPPER's phone number as 311-645-2948. He stated he did not have his brother JOHN's phone number either at his residence or tavern.

Concerning JAMES, he did not know of any country club employment for him in this area. The only schools that he recalls his brother attending were in Ewing, Missouri.

JERRY advised that he had received the 1968 Illinois license tags for his automobile and they are numbered [REDACTED]. He also stated that he had seen his wife yesterday afternoon which was the first time he had seen her since her divorce. She has never met JAMES but did meet JOHN.

JERRY related that he was leaving for St. Louis, Missouri, about 1:00 p.m. this date and would probably stay with either his brother JOHN or his sister, CAROL. His plans at the present time were to drive to St. Louis and return about 4:00 or 5:00 p.m. on May 1, 1968.

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JERRY WILLIAM RAY advised that he left Chicago, Illinois, at about 1:00 PM, April 29, 1968, driving his 1960 light green Desoto. He became sleepy while driving and stopped at a motel in Braidwood, Illinois, where he slept and stayed until about 4:00 AM, April 30, 1968. He arrived in St. Louis at 9:00 AM that day and went immediately to his brother JOHN's apartment on Lemp Street, where he stayed until noon.

Then JOHN and he went to his sister CAROL PEPPER's residence, where they stayed for approximately two hours. JERRY and JOHN then returned to JOHN's tavern and JERRY said he drank too much beer, became sleepy and feel asleep that evening. He said that he could not recall very much about the evening after he returned to the tavern and that he stayed with JOHN at the apartment until leaving St. Louis, Missouri, about 11:00 AM, May 1, 1968.

JERRY advised that he, his brother JOHN, and CAROL have read almost every article in the newspapers concerning their brother. He commented that while he was in St. Louis this last time, most of the conversation centered around the article in "Life" magazine and that there was no indication in the conversation with JOHN or CAROL that they were aware of the subject's whereabouts or his whereabouts since his escape until September 1, 1967. JERRY was advised that the FBI was very much interested in attempting to determine his brother's whereabouts from the period of time from his escape until he first appeared in Birmingham, Alabama, about September 1, 1967. JERRY advised that he had no information as to his brother's whereabouts either during the above time or his present whereabouts. JERRY explained that JOHN, CAROL's and his own information concerning the whereabouts of the subject came from their aforementioned following of the KING murder in the newspapers and that he noted in one article that his brother obviously, using the name ERIC STARVO GALT, first appeared in a rooming house in Birmingham, Alabama, around September 1, 1967.

On 5/1/68 at Northbrook, Illinois File # CG 44-1114

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and RENE J. DUMAINE/laj Date dictated 5/3/68

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JERRY denied having any information which would in the slightest way indicate that his brother or his sister aided the subject in his escape and have had any idea of the subject's whereabouts since his escape.

JERRY then stated that his brother JOHN had told him that the FBI had combed a two-block area looking for a JACK GAWRON, since it had been developed that GAWRON had been acquainted with JAMES. JERRY said that JOHN knows that GAWRON has been interviewed by the FBI but JOHN did not indicate to JERRY that GAWRON had ever stated what he had told the FBI.

JERRY said that in the past, he had driven GAWRON around looking at possible burglary scores at which time GAWRON would pay the expenses. To JERRY's knowledge, GAWRON never committed any burglary in any of the places in which they had "cased" and in JERRY's opinion, GAWRON is "living on past glories." JERRY then stated that GAWRON was a name that he probably should have given to the Agents before since he, JERRY, was aware that GAWRON had served time with his brother JAMES. JERRY expressed the opinion that JAMES would not contact GAWRON but believes that JAMES does know GAWRON well, considering him to be slightly "stir crazy." JERRY did not mention whether or not GAWRON and JAMES participated in burglaries together and made no comment as to the closeness of association between them.

JERRY advised that WALTER RIFE was JAME's rap partner in Leavenworth and that he, JERRY, has served time with both LONNIE and WALTER RIFE in Menard.

JERRY advised that he has given the matter of what he would do if his brother contacted him considerable thought. He is now of the very strong opinion that he would assist the FBI if it could be handled in such a manner so as not to compromise him and also if he could be assured that every effort would be made to apprehend his brother without hurting him.

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JERRY WILLIAM RAY advised that of all of the individuals that his brother JAMES committed crimes with, he was probably closer to "BLACKIE" AUSTIN than any other. JERRY said that he has no information as to any association between AUSTIN and his brother since AUSTIN was released from prison and in fact, did not know AUSTIN's present whereabouts. He said that JAMES was also close with WALTER RIFE but did not think JAMES would contact him because WALTER continually brags about everything he does. He said that for the same reason he would doubt that his brother would contact JACK GAWRON although he felt that GAWRON and his brother were also fairly close. He again stated that he did not know whether GAWRON and his brother committed jobs together and expressed the opinion that they did not. JERRY indicated that any information in his possession about the associations of his brother would be mostly speculation because of the lack of contact he has had with his brother outside of prison.

JERRY said that his closest associates at the Sportsman's Country Club were AL WRIGHT, who is married and lives in Mount Prospect, Illinois, and HUEY MALONE, who is single and resides in the same cottage with JERRY.

JERRY advised that he was calling from the pay phone in the cottage and that this is the phone he usually uses for his personal calls.

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On April 22, 1968, SAs JOSEPH M. BURKE and ROBERT F. PEVAHOUSE observed a 1960 De Soto, white over green, bearing Missouri license plates CC7-363, parked in front of the employee's cottage at the Sportsman's Country Club, Northbrook, Illinois. This car is known to be operated by JERRY WILLIAM RAY.

On April 25, 1968, the Latent Fingerprint Section, Identification Division, FBI Laboratory, advised that the remaining unidentified latent prints in this case are not identical with finger or palm prints of JERRY WILLIAM RAY, FBI Number [REDACTED].

On May 1, 1968, JERRY RAY was advised by SA DUMAINE that information had come to the FBI's attention that a local newspaper reporter had been able to determine JERRY's employment based upon the information that JERRY had furnished to "Life" magazine. JERRY advised that he had no desire to furnish information to any newspaper and if contacted would not give them an interview. JERRY was informed that the FBI was under no circumstances instructing him not to cooperate with the news media and that any decision in that regard would be entirely his own.

On the evening of May 2, 1968, Mrs. MARGUERITE WELCH, Manager, Sportsman's Country Club, telephonically contacted SA DUMAINE, at which time she advised that there were numerous people from the various news media present at the club attempting to locate and interview JERRY RAY, which apparently was based upon the news stories which appeared in the Chicago "Sun-Times". Mrs. WELCH advised that she was going to see that JERRY was placed in a motel that evening and would release to the newspapers that he had quit his employment and present whereabouts unknown.

On the morning of May 3, 1968, JERRY RAY telephonically contacted SA DUMAINE and advised that he was leaving for St. Louis, Missouri, at about 1:15 PM, that date, driving his 1960 Desoto. He indicated that he would probably stay overnight with his brother JOHN and then stay with his father JERRY RAYNES on the farm at Center, Missouri. He expects to stay there three or four days and will call the country club on May 7, 1968, to see if the news media interest has abated. If so, he will return to Chicago and continue his employment in the club.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 25, 1968

Re: MURKIN  
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FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-561276 JK

Specimens received 4/22/68

K191 Six handwriting sample forms bearing known handwriting  
and hand printing of JERRY WILLIAM RAY

ALSO SUBMITTED: Major case prints of JERRY WILLIAM RAY

## Result of examination:

Differences were noted between the "Harvey Lowmyer" signature on Q72 when compared with the known handwriting of JERRY WILLIAM RAY, K191. Because of the limited questioned writing involved and the lack of comparable letters and letter combinations in the known material, a definite opinion was not reached.

It was concluded that the other questioned writings attributed to Eric S. Galt were not prepared by JERRY WILLIAM RAY, K191.

Specimen K191 and the ALSO SUBMITTED material are retained.

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RE: SUSAN JANE RYAN DONIAN  
Subject's sister

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The following investigation was conducted at Chicago, Illinois, by SAs ROBERT P. BRANNIGAN and THOMAS M. HENDERSON:

On April 20, 1968, Mrs. SUSAN JANE RYAN DONIAN, 3414 Bryn Mawr, home phone 588-1410, housewife, advised that she is subject's sister. She added that when she was in the first grade, she was turned over to an orphanage in Alton, Illinois, where she remained for approximately eight years. She stated she then was sent to a foster home and lived with her foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. ROMAN KLINNER, Rural Route 3, Quincy, Illinois, until she reached 18 years of age. She stated that she then came to Chicago, Illinois, where she was employed as a go-go dancer for approximately two years until she married MICHAEL DONIAN. She stated that she has had no contact with subject and does not believe she would even recognize him. She stated that she has no knowledge regarding whereabouts of her father, and added that her mother is deceased.

She stated to the best of her knowledge, there were nine children in the RAY family and she listed them as follows:

JAMES EARL RAY, about 40 years of age

JOHN or JACK RAY, 36 years of age

JERRY RAY (male), age not known

MELBA RYAN, age 30

CAROL PEPPER age 27

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BUZZY or FRANK RAY, age 24 - deceased (killed in car crash)

Mrs. DONIAN added that there was an oldest girl, name unrecalled, who was killed, details unknown, which girl she felt was the first born in the family.

She added the last time she actually saw subject was when she was in the first grade in Quincy, Illinois.

She stated that in her opinion, the family member closest to JAMES would no doubt be JOHN RAY.

At this time, she supplied the following known addresses of some of the family members:

CAROL PEPPER  
St. Louis, Missouri

MELBA RYAN, believed to live in a hotel across from the public library in Quincy, Illinois

She added that her natural grandparents are dead.

She stated that she recalls an uncle, WILLIAM H. MAHER, a painter by trade, residing in Alton, Illinois, who in the past has kept in touch with her brother, JOHN RAY.

Mrs. DONIAN advised that she had no pictures of any of the members of her family.

She added that her natural father remarried sometime when she was in high school and she believes the woman he married is RUBY RAY CARPENTER, who is presently residing in Quincy, Illinois.

She stated that she has not seen her brother, JOHN, for many years and made available three postcards which were written by him, one postmarked 1960 Windsor Ontario, Canada, one marked July 27, 1972, Highwood, Illinois, and

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the other postmarked July 29, 1962, Washington, D. C. She said that this is the last contact she has had with JOHN and added that he is known to be a drifter.

She stated that her husband, MICHAEL DONIAN, is presently employed as the Assistant Manager at Jody's Drive-In, Devon and Kedzie, and his business phone is 743-0744.

Mrs. DONIAN was completely cooperative with the interviewing Agents and expressed a desire to be of assistance to the FBI in this case. She said that she doubts very much as to whether or not the subject knows of her present whereabouts but in the event that he contacts her or she develops any information concerning his present whereabouts, she will immediately contact the interviewing Agents.

She would request that any information furnished by her to the FBI would be on a confidential basis.

On April 22, 1968, Mrs. DONIAN telephonically advised SA RENE J. DUMAINE that she entered the Catholic Charities Home, 1400 State Street, Alton, Illinois, in 1952. She did not know whether or not [REDACTED] had [REDACTED] but that Mrs. HAZEL HAMILTON, Catholic Charities, Quincy, Illinois, would undoubtedly have that information. In discussion, Mrs. DONIAN was informed that one JERRY RAYNES had indicated to Agents that he was the natural father of JERRY and JAMES RAY. Mrs. DONIAN said that she was not aware of this but did recall that her mother supposedly remarried and that this man could be her stepfather. However, both JAMES and JERRY were born prior to this remarriage.

She had no information as to the present whereabouts of her uncle, WILLIAM MAHER other than the fact that she has resided for many years in Alton, Illinois, and has his own business in that town, namely, a painting contractor.

REPORT  
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 25, 1968

Re: MURKIN  
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FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-561483 JK

Specimens received 4/23/68

K196 Three post cards, two addressed to "Miss Suzy Ryan" and the other addressed to "Miss Carol Ryan" bearing purported known handwriting of JOHN RAY, aka JACK RAY

## Result of examination:

Differences were noted between the "Harvey Lowmyer" signature on Q72 when compared with the known handwriting of JOHN RAY, K196, but the limited questioned signature and the lack of comparable material precluded a definite opinion from being reached.

It was concluded that the other questioned writings submitted in this case were not prepared by JOHN RAY, K196.

K196 is returned to Chicago. Photographs are retained.

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Continuing contact has been maintained with SUSAN DONIAN by SA DUMAINE. She has expressed her desire to be of assistance to the Bureau but expresses her doubts that the subject has any idea as to her present whereabouts.

On April 25, 1968, Mrs. DONIAN advised that she had been contacted by a representative of "Life" magazine, requesting that she furnish family information and the pictures of the subject in his Army uniform from the family album, supposedly in her possession. Mrs. DONIAN advised the reporter that she did not have any pictures and that she did not desire to be interviewed. Mrs. DONIAN could not understand how the reporter received the impression that she would have pictures of the subject nor where he got the impression that there was a family album in existence. She said that she cannot ever recall seeing a photograph of the subject and knows of no family album.

On the same date, MICHAEL DONIAN advised that he also had been contacted by a "Life" reporter requesting similar type information as from his wife. He said that he also refused to discuss any matters with this reporter.

On April 30, 1968, Mrs. SUSAN DONIAN advised that she had no information that her [REDACTED] could not furnish any information as to his present whereabouts and was of the strong opinion that [REDACTED] would have no information concerning the subject.

She said that it would be extremely impossible that the subject would have any way of knowing [REDACTED] present address.

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CHICAGO BACKGROUND INFORMATION RE SUBJECT

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Re: CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT,  
COOK COUNTY JAIL AND ILLINOIS  
STATE PENITENTIARY, JOLIET,  
ILLINOIS, RECORDS RE SUBJECT

On April 19, 1968, the records of the above listed police agencies were reviewed and the information concerning the subject which is set forth on the following pages was obtained.

The records of the Chicago Police Department, Bureau of Records and Communications, under card no. 334468 revealed the following information concerning JAMES RAY:

Date and Place of Birth	<div></div> Alton, Illinois
Height	5'11"
Weight	155 lbs.
Complexion	Light
Build	Slender
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown
Marital Status	Single
Occupation	Laborer
Place of Employment	409 East Ohio
Address	8535 Fullerton (9 months) Chicago, Illinois
Date and Place of Arrest	2:55 PM, 5/6/52 19 West Delaware Street
Arresting Officers	MC DONOUGH, GREEN
Charge	Robbery (Indicted 5/9/52)
Complainants	LEWIS KNOX 6945 North Paulina (Cab driver); EARL DOCKER 1015 North Clark
Chicago Police Department No.	D90696

N. B. MAY 9 1952

Prev. No.

Reg. No. D90696

S. B.

MAY 9 - 1952

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Group

Date of Arrest

5-6-52

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NAME

JAMES RAY

Alias

Residence

853 W. FUNKERTON AVE

FOREHEAD

Incln

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24

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5'10"

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L. M. finger

Breadth

Build

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L. I. finger

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Held

GI 3000°

Forearm

Judge

HARTIGAN

Remarks

COLOR OF LEFT EYE

Circle

BLUE

Officer

GREEN & McDONOUGH

Periph, z

District

35

Pecul

Remarks

Crime

ROBBERY (GUN)

Measured by

Hulton

NO.

MARKS, SCARS, MOLES, ETC.

Wounded

GUN SHOT WOUND IN F.A.

NO

No. D-90696Name James RayCharge Robbery (Gun).

May 9, 1952, Held over to Grand Jury, \$3,000.00 Bond.  
Judge Hartigan.

Arr. Offs. Green & McDonough, 35th Dist.  
WITNESSES

Complainant Louis Knox, 6945 N. Paulina St.,

Trial before Judge

*6-13-52. Crowley 6-4-52. Joliet Pen #32419 Robb 1-2 yrs Plea H. Robb*  
*Trans. 7-7-52 to S.O. Pontiac, Ill. #1921*  
*DISCH. 3-12-54 EXP of SENT.*  
**PREVIOUS RECORD**

As James Earl Ray.

*10-11-49 S.O. Los Angeles Calif. Burg. 8 mos. Co J*  
*Susp. 2 yrs Prob 1st 90 days Co J*

*4-18-50 S.O. Cedar Rapids Ia Vag.*

*7-23-51 Alton Ill. No op. at this city his rel to pay later*

WANTED  
BY *Alton, Ill. P.D.*  
DATE *Aug. 26th 1959*  
CHARGE *Robbery Armed*  
CANCELLED..... 19.....

*DB file*  
*#59-2589*

WANTED  
BY *Missouri State*  
*Jefferson City Mo.*  
JUN 25 1967  
CHARGE  
*Escaped Convict*  
WARRANT REGISTER NO.

*J.C. 64*

WANTED  
BY *FBI*  
*PER FBI BULL. Nov. 67*  
UNIT..... DATE  
*12 Dec 67*  
CHARGE  
*Unlawful flt to avoid confinement*  
WARRANT REGISTER NO. *(Kett)*

*Je. 64*

RECEIVED  
JUN 25 1967  
FBI  
MISSOURI  
JEFFERSON CITY  
MO.

FORM 50

## INMATES RECORD - COOK COUNTY JAIL

INDICTMENT NUMBER	HOW HELD	BAIL	COMMITTED BY	CHARGE
SRK. 5763	FULLY COMMITTED	1500	MARTICAN	ROBBERY
SR-1155	CAPIAS	3000	CAPIAS	ROBBERY
		10000		

WARRANTS

SPECIAL ORDERS

*Indicted by Grand Jury*

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IN WITH *PLATE*

SENTENCED TO *52-1155 (1) YR TO (2) YRS* JUDGE *CROWLEY* DATE *JUN 4 1952*

RELEASED *JUN 13 1952* HOW RELEASED *SENT TO PENIT* TIME

PREVIOUS ARRESTS *0*

## CONVICTIONS

BLOCK	FLOOR	CELL	DATE	TIME	CAUSE
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					<i>ALL PERSONAL PROPERTY RECEIVED</i>

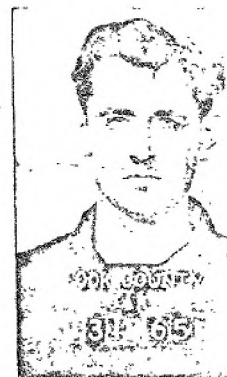
ADDRESS *853 W. FULLERTON* 131165

NAME ALIAS

*RAY JAMES*

TIME *1:40 PM*

CHARGE CODE





ADDRESS 853 W FULLERTON

### PERSONAL HISTORY

## PHYSICAL HISTORY

ALL PERSONAL PROPERTY  
RECEIVED FRONT

### PHYSICAL CHART

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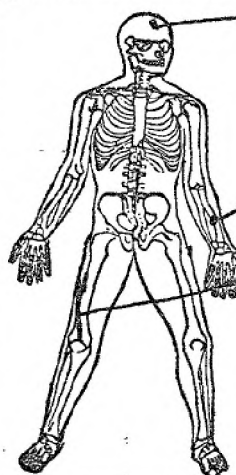
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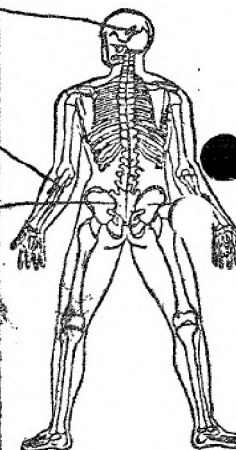
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JAIL OFFICER



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**AFFIDAVIT**

I, James E. Kez AN INMATE  
IN THE COOK COUNTY JAIL, DO HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SAID  
JAIL, BY HIMSELF OR HIS AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE TO RECEIVE, OPEN AND  
EXAMINE ALL INCOMING AND OUTGOING LETTERS, PAPERS AND OTHER MAIL MAT-  
TER WHICH MAY BE DIRECTED TO ME AS LONG AS I AM AN INMATE IN SAID JAIL.

DATED MAY 9 1952

C. A.

*James E. May*  
SIGNATURE OF INMATE

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF THE CRIMINOLOGIST  
JULIET DIA 710 UNIT

SENIOR CAPTAIN  
JACKETS  
DATE 7-1-57

CLASSIFICATION REPORT June 30, 1957

Name: RAY, James E.

Age: 24

Admitted: 6-13-57

Crime: Robbery

Sentence: 1-2 yrs.

CRIMINOLOGIST'S COPY

ADMISSION: Inmate was admitted June 13, 1957, under a 1-2 year sentence for robbery, after he had held up a cab driver and then taken the vehicle. He was apprehended by the police who shot him during the capture. He admits his guilt, stating that he did not ordinarily drink but became intoxicated and then had the idea of the holdup and did it. He said he had used a knife in lieu of a gun, placing it at the back of the driver's body.

PREVIOUS RECORD: His previous record consists of a two years probation, with three months in the County Jail in Los Angeles in December, 1949 for burglary. Inmate admits he was caught by the manager of a restaurant attempting to enter the premises from a back stairway.

SOCIAL HISTORY: Inmate was born [redacted] in Alton, Illinois, the oldest of three children in a German-English family. He said the father worked regularly as a railroad fireman and was a good provider until his death from heart trouble in 1947. He attended grade school at Quincy, Illinois and later returned to an "academy for adults under the G.I. Bill", where he said he had fifteen months intensive schooling in high school subjects. He was in the Army between February 19, 1946 and December 23, 1948 when he was honorably discharged. He was placed in the stockade once for missing a guard detail. He came to Chicago in order to attend school for a short time and said he had one or two jobs, generally at factories, working as an assembler and machine operator and stockroom clerk in order to maintain himself while going to school. Apparently he was somewhat of a solitary person, but said he had occasional dates. He denies any persistent drinking, although admitting occasional alcoholic excess.

PERSONALITY: Inmate is a 24-year-old, rather small sized, young appearing man, who gives the impression of being sincere in his remarks, yet is actually fairly adept at evasion. He seemingly is a person who has some drive, but has not been able to settle down to just what he wants. He accepts his predicament and should go along uneventfully here. He has no systematic delinquent traits and his future adjustment will depend in part on the character of his institutionalization.

CLASSIFICATION: Group III. Without psychotic or intellectual defect. Unstable personality. Questionably improvable offender. Problematic prognosis. Superior intelligence, Army Alpha III. Kahn negative.

RECOMMENDATION: Pontiac Division.

Inmate has no definite vocational objectives, but has a background of some semi-skilled factory experience. He also shows an interest in high school subjects and seems to be the type who might be interested in trying for a G.E.D. diploma.

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W.F. Fuchs, Chairman  
Class. & Pardon Board

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF THE CRIMINOLOGIST

PONTIAC UNIT

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Inmate RAY, James E. No. 19121 Age 27 Date 7-19-55

This Professional Summary is being prepared at the request of the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, where this former inmate is serving a sentence of 3 years and 9 months for Forging Money Orders. This request was forwarded from the Joliet Diagnostic Depot. The material in this Summary is derived from the files of the Criminologist and should be regarded as confidential.

Inmate was received at the Joliet Diagnostic Depot 6-13-52, to serve a sentence of 1 to 2 years for Robbery. He had held up a taxicab driver in Chicago, taking his vehicle, and was apprehended shortly thereafter by the police, who shot him during the capture. He admitted his guilt, stating that he was heavily intoxicated and had used a pipe in place of a gun, placing it at the back of the driver's body. He had previously been on a 2-year probation in Los Angeles, California, for burglary, he being caught in the act of entering a restaurant from a back stairway.

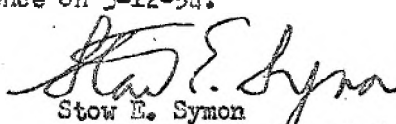
He was born at Alton, Illinois, [redacted] the oldest of three children, his father working regularly as a railroad brakeman until his death in 1917. He was raised primarily in Quincy, Illinois, where he graduated from eighth grade and later had some high school training under the G. I. Bill. He was in the Army between 2-18-46 and 12-23-48, when he was honorably discharged for lack of adaptability. He had been in Chicago for a short time prior to the offense, and had had several short term jobs as a factory hand or storeroom worker. He was unmarried, and seemed to be somewhat of a solitary person, with occasional alcoholic excesses.

On the Army Alpha examination, he scored 111, or superior. It was thought that he had no systematic delinquent traits, and segregation at Pontiac was recommended.

At Pontiac, he requested a farm assignment, and was so placed, after a short period in the inmates' kitchen. He worked as a cook in the farm dormitory, and a helper in the officers quarters, and was always considered an average worker. He had no punishment reports.

The latest medical report in our possession, dated 6-30-53, is essentially negative, and he was never referred to the Psychiatrist for any unusual or abnormal behavior. Our office had a couple of routine contacts with him, and it appeared that he had been behaving unstably ever since leaving the Army, and that he was subject to impulsive delinquent behavior in connection with drinking, which, in turn, was related to his tendency to become easily discouraged. Our last contact with him was on 2-19-54.

He was discharged by expiration of sentence on 3-12-54.

  
Stow E. Symon  
Supervising Sociologist

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STATE OF ILLINOIS  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF THE CRIMINOLOGIST

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PONTIAC UNIT

RELEASE PROGRESS REPORT

Name RAY, James E. No. 19121 Age 25 Color          Date 2-18-54

DISCHARGE DATE 3-12-54

CRIMINOLOGIST'S COPY

Inmate was admitted to the Joliet Diagnostic Depot on 6-13-52, under a sentence of 1 to 2 years for Robbery, and was transferred to Pontiac on 7-7-52. On 5-14-53, he was given the Max "X" effective 3-12-54.

Inmate makes no physical complaints. He has received no punishment reports.

Inmate received no visits, and corresponds with his mother and brother.

He is now assigned to the honor farm, where he has been almost continuously, except for a brief period in the inmates' kitchen. At present, he is considered a good worker in the officers' quarters, and has been considered a good cook in the past.

His future plans are indefinite, although he will go to Quincy, Illinois, first.

Inmate's delinquencies seem due to impulsive behavior, especially when drinking. There is a relationship to inmate's tendency to be easily discouraged, and this tendency still exists.

Inmate has always been considered to be without psychosis or mental defect and, while in the institution and during the present examination, has evidenced no behavior which might indicate the need for a special psychiatric examination at the present time, although one will be attempted, if possible.

The prognosis is doubtful.

Stow E. Symon  
Supervising Sociologist

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STATE OF ILLINOIS  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
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PAROLE PROGRESS REPORT

Name RAY, James E. No. 19121 Age 25 Color White Date 4-9-53

Hearing Minimum Case Docket May, 1953

CRIMINOLOGIST'S COPY

This report is based upon the usual material gathered at the Diagnostic Depot, our attendance at Staff meetings, the receipt of Work Progress Reports, and one short and one long interview with the inmate.

The etiology of inmate's difficulties is not completely known. He seems to have been highly unsettled after leaving the Army, and we would judge that some traumatic experience occurred which he does not care to tell, or cannot verbalize. He seems to be rather solitary and unhappy, and there have been at least two instances of poorly thought out delinquent behavior connected with drinking.

When admitted, inmate expressed an interest in a farm assignment, and was placed in the inmates' kitchen temporarily, until an opening developed on the farm. He has been assigned to the farm continuously since August, 1952, as helper in the farm dormitory kitchen. The report of 10-21-52 characterized him as average in his attitude and in his ability to get along with officers and inmates. The report of 1-30-53 stated that he was good, as far as attitude toward his work was concerned, and ability to get along with officers and other inmates, but that he was only fair as far as proficiency, initiative, progress and ability to work in the free community were concerned.

He has had no punishment reports.

Little is known as to the associational pattern or friends.

He has had no visits, and corresponds with his mother and brother. If released he will have to be assisted by the Parole Officer.

It is difficult for us to make an adequate prediction in this case. In view of the two known instances of impulsive delinquent behavior connected with drinking, the lack of any indication of change or progress here, and the age at which this pattern was continuing, we would judge that he would eventually repeat this behavior, especially if discouraged.

Much would depend upon his obtaining some sort of placement with which he would be satisfied, and which would place him with people who were taking an interest in him.

The prognosis seems to be problematic to doubtful.

Stow E. Symon  
Supervising Sociologist

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/2/68

Captain GEORGE GREEN, who is Watch Commander of the 8th District, Chicago Police Department, 63rd Street and St. Louis Avenue, and who resides at 2942 South Emerald, Chicago, Illinois, furnished the following information:

Captain GREEN shot JAMES EARL RAY in the vicinity of 9 West Delaware Street, Chicago, in May, 1952, while apprehending RAY during hot pursuit following the robbery of a cab driver. Captain GREEN and his partner, Detective JOHN MC DONOUGH, ordered RAY to halt several times. RAY temporarily eluded the police officers by diving through a window through the basement of a residence. When RAY was ascending the basement steps ignoring orders to surrender, he was shot in the right arm by Captain GREEN. The bullet passed through the right arm approximately mid-way between the elbow and wrist. The bullet then grazed left arm. Only one shot was fired in effecting RAY's apprehension.

Captain GREEN further stated that when RAY dove through the window into the basement, he landed in an area where bathtubs were stored and either injured his face around the head area from glass or upon landing in the basement. Captain GREEN opined RAY's wounds in the head area and in the left arm were probably superficial and would leave no scars.

Captain GREEN was unable to suggest the identity of any associates of RAY in the Chicago area.

On 5/1/68 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 44 1114  
by SA ROBERT L. BUCKINGHAM: pas Date dictated 5/2/68

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/2/68

JOHN MC DONOUGH, retired Chicago Police officer, and now inspector for the Chicago Civil Defense, City Hall, 140 South Dearborn Street, and who resides at 4427 North Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois, stated he could only vaguely recall the shooting and apprehension of JAMES EARL RAY in 1952. MC DONOUGH stated he was unable to recall in which arm RAY was shot by MC DONOUGH's former partner, Chicago Police Department Captain GEORGE GREEN, during the apprehension of RAY following a robbery.

On 5/1/68 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 44-1114  
by SA ROBERT L. BUCKINGHAM: pas Date dictated 5/2/68

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RE: COOK COUNTY HOSPITAL RECORDS

On April 26, 1968, Mrs. GLORIA CARNEY, Clerk, Medical Records Library, Cook County Hospital, 1835 West Harrison, advised the admittance card for subject reveals admission on May 6, 1952, for gunshot wounds. The card lists the address as 853 Fullerton, discharge date not shown. Other records pertaining to RAY on film and there would be no way she could obtain them this date.

Mrs. CARNEY advised on April 29, 1968, that a review of the filmed records pertaining to RAY reveal subject was treated for gunshot wound in left forearm and lacerations of the skull. The record did not disclose specific points of injury. The two-page chart contained strictly medical information as to treatment administered.

RE: BRIDEWELL HOSPITAL

On April 26, 1968, Mrs. MARTY TROTTER, Medical Records Librarian, Bridewell Hospital, 2800 South California, advised that a check of the records immediately available did not indicate any information for the subject. She said that the records for 1952 are presently in storage and that it would take several days to review them due to the shortage of help.

On May 6, 1968, Mrs. TROTTER advised that she had conducted a search of all available records and could not locate any record identifiable with JAMES EARL RAY.

The foregoing investigation at the hospitals was conducted by SA LEONARD F. KACZMAREK.

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RE: VETERANS ADMINISTRATION RECORDS

On April 24, 1968, the Washington Field Office advised that the subject enlisted in the United States Army February 19, 1942, in Chicago, Illinois, and was discharged December 23, 1948. He was assigned Veterans Administration claim number 7661340. File located Veterans Administration Regional Office, Chicago. He also had insurance policy number N19868336. There was no record for the subject at the Veterans Administration Board of Veterans Appeals.

On the same date, Mr. MORT ROTHSTING, Attorney, Veterans Administration, advised SA JAMES W. SWINFORD that the file for the subject is located in the Veterans Administration records at the Federal Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri.

On April 25, 1968, the St. Louis Office advised that RAY had United States Army Serial Number [REDACTED] and a Veterans Administration claim for education number 7661340. The subject filed claim for education or training allowance on April 19, 1949, at Veterans Administration Regional Office, Chicago.

Additional details concerning that claim were not shown but it was indicated that the rehabilitation and education folder had been retired to the Federal Records Center, Chicago, March 15, 1955. The addresses in the St. Louis file show 5050 North Broadway, April, 1949, and 459 St. James Place, November, 1950, both Chicago, Illinois. No further information noted with exception of miscellaneous papers which verified RAY's military service.

On April 25, 1968, MORT ROTHSTING, Attorney, Veterans Administration, advised SA SWINFORD that the subject's Veterans Administration claim file was inactive since March 15, 1955, was retired to the Federal Records Center, Chicago, and then forwarded to the Veterans Administration Records Processing Center, St. Louis, Missouri.

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WILLIAM CIRONE, Administrative Division, advised same date that the inactive file rehabilitation and education folders, including the subject's, were destroyed approximately two years ago.

On April 29, 1968, Mr. MORT ROTHSTING, Attorney, Veterans Administration (VA), Chicago, Illinois, advised SA SWINFORD that although the rehabilitation and education folder for JAMES EARL RAY under Public Law 86-146 were destroyed, he located a microfilm record of payments received by RAY for training under the aforementioned law. He advised payments were received by RAY from May 2, 1949, to January 31, 1952, during which time VA checks were mailed to RAY at the following addresses:

61 East Cedar Street  
Chicago, Illinois

2238 Dayton Street  
Chicago, Illinois

2025 North Sedgwick Street  
Chicago, Illinois

1429 Cherry  
Quincy, Illinois

459 St. James Place  
Chicago, Illinois

He advised the identities of the institutions where training was received by RAY were not recorded and the above is the only information on file for RAY with the VA office in Chicago.

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NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION

RE: 853 West Fullerton Avenue

On April 20, 1968, Mrs. ANN MC KAY, wife of President ARTHUR MC KAY, McCormick Theological Seminary, 834 West Chalmers, telephone 281-3540, was contacted by SAs RICHARD J. ZEDICK and JOSEPH DERTINGER, Jr., Mrs. MC KAY advised the residence at 853 West Fullerton is the property of McCormick Seminary and was so during 1952. Mrs. MC KAY stated during 1952 this house was privately rented and may have been sublet to roomers without knowledge of the seminary. During 1952, no students or faculty of the seminary occupied this residence. Mrs. MC KAY advised the present occupant of the house, a Mrs. SCHWARTZBERG(ph), has occupied it since 1966, and would have no information regarding subject.

Mrs. MC KAY advised all faculty members were in a conference and unavailable on this date. However, Mr. POTTS, Treasurer, McCormick Seminary, would review the school's records for the possibility of subject having been a student here and for any further information on the individual who rented the residence at 853 West Fullerton during 1952. Mr. POTTS will advise Chicago FBI of any positive information on April 22, 1968.

On April 22, 1968, Mr. GEORGE E. POTTS, Treasurer and Business Manager, McCormick Theological Seminary, advised SA RENE J. DUMAINE that he had made a complete and thorough search of all of the records of the seminary and had found no student, employee, or any person with any connection with the seminary, which could be considered identical with JAMES EARL RAY under his known aliases.

Mr. POTTS further advised that in the foregoing search of the records, he came up with the fact that the building in question, i.e., 853 West Fullerton Avenue, was leased from March, 1951, to March 14, 1953, by Mrs. BEATRICE



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FOULKES. At that time, she had the phone number of EA 7-2087. Mr. POTTS who was in the same capacity with the seminary at that time, advised that he has no other records or recollection of this woman and no idea as to her present whereabouts. He said that the records also reveal that Miss AIMEE SCHMITZ took over the rooming house in March of 1953 and had some business dealings with Mrs. FOULKES. Mr. POTTS also had no records or recollection of the present whereabouts of Miss SCHMITZ.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA WILLIAM M. O'BRIEN and MICHAEL A. GARRETT at Chicago, Illinois, on April 26, 1968:

Mr. NICHOLAS LANDIS, Owner of the Deming-Clark Radio and Television Shop at 2485 North Clark Street, advised that the building formerly at 459 St. James Place, Chicago, Illinois, had burned down sometime during the winter of 1963. He stated that there is an empty lot at that location at the present time. He stated that he was in this neighborhood during 1950, but cannot recall anyone resembling the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY. He stated that during 1950 there was an apartment house at 459 St. James Place and that the manager of the apartment house was MAX REMICK. He advised that Mr. REMICK is presently deceased but that his wife is presently residing at 910 West Ainsle, Chicago, Illinois.

Mrs. MAX REMICK, 910 West Ainsle, advised that she and her husband, presently deceased, were the managers of the apartment building at 459 St. James Place in 1950. She was exhibited a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that she does not remember whether or not this individual resided at that address. She stated that she did not keep any records regarding the residents at that address and that it would be impossible for her to recall any of the residents from that period of time.

Personal observation by the above Agents in the neighborhood of 459 St. James Place, revealed an empty lot at that location.

Personal observation by the above Agents in the neighborhood of 5050 North Broadway, revealed that the Combined Insurance Company of America occupies the building at that location.

A check of the Criss-Cross Directory for the City of Chicago during 1950 revealed that the address of 5050 North Broadway was occupied by American Television, Inc. The directory also revealed that the address of 459 St. James Place in 1950 was occupied by the following individuals:

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MAX REMICK

Telephone Number LI 9-9550

Premier Coil Cleaner

Telephone Number LI 9-9550

VERONICA WOODHOUSE

Telephone Number GR 2-8009

A check of the records of the Chicago Credit Bureau for VERONICA WOODHOUSE was negative.

BILL SUTTER, Owner of the Kailer-Youngquist Body Shop at 5041 North Broadway, was exhibited a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY. He advised that he has been in business for the past thirty years at this location and does not recognize the photograph of RAY as anyone that he has come in contact with. He stated that as far as he can recall, the Combined Insurance Company was at 5050 North Broadway in 1950.

EDWARD DONALD and MORRIS SCHWARTZ, Managers of the Argyle Liquor Store at 5021 North Broadway, advised that they were at this location in 1950, but cannot recall any person who may have resembled the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY.

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On April 30, 1968, Mr. RALPH NATHANSON, Owner of building at 2025 North Sedgwick, advised SA ROBERT P. BRANNIGAN that he has lived in this neighborhood for the past 25 years. He added that he purchased the building in 1962. NATHANSON stated that subject was unknown to him by name or photograph and added that he has never seen subject in the neighborhood. He stated that he is the only person in the neighborhood who has resided here for the past 25 years.

On April 30, 1968, Mr. EDWARD UNTERBERG, Second Floor Apartment, 2238 Dayton Street, advised SA BRANNIGAN that he has resided at this address for the past eight years. He stated that he did not recognize subject, JAMES EARL RAY, by either name or photograph. He stated that he was familiar with the neighborhood and stated that he has never seen subject in this area. He added that this is a changing neighborhood and that he probably was the only individual in the neighborhood who has resided here longer than five years.

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RE: **NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION**  
**61 EAST CEDAR STREET**  
**2725 NORTH PINE GROVE**

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA JOHN P. O'BRIEN on May 1, 1968,  
in the vicinity of 61 East Cedar Street, Chicago, Illinois,  
for information that JAMES EARL RAY was known at that location,  
it being noted that RAY reportedly resided here during the  
period between 9/13/51 and 5/28/52.

On 5/1/68, investigation at 59-65 East Cedar Street,  
Chicago, Illinois, determined that this was a large apartment  
house presently managed by Sudler and Company, Chicago,  
Illinois. Mr. HERBERT SELL, Janitor, advised he has only been  
janitor at this apartment since March, 1968. He stated he did  
not know anyone presently residing here who was here during  
1951-1952 but stated he learned that possibly during 1951-1952  
period this apartment consisted of approximately four individually  
owned homes rented as rooming houses. He suggested that possibly  
Mrs. MARGARETTA REHRMAN, Manager, 33 East Cedar Street, Chicago,  
Illinois, may have information on this matter as she has been  
in the neighborhood for years and her husband was the former  
janitor at 59-65 East Cedar Street, Chicago.

On 5/1/68, Mrs. MARGARETTA REHRMAN, Manager, 33 East Cedar  
Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised that 59-65 East Cedar Street,  
Chicago, has been managed by Sudler and Company of Chicago since  
about 1957. She stated that sometime prior to 1957 four brown  
stone building occupied the present residence of 59-65 East  
Cedar Street, and were reportedly owned by one Mr. WILLIS, who  
is now deceased. She stated during 1961-1966 her husband,  
JACK REHRMAN, was janitor at this location. She stated she did  
not know of anyone who was at 59-65 East Cedar Street during  
1951-1952 period and noted this location was formerly a rooming  
house occupied mostly by transient individuals. She viewed a  
photograph of RAY and stated she had no information concerning  
RAY, and the photograph was not familiar to her.

On 5/1/68, JACK REHRMAN, Janitor for 33 East Cedar Street, Chicago, Illinois, was contacted at his place of employment and advised he was janitor of 59-65 East Cedar Street, Chicago, during 1961-1966. He advised that to the best of his knowledge the property at 61 East Cedar Street, Chicago, was one of four brown stone buildings that now make up 59-65 East Cedar Street, Chicago. He stated to the best of his knowledge these four brown stone buildings during 1951-1952 were rented out as rooming houses and were owned by one Mr. WILLIS now deceased. He stated he did not know if Mr. WILLIS actually lived in this vicinity and he did not know of anyone in the neighborhood who may recall RAY residing here. He noted that this neighborhood has completely changed and most of the homes have been converted to apartments. He stated a photograph of the subject was not familiar to him. He stated he heard from an unrecalled source that Mr. WILLIS, believed to be the former owner of this property at 59-65 East Cedar Street, Chicago, died approximately four years ago and he did not have any information regarding any relatives of Mr. WILLIS who may have resided here at the time RAY reportedly resided here.

The following investigation was conducted in the vicinity of 2725 North Pine Grove, Chicago, Illinois, it being noted that JAMES EARL RAY reportedly resided here during the period between 9/13/51 and 5/28/52:

On 5/1/68 investigation in the vicinity of 2725 North Pine Grove, determined that this was a non-existent address now occupied by the Andora Apartments, 2727 North Pine Grove, Chicago.

On 5/1/68, Mrs. LEE VOJNOVIC, Manager, Andora Apartments, 2727 North Pine Grove, Chicago, advised that this apartment is now approximately three years old, and that two or three large homes, formerly rented as rooming houses, were torn down to make room for this apartment. She advised the subject's photograph was not familiar to her and she had no information concerning the subject, noting that she has only been manager here since the apartment was built. She stated this entire neighborhood has undergone complete change since 1951-1952 and that large apartments now occupy space formerly occupied by family dwellings. She stated she did not know who formerly owned 2725 North Pine Grove in Chicago but suggested that possibly Mr. DONALD COOPER, Cooper Brothers and Associates, 2640 West Touhy Road, Chicago, current managers of the Andora Apartments, could give this information.

On 5/1/68, Mr. DONALD COOPER, Cooper Brothers and Associates, 2640 West Touhy Road, Chicago, advised that his concern purchased property formerly at 2725 North Pine Grove, Chicago, and adjoining property in September, 1963 to make room to build the Andora Apartments. He stated the former owner of the property was Supera Property Management, 1226 North State Street, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. COOPER advised he had no information regarding

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RAY and that RAY's photograph was not familiar to him. He further advised he did not know of anyone residing in the vicinity of 2725 North Pine Grove in Chicago who resided in this area during 1951-1952.

On 5/1/68 unsuccessful efforts were made to contact LOUIS SUPERA, Owner, Supera Property Management, 1226 North State Street, Chicago, Illinois.

On 5/3/68, LOUIS SUPERA was contacted at his place of employment and advised he was the former owner of 2725 North Pine Grove in Chicago during 1951-1952 and recalls he rented this house out as a rooming house during this period. He stated individuals who resided at this location were mostly transients and did not reside here long. He was unable to recall the subject as residing at this location during the pertinent period. He stated he himself did not live at this location but merely rented it out and he had **no information** after viewing a photograph of the subject as to the subject's background or friends. He stated he did not know of anyone who would recall the subject as having resided at 2725 North Pine Grove during 1951-1952 and noted that all records, including rent receipts, have **been** destroyed by him since he sold the property several years ago.

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Re: Previous Employment

On April 22, 1968, Mr. THOMAS CASTRONOVO, Personnel Manager, Sheller-Globe Corporation, 1074 South Kildare, Chicago, Illinois, advised that the Sheller-Globe Corporation is actually the old Dryden Rubber Company. Mr. CASTRONOVO advised that he would be unable to review his personnel records for a period of July to September of 1949, inasmuch as personnel records of the Sheller-Globe Corporation are destroyed after a period of approximately seven years. Mr. CASTRONOVO further advised that there would be no record whatsoever of subject's employment at his company.

On April 24, 1968, Mr. SOL BURROWS, Owner, Neo Products Company, 5400 South Kilbourn, Chicago, Illinois, advised that a review of the personnel files for a period of April through July, 1950, is not possible since personnel records for that period of time have long since been destroyed. Mr. BURROWS furnished the interviewing Agent with an "Employer's Quarterly Federal Tax Return" for the quarter ending June 30, 1950. A review of this return reflects that one JAMES RAY, Social Security Number [redacted] earned \$269.33 at the Neo Products Company during this period. Mr. BURROWS advised that a review of the "Employer's Quarterly Federal Tax Returns" for 1950 reflect that subject was employed from April to the latter part of June, 1950. Mr. BURROWS advised that there was no further information in his files concerning subject and he noted that while subject was employed by the Neo Products Company, it was during the period of time that the Neo Products Company occupied space at 2534 South Kedzie Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and not at its present location.

On April 24, 1968, Mr. WILLIAM JACKSON, Borg-Ericson Corporation, 1133 North Kilbourn, advised that he is unable to locate the employment application for subject. Mr. JACKSON furnished the interviewing Agent with a payroll card for subject. An examination of subject's payroll card indicates he was hired on September 13, 1951, and terminated his employment on May 28, 1952. At the time of subject's



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commencement of employment, he listed his address as 61 East Cedar Street, Chicago, Illinois, and Social Security Number [redacted]

It is noted that the address 61 East Cedar Street was subsequently crossed off and in its place was put the address of 2725 North Pine Grove, Chicago, Illinois. A further review of the payroll card indicated a separation notice dated May 28, 1952, indicating that subject's employment was terminated as he was "picked up on suspicion of armed robbery. Held to Grand Jry." Mr. JACKSON advised that there are no other records in his file concerning the subject.

An examination of the telephone directory of Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Chicago, Illinois, for 1968 and 1952 failed to reflect any corporation by the name of Arbey Corporation, Chicago, Illinois. On April 25, 1968, Mrs. ANN TUOHY, Corporation Section, Secretary of State's Office, 188 West Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised that a review of the certified list of foreign and domestic corporations for the State of Illinois for 1951, 1952, and 1968, failed to reflect any corporation by the name of Arbey Corporation.

On April 29, 1968, DAGNY STORVIK, Personnel Manager, Arvey Corporation, 3500 North Kimball Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised that personnel records are kept for approximately six years and at that time destroyed. Mrs. STORVIK advised that personnel records of the Arvey Corporation only go back to 1962. Mrs. STORVIK further advised that some personnel records of top executive employees are maintained to 1955. Mrs. STORVIK stated under no circumstances would she have records dating back to 1950 or 1951 for any employees whatsoever.

The foregoing investigation was conducted by  
SA ANTHONY F. DE LORENZO.

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RE: AMERICAN TELEVISION, INC.

On April 25, 1968, the St. Louis Division advised that information has been received from the Springfield Division in a review of the Selective Service records for the subject indicating occupation student, American Television School, St. Louis, Missouri, in April, 1949.

KENNETH K. LANDESS, former District Manager, above school, advised that the St. Louis office was only an enrollment office and that the school was actually located in Chicago, Illinois. The St. Louis office, according to Mr. LANDESS, was closed in 1949 and all records forwarded to Chicago. The subject is not known to Mr. LANDESS.

LOUIS I. KESSLER, 100 West Monroe, Chicago, Illinois, advised SA THOMAS M. HENDERSON on April 29, 1968, that he was the attorney for FRANCIS J. CURTIS, 11 South La Salle, in 1959, for the bankruptcy affairs of American Television, Incorporated. KESSLER stated that CURTIS is now deceased, and he knows of no one to contact re his records. KESSLER stated that the records of American Television would have been in the possession of CURTIS and that upon judgment of the referee, they would have been destroyed in that they are never returned to the bankrupt.