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FBI MEMPHIS

FBI ATLANTA

4:46 PM EST URGENT 4/23/68 PML
TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND BUFFALO
FROM ATLANTA (44-2386) 1P

MURKIN.

F. A. ALLEY, CO DASH PILOT, EASTERN AIRLINES FLIGHT
THREE TWO EIGHT, LEAVING ATLANTA APRIL FIVE LAST WITH STOPS
PITTSBURGH, BUFFALO AND TERMINATING TORONTO, CANADA, SUGGESTED
EASTERN AIRLINES TICKET AGENTS, BUFFALO, BE CONTACTED AND PHOTOGRAPH
OF SUBJECT DISPLAYED. NORMAL PROCEDURE ON THIS FLIGHT IS FOR TICKET AGENT
AT BUFFALO TO BOARD PLANE AND DISTRIBUTE DECLARATION FORMS FOR CUSTOMS
TO FACILITATE ENTRY OF PASSENGERS AT TORONTO.

IN ADDITION, STATES NORMALLY NO MORE THAN TEN TO TWELVE PASSENGERS
LEFT ON FLIGHT WHEN PLANE REACHES BUFFALO AND TORONTO, WHICH WOULD
INCREASE CHANCES OF RECOGNITION.

AS NO SPECIFIC INFORMATION SUBJECT WAS ON FLIGHT, BUFFALO HANDLE

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LEADS: RM AND LS ATTEMPT TO LOCATE JAMES EARLY RAY'S BROTHER
IN YOUR DIVISION OR INFORMATION AS TO HIS PRESENT WHEREABOUTS.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO CONSIDER INSTRUCTING BALTIMORE TO
CHECK SOURCE FOUR AS TO JOHN RAY.

JAMES EARL RAY ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI NEW YORK 5:00 PM URGENT 4-23-68 AWS
TO DIRECTOR, ST LOUIS, MIAMI, BWALTIMORE AND MEMP

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FROM NEW YORK 44-1609

MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS; OO: ME.

RE: PJ OHN LARRY RAY

RE SF TEL TO WA, DATED APRIL TWENTY TWO LAST AS TO JOHN
LARRY RAY OF WHICH ST. LOUIS RECEIVED A COPY.

RECORDS OF CONGOROPHOTEL, KIAMESHA LAKE, NEW YORK,
SHOW THAT JOHN, RAY, DOB, [REDACTED]
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WAS EMPLOYED THERE FROM JANUARY TWENTY,
NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE TO JANUARY TWENTY FOUR NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE
@A A PORTER. HE LISTED HIS FATHER AS JAMES RAY, ONE EIGHT
ZERO SIX PARK AVENUE, ST. LOUIS, MO., AND A PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT
AT THE EVERGLADES, FLAMINGO, FLORIDA.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 MEMPHIS 44-1987 LOS ANGELES 44-1574
FROM WASHINGTON FIELD 44-703

MURKIN; OO: MEMPHIS

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL TWENTY-TWO LAST.

JAMES M. BONES, INSPECTOR, UNITED STATES POST OFFICE (USPO), ADVISED REQUESTED MONEY ORDER SERIES SEARCH CAN NOT COMMENCE PRIOR TO APRIL TWENTY-FIVE NEXT BECAUSE OF FILING PROCEDURE UTILIZED BY USPO. MONEY ORDERS ARE NOT KEPT IN NUMERICAL SEQUENCE BUT ARE PLACED ACCORDING TO DATE RECEIVED INTO BOXES OF TWO THOUSAND EACH.

ACCOUNTING PERIOD NUMBER NINE COMMENCING WITH SERIES NUMBER ONE, NINE ONE SIX, TWO ONE ZERO, ONE NINE FIVE THROUGH ONE, NINE ONE SIX, TWO ONE ONE, ONE TWO SIX AND PERTINENT MONEY ORDER CARDS AVAILABLE TO DATE IN ACCOUNTING PERIOD NUMBER TEN COMMENCING WITH ONE, NINE ONE SIX, TWO ONE ONE, ONE TWO SEVEN BEING REVIEWED INASMUCH AS SERIES NUMBER ONE, NINE ONE SIX, TWO ONE ONE, ZERO SEVEN EIGHT HAS BEEN USED BY GALT.

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APPROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED BOXES CONTAINING TWO THOUSAND MONEY
ORDER CARDS EACH WILL REQUIRE REVIEWING. REVIEW BEING LIMITED
TO ABOVE TWO SERIES, COVERING PERTINENT NUMBERS, UACB, IN VIEW
OF VOLUME OF SEARCH ENTAILED. P.

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FBI MIAMI

5:26PM URGENT 4-23-68 PJL

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) ATLANTA (44-2386), CHARLOTTE (44-1365), MEMPHIS
(44-1987)
FROM MIAMI (44-1354)

MURKIN

RE FLIGHT CREW, EASTERN AIRLINES FLIGHT ONE THREE THREE,
ATLANTA TO HOUSTON, APR. TWELVE LAST.

RE MIAMI TEL APR. TWENTY-TWO LAST.

NAMES AND HOME ADDRESSES OF CREW, CAPTIONED FLIGHT,
ALL BASED ATLANTA, ARE FOLLOWING:

CAPT. WILLIAM R. BOMAR, ONE SEVEN ZERO SIX NISKEY LAKE
TRAIL, S.W., ATLANTA, GA.

PILOT PAUL EDWARD THOMPSON, TWO THREE ONE SIX CREST KNOLL
CIRCLE, DECATUR, GA.

PILOT DONALD R. SMITH, SIX ZERO TWO ONE ARSYLE DR.,
FALLS CHURCH, VA.

FLIGHT ATTENDANT JOE L. DUNCAN, TWO EIGHT FIVE NINE
DE LOWE DR., EAST POINT, GA.

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FLIGHT ATTENDANT MARILYN A. NAWROOKI, SEVEN ONE ZERO
EAST COLUMBIA, APT. NINETEEN, COLLEGE PARK, GA.

FLIGHT ATTENDANT JUDITH ANN TENISON, ONE FOUR THREE
EIGHT EAST VESTA AVE., EAST POINT, GA.

ATLANTA DETERMINE LOCATION AND SET LEADS TO EXHIBIT
PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Date: 4/23/68

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
SAC, MIAMI (44-1854)

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) (1P)

MURKIN; CR. ME OO.

RE MIAMI TELETYPE TO BUREAU, FIVE TWENTYEIGHT, PM, APRIL
TWENTYTWO LAST, REGARDING INDIVIDUAL OBSERVED BY NORTH CAROLINA
HIGHWAY PATROL TROOPER HARRY L. WILLIAMS RIDING IN AUTOMOBILE
BEARING FLORIDA LICENSE WITH PREFIX TEN W. ✓

MEMPHIS IS NOT SO IMPRESSED WITH TROOPER WILLIAMS'
RECOLLECTION FOR FACES THAT IT BELIEVES IT WORTHWHILE TO
PHYSICALLY REVIEW OVER ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND FLORIDA REGISTRATION
CARDS IN HOPES OF POSSIBLY IDENTIFYING THE INDIVIDUAL OBSERVED
BY TROOPER WILLIAMS.

UACB, MEMPHIS SUGGESTS THAT YOU TAKE NO FURTHER ACTION TO
IDENTIFY INSTANT FLORIDA LICENSE. JACKSONVILLE AND CHARLOTTE
ADVISED BY AIRMAIL ~~ARMED AND DANGEROUS~~. P. END.

1 - Jacksonville (44-769) (AM)
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6:11PM URGENT 4-23-68 PJL

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) ATLANTA (44-2386), MEMPHIS (44-1987), AND
BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)
FROM MIAMI (44-1854)

MURKIN

RE SUSPECT AND FLIGHT CREWS OF EASTERN AIRLINES (EAL)
FOREIGN BOUND FLIGHTS OUT OF ATLANTA, GA., APRIL FIVE, LAST.

RE MIAMI TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL NINETEEN, LAST,
SEVEN FORTY-SEVEN P.M.

CREWS OF EAL FLIGHT NINE FIVE FIVE AND N.Y. TO MONTREAL
LEG OF FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX ARE BASED IN MIAMI. ALL CREW
MEMBERS EXCEPT THOSE UNAVAILABLE ON VACATION, ETC., HAVE
BEEN INTERVIEWED AND SHOWN PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUSPECT RAY, WITH
NEGATIVE RESULTS. MAJORITY OF CREW EACH FLIGHT INTERVIEWED.

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614PM 4-23-68 URGENT DAO

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM NEW ORLEANS 157-10673

MURKIN.

RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS APRIL TWENTYTWO LAST.

SALVADOR LIBERTO, GRETN, LA., ADVISED HE HAS BEEN EMPLOYED AS CHECKER FOR WEST TRUCKING COMPANY, NEW ORLEANS, LA., FOR THIRTEEN YEARS. SOMETIME JUST BEFORE THE KING ASSASSINATION, TIME UNRECALLED, LIBERTO SPOKE TO HIS BROTHER, FRANK LIBERTO, MEMPHIS, TENN., ON HIS MOTHER'S NEW ORLEANS TELEPHONE. SALVADOR USED MOTHER'S PHONE TO PRECLUDE HIS SPOUSE KNOWING THAT HE WAS CALLING TO BORROW TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS. FRANK LIBERTO WIRED HIM TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS CARE OF HIS MOTHER. FRANK LIBERTO DISCUSSED HIS WINNINGS AND LOSSES BETTING HORSES OVER THE TELEPHONE WITH SALVADOR.

SALVADOR LIBERTO STATED HAS NO KNOWLEDGE TO ASSASSINATION EXCEPT FROM NEWS MEDIA. AFTER VIEWING PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY, LIBERTO STATED HE HAS NEVER SEEN RAY. INDICES NEGATIVE.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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BIRMINGHAM
ATLANTAFROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987)
MURKIN.

ALL AGENTS FORMERLY ASSIGNED MEMPHIS DIVISION ON
SPECIAL HAVE NOW DEPARTED. NO EXTRA PERSONNEL REMAINING MEMPHIS
DIVISION. SEPARATE COMMUNICATIONS SUBMITTED BUREAU AND INTERESTED
OFFICES.

NUMEROUS LOOK-ALIKE LEADS HANDLED AND ELIMINATED
MEMPHIS DIVISION.

ATLANTA REQUESTED CHECK NEWSPAPERS FOR POSSIBLE SALE
OF AUTOMOBILES BY INDIVIDUALS, IT BEING NOTED SUBJECT DID
PURCHASE AUTOMOBILE IN THIS MANNER IN BIRMINGHAM DIVISION.

ATLANTA WILL PURSUE LEAD.

NO OTHER PERTINENT ACTIVITY MEMPHIS DIVISION.

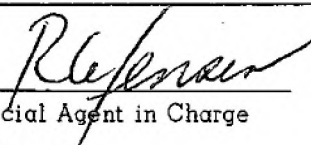
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FBI BIRMGHAM

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND ATLANTA
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

MURKIN; CR; OO: MEMPHIS.

A CANVASS OF MUNICIPAL AIRPORT PARKING LOT, BIRMINGHAM,
DISCLOSED THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED VEHICLES WITH STATE OF GEORGIA
LICENSE PLATES PARKED THEREON. PARKING ATTENDENTS UNABLE TO STATE
WHEN VEHICLES ARRIVED NOTING THAT DATED TICKET STUB IS GIVEN TO
PERSON WHEN ARRIVING AND PERSON MUST PRESENT TICKET STUB WHEN
DEPARTING FOR PAYMENT OF BILL. VEHICLES ARE ONE NINE SIX EIGHT FORD
FOUR-DOOR, YELLOW IN COLOR, BEARING SIXTYEIGHT GEORGIA LICENSE
SEVEN J ONE FIVE EIGHT SEVEN THREE; ONE NINE SIX TWO CHEVROLET
IMPALA, FOUR-DOOR, BEIGE IN COLOR, BEARING SIXTYEIGHT GEORGIA LICENSE
TWO J ONE SIX SIX ONE THREE, WHICH HAS ARMY UNIFORM IN NAME OF RUSSELL
L. MAUGANS, AND OTHER PERSONAL EFFECTS THEREIN; ONE NINE SIX EIGHT
PONTIAC, FOUR-DOOR, BONNEVILLE, BLUE WITH BLACK VINYL TOP, BEARING
SIXTYEIGHT GEORGIA LICENSE ONE A ONE FIVE THREE FIVE FIVE. THE
ADDITIONAL VEHICLES WERE OBSERVED IN THE BIRMINGHAM MUNICIPAL FREE
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PARKING LOT AND IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE DATES OF ARRIVAL. ONE NINE SIX SIX CHEVROLET BELAIR, FOUR-DOOR, BEIGE IN COLOR, BEARING SIXTY-SEVEN GEORGIA LICENSE SEVEN J SEVEN THREE NINE FIVE; ONE NINE SIX EIGHT AMERICAN MOTORS REBEL, TWO-DOOR, RED IN COLOR, BEARING SIXTY EIGHT GEORGIA LICENSE ONE - FOUR NINE NINE ONE FOUR; ONE NINE SIX SEVEN OR ONE NINE SIX EIGHT BUICK LESABRE FOUR HUNDRED, TWO -DOOR, YELLOW IN COLOR, BEARING SIXTYEIGHT GEORGIA LICENSE ONE - J THREE ZERO THREE FOUR NINE; ONE NINE SIX EIGHT CHEVROLET IMPALA, FOUR-DOOR, MAROON IN COLOR, BEARING SIXTYEIGHT GEORGIA LICENSE FIVE J SEVEN FIVE SIX NINE. NCIC NEGATIVE.

ATLANTA DETERMINE IF VEHICLES STOLEN OR IF POSSIBLE CONNECTION WITH MURKIN INVESTIGATION.

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713 PM URGENT 4/23/68 GFH

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 MEMPHIS 44-1987

FROM WASHINGTON FIELD 44-703

MURKIN, CR, OO: MEMPHIS

RE MEMPHIS TEL FOUR THIRTEEN LAST.

INTERVIEW OF STERLING TUCKER, URBAN LEAGUE, WASHINGTON, D.C.

TUCKER WAS NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL TODAY. TUCKER HAD ROOM ON SAME FLOOR AS DOCTOR KING. CHECKED OUT ABOUT NOON ON FOUR FOUR AFTER ATTENDING HEARING AT WHICH MEMPHIS POLICE COMMISSIONER STATED THAT THREATS HAD BEEN MADE AGAINST LIFE OF DOCTOR KING. TUCKER COULD FURNISH NO INFORMATION CONCERNING ASSASSINATION.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI JACKSVLE

7:12 PM EST URGENT 4/23/68 JLC

TO MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM JACKSONVILLE (44-769) 2P

MURKIN - CR. OO: ME.

ON APRIL TWENTY-THREE, INSTANT, D. EUGENE ALLEN, POSTMASTER, CRYSTAL RIVER, FLA. (PROTECT), ADVISED DONALD L. AND VIRGINIA MATTOX RESIDE HIBISCUS AVE., WOODLAND ESTATES, AND RECEIVE MAIL AT P. O. BOX ONE ZERO SEVEN TWO. ALLEN ADVISED NO ONE UNDER NAME OF JAMES EARL RAY OR HIS ALIASES CURRENTLY RECEIVING MAIL IN CRYSTAL RIVER POST OFFICE.

ON APRIL TWENTY-THREE, INSTANT, MRS. VIRGINIA MATTOX, P.O. BOX ONE ZERO SEVEN TWO, CRYSTAL RIVER, ADVISED NEITHER SHE NOR HER HUSBAND ACQUAINTED WITH ANYONE NAMED JAMES EARL RAY OR HIS ALIASES AND ONLY VISITORS SHE AND HER HUSBAND HAVE HAD IN RECENT MONTHS WERE DAVID MATTOX, HER BROTHER-IN-LAW, AND HIS WIFE JOANN, FROM MIAMISBURG, OHIO, WHO WERE IN CRYSTAL RIVER FROM LAST MARCH AND DEPARTED FOR APRIL SIX, LAST.

DONALD MATTOX IS WHITE MALE, AGE THIRTY-FOUR, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE FIVE FIVE TO ONE SIX ZERO POUNDS, BLACK HAIR, SLENDER BUILD, AND DRIVES SIXTY-SIX CADILLAC.

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*Don Zachary
has already
identified Bertram
Smith*

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MRS. MATTOX ADVISED SHE WAS FORMERLY MARRIED TO BERTRIM H. SMITH, P.O. BOX TWO TWO ONE TWO ONE, MEMPHIS, TENN., AND HAS CUSTODY OF THE SEVEN CHILDREN OF THAT MARRIAGE. SHE HAS EXPERIENCED CONSIDERABLE TROUBLE WITH SMITH OVER THE CHILDREN SINCE THEIR DIVORCE. SMITH DRINKS HEAVILY, ALMOST AN ALCOHOLIC, AND IS PRONE TO DO ODD AND UNUSUAL THINGS.

MRS. EFFIE BLACK, NEIGHBOR OF MATTOX, ADVISED SHE HAD OBSERVED NO RECENT VISITORS AT MATTOX'S RESIDENCE.

CHECK OF MATTOX RESIDENCE DURING NOON OF APRIL TWENTYTHREE, INSTANT REFLECTED NO ONE AT THAT ADDRESS.

ABOVE INDIVIDUALS EXHIBITED RAY'S PHOTOGRAPH AND ADVISED RAY, UNKNOWN TO THEM.

MEMPHIS AT MEMPHIS WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW BERTRIM H. SMITH, P.O. BOX TWO TWO ONE TWO ONE TO DETERMINE WHETHER HE WAS INDIVIDUAL WHO FURNISHED OR WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR FURNISHING INFORMATION TO INSPECTOR N.E. ZACHARY, MEMPHIS PD, AS SET FORTH IN REF TEL.

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FBI KAN CITY

721PM URGENT 4-23-68 DJB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) LITTLE ROCK, MEMPHIS (44-1987) & ST. LOUIS
FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 3P

MURKIN.

RUSSELL LEE MARTIN, MO. STATE PEN. NO. ZERO EIGHT ZERO
ONE FOUR, LAST SERVED MSP FEBRUARY FOUR SIXTYFOUR TO MARCH ONE
SIXTYEIGHT.

PHOTOS BEING AIRMAILED THIS DATE TO LITTLE ROCK
AND ST. LOUIS.

ST. LOUIS, AT MOBERLY, MO., CONTACT JAMES R. RUSSELL,
SAID BY FORMER PCI, KANSAS CITY, TO BE CLOSE FRIEND OF
SUBJECT, TO DETERMINE ASSOCIATES, ACTIVITIES AND ATTITUDE
TOWARD NEGROES, IT BEING NOTED PCI ALLEGEDLY HEARD RAY STATE
THAT NEGRO LIEUTENANT, MSP, "SHOULD BE DEAD." THIS OFFICER
PROBABLY WILLIAM ROBERT TURNER, BETTER KNOWN AS BILLY BOB.
ALSO DETERMINE IDENTITY OF ALLEGED ASSOCIATE OF HIS AND RAY
BY NAME OF "BOB" POWELL AND ASCERTAIN IF HE KNOWS WHEREABOUTS
OF POWELL.

INMATE, THOMAS SEECHER CREWS, NO. SEVEN ONE EIGHT FOUR
FIVE, SERVING LIFE FOR MURDER, MSP, CONTACTED. STATES HE
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WAS IN MSP FROM FIFTYSIX UNTIL MAY, SIXTYSEVEN, WHEN HE ESCAPED FROM FORDLAND HONOR CAMP. CLAIMS WENT TO SPRINGFIELD, MO. HITCHHIKING, AND VIA BUS TO ST. LOUIS. STATED HE KNOWS JAMES DALEY, PROBABLY JOHN DALEY, WITH WHOM HE WENT TO SCHOOL. STATES WENT TO HIS RESTAURANT ON JEFFERSON BLVD., ST. LOUIS, AND HUNG AROUND ONE DAY. CLAIMS DALEY ATTEMPTED TALK HIM INTO TURNING IN. SAID HE WAS ARRESTED AT HOME OF HIS BROTHER, BILL CREWS, PROBABLY TWENTY TWENTYONE PARK AVE., ABOUT THREE OR FOUR DAYS AFTER ESCAPE.

CLAIMS DID NOT KNOW RAY IN PEN ALTHOUGH PHOTO IN PAPER LOOKED FAMILIAR. NEVER TALKED TO HIM AND HAD NO PLANS TO CONTACT DALEY WHEN HE ESCAPED. STATES DALEY VISITED HIM REGULARLY AT PEN SINCE RETURN FROM ESCAPE AND KNOWS HIM AS FORMER EX-CON OF PEN, AND CLAIMS DALEY IS HELPING HIM TO OBTAIN PAROLE.

ST. LOUIS ALSO ATTEMPT CONTACT JAMES LOMA OWENS, WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS AT MSP WAS IN CARE OF WIFE, BETTY OWENS, FOUR FOUR FOUR SEVEN ROSEMARY, BERKLEY, MO. FOR INFORMATION OF ST. LOUIS, OWENS ALSO FALL PARTNER OF RAY. OWENS WAS

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DISCHARGED JANUARY TWO SIXTYFOUR.

FILE LIQUOR APPLICATION, JACK'S PLACE, ONE NINE EIGHT
TWO ARSENAL, ST. LOUIS, MO., OBTAINED AND BEING FORWARDED.

JESSE C. HATHCOCK, ASST. ADMINISTRATOR, ADVISED PLACE
OPERATING UNDER SUBTERFUGE, SHOULD HAVE LICENSE REVOKED.

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LITTLE ROCK (157-1215)

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) (4P)

MURKIN, CR.

RE LITTLE ROCK TELS TO BUREAU APRIL TWENTYONE LAST.

MRS. PHYLLIS ANN LONG, THREE TWO SIX EIGHT POWELL, MEMPHIS, TENN., AN ORDER CLERK EMPLOYED BY SHULTON - OLD SPICE, MEMPHIS, ADVISED THIS DATE SHE HAS KNOWN JAY OGLESBY, A FRIEND OF HER SISTER-IN-LAW, RUTH WHICHARD, SINCE MARCH TWENTYSEVEN LAST. OGLESBY HAS VISITED LONG'S RESIDENCE ON ABOUT SIX OCCASIONS BUT THE ONLY TIME THAT HE WAS AT THE RESIDENCE DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS WAS ON THURSDAY, APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST, WHEN HE BROUGHT WHICHARD TO THE RESIDENCE AT ABOUT FOUR PM AND HE IMMEDIATELY DEPARTED TO WORK AT WREC STATION IN PEABODY HOTEL.

SHE STATED THAT OGLESBY DEFINITELY WAS NOT AT HER HOUSE ON THURSDAY, APRIL FOUR LAST; HE HAS NEVER DISPLAYED ANY MONEY IN HER PRESENCE AND HAS NEVER TALKED ABOUT OR DISPLAYED ANY

Airtel FIREARMS.Teletype LONG DOES NOT KNOW OF ANY ARGUMENTS BETWEEN OGLESBY ANDA.M. WHICHARD BUT ON APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST WHICHARD WAS AT LONG'SA.M.S.D. RER/ngmSpec. Del. (1) ngmReg. Mail hApproved: hRegistered Special Agent in ChargeSent WA 7:36 PM
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RESIDENCE UNTIL ABOUT MIDNIGHT WHEN SHE WENT ALONE TO A PARTY AT THE PEABODY HOTEL. AT ABOUT ONE THIRTY AM ON APRIL NINETEEN LAST OGLESBY APPEARED AT LONG'S RESIDENCE LOOKING FOR WHICHARD STATING THEY HAD COME TO MEET WHICHARD AT WHICHARD'S REQUEST. AFTER WAITING UNTIL THREE AM FOR WHICHARD TO RETURN TO RESIDENCE OGLESBY DEPARTED STATING HE HAD TO MAKE PHONE CALL.

SOMETIME DURING APRIL NINETEEN LAST AFTER RETURNING TO THE LONG RESIDENCE WHICHARD ADVISED LONG THAT WHILE SHE WAS IN THE COMPANY OF THE PERSON AT THE PARTY SHE OBSERVED AND IN TURN WAS OBSERVED BY OGLESBY WHILE SHE AND FRIEND WERE GOING TO A PANCAKE HOUSE AND RETURNING TO THE PEABODY HOTEL. ON APRIL EIGHTEEN AND TWENTY LAST WHICHARD ADVISED LONG OF A NUMBER OF EVENTS THAT OCCURRED AT OGLESBY'S TRAILER AT WEST MEMPHIS, ARK., INCLUDING THE FACT THAT FBI AGENTS ALLEGEDLY APPEARED AT THE TRAILER AND THAT OGLESBY HAD BURNED SOME BEER CANS THAT WHICHARD HAD PREVIOUSLY THROWN IN THE TRASH. ACCORDING TO LONG, WHICHARD ALSO MENTIONED THE FACT THAT OGLESBY HAD A LARGE NUMBER OF WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION IN HIS TRAILER BUT REMARKED THAT HE WAS

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MAINTAINING THESE ITEMS FOR HIS OWN SAFETY IN THE EVENT OF ANOTHER RIOT.

MRS. LONG STATED THAT SHE DID NOT PAY TOO MUCH ATTENTION TO THE INFORMATION BEING FURNISHED TO HER BY WHICHARD AND FINALLY PLACED WHICHARD ON A DELTA FLIGHT AT THE METROPOLITAN AIRPORT IN MEMPHIS AT EIGHT FIFTEEN PM ON APRIL TWENTY LAST WHICH WAS TO RETURN WHICHARD TO LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

LONG CLAIMS THAT ON APRIL TWENTY LAST WHICHARD STATED THAT SHE WAS GOING TO THE FBI WITH HER SUSPICIONS CONCERNING OGLESBY POSSIBLY BEING INVOLVED IN THE DEATH OF MARTIN LUTHER KING. LONG STATED SHE DEFINITELY DID NOT SUGGEST THAT WHICHARD GO TO THE FBI AND IN FACT ATTEMPTED TO DISSUADE HER FROM DOING SO AS IN LONG'S OPINION WHICHARD DID NOT POSSESS ANY BASIC FACTUAL INFO THAT COULD POSSIBLY INVOLVE OGLESBY IN THE KING KILLING.

MRS. LONG ADVISED THAT WHICHARD HAS NEVER BEEN UNTRUTHFUL TO HER IN THE PAST AND THEREFORE SHE CAN OFFER NO POSSIBLE REASON FOR WHICHARD GOING TO THE FBI WITH ANY STORY POSSIBLY INVOLVING

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OGLESBY IN THIS MATTER.

LITTLE ROCK IS REQUESTED TO REINTERVIEW WHICHARD
CONCERNING THE INCONSISTENCIES IN HER STORY AND THE STORY FURNISHED
BY LONG AND/OR INTERVIEW OGLESBY TO RESOLVE THIS MATTER.

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6:07PM URGENT 4/23/68 VLT

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS (44-1987), LOS
ANGELES AND MIAMI.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) 2P (P)

MURKIN

RE HOUSTON TELEPHONE CALL TO SF FOUR TWENTY TWO LAST.

FOR INFORMATION OF MIAMI, ON APRIL TWO TWO, LAST, DAVID
MC DONALD, TICKET AGENT, NATIONAL AIRLINES, HOUSTON, TEXAS, ADVISED
THAT ABOUT NOON ON APRIL TWO ONE, LAST, HE SAW AN INDIVIDUAL BOARD A
PLANE WHO REMINDED HIM OF THE PICTURE HE HAD SEEN IN THE NEWSPAPER
OF JAMES EARL RAY. HE STATED THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL BOARDED A WEST
COAST FLIGHT EITHER TO SAN FRANCISCO OR LOS ANGELES.

ON APRIL TWO TWO, LAST, DOROTHY MITTUCH, LOIS RATTIEN, JAN DELISE,
AND JANIS GODLEY, STEWARDESSES, NATIONAL AIRLINES, WERE INTERVIEWED AT
SAN FRANCISCO. PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL RAY WERE DISPLAYED TO THE GIRL
ALL OF WHOM STATED THAT THEY DID NOT RECOGNIZE THE INDIVIDUAL PICTURED.
RATTIEN STATED THAT SHE IS SURE SHE DID NOT SEE HIM ON HER FLIGHT THE
DAY BEFORE (NAL FLIGHT TWO THREE, MIAMI TO SAN FRANCISCO,
STOPPED HOUSTON ABOUT NOON). THE OTHER THREE STEWARDESSES AGREED THAT
THEY DID NOT SEE HIM ABOARD THIS FLIGHT..
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THE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION PROVIDED BY TICKET AGENT MC DONNELL, NAL, HOUSTON, DESCRIBING THE MAN HE SAW BOARD THE PLANE IN HOUSTON, WAS READ TO EACH GIRL INDIVIDUALLY: WTA, SIX FEET ONE INCH, BROWN HAIR, COWBOY STRAW HAT, HORN RIMMED GLASSES WITH DARK SHADED LENSES, WEARING BEIGE LEVI JACKET, AND HAVING NEATLY TRIMMED GOATEE. EACH GIRL STATED THAT SHE DID NOT RECALL SEEING SUCH AN INDIVIDUAL ON THE PLANE. EACH DID RECALL SEEING A MAN IN A BLUE DUNGAREE OUTFIT WHO HAD A MUSTACHE, BUT THEY STATED THAT HE DID NOT IN ANY WAY RESEMBLE THE PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY.

RATTIEN ADVISED THAT HER SCHEDULE REFLECTS THAT NAL FLIGHT FOUR SEVEN FROM MIAMI TO LOS ANGELES STOPPED AT HOUSTON AT ABOUT NOON ON APRIL TWO ONE, LAST, AND THAT POSSIBLY THE ABOVE DESCRIBED INDIVIDUAL COULD HAVE BEEN ON THAT FLIGHT. SHE STATED THAT FLIGHT FOUR SEVEN IS A MIAMI BASED FLIGHT AND THAT THE STEWARDESSES ABOARD THAT FLIGHT ALL WOULD LIVE IN MIAMI.

END PAGE TWO.

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LEADS: MIAMI AT MIAMI: DETERMINE THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES
OF THE STEWARDESSES ABOARD NAL FLIGHT FOUR SEVEN, MIAMI TO LOS
ANGELES, ON APRIL TWO ONE, LAST. INTERVIEW THESE GIRLS DISPLAYING
PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY TO THEM AND FURTHER READ THE ABOVE DESCRIPTION
TO DETERMINE IF THEY SAW SUCH A MAN ON THEIR FLIGHT.

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TO: JACKSONVILLE AND LOS ANGELES

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) (2P)

MURKIN.

REMYTEL TO JACKSONVILLE APRIL TWENTYTWO LAST.

RE DON MADDOX.

INSPECTOR N. E. ZACHARY, MEMPHIS PD, HAS FURTHER IDENTIFIED INDIVIDUAL MENTIONED IN RETEL AS BEING BERTRAM SMITH, WHO NOW RESIDES MEMPHIS AND IS SUFFERING FROM A MENTAL DISORDER; HOWEVER, SMITH'S PARENTS STATE HE IS ENTIRELY TRUTHFUL IN SPITE OF HIS INABILITY TO REMEMBER DATES AND TIME LAPSES ACCURATELY.

SMITH STATES THAT DON MADDOX, BOX ONE ZERO SEVEN TWO, CRYSTAL RIVER, FLA., FORMERLY OPERATED THE HUT RESTAURANT AT COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA, AND WAS VERY FRIENDLY WITH ONE JOHN WILLARD, WHO RESIDED IN OR AROUND COSTA MESA. SMITH STATES WILLARD CLOSELY RESEMBLES PHOTO OF SUBJECT RAY.

MADDOX LEFT CALIFORNIA WITH SMITH'S WIFE AND CHILDREN WHICH RESULTED IN SMITH'S HAVING NERVOUS BREAKDOWN. ONE

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RAY DONEGAN NOW OPERATES THE HUT AT COSTA MESA AND, ACCORDING TO SMITH, WAS ACQUAINTED WITH BOTH MADDOX AND JOHN WILLARD.

LOS ANGELES, INTERVIEW RAY DONEGAN TO DETERMINE WHEN WILLARD AND MADDOX WERE FRIENDS AT COSTA MESA AND TO DETERMINE IF WILLARD COULD BE IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT RAY.

~~JACKSONVILLE, DETERMINE IF SUBJECT RAY COULD BE
RESIDING WITH MADDOX AT CRYSTAL RIVER, FLA.~~

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FBI PHILA

1057AM URGENT 4-24-68 CCK

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861; MEMPHIS 44-1937 & ATLANTA 44-2386
FROM PHILA 44-1362 1P

MURKIN

RE ATLANTA TEL TO DIRECTOR, FOUR TWENTYTWO LAST, CONCERNING A
PHONE CALL FROM MARY ALICE JONES TO THE SECRETARY OF THE DECEASED
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

PHILA WAS UNABLE TO CONTACT OR INTERVIEW MARY ALICE JONES.

NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION REFLECTS JONES IS AN OLD WHITE FEMALE
RECLUSE LIVING AS THE ONLY WHITE PERSON IN AN ALL-NEGRO NEIGHBORHOOD.
SHE RARELY COMES OUT & NEVER ALLOWS PEOPLE INTO HER HOME. NEIGHBORS
STATE SHE HAS FORMERLY BEEN IN A MENTAL INSTITUTION AND SHOULD BE IN
ONE NOW.

UACB PHILA WILL MAKE NO FURTHER ATTEMPTS TO INTERVIEW JONES.

DETAILED AIRTEL FOLLOWS.

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FBI BOSTON

430PM URGENT 4-19-68 DMG

TO NEWYORK 44-1609

FROM BOSTON 157-644 1P

MURKIN, CIVIL RIGHTS, OO MEMPHIS.

REURTEL FOUR EIGHTEEN LAST.

GIANNI TONIOLO, RESEARCH SCHOLAR, ECONOMIC HISTORY PROJECT, HARVARD UNIVERSITY, CAMBRIDGE, MASS., RESIDING ONE SIX TWO SEVEN MASS AVE, CAMBRIDGE, MASS., ADVISED INSTANT DATE THAT MARIO CROFF, A LONG TIME ACQUAINTANCE FROM ITALY, CONTACTED HIM TELEPHONICALLY FOUR EIGHTEEN LAST FROM NYC AT PUBLIC TELEPHONE NUMBER THREE FIVE FOUR DASH NINE FIVE EIGHT SIX, LOCATED AT TONIOLO'S ROOMINGHOUSE.

TONIOLO, AFTER VIEWING PHOTO OF ERIC STARVO GALT, ADVISED PHOTO IN NO WAY RESEMBLES CROFF. TONIOLO STATED CROFF ARRIVED U.S. FOUR SEVENTEEN LAST VIA AIR FRANCE FLIGHT FROM ITALY WITH SMALL GROUP OF ITALIAN ENGINEERS AND BUSINESSMEN WHO EXPECT TO TOUR SEVERAL CITIES IN U.S.

BOSTON TERMINATING INQUIRY RE CROFF. NOTIFICATION OF BUREAU AND MEMPHIS RE CROFF INQUIRY BEING LEFT TO DISCRETION OF NY.

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☐ Leads need attention

☐ Return with explanation or notation as to action taken.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) & SACS TAMPA AND
MIAMI (44-1854)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS; OO: MEMPHIS

WHILE ON A LAY DASH OVER IN NEW YORK CITY, PAN AMERICAN
AIRLINES PURSERETTES MISS NICOLLE O'CONNOR AND MISS PETERA
CHUITA, HOME BASE MIAMI, FLORIDA, STATED THAT ON THURSDAY,
APRIL EIGHTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT, AT SIX FORTY FIVE P.M.,
PAN AMERICAN FLIGHT NUMBER FOUR FOUR ONE WHICH ORIGINATED
IN MIAMI, LEFT MIAMI FOR CARACUS, VENEZUELA; RIO DE JANEIRO;
AND SAO PAULO, BRAZIL. THERE WERE SIX PASSENGERS
IN THE FIRST CLASS SECTION AND FORTY TWO PASSENGERS IN THE
TOURIST SECTION OUT OF MIAMI. OF THESE, THREE IN THE FIRST
CLASS SECTION AND SIXTEEN OR SEVENTEEN IN THE TOURIST SECTION
WENT THE COMPLETE TRIP AND DEPARTED THE PLANE AT SAO PAULO.

THREE OF THOSE IN THE TOURIST SECTION WHO WENT FROM MIAMI
TO SAO PAULO WERE WHITE MALE SOUTHERNERS WHO WERE TRAVELLING

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TOGETHER. ONE OF THE THREE FIT THE GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF JAMES EARL RAY. HE IDENTIFIED HIMSELF TO THE PURSERETTES THROUGH A BUSINESS CARD AS DENNIS HOLT, OWNER OF HOLT MOTORS, TWO ONE ZERO SEVEN U.S. HIGHWAY NINETEEN SOUTH, CLEARWATER, FLORIDA, TELEPHONE NUMBER FIVE THREE ONE DASH TWO NINE THREE NINE. HE TOLD THE PURSERETTES THAT HE LEFT CLEARWATER THAT DAY AND FLEW FROM TAMPA TO MIAMI BUT THAT HE DID NOT TELL ANYONE HE WAS LEAVING. HE LEFT THE PURSERETTES WITH THE IMPRESSION THAT HE DID NOT KNOW JUST WHERE HE WAS GOING OR WHY HE WAS GOING AND SEVERAL THINGS HE SAID WERE INCONSISTENT WITH PREVIOUS STATEMENTS MADE BY HIM. HE SAID HE WOULD BE IN SAO PAULO FOR THREE WEEKS TO A MONTH. HE WAS ASSIGNED SEAT NUMBER FOUR B OUT OF MIAMI. HE SAID BOTH HIS FRIENDS TRAVELLING WITH HIM WERE PREACHERS.

PREACHER NUMBER ONE WAS SIX FEET TWO INCHES ABOUT THIRTY TWO YEARS OLD, BIG FEET AND HANDS, FAT BUILD, GRAY AND BLACK HAIR WITH A BIG GREY WAVE IN THE FRONT. HE WAS ASSIGNED SEAT NUMBER FOUR A OUT OF MIAMI.

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PREACHER NUMBER TWO WAS ABOUT FORTY FIVE YEARS OLD, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, HUSKY BUILD BUT NOT FAT. BIG CHEST AND ARMS. HIS HEAD SEEMED TO SET IN HIS SHOULDERS. BROWN OR BLACK HAIR. HIS SEAT NUMBER IS NOT KNOWN. HE SAT ALONE AND NO CONVERSATION WAS HAD WITH HIM.

CHUITA TOOK A PICTURE OF HOLT; THE FILM WHICH HAS NOT BEEN DEVELOPED, CAN BE OBTAINED FROM NICOLLE O'CONNOR, TWO SEVEN EIGHT ZERO TIGER TAIL AVENUE, COCONUT GROVE, FLORIDA, TELEPHONE NUMBER FOUR FOUR SIX DASH ONE FIVE NINE EIGHT OR PETERA CHUITA, ONE ONE ZERO EAST TENTH STREET, APARTMENT TWENTY, HIALEAH, FLORIDA, TELEPHONE NUMBER EIGHT EIGHT SEVEN DASH FIVE SIX ZERO TWO IF IT IS NEEDED.

TAMPA, AT CLEARWATER, DETERMINE IF DENNIS HOLT HAS RECENTLY DEPARTED THE CLEARWATER AREA FOR A SOUTH AMERICAN TRIP OR ELSEWHERE.

A COPY OF THIS TELETYPE HAS BEEN DESIGNATED FOR MIAMI FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION IF THE STORY AS TO DENNIS HOLT OF CLEARWATER IS NOT VERIFIED BY TAMPA.

RAY IS TO BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO: SAC, MIAMI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS; OO: MEMPHIS

RE INFORMATION CONCERNING FIRST NAME UNKNOWN GALLAGHER.
THEODORE SULLIVAN, BETHPAGE, NEW YORK, ADVISED THE NEW
YORK OFFICE THAT HE AND HIS WIFE RECENTLY SPENT A WEEK AT
THE SEA RANCH HOTEL, LAUDERDALE DASH BY DASH THE DASH SEA,
FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA. WHILE THERE THEY MET FIRST NAME
UNKNOWN GALLAGHER WHO OCCUPIED ROOM NUMBER TWO ZERO SIX
AND WHO ARRIVED APRIL SIXTEEN LAST AND DEPARTED APRIL
NINETEEN LAST.

SULLIVAN STATED THERE WAS A STRIKING RESEMBLANCE
BETWEEN GALLAGHER AND A PUBLISHED PHOTOGRAPH OF ERIC STARVO
GALT.

MIAMI, AT FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, CONDUCT APPROPRIATE
INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY ^{AND} ~~BE~~ ELIMINATE FIRST NAME UNKNOWN
GALLAGHER.

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MEMPHIS ADVISED BY AIR MAIL.

SUBJECT CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO: SAC, SPRINGFIELD
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

MURKIN

RE INFORMATION FURNISHED BY DR. CAROLYN BAILEY.

DR. CAROLYN BAILEY, NYC, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THE NYO THAT SHE HAD BEEN IN BLOOMINGTON, ILL, ON APRIL TWENTY LAST AND WHILE AT THE FALCON MOTEL, THREE ONE SEVEN NORTH MAIN STREET, NORMAL, ILL., SHE HEARD A MRS. (FNU) THOMPSON STATE SHE HAD SEEN A MAN ONE OR TWO DAYS EARLIER WHO LOOKED LIKE SUBJECT, RAY. SHE STATED THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS SEEN BY MRS. THOMPSON IN NORMAL, ILL. SHE PRESUMES MRS. THOMPSON TO BE THE OWNER OF THE MOTEL. MRS. THOMPSON MENTIONED THAT THE MAN TO WHOM SHE WAS REFERRING WAS WEARING A PINK SHIRT AT THAT TIME.

SPRINGFIELD, AT NORMAL, ILL., INTERVIEW MRS. THOMPSON IN DETAIL FOR COMPLETE INFO REGARDING INSTANT MATTER.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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TO LOS ANGELES

FROM SACRAMENTO (100-427)

MURKIN

RE JAMES EARL RAY.

ON APRIL TWENTY INSTANT PM, MRS. HAROLD L. CLELAND, SEVEN SIX ZERO LOCUST, REDDING, CALIF., WIFE OF HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED REDDING RA THAT SHE FLEW FROM LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO SAN FRANCISCO APRIL SEVENTEEN LAST ON UAL FLIGHT NO. FIVE ONE SIX, WHICH LEFT LOS ANGELES TWO FIFTEEN PM.

SHE SAT NEXT TO MAN SHE FEELS BEARS VERY STRONG RESEMBLANCE TO NINETEEN FIFTYTWO CHICAGO POLICE PROFILE PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY WHICH APPEARED IN REDDING PAPER THIS DATE. HAS SEEN NEWSPAPER PHOTOS OF ERIC GALT WITH EYES CLOSED AND RETOUCED PHOTO WITH EYES OPEN, BUT DOES NOT SEE MUCH RESEMBLANCE IN THESE.

SHE HAD WINDOW SEAT, LEFT SIDE, IN MIDDLE OF PLANE, WITH EMERGENCY EXIT DIRECTLY BEHIND HER.

THIS MAN WAS ONE OF LAST TO BOARD PLANE AND SAT IN AISLE SEAT WITH VACANT SEAT BETWEEN THEM. HE CARRIED BLUE FABRIC CASE WHICH HE SAID WAS TENNIS RACQUET CASE. DURING BRIEF CONVERSATIONS DURING

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TAKE-OFF AND LANDING, HE SAID HIS WORK INVOLVED BUSINESS MACHINES, THAT HE LIVED IN APARTMENT IN WEST LOS ANGELES WHICH HAD TENNIS COURT AND SAID HE PLAYS TENNIS THERE. STATED WOULD BE IN SAN FRANCISCO FOR SHORT TIME, PURPOSE NOT MENTIONED. CLELAND STATED MAN HAD CLOTHING AND PAPERS IN CASE AND TOOK WHAT APPEARED TO BE BUSINESS DOCUMENTS THEREFROM WHICH HE READ DURING ENTIRE FLIGHT. WHEN HE FIRST SAT DOWN, HE PLACED CASE UNDER SEAT IN FRONT OF HIM, AND STEWARDESS WITH SHORT BLACK HAIR, APPROX. FIVE FEET FOUR, TOLD HIM TO PUT IT UNDER HIS OWN SEAT. DURING FLIGHT, HE PURCHASED BOURBON ON ROCKS AND BOUGHT MRS. CLELAND A MARTINI.

STEWARDESS MAY RECALL CLELAND WHO IS THIRTYEIGHT, RED HAIR, WAS WEARING ORANGE AND YELLOW SUIT WITH SMALL CHECK.

UNKNOWN MAN DESCRIBED AS THIRTY FIVE TO FORTY, WHITE, FIVE FEET EIGHT TO TEN, ONE SEVENTYFIVE, DARK BROWN HAIR, DARK BLUE OR BLACK SUIT, NO HAT, CLEAN SHAVEN, VOICE LOW AND SOMEWHAT HESITANT. CLELAND NOTICED NOTHING UNUSUAL ABOUT NOSE, TEETH, OR EARS, AND COULD NOT RECALL EAR LOBE MANNERISM.

LOS ANGELES CONTACT UAL AT LOS ANGELES, SHOW SUBJECT'S PHOTOS TO FLIGHT FIVE ONE SIX STEWARDESSES AND ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY UNKNOWN MAN THROUGH CHECK OF PASSENGER RECORDS.

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TO SAC ST. LOUIS
CHICAGO
BUREAU (MAIL)

FROM SAC SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN, CR, OO: MEMPHIS.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELEPHONE CALL TO ST. LOUIS, APRIL TWENTY
TWO, LAST.

RE: JAMES EARL RAY
REVIEW OF PROBATION RECORDS ADAMS COUNTY, QUINCY, ILLINOIS,
REVEALED THE FOLLOWING LEAD INFORMATION RE SUBJECT RAY AND
FAMILY.

AS OF NINETEEN FIFTY FIVE CHILDREN OF JERRY AND LUCILLE
RAY WERE JOSEPH, TWENTY SIX; JOHN, TWENTY FOUR; MARJORIE,
DECEASED; JERRY, TWENTY; MELBA, NO AGE GIVEN; CAROL, FOURTEEN;
FRANKLIN, TWELVE; SUSIE, EIGHT; [REDACTED]

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AUNT SADIE FITZSIMMONS, ALTON, ILLINOIS. SUBJECT ARRESTED AUGUST TWENTY, FIFTY NINE IN ALTON WITH ONE JOSEPH ELMER AUSTIN FOR ARMED ROBBERY. FILE ALSO REFLECTS MARY MAHER, GRANDMOTHER OF SUBJECT, FORMER ADDRESS NINETEEN THIRTEEN HICKORY STREET, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, AND FATHER OF SUBJECT, JERRY RAYNES, DOB NOVEMBER TWENTY FOUR, EIGHTEEN NINETY NINE, WHO IN NINETEEN SIXTY WAS EMPLOYED FOR JACK RANDOLPH AT J & R AUTO SALES, FIVE NINE ZERO ONE BROADWAY, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI. SUBJECT'S MOTHER LUCILLE RAY, AKA. RYAN, BERNES, AS OF JULY, NINETEEN FIFTY SEVEN, RESIDING ELEVEN THIRTY FIVE SOUTH TENTH APARTMENT EIGHT, ST. LOUIS, AND ON SEPTEMBER TWENTY FOUR, NINETEEN FIFTY NINE WAS RESIDING AT NINETEEN THIRTEEN HICKORY, ST. LOUIS. ALSO AS OF JULY FIFTY SEVEN SUBJECT'S FATHER WAS RESIDING FOUR ONE FOUR NINE WEST PINE, ST. LOUIS.

THE FILE ALSO REFLECTS THAT SUBJECT'S BROTHERS JACK AND JERRY RAY ONCE WENT TO CHICAGO TO WORK AS GROUNDS KEEPERS AT A GOLF COURSE IN MT. PROSPECT, AREA.

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**CHICAG, ST. LOUIS AND SPRINGFIELD WILL CONDUCT APPROPRIATE
INVESTIGATION.**

AIRMAIL COPY SENT BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY.

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TIME URGENT 4-19-68 INITIALS
TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND CHICAGO
FROM RICHMOND (44-657)

MURKIN. CR. OO MEMPHIS.

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL TO BUREAU, APRIL FIFTEEN, LAST.

ROBERT LLOYD, DEPUTY COMMANDER, NSWPP, ARLINGTON, VA.,
ADVISED THAT ROY JAMES WAS FORMER MEMBER WHO ASSAULTED DR.
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR MONTGOMERY, SIXTYTWO. LLOYD HAS NOT
SEEN JAMES SINCE ABOUT SIXTYTHREE WHEN RESIGNED FROM NSWPP.
RE TWO SIX NINE DASH R ADVISES JAMES PRESENTLY RESIDING FOUR
TWO SIX FIVE W. MONTROSE, CHICAGO. SEE CHICAGO FILE ONE FIVE
SEVEN DASH ONE ONE NINE TWO. CHICAGO ASCERTAIN WHEREABOUTS OF
JAMES DURING PERTINENT PERIOD.

AIRMAIL COPIES FURNISHED MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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- ① - Memphis (44-1987) (AIRMAIL)
- 1 - Birmingham (44-1740) (AIRMAIL)
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TO: RICHMOND

FROM: BALTIMORE (44-669)

MURKIN; RE JAMES EARL RAY

ANONYMOUS FEMALE CALLER ADVISED BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT THAT ABOUT FIVE P.M., APRIL TWENTY LAST, SHE OBSERVED INDIVIDUAL WHO FITTED DESCRIPTION OF JAMES EARL RAY OPERATING NINETEEN FIFTY-SIX FADED GREEN PLYMOUTH, VIRGINIA LICENSE A THREE TWO SIX NINE TWO FOUR. INDIVIDUAL WAS DRIVING NORTH ON ROUTE FORTY, VICINITY ABERDEEN, MARYLAND. HE WAS WEARING SUNGLASSES AND PULLED HAT DOWN OVER EYES WHEN HE NOTICED CALLER LOOKING AT HIM.

RICHMOND DETERMINE IF OWNER OF PLYMOUTH IS IDENTICAL WITH RAY. MAIL COPY SENT TO MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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1 - BALTIMORE
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TO : SACRAMENTO
FROM: CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)

MURKIN.

ON APRIL TWENTY-TWO LAST, AN ANONYMOUS CALLER ADVISED CHARLOTTE THAT HE HAD SEEN A MAN FITTING THE DESCRIPTION OF THE INDIVIDUAL WANTED BY THE FBI FOR THE MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING. HE SAID HE WAS TRAVELING ON HIGHWAY TWENTY-SEVEN, TOWARD CHARLOTTE EARLIER ON APRIL TWENTY-TWO LAST, WHEN HE SAW A GRAY FIFTY-EIGHT CHEVROLET BEARING CALIFORNIA LICENSE K M S THREE FOUR SEVEN. HE STATED HE OBSERVED A MAN IN THE CAR WHO LOOKED A LOT LIKE JAMES EARL RAY, AND ALTHOUGH HE IS NOT POSITIVE, HE FEELS THIS IS THE MAN WANTED BY THE FBI.

SACRAMENTO, AT DMV, DETERMINE TO WHOM LICENSE REGISTERED AND SET OUT LEADS TO DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS OF REGISTERED OWNER. AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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TO: SAC, DETROIT (44-

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

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DETROIT INTERVIEW RAYMOND SHERMAN ROBBINS, RICHARD DIX SCHERMERHORN, AND GARY JAMES SMITH (SEE DETROIT FILE NINE ONE - FIVE ONE FIVE EIGHT) TO DETERMINE IF UNSUB MEL (LNU), ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED WITH ROBBINS, SCHERMERHORN AND SMITH, COULD POSSIBLY BE IDENTICAL WITH JAMES EARL RAY.

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RE SAVANNAH TEL, APRIL TWO TWO, LAST.

ON APRIL TWO TWO, LAST, WITNESSES AT DOUGLAS, GEORGIA, ADVISED THEY BELIEVED JAMES EARL RAY HITCHHIKED THROUGH DOUGLAS APRIL TWENTY LAST. STAYED OVERNIGHT AT IVY MANOR HOTEL USING NAME WILLIAM R. STEKLY, LUPIN LANE, CARMEL VALLEY, CALIFORNIA. DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, AGE THREE THREE TO THREE EIGHT, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES TO FIVE FEET NINE INCHES, ONE SEVE ZERO TO ONE EIGHT FIVE POUNDS, BLOND TO LIGHT BROWN HAIR, THREE INCHES LONG, RESEMBLES PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY.

MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH J. STEKLY, LUPIN LANE, CARMEL VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED ON APRIL TWO THREE, LAST, THAT THEIR SON, WILLIAM RAYMOND STEKLY, IS PRESENTLY EMPLOYED AT BOCA RATON HOTEL CLUB, BOCA RATON, FLORIDA. THEY FURNISHED A PHOTOGRAPH OF THEIR SON, WHICH DOES NOT RESEMBLE SUBJECT AND THE FLOWING DESCRIPTION : WMA, DOB FEBRUARY TWELVE, ONE NINE FOUR FOUR, BLOND HAIR, FIVE FEET NINE INCHES, ONE SEVEN FIVE POUNDS, DISCHARGED UNITED STATES NAVY MAY TWELVE, LAST,
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