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15N FIVE THREE FOUR FIVE EIGHT ONE FOUR. THEY WERE UNABLE TO FURNISH ANY INFORMATION RELATIVE TO THEIR SON'S WHEREABOUTS DURING THE PERTINENT PERIOD IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT HE HAS NOT RESIDED WITH HIS PARENTS FOR SEVERAL MONTHS.

LEAD : MIAMI AT BOCA RATON: CONTACT BOCA RATON HOTEL CLUB, TO DETERMINE IF WILLIAM R. STEKLY FITS DESCRIPTION OF JAMES EARL RAY, AKA.

SUBJECT A & D.

AM COPY TO SAVANNAH.

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OTHER OFFICES ADVISED

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FBI EL PASO

1227PM URGENT 4-24-68 WPS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM EL PASO (157-186) -P- 1P

MURKIN

RE MEMPHIS AIRTEL APRIL NINETEEN LAST.

LAUNDRY MARKINGS ON PILLOW CASE AND BED SHEET.

RUSSELL NORTON, MANAGER, ODESSA LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS, ODESSA,
TEXAS, ADVISED ON APRIL TWENTYTHREE LAST, THAT HIS THERMO SEAL
MARKING MACHINE ONLY USED NUMBERS, DID NOT USE LETTERS, AND, THERE-
FORE, COULD NOT HAVE MARKED PILLOW CASE AND BED SHEET IN QUESTION.

NO OTHER THERMO SEAL MARKING MACHINES KNOWN TO BE LOCATED IN
EL PASO DIVISION.

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TO: TAMPA (157-3231)

FROM: JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

MURKIN.

RE MOBILE TELETYPE TO JACKSONVILLE APRIL TWENTYTWO LAST.
REFERENCED TELETYPE ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

DAVID JONES, ONE FOUR THREE CROMWELL ST., MONTGOMERY,
ALA., ADVISED THREE FORTYFIVE PM TODAY, OBSERVED MAN RESEMBLING
JAMES EARL RAY DRIVING IN DOWNTOWN MONTGOMERY APPROXIMATELY
FIVE MINUTES PREVIOUS. REPORTED INDIVIDUAL, WM, EARLY FORTIES,
WAS DRIVING SIXTYEIGHT CHEVROLET, TAN CONVERTIBLE, BEARING
SIXTYEIGHT FLA. LICENSE THREE W SIX TWO THREE THREE ZERO AND
WAS DRESSED IN DARK SUIT, NO HAT, AND GAVE IMPRESSION UNDER
INFLUENCE OF INTOXICANT.

MVB, TALLAHASSEE, FLA., ADVISED ABOVE VEHICLE REGISTERED
TO ROBERT D. WEIR, FIVE ONE ZERO FIVE AND ONE HALF SUWANNEE,
TAMPA, FLA., FOR USE ON A NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT CHEVROLET.

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TAMPA DETERMINE IF INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFIABLE WITH RAY.

MOBILE AND MEMPHIS ADVISED AIRMAIL.

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3:28 P.M. URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, ST. LOUIS, SPRINGFIELD, CHICAGO
FROM: KANSAS CITY

MURKIN.

KANSAS CITY POTENTIAL CRIMINAL INFORMANT LAWRENCE EUGENE WRAY, FBI NUMBER NINE SIX EIGHT ONE ZERO NINE B, FORMER PRISON MATE OF SUBJECT AT MO. STATE PENITENTIARY, PAROLED MARCH TWENTYEIGHT LAST, IS CURRENTLY RESIDING KANSAS CITY. WRAY ADVISED BUAGENTS THIS DATE HE IS WILLING TO ASSIST BUREAU BY TRAVELING AND CONTACTING ANY UNDERWORLD SOURCE THEY MAY RECOMMEND, FOR EXPENSES, IN HOPE TO TURN UP SUBJECT.

WRAY IS TO MAKE FIRST CONTACT WITH MO. STATE PAROLE OFFICER FOUR P.M. THIS DATE. PAROLE OFFICER UNAWARE OF WRAY'S OFFER TO FBI; HOWEVER, WRAY HAS NO OBJECTION TO MAKING HIM AWARE OF THIS OFFER. KANSAS CITY FEELS HE HAS POTENTIAL IF SPECIFIC INFORMATION FURNISHED HIM OF SOURCES NOT COOPERATIVE WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.

BUREAU AND MEMPHIS OPINIONS REQUESTED.

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FBI OMAHA

3:42 P.M. 4-24-68 URGENT TH.

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS, KANSAS CITY 44-760,

ST. LOUIS, AND OKLAHOMA CITY

FROM OMAHA 44-310 5P

MURKIN

RE KANSAS CITY TELETYPE APRIL TWENTYTHREE LAST.

INVESTIGATION WAVERLY, IOWA, DISCLOSED ROBERT DALE
PORTER, FBI NUMBER FOUR FIVE NINE ZERO FOUR EIGHT TWO,
ARRIVED IOWA DECEMBER EIGHT OR NINE LAST FOLLOWING RELEASE
FROM MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, JEFFERSON CITY, WHERE
SENTENCE SERVED ON ROBBERY CHARGE. PORTER DEPARTED
WAVERLY FEBRUARY TWENTYSIX OR TWENTYSEVEN LAST AND HAS NOT
BEEN IN CONTACT WITH FAMILY SINCE. PORTER TOOK WATCH AND
RING FROM HIS MOTHER WHEN HE LEFT WAVERLY.

PORTER ALSO TOOK PERSONALIZED CHECKS OF PARENTS, MR.
AND MRS. HAROLD PORTER, ONE ZERO THREE AND ONE HALF EAST
BREWER, WAVERLY, AND HAS PASSED FRAUDULENT CHECKS AT
DES MOINES, IOWA, AND NORTH PLATTE, NEBRASKA, IN EARLY MARCH
NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT. PORTER'S FORMER WIFE, MARY PORTER, WAS

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IN WAVERLY, IOWA, UNTIL MID MARCH, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT,
WHEN SHE RETURNED TO KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, AREA, PRESENT
ADDRESS OR EMPLOYMENT UNKNOWN TO PORTER FAMILY.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK, WAVERLY, RECEIVED NO FRAUDULENT
CHECKS WRITTEN BY ROBERT DALE, PORTER ON PARENTS' ACCOUNT
SINCE EARLY MARCH, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT. WAVERLY SHERIFF'S
OFFICE HAS HAD NO INQUIRY ABOUT PORTER SINCE NINETEEN
SIXTYONE, RECORDS SHOW HE HAS ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, POLICE
DEPARTMENT NUMBER FIVE SIX TWO TWO NINE.

WAVERLY POLICE DEPARTMENT FILES SHOW PORTER RECEIVED
MONEY IN FEBRUARY, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, FROM MRS. CARMEN
RAMAGE, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA, FOR BUS TICKET WAVERLY
TO OKLAHOMA CITY. RAMAGE INTERVIEWED BY OKLAHOMA CITY
DETECTIVE A.S. JOHNSON, WHO INFORMED WAVERLY POLICE DEPARTMENT
BY LETTER MARCH FOUR LAST THAT PORTER DID NOT ARRIVE
OKLAHOMA CITY.

PORTER IS WHITE MALE, BORN

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[REDACTED] AT CLARINDA, IOWA, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES,
ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES, TATTOOS
QUOTE MOM AND DAD END QUOTE ON LEFT FOREARM; QUOTE BOB LOVES
WINNIE END QUOTE ON RIGHT FOREARM; QUOTE CHERYLE END QUOTE
ON RIGHT BICEP; ARMY AIR FORCE INSIGNIA ON LEFT UPPER
ARM. PORTER HAS DAUGHTER VICKI PORTER, AGE TEN OR ELEVEN
YEARS BY FIRST MARRIAGE, LIVING CALIFORNIA, LOCATION UNKNOWN.

FOR INFORMATION ST. LOUIS AND OKLAHOMA CITY, REFERENCED
KANSAS CITY TELETYPE STATES JACK FOX LANPHERE, WARSAW
MISSOURI, FORMER INMATE, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, ADVISED
A ROBERT DALE PORTER, FBI NUMBER FOUR FIVE NINE ZERO FOUR TWO,
MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH RAY IN KING MURDER. STATED
PORTER CALLED HIM APRIL THIRTEEN LAST AT CITY UNION MISSION,
WARSAW, MISSOURI. LANPHERE BELIEVES PORTER RECENTLY
PAROLED MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY. PORTER TOLD HIM HE WAS
IN SERIOUS TROUBLE, HAD TO KEEP MOVING, AND WANTED LANPHERE'S
HELP. INDICATED WANTED MONEY FROM LANPHERE BUT TOLD PORTER
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HE DID NOT WANT ANYTHING TO DO WITH HIM AND DID NOT WANT TO SEE HIM. PORTER SAID HE WAS STAYING AT OSAGE HOTEL IN WARSAW AND THREATENED LANPHERE THAT WHEN HE RETURNED TO MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY FOR SOME VIOLATION PORTER'S FRIENDS WOULD KILL HIM IF HE DID NOT HELP PORTER NOW. LANPHERE ADVISED PORTER KNOWS JAMES RAY VERY WELL. WAS AT MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY FROM NINETEEN SIXTY THROUGH FEBRUARY, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT. STATE PORTER IS A WHITE MALE, AGE FORTY, FIVE FEET NINE INCHES, HUNDRED SEVENTYFIVE, CREWCUT HAIR, GRAYING, PRESCRIPTION GREEN TINTED GLASSES. RELATIVES LIVE IN IOWA. PORTER HAS DONE TIME AT FORT MADISON, IOWA PENITENTIARY.

OWNER, OSAGE HOTEL, WARSAW, MISSOURI, ADVISED HER REGISTRATION BOOKS SHOW REGISTRATION FOR ROBERT DALE PORTER, WAVERLY, IOWA, ON APRIL TWELVE, LAST, TOLD HER HE HAD BEEN HITCHHIKING, HAD COME FROM TEXAS, AND WAS EN ROUTE TO IOWA.

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HE WAS CARRYING ONLY A SMALL DUFFLE BAG.

KANSAS CITY ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW MARY PORTER,
FORMER WIFE, ROBERT DALE PORTER, REPORTEDLY EMPLOYED AS
WAITRESS. MARY PORTER'S PAST RESIDENCES OR EMPLOYMENT
PROBABLY SHOW MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY FILES.

OKLAHOMA CITY LOCATE AND INTERVIEW BETTY RAMAGE, ADDRESS
AVAILABLE THROUGH OKLAHOMA CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT RECORDS/

ST. LOUIS CHECK ST. LOUIS POLICE DEPARTMENT RECORDS.
ON ROBERT DALE PORTER, NUMBER FIVE SIX TWO TWO NINE, FOR
ASSOCIATES AND SOURCES WHO MAY KNOW HIS PRESENT LOCATION.

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FBI LOS ANG.

344PM URGENT 4-24-68 SMS

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, & MEMPHIS
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE APRIL TWENTY THIRD LAST.

HEADQUARTERS, SEARS ROEBUCK AND COMPANY, LOS ANGELES,
ADVISED THIS DATE BRIGHT YELLOW PLATE WITH IMPRINT IS
PLACED ON BATTERY AT FACTORY BEFORE SHIPMENT. THIS IS
DONE AS INVENTORY OF BATTERY TURNS OVER TWELVE TIMES A
YEAR. IMPRINT "C EIGHT" INDICATES BATTERY WAS POSSIBLY
MANUFACTURED IN FEBRUARY, SIXTY EIGHT, FOR EXPECTED SALE
IN MARCH, SIXTY EIGHT. SEARS STATES THERE ARE LETTERS AND
NUMERALS ON NEGATIVE TERMINAL OF BATTERY WHICH WILL INDICATE
MANUFACTURER AND AREA OF DISTRIBUTION. ATLANTA ADVISE
LOS ANGELES ALL NUMBERS APPEARING ON NEGATIVE TERMINAL SO
AREA OF DISTRIBUTION CAN BE IDENTIFIED.

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TO: INDIANAPOLIS

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

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RECORDS OF LOCAL RIVERBOAT HIRING CO. REFLECT JAMES RAY, EIGHT FOUR EIGHT S. BELLEVE PLACE, INDIANAPOLIS, TELEPHONE SIX THREE EIGHT - NINE EIGHT ZERO ZERO, OR SIX THREE EIGHT - SIX SEVEN FOUR THREE, INTERESTED IN WORKING ABOARD MISSISSIPPI RIVER BOATS. BROTHER, CHARLES RAY, NINE ONE NINE LA SALLE, WAS TO ACCOMPANY HIM IN AUG., SIXTY SEVEN, TO MEMPHIS TO OBTAIN EMPLOYMENT IF AVAILABLE.

INDIANAPOLIS CONTACT RAY TO DETERMINE IF SUBJECT.

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455 PM URGENT 4/24/68 PHM

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, HOUSTON, DALLAS, OKLAHOMA CITY, AND
CHICAGO

FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 2P

MURKIN

FRANK GUINAN, PRISONER, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, ADVISED
SUBJECT WAS CLOSELY ASSOCIATED IN PRISON WITH NEAL EDGAR AEBY.

AEBY REPORTEDLY GAVE RAY THE IDEA OF ESCAPING IN A BREAD BOX
FROM PENITENTIARY. AEBY AND RAY WERE TOGETHER RECEIVING
BARBITUATES AND AMPHETAMINES. RAY WAS AWARE THAT SOME OF AEBY'S
BROTHERS WERE INVOLVED IN NARCOTICS IN TEXAS. HE STATED
ONE OF THE BROTHERS WAS ARRESTED IN DALLAS ON NARCOTICS
CHARGE IN ABOUT SIXTYSIX. BELIEVED THIS BROTHER TO BE NAMED
AUBREY AEBY. GUINAN STATED NEAL AEBY IS PRESENTLY ON STREETS
AS HE RECEIVED POSTCARD FROM HIM TWO WEEKS AGO MAILED IN
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA. GUINAN SAID HAD NO IDEA WHERE RAY MIGHT
GO. HE LIKED BENNIES AND AMPHETAMINES AND COULD POSSIBLY CONTACT
SOME OF THE AEBYS IN TEXAS. HE ALSO REMEMBERED RAY SPEAKING OF
A BROTHER IN CHICAGO, ILL., WHO OWNED A BAR AND OF THE FACT HE WOULD
LIKE TO GO TO CHICAGO ON RELEASE AND WORK AS BARTENDER FOR HIS
BROTHER.

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PRISON FILE ON NEAL AEBY REVEALS WM, DOB FEB. TEN, TWENTYSIX, SIX TWO, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY LBS., BLUE EYES, BROWN HAIR, FBI NO. TWO EIGHT FIVE ONE ONE SEVEN FIVE, NINETEEN SIXTY ONE ADDRESS SIX SEVEN FOUR EIGHT PLAZA DR., HOUSTON, TEX; DALLAS, TEX. PD NO. TWO TWO SIX TWO FOUR. WIFE LISTED AS JUDY EBY, SEVEN TWO ONE FOUR VILLAGE WAY, HOUSTON, TEX.; BROTHER JAMES AEBY, DALLAS, TEX. RECORDS FURTHER REVEAL NEAL AEBY WAS EXTRADITED TO TEXAS APRIL NINE, LAST AND RELEASED TO TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, HUNTSVILLE, TEX.

GUINAN STATED POSSIBILITY EXISTS AEBY COULD HAVE WRITTEN CARD MAILED IN OKLA. CITY WHILE BEING TRANSPORTED TO HUNTSVILLE.

DALLAS ATTEMPT TO LOCATE BROTHER UAJAMES AEBY AND INTERVIEW RE SUBJECT AND ANY OTHER RELATIVES WHO MAY KNOW WHEREABOUTS OF SUBJECT.

HOUSTON AT HUNTSVILLE, TEX., INTERVIEW AEBY RE SUBJECT.

HOUSTON AT HOUSTON, INTERVIEW JUDY AEBY RE SUBJECT OR ANY RELATIVES WHO MAY BE IN CONTACT WITH HIM OR KNOW HIS WHEREABOUTS.

ARMED, AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI MEMPHIS

FBI OMAHA

5:45 PM CST URGENT 4/24/68 IJS

TO BUREAU NEW YORK MEMPHIS BIRMINGHAM

FROM OMAHA 44-310 1P

MURKIN.

RE OMAHA TEL APRIL NINETEEN, LAST, REGARDING SUBSCRIBERS TO U.S.
CAMER UNDER THE NAMES ERIC STARVO GALT, AKA HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY
LOWMYER AND JOHN WILLARD.

EARL LANDBERT, SUBSCRIPTION MANAGER, COWLES COMMUNICATION, INC.,
DES MOINES, IOWA, ADVISED THIS DATE REVIEW OF SUBSCRIPTION LISTS
NEGATIVE REGARDING ABOVE NAMES.

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547PM URGENT 4-24-68 LLD
TO SAN FRANCISCO NEW YORK MEMPHIS
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN

RE HARVEY LOWMYER.

RESFTEL APRIL TWENTYTHREE LAST.

SINCE RAY HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS SUBJECT IN THIS CASE,
LEAD FOR NEW YORK TO INTERVIEW MARGARET G. LOHMEYER AND
MARIE GRIFFITH IS UNNECESSARY. NEW YORK DISREGARD
UNLESS SAN FRANCISCO ADVISES OF ADDITIONAL PERTINENT
INFORMATION.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS 44-1987, KANSAS CITY 44-760,
MINNEAPOLIS, AND SPRINGFIELD
FROM PHILADELPHIA 44-1363

MURKIN

RE WFO TEL TO DIRECTOR INSTANT CONCERNING VA NSLI CHECK AT
PHILA AND ST. PAUL.

CHECK AT VETERANS ADMINISTRATION, PHILA., PA., INSTANT, REFLECTED
AN APPLICATION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE LIFE INSURANCE POLICY NUMBER
N ONE NINE EIGHT SIX EIGHT THREE THREE SIX SIGNED AT FT. SHERIDAN, ILL.,
2-21-1946
ON FEB TWENTYONE, NINETEEN FORTYSIX, BY JAMES EARL RAY.

DOB LISTED AS [REDACTED] AT ALTON, ILL. HOME
ADDRESS LISTED AS FIVE THREE EIGHT EAST BROADWAY, ALTON, ILL. NEXT OF
KIN LISTED AS LUCILLE MARY RAY, MOTHER, SAME ADDRESS. ENTERED ON DUTY,
U.S. ARMY FEB NINETEEN, NINETEEN FORTYSIX WITH SERIAL NUMBER [REDACTED]
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NSLI TERM POLICY WAS FOR TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS WITH A MONTHLY
PREMIUM OF SIX DOLLARS AND FORTY CENTS PER MONTH. ALLOTMENT
DEDUCTIONS CEASED ON MARCH THIRTYONE, NINETEEN FORTYSEVEN, AT RAY'S
REQUEST. POLICY LAPSED MAY TWENTYONE, NINETEEN FORTYSEVEN.

ON JULY TWENTYFIVE, NINETEEN FIFTY, A SPECIAL DIVIDEND FOR
YEAR NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT IN AMOUNT OF EIGHTYTWO DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS
WAS SENT TO RAY AT THE ADDRESS OF TWO ONE FIVE OAK ST., QUINCY, ILL.

NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), LOS ANGELES (44-1574), MEMPHIS (44-1987)

ATLANTA (44-2386)

FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) 2P

MURKIN

RE REPORT SA LEROY W. SHEETS, APRIL ONE EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT,
AT LOS ANGELES.

IF NOT DONE PREVIOUSLY, LOS ANGELES REINTERVIEW CHARLES J. STEIN, TO DETERMINE IF HE BELIEVES HE CAN PINPOINT THE LOCATIONS WHERE RAY, AS GALT, MADE TELEPHONE CALLS DURING TRIP LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS, DECEMBER FIFTEEN - SEVENTEEN, IF STEIN WERE TO OBSERVE THESE LOCATIONS AGAIN. NOTING STEIN'S DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF ROUTES USED ON TRIP, AND THAT HE BELIEVES MOST OF THE CALLS WERE MADE IN TEXAS, IT APPEARS POSSIBLE THAT HE COULD MAKE SUCH A RECOLLECTION IF GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO VIEW THEM AGAIN, IN PERSON. IF HE BELIEVWS HE CAN, BUREAU REQUESTED TO GIVE CONSIDERATION TO HAVING STEIN DRIVEN SAME ROUTE BY BUREAU AGENT IN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY LOCATIONS. IF ANY OR ALL THESE LOCATIONS ARE IDENTIFIED, IMMEDIATE EFFORTS COULD THEN BE MADE TO OBTAIN ALL LONG DISTANCE
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TELEPHONE CALLS MADE FROM THESE INDIVIDUAL LOCATIONS, DURING
DECEMBER FIFTEEN - SEVENTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN. THIS INVESTIGATION COULD
VERY POSSIBLY LEAD TO IDENTIFICATION OF ASSOCIATES. IT SHOULD
ALSO BE CONSIDERED THAT ACCORDING TO MARIE MARTIN, GALT (RAY)
WAS SUSPICIOUS OF POSSIBLE SET-UP BY STEIN AND TELEPHONE CALLS
WERE HIS METHOD OF MAINTAINING CONTACT WITH A CLOSE ASSOCIATE.

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700PM 4-24-68 URGENT JLK
TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND MEMPHIS 44-1987
FROM PHILADELPHIA 44-1368

MURKIN

RE PHILA TEL FOUR SEVENTEEN LAST RE ERIC STARVO GALT, AKA GAULT -
LOCKSMITHING INSTITUTE RECORDS AND SUBSCRIPTION LIST OF HARDWARE AGE.

RE PHILA AND MEMPHIS TELS FOUR TWENTYTHREE LAST (INTER-OFFICE)
RE THE CHECK FOR THE STATE OF GEORGIA.

C.N. DOWNING, CIRCULATION MANAGER, HARDWARE AGE, ADVISED INSTANT
DATE THAT IN ADDITION TO THE CHECK OF THE STATES LISTED IN RE PHILA TEL
FOUR SEVENTEEN LAST, THAT A CHECK HAD BEEN MADE FOR THE STATES OF NEW
YORK, ARIZONA, AND CALIFORNIA, WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS FOR ANY
INFORMATION RE ERIC STARVO GALT.

CHILTON PUBLICATIONS IS DISCONTINUING ITS SEARCH OF "HARDWARE AGE"
SUBSCRIPTION RECORDS.

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
 SAC, KANSAS CITY

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) (3P)

MURKIN; CR.

LOCAL NEWSPAPER AT MEMPHIS, TENN., CARRIED TODAY A UPI RELEASE REFLECTING STATEMENTS MADE BY ONE RAYMOND CURTIS, FORMER INMATE OF THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY (MSP), WHO CLAIMS THAT A NEW MAN AT THE PENITENTIARY HAD TOLD HIM AND THE SUBJECT RAY ABOUT AN ALLEGED ONE MILLION DOLLAR BOUNTY PLACED ON MARTIN LUTHER KING BY A BUSINESSMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

LARRY SERO, FORMER MSP INMATE NO. ZERO ONE NINE ZERO THREE J, NOW RESIDING MEMPHIS, TENN., VOLUNTARILY CONTACTED MEMPHIS OFFICE TODAY AND OFFERED TO FURNISH INFORMATION PROVIDED HIS IDENTITY COULD BE KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL. SERO STATED HE RESIDED IN MEMPHIS DURING NINETEEN SIXTYTWO WHILE A PAROLE VIOLATOR FUGITIVE FROM THE MSP. HE LEFT MEMPHIS DURING NOVEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTYTWO, MOVING AROUND THE COUNTRY UNTIL HE WAS ARRESTED AT TULSA, OKLA., DURING FEBRUARY, NINETEEN

Airtel SIXTYFOUR, AND RETURNED TO THE MSP. HE REMAINED AT THE MSP
 Teletype FROM FEBRUARY, NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR UNTIL BEING EXTRADITED TO

A.M. TENNESSEE DURING JUNE, NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR. DURING THIS FOUR

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Approved: R6T
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MONTH PERIOD AT MSP HE WAS ACQUAINTED WITH SUBJECT RAY AND WITH INMATE RAYMOND CURTIS MENTIONED IN THE UPI NEWS RELEASE. SERO STATES HE MENTIONED TO RAY AND TO CURTIS ON ONE OCCASION THAT HE HAD HEARD SPECULATION TO THE EFFECT THAT IF MARTIN LUTHER KING EVER ATTEMPTED A BOYCOTT MOVEMENT IN MEMPHIS, IT WOULD BE WORTH A LOT OF MONEY TO THE LOCAL BUSINESSMEN TO HAVE KING MURDERED. SERO STATED HE CANNOT RECALL WHO FIRST MENTIONED THIS TO HIM BUT HE DOES RECALL THAT IT WAS MERE SPECULATION, THAT NO PARTICULAR GROUP OF BUSINESSMEN WAS MENTIONED AND THAT THE STATEMENT ITSELF HAD ABSOLUTELY NO BASIS IN FACT. HE SAID THAT IF RAYMOND CURTIS AND RAY INTERPRETED IT OTHERWISE THEY WERE READING MORE INTO THE STATEMENT THAN WAS INTENDED.

SERO STATED HE HAS HEARD NOTHING FROM RAY SINCE SERO LEFT THE MSP IN NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR AND HE HAS NO IDEA WHERE HE MIGHT BE EXCEPT THAT RAY MENTIONED HAVING FRIENDS OR CONTACTS IN KANSAS CITY. SERO STATED RAY IS NOT A LONER BUT SIMPLY DOES NOT KNOW HOW TO MAKE FRIENDS. HE STATED RAY HAS A HATRED FOR NEGROES AND HAS A STRONG DESIRE TO PERFORM SOME

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NOTORIOUS ACT THAT WILL MAKE HIM FEEL IMPORTANT. HE DESCRIBED RAY AS A BORN LOSER AND QUESTIONED RAY'S ABILITY TO PLAN AND EXECUTE EVEN THE SIMPLEST CAPER. SERO IS AGREEABLE TO ASSISTING FBI IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE.

KANSAS CITY HAS INDICATED THAT A PCI OF THEIR OFFICE AND FORMER PRISON MATE OF THE SUBJECT IS WILLING TO TRAVEL TO ANY PLACE WHERE HE MIGHT ASSIST IN THIS MATTER. MEMPHIS HAS NO REASON TO BELIEVE SUBJECT RAY IS IN ANY PARTICULAR PLACE AND IS UNABLE TO SUGGEST ASSIGNMENT FOR THE KANSAS CITY PCI.

NUMEROUS LOOK ALIKES BEING INVESTIGATED AND ELIMINATED.
ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P. END.

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Special Agent in Charge

FBI MEMPHIS

FBI ALBANY

7:35PM

DEFERRED 4/24/68 RWP

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (44-493)

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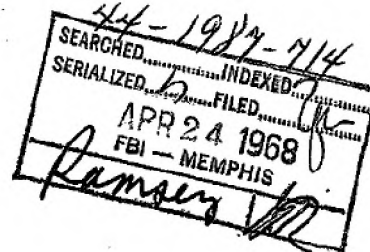
RE MEMPHIS AIRTEL TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICERS, APRIL NINETEEN LAST; CHARLOTTE AIRTEL TO ALBANY, APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST; LOS ANGELES TT TO BUREAU, APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST.

RE: LAUNDRY MARKS.

REGARDING LEAD SET FORTH TO RE-CONTACT ALL LAUNDRIES FOR PURPOSE OF IDENTIFYING LAUNDRY USING CODE, "TWO ZERO R DASH THREE", IT APPEARS FROM INFORMATION DEVELOPED AND SET FORTH IN RE LOS ANGELES TT, APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST THAT THIS CODE IS THAT USED ON TAPE OF AVALON CLEANERS AND LAUNDRY, INC., CULVER CITY, CALIF. RECORDS OF THIS LAUNDRY INDICATED TICKET DATED DEC. EIGHTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN WITH THAT CODE REVEALED THE LAUNDRY WAS RECEIVED FROM ONE "GALT".

IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE IT IS FELT THAT ALL OTHER OFFICES SHOULD NOT RECONTACT LAUNDRIES REGARDING THIS CODE.

IT IS FURTHER NOTED THAT NUMEROUS INQUIRIES ARE BEING DIRECTED TO ALBANY TO RE-CONTACT TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE CO. TO
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LOCATE INVOICES, PURCHASE ORDERS AND ACCOUNTING RECORDS RELATING TO MANY OF THE THERMO SEAL MACHINES WHICH WERE SET OUT IN ALBANY AIRTEL OF APRIL TEN LAST AND APRIL ELEVEN LAST. THE ORIGINAL LEAD WAS SET OUT FOR THE PURPOSE OF IDENTIFYING THE SUBJECT, AND SINCE HE HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED, AND INVESTIGATION TENDS TO INDICATE THAT HOME SERVICE LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANING, HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, DID THE LAUNDRY ON WHICH THE THERMO SEAL TAPE WITH CODE ZERO TWO B DASH SIX APPEARED, IT WOULD NOT NOW APPEAR DESIRABLE TO ATTEMPT TO LOCATE EVERY MACHINE MANUFACTURED BY TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE CO., PARTICULARLY SINCE NO MORE THAN TWENTY OF THESE MACHINES ACCORDING TO THE MANUFACTURER WOULD HAVE BEEN CAPABLE OF PRODUCING THE ABOVE CODE.

ALBANY IS HOLDING RE-CONTACTS WITH TEXTILE MARKING MACHINE CO. IN ABEYANCE AND WILL NOT FURTHER REVIEW THESE RECORDS UNLESS BY THE BUREAU OR MEMPHIS.

IF BUREAU AND MEMPHIS CONCURS A COMMUNICATION SHOULD BE DIRECTED
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TO ALL OFFICES TO DISCONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE LAUNDRIES USING
LAUNDRY TAPES BEARING CODES ZERO TWO & DASH SIX AND TWO ZERO &
DASH THREE.

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FBI NEW YORK

7:45 PM URGENT 4-24-68 AJS

TO DIRECTOR, WFO, AND MEMPHIS
FROM NEW YORK 44-1509

MURKIN

RE: ALLEGED ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR BET ON DR. KING'S LIFE.

ON APRIL TWENTY FOURTH, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, EDWARD
R. LYNCH, SECURITY REPRESENTATIVE FOR AMERICAN AIRLINES (AA)
COVERING EASTERN REGION OF UNITED STATES, WHO REQUESTED THAT
HIS IDENTITY BE KEPT IN THE STRICTEST CONFIDENCE, FURNISHED
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

ON APRIL EIGHTEEN, HE WAS IN OFFICE OF ROBERT ROULSTON,
CITY MANAGER FOR AA, AT WASHINGTON, DC, WHO SHOWED HIM
A CHECK FOR ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS FROM HENRY O'MILL, CITY
MANAGER FOR AA AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, WHICH WAS PAYMENT
OF BET THEY HAD MADE THAT DR. KING WOULD BE DEAD BY MAY
FIRST, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT. ROULSTON INDICATED BET HAD
BEEN MADE AT A DINNER ATTENDED BY OTHER AA OFFICIALS.
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LYNCH DID NOT KNOW ANY FURTHER DETAILS OF DINNER OR BET
AS TO DATE OR PLACE OR WHO ELSE KNEW OF BET. HE DID NOT
KNOW SIGNIFICANCE OF DATE OF MAY FIRST, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT.

SFO INTERVIEW ROULSTON AND MEMPHIS INTERVIEW O'NEILL
CONCERNING ABOVE BET BEARING IN MIND LYNCH'S REQUEST THAT
HIS IDENTITY BE CONCEALED.

SUSJECT, RAY, SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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7-59 PM URGENT 4-24-68 ATJ

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, ATLANTA AND
SPRINGFIELD
FROM SAN DIEGO (44-387) 2P

MURKIN

SUSPECT: HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER, FBI NUMBER SEVEN
THREE ZERO NINE SEVEN NINE A.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ME, LA, SC, SD, SF, AND SI APRIL
TWELVE LAST; ATLANTA TEL TO DIRECTOR, ME, BH, NO, KC, AND SI
APRIL TWENTY TWO LAST, AND SAN DIEGO TEL TO DIRECTOR, ME, BH,
SI, AND SF APRIL TWENTY THREE LAST.

REFERENCED BUREAU TEL DATED APRIL TWELVE LAST REFLECTS
HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER, FBI NO. SEVEN THREE ZERO NINE SEVEN
NINE A, FINGERPRINTED STATE PENITENTIARY, MENARD, ILLINOIS,
THEIR NO. TWO FOUR FIVE TWO FIVE, MAY NINETEEN, NINETEEN FIFTY
FIVE, BURGLARY.

REFERENCED ATLANTA TEL DATED APRIL TWENTY TWO LAST REFLECTS
INTERVIEW OF CURTIS STATES "RAY HAD FRIEND (NAME UNRECALLED)
WHO VISITED HIM IN JACKSON PRISON. FRIEND HAD BEEN CELLMATE OF
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RAY WHEN RAY AT MENARD, ILLINOIS. THIS MAN KEPT RAY IN SPENDING MONEY WHILE RAY IN PRISON AND WOULD HARBOR RAY."

FOR INFORMATION ATLANTA, INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN REQUESTED OF OTHER OFFICES RECEIVING REFERENCED COMMUNICATIONS TO ATTEMPT TO LOCATE HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER, FBI NO. SEVEN THREE ZERO NINE SEVEN NINE A TO DETERMINE IF HE IS AN ASSOCIATE OR CO-CONSPIRATOR OF RAY IN MURDER OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

SPRINGFIELD AT MENARD, ILLINOIS, FROM PRISON RECORDS, DETERMINE IF HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER CONFINED AT SAME TIME AS RAY AND IS POSSIBLE FRIEND NAMED BY CURTIS.

ATLANTA AT DALTON, GEORGIA, CONSIDER RECONTACTING CURTIS TO DETERMINE IF FRIEND NAMED BY HIM IS HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER, FBI NO. SEVEN THREE ZERO NINE SEVEN NINE A.

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FBI WASH DC

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815PM URGENT 4/24/68 LCC

TO ATLANTA BIRMINGHAM LOS ANGELES AND MEMPHIS
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN

THE REPORTS AS SUBMITTED IN THIS CASE ARE NOT BEING
DISSEMINATED AT THIS TIME. YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO HOLD
THE COPY DESIGNATED FOR THE USA IN YOUR OFFICE UNTIL
BUREAU INSTRUCTS OTHERWISE.

BIRMINGHAM, IF NOT ALREADY DONE, CONFIRM PROSECUTIVE
OPINION OF USA BY LETTER.

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316PM URGENT 4/24/68 LCC
TO MEMPHIS 44-1987 KANSAS CITY
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN

BUREAU DESIGNATES OFFICE OF ORIGIN AS MEMPHIS IN THIS
ENTIRE MATTER. KANSAS CITY SHOULD IMMEDIATELY FORWARD
APPROPRIATE COPIES OF ALL COMMUNICATIONS IN YOUR FILE
ENTITLED "JAMES EARL RAY, AKA - UFAC - ROBBERY" TO MEMPHIS.

MEMPHIS WILL, UPON RECEIPT OF SAME, IMMEDIATELY
SUBMIT A SUMMARY TO ALL OFFICES IN ORDER THAT SUBSEQUENT
INVESTIGATION MAY BE CONDUCTED.

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821PM URGENT 4-24-68 WJA

TO DIRECTOR (44-3861), CHICAGO, KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
SPRINGFIELD
FROM INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

MURKIN.

RE SAN FRANCISCO TEL TO BUREAU, CHICAGO, INDIANAPOLIS, KANSAS
CITY, MEMPHIS, NEW YORK AND ST. LOUIS, APRIL TWENTYTWO LAST.

RE; JOHN LARRY RAY.

RECORDS, INDIANA STATE REFORMATORY, PENDLETON, IND., DISCLOSES
"JOHN LARRY RAYNS", AKA. JACK, PRISON REGISTRY NO. THREE FIVE TWO
NINE SEVEN, SENTENCED TO TWO-FIVE YRS. FOR SECOND DEGREE BURGLARY
IN KOSCIUSKO CO., IND., ON JAN. TWENTYTHREE FIFTY AND RECEIVED AT
IND. REFORMATORY JAN. TWENTYFOUR FIFTY. RAYNS DESCRIBED AS WM ,
BORN [REDACTED] ALTON, ILL., FIVE FT. SEVEN ONE HALF
IN., ONE TWENTYEIGHT LBS, DARK CHESTNUT HAIR, HAZEL EYES, SALLOW
COMPLEXION, SLENDER BUILD, BURN SCAR LEFT JAW, CUT SCAR TOP MIDDLE
FINGER, LEFT HAND, THIRD JOINT, PECULARITY - STUTTERS. ATTENDED
PUBLIC SCHOOL QUINCY, ILL., THIRTYEIGHT TO FORTYEIGHT. HAD WORKED
FOR WEMMS LAUNDRY, QUINCY FOR FIVE MONTHS AND WAS FIRED. STATED
MADE HOME WITH PARENTS, JERRY AND LUCILLE (MAHER) RAYNS, TWO ONE FOUR
SPRING ST., QUINCY.

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*4/24/68 Koppi
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Springfield, advised
to Chicago back
as John F. Ray
located & interviewed
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FURNISHED OTHER RELATIVES AS FOLLOWS; GRANDMOTHER, MRS. MARY MAHER, ALTON, ILL.; BROTHERS JERRY RAYNS, JR., AND FRANK RAYNS, BOTH RESIDING WITH PARENTS; SISTERS MELBA, CAROL AND JANE RAYNS, ALL RESIDING WITH PARENTS.

HE WAS PAROLED MARCH TWENTYONE FIFTYTWO TO ST. OF ILL. TO RESIDE WITH UNCLE WILLIAM E. MAHER, ONE ONE ONE EIGHT E. SEVENTH ST., ALTON, ILL., AND TO WORK FOR LEE R. MOREHEAD, TWO ONE EIGHT WILLIAMS ST., ALTON. PAROLE OFFICER WAS HARVEY L. LONG, ADMINISTRATOR, INTERSTATE PAROLE COMPACT, THREE ZERO NINE ARMORY BUILDING, SPRINGFIELD, ILL. HE VIOLATED THIS PAROLE BY ABSCONDING FROM PAROLE SUPERVISOR ON APRIL TWO FIFTY TWO BY BEING ARRESTED IN HOLTVILLE, CALIF. ON DEC. THREE FIFTYTWO AS A SLEEPER ACCORDING TO FBI REPT. USING ALIAS "JOHNNY LARRY RAY; ALSO BY BEINGARRESTED FOR LARCENY APRIL SEVEN FIFTYTHREE AT QUINCY. THIS ARREST RESULTED IN A ONE TO TWENTY YR. COMMITMENT TO ILL. STATE PENITENTIARY AT MENARD, ILL.

HIS IND. DELINQUENT PAROLE STATUS WAS WAIVED ON SEPT. TWO FIFTYTWO AND THE IND. SENTENCE EXPIRED JAN. TWENTYTHREE FIFTYFIVE. HE RECEIVED HIS FINAL DISCHARGE ON MAY NINE FIFTYNINE.
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LETTER IN FILE DATED JAN. ELEVEN FIFTYFOUR FROM REV. J.L. STRZELEC, CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN, MENARD, ILL., ILL. STATE PENITENTIARY, ADDRESSED TO IND. REFORMATORY ADVISES THE CHAPLAIN WAS WRITING ON BEHALF OF "JOHN RYAN." THE CHAPLAIN STATED THAT JOHN WAS CONCERNED THAT IND. WOULD FILE A HOLD ON HIM AT ILL. PENITENTIARY. INDIANA REFORMATORY ADVISED CHAPLAIN THEY HAD NO PRISONER NAMED JOHN RYAN AND THE CHAPLAIN THEN ADVISED HE WAS WRITING CONCERNING JOHN RAYN, IND. REFORMATORY NO. THREE FIVE TWO NINE SEVEN. THE CHAPLAIN ADVISED THAT JOHN WAS SERVING FIVE TO TEN YRS. AT MENARD. THE CHAPLAIN ADVISED JOHN'S MOTHER WAS A SEMI-INVALID WITH FOUR SMALL CHILDREN. JOHN RAYN'S REGISTRY NO. AT THE ILL. STATE PENITENTIARY, MENARD, WAS TWO THREE FOUR ZERO ONE.

SPRINGFIELD AT MENARD AT ILL. STATE PENITENTIARY, REVIEW FILE JOHN LARRY RAYN OR RYAN REGISTRY NO. TWO THREE FOUR ZERO ONE.

AT ADAMS, ALTON AND QUINCY, ILL. LOCATE ABOVE RELATIVES AND INTERVIEW RE BACKGROUND AND WHEREABOUTS OF JOHN LARRY RAY.

CHECK SCHOOL RECORDS FOR JOHN LARRY RAY AT ADAMS FOR PERTINENT INFO. REVIEW URFILE TWENTYFIVE DASH SIX NINE THREE EIGHT.

AT SPRINGFIELD CHECK ANY PERTINENT PAROLE RECORDS RE JOHN LARRY RAY UNDER HIS TRUE NAME AN ALIASES.

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FOR INFO SPRINGFIELD RETEL SET LEAD FOR INDIANAPOLIS TO ATTEMPT
TO LOCATE JAMES EARL RAY'S BROTHER IN INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

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FBI MEMPHIS

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FBI NEWARK

9:13 PM URGENT 4-24-68 JON

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, NORFOLK
FROM NEWARK 44-354

MURKIN

RE CG TEL TO DIRECTOR APRIL TWO THREE LAST.
INDICATING BROTHER OF SUBJECT ONE JERRY WILLIAM RAY
NORTHBROOK, ILL., HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH MARJORIE FETTERS
TWO FOUR TWO ZERO ARNOLD ST., CAMDEN, NJ.

LILLIAN DICKINSON OWNER OF RESIDENCE TWENTY FOUR TWENTY ARNOLD ST.,
CAMDEN, NJ, ADVISED TODAY THAT MARJORIE FETTERS
RENTS A ROOM AT THIS ADDRESS. FETTERS ARRIVED IN CAMDEN, NJ,
DURING FEB. NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT. SHE CLAIMS TO HAVE
COME TO CAMDEN FROM MIAMI, FLA., AND WAS BROUGHT TO TWENTY
FOUR TWENTY ARNOLD ST., BY ONE JAMES DYER. DYER DESCRIBED
AS W/M, FORTY-FIVE YEARS OLD, FIVE FEET SIX INCHES, ONE HUNDRED
THIRTY FIVE LBS., WHO LEFT FETTERS AFTER SHE OBTAINED ROOMS
AND NEVER RETURNED. FETTERS LEARNED OF ROOM THROUGH NEWSPAPER
AD. SHE WAS PREGNANT WHEN SHE ARRIVED AND BABY DUE MOMENTARILY.
FETTERS IS NOT MARRIED TO DICKINSON'S KNOWLEDGE. FETTERS CLAIMED
TO HAVE WORKED AS GO-GO DANCER AND TOPLESS WAITRESS IN CALIF. AND FLA.
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ACCORDING TO DICKINSON, FETTERS ANSWERED A LONELY HEARTS TYPE AD IN A MAGAZINE OR NEWSPAPER ABOUT A MONTH AGO, AND APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS LATER, RECEIVED A LETTER FROM JERRY RAY, NORTHBROOK, ILL. FETTERS ANSWERED THE LETTER AND HAS BEEN CORRESPONDING EVER SINCE. DICKINSON DESCRIBED RAY AS BEING A "KOOK" IN THAT THE TENOR OF HIS LETTERS INDICATES HE WANTS TO BE DOMINATED BY FETTERS SHOULD THEY EVER LIVE TOGETHER.

MAJORIE LOUISE FETTERS NEE JONES, AKA MARJORIE CARLUS, MRS. CHARLES CARLUS, MRS. CLYDE FETTERS, INTERVIEWED TODAY INDEPENDENTLY OF DICKINSON. SHE FURNISHED SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME INFO AND ADMITS BEING FORMER "STRIPPER". SHE STATED SHE HAS BEEN CONTACTED IN THE PAST RE A WSTA MATTER IN NORFOLK, VA., UNDER THE NAME MARJORIE JONES. SHE DESCRIBED AS W/F, DOB SIX SEVEN FORTYFOUR, AT FAIRMONT, W. VA., FIVE FEET TWO INCHES, HAIR NATURALLY BROWN, BLEACHED BLONDE AND ALSO WORN RED, EYES BLUE, ONE TWENTY LBS., SEVERAL FACIAL SCARS, AND SEPERATED BUT NOT DIVORCED FROM CLYDE FETTERS.

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DURING FEB. SHE WROTE TO AN UNRECALLED POST OFFICE BOX SEEN IN AN EXPOSE TYPE NEWSPAPER, POSSIBLY THE CRONICLE WHICH SHE PURCHASED IN CAMDEN, NJ. SHE ANSWERED AN AD WHERE THE UNKNOWN WRITER DESCRIBED HIMSELF AAS A MALE WANTING TO BE DOMINATED BY A FEMALE. SHE PLACED A COMMUNICATION DESCRIBING HERSELF IN AN ENVELOPE UNADDRESSED WITH A STAMP ON IT AND IN TURN PLACED THIS ENVELOPE IN A SECOND ENVELOPE WHICH WAS ADDRESSED TO THE PO BOX WITH A DOLLAR ENCLOSED. THE RECEIVER OF THIS COMMUNICATION THEN FORWARDS THE ENCLOSED COMMUNICATION TO THE WRITER OF THE AD. IT WAS IN THIS MANNER THAT SHE BEGAN CORRESPONDING WITH JERRY RAY. SHE HAS NEVER SEEN RAY AND HE HAS NOT DISCUSSED IN ANY OF HIS LETTERS ANY OF HIS FAMILY OTHER THAN HIS HAVING A CHILD. SHE REFERS TO HIM AS A KOOK AND OBVIOUSLY NOT VERY SMART AND SHE STATED SHE MERELY WROTE TO THE NEWSPAPER FOR SOMETHING TO DO.

TODAY SHE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM HIM WHEREIN HE ENCLOSED TWO PHOTOGRAPHS; INDICATES HE HAS CALLED HER ON THE TELEPHONE; AND STATES HE WOULD SENT HER MONEY IF SHE NEEDED IT. THE LETTER WHICH SHE MADE AVAILABLE STATES IN PART-" I'M GLAD YOU LIKE THE
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PICTURE OF MY SON". THE LETTER CONSISTS OF THREE AND
AND ONE HALF PAGES AND WILL BE XEROXED AND COPIES FURNISHED CHICAGO.

FETTERS HAS INDICATED A WILLING NESS TO COOPERATE WITH
THE FBI AND STATED THAT SHE WILL WRITE JERRY RAY AND ATTEMPT
TO INQUIRY MORE ABOUT HIS FAMILY AND THDRE IS A POSSIBILITY
HE AMY AGAIN TELEPHONE HER AT WHICH TIME SHE WILL MAKE
INQUIRY CONCERNING HIS FAMILY. SHE STATED SHE WILL NOT DIVULGE
THE FBI CONTACT AND THEREFORE CHICAGO SHOULD NOT INFORM
JERRY RAY AT THIS TIME OF OUR KNOWLEDGE OF MARJORIE FETTERS.

DURING ALL NIGHT SURVEILLANCE AT TWENTY FOUR TWENTY
ARNOLD ST., CAMDEN, NJ, A NINETEEN SIXTY-TWO FOUR DOOR,
HT CADILLAC, BEARING ILLINOIS LIC.- FOUR NINE THREE SIX
FIVE ONE WAS OBSERVED IN THE DRIVEWAY. THE CHICAGO OFFICE
TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THAT THIS IS REGISTERED TO HAROLD
AND PAT WARD, THIRTEEN ZERO ONE N. MAIN ST., BENTON, ILL.
LILLIAN DICKINSON ADVISED WARD IS SAILOR WHO IS ATTENDING
BOILERMAKER SCHOOL, PHILADELPHIA NAVY YARD.

LEADS-----

NORFOLK WILL ADVISE NK ANY PERTINENT INFO FROM
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INDICES CONCERNING FETTERS WHO WAS KNOWN TO THAT OFFICE
AS MAJORIE JONES. ANY INFO AS TO HER RELIABILITY IS
REQUESTED.

CHICAGO SHOULD NOT ADVISE JERRY RAY OF NK AND CG'S
KNOWLEDGE OF MAJORIE FETTERS.

COPIES OF PHOTOGRAPHS ENCLOSED BY RAY WILL BE OBTAINED AND
FORWARDED CHICAGO (CG) SO THEY CAN ADVISE WHETHER HE SENT PHOTOS
OF HIMSELF OR SOME OTHER MALE.

MAIL COPY TP BIRMINGHAM.

-----ARMED*AND: DANGEROUS-----

END

TSJ

FBI MEMPHIS