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RE RECAP TIRE MOLDS:

PHOTOGRAPH AND INK IMPRESSION OF TIRE FROM SUBJECT'S CAR SHOWN TO OWNERS OF ACE TIRE MOLD CO., ONE EIGHT ONE SEVENTH AVE., SOUTH EL MONTE, CALIFORNIA; LOS ANGELES MATRIX CO., FIVE FIVE THREE ZERO BORMICK, SOUTH GATE, CALIFORNIA; GENERAL EQUIPMENT EXCHANGE, THREE FIVE FOUR TENNESSEE STREET, REDLANDS, CALIFORNIA; AND S.Y.C., INC., COLTON AT MAGASH, PONTONE, CALIFORNIA, WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. ALL OWNERS ADVISED THEY COULD NOT IDENTIFY TREAD DESIGN AS HAVING COME FROM A MOLD MANUFACTURED BY THEM. ALL FOUR COMPANIES HAVE NATIONWIDE DISTRIBUTION OF MOLDS.

RE FRIEND OF SINGER NANCE NAMED "RED":

ATTEMPTS TO IDENTIFY "RED" NEGATIVE SINCE NEITHER OF THE LAST TWO SUBSCRIBERS FOR TELEPHONE NUMBER PROVIDED BY SINGER NANCE IS IDENTIFIABLE AS "RED" AND RECORDS OF SUBSCRIBER FOR THAT TELEPHONE FOR PERIOD NANCE WAS IN CALIFORNIA OR PRIOR TO LAST TWO SUBSCRIBERS HAVE BEEN DESTROYED.

RE TOLL CALLS FROM ST. FRANCIS HOTEL:

ALL TOLL CALLS ON ORIGINAL RECORDS SECURED FOR TELEPHONE BOOTH AT ST. FRANCIS HOTEL FOR PERIOD JANUARY TWENTY ONE THROUGH MARCH SEVENTEEN LAST AND ARE CURRENTLY BEING ANALYZED AND LEADS WILL BE SET OUT.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING AT LOS ANGELES.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES, SPRINGFIELD,
FROM ATLANTA (44-2336)

MURKIN.

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION, APRIL TWENTYFIVE, SIXTYEIGHT:

NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION AT RAY'S LAST KNOWN
RESIDENCE EXPANDED TO FIFTEENTH STREET AREA. INVESTIGATION
CONDUCTED TO DATE NEGATIVE.

ATTEMPTS MADE TO REINTERVIEW JIMMIE DELTON GARNER,
BUT HE CONTINUES IN A HIGHLY INTOXICATED CONDITION. EFFORTS TO
INTERVIEW HIM DISCONTINUED FOR THIS DATE DUE TO HIS CONDITION.

CONTACTS WITH PASSENGERS AND CREW MEMBERS ON FOREIGN
FLIGHTS FROM ATLANTA ON APRIL FIVE LAST CONTINUING AND NEGATIVE
TO DATE.

CONTACT OF INDIVIDUALS ADVERTISING AUTOMOBILES FOR
SALE THROUGH NEWSPAPER ADS BETWEEN MARCH TWENTYFOUR AND APRIL
FIVE LAST CONTINUING AND NEGATIVE TO DATE.

THREE LOOK-ALIKE SUSPECTS CHECKED OUT AND ELIMINATED
BY SPECIAL AGENTS.

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THE BUREAU OF NARCOTICS, ATLANTA, CONTACTED CONCERNING RAY IN VIEW OF INFORMATION DEVELOPED INDICATING RAY IS ADDICTED TO NARCOTICS. NARCOTICS BUREAU IS CONTACTING INFORMANTS FAMILIAR WITH NARCOTICS ACTIVITIES ATLANTA AREA AND OUR INFORMANTS FAMILIAR WITH NARCOTICS ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN RECONTACTED WITH OTHER BEING CONTACT APRIL TWENTYSIX NEXT.

RACIAL INFORMANTS ARE BEING RECONTACTED CONCERNING RAY AND ANY INFORMATION WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN CIRCULATED INDICATING THAT A BOUNTY MAY HAVE BEEN PLACED ON THE LIFE OF KING.

LEWIE RAYMOND DOWDA REINTERVIEWED AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING RAY'S BACKGROUND AND LEADS HAVE BEEN SET OUT.

ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION IS BEING CONDUCTED CONCERNING BILLY JOE FAULKNER TO DETERMINE HIS WHEREABOUTS DURING THE PERIOD RAY WAS IN ATLANTA AND IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE MURDER.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END.

END

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SAC, MIAMI
FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374)

MURKIN.

ON APRIL TWENTYFIVE INSTANT, MRS. GLADYS D. MEEHAM, WIFE OF DR. DONALD MEEHAM, SPRINGVILLE, NY, ADVISED SHE AND HER FAMILY HAD JUST RETURNED FROM THE ROCK SOUND CLUB IN BEACH COTTAGES, ELEUTHERA, BAHAMAS. SHE HAD SEEN THE TODAY SHOW ON APRIL TWENTYFIVE INSTANT, WHEREUPON SHE OBSERVED A PICTURE OF JAMES EARL RAY.

MRS. MEEHAM SAW A MAN IN ROCK SOUND CLUB ON THE EVENING OF APRIL EIGHTEEN OR NINETEEN LAST WHO BORE A REMARKABLE RESEMBLANCE TO RAY. SHE OBSERVED THIS MAN AT BREAKFAST THE FOLLOWING MORNING. HE WAS DRESSED IN BUSINESS SUIT AND APPEARED PALE AS THOUGH HE HAD JUST ARRIVED. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY ANOTHER MAN WHOM SHE COULD NOT DESCRIBE EXCEPT THAT HE WAS SIMILAR IN APPEARANCE TO

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THE MAN SHE OBSERVED AS TO AGE, HEIGHT, WEIGHT AND BUILD.

MIAMI HANDLE.

AM CCS TO BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY AND MEMPHIS.

RAY ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE+

URGENT

TO NEW YORK (44-1609)
FROM SACRAMENTO (100-427)

MURKIN

RE NEW YORK TEL APRIL TWENTY THREE LAST RE CALIF LICENSE
E P T ONE NINE NINE.

DOUGLAS ARTHUR DOWLING HAS RECORD AT KERN COUNTY SO,
BAKERSFIELD, CALIF, AND NOT IDENTICAL TO SUBJECT. DOWLING
ELIMINATED ON BASES OF PHOTO AND FINGERPRINT CLASSIFICATION.
INQUIRY OF RELATIVE AT BAKERSFIELD REVEALED DOWLING HAD BEEN
IN NEW YORK DURING PAST MONTH WITH SIXTY DODGE. TELCALL
RECEIVED FROM DOWLING TODAY STATING HE WAS IN ARKANSAS
EN ROUTE TO BAKERSFIELD AND HAD BEEN IN NEW YORK DRIVING
HIS SIXTY DODGE.

AIRMAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: LOUISVILLE (44-947)
FROM: CLEVELAND (44-565)

MURKIN, DD: MEMPHIS.

RE LOUISVILLE TELETYPE TO CLEVELAND, APRIL TWENTYSIX,
INSTANT.

ON APRIL TWENTYSIX, INSTANT, MR. DUTCH FOLK, OWNER OF
DUTCH FOLK, INC., THREE SEVEN ZERO WEST MARKET STREET, AKRON,
OHIO, ADVISED HIS COMPANY IS AGENT FOR TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES,
MAIN OFFICE, NEW YORK CITY. HE STATED IF LICENSE AND AUTOMOBILE
DESCRIBED IN REFERENCED TELETYPE IS REGISTERED TO TRANSPORTATION
VEHICLES, AKRON, OHIO, IT INDICATES HIS COMPANY DELIVERED THAT
CAR TO ANOTHER AGENT OF TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES SOMEWHERE IN
THE STATE OF KENTUCKY. MR. FOLK ADVISED HE WOULD HAVE NO
RECORD OF THE KENTUCKY LICENSE IN HIS OFFICE BUT IF HE HAD THE
VIN OF THE CAR HE COULD TELL WHERE IN KENTUCKY IT WAS DELIVERED.
VIN SHOULD BE ON LICENSE APPLICATION ON FILE IN THE KENTUCKY
STATE MOTOR VEHICLE BUREAU.

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LOUISVILLE CONTACT KENTUCKY STATE MOTOR VEHICLE BUREAU
RE LICENSE NUMBER IN REFERENCED TELETYPE, OBTAIN VIN FOR CAR
THAT LICENSE ISSUED TO AND ADVISE CLEVELAND.

AIRMAIL COPY SENT MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

P.

END.

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PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) (MAIL) AND
KANSAS CITY

FROM: CLEVELAND (44-565)

MURKIN

ON APRIL TWENTYSIX, INSTANT, ANONYMOUS FEMALE CALLED
AKRON, OHIO RESIDENT AGENCY AND ADVISED SHE HAS COUSIN NAMED
EARL K. RAY RESIDING MC PHEARSON, KANSAS. SHE STATED SHE HAS
NEVER SEEN THIS COUSIN BUT KNOWS HE IS APPROXIMATE AGE OF
JAMES EARL RAY. SHE STATED SHE KNOWS LITTLE OF HIS ACTIVITIES
BUT HAS HEARD HE HAS SHADY BACKGROUND.

CALLER ALSO STATED SHE DOES NOT KNOW HER COUSIN'S SPECIFIC
ADDRESS IN MC PHEARSON OTHER THAN HE MAINTAINS A POST OFFICE
BOX NUMBER.

CALLER ALSO STATED SHE DOES NOT WANT HER COUSIN TO LEARN
THIS INFORMATION CAME FROM A RELATIVE.

KANSAS CITY, ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY EARL K. RAY, MC PHEARSON,
KANSAS, AND DETERMINE IF HE COULD POSSIBLY BE IDENT WITH
JAMES EARL RAY.

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AIRMAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND RICHMOND
FROM CLEVELAND (44-565) (3P)

MURKIN

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO CLEVELAND APRIL TWENTYSIX INSTANT.

ABOVE REFERENCED TELETYPE BUREAU ADVISED THAT A REVIEW OF FILE ON KING'S ACTIVITIES PRIOR TO HIS DEATH NOTED THREATS AGAINST KING WERE MADE, AND BY RADIOGRAM TO THE BUREAU, MARCH EIGHTEEN SIXTYFOUR, CLEVELAND FURNISHED INFORMATION FROM DEPUTY SHERIFF CHARLES ROSS, STARK COUNTY SO, CANTON, OHIO, THAT ONE FRANK G. NILES HAD ASKED ROSS WHERE HE COULD OBTAIN A SNIPERS RIFLE. NILES ALLEGEDLY COMMENTED HE WOULD KILL KING IF HE THOUGHT IT WOULD PREVENT INTEGRATION.

BUREAU AND RICHMOND ARE DIRECTED TO CASE ENTITLED, "FRANK H. NILES, AKA, BUFILE ONE FIVE SEVEN - FOUR ONE ZERO ONE, RICHMOND FILE ONE FIVE SEVEN - ONE TWO ONE SIX.

IT IS NOTED THAT ON MARCH SEVENTEEN, SIXTYFOUR, AUXILIARY
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DEPUTY SHERIFF CHARLES ROSS, STARK COUNTY SO, CANTON, OHIO, ADVISED THAT NILES HAD ON ONE OCCASION ASKED HIM IF HE KNEW WHERE HE COULD GET A SNIPERS RIFLE. ROSS STATED THAT NILES TOLD HIM THAT IF HE THOUGHT IT WOULD PREVENT INTEGRATION HE WOULD KILL KING.

IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE FRANK H. NILES IS THE INDIVIDUAL REFERRED TO IN BUREAU TELETYPE TO CLEVELAND THIS DATE.

IT IS NOTED THAT RICHMOND IS THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN IN CASE RE FRANK H. NILES REFERRED TO ABOVE.

BUREAU THIS DATE REQUESTED THAT ALTHOUGH SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS THE ASSAILANT, RICHMOND SHOULD CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF NILES MIGHT BE IMPLICATED AS A CONSPIRATOR.

BUREAU TELETYPE THIS DATE ALSO NOTED THAT MERRILL WILLIAMS, IN MAY SIXTYONE, HAD ADVISED THE CLEVELAND OFFICE THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A CALL FROM A FRIEND OF HIS WHO KNEW OF A PLOT TO KILL DOCTOR KING. MERRILL WILLIAMS, THREE THREE SEVEN ONE MILVERTON ROAD, SHAKER HEIGHTS ADVISED THIS DATE THAT HE RECALLED CALLING THE FBI CONCERNING A WHITE MALE
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HE HAD KNOWN AS A DRINKING COMPANION IN SIXTYONE. WILLIAMS ADVISED THAT HE NEVER KNEW THIS INDIVIDUAL BY NAME, WHERE HE WAS EMPLOYED, OR ANY BACKGROUND INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS MAN. WILLIAMS ADVISED THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL, ALTHOUGH HE HAD TALKED WITH HIM ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS HAD ONLY MENTIONED THE PLOT TO KILL KING ONCE. WILLIAMS STATED THAT ON RECOLLECTION HE IS NOT SURE IF THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS SERIOUS AT THAT TIME OR NOT. WILLIAMS STATED THAT HE HAD ONLY SEEN THIS INDIVIDUAL AT THE CARNEGIE BAR IN CLEVELAND, AND BELIEVES HE HAS SEEN HIM AS RECENTLY AS FOUR MONTHS AGO.

INVESTIGATION CLEVELAND CONTINUING TO IDENTIFY THIS
UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL, ARMED AND DANGEROUS.
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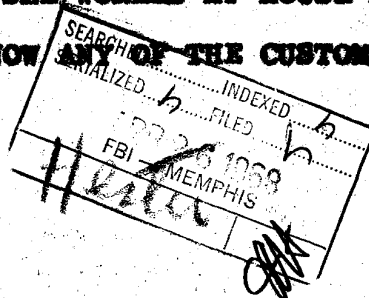
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TO: SAC, JACKSON
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)

MURKIN. OO-MEMPHIS. RE DALLAS TELETYPE, APRIL TWENTY-THREE, LAST
AND JACKSON TELETYPE, APRIL TWENTY-FOUR, LAST, RE INFO FROM
MYRTIS RUTH HENDRICKS.

HENDRICKS ADVISED APRIL TWENTY-FIVE, LAST, SHE HAD WORKED
FOR DEAVOURS NIX AS A PROSTITUTE SHORTLY BEFORE LAST CHRISTMAS
WHICH WAS BEFORE SHE STARTED WORKING IN RESTAURANT IN LATTER
PART OF MARCH, LAST. SHE WAS ALWAYS TAKEN TO A HOUSE ON OUTSKIRTS
OF LAUREL AT NIGHT FOR HER PROSTITUTION DATES. HOUSE WAS ONE
STORY, WAS AMONG OTHER LARGE HOUSES IN AREA WHICH WERE NOT CLOSE
TOGETHER. THERE WAS GAS LIGHT IN FRONT YARD AND HAD A CHIMNEY
WHICH WAS FOR MOCK FIREPLACE IN HOUSE. DOES NOT RECALL HOW MANY
ROOMS IN HOUSE BUT RECALLS ONE ROOM WAS ALWAYS LOCKED AND BELIEVES THIS
WAS WHERE KLAN MEETINGS WERE HELD. SHE WORKED AT HOUSE FROM ABOUT
NINE PM UNTIL MIDNIGHT. DOES NOT KNOW ANY OF THE CUSTOMERS NIX HAD
THERE FOR HER.

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NIX'S STATEMENT "I GOT A CALL ON THE KING" WAS OVERHEARD WHEN SHE WAS UPSTAIRS IN THE RESTAURANT. BELIEVES STATEMENT WAS MADE TO MAN WHO LIVED UPSTAIRS AT RESTAURANT, NAME NOT RECALLED. SHE WAS IN BATHROOM AT TIME AND DOES NOT KNOW IF ANYONE ELSE PRESENT OUTSIDE WITH NIX. WHEN NIX MADE STATEMENT "MARTIN LUTHER KING IS DEAD", HE WAS STANDING IN LITTLE BOOTH WHERE FOOD IS SERVED TO PERSONS AT DRIVE-IN. SHE STATED THIS REMARK WAS MADE IN EARLY EVENING BUT SHE DOES NOT RECALL WHO WAS PRESENT.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO BUREAU AND MEMPHIS. - P -

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10:35AM URGENT 4-26-68 FAS

TO DIRECTOR AND SAC'S MEMPHIS AND MOBILE
FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740

MURKIN.

IN AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE WHETHER THERE MAY NOW BE RESIDING
IN TERRITORY OF BIRMINGHAM OFFICE ANY FORMER INMATES OF MISSOURI
STATE PRISON WHO MAY HAVE KNOWN SUBJECT, CONTACT HAD WITH U. S.
PROBATION OFFICER, BIRMINGHAM. HE WILL CHECK RECORDS AND ADVISE.
CONTACT HAD ALSO WITH WARREN GASTON, STATE PAROLE AND PROBATION
OFFICER, BIRMINHGAM DISTRICT, WHO IS ALSO CHECKING FILES. HE
SUGGESTED COVERAGE OF ENTIRE STATE OF ALABAMA FOR THIS PURPOSE MAY
BE EFFECTED THROUGH CONTACT WITH L. B. STEPHENS, ALABAMA PAROLE AND
PROBATION EXECUTIVE, STATE OFFICE BUILDING, MONTGOMERY, WHO HAS
FILES ON PAROLEES REFERRED TO HIS OFFICE UNDER AND INERSTATE COMPACT
AND ARE BROKEN DOWN REFLECTING STATE OF REFERRAL.

MOBILE CONTACT STEPHENS, AND OBTAIN THIS INFORMATION.

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TO DIRECTOR, CLEVELAND AND MEMPHIS
FROM LOUISVILLE (44-947)

MURKIN. CR.

RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL TO LOUISVILLE 4-25-LAST AND
LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO LOUISVILLE 4-25-LAST.

FOR INFORMATION CLEVELAND BUREAU ADVISED LOUISVILLE TODAY BY
TELEPHONE THAT CRIME RECORDS RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM DAVID ARSLOW
THE WASHINGTON NEWS EDITOR OF THE LOS ANGELES TIMES NEWSPAPER,
TO THE EFFECT THAT AN EMPLOYEE OF THE NEWSPAPER IN LOS ANGELES, AN
EX-CONVICT WHO STILL HAS CONTACTS AMONG THE CRIMINAL ELEMENT, HAD
INFORMED TO THE EFFECT THAT HIS SOURCES INDICATE THAT SUBJECT RAY IS
CURRENTLY LIVING UNDER THE NAME OF CLAUDE COFFEY AT ONE THREE FOUR NINE
STREET, APARTMENT H, GREENUP, KENTUCKY.

LOS ANGELES TELETYPE ADVISED THAT CHICK GALLOWAY, CITY CLERK,
"LOS ANGELES TIMES", ADVISED THAT CALL RECEIVED FROM ANONYMOUS MALE
APRIL TWENTY FOUR LAST, STATING THAT JAMES EARL RAY PRESENTLY
RESIDING ONE THREE FOUR NINE STREET, APARTMENT H, GREENUP, KENTUCKY.
ANONYMOUS MALE STATED APARTMENT RENTED IN NAME OF CLAUDE COFFEY.
ANONYMOUS MALE STATED INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM RELIABLE SOURCE IN A
ROOMING, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA. GALLOWAY STATED UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL
APPEARED ARTICULATE AND DID NOT APPEAR TO BE INEBRIATED. WHEN ATTEMPT
MADE TO OBTAIN NAME AND ADDRESS, ANONYMOUS CALLER LAUGHED.
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CONTINUED INVESTIGATION IN RURAL GREENUP COUNTY, KENTUCKY DISCLOSED A NEW ONE STREET AREA UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT LLOYD, KENTUCKY, KNOWN AS MANN ADDITION. INVESTIGATION THAT AREA DEVELOPED HENRY BARNEY, ONE THREE FOUR H STREET, MANN ADDITION, LLOYD, KY. THIS IS A ONE STORY SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING OCCUPIED ONLY BY BARNEY AND WIFE. BARNEY HAS SON-IN-LAW CLAUDE E. COFFEY WHO IS PRESENTLY EMPLOYED BY GALLION IRON WORKS, MANUFACTURERS OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT., BUCYRUS, OHIO. HE HAS BEEN SO EMPLOYED FOR ABOUT TWO YEARS DURING WHICH TIME HE HAS RESIDED IN THE AREA WITH HIS WIFE IRENE AND THREE CHILDREN. WILEY COFFEY, FLASH BRANCH ROAD, LLOYD, KY. ADVISED HIS SON IS CLAUDE EDWARD COFFEY, DOB [REDACTED] PRESENT ADDRESS ROUTE FIVE, UPPER SANDUSKY, OHIO. TO REACH COFFEY'S HOUSE FROM UPPER SANDUSKY, TAKE ROUTE SIX SEVEN TO MARSELLES, TURN OFF OF ROUTE SIX SEVEN ONTO ROUTE THREE SEVEN, CROSS SMALL BRIDGE, TAKE FIRST ROAD TO RIGHT, WHICH IS COUNTY ROAD NINE SIX. COFFEY RESIDES FIRST GREEN HOUSE ON RIGHT. COFFEY SERVED TWO ENLISTMENTS IN U. S. ARMY ASN AND DISCHARGE DATE NOT AVAILABLE. COFFEY ADVISED HIS SON HAS NO CRIMINAL RECORD AND HAS RESIDED IN THE BUCYRUS, UPPER SANDUSKY AREA FOR PAST TWO YEARS AND HAS BEEN CONTINUALLY EMPLOYED IN THAT AREA. LAST VISITED HOME CHRISTMAS NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN. PHOTO OF COFFEY DOES NOT RESEMBLE SUBJECT.

CLEVELAND IMMEDIATELY LOCATE AND INTERVIEW COFFEY AND DETERMINE
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WHEREABOUTS DURING PERTINENT PERIOD. GUTEL BUREAU IF ELIMINATED.

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222PM URGENT 4-23-68 MS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) 2P

MURKIN

RE: LAUNDRY MARK TWO ZERO R DASH THREE:

DELUXE LAUNDRY, ONE SEVEN FOUR FIVE EAST FOURTEENTH ST., OAKLAND, CALIF., USES THERMO SEAL MACHINES AND CODE "TWO ZERO R DASH THREE." "TWO ZERO R DASH THREE" ON GOLDISH YELLOW THERMO SEAL TAPE USED DURING WEEK JANUARY FIFTEEN TO TWENTY, LAST. "TWO ZERO" INDICATES LOT NUMBER, "R" INDICATES WEEK OF YEAR, AND "DASH THREE" INDICATES PACKAGE NUMBER. THE LOAD, PILLOW SLIPS AND SHEETS, PROBABLY WHITE IN COLOR, WAS SUBCONTRACT WORK FOR SHARKLIZINI LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS, ALAMO, CALIFORNIA. CUSTOMER WAS AL BOTTO, FOUR ZERO ESTABLISH, ORLANDO, CALIF., AND OWNER ART'S BUFFET BAR AND RESTAURANT, FOUR ZERO TWO THREE BROADWAY, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA. BOTTO SEMI-RETIRED. SPENDS MOST OF HIS TIME ON YACHT AT BRIDGE MARINA YACHT HARBOR, ANTIOCH, CALIF., AND OLDEST SON OPERATES BAR AND RESTAURANT.

BOTTO IDENT TO ALBINO LOUIS BOTTO, BORN [REDACTED] CALIFORNIA.

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SAN FRANCISCO INDICES INDICATE BOTTO, OAKLAND PD NUMBER ONE SIX SIX THREE THREE FOUR, WAS ARRESTED JANUARY SEVENTEEN, SIXTYFOUR, ENTICING MINOR FEMALE FOR PROSTITUTION.

SAMPLES THERMO SEAL TAPES OBTAINED FROM DELUXE LAUNDRY AND BEING FORWARDED FBI LABORATORY BY AIRTEL.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, JACKSONVILLE, KANSAS CITY AND
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MURKIN

RE ATLANTA TEL TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES, KANSAS
CITY, SPRINGFIELD, MIAMI, APR. TWO FOUR LAST.

PAUL ALVIN LAIL, THREE FOUR BARBADOS, PALM SPRINGS, FLA., SAID
HE KNEW RAY FOR THREE YEARS IN MO. STATE PEN BUT HAS NOT SEEN OR HEARD
FROM RAY SINCE HE GOT OUT A LITTLE OVER TWO YEARS AGO.

LAIL SAID LEWIE "WHITEY" DOWDA WORKED WITH RAY IN KITCHEN MO.
STATE PEN AND WOULD KNOWN MUCH MORE ABOUT HIM. ALSO NEAL ABBEY WAS
RAY'S REAL BUDDY AND WOULD REALLY KNOW MUCH MORE ABOUT RAY THAN ANYBODY
ELSE. LAIL SAID HE DID NOT KNOW IF ABBEY WAS IN OR OUT OF MO. STATE
PEN.

LAIL ADVISED RAY ASSOCIATED WITH GROUP WHO KILLED NEGROES IN
MO. STATE PEN BUT DOES NOT KNOW IF RAY WAS IN ON IT OR NOT. HE SAID
RAY NOT RACIST BUT KNOWS HE DID NOT LIKE NEGROES AS MOST OF THE INMATES
FELT THE SAME WAY ABOUT NEGROES.

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LAIL ADVISED RAY WOULD BE HARD TO FIND AND FEELS THAT HE WILL
HAVE A FORTYFIVE AUTOMATIC "STASHED" ON HIM AND WOULD NOT GIVE UP.

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ALSO RAY WOULD NOT HIDE OUT IN COUNTRY BECAUSE HE IS A "CITY BOY"; HOWEVER, DOES NOT FEEL RAY WOULD GO FOR REALLY BIG CITIES BUT A PLACE ABOUT THE SIZE OF HOUSTON, TEXAS.

LAIL ADVISED LEO BARNETT, AN EX-CON FROM MO. STATE PEN AND BELIEVED IN JAIL SOMEWHERE IN FLA., HANDLED DOPE AND KNEW WHERE IT WAS COMING FROM AND WOULD KNOW IF RAY USED DOPE AND WHERE AND HOW HE GOT IT.

LAIL SAID FRED MILLER, A "CUT AND DRY CON" WHO WORKED IN THE TAG PLANT, WAS ONE OF THE LEADERS AND KNEW RAY WELL AND IF HE WOULD TALK HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO FURNISH INFO ABOUT RAY. LAIL SAID RAY ASSOCIATED WITH OTHERS AND NOT LONER IN HIS OPINION.

LAIL RECALLED RAY ALWAYS WORE HIS HAIR CUT SHORT "BUTCH CUT" IN SUMMER AND LONG IN WINTER.

LAIL ADVISED HE WILL THINK ABOUT RAY SOME MORE AND IF HE RECALLS ANYTHING WILL NOTIFY THIS OFFICE. LAIL SEEMED COOPERATIVE AND VERY INTERESTED IN REWARD MONEY.

KANSAS CITY AT JEFFERSON CITY, MO., ASCERTAIN AT MO. STATE PEN WHEREABOUTS OF FRED MILLER AND INTERVIEW ABOUT RAY OR SET OUT LEADS
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TO HAVE INTERVIEWED. ALSO DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS FORMER INMATE LEO BARNET
JACKSONVILLE AT TALLAHASSEE, FLA., CONTACT BUREAU OF CORRECTIONS
AND ASCERTAIN IF A LEO BARNETT, FORMER INMATE MO. STATE PEN, CONFINED
ANYWHERE IN FLA.

FD THREE ZERO TWO'S BEING FURNISHED KANSAS CITY AND MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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328P URGENT 4/26/68 VSC

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MILWAUKEE, MEMPHIS 44-1987

LOS ANGELES 44-1574, AND BIRMINGHAM 44-1740
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 1P

*Battery
in Mustang*

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RE: JAMES EARL RAY

FOR INFOR MILWAUKEE, NINETEEN SIXTYSIX MUSTANG ABANDONED
BY RAY IN ATLANTA, APR. FIVE, LAST, HAS SEARS & ROEBUCK REPLACE-
MENT BATTERY. LOCATED ON TOP OF NEGATIVE POST IS NUMBER F FOUR
ONE B E EIGHT. THE INSCRIPTION "SQUARE" FOUR EIGHT IS ON TOP OF
A LEAD SHIELD WASHER AT THE NEGATIVE POST AND "C EIGHT" ON THE
BOTTOM OF SAME WASHER.

MILWAUKEE REQUESTED TO CONTACT LARRY AMATEIS, FIELD SER-
VICE MANAGER, GLOBE UNION, INC., AND FROM THE ABOVE INFO ASCER-
TAIN SPECIFIC GLOBE UNION PLANT WHICH MANUFACTURED THIS BATTERY
AND TO WHICH STATE, IF POSSIBLE, BATTERY WAS SHIPPED FOR SALE.
SET OUT LEADS IF APPROPRIATE AND ADVISE ATLANTA, MEMPHIS,
BIRMINGHAM AND LOS ANGELES OF RESULTS. P

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM LAS VEGAS (157-133)

MURKIN.

REBUTEL APRIL TWENTYFOUR LAST.

APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED AT ALL HIPPIE ESTABLISH-
MENTS IN NEVADA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

LAS VEGAS IS MAINTAINING CONTACT WITH ALL MASS MEDIA OUTLETS
TO ASSURE CONTINUING PUBLICITY REGARDING JAMES EARL RAY.

ALL PENDING NEVADA CR CASES REVIEWED. RAY DOES NOT FIT
DESCRIPTION OF UNSUB.

ALL RETAIL SPORTING GOODS AND GUN STORES HAVE BEEN CIRCULATED
WITH RAY I.O. AND DESCRIPTION IN THE EVENT RAY SHOULD ATTEMPT TO
OBTAIN ADDITIONAL FIREARMS OR AMMUNITION.

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445PM URGENT 4-26-68 CMK

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY
FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775) 1P

MURKIN.

OFFICER RONALD BOCKENWAMP, INTELLIGENCE UNIT, ADVISED HE
RECALLED GOSSIP AT TIME OF SUBJECT'S ESCAPE THAT A FELLOW
PRISONER, RICH RENO, MAY HAVE BEEN DRIVER OF TRUCK IN WHICH
SUBJECT HID DURING ESCAPE.

KANSAS CITY DETERMINE IDENTIFYING DATA AND LAST WHEREABOUTS
OF RENO FROM RECORDS MSP, JEFFERSON CITY, AND SET LEAD FOR
INTERVIEW. P

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451PM URGENT 4/26/68 MD

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), LOUISVILLE, MEMPHIS (44-1987),
BIRMINGHAM (44-1740), ATLANTA (44-2386), LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
FROM MILWAUKEE (44-388) 2P

RE JAMES EARL RAY

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, MILWAUKEE, MEMPHIS,
LOS ANGELES, AND BIRMINGHAM INSTANT DATE.

FOR INFO LOUISVILLE, RE TELETYPE ADVISED NINETEEN SIXTY SIX
MUSTANG ABANDONED BY RAY IN ATLANTA, APRIL FIVE, LAST, HAS SEARS
AND ROEBUCK REPLACEMENT BATTERY. LOCATED ON TOP OF NEGATIVE POST
IS NUMBER F FOUR ONE EIGHT. THE INSCRIPTION "SQUARE" FOUR
EIGHT IS ON TOP OF A LEAD SHIELD WASHER AT THE NEGATIVE POST
AND "C EIGHT" ON THE BOTTOM OF SAME WASHER.

MILWAUKEE REQUESTED TO CONTACT LARRY AMATEIS, FIELD SERVICE
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SPECIFIC GLOBE UNION PLANT WHICH MANUFACTURED THIS BATTERY AND
TOWHICH STATE, IF POSSIBLE, BATTERY WAS SHIPPED FOR SALE. GET
OUT LEADS IF APPROPRIATE AND ADVISE ATLANTA, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM
AND LOS ANGELES OF RESULTS.

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LARRY ANATEIS, FIELD SERVICE MANAGER, GLOBE UNION, INC., MILWAUKEE, ADVISED E-FOUR ONE INDICATES BATTERY MANUFACTURED AT LOUISVILLE PLANT, LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY AND THE "C EIGHT" INDICATES THAT THIS BATTERY WAS SHIPPED FROM THE LOUISVILLE PLANT TO A SEARS STORE IN MARCH OF SIXTY EIGHT.

HE ADVISED THAT LOUISVILLE SHIPS BATTERIES TO ALL OF KENTUCKY, MICHIGAN, OHIO, MISSOURI, N.E. PORTION OF INDIANA, SOUTHERN HALF OF W. VIRGINIA, NORTHERN PORTION OF TENNESSEE AND SOUTHERN HALF OF ILLINOIS.

HE ADVISED THE PERSONS TO CONTACT AT THE LOUISVILLE PLANT ARE MR. JOHN GAYMART OR MR. CARNELL, PHONE NO. FIVE ZERO TWO - NINE SIX FOUR - SIX FOUR THREE ONE.

HE STATED IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO DETERMINE EXACTLY WHAT SEARS STORE THIS BATTERY WAS SHIPPED TO. HE DOUBTS IF THE LOUISVILLE PLANT WOULD BE ABLE TO FURNISH THIS INFO UNLESS THERE WAS A WARRANTY CARD ISSUED WITH THE PURCHASE OF THE BATTERY.

LOUISVILLE AT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, CONTACT MR. JOHN GAYMART FOR MORE SPECIFIC INFO RE INSTANT BATTERY.

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453PM URGENT 4-26-68 MCP

TO DIRECTOR, MIAMI, AND HOUSTON
FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 1P

MURKIN.

RE MIAMI TEL THREE ZERO TWO P.M., APRIL TWENTYSIX.

REFERENCE MIAMI TEL SETS FORTH INFO RECEIVED FROM PAUL ALVIN LAIL, FORMER MISSOURI STATE PEN INMATE. OF INTEREST IN CONNECTION WITH INTERVIEW OF LAIL IS STATEMENT THAT HE FELT RAY MIGHT GO TO PLACE ABOUT SIZE OF HOUSTON, TEXAS. SINCE NEIL ABEY ALSO KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN RESIDENT OF HOUSTON AREA, REQUEST MIAMI REINTERVIEW LAIL TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER OR NOT HE HAD ANY REASON FOR PICKING OUT CITY SIZE OF HOUSTON, OR IF HE HAS INFO SUGGESTING RAY MAY HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH ABEY OR ANYONE ELSE IN HOUSTON. AM COPIES TO ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY.

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TO DIRECTOR, KANSAS CITY, AND MEMPHIS
FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

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RE KANSAS CITY TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS, ST. LOUIS,
INSTANT DATE.

RECORDS OF MISSOURI TRAINING SCHOOL FOR MEN, MOBERLY,
MISSOURI, FAILED TO INDICATE THAT ERIC LARSON IS NOW, OR HAS
EVER BEEN, IN INMATE OF THIS INSTITUTION. NUMBER ZERO EIGHT
SEVEN SEVEN IS NOT A MOBERLY NUMBER.

INMATE JAMES C. FLETCHER, SEVEN TWO ZERO SEVEN ONE, KNEW
RAY FROM GOING BACK AND FORTH TO THE DINING ROOM TO EAT.
EVERYONE IN THE PENITENTIARY KNEW HIM BY REPUTATION, AS HE
HAD ATTEMPTED TO ESCAPE SO MANY TIMES. HE REPORTED RAY BEING
MISSING AT THE TIME OF HIS ESCAPE, APRIL TWENTYTHREE, SIXTYSEVEN,
TO LIEUTENANT BILLY "BOB" TURNER, AFTER HE HAD HEARD IT FROM
OTHER INMATES. THE RUMOR WAS THAT RAY WAS GOING TO GO TO
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GEORGIA IF HIS ESCAPE WAS SUCCESSFUL. MAJOR B. J. PORTER, PRESENTLY AT THE PENITENTIARY AT JEFFERSON CITY, WOULD KNOW THE IDENTITY OF THE INMATES WHO FURNISHED THIS INFORMATION.

INMATE DONALD DEAN RIGGER, NUMBER ZERO THREE NINE FIVE NINE, WHITE MALE, DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED], PLACE OF BIRTH CAMPBELL, MISSOURI, CONVICTED DECEMBER, FIFTYONE, AND AN INMATE AT JEFFERSON CITY FROM DECEMBER, FIFTYONE THROUGH AUGUST, SIXTYSEVEN, WORKED IN THE KITCHEN AT THE PENITENTIARY WITH RAY. HE ADVISED NO ONE WAS REAL FRIENDLY WITH RAY. RIGGER, BEFORE HIS APPREHENSION, JUMPED BOND AND WAS IN SALTILLO COAHUILA, MEXICO, AND RECEIVED MAIL FROM THERE. RAY ASKED QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE ECONOMY IN MEXICO AND WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THE ARMY STRUCTURE. IT WAS GENERALLY KNOWN THAT IF YOU COULD GET INTO THE MEXICAN ARMY THAT YOU WOULD LOSE YOUR IDENTITY. RIGGER ADVISED THAT THE PERSON WHO WAS CLOSEST TO RAY WAS AN INMATE, DONALD JOHNSON, WHO PRESENTLY IS EMPLOYED IN THE BREAD ROOM AT JEFFERSON CITY.

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KANSAS CITY, AT JEFFERSON CITY, RECHECK MSP RECORD
FOR ERIC LARSON TO DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS. CONTACT MAJOR
B. J. PORTER AND INTERVIEW INMATE DONALD JOHNSON.

BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO CONSIDER ADVISING MEXICO LEGATS
TO CHECK RECENT ARMY ENLISTMENTS IN MEXICO.

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516PM URGENT 4-26-68 ENT

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 2P

MURKIN. DAILY SUMMARY.

INFORMATION RECEIVED JIMMY CARPENTER, CLOSE ASSOCIATE, MSP, WITH RAY IS CURRENTLY INCARCERATED ST. LOUIS CO. JAIL. ST. LOUIS ADVISED.

FORMER ESCAPEE FROM MSP AND TOP TEN FUGITIVE, GEORGE BEN EDMONDSON, INTERVIEWED AT MSP. ADVISED THAT ALL INMATES ARE AWARE HOW EASY IT IS TO GET CANADIAN PASSPORTS IN MONTREAL BY JUST USING SUCH PAPERS AS BIRTH CERTIFICATES. EDMONDSON COULD FURNISH NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING RAY, OTHER THAN RAY ASSOCIATED WITH INMATES FROM ST. LOUIS AT MSP, AND WAS ALWAYS TRYING TO "MAKE A BUCK".

RECORDS, MSP, REGARDING VISITORS TO SUBJECT DURING HIS INCARCERATION FURNISHED PERTINENT OFFICES.

FBI LABORATORY ADVISED THAT THE "GALT" WRITINGS CONSIDERED TOGETHER WITH SPECIMENS OF RAY'S HANDWRITING OBTAINED FROM MSP, CAN BE IDENTIFIED AS HAVING BEEN PREPARED BY SAME INDIVIDUAL. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF LIMITED QUESTIONED MATERIAL AND LACK OF

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COMPARABLE LETTERS AND LETTER COMBINATIONS IT COULD NOT BE DETERMINED WHETHER THE "HARVEY LOWMYER" SIGNATURE ON GUN INVOICE WAS PREPARED BY JAMES E. RAY. NUMEROUS ADDITIONAL HANDWRITING SAMPLES BEING OBTAINED FROM MSP AND BEING FORWARDED TO FBI LABORATORY.

COMPLETE SUMMARY OF PERTINENT INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED KANSAS CITY AREA SINCE GALT WAS IDENTIFIED AS RAY, FURNISHED MEMPHIS AND BUREAU.

NUMEROUS TELEPHONE CALLS FROM LOCAL CITIZENS REGARDING LOOK ALIKES AND MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONTINUE TO BE RECEIVED AND ARE HANDLED IMMEDIATELY.

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54PM URGENT 4-16-68 RNF

TO DIRECTOR /44-38861/ MEMPHIS /44-1987/ SPRINGFIELD /44-361/
FROM CHICAGO /44-1114/

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SUMMARY CHICAGO DIVISION

COMMANDING OFFICER, IDENT BUREAU, CHICAGO PD, ADVISED TODAY HE IS CONTINUING PROGRAM CHECKING OUTSTANDING LATENTS AGAINST SUBJECT'S PRINTS CONSISTENT WITH AVAILABLE PERSONNEL. HAS SEVERAL THOUSAND LATENTS IN FILE AND TO DATE HAS ELIMINATED ESTIMATE TWO TO THREE HUNDRED. HE IS AWARE OF IMPORTANCE THIS MATTER AND IS PERSONALLY SPENDING CONSIDERABLE TIME WHEN POSSIBLE ELIMINATING LATENTS ADVISED BY THREE LATENT EXAMINERS WHEN AVAILABLE.

INQUIRY OF NUMEROUS "HIPPIES" REVEAL THAT THEY DO FREQUENT A PARTICULAR AREA, HOWEVER, THERE ARE NO "HIPPIE" ROOMING HOUSES AT SUCH. UPON ARRIVAL OF NEWCOMER, HE OR SHE WILL MOVE IN WITH GROUP IN AN APARTMENT. CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED THAT AT MEETING OF YOUTH INTERNATIONAL PARTY LAST EVENING, ATTENDED BY ABOUT FORTYFIVE "HIPPIES". THE SUBJECT OF JAMES EARL RAY WAS BROUGHT UP WITH CONCERN MADE THAT POLICE WILL PROBABLY CONTACT MEMBERS RE SUBJECT. NO HOSTILITY TOWARDS POLICE NOTED AND NO INDICATION THAT ANYONE HAD

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INFO RE SUBJECT'S WHEREABOUTS.

COPIES OF IO WERE GIVEN TO COMMANDER, EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT, CHICAGO PD, FOR ALL PERSONNEL ASSIGNED SINCE THIS DISTRICT ENCOMPASSES THE "HIPPIE" SECTION OF CHICAGO.

RECORDS, COOK COUNTY HOSPITAL, SHOW SUBJECT ADMITTED MAY SIX, FIFTY TWO, FOR GUNSHOT WOUNDS. DISCHARGE DATE NOT SHOWN. OTHER RECORDS ON MICROFILM AND NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL APRIL TWENTY NINE NEXT. RECORDS, BRIDGELL HOSPITAL, HOUSE OF CORRECTION, NOT AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW UNTIL SAME DATE. THESE REVIEWS BEING CONDUCTED TO OBTAIN ANY ADDITIONAL IDENTIFYING DATA AND/OR BACKGROUND INFO.

CHICAGO CONTINUES TO INVESTIGATE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE REPORTEDLY IN THE PAST THREATENED TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEY COULD BE CONSPIRATORS IN MURKIN.

RE INFO FURNISHED BY SENATOR WALLACE BENNETT.

SEPARATE TELETYPE BEING SUBMITTED, HOWEVER, INVESTIGATION CHICAGO REVEALS INDIVIDUAL ALLEGEDLY CHAUFFEURING FOR KING IS KELLY WILLIAMS, ELDERLY COLORED MALE WHO IN NINETEEN SIXTY SIX HAD APPARENT MENTAL PROBLEMS AND OTHER REASONS TO DOUBT HIS VERACITY. WILLIAMS, CHICAGO FORMER EMPLOYER, RECALLS HIM AS HAVING BRAIN DISEASE AND

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POSSIBLY DECEASED. SIMILAR STORY WAS EXTENSIVELY INVESTIGATED BY CHICAGO IN NINETEEN SIXTY SIX AND FOUND TO BE WITHOUT BASIS.

DAILY CONTACT WITH JERRY RAY, BROTHER AND SUSAN DOMIN, SISTER BEING MAINTAINED. NO ADDITIONAL INFO DEVELOPED THIS DATE.

LOCAL NEWS MEDIA CONTINUING TO GIVE MAXIMUM COVERAGE TO RAY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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