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TO: SAC, SACRAMENTO (100-427)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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RESCTEL FIVE TWENTY-EIGHT LAST.

IN VIEW OF DRIVER'S LICENSE PROJECT TO REVIEW DRIVER'S LICENSE IN STATE OF CALIFORNIA, YOU SHOULD NOT REVIEW ALL APPLICATIONS FOR MONTHS OF APRIL AND MAY, SIXTY-EIGHT. IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR RECOMMENDATION, YOU SHOULD REVIEW UNFILED APPLICATIONS ON DAILY BASIS UNTIL EVERY APPLICATION NOW IN ARREARS IS ACCOUNTED FOR. THIS WILL BE FOR MONTHS OF APRIL AND MAY, SIXTY-EIGHT AND SHOULD BE DONE AT NO COST TO BUREAU. ADVISE BUREAU IF REVIEW OF RECORDS INVOLVES ANY UNDUE PROBLEM OR WILL INVOLVE EXTENSIVE UTILIZATION OF PERSONNEL.

AIR MAIL TO MEMPHIS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND SAC NEWARK (44-854)  
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN.

RE JERRY WILLIAM RAY

JERRY ADVISED THIS DATE THAT HE HAS FINALIZED PLANS TO VISIT GIRL FRIEND IN CAMDEN, NEWJERSEY, AND WILL LEAVE CHICAGO VIA UAL FLIGHT ONE TWO ZERO AT TWO TEN PM, JUNE FIVE NEXT, ARRIVE PHILADELPHIA FOUR THIRTY PM. PLANS TO RETURN TO CHICAGO JUNE SEVEN NEXT LEAVING AIRPORT AT PHILADELPHIA EITHER TWO OR FOUR PM.

STATES PEOPLE MEETING HIM AT AIRPORT, PHILADELPHIA, WITH A RENTED CAR SINCE HE ALREADY HAS SENT THE MONEY FOR SAME. WILL STAY AT TWO FOUR TWO ZERO ARNOLD STREET, CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY. JERRY STILL HAS NOT FURNISHED NAME OF GIRL FRIEND OR HOW HE MET HER. MATTER NOT PRESSED IN VIEW OF COOPERATION BEING RECEIVED BY NEWARK OFFICE. JERRY WILL CALL PRIOR TO LEAVING AND ANY CHANGE IN PLANS WILL BE FURNISHED IMMEDIATELY. AM COPIES TO PHILADELPHIA AND MEMPHIS.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-361) -P-

MURKIN, CR.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU MAY THIRTY ONE, LAST.  
RESIDENCES TWELVE HUNDRED BLOCK FOURTH STREET, ALTON,  
ILLINOIS, CANVASSED; PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND  
ASSOCIATED DISPLAYED WITHOUT EFFECTING IDENTIFICATION.  
INFORMANTS ALTON RA RECONTACTED AND CAN PROVIDE NO INFORMA-  
TION INDICATING RAY IN ALTON, JULY, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN.  
INFORMANT INSTRUCTED INITIATE DISCREET INQUIRY IN THIS REGARD.  
SUSPECTS JOHN MC CLINTOCK AND WILLIE LEE CONTACTED; STATE  
THEY HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF RAY AND DENY ANY CONTACT BY HIM.  
AIRMAIL COPY SENT ST. LOUIS <sup>CHICAGO</sup> AND MEMPHIS FOR INFORMATION.

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LOUISVILLE (44-947)

FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578)

MURKIN, OO: MEMPHIS

RE LOUISVILLE TELETYPE TO BUREAU, SIX ONE LAST, AND  
PITTSBURGH TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, SIX TWO LAST.

ON SIX THREE INSTANT, CORPORAL R. G. FINK, WEST VIRGINIA  
STATE POLICE, WAYNE COUNTY, W. VA., WAS CONTACTED, AND STATED  
THAT IN REFERENCE TO THE UNIDENTIFIED BODY DESCRIBED IN RETEL,  
THIS BODY HAD BEEN TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED AS JAMES FORD HEDGE,  
WHITE MALE, APPROXIMATELY SEVENTYFIVE, IN NINETEEN SIXTYSIX.  
FINK SAID BODY HAD BEEN RECOVERED IN DETERIORATED CONDITION  
AND WAS WRAPPED IN ARMY BLANKET. THE BODY HAD NO TEETH AND  
THE ANKLES WERE BOUND WITH STRING. HE SAID THE SKULL HAD NO  
METAL PLATE AND TEETH FOUND IN HEDGE'S APARTMENT WERE  
DETERMINED IN ALL PROBABILITY TO HAVE BELONGED TO UNIDENTIFIED  
BOEZ.

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ON SIX THREE INSTANT, AZEL BRYANT, COMMANDER, INVESTIGATIVE UNIT, HUNTINGTON PD, STATED HIS RECORDS REFLECTED A MISSING PERSONS REPORT FOR JAMES FORD HEDGE, SEVEN THREE SEVEN SEVENTH STREET, HUNTINGTON, W. VA., IN AUGUST, NINETEEN SIXTYSIX. HE STATED A BODY WAS RECOVERED ON ONE TWENTYTHREE SIXTYSEVEN, IN A DUMP OUTSIDE HUNTINGTON CITY LIMITS, IN WAYNE COUNTY, W. VA. HE STATED INVESTIGATION BY HIS DEPARTMENT REVEALED THAT IN ALL PROBABILITY, UNIDENTIFIED BODY WAS THAT OF HEDGE. HE STATED AN AUTOPSY WAS MADE, WHICH REFLECTED NO METAL PLATE IN THE HEAD OF UNIDENTIFIED BODY. HE STATED HAIR FROM BODY MATCHED HAIR FOUND ON COMB IN HEDGE'S ROOM AND THAT DENTAL PLATE IN VICTIM'S ROOM MATCHED JAW OF UNIDENTIFIED BODY. HE SAID PATHOLOGIST'S REPORT INDICATED UNIDENTIFIED BODY APPROXIMATE AGE AND BUILD OF HEDGE. HE STATED ALTHOUGH NO POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION COULD BE MADE, IT IS REASONABLY CERTAIN THAT UNIDENTIFIED BODY IS IDENTICAL TO HEDGE.

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TO DIRECTOR FBI

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

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

DAILY SUMMARY.

RE SAN FRANCISCO AIRTEL JUNE THREE LAST CONCERNING  
BRUCE IRWIN GOVERN AND LAWRENCE MATTHEW TIMMONS.

MEMPHIS TELEPHONE NO. FIVE TWO SEVEN - SIX SIX ONE ONE  
IS LISTING FOR CITY HALL WHERE MEMPHIS CITY COUNCIL MAINTAINS  
OFFICES. TELEPHONE NOS. FIVE TWO SIX - EIGHT EIGHT ONE ONE  
AND FIVE TWO SIX - TWO ONE FOUR ONE ARE LISTINGS TO "MEMPHIS  
PRESS-SCIMITAR" AND "COMMERCIAL APPEAL," TWO MEMPHIS DAILY  
NEWSPAPERS. IT IS NOTED LAST TELEPHONE NO. PREFIX IS FIVE TWO  
SIX AS THERE ARE NO FIVE ONE SIX LISTINGS AS CONTAINED IN RE  
SAN FRANCISCO AIRTEL.

IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE BUREAU, IF NOT ALREADY DONE,  
ALERT LEGATS PARIS, BONN AND ROME FOR POSSIBILITY SUBJECT

Airtel MAY HAVE FLOWN THERE, ~~RELEVANT INFORMATION~~.

Teletype ALSO SUGGESTED FOR BUREAU'S CONSIDERATION, THE POSSIBILITY

A.M. THAT SUBJECT MAY HAVE FLED TO SOUTH AFRICA, ASSUMING THAT A

A.M.S.D. 1 - SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) (AM)

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RACIAL CRIME OF THIS MAGNITUDE MIGHT ENDEAR HIM TO THE  
SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT.

AM COPY TO SAN FRANCISCO.

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MEMPHIS 6-5-68

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, AND NEW YORK

FROM ATLANTA 44-1987

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REPLY BY INVESTIGATOR CONDUCTED JUNE FIVE INSTANT.  
JAMES E. BAKER, 110 WEST 31ST AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY,  
TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED ATLANTA OFFICE THIS DATE WHILE IN  
ATLANTA AREA. BAKER STATED AFTER BUREAU'S 6-5-68 COVER PAGE  
DISCLOSED RECORDS OF SUSPECT RAY, HE BELIEVED HE WAS A FUGITIVE  
AND APPEARED IDENTICAL TO RAY AT THE 1968 RAY, TWENTY-ONE  
AND TWENTY-THREE STREET, NYC, APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS AGO.  
BAKER STATED THIS INDIVIDUAL INTRODUCED HIMSELF AS GORDON  
(LNU), A MEMBER OF THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY AND RESIDING AT A PLACE  
NAMED "ELMWOOD" TWO BLOCKS FROM THE HOTEL AT TWENTY-ONE  
AND TWENTY-THREE STREET - NOW USED AS A HOTEL FOR TRANSPORT. BAKER  
ADVISED CONTACT WAS MADE (LNU) IN NEW YORK CITY FOR  
APPROXIMATELY FIFTY DOLLARS PER DAY, PLUS A TRIP  
FOR CLOTHING (LNU). BAKER STATED HE HAD NO OTHER INFO.  
RAY AND GORDON WERE IN NEW YORK CITY, BLACK HAT, NO VISIBLE  
DRESS OR MARKS, SPEAKING ONLY IN WHISPERS, LOW VOICE, AND PLAYING  
POUNCE. BAKER OF THE BUREAU RECORD (LNU) AND RAY THE TROOP.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS DALLAS AND MINNEAPOLIS  
FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 3P

MURKIN.

DAILY SUMMARY.

RE DALLAS TEL JUNE FIVE LAST CONCERNING PAUL BRIDGEMAN.

KANSAS CITY, MO. POLICE DEPARTMENT RECORDS SHOW PAUL J. BRIDGEMAN WAS ARRESTED MARCH NINETEEN LAST AT KANSAS CITY, MO., FOR CARELESS DRIVING, DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE AND FAILURE TO DISPLAY OPERATOR'S LICENSE, AND COURT DATE SET FOR APRIL ELEVEN LAST.

ALEX FAZZINO, PART-OWNER PASSATINO BONDING CO., SIX ZERO ONE EAST ELEVENTH ST., KANSAS CITY, MO., ADVISED BRIDGEMAN WAS BONDED MARCH NINETEEN LAST, BY PAYING FIFTY-FIVE DOLLARS FOR A THREE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLAR BOND. BRIDGEMAN LISTED OCCUPATION AT K. W. DART COMPANY AND RESIDENCE AS FIFTY-FOUR THIRTY-EIGHT SKYLINE DRIVE, ROELAND PARK, KS., AND THE NETHERLANDS HOTEL, KANSAS CITY, MO. FAZZINO STATED JACKIE KLINE OF FIFTY-FOUR THIRTY-EIGHT SKYLINE DRIVE ALSO SIGNED BRIDGEMAN'S BOND, AND MR. SOLTZ IS SHOWN AS BRIDGEMAN'S ATTORNEY.

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MAURICE SOLTZ, ATTORNEY, ARGYLE BLDG., KANSAS CITY, MO., STATES HE WAS HIRED BY JACKIE KLINE SOMETIME AFTER APRIL ELEVEN LAST AT WHICH TIME KLINE INDICATED THAT BRIDGEMAN HAD LEFT TOWN. SOLTZ STATED KLINE WAS ABLE TO GET BRIDGEMAN'S CASE CONTINUED ON APRIL ELEVEN LAST, AND SOLTZ HAS OBTAINED TWO CONTINUATIONS AND THE NEXT APPEARANCE DATE IS JUNE TWENTY NEXT. SOLTZ SAID HE NEVER MET BRIDGEMAN AND HE DOES NOT KNOW BRIDGEMAN'S WHEREABOUTS. SOLTZ STATED JACKIE KLINE'S GIRLFRIEND SANDRA LAUGEN, TOLD SOLTZ THAT KLINE HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH BRIDGEMAN BY LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALLS SINCE BRIDGEMAN LEFT KANSAS CITY.

LAUGEN WAS INTERVIEWED AND DENIES KNOWING THE WHEREABOUTS OF KLINE OR BRIDGEMAN. LAUGEN STATED KLINE CALLED HER SUNDAY, JUNE TWO LAST AND SAID SHE WAS LEAVING KANSAS CITY, MO., BUT WOULD NOT SAY WHERE SHE WAS GOING.

RECORDS AT THE NETHERLANDS HOTEL SHOW THAT KLINE CHECKED OUT ON JUNE TWO LAST, AND KLINE TOLD HER EMPLOYER ON JUNE TWO LAST THAT SHE WAS LEAVING TOWN AFTER FINISHING WORK THAT DA. AND KLINE'S SIXTY-EIGHT CHEVROLET WAS PACKED WITH HER PERSONAL BELONGINGS. ALSO RECORDS AT THE NETHERLAND HOTEL INDICATE PAUL BRIDGEMAN, TWO ONE ZERO SIX NORTH FIRST ST., DALLAS, TEXAS., STAYED ONE NIGHT, MARCH TWO TWO LAST, HAD NO LUGGAGE AND PAID IN ADVANCE. NO TELEPHONE CALLS WERE MADE BY BRIDGEMAN FROM THE NETHERLANDS HOTEL ON MARCH TWO TWO LAST.

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SEARCH STILL BEING MADE FOR PHONE CALLS MADE BY KLINE.

JAMES DUARDI, PROPRIETOR OF OLD FORTRESS TAVERN, KANSAS CITY, MO., PROBABLY IDENTICAL WITH JIM DOUGHERTY, NAMED BY ROTHBERT AS CONTACT OF BRIDGEMAN. DUARDI CLAIMED HAD NOT SEEN BRIDGEMAN FOR TWO MONTHS.

DALLAS ENDEAVOR TO LOCATE BRIDGEMAN AT ABOVE DALLAS ADDRESS AND CONTACT ROTHBERG DAILY AND REQUEST BUREAU APPROVAL TO OBTAIN HIS PAST PHONE CALLS AND MONITOR FUTURE CALLS SINCE IMPERATIVE BRIDGEMAN BE LOCATED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

MINNEAPOLIS LOCATE AND INTERVIEW JONE E. SHEPARD, FORMER CIVILIAN COOK, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, PROBABLY ACQUAINTED WITH SUBJECT RAY WHO WORKED AS INMATE IN BAKERY. SHEPARD LISTED MRS. ALICE CAIN, JR., JACKSON, MINNESOTA, AS PERSON TO BE NOTIFIED IN AN EMERGENCY.

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928PM URGENT 6-5-68 JJR

TO: DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS  
FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775) 2P

MURKIN - SUMMARY

RE CAROL PEPPER:

REINTERVIEWED. NO INFO RE SUBJECT OR WHEREABOUTS SINCE ESCAPE. NO EXPECTATION HE WOULD CONTACT HER. WOULD NOT KNOW HOW TO GET IN TOUCH WITH HER AS SHE HAS MOVED SINCE ESCAPE AND HAS UNLISTED TELEPHONE. SHE WOULD NOT BE INTERESTED IN HELPING HIM AS DOES NOT DESIRE SELF OR PARTICULARLY CHILDREN INVOLVED WITH HIM. IF SHOULD HEAR FROM HIM AND BE CONVINCED OF INNOCENCE WOULD FIND IT DIFFICULT TO TELL US. AGREED ANY EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD BE BEST RESOLVED BY LOCATING HIM.

DURING PERIOD APRIL TWENTY THIRD TO JULY EIGHTEENTH SIXTY SEVEN SHE WAS EMPLOYED AS TEACHER AIDE, HEAD START PROGRAM, ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL, SLMO, EIGHT TO FOUR EACH WEEK DAY. PAID BY ARCHDIOCESE. RECALLED ONLY ONE DAY ABSENT THIS PERIOD.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (100-427)

MURKIN, CR.

REBUTEL JUNE ONE, LAST.

RE: REVIEW OF DRIVERS LICENSE APPLICATIONS.

REVIEW OF UNFILED APPLICATIONS INSTITUTED AT NO COST  
TO BUREAU AND IS INVOLVING NO UNDUE PROBLEMS. FIVE SPECIAL  
AGENTS BEING UTILIZED FOR TWO TO FOUR HOURS DAILY.

AIRMAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA AND MEMPHIS  
FROM DALLAS (44-2649) 2-P

MURKIN

RE MIAMI TEL JUNE FIVE LAST CONCERNING PASSENGERS ON FLIGHTS  
FROM ATLANTA TO CANADA.

JIM DONAHUE, BRANIFF AIRLINES, DALLAS, ADVISED FROM A REVIEW OF  
THE AUDITORS COUPONS THAT BRANIFF TICKETS ZERO ZERO TWO-THREE ONE  
ONE-ONE ZERO SEVEN ONE ZERO SIX THROUGH ONE ONE ZERO WERE ISSUED  
TO RENEE BLAIS, PAUL BOUCHARD, RONALD LUTTRELL, ROGER BARBEAU AND  
MRS. R. BARBEAU RESPECTIVELY. THEY WERE FOR BRANIFF FLIGHT ONE  
EIGHT TWO FROM SAN ANTONIO TO DALLAS ON APRIL SIX LAST. THESE  
BRANIFF TICKETS WERE REISSUES OF AIR CANADA TICKETS ZERO ONE  
FOUR-FOUR SIX ONE-ZERO SEVEN ONE-NINE FIVE ONE THROUGH NINE FIVE  
FOUR ISSUED TO ROGER BARBEAU, RENEE BLAIS, PAUL BOUCHARD AND  
RONALD LUTTRELL RESPECTIVELY. IT WAS A REISSUE OF AIR CANADA TICKET  
ZERO ONE FOUR-FOUR SIX ONE-EIGHT-THREE EIGHT-FOUR ONE TWO FOR MRS.  
R. BARBEAU. THESE PERSONS WERE SCHEDULED TO FLY DELTA AIRLINES  
FROM DALLAS TO ATLANTA ON DELTA FLIGHT FIVE ZERO FOUR ON APRIL  
SIX LAST. THEY HAD OPEN RESERVATIONS ON EASTERN AIRLINES FROM  
ATLANTA TO MONTREAL.

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MR. CORANUT SAID THERE IS NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PASSENGERS ON THE ACCIDENTS COUPON AND THE RESERVATIONS INFORMATION WAS BEEN DESTROYED BY BRANIFF AIRLINES.

IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THESE PERSONS WERE TRAVELING AS A PARTY SINCE THEIR TICKETS ARE IN NUMERICAL ORDER AND THEY TRAVELED ON CONTINUING FLIGHTS TOGETHER.

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TO CINCINNATI, KANSAS CITY, LOUISVILLE, SEATTLE, SPRINGFIELD  
AND INDIANAPOLIS  
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN. OO MEMPHIS.

RE INDIANAPOLIS TEL TO BUREAU, CI, KC, LS, ME, SE, AND SI,  
JUNE SIX INSTANT.

ALL OFFICES ARE CAUTIONED THAT IN CONDUCTING INTERVIEWS,  
PERSONS INTERVIEWED ARE NOT TO BE INFORMED IN ANY MANNER OF ANY  
POSSIBLE CONNECTION BETWEEN RAMON GEORGE SNEYD AND RAY. WHEN  
PAUL OSBORN BRIDGMAN IS LOCATED, HE SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED IN  
DETAIL RE HIS CONTACTS WITH JAMES EARL RAY, BOTH IN THE PENITENTIARY  
AND AFTER RELEASE FROM THE PENITENTIARY. NO MENTION IS TO BE  
MADE OF ANY NEW NAME WHICH HAS BEEN DEVELOPED FOR JAMES EARL RAY.

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350PM URGENT 6-6-68 JJR

TO: DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS  
FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775) 2P

MURKIN - SUMMARY

RE JOHN LARRY RAY. EMPLOYMENT MAY TWENTY TWO TO JUNE TWO SIXTY  
SEVEN VERIFIED. ATTEMPTS TO VERIFY OTHER EMPLOYMENT CONTINUING  
RE JERRY WAYNES, CAROL PEPPER

SOURCES AND SPOTCHECKS REVEAL NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY.

RE FELLOW PRISONER DONALD GARFIELD COX. COX IN MSP SEPTEMBER SIXTY  
TO SEPT. SIXTY THREE. RECOGNIZED PHOTO OF RAY AS PRISONER HE  
KNEW SLIGHTLY. RAY WAS LONER. DID NOT ASSOCIATE WITH OTHER INMATES,  
NOT WELL LIKED. NOT KNOWN TO GAMBLE. COX UNABLE TO RECALL PRISONER  
NAMED ALLEN, BUT MIGHT RECOGNIZE PHOTO IF AVAILABLE. RECALLED  
INMATE JAMES BROWN AS NOTORIOUS LIAR AND TELLER OF FANTASTIC  
TALES, WHICH CAUSED HIM TO SHUN BROWN. BIRMINGHAM BEING ADVISED  
BY AIRTEL.

RE OBSCENE PEN PAL CLUBS. SLPD INSPECTOR ADVISED RON WILLIAMS,  
SLMO, DOES NOT OPERATE CLUB, BUT SENDS NUDE PHOTOS OF SELF TO CLUBS.  
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WAGG WILLIAMS WILL NOT BE INTERVIEWED. WAGG, SAVENPORT, IA., IS  
ROBERT J. SUDMA, PRACTICALLY UNKNOWN, SPECIALIZING IN FURNISHING  
PORNOGRAPHIC PHOTOS ON REQUEST. OBJECTS TO INTERVIEW OF SUDMA,  
AS SAME WOULD JEOPARDIZE PO CASE. WAGG SUDMA WILL NOT BE REQUESTED  
TO INTERVIEW.

RE JAMES DAVID DAILY. APPOINTMENT MADE TO REINTERVIEW DAILY AT  
PORTAGEVILLE, MO., TOMORROW.

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6:05PM URGENT 6-9-68 RCM

TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO AND MEMPHIS  
FROM NEWARK (44-654)

MURKIN

JERRY RAY, SUBJECT'S BROTHER, WAS VISITED RINLFRIEND, PCI MANUARD  
FETTERS DURING SIX FIVE DASH SEVEN LAST. DURING DISCUSSIONS WITH  
FETTERS AND FETTER'S LANDLADY, JERRY RAY INDICATED THE FOLLOWING:

SINCE SUBJECT HAD TO SERVE EIGHTEEN YEARS IN PRISON, HE CERTAINLY  
HAD NOTHING TO LOOSE IF SOMEONE DID OFFER HIM A LOT OF MONEY AND  
WOULD GET HIM OUT OF THE COUNTRY TO KILL A PERSON HE DIDN'T LIKE ANYWAY.  
THIS ANSWER WAS TO A DIRECT QUESTION BY PCI - "DID YOUR BROTHER KILL  
KING?"

THAT SUBJECT RECEIVED SOME MONEY IN ADVANCE WHICH HE MAINTAINED  
IN A SAFE DEPOSIT BOX AT UNKNOWN LOCATION, WHICH WAS WITHDRAWN WHEN  
"SUBJECT LEFT". IT IS TO BE NOTED THAT FROM WHERE HE LEFT WHEN HE  
WITHDREW THE MONEY COULD NOT BE CLARIFIED BY PCI. PCI STATED SUBJECT'S  
BROTHER, JERRY, INDICATED SUBJECT RECEIVED EITHER ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND  
OR FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS, BUT PCI COULD NOT RECALL WHICH  
FIGURE WAS MENTIONED BY JERRY RAY.

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"IT BROKE SUBJECT'S HEART TO ABANDON THE MISTAKE." JERRY RAY AT NO TIME DURING DISCUSSIONS WITH PCI OR LANDLADY, WHO IS ALSO CARRIED AS PCI, MADE A STATEMENT THAT HE HAD DIRECT KNOWLEDGE THAT SUBJECT KILLED KING OR WHO MADE THE MONEY AVAILABLE.

NEWARK DOES NOT DOUBT WORD OF PCIS, BUT HAS NO WAY TO EVALUATE JERRY RAY'S INFORMATION.

NEWARK FEELS PERHAPS THIS INFORMATION COULD BE USED IN DIRECT INTERVIEW OF SUBJECT, HOWEVER, TO APPROACH JERRY RAY ABOUT ABOVE WOULD MERELY DISCLOSE THE RELATION OF THE PCIS WITH THE FBI AND UNDOUBTEDLY STOP THE FLOW OF INFORMATION AVAILABLE FROM JERRY RAY.

JERRY RAY TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED PCI FETTERS TODAY AND INQUIRED IF SHE HEARD THE "BAD NEWS" (SUBJECT'S APPREHENSION). JERRY INDICATED THAT HE WILL VISIT HIS BROTHER IN ST. LOUIS AND THEY FEEL THEY WILL HAVE NO TROUBLE OBTAINING A GOOD ATTORNEY BECAUSE OF THE PUBLICITY.

SINCE SIX SEVEN LAST, NEWARK HAS CONSISTENTLY BEEN IN TOUCH WITH PCIS IN AN EFFORT TO CLARIFY ANY VARIATIONS IN INFORMATION FURNISHED BY EITHER THE LANDLADY OR FETTERS AS JERRY RAY HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH BOTH PARTIES.

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ACCORDING TO NEWARK PCI, JERRY RAY DEPARTED AT APPROXIMATELY  
THREE FIFTEEN P.M. TODAY FROM PHILADELPHIA INTERNATIONAL  
AIRPORT ON UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ONE FIVE. PCI SAID  
FLIGHT IS NON-STOP TO CHICAGO O'HARE AIRPORT. RESULTS OF  
CONTACT WITH JERRY RAY BY NEWARK INFORMANTS WILL FOLLOW.

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**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)**  
**FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)**  
**MURKIN, CR.**

**RE SI TEL TO BUREAU JUNE SIX LAST.**

**CASE DISCUSSED DISCREETLY WITH PAUL COUSLEY, EDITOR, ALTON EVENING TELEGRAPH, AT WHICH TIME AVAILABILITY OF HERMAN MONROE INJECTED INTO CONVERSATION. COUSLEY ADVISED NO WORTHWHILE TIPS RECEIVED AND SOURCES OF PAPER HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN MATTER.**

**DEPUTY SHERIFF DENNIS NICHOLAS, MADISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, EDWARDSVILLE, ILLINOIS, STATED HE WILL CONTACT SOURCES IN TRI-CITY AREA OF GRANITE CITY, MADISON, AND VENICE IN EFFORT TO DEVELOP INFORMATION. STATES HE HAS RECEIVED NO POSITIVE INFORMATION ON CASE TO DATE.**

**AM COPIES TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, AND ST. LOUIS FOR INFO.**

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) 2P

MURKIN.

PROSECUTIVE SUMMARY REPORT PREPARED THIS DATE BEING SUBMITTED VIA AMERICAN AIRLINES LATER THIS EVENING. DETAILS ON ARRIVAL WILL BE FURNISHED TELEPHONICALLY TO SOG.

DEPARTMENTAL REPRESENTATIVE IN MEMPHIS THIS DATE DID SECURE AFFIDAVITS IN CONNECTION WITH INSTANT CASE FROM PD REPRESENTATIVES, GUY WARREN CANIPE, JR., AND SAC, MEMPHIS. SAC, MEMPHIS AFFIDAVIT CONCERNS FACT THAT HE RECEIVED VARIOUS ITEMS FROM INSPECTOR N. E. ZACHARY OF MEMPHIS PD AND THAT HE IN TURN DIRECTED THESE ITEMS BE DELIVERED TO FBI LABORATORY. ITEMS MENTIONED IN AFFIDAVIT BY SAC ARE RIFLE, RIFLE SCOPE, BROWN BOX IN WHICH RIFLE WAS LOCATED, BINOCULARS, GRAY PAPER BAG BEARING LEGENT "YORK ARMS," CARTRIDGE SHELL REMOVED FROM RIFLE BY SAC, ~~AND~~ BULLET WHICH WAS RECOVERED BY BODY OF DR. KING, AND CARTRIDGE BOX.

AFFIDAVIT NOT SECURED FROM RALPH MEREDITH CARPENTER, YORK ARMS EMPLOYEE, BY DEPARTMENT AS OF SEVEN PM INASMUCH AS CARPENTER) STILL IN PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL. EFFORTS BEING MADE BY DEPARTMENTAL

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EMPLOYEE TO CONTACT APPROPRIATE PHYSICIAN AT HOSPITAL.

CHARLES Q. STEPHENS, WHO WAS RESIDENT AT ROOMING HOUSE OF INTEREST, NOT LOCATED THIS DATE AND HAS MOVED FROM ROOMING HOUSE RESIDENCE. STEPHENS, ACCORDING TO INVESTIGATION, IS MAKING EFFORTS TO AVOID CONTACT BY ANYONE.

NO FURTHER PERTINENT ACTIVITY THIS DATE. P.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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HUBERT H. RANEY, INSPECTOR, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, BUREAU OF PRISONS, AND JOHN J. CLARK, ALSO WITH U. S. BUREAU OF PRISONS, CONTACTED MEMPHIS FBI OFFICE ON AFTERNOON JUNE ELEVEN. THEY ADVISED THEY HAD BEEN IN MEMPHIS TWO DAYS ON INSTRUCTIONS ATTORNEY GENERAL COUNSELING WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES RE SECURITY MEASURES WHICH MAY BE NEEDED WHEN RAY IS RETURNED TO MEMPHIS. THEY STATED THEY ARE HERE IN ADVISORY CAPACITY AND TO BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE. PURPOSE IN CONTACTING FBI OFFICE WAS TO ADVISE THEY WERE IN CITY AND THAT THEY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY SUGGESTIONS THIS OFFICE MIGHT HAVE TO MAKE IN CONNECTION WITH HANDLING OF RAY IN MEMPHIS. FBI OFFICE AT MEMPHIS WILL MAKE NO COMMENTS RE HANDLING OR SECURITY OF RAY IF AND WHEN HE IS RETURNED TO MEMPHIS.

STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL PHIL M. CANALE, COVERING SHELBY COUNTY IN STATE OF TENNESSEE, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED SAC THIS DATE AS FOLLOWS:

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CANALE STATED HE WAS NOT IN AGREEMENT WITH DEPARTMENTAL REPRESENTATIVE JOHN ROSENBERG IN REGARD TO MAKING EFFORTS TO SECURE AFFIDAVITS FROM RALPH M. CARPENTER. CARPENTER, AS BUREAU IS AWARE, IS EMPLOYEE AT YORK ARMS WHO SOLD BINOCULARS TO SUBJECT INSTANT CASE AND HAS IDENTIFIED PHOTO. CARPENTER CURRENTLY CONFINED TENNESSEE PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL AND INSTITUTE IN MEMPHIS. CANALE WAS OF OPINION THAT ANY EXTENSIVE INTERVIEWS WITH CARPENTER MAY WELL LEAD TO EXTENSIVE PUBLICITY REGARDING HIS INCARCERATION AND MAY HAVE DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON FUTURE OF THIS CASE.

DEPARTMENTAL REPRESENTATIVE ROSENBERG CONTACTED MEMPHIS OFFICE AND ADVISED THAT AT PRESENT TIME NO INTERVIEWS WILL BE ATTEMPTED WITH CARPENTER. THIS INFO FURNISHED AT APPROXIMATELY FOUR PM, CST, TODAY.

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

MURKIN

JERRY RAY TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED ABC TV CHICAGO, REQUESTING  
INTERVIEW WITH REPORTER GERRY BLAIR THIS DATE. FILM AND AUDIO  
TAPES REVIEWED BY AGENTS AND NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DEVELOPED.  
JERRY STILL OBTAINS IDEAS FROM NEWSPAPERS AND TV STORIES CONCERNING  
BROTHER. DID STATE HE WILL GO TO MEMPHIS TO ASSIST BROTHER.  
SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THIS ACTION OF OBTAINING MONEY THROUGH PUBLICITY  
SOURCES WAS PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED BY JERRY AS ACTION HE WOULD TAKE  
TO OBTAIN MONEY FOR BROTHER'S DEFENSE AT TIME OF BROTHER'S ARREST.

FILM CLIP TO BE SHOWN LOCALLY BEGINNING SIX PM TONIGHT AND ON  
NETWORK TV BEGINNING TOMORROW MORNING.

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CORDRA YORK, SR., YORK ARMS, MEMPHIS, TENN., INTERVIEWED THIS DATE RE ACQUISITION OF SEVEN BY THIRTYFIVE BANNER BINOCULARS. YORK STATED REVIEW OF RECORDS HIS FIRM LOCATED INVOICE NO. D THREE THREE ZERO SIX FIVE, DATED OCTOBER THIRTYONE, SIXTYSEVEN, WHEREIN YORK ARMS CO. RECEIVED FROM D. P. BUSHNELL & CO., INC., PASADENA, CALIF., A SHIPMENT OF SEVEN BY THIRTYFIVE BANNER BINOCULARS. YORK SAYS ORDER PLACED ON OCTOBER TWENTY, SIXTYSEVEN, AND SIX PAIRS BINOCULARS TO BE PLACED IN SNAP TOP CASES. BINOCULARS SHIPPED ON OCTOBER THIRTY, SIXTYSEVEN, ACCORDING TO INVOICE, AND BILLING DATE OF INVOICE LISTED AS OCTOBER THIRTYONE, SIXTYSEVEN.

YORK SAID HE RECEIVED OTHER SEVEN BY THIRTYFIVE BANNER BINOCULARS IN JANUARY, SIXTYEIGHT, AND IN APRIL, SIXTYEIGHT, BUT THESE WERE WIDE ANGLE BINOCULARS AND RETAILED FOR HIGHER PRICE. HE ALSO SAID THAT IF SALESMAN RALPH CARPENTER HAD TO GO TO WINDOW SHOWCASE TO REMOVE PAIR OF BINOCULARS THEY WERE IN ALL PROBABILITY LAST PAIR IN STOCK. HE SAID THEY REORDER PERIODICALLY FROM D. P.

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BUSHNELL & CO., INC., AS SUPPLY DIMINISHES. YORK SAID THERE IS NO RECORD KEPT BY HIS FIRM OR RECEIVED FROM BUSHNELL IDENTIFYING THE BINOCULARS BY SERIAL NO. REVIEW OF YORK ARMS RECORDS FAILED TO LOCATE SUBSEQUENT INVOICE TO SHOW PURCHASES OF SEVEN BY THIRTYFIVE BANNER BINOCULARS IN SNAP <sup>TOP</sup> ~~TOP~~ CASES SINCE INVOICE DATED OCTOBER THIRTYONE, SIXTYSEVEN. REVIEW OF STOCK ON HAND DID SHOW ONE PAIR OF THE SEVEN BY THIRTYFIVE BINOCULARS WHICH RETAILED AT A THIRTYNINE NINETYFIVE PRICE. THESE BINOCULARS HE SAID WERE IDENTICAL TO THOSE SOLD BY SALESMAN RALPH CARPENTER IN THIS CASE EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE IN ZIPPER TYPE CASE RATHER THAN SNAP TOP CASE. YORK SAID MOST OF CUSTOMERS PURCHASING BINOCULARS PREFER THE SNAP TYPE CASE AND HE HAS EXCHANGED CASES TO SATISFY CUSTOMERS' REQUESTS. OF OPINION THIS MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED IN THIS INSTANCE.

INFO PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED FROM BUREAU THAT ONE R. W. TROTTER TELEPHONE THREE FOUR THREE DASH TWO ONE TWO NINE, CUNNINGHAM, TENN., TELEPHONED PENTAGON, WASHINGTON, EVENING JUNE SEVEN. TROTTER REPORTEDLY SAID HE WAS KILLER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING AND THAT HE KNEW GIRL IN POLKA DOT DRESS AT SCENE OF SHOOTING OF

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SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY IN LOS ANGELES. MONTGOMERY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPRESENTATIVES, SHERIFF JOEL PLUMMER AND DEPUTIES BOBBY STANLEY AND BOBBY HEATON, STATE ROBERT WADE TROTTER IS RESIDENT CUNNINGHAM, TENN. WHO HAS IN PAST SERVED PRISON SENTENCE. DEPUTIES STANLEY AND HEATON SAID TROTTER HAS ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS FURNISHED THEM INFO RE SALE OF ILLEGAL DRUGS, ILLEGAL WHISKEY STILL, AND OTHER INSTALLATIONS IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY. INVESTIGATION BASED ON COMPLAINTS OF TROTTER HAS SHOWN HIS INFO IN EACH INSTANCE INACCURATE AND UNRELIABLE. SHERIFF PLUMMER AND HIS TWO DEPUTIES ALL CONSIDER TROTTER COMPLETELY UNRELIABLE, UNTRUSTWORTHY, AND ALCOHOLIC. EFFORTS MADE BY SA TO INTERVIEW TROTTER, JUNE EIGHT LAST, RE PHONE CALL MADE TO WASHINGTON EARLIER THAT MORNING. TROTTER ISSUED IMMEDIATE DENIAL AND STATED HE WAS SUPPORTER OF GEORGE WALLACE FOR PRESIDENT AND CLAIMED IF WALLACE ELECTED HE, TROTTER, WOULD BE BIG MAN. IN

TROTTER FURTHER DENIED MAKING PHONE CALL AND DENIED HE HAD INFO CONCERNING MURDER MARTIN LUTHER KING OR MURDER OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. HE REFUSED FURTHER INTERVIEWS BY AGENT AND DEPUTIES WHO HAD ACCOMPANIED AGENT TO RESIDENCE OF TROTTER.  
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DEPUTY HEATON OF MONTGOMERY CO. SO ADVISED HE HAD LEARNED THAT MAN WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS R. W. TROTTER, TELEPHONE THREE FOUR TWO DASH TWO ONE TWO NINE, CUNNINGHAM, TENN., HAD PLACED LONG DISTANCE PHONE CALL TO GOVERNOR GEORGE WALLACE, MONTGOMERY, ALA., SHORTLY BEFORE ONE A.M., JUNE EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT, BUT OFFICE OF GOVERNOR REFUSED CALL. THIS SAME PERSON AT APPROXIMATELY TWELVE FIFTYTWO A.M., TELEPHONED PENTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C., AND TALKED FOR MORE THAN EIGHT MINUTES WHEN PHONE WAS HUNG UP. SHORTLY AFTER ONE A.M., SAME INDIVIDUAL ALLEGED HE WAS UNABLE COMPLETE CALL TO PENTAGON AS PHONE CALL WAS CUT OFF. SAME INDIVIDUAL REPORTEDLY AGAIN WAS IN CONTACT WITH PENTAGON FOR APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN MINUTES.

IN VIEW OF INFORMATION FURNISHED BY SHERIFF PLUMMER AND DEPUTIES INDICATING TROTTER UNTRUSTWORTHY, AND IN VIEW OF ATTITUDE DURING HIS INTERVIEW, NO FURTHER ACTION BEING TAKEN CONCERNING TROTTER.

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TO MEMPHIS

FROM JACKSON (157-6578)

MURKIN

RE MEMPHIS TEL CALL TO JACKSON, INSTANT DATE.

GRADY STEPHENS' FAMILY, JONESTOWN, MISS. ADVISED INSTANT  
LAST HEARD FROM GRADY STEPHENS' BROTHER, CHARLES STEPHENS.  
STEPHENS, APRIL SEVEN LAST WHEN HE TELEPHONED THEY TWO  
MEMPHIS TO ADVISE HE WAS IN THE ROOMING HOUSE AND THICK  
THE ASSASSINS KILLED KING. CHARLES STEPHENS ADVISED HE HAD  
THE ROOM NEXT DOOR TO THE ASSASSIN AND SAW HIM COME IN AND  
OUT.

STEPHENS' FAMILY IN JONESTOWN ADVISED CHARLES STEPHENS  
IS DRIFTER, MARRIED SEVERAL TIMES AND RECOVERED MONTHLY  
ON DISABILITY CHECK SOMEWHERE IN MEMPHIS. STEPHENS' FAMILY  
IN JONESTOWN HAVE NO IDEA OF PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF CHARLES  
STEPHENS.

STEPHENS' FAMILY KNOW OF NO FRIENDS OF CHARLES STEPHENS  
IN MEMPHIS OR ELSEWHERE.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, NEWARK (44-854)

MURKIN

PCI FETTERS ADVISED TODAY SHE RECEIVED ON JUNE THREE SIXTY EIGHT AMSD ENVELOPE FROM JERRY RAY, SUBJECT'S BROTHER, POSTMARKED WHEELING, ILLINOIS. ENVELOPE CONTAINED MONEY ORDER FROM JERRY IN AMOUNT OF FORTY DOLLARS. IT IS TO BE NOTED THIS IS ONE OF SEVERAL INSTANCES WHERE JERRY RAY HAS MAILED MONEY ORDERS OR MONEY TO FETTERS FOR HER OWN PERSONAL USE AS HE IS APPARENTLY VERY FOND OF HER.

FETTERS STATED SHE RECALLED THAT THE MONEY ORDER WAS ENCLOSED IN A FOUR PAGE FORM TYPE NEWS LETTER BEARING HEADING OF "THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA MONTHLY LETTER".

BENEATH THIS HEADING APPEARS THE INFORMATION "THIS NEWS LETTER REPRESENTS VOLUME FORTY NINE, NUMBER FIVE" AND THAT THE ORGANIZATION'S HEAD OFFICE IS IN MONTREAL, CANADA. THE NEWS LETTER IS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT AND CONTAINS AN ARTICLE ENTITLED "TECHNOLOGY AS A WAY OF LIFE".

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ACROSS THE FRONT OF THE NEWS LETTER IS WRITTEN IN INK, "LOOK INSIDE. I AM AT THE POST OFFICE AND DIDN'T HAVE ANY PAPER." FETTERS ADVISED THIS WAS THE ONLY MESSAGE WHICH APPEARED ON THIS NEWS LETTER.

NEWARK HAS OBTAINED NEWS LETTER AND WILL FORWARD TO FBI LAB IN AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE IF SUBJECT'S PRINTS MIGHT POSSIBLY BE CONTAINED THEREON.

IN VIEW OF THE FACT SUBJECT REPORTEDLY IN CANADA DURING MAY, SIXTY EIGHT, AND POSSIBLY DEALT WITH A BANK, IT COULD BE SPECULATED THAT SUBJECT MAY HAVE FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER SENT LETTER TO JERRY RAY OR PERHAPS JERRY RAY MERELY FOUND NEWS LETTER IN POST OFFICE AND USED IT FOR STATIONERY SINCE HE INDICATED HE DID NOT HAVE "ANY PAPER".

ABOVE BEING FURNISHED TO BUREAU FOR INFORMATION SHOULD THE BUREAU DESIRE TO MAKE ANY INQUIRY OF ROYAL BANK OF CANADA UNDER SUBJECT'S ALIASES WITH RESPECT TO A SAFE DEPOSIT BOX.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN

RE SI TEL TO BUREAU JUNE TEN LAST.

CONTACTS INITIATED WITH LAUNDRIES ALTON AREA AND  
DISPLAY OF PHOTOS JAMES EARL RAY AND ASSOCIATES UNPRODUCTIVE.  
CONTACTS WITH LAUNDRIES CONTINUING.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-1987-1135 FROM SAC 44-107

RE: MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

COMM. NO. 17-111

RE: MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., APRIL 4, 1968, CIVIL RIGHTS  
MURDER, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE;

1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED FROM THE  
MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, ON APRIL 11, 1968:  
TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, SUBJECT, MURDER OF  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., CIVIL RIGHTS MURDER, APRIL 4, 1968, FBI  
MEMPHIS, BY THE MEMPHIS POLICE.

2. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED FROM THE  
MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, ON APRIL 11, 1968:

THIS INDIVIDUAL, [REDACTED], WAS ARRESTED ON APRIL 11, 1968, ON  
CHARGE OF OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE, CIVIL RIGHTS MURDER, APRIL 4, 1968,  
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. [REDACTED] WAS ARRESTED AT THE MEMPHIS  
POLICE DEPARTMENT, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.

3. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED FROM THE  
MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, ON APRIL 11, 1968:

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) and SAN DIEGO (44-387) (44-394)

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

MURKIN AND KENSALT.

RE SAN DIEGO TEL JUNE ELEVEN LAST CONCERNING GEORE LETSINGER  
OR GEORGE ANDERSON.NO IDENTIFIABLE INFO LOCATED IN ME FILES RE LETSINGER  
OR ANDERSON.

SAN DIEGO INTERVIEW LETSINGER, UACB.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), SEATTLE AND DALLAS

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) 2P

MURKIN.

SUMMARY TELETYPE.

RE CHICAGO AIRTEL TO MEMPHIS, DALLAS, SEATTLE AND MOBILE  
JUNE ELEVEN LAST REGARDING ANONYMOUS CALLER WHO CLAIMED TO BE  
ESCAPEE FROM WASHINGTON STATE PRISON, WALLA WALLA, WASH.,  
AND WHO CLAIMS TO HAVE BEEN GIVEN SIXTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS BY  
GENE BASS, DALLAS, TEXAS, FOR THE JOB THAT WAS DONE BY  
JAMES EARL RAY.

SEATTLE SHOULD OBTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING ALL PERSONS  
WHO ESCAPED DURING FEBRUARY NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN AND FURNISH  
SAME TO DALLAS, WHO SHOULD THEN INTERVIEW GENE BASS FOR ANY  
INFORMATION IN HIS POSSESSION.

OFFICES RECEIVING THIS SHOULD NOTE THAT THE "FAT MAN"  
ABOUT WHOM THERE HAS BEEN MUCH RECENT PUBLICITY HAS BEEN  
POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED AND ELIMINATED. <sup>RCMP HAS REQUESTED NO</sup> IN SPITE OF THE FACT  
THAT CHICAGO'S ANONYMOUS CALLER IS DEFINITELY NOT THE FAT MAN,  
INVESTIGATION MUST BE CONDUCTED TO DETERMINE WHETHER GENE  
BASS MENTIONED BY HIM MIGHT HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN INSTANT CASE.  
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BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATION, THE MEMPHIS DIVISION HAS REQUESTED ALL OFFICES HAVING OUTSTANDING LEADS OR REQUESTS FOR CIRCULARIZATION IN ANY PUBLICATION OF ANY KIND TO CANCEL.

INFORMATION HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN FURNISHED TO BUREAU ADVISING RALPH M. CARPENTER, YORK ARMS EMPLOYEE, IS PATIENT IN PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL. DR. MAX WEST, WHO IS PHYSICIAN IN ATTENDANCE ON FLOOR WHERE CARPENTER CONFINED, DID STATE THAT IN HIS OPINION CARPENTER IS COMPETENT WHEN HE IS NOT INVOLVED IN HIS CURRENT DISORDER (MANIC DEPRESSIVE). DR. WEST SAID IN HIS OPINION CARPENTER'S PRESENT CONDITION SHOULD HAVE NO BEARING ON HIS PREVIOUS IDENTIFICATION OR INFORMATION FURNISHED RELATING TO THE INVESTIGATION OF THE MURDER OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., ALTHOUGH ATTORNEYS MIGHT TRY TO MAKE SOMETHING OF IT.

AIRMAIL COPY TO CHICAGO. P.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MINNEAPOLIS (157-450)

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) (FP)  
MURKIN.

REMYTEL TO BUREAU JUNE SEVEN LAST, MINNEAPOLIS AIRTEL  
TO MEMPHIS JUNE ELEVEN LAST, AND NON-PROSECUTIVE SUMMARY  
REPORT OF SA JOE C. HESTER, JUNE TEN LAST, AT MEMPHIS.

MEMPHIS DESIRES THAT PAUL BRIDGEMAN BE REINTERVIEWED  
ALONG LINES SUGGESTED IN RETEL IN ORDER TO OBTAIN AN  
ADMISSION THAT HE HAS BEEN LYING RE SUBJECT OR TO BE ABLE  
TO PROVE THAT HE LIED. REREP CONTAINS SUFFICIENT INFORMATION  
TO CONDUCT AN INTELLIGENT, EXHAUSTIVE INTERVIEW OF BRIDGEMAN  
IN ORDER TO CLARIFY DETAILS CONCERNING DATES AND PLACES  
WHERE BRIDGEMAN ALLEGEDLY HAD CONTACT WITH SUBJECT.

AFFIDAVIT SIGNED BY CHARLES QUITMAN STEPHENS, FORMER  
TENANT AT FOUR TWO TWO AND ONE-HALF SOUTH MAIN STREET. COPY  
OF AFFIDAVIT TOGETHER WITH SCHEMATIC DRAWING OF ROOMING  
HOUSE FORWARDED BUREAU THIS DATE BY AIRTEL. P. END.

Airtel \_\_\_\_\_

Teletype \_\_\_\_\_

A.M. \_\_\_\_\_

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TO : SAC, DALLAS  
 FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (44-371)  
 MURKIN.

RE CHICAGO AIRTEL TO MEMPHIS JUNE ELEVEN, SIXTYEIGHT AND  
 MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO BUREAU, SEATTLE AND DALLAS JUNE TWELVE,  
 SIXTYEIGHT.

THERE WERE NO ESCAPEES FROM WASHINGTON STATE PENITENTIARY,  
 WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON, DURING FEBRUARY, SIXTYSEVEN OR  
 FEBRUARY, SIXTYEIGHT. THERE WERE TWO ESCAPEES FROM HONORCAMP  
 UNDER JURISDICTION WASHINGTON STATE PENITENTIARY IN JULY,  
 SIXTYSEVEN WHO ARE CURRENTLY SUBJECTS OF UFAP CASES, SEATTLE  
 ORIGIN. THEY ARE KAYO STANNARD, BUFILE EIGHTYEIGHT DASH SIX  
 FOUR FIVE ZERO, BUFILE EIGHTYEIGHT DASH FOUR ONE NINE ZERO TWO,  
 DESCRIBED AS WMA, BORN [REDACTED]  
 SPOKANE, WASHINGTON, FIVE EIGHT AND ONE HALF, ONE HUNDRED  
 SIXTYSIX, BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES, FBI NUMBER THREE TWO THREE EIGHT  
 EIGHT EIGHT B.

ELDRIDGE BRESHEARS, WMA, FIVE TEN, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTYFOUR,  
 BROWN GRAY HAIR, BLUE EYES, BORN [REDACTED]

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FOUR SEVEN FIVE SEVEN.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (PP. 1)

MURKIN

RE BULET TO MEMPHIS, JUNE FOUR, LAST; KANSAS CITY AIRTEL  
TO SPRINGFIELD JUNE SIX, LAST, SPRINGFIELD TEL TO BUREAU JUNE  
ELEVEN, LAST.

LABORATORY ADVISED BROWN HEAD HAIRS PREVIOUSLY RECOVERED  
DURING BR INVESTIGATION ALTON DID NOT ORIGINATE FROM SAME PERSON  
AS HAIRS RECOVERED MURKIN CASE.

KC ADVISED CLOTHING FURNISHED MSP INMATES ON DISCHARGE HAS  
NO LAUNDRY MARKS; THAT RECOVERED CLOTHING WOULD NOT BE CLOTHING  
FROM MSP BY DESCRIPTION.

SPRINGFIELD CONTINUING DISPLAY OF PHOTOGRAPHS TO LAUNDRY  
AND DRY CLEANERS BUT UNPRODUCTIVE TO DATE.

AM COPIES SENT CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, ST. LOUIS. P.

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① - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)  
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FROM MOBILE (44-387) (44-394)

MURKIN; KANSAS

RE MOBILE TELETYPE TO BUREAU, JUNE THIRTEEN,

LAST.

ON JUNE THIRTEEN SIXTYEIGHT, RECORDS AT  
THE ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL, MOBILE, VA., REVEALED THAT ROBERT  
ROBERT LITBINGER, WHITE MALE, BORN JULY THIRTYEIGHT  
FORTY TWO, CATHOLIC RELIGION, ENTERED THAT HOSPITAL ON  
DECEMBER FOUR NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT AND WAS RELEASED ON  
DECEMBER FOURTEEN SIXTYEIGHT. THE RECORDS REVEAL  
THAT LITBINGER WAS A PATIENT OF MISSOURI AND LITTLE D. FRIED  
BY THE NAME OF MR. R. C. STURMILL, P.O. BOX THREE ZERO  
SEVEN, (CITY NOT LISTED), MISSOURI, TELEPHONE THREE THREE TWO AND TWO  
SEVEN ZERO. LITBINGER WAS TREATED FOR AN ULCER, SPASTIC  
COLON, A LOW BACK STRAIN, AND PRYMEITIS. HE REPORTEDLY  
FELL ON THE STEPS OF THE POST OFFICE AT THE STORE MAP,  
VIRGINIA, AND INJURED HIS BACK. DOCTORS STURMILL AND MOORE  
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