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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN

Re Jackson telephone call to New Orleans, 4/19/68;
New Orleans teletype to Chicago, and Jackson dated 4/19/68;
and Chicago teletype to Jackson, Memphis and Birmingham,
4/20/68.

Herald - Sub E-63

Investigation at Pascagoula, Miss., determined
GERALD ELWOOD HULTGREN, FBI # [REDACTED], has resided in
Pascagoula in the past and received mail in care of E. M.
RAE. RAE, identified as life-long resident of Pascagoula,
bears no similarity of description to subject. HULTGREN
presently being sought by Pascagoula PD as suspect in
theft of paycheck of E. M. RAE. All available information
from Captain WILLIAM POPE, Pascagoula PD, previously
obtained and furnished New Orleans.

New Orleans continue efforts to identify look-
a-like riding with HULTGREN 4/19/68. If HULTGREN located
by Pascagoula PD, he will be interviewed at Pascagoula.

② - Memphis
2 - New Orleans
1 - Birmingham
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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
 FROM: SAC, LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) (P)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN
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 OO: MEMPHIS

Re Little Rock teletype to Memphis 4/12/68, St. Louis teletype to Director, 4/15/68, Little Rock airtel to Memphis, 4/17/68, Memphis teletype to Little Rock, 4/19/68.

Investigation conducted at Little Rock disclosed that WILLIAM and LULA GAULT, parents of EARNEST SUMPTER GAULT, aka EARNEST S. GAULT, are both deceased.

The following relatives of EARNEST SUMPTER GAULT have been contacted and are unable to furnish any information concerning his present whereabouts:

Mrs. CLEO NELSON, nee GAULT, Sister
 Rt. 1
 Lake Conway, Arkansas

Mrs. JOHNNIE MOSELY, Sister
 Danville, Arkansas

Mrs. BERNICE MOUDY, Sister
 Benton, Arkansas

HARRY GAULT, Brother
 1923 Augusta
 North Little Rock, Arkansas

2 - Memphis
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MACE GAULT, Brother
Vilonia, Arkansas

BILLY GAULT, Nephew
5506 Sanora Drive
North Little Rock, Arkansas

WILLIAM LEROY GARNER, Nephew
Benton, Arkansas

None of the above individuals have any knowledge of
ERIC STARVO GALT.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ADMINISTRATIVE: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION -
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

FROM: SAC, DENVER (157-203) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original of the driver's license and driver's license application relating to GARY LEE SMITH, DOB, Denver, Colorado.

The Bureau is requested to compare the right index fingerprint on the driver's license with the prints of JOHN EARL RAY, FBI Number 304434, fingerprints of WALTER TERRY HILL, FBI Number 453766, and with latent prints on file with the Bureau in this case. Thereafter, both the driver's license and the application should be returned to Denver in order that they may be returned to the Aurora Department of Motor Vehicles, Aurora, Colorado.

On 4/17/68 JIM ONYVENS, Aurora Motor Vehicles Department, 1340 Bayview Street, Aurora, Colorado, advised that an individual with the name of GARY LEE SMITH applied for a Colorado driver's license on 4/17/68 and took the driver's test with what SMITH said was a borrowed car. He described SMITH as a white, male, 175 pounds, 5'11", brown hair, and blue eyes. He stated that SMITH resembles the description of the subject in this case.

1 - Bureau (Encl. 2) (RM)
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On 4/17/68 Mr. PETER DAMOPRAY, Department of Motor Vehicles, Aurora, Colorado, made available the driver's license and application of SMITH. He stated that during his conversation with SMITH, SMITH claimed to have completed three years with the US Marine Corps in December, 1967, and had been discharged at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. SMITH stated that he was from Lincoln, Nebraska.

MARGARET FREMER, Clerk, Department of Motor Vehicles, Aurora, Colorado, advised on 4/17/68 that she had observed that SMITH's wallet contained a considerable amount of cash. She estimated that there was about \$300 mainly in \$20 bills in the wallet.

RICHMOND

FBI PHILA

706PM 4-22-68 URGENT ERA

TO SAC RICHMOND

FROM SAC PHILADELPHIA 44-1368

MURKIN

RE: JAMES EARL RAY

ON APRIL TWENTYTWO INSTANT, HARRY GOODWIN, DAUPHIN COUNTY PROBATION OFFICER, HARRISBURG, PA, AND FORMER POLICEMAN, ADVISED HE VISITED HAROLD'S BAR IN HIGH SPIRE, PA, EVENING OF APRIL TWENTY LAST. UPON LEAVING BAR, AN UNKNOWN WHITE MALE, DRIVING A LATE MODEL FORD PICK-UP WITH ALUMINUM CAMPER, BEARING VIRGINIA LICENSE T ONE FOUR SIX - THREE NINE FIVE, DROVE INTO PARKING LOT OF BAR AND ASKED HIM DIRECTIONS TO CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA. MAN STATED HE WAS TRAVELING FROM KANSAS CITY, MO, TO CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA, AND HAD BECOME LOST. GOODWIN ADVISED HE BECAME SUSPICIOUS OF MAN AT WHICH TIME HE NOTED VIRGINIA LICENSE AND THAT IT HAD BEEN PURCHASED IN CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA.

UPON VIEWING RAY'S PHOTO AT CONCLUSION OF FBI TELEVISION SHOW ON APRIL TWENTYONE LAST, HE NOTED STRICKING SIMILARITY BETWEEN UNKNOWN WHITE MALE HE HAD SPOKEK WITH AND PHOTO, ALONG WITH SIMILARITIES OF DESCRIPTIVE DATA.

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1 - PHILA
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HE STATED INDIVIDUAL WAS NEATLY DRESSED, WEARING LIGHT BROWN SHEEN
DRESS HAT AND MATCHING SPORT COAT.

RICHMOND, THROUGH RECORDS BUREAU MOTOR VEHICLES, DETERMINE
REGISTERED OWNER ABOVE VEHICLE BEARING VIRGINIA REGISTRATION, AND
SET OUT APPROPRIATE LEADS TO LOCATE AND IDENTIFY.

MAIL COPIES TO BUREAU AND MEMPHIS.

END

RH...LLC

FBI RICHMOND

CLR

FBI MEMPHIS

FBI ATLANTA

12:16 PM URGENT 4/24/68 VSC

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, BIRMINGHAM 44-1740, JACKSONVILLE,
AND MEMPHIS 44-1987

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 2P

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MURKIN

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL TO ATLANTA AND MEMPHIS, APR. TWENTYTHREE,
LAST.

FOR INFO JACKSONVILLE AND BUREAU:

MOBILE DIV. ADVISED BY BILL DUNN, BIRMINGHAM, ALA., HE
WAS ON DEEP SEA FISHING BOAT NAMED "CHARLIE" OUT OF PANAMA CITY,
FLA., APR. TWENTYTWO, LAST. SAW INDIVIDUAL RESEMBLING SUBJECT
AND TALKED TO HIM ON ENTIRE TRIP.

INDIVIDUAL ALLEGEDLY GOT INTO A NINETEEN FIFTYSEVEN FOUR-
DOOR CHEVROLET, WHITE OVER GREEN, POSSIBLE ALABAMA LICENSE
LAST THREE DIGITS, NINE NINE ONE, OWNED BY INDIVIDUAL'S FRIEND.
INDIVIDUAL RESEMBLING SUBJECT W/M, FIVE FEET NINE INCHES, ONE
HUNDRED SIXTYFIVE LBS., TO ONE HUNDRED SEVENTYFIVE LBS., AGE
THIRTYSIX, BROWN EYES, HAIR DYED A REDDISH BLOND. SECOND
INDIVIDUAL, WHO ALLEGEDLY OWNED FIFTYSEVEN CHEVROLET, WAS W/M
SIX FEET ONE INCH, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY LBS., BROWN HAIR, SLENDER
BUILD, ALLEGEDLY LIVED FIFTEENTH AVE., PANAMA CITY, FLA.

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AT 44-2386

INDIVIDUAL STATED HE KNEW MANAGER REDMONT HOTEL, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

ON APR. TWENTYFOUR INSTANT, CLIFFORD STILES, OWNER REDMONT HOTEL, BIRMINGHAM, ALA., CONTACTED AT ATLANTA, ADVISED HE DOES NOT RECOGNIZE PHOTOS OF RAY AS ANYONE HE KNOWS OR RESEMBLING ANYONE HE KNOWS.

STATED HIS FORMER MANAGER OF REDMONT HOTEL FROM FEBRUARY SIXTYSEVEN TO JANUARY FIFTEEN SIXTYEIGHT IS APPARENTLY ONE WHO INDIVIDUAL KNEW. FORMER MANAGER CECIL TRAMMEL, NOW AT REEF HOTEL, PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLA.

JACKSONVILLE LOCATE AND INTERVIEW TRAMMEL, DISPLAY PHOTO OF SUBJECT AND DETERMINE IDENTITY OF INDIVIDUAL ON BOAT.

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FBI BIRMINGHAM

1142XX PM URGENT 4-23-68 GDM

TO ATLANTA AND MEMPHIS

FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

MURKIN.

RE MOBILE TEL TO BIRMINGHAM, JACKSONVILLE AND MEMPHIS APRIL TWENTYTHREE SIXTYEIGHT.

FOR INFORMATION ATLANTA RE TEL ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

"ON INSTANT DATE BILL DUHON, ADDRESS FIFTEEN HUNDRED FOURTEENTH AVE., S., BIRMINGHAM, ALA., TELEPHONE THREE TWO THREE SEVEN EIGHT SIX EIGHT, CONTACTED BUREAU AGENTS, MONTGOMERY, ALA., THIS DATE AND ADVISED HE WAS ON DEEP SEA FISHING BOAT NAMED "CHARLIE" OUT OF PANAMA CITY, FLA., ON APR. TWENTY, SIXTYEIGHT, FROM TWO A.M. THROUGH FIVE P.M. DUHON ADVISED HE SAW INDIVIDUAL RESEMBLING SUBJECT ON THAT BOAT AND CONVERSED WITH HIM DURING ENTIRE TRIP. DUHON ADVISED HE HAD WANTED FLYER OF SUBJECT IN HIS POCKET AT THAT TIME. THIS INDIVIDUAL ALLEGEDLY TOLD DUHON HE FORMERLY RESIDED IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA., FOR ONE YEAR ABOUT TEN TO TWELVE BLOCKS FROM S. FOURTEENTH ST. INDIVIDUAL TOLD DUHON HE WAS IN SOME TYPE OF TROUBLE BUT FAILED TO ELABORATE."

"WAITRESS NAMED MARY, WHO WORKS IN RESTAURANT NEXT TO LOUNGE, PANAMA CITY BOAT LANDING, ALLEGEDLY TALKED TO SAME INDIVIDUAL WHO
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TOLD HER HE HAD BEEN IN PANAMA CITY, FLA., AREA AT A HOTEL FOR THREE DAYS".

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"INDIVIDUAL ALLEGEDLY GOT INTO A FIFTYSEVEN FOURDOOR CHEVROLET, WHITE OVER GREEN, POSSIBLE ALA. LICENSE WITH LAST THREE DIGITS NINE NINE ONE, OWNED BY THIS INDIVIDUAL'S FRIEND. DUNON DESCRIBED INDIVIDUAL RESEMBLING SUBJECT AS FOLLOWS: WM, FIVE FT. NINE, ONE SIXTYFIVE - ONE SEVNTYFIVE LBS., AGE APPROXIMATELY THIRTYSIX, BROWN EYES, HAIR DYED A REDDISH BLOND WITH EYEBROWS DARK BROWN AND NOT DYED, GREEN AND WHITE SHIRT, WHITE TENNIS SHOES, DARK TROUSERS."

"SECOND INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED BY DUNON WHO ALLEGEDLY OWNED FIFTYSEVEN CHEVROLET WAS: WM, TWENTYSIX, SIX FT. ONE, ONE EIGHTY
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"JACKSONVILLE AND BIRMINGHAM DIVS. CONDUCT IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION PANAMA CITY, FLA., AND BIRMINGHAM, ALA., TO VERIFY INFORMATION AND TO LOCATE SUSPECT TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT. P.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS."

MRS. BILL DUNON, FIFTEEN HUNDRED FOURTEENTH AVE., S., BIRMINGHAM, ADVISED TONIGHT HER HUSBAND HAS NOT RETURNED FROM MONTGOMERY, ALA.

MRS. EVELYN BELYEU, MANAGER OF REDMONT HOTEL, BIRMINGHAM, ADVISED OWNER OF HOTEL, CLIFF STILES, WAS IN PANAMA CITY, FLA., APRIL TWENTY LAST AND PRESENTLY ATTENDING CONVENTION OF HOTEL-HOTEL ASSOCIATION IN ATLANTA. NAME OF HOTEL UNKNOWN IN ATLANTA. STILES PROBABLY STAYING AT HOTEL WHERE CONVENTION BEING HELD.

ATLANTA LOCATE AND INTERVIEW STILES AND DISPLAY PHOTO OF SUBJECT TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL TO INDIVIDUAL ON FISHING BOAT
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"CHARLIE" AS INDICATED BY DUHON.

EFFORTS CONTINUING TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW OTHER INDIVIDUALS
RESIDING IN BIRMINGHAM.

AIRMAIL COPY TO MOBILE.

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355PM URGENT 4/23/68 AAH

TO BIRMINGHAM, JACKSONVILLE AND MEMPHIS
FROM MOBILE (157-2627)

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), LOS ANGELES, AND ATLANTA
FROM TAMPA (157-3231)

MURKIN; CR. OO:ME.

RE ATLANTA TEL INSTANT DATE.

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JAMES WRAY MENTIONED IN RETEL UNDOUBTEDLY IDENTICAL TO JAMES
WILLARD WRAY OF WHOM DIRECTOR, MINNEAPOLIS, PHOENIX, LOS ANGELES, AND
MEMPHIS ADVISED BY TMPA TEL DATED APRIL NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT. RETPTEL
REFLECTED INVESTIGATION TAMPA DIVISION AT PINELLAS PARK, FLA.
DETERMINED JAMES WILLARD WRAY TO BE DRIVER FOR INSURED DRIVE -
A - WAY SYSTEMS, PINELLAS PARK, FLA. AND NOT DEEMED TO BE
IDENTICAL TO JAMES EARL RAY.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM.

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TO: DIRECTOR
FROM: PHOENIX (44-371) (TWO PAGES)

MURKIN. CR.

RE MP TEL TO DIRECTOR, LA, PX, AND TAMPA, APRIL NINETEEN, LAST.

DOUGLAS SMITH, INSURED DRIVEWAY SYSTEMS, THREE SIX TWO FIVE, NORTH SIXTEENTH STREET, PHOENIX, ARIZONA, CONTACTED APRIL NINETEEN AND TWENTYTWO, INSTANT BY SA KENNETH H. DE HOFF.

JAMES WRAY, FIVE TWO SEVEN ZERO AXTRY PLACE, LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, TELEPHONE T ZERO SEVEN DASH ZERO EIGHT TWO ONE WAS LISTED AS A SALESMAN AND DRIVER FOR LUCY BERRON, FOUR ZERO EIGHT SIX DASH BOULEVARD, PINEALLAS PARK, CALIFORNIA, TRANSPORTED A CAR THROUGH PHOENIX ON SEPTEMBER TWENTYSEVEN, SIXTYSEVEN. NO DESCRIPTION AVAILABLE BUT HE HAD BEEN DRIVING FOR INSURED DRIVEWAY SYSTEMS PROBABLY OUT OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA FOR THE PAST ONE AND ONE-HALF YEARS.

SMITH OF OPINION THIS INDIVIDUAL NOT IDENTICAL AND NO OTHER INFORMATION FOUND IN HIS FILES.

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1 - Tampa (AM)
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AIR MAIL COPIES FURNISHED LOS ANGELES, MEMPHIS,
AND TAMPA.

Enclosed to Memphis one Xerox copy of re tel.

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FBI MINNAPLS

400 PM 4-19-68 URGENT MLV

TO DIRECTOR

LOS ANGELES/ PHOENIX/ TAMPA
FROM MINNEAPOLIS (157-450) 2P

MURKIN. CR.

RE BUREAU TEL TO ALL SACS, APRIL NINETEEN, NINSTANT.

Sub E-550

MRS. EUNICE TAYLOR, MANAGER, INSURED DRIVEAWAY SYSTEMS, MINNEAPOLIS, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED SHE HAD JUST HEARD THE RELEASE MADE CONCERNING JAMES RAY IN CONNECTION WITH MURKIN. MRS. TAYLOR STATED SHE HAD JUST RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM HER HUSBAND WHO INFORMED HER THAT RAY DROVE A CAR FROM GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA, LAST WINTER TO THEIR OFFICE IN MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA. RAY WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN FROM THE LOS ANGELES AREA ORGINALLY AND IS KNOWN TO THE INSURED DRIVEAWAY SYSTEMS, ONE TWO FIVE SEVEN ON GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD, GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA, TELEPHONE SIX THREE EIGHT DASH ZERO ONE FIVE TWO.

IN THE FILES OF GARDEN GROVE OFFICE SHOULD BE FINGERPRINTS, PHOTO, AND DESCRIPTION AND DRIVER'S LICENSE F RAY, ALONG WIT
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MP 157-450

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HIS LATEST KNOWN ADDRESS.

MRS. TAYLOR RECALLED THAT RAY HAD DRIVEN ALL OVER THE COUNTRY AND DID NOT SEEM TO CARE WHERE HE WOULD HEAD NEXT AS LONG AS SOMEONE PAID FOR HIS HOTEL BILL. ON A RETURN TO THE WEST COAST, HE DROVE A CAR TO PHOENIX, ARIZONE, AND THEN MADE NUMEROUS COLLECT TELEPHONE CALLS TO MRS. TAYLOR IN MINNEAPOLIS, ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN OTHER CARS FROM PHOENIX AREA WHICH HE COULD USE TO RETURN TO GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA.

MRS. TAYLOR THEN FOUND ANOTHER ADDRESS FOR RAY WHICH HE HAD GIVEN TO HER LAST WINTER WHICH IS EIGHT TWO SIX EIGHT FORTIETH STREET NORTH, PINELLAS PARK, FLORIDA.

LOS ANGELES, PHOENIX, WILL IMMEDIATELY CONDUCT INVESTIGATION WITH INSURED DRIVEAWAY SYSTEMS IN AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE IF JAMES RAY IDENTICAL TO SUBJECT IN THIS CASE.

TAMPA, WILL CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION AT ADDRESS INDICATED TO DETERMINE IF RAY IDENTICAL TO SUBJECT IN THIS CASE.

CORR PAGE ONE LINE ELEVEN WORD SEVEN SHOULD BE ONE GARDEN

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FBI PHOENIX

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FBI MEMPHIS

FBI ATLANTA

8:27 PM URGENT 4-23-68 JWE

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, LOS ANGELES, TAMPA
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN

ON APRIL TWENTYTHREE INSTANT, M. B. HOLLIS, MANAGER,
INSURED DRIVEAWAYS AND AUTO TRANSPORT COMPANY, ATLANTA, GEORGIA,
ADVISED ONE JAMES WRAY, EIGHT TWO SIX EIGHT FORTIETH STREET,
NORTH, PINELLAS PARK, FLORIDA, DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, AGE
THIRTYTHREE, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], ATTEMPTED TO CONTRACT TO DRIVE AUTO
FROM ATLANTA, GEORGIA, TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, EARLY JANUARY,
SIXTYEIGHT.

HOLLIS STATES WRAY WAS LISTED ON "DRIVER BLACK LIST" PUBLISHED
BY AUTO DELIVERY DIVISION OF DEALERS TRANSIT, INC., WHICH REFLECTED
WRAY PREVIOUSLY DROVE VEHICLE FOR AUTO DELIVERY IN LOS ANGELES
AND CLASSED AS UNRELIABLE DUE TO EXCESSIVE ACCIDENTS.

HOLLIS STATED SIXTY PROFILE PHOTOGRAPH OF JAMES EARL RAY
BEARS RESEMBLANCE TO JAMES WRAY.

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TAMPA AT PINELLAS PARK, WILL CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO INTERVIEW AND/OR ELIMINATE WRAY.

LOS ANGELES, WILL REVIEW BLACK LIST PUBLISHED BY AUTO DELIVERY DIVISION OF DEALERS TRANSIT, INC. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

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FBI-HOUSTON

923AM URGENT 4-24-68 JLN

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)
FROM HOUSTON (44-1509) 1P

MURKIN.

RE SAN FRANCISCO TEL APR. TWENTY THREE LAST.

WOMAN IDENTIFYING HERSELF AS MOTHER OF TOM ROZELL, FOUR
ZERO FIVE THREADNEEDLE ST., BEAUMONT, TELEPHONE TE THREE-
THREE ONE TWO SEVEN, ADVISED HER SON IS EN ROUTE TO SAN
FRANCISCO AND SHOULD BE THERE BY NOW. SHE ADVISED HER SON IS
A BARBER. BEAUMONT STREET DIRECTORIES REFLECT TOM ROZELL RE-
SIDING AT ABOVE ADDRESS SINCE SIXTY SIX, OCCUPATION BARBER.

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8:26 PM URGENT 4/23/68 KCK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), HOUSTON, & MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-55) (2P)

MURKIN

RE SF TELEPHONE CALL TO HOUSTON.

RE: TON ROZELL ^D

ON APRIL TWO THREE, INSTANT, MISS TRUDIE WALSHAM, ^D
TWO FOUR ONE ONEDA STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, TELEPHONE
NUMBER THREE THREE THREE DASH ONE NINE FOUR TWO, ADVISED THAT ON
APRIL TWO TWO, LAST, SHE HAD ATTENDED A STUDY GROUP AT THE FIRST
BAPTIST CHURCH, MARKET AND OCTAVIA STREETS, SAN FRANCISCO, AND
THERE MET A MAN, TON ROZELL ^D (PHONETIC), WHO STATED HE CAME FROM
BEAUMONT, TEXAS. SHE ADVISED THAT SHE DETERMINED THAT HE WAS
LATER DROPPED OFF AT THE EMBARCADERO YMCA. SHE STATED IT WAS HER
BELIEF THAT HE VERY CLOSELY RESEMBLED PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL
RAY, INCLUDING THE SCAR ON FOREHEAD.

V. VAUBLE ^D, BUSINESS MANAGER, EMBARCADERO YMCA, ON
APRIL TWO THREE, INSTANT, ADVISED THAT TON ROZELL, FOUR ZERO FIVE
THREADNEEDLE, BEAUMONT, TEXAS, DOB [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], TEXAS DRIVERS LICENSE [REDACTED]

ARRIVED ON APRIL TWO ZERO LAST, OCCUPIED ROOM SEVEN FIVE ZERO
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AT A DAILY RATE OF FOUR DOLLARS TEN CENTS AND LEFT THE HOTEL ON APRIL TWO THREE, INSTANT. VAUBLE ADVISED THAT CHECK-OUT IS AUTOMATIC UNLESS DAY-TO-DAY GUESTS RENEW THEIR ROOM PRIOR TO TWELVE NOON. MAIDS JULIE MATTHEWS AND ROSIE BILLINGS, SEVENTH FLOOR, ADVISED THAT THEY COULD NO RECOGNIZE THE TENANT OF ROOM SEVEN FIVE ZERO AS BEING IDENTICAL WITH PICTURES OF JAMES EARL RAY. VAUBLE FURNISHED REGISTRATION CARD WHICH WILL BE FURNISHED FBI LABORATORY IN SEPARATE COMMUNICATION.

LEADS: HOUSTON AT BEAUMONT, TEXAS: WILL CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE AND IDENTIFY TOM ROZELL, FOUR ZERO FIVE THREADNEEDLE, DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED], TEXAS DRIVERS LICENSE [REDACTED]

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

[AJD.

END

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TO CLEY

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FBI ST LOUIS

556PM URGENT 4-23-68 JLS

TO MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN. OO MEMPHIS

RE SUSPECT MYRLE HAGGERTT - LOOKALIKE.

KENNETH ROBERTS, USED CAR DEALER, FOUR FIVE ZERO SOUTH HIGHWAY SIX SIX, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MO., ADVISED INDIVIDUAL USING NAME MYRLE HAGGERTT, A WELL KNOWN WESTERN COUNTRY SINGER, WAS STAYING AT HERAMEC MOTEL, FOUR FIVE EIGHT SOUTH HIGHWAY SIX SIX ON APRIL SIXTEEN AND SEVENTEEN, LAST. BELIEVES HAGGERTT AN IMPOSTOR AND BEARS A CLOSE RESEMBLANCE TO JAMES RAY. INVESTIGATION SHOWS MYRLE HAGGERTT AND WOMAN, CLAIMING TO BE BONNIE OWENS STAYED APRIL SIXTEEN AND SEVENTEEN AT HERAMEC MOTEL, WERE DRIVING A SIXTYFOUR GREEN CHEVROLET BEARING SIXTYEIGHT TENNESSEE LICENSE B G THREE ZERO ONE THREE AND GAVE ADDRESS OF SIX ONE EIGHT BROADWAY, NASHVILLE. WITNESSES WHO TALKED TO HIM AND HEARD HIM SING STATE HE DOES NOT RESEMBLE RAY BUT ARE POSITIVE HE IS NOT MYRLE HAGGERTT AS CLAIMED.

MEMPHIS CHECK LICENSE AND ADDRESS TO RESOLVE IDENTITY.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS

CORR TEXT LINE TWO WRD HAGGERT SHOULD HAGGERTT

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*assigned lead to
William - Nashville
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To: SAC's, Phoenix (44-371)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Phoenix letter 5/10/68.

Latent fingerprints previously reported and
remaining unidentified in this case are not identical with the
fingerprints of Richard Burnham Harrell, FBI [REDACTED]

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DALLAS (44-2649)
JACKSON (44-769)
LITTLE ROCK (157-1215)
SACRAMENTO

FROM: PHOENIX (44-371) (ONE PAGE)

MURKIN; CR

RE DALLAS TEL APRIL TWENTYFOUR LAST AND SAN FRANCISCO
TEL APRIL TWENTYSIX LAST.

ALL OFFICES DISCONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE R. B. HARRELL
SINCE LATTER HAS BEEN INTERVIEWED BY LOS ANGELES AND DENIES
MAKING ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALL TO COCONINO COUNTY SO,
FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA, APRIL TWENTY LAST.

MEMPHIS ADVISED AIRMAIL.

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① - Memphis (AM) (44-1987)
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, PHOENIX (44-371) (P)
MURKIN

Re SF teletype to Bureau, etc., 2:43 p.m., 4/26/68.

Re: R. B. HARNELL

Sub E-611A
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Mrs. HELEN HARNELL, care of El Dorado Store, 618 South Clay Street, Flagstaff, Arizona, was interviewed on 4/24/68. At this time she advised that her husband, PAUL HARNELL is a cousin, not brother, of R. B. HARNELL, and that the last time she and PAUL saw R. B. HARNELL was in 1957 when R. B. passed through Flagstaff. Mrs. HARNELL advised that she had heard that R. B. HARNELL had been in Flagstaff sometime in 1965 but he had made no effort to communicate with her husband or herself.

Mrs. HARNELL stated that her husband is presently working at the mines in Moab, Utah, and has been there for the last four months and would not know the whereabouts of R. B. HARNELL.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

- 3 - Bureau (RM)
- 1 - Dallas (Info) (RM)
- ② - Memphis (44-1987) (RM)
- 1 - Los Angeles (44-1574) (Info) (RM)
- 1 - San Francisco (172-45) (Info) (RM)
- 1 - Phoenix

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN

Re Dallas teletype to Bureau, 4/24/68, and
Memphis airtel to Jackson, 4/25/68.Re R. B. HARRELL aka Richard and JimmyThe following investigation was conducted by SA
DAVID H. PHILLIPS at Puckett, Mississippi:

On 4/26/68, JONATHAN EDWARDS, Sheriff, Rankin County, Mississippi, advised that there is no one residing in Puckett, Miss., by the name of JOE BONHAM. Sheriff EDWARDS said that he does not know of any BONHAM family in and around the Puckett, Miss., area.

On 4/26/68, GRADY COOK, Town Marshal, Puckett, Miss., advised he has been a resident of this town for the

- ② - Memphis
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JN 157-9586

past 44 years and that he has never heard of a JOE BONHAM family. Mr. COOK said he would ask around of other natives of the Puckett area in an attempt to locate any information concerning a BONHAM family. On 4/29/68, GRADY COOK advised that the only information he was able to develop concerned a JOE BURNAHAM who resided in the Puckett area many years ago. He said this BURNAHAM was last known to be residing near Morton, Miss., and employed at a chicken farm or a chicken hatchery south of Morton, Miss.

LEAD:

JACKSON

AT MORTON, MISS.

Will continue efforts to locate relatives of RICHARD BURNAHAM HARRELL in order to determine HARRELL's present whereabouts.

CEFBI MEMPHIS

FBI SAN FRAN

1038PM PST DEFERRED 4/26/68 KMH

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

AND PHOENIX

FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)

MURKIN

RE SF TEL APRIL TWENTY SIX INSTANT RE R. B. HARRELL. *6/11A*

LEAD AT BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA WHERE HARRELL REPORTED TO HAVE
RESIDED INADVERTENTLY SET OUT FOR LA. LA DISCONTINUE.
SC ADVISED SEPARATELY TO HANDLE.

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DGB

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3:40 PM URGENT 4/26/68 KOK

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861), DALLAS, MEMPHIS (44-1987), LOS ANGELES
(44-1574), PHOENIX.
FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) (2P)

MURKIN.

RE R.B. HARRELL.

RE DALLAS TEL, APRIL TWO FOUR LAST.

ON APRIL TWO SIX INSTANT, MR. OTIS (BUDDY) HARRELL,
BUDDY'S AUTO REPAIR, WILLOW CREEK, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED THAT
R.B. HARRELL, ALSO KNOWN AS JIMMIE, IS HIS COUSIN. R.B. WAS
LAST IN WILLOW CREEK, TWO YEARS AGO, AT WHICH TIME HE WAS
TRAVELING IN AN OLD TRUCK WITH A CAMPER BUILT THEREON, WITH HIS
BROTHER, PAUL HARRELL. THEY STAYED ONE NIGHT. THE ONLY THING
HE HAS HEARD FROM R.B. HARRELL SINCE THAT TIME WAS A FAMILY
RUMOR THAT R.B. WAS LIVING IN BAKERSVILLE, CALIFORNIA, AND
THIS WAS ABOUT A YEAR OR MORE AGO. SINCE THEN HE HAS HEARD
NOTHING CONCERNING THE WHEREABOUTS OF R.B. THE FAMILY HAS
DISOWNED R.B. AND THEY DO NOT ASSOCIATE WITH HIM. SINCE HE
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WAS SIXTEEN YEARS OLD, R.B. HAS BEEN AN OUTLAW. HE HAS SPENT TIME IN FLORENCE, ARIZONA PRISON AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS. HIS BROTHER, PAUL HARRELL NOW LIVES IN FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA, WITH HIS FAMILY AND PROBABLY WORKS IN A MILL. R.B. ALSO HAS BROTHERS CALLED J.C. AND HENRY, BUT THEIR WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN TO OTIS. R.B. IS A VAGABOND WHO FOLLOWS FRUIT PICKING WORK. HE IS NEARLY ILLITERATE. OTIS HARRELL BELIEVES THE FAMILY WILL BE COOPERATIVE WITH THE FBI IN TRYING TO LOCATE R.B. RICHARD HARRELL, FATHER OF OTIS, IS VERY SICK WITH CANCER OF THE BONE AND WAS NOT INTERVIEWED. OTIS SAYS HIS FATHER HAS NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON R.B.

PHOENIX, LOCATE AND INTERVIEW PAUL HARRELL AT FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA, REGARDING WHEREABOUTS OF R.B.

LOS ANGELES CONDUCT INVESTIGATION AT BAKERSVILLE TO ATTEMPT TO LOCATE R.B. HARRELL.

SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY - ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END.

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FBI MEMPHIS

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Date: 4/27/68

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
OO: MEMPHIS

Re Dallas teletype 4/25/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN M. MOORE ON April 25, 1968, at Lake Village, Arkansas:

The following persons advised they have no information on the whereabouts of RICHARD B. HARRELL, aka JIMMY HARRELL, and last saw him four or five years ago. They suggested the most likely person for him to contact would be his parents at Abernathy, Texas. The relationship given below is that of the respective person to RICHARD B. HARRELL, aka JIMMY HARRELL.

Mrs. JEWEL CRAIN, 310 N. Court Street, Aunt

Mrs. FANNIE MAE GILL, age 88, 310 N. Court Street, grandmother

Mrs. ROBERT (FANNIE) MCGEE, 312 No. Cokley Street, Cousin.

Mrs. SHIRLEY STRICKLAND, 312 No. Cokley Street, Cousin.

Mr. R. B. CRAIN, 310 No. Cokley Street, was re-contacted on 4/25/68, at which time he advised he has recalled nothing further which might aid in the location of JIMMY HARRELL.

Mr. HOMER RICH, PD, Lake Village, Arkansas, advised he

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recalls JIMMY HARRELL, but has not seen him around here for several years.

On 4/23/68, a check of marriage records from 1958 to present failed to locate a marriage record for RICHARD B. HARRELL or JIMMY HARRELL to any person during this time.

4/26/68

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
SAC, PHOENIX (44-371)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

Sub E-611A

RE PHOENIX TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL TWENTY FOUR LAST,
ONE R.B. HARRELL, AKA JIM HARRELL, RESIDING AT
EHM RANCH, INDIO, CALIFORNIA, INTERVIEWED APRIL TWENTY FIVE
LAST AND DENIED MAKING ANONYMOUS PHONE CALL TO SHERIFF'S
OFFICE, FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA. STATES HAS NOT SEEN FORMER
WIFE, EDNA HARRELL, SINCE ABOUT FIFTY FIVE. EDNA INITIATED
ACTION WHICH RESULTED IN HARRELL'S BEING INCARCERATED ARIZONA
STATE PENITENTIARY, FLORENCE, ARIZONA, FIFTY THREE, FOR
NONSUPPORT.

HARRELL DENIES KNOWING DAVID WILSON OR HAVING BEEN
INCARCERATED PENITENTIARY, TEXARKANA, TEXAS, AND STATES
HE HAS NEVER FLOWN IN AIRPLANE.

① - Memphis (AM)

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HARRELL DOES NOT HAVE HOME PHONE AND CHARLES O. GREEN, NEIGHBOR, RECALLS SEEING HIM IN INDIO APRIL NINETEEN LAST. GREEN STATES HARRELL HAS NO MONEY, IS ON WELFARE, AND JUNKS CARS FOR LIVING. GREEN HAS NEVER KNOWN HARRELL TO LEAVE INDIO, CALIFORNIA AREA SINCE HE MOVED TO EHN RANCH ABOUT MARCH ONE LAST. HARRELL WAS SHOWN PHOTOGRAPH OF JAMES EARL RAY AND DID NOT KNOW HIM.

HARRELL DESCRIBED WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED], MISSISSIPPI, FIVE FEET FIVE, ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE, BROWN HAIR, BROWN EYES. HE WAS LAST ARRESTED BY RIVERSIDE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, INDIO, FOR DISTURBING THE PEACE APRIL TEN LAST.

NO ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED CONCERNING HARRELL.

MEMPHIS ADVISED AIR MAIL.

FBI MEMPHIS

FBI DALLAS

528 PM URGENT 4-24-68 CBB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), LITTLE ROCK, PHOENIX, MEMPHIS
FROM DALLAS (44-2649)

MURKIN

RE PHOENIX TELS APRIL TWENTYONE AND TWENTYTWO LAST; AND LITTLE
ROCK AIRTEL TO DIRECTOR, DALLAS, JACKSONVILLE, PHOENIX, AND MEMPHIS,
APRIL TWENTYTHREE LAST.

PARENTS OF R. B. HARRELL AKA RICHARD AND JIMMY, LOCATED AND
INTERVIEWED AT ABERNATHY, TEXAS, THIS DATE. ADVISED WHEREABOUTS SON
UNKNOWN BUT WAS LAST HEARD FROM ONE YEAR AGO FROM BAKERSFIELD,
CALIFORNIA. PARENTS NOT COOPERATIVE IN PROVIDING INFO CONCERNING SON,
BUT PROVIDED FOLLOWING RELATIVES OF R. B. HARRELL:

BROTHER - HENRY HARRELL, LOONEY FARM, IDALOU, TEXAS; BROTHER -
J. C. HARRELL, TWO ONE TWO AVENUE C., ABERNATHY, TEXAS; UNCLE -
RICHARD HARRELL, WILLOW CREEK, CALIFORNIA; AUNT - JEWELL CRANE,
LAKE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS; GRANDMOTHER - FANNIE GILL LIVES WITH JEWELL
CRANE, ABOVE; UNCLE - JOE BONHAM, PUCKETT, MISSISSIPPI.

J. C. HARRELL, BROTHER OF R. B., INTERVIEWED AT ABERNATHY,
TEXAS, AND ADVISED LAST HEARD FROM OR SAW BROTHER THREE YEARS AGO
WHEN R. B. TOOK HIS PICKUP AND LEFT ABERNATHY. HE BELIEVED HE WAS
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DRIVING TO CALIFORNIA. R. B. WAS NOT COMMUNICATED WITH HIM SINCE THAT TIME. HE BELIEVES R. B. IS IN CALIFORNIA. WHEN HE LEFT ABERNATHY R. B. WAS TRAVELING WITH A WOMAN, NAME UNKNOWN AND HER CHILDREN.

JACKSON, AT PUCKETT, MISSISSIPPI, ATTEMPT TO LOCATE JOE BONHAM, UNCLE OF R. B. HARRELL, AND INTERVIEW FOR BACKGROUND INFO AND WHEREABOUTS R. B.

LITTLE ROCK AT LAKE VILLAGE, LOCATE AND INTERVIEW JEWELL CRANE AND FANNIE BILL AS ABOVE.

SAN FRANCISCO AT WILLOW CREEK, LOCATE AND INTERVIEW RICHARD HARRELL FOR BACKGROUND INFO AND WHEREABOUTS R. B. HARRELL.

DALLAS AT IDALOU, TEXAS, LOCATE AND INTERVIEW HENRY HARRELL AS ABOVE.

AM COPIES FORWARDED JACKSON AND SAN FRANCISCO WITH RE COMMUNICATIONS AS ENCLOSURES. P

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FBI LITTLE R

540PM URGENT 4-23-68 GEB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), DALLAS (44-2646), JACKSON,
PHOENIX (44-371), MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM LITTLE ROCK (157-1215)

MURKIN, CR, OO: MEMPHIS.

RE PHOENIX TEL TO BUREAU, APRIL TWENTY TWO, SIXTYEIGHT,
RE RICHARD HARRELL.

R.B. CRAIN, ^DFOUR ONE ZERO N. COKLEY, LAKE VILLAGE, ARK.,
COUSIN OF RICHARD HARRELL, ^DBETTER KNOWN AS JIMMY HARREL, ^DADVISED
JIMMY'S PARENTS ARE ESSIE ^DAND INA HARREL, ^DPRESENTLY RESIDING
ROUTE ONE, BOX ONE SEVEN NINE, ABERNATHY, TEXAS. CRAIN STATES
JIMMY WILL PROBABLY CONTACT PARENTS IF HE CONTACTS ANYONE. HE
HAS NOT FREQUENTED THE LAKE VILLAGE AREA FOR SOME TIME.

INA HARREL, MOTHER OF JIMMY, REPORTEDLY HAS RELATIVES NAMED
BURNHAM OR BURNHAM RESIDING MORTON, LEESBURG, AND PELAHATCHIE,
MISS., AREAS BUT NAMES AND ADDRESSES UNKNOWN TO CRAIN.

DALLAS AT ABERNATHY, TEXAS. INTERVIEW ESSIE AND INA HARRELL
IN EFFORT TO DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS OF RICHARD HARRELL, AKA
JIMMY HARREL. IF WHEREABOUTS NOT DETERMINED, ESTABLISH IDENTITY
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AND ADDRESS OF RELATIVES AND SET FORTH APPROPRIATE LEADS.

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411 PM URGENT 4/23/68 MMH

TO LOUISVILLE, MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY
FROM JACKSONVILLE /44-7689/ 1P

MURKIN.

RE LOUISVILLE TELETYPE TO JACKSONVILLE, APRIL TWENTY THREE
INSTANT RE GEO. MC BRIDE AS SUSPECT.

THOMAS J. TIPPIN,^O PRESIDENT, OAKLAND TERRACE MENS CLUB,
PANAMA CITY, FLA., ADVISED THIS DATE THAT GEORGE MC BRIDE HAS BEEN
KNOWN TO HIM MANY YEARS AS THE OWNER AND PROMOTER OF A TRAVELING
KID'S CARNIVAL. EACH SPRING MC BRIDE TRAVELS WITH HIS CARNIVAL TO
PANAMA CITY, FLA., WHERE THE SHOW IS PRESENTED ONE DAY AT OAKLAND
PARK. THE SHOW WAS PRESENTED THIS YEAR ON APRIL TWENTYONE LAST.
THE SHOW HAS MOVED ON TO PENSACOLA, FLA., THIS WEEK. MC BRIDE
STAYED AT CABANA MOTEL FOR ONE WEEK IN PANAMA CITY, FLA. TIPPIN
ADVISED MC BRIDE IS NOT IDENTICAL WITH JAMES EARL RAY.

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TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, COLUMBIA (44-299) (P)
MURKIN
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Sub E-609
Re Boston teletype to Bureau, 4-23-68, indicating suspect seen driving a blue Javelin sedan on 4-22-68 near Portland, Maine which car had South Carolina dealer registration plates X-1781.

Enclosed are nine copies of an insert pertaining to investigation in this matter, which disclosed that WILLIAM W. SEXTON of Charleston Heights, South Carolina, was in the car.

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2- Columbia
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Re: WILLIAM W. SEXTON
3127 Rivers Avenue
Charleston, South Carolina

On April 23, 1968, the Boston Office advised as follows:

On April 23, 1968, WILLIAM SOUZA, 68 Alpine Road, Portland, Maine, advised that on April 22, 1968 on Route 1, Portland, Maine, he saw a person fitting the description of subject. SOUZA said this person was a passenger in a blue Javelin sedan, with South Carolina dealer registration plates X1781.

On April 24, 1968, Mrs. MAE YOUNG, Car Registration Section, South Carolina Highway Department, advised that 1968 South Carolina dealer registration plates X-1781 was issued to The Rambler Center, 3127 Rivers Avenue, North Charleston, South Carolina. The following investigation was conducted by SA WARDLAW E. SKINNER on April 24, 1968:

WILLIAM W. SEXTON, President, The Rambler Center, 3127 Rivers Avenue, North Charleston, South Carolina, advised the blue Javelin seen on Route 1, Portland, Maine on April 22, 1968, bearing South Carolina dealer tags X-1781, is owned by him and on April 22, 1968, he was driving instant car on Route 1, Portland, Maine.

SEXTON added he owns a summer home at Portland, Maine and instant car is currently located at his summer home at Portland.

He explained that he owns his own airplane and left Charleston, South Carolina April 20, 1968 via his personal plane for Portland, He returned to Charleston, South Carolina via plane April 23, 1968.

WILLIAM W. SEXTON is described as follows:

Name:	WILLIAM W. SEXTON
Born:	at Mercer County, West Virginia
Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Height:	6'
Weight:	190

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Eyes:	Blue
Hair:	Brown and curly
Complexion:	Fair
Build:	Slim
Dress:	Very neat and expensively dressed
Military Service:	U. S. Navy, 1942 to 1946, Navy Serial Number [REDACTED]

FBI MEMPHIS

FBI BOSTON

223PM URGENT 4-23-68 DMG

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS 44-1987, COLUMBIA
FROM BOSTON 157-644 1 PAGE

MURKIN

WILLIAM SOUZA, SIXTY EIGHT ALPINE RD., PORTLAND,
MAINE, ADVISED APRIL TWENTY THREE INSTANT THAT ON APRIL
TWENTY TWO LAST ON ROUTE ONE, PORTLAND, MAINE, HE SAW PERSON
FITTING DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT. PERSON WAS PASSENGER IN
BLUE JAVELIN SEDAN, WITH SOUTH CAROLINA DEALER REGISTRATION
PLATES X ONE SEVEN EIGHT ONE.

COLUMBIA DETERMINE REGISTERED OWNER AND IN WHOSE
CUSTODY VEHICLE WAS IN PORTLAND, MAINE, AREA, APRIL TWENTY TWO
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