

FBI MEMPHIS

FBI BIRMINGHAM

533PM URGENT 4-26-68 HEP

TO DIRECTOR, KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS, MIAMI
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) 2P

MURKIN

RE MIAMI TEL TO BUREAU, APRIL TWO FIVE, LAST.

MADISON COUNTY SO AND MADISON COUNTY CREDIT BUREAU,
HUNTSVILLE, ALA., HAVE NO RECORD GUY E. RAY AND WIFE DIANE.
POSTMASTER, OWENS CROSS ROADS, ALA., ADVISED NO RECORD OR
KNOWLEDGE OF GUY E. RAY EVER RECEIVING MAIL OR RESIDING IN
THAT SMALL RURAL COMMUNITY.

JESSE A. KELLER, ATTORNEY, FLORENCE, ALA., ADVISED APRIL
TWO SIX, INSTANT, HE HAS KNOWN GUY ERSKINE RAY FOR ABOUT TWO
YEARS. RAY HAS BEEN IN THE HOME REPAIR BUSINESS AND NOW
OPERATES THE MID SOUTH CONSTRUCTION CO., SIX ONE FOUR EAST
WAVERLY STREET, MUSCLE SHOALS, ALA. HE RESIDES KILLEN, ALA.,
ROUTE ONE, BOX ONE FOUR A, BUT TRAVELS EXTENSIVELY IN HIS
HOME REPAIR BUSINESS. KELLER STATES GUY ERSKINE RAY IS TWO
NINE YEARS OLD, SIX FT. ONE, TWO TEN - TWO TWENTY LBS., HAS
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NOTICEABLE SCAR NEAR MOUTH AND JAW, BLACK WAVY HAIR, HEAVY BUILD, AND DOES NOT RESEMBLE PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY. ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO RAY OPERATED HOME REPAIR BUSINESS IN FLORENCE, ALA. AREA, BUT MOVED AWAY WITH A NUMBER OF OUTSTANDING DEBTS; HOWEVER, RETURNED TO THE AREA ABOUT THREE MONTHS AGO.

DIANE RAY, OFFICE MANAGER, MID SOUTH CONSTRUCTION CO., ADVISED APRIL TWO SIX, INSTANT, SHE HAS BEEN MARRIED TO GUY ERSKINE RAY FOR THREE AND ONE HALF YEARS, AND THEY HAVE LIVED IN A NUMBER OF STATES, INCLUDING ALA., FLA., AND VA. IN NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE OR SIXTYSIX, RAY WAS CHARGED WITH EMBEZZLEMENT AT DANVILLE, VA., AND THE FBI HAD A UFAP CHARGE AGAINST RAY. THE EMBEZZLEMENT MATTER WAS SETTLED BY RAY BEFORE HE WAS APPREHENDED BY FBI AND THE UFAP CHARGE WAS DISMISSED.

MRS. RAY STATES HUSBAND BORN [REDACTED], GURLEY, ALA., SIX FT. ONE, TWO TEN LBS., BROWN WAVY HAIR, LONG NOTICEABLE OPERATION SCAR UNDER RIGHT JAW, FATHER ERSKINE RAY, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, MOTHER AILENE RAY, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK. SHE OBSERVED PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY, AND STATES HE DID NOT RESEMBLE HER HUSBAND, GUY ERSKINE RAY.

NO COMMUNICATION FOLLOWS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI DALLAS

903PM URGENT 4-26-68 LJF

TO JACKSON, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM DALLAS (44-2849) 2P

MURKIN

RE LITTLE ROCK TEL TO DALLAS AND MEMPHIS, APRIL TWENTYFIVE,
LAST.

JAMES L. GATTEN, ONE ZERO ZERO FIVE MEYER, APARTMENT FORTY
ONE, IRVING, TEXAS, FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING TODAY:

HE IS BELL HOP AT CANADA INN, LOVE FIELD, DALLAS, TEXAS, AND
DELIVERS CARS FOR HERTZ THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES.

ON APRIL SIX LAST GATTEN LEFT ATLANTA, GA., ENROUTE TO DALLAS
IN HERTZ CAR. ON EARLY AM APRIL SEVEN LAST GATTEN PICKED UP A
HITCHHIKER ON INTERSTATE FIFTY NINE, ABOUT TEN MILES WEST OF
INTERSECTION OF INTERSTATE FIFTY NINE AND STATE ROUTE FORTY NINE.
HITCHHIKER WAS IN REMOTE AREA, AND TOLD GATTEN THAT HE HAD
BEEN DROPPED OFF BY TRUCK WHICH TURNED OFF ON RURAL ROAD. HITCH
HIKER RODE WITH GATTEN TO MIDTOWN NEW ORLEANS WHERE HE GOT OUT
ON INTERSTATE TEN NEAR INTERSECTION OF TULANE STREET, STATING HE
WOULD TAKE A CITY BUS FROM THERE.

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HITCH HIKER DESCRIBED AS : WHITE MALE THIRTY-FIVE TO FORTY, LIGHT SANDY BROWN HAIR, FIVE FEET TEN INCHES TO SIX FEET ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY FIVE POUNDS, UNSHAVEN, APPROXIMATELY ONE DAYS LIGHT COLORED BEARD, WEARING SHORT SLEEVED SPORT SHIRT, BLUE DRESS SLACKS, LOAFERS, SPOKE WITH SOUTHERN DRAWL NOT VERY NOTICABLE. HITCH HIKER SMOKED SEVERAL CIGARETTES, AND APPEARED TO BE FAMILIAR WITH PLANT LIFE OF THAT AREA. STATED HE WAS IN MERCHANT MARINES, AND PICKING UP A SHIP IN NEW ORLEANS.

GATTEN DISPLAYED WANTED FLYER, RE JAMES EARL RAY, AND STATED NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT PICTURE RESEMBLED THE HITCH HIKER. THE OTHER TWO PHOTOGRAPHS ON THE FLYER DID NOT RESEMBLE HITCH HIKER AT ALL.

GATTEN DOES NOT RECALL IF HITCH HIKER HAD LONG POINTED NOSE, DIMPLE IN CHIN, OR PROMINENT LEFT EAR.

DURING TRIP NO MENTION WAS MADE BY EITHER PERSON OF THE KING MURDER.

JACKSON: ATTEMPT TO LOCATE TRUCK DRIVER WHO DROPPED HITCH HIKER OFF IN RURAL AREA ON INTERSTATE FIFTY NINE, ABOUT TEN MILES WEST INTERSECTION OF STATE ROUTE FORTY NINE AND INTERVIEW RE HITCHHIKER.

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511 PM URGENT 4-27-68 REM
TO DALLAS (44-2649) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM JACKSON (157-3535) (P)
MURKIN.

RE DALLAS TEL FOUR TWENTY-SIX, LAST. INFO FROM
JAMES L. CATTEN.

INTERSTATE FIFTY-NINE AND U. S. FORTY-NINE BOTH
SUPER FOUR-LANE HIGHWAYS WHICH INTERSECT AT HATTIESBURG, MISS.
ALL EXITS ARE HIGH SPEED EXITS AT PRINCIPAL HIGHWAY INTERCHANGES
WITH NO RURAL ROAD EXITS.

SULLIVAN AND KILRAIN TRUCK STOP AND B. R. TADOR
GULF SERVICE ARE THE ONLY PLACES OF BUSINESS OPERATED NEAR
THIS AREA. PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY EXHIBITED TO SAM LITTLETON
AND L. D. WALTERS, MANAGER AND SERVICE ATTENDANT, AT THE
TRUCK STOP, AND JOHN ROBBINS, OF THE GULF STATION. ALL ADVISED
RAY HAS NOT BEEN SEEN IN THESE AREAS. THEY ADVISED THAT NUMEROUS
TRUCK DRIVERS ON THE INTERSTATE PATRONIZE THEIR BUSINESS DAILY
AND COULD FURNISH NO IDENTITY CONCERNING THE TRUCK DRIVER
OR HITCHHIKER DESCRIBED BY CATTEN.

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FBI SEATTLE

1019 PM DEFERRED 4/25/ 68 PJW

TO DIRECTOR , BOSTON, AND MEMPHIS

FROM SEATTLE (44-371) /IPG/

MURKIN

RE MINNEAPOLIS TEL TO BUREAU INSTANT DATE.

INVESTIGATION THROUGH NEIGHBORS DISCLOSES GORDON ANDERSON NOT IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT. ANDERSON RETIRED MILITARY PERSONNEL THIS AREA, AND IN MARCH TRAVELED EAST WITH WIFE TO VISIT RELATIVES. EVIDENTLY NOW RETURNING TO TACOMA, WASHINGTON RESIDENCE, SEVEN THREE ONE FOUR ONE FORTYSIXTH SOUTHWEST.

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Airtel

To: SAC, Seattle

From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

Re Gordon Anderson.

ReSEtel 4-27-68.

You should continue to closely follow this matter and interview Anderson when he returns to his Tacoma, Washington, residence so that his identity may be definitely established.

① - Memphis (info)

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (44-371) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
OO: MEMPHIS

RE: SUSPECT GORDON ANDERSON

Re Bureau airtel to Seattle dated 4/30/68.

On May 9, 1968, GORDON ANDERSON, 7314 - 146th S.W., Tacoma, Washington, was personally interviewed by SA ELGIN E. OLROGG and was eliminated as a suspect in this matter.

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FBI LOS ANG

11-45 PM DEFERRED 4-26-68 KH

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 MEMPHIS NEW YORK 44-1509
FROM LOS ANGELES 44-1574

MURKIN.

RE NY TEL APRIL TWENTY FIVE LAST, ON WILSHIRE BOOK
CO PHASE.

NY REQUESTED TO RECHECK WILSHIRE BOOK CO MAILING
LIST FOR CORRECT ADDRESS OF ANGIE RAY IN LOS ANGELES. NO
SOUTH CLARA STREET IN EXISTENCE. THERE IS A SOUTH CLARA
STREET, BUT STREET NUMBERS ONLY RUN IN FIVE AND SIX HUNDRED
BLOCK. ANGIE RAY NOT LISTED IN TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES.

NY ALSO RECHECK ADDRESS FOR DEBBIE RAY, AS NO
DERBY AVENUE LOCATED IN RESEDA, CALIFORNIA.

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)
MURKIN

RE ~~REDACTED~~ WILSHIRE BOOK COMPANY.

RE ~~REDACTED~~ LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED,
APRIL TWO SIX, LAST.

PRESIDENT OF RESEARCH PROJECTS COMPANY ADVISED
CORRECT ADDRESS FOR ANGIE RAY IS NINE FOUR TWO AND A HALF
CEILA, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, AND CORRECT ADDRESS FOR
DEBBIE RAY IS SIX SIX THREE THREE DARBY AVENUE, RESEDA,
CALIFORNIA. *Sub E-670 p3*

SUBJECT RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND
DANGEROUS.

MEMPHIS ADVISED BY AIR MAIL.

① - Memphis (AM) (RM)
1 - Supervisor #23

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (44-371)(P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: WILSHIRE BOOK COMPANY,
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Re New York teletype to Director and SAC's dated 4/22/68; Seattle teletype to Director and Birmingham dated 4/22/68; Birmingham teletype to Director and Memphis dated 5/1/68; (No copy of any of these communications directed to Houston.)

Referenced New York teletype advised that the mailing list of the Wilshire Book Company consisting of approximately 20,000 names was reviewed by SA's for the names of GARY and JAMES E. RAY. This search was negative. The review of the SA's revealed several individuals named RAY, including one E. J. RAY, 127 First Avenue N., Pacific, Washington.

Investigation at Pacific, Washington, reflects one GERALD D. RAY resided at 127 First Ave. N., Pacific, Washington, until approximately the end of March, 1968, when he reportedly was transferred by the Boeing Company to New York. This RAY was reported to be the former mayor of Algonk, Washington, and to be a reputable citizen.

The records of the Boeing Company revealed that one GERALD D. RAY, same address, had been employed as a supervisor

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with a secret clearance, born [REDACTED], and the records revealed he was presently assigned to the Research Park Center, Huntsville, Alabama.

Referenced teletype from Birmingham revealed that on April 30, 1968, WALTER HARGROVE, Security Officer for the Huntsville Division of the Boeing Company, reviewed all available personnel records and advised that there was no GERALD D. RAY presently employed at Huntsville Division from any other Boeing Division and HARGROVE could not furnish any information regarding RAY.

Contact with the Boeing Company at Seattle revealed that GERALD DERE RAY, Social Security No. [REDACTED], is now assigned at the Boeing Facility at Houston, Texas. The Boeing Company's Address Roster still shows this person's residence as 387 First Ave. N., Pacific, Washington, and the Boeing Company files reflect that RAY's personnel file is at Houston, Texas.

LEAD

HOUSTON

AT HOUSTON, TEXAS

Contact GERALD D. RAY to determine the identity of E. J. RAY and if he is related to subject JAMES EARL RAY.

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5-11-68

AIRTEL --- AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: New York teletype to Bureau dated 4-25-68.
Seattle airtel 5-8-68.

RE: WILSHIRE BOOK COMPANY,
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

On May 10, 1968, LEE LAND L. WOODS, Chief of Security, Boeing Company, Beta Building, 11915 El Camino Real, Clear Lake City, Houston, Texas, advised SA WILLIAM M. SPENGLER that GERALD DORR RAY, Research Specialist, Engineering, is assigned to Boeing at Houston, but is presently stationed with the Boeing Unit at Grumman Aviation and Engineering Co., Bethpage, Long Island, New York. His supervisor is EUGENE BEYMER, phone 575-6277.

LEADS

NEW YORK

Contact GERALD D. RAY to determine the identity of B. J. RAY and if he is related to subject JAMES EARL RAY.

3-Bureau (AM)
2-Memphis (AM)
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Date: 5/15/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL
(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Wilshire Book Company.

Re Houston airtel to the Bureau dated 5/11/68.

On 5/15/68, GERARD DORR RAY was eliminated as being identical with subject JAMES EARL RAY. While in Washington, GERARD DORR RAY resided at 327 First Avenue East, Pacific, Washington. His wife is BARBARA JEAN RAY and she received a magazine through Wilshire Book Company under the name B.J. RAY.

SUBJECT RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

2- Memphis
1- Houston (INFO)
1- Seattle (INFO)
1- New York (44-1609)

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FBI LOUISVLE

1158 PM URGENT 4-26-68 JBR

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA (44-2386), MEMPHIS (44-1937),
BIRMINGHAM (44-1740), AND LOS ANGELES (44- 1574)
FROM LOUISVILLE (44-947)

MURKIN

RE MEMPHIS TEL TO DIRECTOR, LOUISVILLE, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM,
AND ATLANTA FOUR TWENTYSIX INSTANT.

RE SEARS ^bROEBUCK BATTERY FOR NINETEEN SIXTYSIX MUSTANG.

JOHN GAYHART, GLOBE UNION INC., LOUISVILLE, KY., ADVISES
CODING INFORMATION CONTAINED ON INSTANT BATTERY INDICATES THIS
BATTERY SHIPPED FROM LOUISVILLE PLANT TO SEARS ROEBUCK RETAIL
OUTLETS IN SOUTHERN ILL., MOST OF INDIANA, SOUTHERN MICHIGAN, ALL
OF OHIO, ALL OF WEST VA., AND ALL OF KY. HE ESTIMATES APPROXIMATELY
TWENTY FIVE HUNDRED SUCH BATTERIES USED IN FIVE DIFFERENT TYPE
AUTOMOBILES SHIPPED TO ONE HUNDRED FIFTY SEARS RETAIL STORES.
GAYHART ADVISES NO SERIAL NUMBER OR OTHER INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFYING
NUMBER CONTAINED ON EACH BATTERY MANUFACTURED AND DISTRIBUTED AND
VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO TRACE THE BATTERY AS AN INDIVIDUAL UNIT.
HE STATES CAN SUPPLY INFORMATION FROM CUSTOMARY SALES SHEETS AS TO
NUMBER OF SUCH BATTERIES SHIPPED DURING MARCH AND IDENTITY OF SEARS
RETAIL STORES RECEIVING SAME.

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GARRY KINTLEY, ASSISTANT MANAGER LOCAL SEARS AUTO DEPT., STATES ALL SUCH BATTERIES CONTAIN IN ADDITION TO CODE INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED, ALSO STOCK NUMBER IMPRINTED IN PLASTIC ON RIGHT HAND CORNER OF BOTH ENDS OF BATTERY CONSISTING USUALLY OF TWO DIGITS. BATTERY ALSO CONTAINED WHITE ROUND STICKER, ABOUT SIZE OF A NICKLE. STICKER IS PLACED ON SIDE OF BATTERY CONTAINING A SMALL NUMBER, IN THIS INSTANCE, BETWEEN THE "C" AND FIGURE EIGHT AT THE BOTTOM A NUMBER INDICATING THE WEEK DURING MARCH IN WHICH THE BATTERY WAS MANUFACTURED. THIS WOULD PIN POINT EXACT WEEK IN MARCH AND NARROW PERIOD BETWEEN DATE OF MANUFACTURE AND APRIL FOUR. KINTLEY ALSO STATES THAT GENERALLY WHEN A BATTERY IS PURCHASED, DATE OF SALE, NAME AND ADDRESS OF PURCHASER IS OBTAINED ON SALES TICKET AS WELL AS MAKE OF CAR.

ATLANTA REQUESTED FURTHER EXAMINE INSTANT BATTERY DETERMINING IF WHITE STICKER IS PRESENT ON SAME INDICATING NUMBER
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SUCH AS TWO THREE FOUR ETC., REFLECTING WEEK IN MARCH BATTERY
MANUFACTURED.

MEMPHIS REQUESTED TO ADVISE IF INFORMATION AS TO NUMBER OF
BATTERIES SUPPLIED DURING PERTINENT PERIOD AND IDENTITY OF BEARS
RETAIL OUTLETS OBTAINING SAME IS DESIRED FOR CONTACT ON
INDIVIDUAL BASIS DISPLAYING PHOTO OF RAY AS POSSIBLE PURCHASER.

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FBI ATLANTA

1343 AEST URGENT 4/30/68 VSC

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND LOUISVILLE

FROM ATLANTA 44-2336 1P

MURKIN

Sub E - 712

RE LOUISVILLE TEL, APR. TWENTYSIX, LAST.

EXAMINATION BATTERY LOCATED SIXTYSIX MUSTANG REFLECTS
BATTERY IS BEARS ²✓ ALL-STATE HIGH VOLTAGE INTERNAL CELL CONNECTORS
BATTERY WITH NO. FIVE TWO IN WHITE LETTERS IN WHITE CIRCLE IN
PLASTIC ON RIGHT SIDE OF THREE SIDES OF BATTERY. METAL RING
PREVIOUSLY DESCRIBED ON NEGATIVE POST ALSO CONTAINS LETTER V
IN ADDITION TO OTHER INFO ALREADY SET OUT. CLOSE EXAMINATION
OF WHITE PAPER CIRCLE PASTED ON BATTERY ONLY REFLECTS LETTERS
C - EIGHT; NO OTHER LETTERS OR NUMBERS VISIBLE.

BOTTOM OF BATTERY CONTAINS WORDING, "THE RICHARDSON COMPANY"
AND FOUR PATENT NUMBERS AND A CIRCLE CONTAINING LETTERS AND
NUMBERS LR SIX EIGHT.

LOUISVILLE RECONTACT GLOBE UNION, INC. AND ATTEMPT TO TRACE
BATTERY.

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Sears Roebuck & Co. (16)
E. Second St.
Simsboro, Ky.

Sears Roebuck & Co. (5)
1133 Dixie Highway
Gallively, Ky.

Sears Roebuck & Co. (22)
1010 State Street
Bowling Green, Ky.

Sears Roebuck & Co. (4)
2102 Williams St.
Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Sears Roebuck & Co. (13)
1500 Broadway
Paducah, Kentucky

Sears Roebuck & Co. (13)
213 E. Main Street
Lexington, Kentucky

Sears Roebuck & Co. (25)
13 West 7th Street
Covington, Kentucky

Sears Roebuck & Co. (24)
820 West Broadway
Louisville, Ky.

Sears Roebuck & Co. (26)
4121 Shelbyville Road
St. Matthews, Kentucky

Sears Roebuck & Co. (7)
U.S. 60 East
Frankfort, Kentucky

Sears Roebuck & Co. (76)
1408 N. Kingshighway
St. Louis, Missouri

Sears Roebuck & Co. (34)
1005 State Street
East St. Louis, Illinois

Sears Roebuck & Co. (64)
3708 Grand Blvd.
St. Louis, Missouri

Sears Roebuck & Co. (7)
7412 Manchester Rd.
Maplewood, Missouri

Sears Roebuck & Co. (17)
309 Piassa Street
Alton, Illinois

Sears Roebuck & Co. (2)
112 E. Main Street
Belleville, Illinois

Sears Roebuck & Co. (42)
15 Crestwood Plaza
St. Louis, Missouri

Sears Roebuck & Co. (69)
11100 St. Charles Rodk Road
St. Ann, Missouri

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Date: 5/24/68

Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947) (P)
 RE: MURKIN

Sub E-412

Re Louisville teletype to Director dated 4/26/68; Atlanta teletype to Louisville dated 4/30/68; Atlanta telephone call to Louisville, 5/22/68; and Louisville telephone call to Atlanta, 5/23/68.

Re: Sears Roebuck Battery located in 1966 Mustang

With further reference to the tracing of Sears Roebuck All-State Battery located in 1966 Mustang recovered at Atlanta, Ga., on 4/5/68, and with particular reference to telephonic conversation between Supervisor CHARLES HARDING, Atlanta Office, and SA C. ADDISON KINCAID of the Louisville Office, the following additional facts are being furnished:

On 5/22/68, Mr. JOHN DARNELL, Globe Union Company, Louisville, Ky., manufacturers of All-State Automobile Batteries of the type recovered in instant 1966 Mustang, stated that this battery is a Model 52 which carries a stock number of 22-F. Mr. DARNELL informed that in a 1966 Mustang the battery normally installed would be a Model 25, 35 or 36 or stock No. 24-F. He stated that this battery

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 1-St. Louis (Enc. 1) (Info)
 1-Springfield (Enc. 1) (Info)
 4-Louisville

③-Memphis (44-1987) (Enc. 1)

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*Didn't
 we discontinue
 on battery leads?
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could be purchased in any of the Sears Roebuck retail automobile store outlets located in Eastern Missouri, Southern Illinois, all of the State of Indiana, all of the State of Ohio, all of the State of West Virginia, or all of the State of Kentucky. He stated that as of the present time, there are 133 retail Sears Roebuck automobile stores which stock and sell this battery.

With reference to the possibility of obtaining this battery through mail order, Mr. DARNELL stated that this could be possible but only upon referral of the mail order to the Louisville plant of Globe by Sears Roebuck in Chicago, Illinois, for delivery direct from the Louisville plant. It is to be noted that the central distributing point and warehouse of Sears Roebuck in Chicago would not stock a 22-F battery manufactured at the Louisville plant inasmuch as Chicago is served by the Milwaukee plant of Globe Union.

With reference to the possibility of purchase of the battery by mail order, Mr. DARNELL checked all mail orders filled by the Louisville plant upon such referral by Sears Roebuck in Chicago and stated that no mail order received was for a Model 22-F battery, thus eliminating the possibility of purchase of instant battery through mail order.

Pursuant to conversation held with Supervisor CHARLES HARDING of the Atlanta Office, Mr. DARNELL was requested to furnish and did furnish copies of the Sears Roebuck retail automobile store outlets in the area surrounding Memphis, consisting of stores in the Greater St. Louis, Missouri, area and Southeastern Missouri, as well as Southern Illinois as far North as Alton, Illinois, as well as stores in Western Kentucky. Next to the name and address of the Sears Roebuck stores so listed in parenthesis are listed the total number of the type 22-F battery furnished these various stores during the pertinent period from 2/22/68, to April 5, 1968. It is to be noted that while instant battery carries a date code of 3/68, Mr. DARNELL explained that the code date is effective on the 21st of each month indicating that this battery was distributed possibly as early as 2/22/68, as a March product.

For the information of offices not previously receiving correspondence regarding tracing of instant

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battery, this battery is described as an All-State high voltage, internal connector battery with the identifying Model 52 contained in white letters in a small circular plastic case on three sides of the battery. It also bears the marking "F-41 B E 8, square 48" located on the top of the lead shield washer on the negative post. The date code "C-8" indicating the battery was manufactured in March, 1968, is contained in a small white decal on the side of the battery.

Enclosed for the Bureau and each receiving office is a copy of the list of Sears Roebuck retail stores carrying this battery and through which retail outlet same may have been purchased during the above period from 2/22 to 4/4/68.

No leads are being set forth herewith by the Louisville Office relative to further tracing of this battery but same is being left to the descretion of the OO as indicated in referenced teletype of the Louisville Office dated 4/26/68.

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FBI MEMPHIS

FBI ST LOUIS

HOLD FOR THREE MSG

1020PM URGENT 4-26-68 JLS

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

MURKIN CR

RE BUTELS THIS DATE RE PRIOR THREATENERS OF KING

RE BENNY K. PINKSTON FBI NUMBER THREE ONE FOUR SEVEN FOUR THREE ONE.

SL FILES SHOW SLPD ADVISED OCT NINE SIXTY FOUR OF RECEIPT OF INFORMATION FROM CAIRO, ILL., PD THAT PINKSTON THREATENED KING'S LIFE. CONSULTED ATTORNEY DAVID V. LANSDEN, CAIRO, AS TO WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF HE KILLED KING. PINKSTON REPORTED IN SIKESION WHEN INFO RECEIVED.

LR LHM AUG EIGHTEEN SIXTY SEVEN LISTS AKA B. K. PINKSTON, NICK-
NAMES HARDWALKER, PREACHER AND PROFESSOR, DESCRIBES AS WM, BORN
, FORREST CITY, ARK., FIVE FEET FIVE, ONE FORTY
LBS., BROWN EYES, BLACK HAIR, MEDIUM BUILD, TWO INCH VERTICAL SCAR
FOREHEAD. LISTED RESIDENCE FORREST CITY, ARK., BUT STATED HE MAKES
FREQUENT TRIPS. CLAIMED TRAVELED IN MEXICO EXTENSIVELY.

SLPD RECORDS SHOW ARREST FEB FOURTEEN SIXTY EIGHT, POSSESSION OF
MARIJUANA, RELEASED ON BAIL MARCH THIRTEEN SIXTY EIGHT. GAVE NO SL
ADDRESS BUT LISTED RESIDENCES ONE FOUR THREE WEST SCOTT, FORREST
CITY, ARK., AND ONE FOUR THREE WEST OR SOUTH COTTON, KANSAS.

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SL CURRENTLY ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE.

SI AT CAIRO INTERVIEW ATTORNEY DAVID V. LANDODEN AND DETERMINE
CIRCUMSTANCES OF THREAT AND POSSIBLE WHEREABOUTS.

LR AT FORREST CITY ATTEMPT TO LOCATE OR DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS.

KC ATTEMPT LOCATE OR DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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URGENT

TO: ST. LOUIS
FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

THE MAIN FILE ON KING CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING THREATS:

BY AIRTEL TO DIRECTOR, FBI ON NOVEMBER TWELVE, NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE, YOU ADVISED THAT ONE DELANO ELMER WALKER HAD ALLEGEDLY BEEN APPROACHED BY AN UNKNOWN SUBJECT WITH A PROPOSITION TO KILL KING FOR FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS. THE UNKNOWN SUBJECT REPORTEDLY GAVE WALKER FIFTY DOLLARS WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO PROCEED TO ATLANTA FOR FURTHER ORDERS. LOCAL POLICE BELIEVED WALKER'S STORY WAS MANUFACTURED ALTHOUGH HE REPORTEDLY HAD FIFTY DOLLARS ON HIS PERSON. (SEE YOUR FILE ON KING KING - ONE SEVEN EIGHT KING ONE).

INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED FROM YOUR OFFICE ON OCTOBER NINE, NINETEEN SIXTY-FOUR, THAT ONE BENNY PINSTON OF PINSTON, MISSOURI, A NEGRO, HAD ALLEGEDLY THREATENED KING'S LIFE. IT WAS REPORTED THAT PINSTON HAD FBI NUMBER THREE

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RE: MURKIN

ONE FOUR - SEVEN FOUR THREE ONE. THE LATEST ARREST ON
PINKSTON'S IDENTIFICATION RECORD IS FEBRUARY FOURTEEN,
NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, ST. LOUIS,
FOR POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA. DISPOSITION OF ARREST NOT LISTED.

ALTHOUGH SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS THE
ASSAILANT, YOU SHOULD CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF
ANY OF THE ABOVE MIGHT BE IMPLICATED AS A CONSPIRATOR.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775)
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN, CR.

RE BUTEL TO ALL SACS, APRIL TWENTYSIX SIXTYEIGHT AND
ST. LOUIS TEL TO BUREAU, ET AL, APRIL TWENTYSIX SIXTYEIGHT.

RE BENNY K. PINKSTON, FBI NUMBER THREE ONE FOUR SEVEN
FOUR THREE ONE.

DAVID V. LANSDEN, ATTORNEY, CAIRO, ILLINOIS, ADVISED
TODAY THAT HE HAS HAD BENNY K. PINKSTON AS A CLIENT ON TWO OR
THREE OCCASIONS. LANSDEN STATES THAT PINKSTON IS A HEARTLESS
INDIVIDUAL WHO PROFFESSES TO BE A SEPARATIONIST AND USUALLY
ACQUIRES SMALL AMOUNTS OF MONEY FROM BUSINESSMEN IN THE
WHITE COMMUNITY BY SOLICITING DONATIONS IN ONE AND TWO DOLLAR
AMOUNTS TO PROMOTE HIS SEPARATION OF THE RACES PROGRAM.

LANSDEN STATED THAT PINKSTON USUALLY CARRIES A QUANTITY
OF JOHN BIRCH LITERATURE AND DISTRIBUTES SAME AND GENERALLY
OPERATES IN THE SIKESTON, MISSOURI OR FORREST CITY, ARKANSAS AREA.

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LANSDEN UNABLE TO RECALL ANY CONVERSATION WHEREIN PINKSTON THREATENED LIFE OF KING NOR DOES HE RECALL PINKSTON EVER CONSULTING HIM AS TO WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN IF HE KILLED KING. LANSDEN STATES TO THE BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE, PINKSTONS PROBABLY IN FORREST CITY, ARKANSAS, WHERE HE HAS A MOTHER AND OTHER RELATIVES. LANSDEN STATES TO THE BEST OF HIS RECOLLECTION HE LAST SAW PINKSTON THREE OR FOUR YEARS AGO. P.

COPIES MAILED LITTLE ROCK AND MEMPHIS.

FBI ATLANTA

1044 PM URGENT 4-27-68 ARK
TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND COLUMBIA
FROM ATLANTA (44-2386) 2P

MURKIN

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION, APRIL TWENTYSEVEN, SIXTYEIGHT:

DR. WILLIAM HUTTO, ONE EIGHT ONE NINE MARION ST., COLUMBIA,
S. C. ADVISED HE OBSERVED AT EIGHT FORTYFIVE AM APRIL TWENTYSEVEN ON
INTERSTATE TWENTYSIX A GRAY VOLKSWAGEN, BEARING SIXTYEIGHT GA. LICENSE
SEVEN D EIGHT TWO ZERO FIVE TRAVELING AT HIGH RATE OF SPEED TOWARD
COLUMBIA. DR. HUTTO COULD ONLY SEE PROFILE OF DRIVER AND IS OF
OPINION ONE PERSON IN CAR RESEMBLED SUBJECT.

ABOVE LICENSE ISSUED TO CHARLES WORTZ, TWO ZERO ONE SIX
OLIVE SPRINGS ROAD, APARTMENT B ONE, MARIETTA, GEORGIA. NO STOLEN
REPORT ON AUTO AND MANAGER OF APARTMENT COMPLEX DESCRIBES WORTZ AS
YOUNG, DEPENDABLE, SUBSTANTIALLY EMPLOYED BY LOCKHEED MARIETTA COMPANY
AND RESIDENT OF APARTMENT B ONE SINCE MARCH SIXTYSEVEN. WELL LIKED BY
NEIGHBORS AND ACTIVE IN LOCAL CIVIC CLUB. FURTHER DESCRIBES WORTZ
AS WHITE, SIX FOOT, WEARS LONG HEAVY BUSHY BEARD AND HAS SANDY HAIR.
NEVER KNOWN TO BE INVOLVED IN TROUBLE. SINGLE AND KNOWN TO PRESENTLY
BE ON VACATION SOMEPLACE IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

CONTACT OF INDIVIDUALS ADVERTISING AUTOMOBILES FOR SALE

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THROUGH NEWSPAPERS CONTINUING AND NEGATIVE TO DATE.

CHECK OF PASSENGERS ON FOREIGN-BOUND AIRLINES LEAVING
ATLANTA APRIL FIVE CONTINUING.

CONTACTS WITH RACIAL INFORMANTS TO DETERMINE ANY INDICATION
OF ALLEGED BOUNTY PLACED ON THE LIFE OF KING CONTINUING.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI MEMPHIS

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Date: 4/27/68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
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(Priority)

TO: SAC, ATLANTA

FROM: SAC, COLUMBIA (44-299)

MURKIN.

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DR. WILLIAM HUTTO, ONE EIGHT ONE NINE MARION ST.,
COLUMBIA, SC, ADVISED HE OBSERVED AT EIGHT FORTYFIVE AM
TODAY ON INTERSTATE TWENTYSIX A GRAY VOLKSWAGEN, TWO DOOR,
BEARING SIXTYEIGHT GA. LICENSE SEVEN D EIGHT TWO ZERO FIVE
TRAVELING AT HIGH RATE OF SPEED TOWARD COLUMBIA. DR. HUTTO
COULD ONLY SEE PROFILE OF DRIVER AND IS OF OPINION LONE
PERSON IN CAR RESEMBLES SUBJECT.

HANDLE. AIRMAIL COPY FURNISHED MEMPHIS.

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FBI LOS ANG.

9:11AM PDT URGENT 4-26-68 RCE
TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS, ST. LOUIS
FROM: LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

AT EIGHT FIFTEEN AM INSTANT TRANSWORLD AIRLINE
GATE AGENT, JAMES CLUTTER, ADVISED THAT TWO BOARDING
AGENTS OBSERVED AN INDIVIDUAL FITTING DESCRIPTION OF
JAMES EARL RAY, EXCEPT FOR SHORTER SALT AND PEPPER GRAY
HAIR, BOARDING TWA FLIGHT NUMBER ONE SEVEN FOUR, DEPARTING
LOS ANGELES EIGHT TWENTYONE AM, ARRIVING ST. LOUIS
ONE FORTY PM. HE IS WEARING WHITE BUTTONED DOWN SHIRT
AND YELLOW CARDIGAN SWEATER. HE GAVE NAME OF GEORGE
RUDE AND ASKED FOR CONNECTING FLIGHT INFORMATION TO MARION,
OHIO, VIA OZARK AIRLINES. HE IS CARRYING A BLUE
FLIGHT BAG AND IS SITTING MIDWAY ON COACH SECTION ON RIGHT
SIDE. HE ALSO HAS TWO OTHER PIECES OF LUGGAGE CHECKED.

ST. LOUIS WILL DETERMINE WHETHER GEORGE RUDE IDENTICAL
TO SUBJECT.

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240PM URGENT 4-23-68 RJK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775) 1P

MURKIN

RE LA TEL TODAY.

RE: SUSPECT GEORGE STEVEN RUDE.

RUDE CONTACTED BY SA'S ON ARRIVAL SLMO BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], MACO, ILL., WHICH IS RESIDENCE. FIVE FEET EIGHT,
ONE HUNDRED FIFTYFIVE LBS., BROWN GREY HAIR, BLUE EYES, FALSE FRONT
TEETH, SELECTIVE SERVICE NUMBER ELEVEN ONE NINE THREE THIRTY EIGHT
FORTY NINE. LITTLE RESEMBLANCE TO SUBJECT. LEFT INDEX FINGER
COMPARED TO ID, NOT IDENT. IN LA SEEKING EMPLOYMENT.

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131PM URGENT 4-28-68 JSM

TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, MINNEAPOLIS AND SPRINGFIELD
FROM MILWAUKEE (44-388)

MURKIN

TED WRUBLEWSKI, ASSISTANT PARK MANAGER INTERSTATE STATE
PARK, ST. CROIX FALLS, WIS., TELEPHONICALLY ADVISES ARTICLE IN
MINNEAPOLIS TRIBUNE FOUR TWENTYEIGHT SIXTYEIGHT, PAGE EIGHT-B,
ENTITLED "MAN RESEMBLING RAY SEEN N.D." DATED LINED MANDAN, N.D.
REPORTS THAT A MRS. RICHARD BUSHEE, WHO OPERATES THE MODERN
FRONTIER MOTEL BETWEEN MANDAN AND BISMARCK WAS INTERVIEWED BY
FBI AND REPORTED A MAN RESEMBLING RAY ACCOMPANIED BY A BLOND
FEMALE AND WHO WAS DRIVING A PICKUP TRUCK REGISTERED THURSDAY.

WRUBLEWSKI ADVISES ON FOUR TWENTYTAKER SIXTYEIGHT A WHITE
MALE, THIRTY - THIRTYTWO YRS., FIVE FT. TEN IN., ONE HUNDRED
SEVENTY LBS., AND WHO GAVE NAME J. CARNAHAN OF SKOKIE, ILL.,
WAS ACCOMPANIED BY BLOND FEMALE, MID TWENTIES. THEY WERE
DRIVING FORD PICKUP WITH CAMPER, ILL. LIC. B TWO NINE ONE SIX
ONE SEVEN AND REGISTERED AT INTERSTATE PARK.

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HE RELATED THAT CARNAHAM SAID THEY HAD BEEN AT SAND BAY
NEAR HURLEY, WISC. BUT LEFT BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T LIKE THE BEARS.
WROBLEWSKI RELATES HE IS REPORTING THIS DUE TO ARTICLE IN
MINNEAPOLIS PAPER AS THE J. CARNAHAM AND BLOND FEMALE PROBABLY
IDENTICAL TO COUPLE REPORTED BY MRS. BUSHEE. WROBLEWSKI OF
OPINION CARNAHAM NOT IDENTICAL TO RAY.

SPRINGFIELD DETERMINE IDENTITY HOLDER ILL. LIC. B TWO NINE
ONE SIX ONE SEVEN. SET OUT LEADS TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL TO
RAY.

CHICAGO DETERMINE IF J. CARNAHAM, SKOKIE, ILL., HAS FORD
PICKUP WITH CAMPER, ILL. LIC. B TWO NINE ONE SIX ONE SEVEN AND
IF CARNAHAM IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT.

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FBI SPRINGFIELD

3:09 PM URGENT 4-28-68 AEF

TO: DIRECTOR, CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, MINNEAPOLIS

FROM: SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN

RE MILWAUKEE TEL INSTANT.

RECORDS OF MOTOR VEHICLE BUREAU RE NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT
ILLINOIS LICENSE NUMBER 3 DASH TWO NINE ONE DASH SIX ONE
SEVEN, REVEALS LICENSE IN NAME OF JAMES MC GOVERN, ADDRESS ONE
ZERO ZERO TWO THREE WEST DEVON AVE., ROSEMONT, ILLINOIS.

VEHICLE, NINETEEN SIXTYSIX CHEVROLET FLEETSIDE PANEL TRUCK,
VIN C DASH TWO FIVE FOUR SIX F ONE SIX THREE FOUR ZERO TWO.

CHICAGO DETERMINE IF HOLDER OF LICENSE IDENTICAL TO
RAY.

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FBI CHICAGO

525PM URGENT 4-23-68 TAB

TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, MINNEAPOLIS, MILWAUKEE
FROM: CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN

MILWAUKEE AND SPRINGFIELD TELS THIS DATE.

JAMES J. MC GOVERN, ONE ZERO ZERO TWO THREE WEST DEVON
ROSEMONT, ILLINOIS, OWNS SIXTY SIX CHEVROLET PANEL TRUCK BEARING
SIXTY EIGHT ILL. LICENSE B TWO NINE ONE SIX ONE SEVEN, WHICH
VEHICLE OBSERVED THIS DATE AND BOTH LICENSE PLATES ATTACHED
THERETO. HE COULD FURNISH NO INFORMATION THIS MATTER.

JOHN H. CARNAHAN, NINE ONE THREE EIGHT KILPATRICK, SKOKIE,
ILLINOIS, LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED. CARNAHAN ADVISED HE AND HIS
WIFE WERE CAMPING IN WISC. THIS WEEKEND AND HAD HIS FORD PICK-
UP BEARING SIXTY EIGHT ILL. LIC. B TWO SEVEN ONE SIX ONE SEVEN
AND RENTED CAMPER. CARNAHAN OWNER OF SKOKIE AUTO AIR COMPANY
AND DETERMINED NOT IDENTICAL SUBJECT RAY.

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TO: DIRECTOR (MAIL) AND SACS MILWAUKEE (44-388) AND CHICAGO

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (3 PG)

MURKIN

RE MILWAUKEE TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR DATED APRIL TWENTYEIGHT LAST.

MVB SPRINGFIELD ADVISED SIXTYEIGHT ILLINOIS LICENSE B TWO NINE ONE SIX ONE SEVEN ISSUED TO JAMES J. MC GOVERN, ONE ZERO ZERO TWO THREE WEST DEVON, ROSEMONT, ILLINOIS, FOR NINETEEN SIXTYSIX CHEVROLET FLEETSIDE PANEL TRUCK, VIN C TWO FIVE FOUR SIX F ONE SIX THREE FOUR ZERO TWO, DRIVER'S LICENSE LISTED AS M TWO ONE SIX DASH FOUR FIVE ZERO TWO DASH THREE ZERO FIVE SIX, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED]

NINETEEN SIXTYSIX ILLINOIS LICENSE B TWO NINE ONE SIX ONE SEVEN ISSUED TO GEORGE WARD, ROUTE TWO, D STREET, MURPHYSBORO, ILLINOIS, FOR A NINETEEN FIFTYSIX FORD PICKUP, VIN F ONE ZERO V SIX G TWO FIVE FOUR TWO ONE, DRIVER'S LICENSE

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LISTED AS W ONE FIVE SIX SIX TWO THREE FOUR NINE SEVEN SIX FIVE TWO FIVE EIGHT. THIS LICENSE ORIGINALLY ISSUED FOR A NINETEEN FIFTYFOUR FORD PICKUP, IN WHICH DRIVER'S LICENSE LISTED AS W ONE FIVE SIX SIX TWO THREE FOUR NINE SEVEN SIX FIVE TWO FIVE EIGHT FIVE. THESE ARE NOT ILLINOIS DRIVER'S LICENSE.

DRIVER'S LICENSE SECTION, SPRINGFIELD, ADVISED DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER N TWO ONE SIX DASH FOUR FIVE ZERO TWO DASH THREE ZERO FIVE SIX ISSUED FEBRUARY FOURTEEN LAST TO JAMES J. MC GOVERN. THIS CHAUFFEUR'S LICENSE EXPIRES MARCH SEVEN SIXTYNINE AND DESCRIBED HIM AS FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED NINETY POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES, DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED]. APPLICATION REFLECTS HE IS SELF-EMPLOYED AND D/B/A/J. J. MC GOVERN MOTOR SERVICE, ROSEMONT, ILLINOIS.

DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER W SIX THREE TWO ZERO DASH THREE TWL ONE THREE DASH FIVE TWO THREE FOUR ISSUED DECEMBER EIGHT, SIXTYSEVEN TO GEORGE L. WARD, ONE ZERO THREE THIRD STREET, MURPHYSBORO, ILLINOIS. LICENSE EXPIRES DECEMBER EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT AND DESCRIBES HIM AS FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED NINETY POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, HAZEL EYES, DOB [REDACTED].

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**SPRINGFIELD AT ROSEMONT AND MURPHYSBORO. WILL
DETERMINE IF MC GOVERN AND WARD ARE IDENTICAL TO RAY.**

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FBI BIRMGHAM

801PM URGENT 4-23-68 MRP

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), TAMPA (157-3231), MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) 1P

MURKIN

JIM SPARKS, EMPLOYEE OF ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS, TEMPORARILY
RESIDING AT TWO HUNDRED ELEVENTH STREET, ROBINWOOD, ALABAMA, ADVISED
ON APRIL TWENTYEIGHT INSTANT, ONE CHARLES RAY JOHNSON, A
CONCESSIONAIREMAN WITH HEART OF AMERICA SHOWS, FAIRGROUNDS, TAMPA,
FLORIDA, BEARS RESEMBLANCE TO SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY. SPARKS
ADVISED SAW JOHNSON AT TAMPA THREE DAYS AGO.

TAMPA ATTEMPT LOCATE CHARLES RAY JOHNSON TO DETERMINE IF
IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT RAY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI TAMPA

203 PM URGENT 4/29/68 ALS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), BIRMINGHAM, HOUSTON, AND MEMPHIS
FROM TAMPA (157-3331)

MURKIN; CR. OO: ME.

RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE FOUR TWENTYEIGHT SIXTYEIGHT.

FOR INFORMATION HOUSTON RETEL AS FOLLOWS:

"JIM SPARKS, EMPLOYE OF ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS, TEMPORARILY RESIDING AT TWO HUNDRED ELEVENTH STREET, ROOMWOOD, ALABAMA ADVISED ON APRIL TWENTY EIGHT, INSTANT, ONE CHARLES RAY JOHNSON, OR CONCESSIONAIREMAN WITH HEART OF AMERICA SHOWS, FAIRBOURNE, TAMPA, FLORIDA BEARS RESEMBLANCE TO SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY. SPARKS ADVISED SAW JOHNSON AT TAMPA THREE DAYS AGO. TAMPA ATTEMPT LOCATE CHARLES RAY JOHNSON TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT RAY."

RAY ELLISON, SECRETARY, ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS, FAIRBOURNE ADVISED APRIL TWENTY NINE, INSTANT, NO HEART OF AMERICA SHOWS, TAMPA, NO CONCESSIONAIREMAN KNOWN NAMED CHARLES RAY JOHNSON, AND SUBJECT RAY PHOTOS EXAMINED NEGATIVE.

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TP TWO FOURIO ADVISED APRIL TWENTY NINE, HEART OF AMERICA SHOWS HAVE NOT BEEN IN TAMPA, THAT IT IS SMALL FLY BY NIGHT OUT-FIT, AND BILLBOARD MAGAZINE SHOWS HEART OF AMERICA TO OPEN APRIL TWENTY SEVEN, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT AT HOUSTON, TEXAS. SPARKS, JOHNSON, AND SUBJECT RAY ALL UNKNOWN TO SQUADS. SOURCE IS OF FAIRGROUND DAILY.

HOUSTON ATTEMPT LOCATE CHARLES RAY JOHNSON THROUGH HEART OF AMERICA SHOWS TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT RAY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI-HOUSTON

608AM URGENT 5-1-68 JLN

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS, TAMPA

FROM HOUSTON (44-1509) 1P

MURKIN.

RE TAMPA TEL APR. TWENTYNINE LAST.

RE LOOK-A-LIKE, CHARLES RAY JOHNSON ¹⁰ *Sub E-718*
W.E. BROWN ^D BUSINESS MANAGER, TED CONRY, OWNER AND
P.L. PATTERSON, CONCESSIONS OWNER, HEART OF AMERICA SHOWS,
ADVISED NO RECORD OF CHARLES RAY JOHNSON WITH SHOW. SHOW
WITH NO OTHER BRANCHES HAS BEEN IN TEXAS PAST MONTH. PHOTOS
OF JAMES EARL RAY NOT IDENTIFIABLE WITH SHOW PERSONNEL. RETEL
STATES CHARLES RAY JOHNSON SEEN AT TAMPA LAST WEEKEND.

BIRMINGHAM RECONTACT JIM SPARKS ^D AND DETERMINE EXACT
LOCATION IN TAMPA WHERE JOHNSON LAST OBSERVED.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231-264)
MURKIN
CR
(OO:ME)

RE: SUSPECT DENNIS A. HOLT

ReNYtel to TP, 4/22/68.

City and telephone directories, Clearwater, Fla., reflect DENNIS A. HOLT, 3262 San Pedro, Clearwater, telephone #726-2348, is operator of Holt Motors, 2107 U. S. Highway 19 South, Clearwater, telephone #531-2939 and 531-3162.

Pretext inquiry at Holt Motors reflected that HOLT is on vacation and is not expected to return for possibly one week.

Mrs. DENNIS A. HOLT, 3262 San Pedro, Clearwater, advised that her husband departed from Miami on Thursday, April 18, 1968, accompanied by a minister and possibly another individual to serve as an interpreter, en route to Brazil and other parts of South America in connection with missionary work. Mrs. HOLT observed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, aka, and stated that he does not bear even a remote resemblance to her husband.

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Miss PATTY LANIER, Pinellas Co. SO, Clearwater, advised that DENNIS ALVIN HOLT was arrested 3/30/67 on request of Manatee County, Fla. No charge shown. She said that HOLT, Pinellas County SO #54008, is described as a white male, born [REDACTED], Clearwater, Fla., 5'11", 160 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, ruddy complexion, residence 3262 San Pedro, Clearwater. She said HOLT was fingerprinted at the time and return was received from the Identification Division of the FBI indicating no prior record.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/23/68

JOHN HUBEART WILLARD was interviewed at his place of employment, Day-Brite Lighting Company, Tupelo, Mississippi, and after being advised of the nature of the inquiry and the identity of the interviewing Agents was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Number 306 443 A, and photographs of RAY taken while using the name ERIC STARVO GALT. WILLARD stated that the photographs were unfamiliar to him.

WILLARD also stated the following names were unknown to him:

W. C. HERRON
JAMES MC BRIDE
JAMES O'CONNOR
JAMES WALTON
JAMES WALYON
EARL JALES

WILLARD further stated that he is a married man with a family and does not hang around bars.

WILLARD commented that the only traveling he does is to visit relatives in Southaven, Mississippi, a suburb of Memphis, Tennessee, and further commented that he does not visit any bars in Memphis on these occasions, and does not hang around the City of Memphis on these visits.

On 4/22/68 at Tupelo, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586
by SA FRANCIS G. HONAN and
SA JOHN S. CASTLES:FGH:bal Date dictated 4/22/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN

RE: JOHN HUBEART WILLARD
PONTOTOC, MISSISSIPPI

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are three copies and for Memphis and Birmingham two copies each of an FD-302 reflecting interview of JOHN HUBEART WILLARD on April 22, 1968.

JOHN HUBEART WILLARD, Pontotoc, Miss., who is employed by the Day-Brite Lighting Company, Tupelo, Mississippi, was interviewed by Special Agents and exhibited photographs of Subject JAMES EARL RAY. Background investigation has previously been conducted concerning WILLARD and his whereabouts during the pertinent period and he has been eliminated by witnesses. He was working during the pertinent period and this has been substantiated by active investigation. WILLARD was questioned concerning his associates and contacts over the past two years and indicated he can recall no incidents where he could have ever come in contact with the subject in this matter.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242) (P)
RE: MURKIN
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RE CARS STOLEN FROM STATE OF GEORGIA

Re Atlanta airtel to the Bureau, 4/22/68.

In connection with the leads set forth in referenced airtel the following investigation was conducted by the San Antonio Division:

On 4/23/68 GEORGE HETZEL, NCIC Section, and DON OVERSTREET, Modus Operandi Section, Texas Department of Public Safety, Austin, Texas, advised that no central index is maintained by Department of Public Safety that will reflect stolen cars recovered in Texas that were reported stolen in the State of Georgia.

HETZEL stated that a normal check on a recovered automobile with an out-of-state license would be with the Motor Vehicle Division or State Police of the state of registration. That agency should have records of all stolen vehicles recovered that were registered by that agency.

3 - Bureau
2 - Atlanta (44-2386)
1 - Dallas (Info)
1 - El Paso (Info)
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Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau and All Continental
Offices, 4/25/68.

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RE: CARS STOLEN FROM GEORGIA
SUBSEQUENT TO 3/23/68

On April 30, 1968, MARGARETTA HUFF, Communications and Auto Theft Section, California Highway Patrol, Sacramento, California, furnished a complete list of cars stolen from Georgia which were recovered in the State of California subsequent to March 23, 1968. No cars were recovered in the territories covered by the Sacramento or San Diego Divisions.

Los Angeles, San Diego, and San Francisco were advised telephonically of the results of above check.

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1-Los Angeles (44-1574)
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