

FBI MEMPHIS

FBI LOUISVLE

3:07 PM 5-20-68 URGENT BAW

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), KNOXVILLE (44-696),  
MEMPHIS (44-1987), LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
FROM LOUISVILLE (44-947) 2P

MURKIN

RE MEMPHIS TEL TO DIRECTOR MAY EIGHTEEN, LAST AND LOUISVILLE  
TEL TO MEMPHIS MAY EIGHTEEN, LAST.

ON INSTANT DATE, C.M. BAYHI, AUDITOR, GREYHOUND BUS  
STATION, LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY, ADVISED TICKET NO. ONE THREE  
ZERO ZERO ZERO EIGHT TWO TWO TWO NINE FOUR TWO, DATED APRIL  
SEVEN, LAST, FROM KNOXVILLE TO MEMPHIS TO EL PASO TO LOS ANGELES  
IN AMOUNT OF SEVENTY DOLLARS AND THIRTY FIVE CENTS WAS ISSUED  
BY AUGUSTA NICHOLS, DIE NO. THREE, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE. THE NUMBER  
ONE ON ABOVE IS A PRINTED NUMBER, THE REMAINDER OF THE NUMBERS  
APPEAR TO BE CARBON NUMBERS. TICKET WAS USED APRIL SEVEN, LAST.  
PASSENGER LEFT KNOXVILLE AT EIGHT FIFTEEN P.M. ON APRIL SEVEN, LAST  
AND ARRIVED NASHVILLE AT TWELVE TWENTY FIVE A.M., APRIL  
EIGHT, LAST. BUS DRIVER WAS JESSE G. BROWN, NASHVI  
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BUS LEFT NASHVILLE ONE THIRTY A.M., APRIL EIGHT, LAST,  
AND ARRIVED IN MEMPHIS AT SIX THIRTY FIVE A.M., SAME DATE.  
DRIVER OF BUS - BERNARD FOSTER, MEMPHIS.

TICKET IS STAMPED "PACKAGE CHECKED."

ORIGINAL FURNISHED IS BEING RETAINED BY LOUISVILLE.

KNOXVILLE, INTERVIEW AUGUSTA NICHOLS, OBTAIN DESCRIPTION  
OF PURCHASER OF TICKET, SHOW PHOTOGRAPHS.

MEMPHIS, INTERVIEW BUS DRIVERS, OBTAIN DESCRIPTION OF  
USER OF TICKET.

MEMPHIS, ADVISE LOUISVILLE OF DISPOSITION DESIRED OF  
TICKET.

AIR MAIL COPY BEING SENT TO EL PASO WITH COPY OF  
KNOXVILLE TEL TO INDIANAPOLIS, MAY EIGHTEEN, LAST.

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OTHER OFFICES TO BE ADVISED

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1213AM URGENT 5-18-68 DJB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, MIAMI, LAS VEGAS,

DETROIT & KNOXVILLE

FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 1P

MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TEL MAY SEVENTEEN LAST.

INVESTIGATION KANSAS CITY SUBURBAN AIRPORTS NEGATIVE AS TO  
PLANE OF WILLIAM PIERCE.

AGENTS ELIMINATED ALL MOVING COMPANIES IN AREA DESCRIBED BY  
LOS ANGELES TIMES REPORTER BY PHYSICAL OBSERVATION.

WARDEN HAROLD SWENSON ADVISED NO PREVIOUS INMATE MISSOURI  
STATE PENITENTIARY NAMED FRANK BICKLEY OR SIMILAR NAME AND  
MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL NEGATIVE RE FRANK BICKLEY. VARIATION  
BRICKLEY REFERRED TO RE LOS ANGELES TEL WILL BE CHECKED AM  
MAY EIGHTEEN INSTANT.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, KANSAS CITY  
FROM KNOXVILLE 44-696

MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE MAY SEVENTEEN INSTANT.

ATTENTION DIRECTED TO PAGE THREE OF NOTES OF WILLIAM  
THOMAS WHEREIN HE REFERS TO "FRANK BRICKLEY OF CHATTANOOGA, TENN.  
WHO WAS IN PRISON WITH RAY."

KANSAS CITY AT JEFFERSON CITY DETERMINE FROM PRISON RECORDS  
WHETHER A FRANK BRICKLEY WAS IN PRISON AT TIME RAY INCARCERATED  
AND , IF SO, SUTEL FULL BACKGROUND.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) , LOS ANGELES , MEMPHIS (44-1987), AND  
CHARLOTTE  
FROM: MIAMI (44-1854) 3P

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RE LA TEL TO DIRECTOR DATED MAY SEVENTEEN SIXTYEIGHT.

ON FIVE DASH SEVENTEEN LAST DAVID LARSEN AND JOHN D. KENDALL,  
LOS ANGELES TIMES REPORTERS APPEARED AT THE MIAMI FBI OFFICE,  
STATING THEY HAD VITAL INFORMATION TO FURNISH REGARDING  
CAPTIONED MATTER. THEY THEN RELATED INFORMATION SET FORTH IN  
REFERENCED TELETYPE. AT CONCLUSION OF INTERVIEW, DAVID LARSEN  
STATED HE DESIRED UP TO THE MINUTE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION WITH  
FBI MIAMI. WHEN INFORMED THAT NO PROMISES COULD BE MADE HE  
RELATED THAT QUOTE SHOULD WE BE FROZEN OUT OF ANY UP TO THE  
MINUTE INFORMATION WE WILL CRUCIFY YOU END QUOTE. IT WAS RELATED  
TO LARSEN THAT NO PROMISES WOULD BE MADE.

MIAMI INDICES REGARDING WILLIAM LINCOLN PIERCE NEGATIVE AND  
CONTAIN NO IDENTIFIABLE REFERENCE REGARDING BEN THOMPSON.  
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ON MAY SEVENTEEN LAST, GWENDOLYN PIERCE, WIFE OF WILLIAM LINCOLN PIERCE, FIVE ZERO ZERO NORTH EAST EIGHTYTHIRD STREET, APARTMENT FIVE, MIAMI, FLA., ADVISED SHE AND HUSBAND TOGETHER AT CONCH KEY, FLA., ON NIGHT OF APRIL FOUR, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT. LATE THAT NIGHT RETURNED TO MIAMI WHERE THEY REMAINED FOUR OR FIVE DAYS AT WHICH TIME HUSBAND LEFT MIAMI WITH HIS MOTHER DOLLY PIERCE IN OLD MODEL GREEN MERCURY COMET FOR WAYNESVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA.

PIERCE OWNS ROCKY WATERS MOTEL, WAYNESVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, TELEPHONE NUMBER NINE TWO SIX DASH ONE FIVE EIGHT FIVE, WHERE HE HAS BEEN SINCE LEAVING MIAMI. PIERCE HAS PRIVATE PILOTS LICENSE WHICH HE OBTAINED ABOUT ONE YEAR AGO AT ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA AIRPORT. LAST FLEW A PRIVATE PLANE ABOUT OCTOBER NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN IN NORTH CAROLINA. FLIES ONLY FOR PLEASURE, DOES NOT OWN A PLANE, AND WIFE KNOWS OF NO CLOSE ASSOCIATE IN A POSITION TO LOAN PLANE TO HUSBAND.

HUSBAND HAS NOT BEEN IN KANSAS CITY OR NEW ORLEANS AND TO HER KNOWLEDGE HUSBAND NOT ACQUAINTED WITH JIM GARRISON OR EDDIE WILBURN. HUSBAND NEVER BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH ANY KKK ORGANIZATION AND OWNS NO PROPERTY SUCH AS AIRPORTS OR LAND. HUSBAND BORN IN

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ARIZONA,

INVESTIGATION AT FOUR TWO TWO ZERO N. W. TWENTYTHIRD AVE., MIAMI, RE BEN THOMPSON DISCLOSED THROUGH A NEIGHBOR THAT BEN LARNARD THOMPSON WHO LIVED AT THIS ADDRESS FOR TWENTY YEARS DIED ABOUT NOVEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN. THOMPSON WAS SPONGE FISHERMAN IN FLORIDA KEYS AND HAD SMALL BOAT. THOMPSON HAS A SON, BENJAMIN L. THOMPSON JR. REPORTEDLY RESIDING MIAMI AREA AND ALSO BELIEVED TO BE TO HAVE BEEN FORMERLY EMPLOYED BY COMMERCIAL FISHERMAN IN FLORIDA KEYS.

EFFORTS CONTINUING TO LOCATE BEN THOMPSON JR. INVESTIGATION INDICATED IN RETEL IN MIAMI DIVISION BEING PERSUED.

CHARLOTTE WILL HANDLE INTERVIEW OF WILLIAM LINCOLN PIERCE, WAYNESVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA.

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FBI DETROIT

206AM URGENT 5/18/68 BCS

TO DIRECTOR. LOS ANGELES. MEMPHIS.

FROM DETROIT 44-989

MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR MAY SEVENTEEN LAST.

RE LOS ANGELES TIMES INFORMANT - "BOB" LNU.

MICHIGAN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY PRESENTLY ON STRIKE  
AND ALL SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL IN CREDIT CARD DIVISION WORKING TWELVE  
HOUR SHIFTS ON SWITCHBOARDS. INFORMATION REGARDING ANY BELL  
CREDIT CARD IN NAME OF RIDELL (NO FIRST NAME) OR ROBERT BRINKLEY  
WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL AT LEAST FIVE TWENTY NEXT.

SGT. ERJEVAC, HARPER WOODS, MICHIGAN PD, ADVISED NO FNU  
RIDELL OR ROBERT BRINKLEY RESIDES IN HARPER WOODS.

DETROIT INDICES AND ALL REFERENCE BOOKS NEGATIVE REGARDING  
FNU RIDELL, ROBERT BRINKLEY, OR RIDELL CATERING.

NO PERSONS FAMILIAR WITH CATERING FOR U.S. RUBBER AVAILABLE  
TONGIGHT; DETROIT WILL ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN IF U.S. RUBBER HAS A  
CATERER TOMORROW.

RECORDS, MILAN CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION, REVIEWED REGARDING  
SAMUEL LEWIS, AND ONLY PERSON WITH SIMILAR NAME LOCATED WAS  
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SAM LEWIS, WHO WAS RELEASED FROM MILAN IN NINETEEN THIRTY EIGHT.  
AS THIS DATE DIFFERS GREATLY FROM INFO FURNISHED BY "BOB", NO  
FURTHER ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO OTHERWISE IDENTIFY THE ABOVE LEWIS.

CONTINUING EFFORTS BEING MADE TO RESOLVE INFORMATION  
RECEIVED FROM "BOB", AND BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

AM COPIES BIRMINGHAM AND KANSAS CITY.

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210 AM URGENT 5-18-68 HWW

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, AND LOS ANGELES  
FROM LAS VEGAS 157-133

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RE LA T/T, MAY 17, RG LA TIMES INFORMANT "BOB" LNU.

CAL NEVA LODGE, CRYSTAL BAY, NEVADA HAS BEEN CLOSED SINCE  
LABOR DAY 1967. IT HAS RECENTLY BEEN PURCHASED BY CEASARS PALACE  
HOTEL AND CSINO, LAS VEGAS AND ACCORDING TO INFORMATION AVAILABLE  
IS NOT SCHEDULED TO REOPEN THIS YEAR.

CAL NEVA CLUB, RENO NEVADA HAS ONE CHARLES THOMAS CATE RENO  
PD #69350 EMPLOYED FOR LAS 12 YEARS NOW WORKING AS PIT BOSS ON  
SWING SHIFT. LAS VEGAS INDICES NEGATIVE ON EDDIE WILBURN, BEN OR  
JACK STURGIS.

WARREN NELSON OWNER ADVISED CAL NEVA CLUB HAD NO KENO HITS OVER  
\$400 ON APRIL 3 LAST. CLUB HAS NOT HAD A \$25,000 KENO HIT IN ALMOST  
THREE YEARS.

WASHOE COUNTY SO RENO HAS NO IDENTIFKABLE RECORD OF WILBUTN  
OR STURGIS, PER DEPUTY JAMES HAHN.

CATHY NEWBERRY ID BUREAU ADVISED RENO PD HAS NO IDENTIFIABLE  
RECORD OF WILBURN, ONE BEN STURGIS, JR. FBI #1226167 APPLIED THERE  
IN 1963 FOR WORK PERMIT AS BARTENDER AT BAR LOCATED ON SOUTH  
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VIRGINIA ST. ABOUT 3/4 MILE FROM SECOND ST. HE IS NOT LISTED IN  
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W O R K P E R M I T .

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338AM URGENT 5-18-68 WTB

TO BUREAU..ATTENTION IDENTIFICATION DIVISION AND CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION.

ATLANTA, LOS ANGELES, LOUISVILLE, MEMPHIS, EL PASO, BIRMINGHAM,  
KANSAS CITY, MIAMI, LAS VEGAS, DETROIT. INDIANAPOLIS.

FROM KNOXVILLE 44-696

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RE LOS ANGELES TEL MAY SEVENTEEN LAST COPIES OF WHICH BEING  
SENT SEPARATELY BY TELETYPE TO ATLANTA, INDIANAPOLIS AND LOUISVILLE  
FOR INFO.

THE FRANK BRICKLEY OF CHATTANOOGA REFERRED TO BY INFORMANT  
MAY BE FRANK WILLIAM BRICKLEY AKA WILLIAM ROY BRICKLEY, WILLIAM  
FRANKLIN BRICKLEY, WILLIAM FRANK BRICKLEY, WILLIAM ROY BUCKLEY,  
BILL ROBERT SHAW, BILL SHAW, BILLY SHAW, BILL R. SHAW, FBI NO.  
ONE NINE SEVEN SEVEN NINE SIX C ORIGINALLY FROM CHATTANOOGA, TENN.  
AND WHO HAS AN EXTENSIVE CRIMINAL RECORD. HE WAS LAST KNOWN TO HAVE  
BEEN IMPRISONED AT TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA AND WAS RELEASED JAN.  
SIXTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN UPON COMPLETION OF SENTENCE. TERRE HAUTE PRISON  
NO. TWO THREE SIX FOUR TWO DASH TH.

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*Memphis lead  
upon receipt of photo  
of Brickley from Bureau.  
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BRICKLEY DESCRIBED AS WMA, BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AT CHATTANOOGA, TENN. OR VICINITY. HEIGHT FIVE FT. EIGHT INCHES, ONE FORTY TO ONE FORTYFIVE LBS., (IN NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE), EYES BROWN, HAIR BROWN, DIM TATTOO LEFT UPPER ARM.

IT IS NOTED THAT BRICKLEY HAS SERVED TIME IN CHILLICOTHE AND TERRE HAUTE AND ATTENTION IS CALLED TO ALLEGATION THAT "SAMUEL LEWIS" SERVED TIME IN CHILLICOTHE AND TERRE HAUTE. POSSIBILITY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED THAT BRICKLEY IS TRUE IDENTITY OF SAMUEL LEWIS AND BOB, LNU, WHO FURNISHED INFORMATION TO LOS ANGELES TIMES. IDENT DIVISION REQUESTED TO AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY COPIES OF MOST RECENT PHOTOGRAPH OF BRICKLEY TO LOS ANGELES, EL PASO, MEMPHIS, AND KNOXVILLE FOR DISPLAY BY THOSE OFFICES TO WILLIAM THOMAS, CITY EDITOR, LOS ANGELES TIMES, JERRY COHEN, LOS ANGELES TIMES, AT THE EL PASO BUS STATION, MEMPHIS BUS STATION AND KNOXVILLE BUS STATION.

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LOS ANGELES AT LOS ANGELES...BRICKLEY WAS ARRESTED PD  
LOS ANGELES, CALIF. APRIL EIGHT, SIXTYTHREE UNDER NAME BILL SHAW  
NO. SIX FIVE THREE SEVEN ZERO SIX S FOR GT-AUTO AND BY SO LOS  
ANGELES AS BILL ROBERT SHAW APRIL NINE SIXTYTHREE, GT-AUTO, UNDER  
NO. B-NINE SIX ZERO FOUR TWO SEVEN. OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPHS IF AVAILABLE  
AND IF GOOD PHOTOGRAPH CONSIDER DISPLAYING TO THOMAS IMMEDIATELY.  
ALSO REVIEW RECORDS FOR LOCAL LEADS ...IT BEING NOTED THAT HE  
ALLEGEDLY IS IN LOS ANGELES AREA AT THIS TIME ACCORDING TO INFO  
FURNISHED BY "BOB" TO THOMAS.

ATLANTA REVIEW YOUR FILE SEVEN SIX DASH TWO FOUR ONE TWO FOR  
LEADS TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW BRICKLEY.

KNOXVILLE WILL INTERVIEW RELATIVES AND KNOWN ASSOCIATES OF  
BRICKLEY IN CHATTANOOGA AREA.

LOUISVILLE AT LEXINGTON AT GREYHOUND OFFICE, EIGHT ZERO ONE  
LIMESTONE, REVIEW COPIES OF AUDITORS STUBS OF TICKETS ISSUED AT  
KNOXVILLE, TENN. TO DETERMINE IDENTITY OF TICKET AGENT  
SELLING TICKET NO. THREE SPACE ZERO ZERO ZERO EIGHT TWO TWO TWO  
ZERO SPACE FOUR TWO ON APRIL SEVEN, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT AT  
KNOXVILLE FOR TRANSPORTATION KNOXVILLE TO LOS ANGELES VIA  
MEMPHIS AND EL PASO AND FOR ANY OTHER DATA AVAILABLE.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI LOUISVLE

10:15AM 5/18/68 URGENT SGF

TO: KNOXVILLE (44-696)

MEMPHIS (44-1977)

FROM: LOUISVILLE (44-R47)

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RE KNOXVILLE TELETYPE TO B; REAU INSTANT DATE.

C. M. BAYHI, AUDITOR, SOUTHERN GREYHOUND, LEXINGTON, KY.,

ADVISED INFORMATION REQUESTED IN RETEL NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL  
FIVE TWENTY NEXT. INFORMATION WILL BE FURNISHED AT THAT TIME.

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151PM URGENT 5/18/68 CAB

TO LOS ANGELES 44-1574 ATLANTA MEMPHIS BIRMINGHAM KANSAS CITY MIAMI  
LAS VEGAS DETROIT MOBILE KNOXVILLE ALBANY CHARLOTTE  
FROM DIRECTOR 1P.

MURKIN

RE LA TEL MAY SEVENTEEN LAST.

LATEST ARREST RECORD IDENTIFICATION DIVISION FILES FOR FRANK  
WILLIAM BRICKLEY, FBI NUMBER ONE NINE SEVEN SEVEN NINE SIX C.  
JUNE TWENTYFOUR WIXTYSI, UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY, TERRE HAUTE,  
INDIANA, P-, PYCIV NMVTA AND ESCAPB FR FEDERAL CUSTODY, TRANSFERRED  
FROM FEDERAL CNRRECTIONAL INSTITUPION, TALLAHASGEL FLORIDA,  
EXPIRATION OF GOOD TIME JANUARY SIXTEEN SIXTYSEVEN.

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FBI BIRMGHAM

3:39PM 5-18-68 URGENT CEN

TO DIRECTOR (44-30861), LOS ANGELES (44-1574), MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) 4P

MURKIN

RE INFO FURNISHED BY LOS ANGELES TIMES, MAY SEVENTEEN,  
SIXTYEIGHT.

FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED AT HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA, IN  
EFFORT TO IDENTIFY EDDIE WILBURN.

CURRENT CITY AND TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES CONTAIN NO LISTING  
THIS NAME. RECORDS OF MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE DEPARTMENT, STATE OF  
ALABAMA, MONTGOMERY, REFLECT NO AUTO LICENSE ISSUED IN STATE OF  
ALABAMA TO EDDIE WILBURN, WILBORN, OR WILBOURN. RECORDS OF CREDIT  
BUREAU OF HUNTSVILLE CONTAIN NO RECORD OF EDDIE WILBURN BUT DO  
REFLECT REPORT OF ONE EDWARD WILBURN, WIFE VIVA, RESIDING THREE  
ZERO ZERO THREE FORD PLACE, HUNTSVILLE. INVESTIGATION REFLECTS  
THIS EDWARD WILBURN IS FORMER ASSISTANT MANAGER SHOCKLEY'S PANCAKE  
HOUSE, HUNTSVILLE, AND NOW RESIDES AT FOUR FOUR FIVE EAST MADISON,  
PULASKI, TENNESSEE. HE OPERATES BUS STATION CAFE AT PULASKI.  
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HIS WIFE, VIVA, IS A LONG-TIME EMPLOYEE OF SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY, HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA, AND COMMUTES DAILY.

MEMBERSHIP RECORDS OF VETERAN'S OF FOREIGN WARS, HUNTSVILLE, REFLECT NO MEMBER NAMED EDDIE OR EDWARD WILBURN. MANAGER VFW CLUB ADVISES ONE ESMOND WILBURN ALSO KNOWN AS EDDIE WILBURN, A MIDDLE-AGED INSURANCE SALESMAN, SOMETIMES FREQUENTS THE CLUB BUT IS NOT A MEMBER. MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE BUREAU OF MADISON COUNTY REFLECTS THAT ESMOND WILBURN, ROUTE THREE, BOX TWO ONE FIVE, HUNTSVILLE, WAS ISSUED SIXTYEIGHT ALABAMA LICENSE FOUR SEVEN - ONE FIVE SIX FOUR FIVE FOR NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN DODGE DART.

HUNTSVILLE PD RECORDS REFLECT UNDER NAME OF ESMOND WILBURN, PD NUMBER ZERO ZERO SIX FIVE TWO SIX, THAT ESMOND WILBURN OF SAME ADDRESS RECEIVED TRAFFIC TICKET ON JULY SIX, SIXTYSIX, AT WHICH TIME DRIVING FOUR DOOR BROWN CADILLAC BEARING SIXTYSIX ALABAMA LICENSE FOUR SEVEN - FOUR FIVE FIVE NINE SEVEN. ALSO REFLECTS ON NOVEMBER EIGHTEEN, SIXTYSIX, UNDER NAME OF EDDIE WILBURN OF SAME ADDRESS WAS VICTIM OF A B AND E. HIS FILE ALSO REFLECTS HE WAS ARRESTED AUGUST THIRTEEN, THIRTYFOUR, FOR PETTY LARCENY, DISMISSED; AND ON JUNE TWELVE, THIRTYNINE, FOR PETTY LARCENY, FINED TWENTYFIVE DOLLARS. DESCRIBED AS WM, DOB  PAINT  
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ROCK, ALABAMA, FIVE FEET NINE INCHES, ONE SIX FIVE POUNDS, EYES BLUE, NO OTHER DESCRIPTION AVAILABLE. NINETEEN SIXTYSIX CITY DIRECTORY REFLECTS ESMOND WILBURN EMPLOYED AS AGENT OF ASSOCIATED DOCTORS HEALTH AND LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, TIMES BUILDING, HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA. NO LISTING IN SUBSEQUENT CITY DIRECTORIES.

EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY THROUGH ASSOCIATED DOCTORS HEALTH AND LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY UNSUCCESSFUL AS OFFICE CLOSED AND MANAGER UNAVAILABLE. INVESTIGATION REFLECTS ESMOND WILBURN RESIDES ON ROUTE THREE, HUNTSVILLE, WHICH IS NEAR MONROVIA COMMUNITY, BUT EFFORTS TO LOCATE HIM UNSUCCESSFUL AT FIRST.

ESMOND GRANVILLE WILBURN, ROUTE THREE, BOX TWO ONE FIVE, HUNTSVILLE, LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED BY BUAGENTS THIS AM. WILBURN IS NICKNAMED "EDDIE" AND IS EMPLOYED AS INSURANCE SALESMAN BY ASSOCIATED DOCTORS LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE COMPANY, TIMES BUILDING, HUNTSVILLE. HE ADVISED HE HAS NOT BEEN OUT OF HUNTSVILLE AREA AND NOT OUT OF THE STATE SINCE DECEMBER, SIXTYSEVEN. HE WAS WORKING IN HUNTSVILLE AREA SELLING INSURANCE ON DAYS IN QUESTION.

JAMES MALONE, MANAGER, ASSOCIATED DOCTORS LIFE AND  
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HEALTH INSURANCE COMPANY VERIFIED WILBURN'S PRESENCE IN HUNTSVILLE ON APRIL THREE THROUGH SIX, SIXTYEIGHT, THROUGH COMPANY DAILY PRODUCTION REPORTS AND PERSONAL RECOLLECTION. WILBURN PRESENTLY OWNS NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR CADILLAC WHITE OVER RED BEARING SIXTYEIGHT ALABAMA LICENSE FOUR SEVEN-THREE SEVEN EIGHT ONE FIVE. HE IS DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, AGE FORTYNINE, DOB [REDACTED] FIVE FEET NINE INCHES, ONE SIX ZERO TO ONE SIX FIVE POUNDS, MEDIUM BUILD, RUDDY COMPLEXION, HAIR COMPLETELY GRAY, CREW CUT AND BALDING, EYES BLUE, WEARS DARK RIMMED GLASSES, IS MARRIED TO THIRD WIFE, JOYCE. HE HAS THREE GROWN CHILDREN. ELDEST SON, ESMOND JR. RESIDES HUNTSVILLE, AND EMPLOYED AS PATROLMAN BY HUNTSVILLE PD. SECOND SON, TINKER, RESIDES HUNTSVILLE, AND EMPLOYED AS PATROLMAN BY HUNTSVILLE SECURITY PATROL. DAUGHTER, CONNIE LASTER, LIVES WITH MOTHER, GLADYS PACK IN HOLLENDALE, FLORIDA.

ALL MOTELS, ATHENS, ALABAMA, AREA RECONTACTED FOR ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION RE RAY'S PRESENCE IN AHTENS ON APRIL THREE OR FOUR, SIXTYEIGHT, WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

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PM URGENT 5/18/68 KSW

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS, LOS ANGELES  
FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760

MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TEL TO BUREAU, MAY SEVENTEEN LAST.

LOS ANGELES TIMES REPORTER GENE BLAKE ADVISED THIS DATE HE  
BELIVES GRAY HOUSE, REFERRED TO BY QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE IS IN DIFFERENT  
AREA OF CITY THAN PREVIOUSLY REPORTED. AGENTS CHECKED NUMEROUS  
POSSIBILITIES BUT UNABLE TO LOCATE HOUSE WHERE RAY ALLEGED TO HAVE  
STAYED OVERNIGHT IN KANSAS CITY. CHECK OF ALL PRIVATE AIRPORTS IN  
METROPOLITAN KANSAS CITY NEGATIVE RE FLIGHT OUT BY PIERCE PLANE.

NO RECORD WILLI SATA OR FRANK BRICKLEY IN KANSAS CITY INDICES.  
WARDEN HAROLD SWENSON ADVISED NO PREVIOUS INMATE MISSOURI STATE  
PENITENTIARY NAME FRANK BRICKLEY.

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505 PM URGENT 5-13-68 DCC

TO DIRECTOR, FBI, LOS ANGELES, MEMPHIS AND MIAMI  
FROM CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

MURKIN

RE MM AND LA TELETYPES EIGHTEENTH INSTANT.

WILLIAM LINCOLN PIERCE, ROCKY WATERS MOTEL, MAGGIE VALLEY,  
RFD WAYNESVILLE, N. C. INTERVIEWED MAY EIGHTEEN, INSTANT.  
PIERCE DENIES ANY KNOWLEDGE OF KILLING. HE DENIES KNOWING  
JAMES EARL RAY AND AFTER VIEWING RAY'S PHOTO, STATED ACQUAINTED  
WITH NO ONE WHO COULD BE IDENTICAL WITH RAY. PIERCE CLAIMED  
HE WAS ON CONCH KEY, FLA., ALL WINTER, LEAVING APRIL FIFTH, LAST,  
GOING TO RESIDENCE IN MIAMI, FLA., WHERE HE STAYED UNTIL  
COMING TO WAYNESVILLE, N. C., APRIL TEN, LAST, TO PREPARE  
HIS TOURIST COURT FOR OPENING. HE DOES NOT OWN AN AIRPLANE  
OR AIRPORT AND HAS NO FINANICAL INTEREST IN EIGHER, NOR DOES HE  
OWN PROPERTY AT BELLE GLADE, FLA., OR VINCINITY OF LAKE  
OKEECHOBEE, FLA. HE DENIED KNOWING SAMUEL LEWIS, EDDIE WILBURN,  
DAN THOMPSON OR JIM GARRISON, AND HAS NO RELATIVES NAMED WILBURN.  
HE HAS NEVER BEEN A MEMBER OF OR ASSOCIATED WITH MEMBERS OF THE  
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MR. PIERCE VOLUNTEERED INFORMATION THAT SEVERAL YEARS AGO, A SMALL JUDGMENT WAS FILED AGAINST HIM IN MIAMI, FLA., ON A DEBT OF ANOTHER WILLIAM PIERCE, WHO WAS IN THE CATTLE BUSINESS IN BELLE GLADE, FLA., AND PAHOKEE, FLA., AREA, BOTH LOCATED NEAR LAKE OKEECHOBEE. HIS ATTORNEY, THOMAS TEASLEY, CORAL GABLES SAVINGS AND LOAN BUILDING, CORAL GABLES, FLA., MAY HAVE THE ADDRESS OF THAT WILLIAM PIERCE.

LOS ANGELES FURNISHED INFORMATION THAT WILLIAM PIERCE, BELLE GLADE, FLA., WAS PERSON REFERRED TO BY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT "BOB."

MIAMI ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY WILLIAM PIERCE OWNING PROPERTY IN BELLE GLADE, FLA., OR VICINITY OF LAKE OKEECHOBEE, FLA., AND CONDUCT REQUESTED INVESTIGATION.

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FBI DETROIT

624 PM EDST URGENT 5-18-68 VMC

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), LOS ANGELES (44-1574) AND

MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM DETROIT (44-989) 2P

MURKIN

RE DETROIT PHONE CALL TO BUREAU, INSTANT; DETROIT TEL  
TO DIRECTOR, MAY EIGHTEEN INSTANT; LA TEL TO DIRECTOR MAY  
SEVENTEEN, LAST; LA TIMES INFORMANT - "BOB" LNU.

LT. FERGUSON, RECORDS OFFICER, FCI, MILAN, MICH., RECONTACTED  
THIS DATE RE SAM LEWIS, AND ADVISED LEWIS RELEASED IN NINETEEN  
THIRTYEIGHT, AND WAS ASSIGNED INSTITUTION NUMBER FIVE FOUR FIVE  
ONE. FERGUSON ALSO STATED A THOROUGH CHECK OF AVAILABLE RECORDS  
INDICATE ONE SAMUEL LEWIS RELEASED IN NINETEEN FORTY SIX WAS ASSIGNED  
INSTITUTION NUMBER ONE ONE FOUR SEVEN FOUR M. RECORDS ALSO NOTED  
A CHARLES SAMUEL LEWIS RELEASED IN SIXTYTWO, AT WHICH TIME HE  
WAS AGE TWENTYTHREE. CHARLES SAMUEL LEWIS WAS ASSIGNED INSTITUTION  
NUMBER Y TWO TWO SIX NINE TWO MM. HE WAS INCARCERATED ON DYER ACT  
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CHARGE. LEWIS' HOME WAS LISTED AS TOLEDO, OHIO. FOREGOING  
BEING FURNISHED FOR ADDITIONAL INFO RE LEWIS.

CONTINUING EFFORTS BEING MADE TO RESOLVE INFO RECEIVED FROM  
"BOB," AND BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

AM COPIES FURNISHED BIRMINGHAM AND KANSAS CITY.

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942 PM URGENT 5/18/68 WEB

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, LOS ANGELES 44-1574 AND MEMPHIS 44-1987  
FROM ALBANY 44-493

MURKIN

RE LA TEL TO DIRECTOR MAY EIGHTEEN, INSTANT.

INVESTIGATION ALBANY DIVISION RESULTED IN LOCATION OF  
RAYMOND ANDREW YOUNG, WM, DOB [REDACTED] MASSENA, N.Y.,  
SIX FT., ONE SEVEN ZERO LBS., BROWN EYES AND HAIR, MEDIUM BUILD  
AND COMPLEXION, FORMERLY IN USMC, ALCOHOLIC, AT YMCA, SYRACUSE,  
N.Y. YOUNG NOT IDENTICAL WITH JAMES EARL RAY. WAS IN MASSENA,  
N.Y. ON APRIL FOUR, LAST.

YOUNG REGISTERED AT CLARK HOTEL, LOS ANGELES, APRIL  
SEVENTEEN, LAST AND STAYED FOR ONE DAY ONLY. WAS IN BAR,  
NAME NOT RECALLED, IN VICINITY OF CLARK HOTEL WHERE HE MET AN  
INDIVIDUAL WHO'S NAME HE DOES NOT RECALL, DESCRIBED AS WM,  
THIRTYTHREE - THIRTYFOUR YRS., FIVE FT. ELEVEN, ONE SEVEN FIVE  
TO ONE EIGHT ZERO LBS., DARK BROWN HAIR, HANDSOME, WHO STATED  
HE LIVED OFF GIRLS AND WAS THEN GOING WITH A GIRL WHO'S FATHER  
OWNED A DRUGSTORE IN LOS ANGELES. HE STATED THIS MAN ASKED  
HIM WHETHER HE WAS IDENTICAL WITH JAMES EARL RAY WHO SHOT  
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YOUNG STATED HE COULD RECALL MEETING NO ONE ELSE WHILE STAYING AT CLARK HOTEL AND DID NOT RECALL MENTIONING TO ANYONE ELSE HE STAYED AT CLARK HOTEL, ALTHOUGH WHILE DRINKING HE MAY HAVE MENTIONED BEING ASKED IF HE WERE IDENTICAL WITH JAMES EARL RAY.

YOUNG STATED HE IS PRESENTLY EMPLOYED DOCKTORS PET CENTER, FAIRMOUNT FAIR SHOPPING CENTER, SYRACUSE, N.Y. WHERE HE ANTICIPATES REMAINING FOR THREE MONTHS. HE WILL ATTEMPT TO RECALL NAME OF INDIVIDUAL AT ABOVE BAR.

YOUNG STATED HE DID NOT KNOW BOB BRICKLEY, FRANK WILLIAM BRICKLEY OR LEAMONT ANDERSON WHITE. STATED INDIVIDUAL IN BAR MIGHT BE IDENTICAL WITH BOB BRICKLEY.

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TO DIRECTOR, TAMPA, LOS ANGELES, AND MEMPHIS  
FROM MIAMI (44-1854) 5P

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RE LOS ANGELES TEL TO DIRECTOR, MAY SEVENTEEN LAST; MIAMI  
TEL TO DIRECTOR, MAY EIGHTEEN INSTANT; AND LOS ANGELES TEL TO DIRECTOR  
MAY EIGHTEEN INSTANT.

BENJAMIN LARNARD THOMPSON, JR., MIAMI, ADVISED THAT HIS FATHER,  
BENJAMIN LARNARD THOMPSON, SR., DIED NOVEMBER, SIXTYSEVEN, AND THAT  
HIS FATHER HAD BEEN SEMI-RETIRED SINCE NINETEEN FIFTYFOUR FROM COMMER-  
CIAL FISHING AFTER SUSTAINING HEART CONDITION.

THOMPSON ADVISED HE HAS BEEN EMPLOYED WITH AERODEX, MIAMI, SINCE  
MARCH, SIXTYSEVEN, AND HAS BEEN ON THE THREE PM - MIDNIGHT SHIFT SINCE  
JANUARY, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT.

THOMPSON ADVISED HE WAS NOT OUT OF MIAMI AREA DURING THE PERIOD  
APRIL THREE THROUGH TWELVE LAST AND WAS WORKING AT AERODEX DURING THIS  
PERIOD.

THOMPSON ADVISED HE FORMERLY WORKED AS COMMERCIAL FISHERMAN FOR  
EAST COAST FISHERIES, MIAMI, FLA., AND PRIOR TO AUGUST, NINETEEN SIXTY-  
SIX, HE HAD OWNED THREE SEPARATE BOATS DURING VARIOUS INTERVALS IN  
THE PAST FIVE YEARS IN WHICH HE FISHED OFF FLORIDA KEYS, MOSTLY FOR  
LOBSTERS.

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THOMPSON STATED APPROXIMATELY FOUR YEARS AGO HE WAS ARRESTED BY BRITISH GOVT. FOR FISHING IN BAHAMIAN WATERS. HIS ARREST RECEIVED A GREAT DEAL OF PUBLICITY IN MIAMI NEWSPAPERS.

THOMPSON ADVISED HE WAS OUT OF STATE OF FLA. ONCE DURING HIS ENTIRE LIFETIME, THAT BEING DURING HIGH SCHOOL WHEN HE VISITED NEW YORK CITY.

HE EMPHATICALLY DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE REGARDING THIS MATTER AND NEVER HEARD OF THE NAMES WILBURN, PIERCE OR KNEW ANYONE WHO OWNED MOTEL OR AIRPLANE.

THOMPSON ADVISED IT WAS COMPLETE MYSTERY TO HIM AS TO HOW HIS NAME WAS BEING UTILIZED IN THIS MATTER.

HE STATED THAT HE HAD A RELATIVE WHO IS A COMMERCIAL FISHERMAN IN MARATHON, FLA., BY THE NAME OF RONNY PIERCE, AGE THIRTY FIVE.

ROBERT OPP, SECURITY OFFICER, AERODEX, MIAMI, ADVISED THAT ALL PERSONNEL RECORDS AND TIME CARDS AT AERODEX WILL BE UNAVAILABLE UNTIL MORNING OF MAY TWENTY NEXT.

CITY DIRECTORIES, MARATHON, AND KEY WEST, FLA., NEGATIVE RE BENJAMIN THOMPSON. KEY WEST CITY DIRECTORY NEGATIVE RE RONALD PIERCE. MARATHON CITY DIRECTORY LISTS A RONALD K. PIERCE, FISHERMAN.

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INVESTIGATION MARATHON, FLA., DETERMINED RONALD K. PIERCE <sup>✓</sup>AGE FORTYFIVE, IS AN INDIGENT LOBSTER FISHERMAN WHO IS MARRIED, HAS FIVE CHILDREN AND WHO SUPPLEMENTS HIS FISHING INCOME BY WORKING PARTTIME AS A MECHANIC. PIERCE IS A LIFELONG RESIDENT OF MARATHON, FLA., WHO SELDOM LEAVES THE FLORIDA KEYS. PIERCE DOES NOT HOLD A PILOT'S LICENSE HAS NO INTEREST IN ANY AIRPORT AND DOES NOT OWN A PLANE. PIERCE HAS NEVER BEEN A BUILDER AND HAS HAD NO AFFILIATIONS IN CUBA, DOES NOT KNOW EDDIE WILBURN AND HAS NEVER BEEN A MEMBER OF ANY KKK GROUP.

INVESTIGATION AT PAHOKEE AND BELLE GLADE, FLA., INDICATES THAT A WILLIAM L. PIERCE, <sup>✓</sup>WHITE MALE, AGE FIFTYEIGHT, EMPLOYED AT BELLE GLADE AS A WELDER AT TRUE FLOW, INC., FORMERLY OWNED SOME CATTLE AND A D CLASS MIGRANT LABORER BOARDING HOUSE WHICH HE WAS FORCED TO GIVE UP IN N TEEN SIXTYSEVEN FOR NONPAYMENT OF TAXES. DOES NOT OWN A PLANE AND DOES NOT FLY. PIERCE IS NOT RELATED TO OR ACQUAINTED WITH EDDIE WILBURN AND IS NOT AFFILIATED WITH ANY KKK ORGANIZATION. PIERCE HAD BEEN WEALTHY FOR A SHORT TIME OVER TWENTY YEARS AGO WHEN HE INVENTED A HEMP ROPE MANUFACTURING MACHINE WHICH WAS LATER BOUGHT BY BATISTA SUPPORTERS IN CUBA. NO OTHER WILLIAM L. PIERCE'S LOCATED IN THE PAHOKEE OR BELLE GLADE AREA.

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INVESTIGATION AT OKEECHOBEE, FLA., INDICATES THAT LELAND CLIFFORD PEARCE, W/M, AGE FIFTY, OWNS PROPERTY AND SEVERAL COTTAGES AND IS A LAND DEVELOPER IN THE BUCKHEAD RIDGE SECTION OF OKEECHOBEE. PEARCE WAS A FORMER CATTLE OWNER IN THE OKEECHOBEE AREA AND SOLD CATTLE TO CUBA AND SOUTH AMERICA IN NINETEEN FIFTYSIX. PEARCE DOES NOT OWN A PRIVATE PLANE AND DOES NOT FLY. HE IS NOT ACQUAINTED WITH JIM GARRISON AND IS NOT RELATED TO EDDIE WILBURN. PEARCE DOES NOT KNOW ANYONE NAMED BEN THOMPSON AND IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE KKK. PEARCE WAS IN THE OKEECHOBEE AREA ON APRIL THREE - TEN, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT. PEARCE VIEWED PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND WAS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY.

PEARCE OF OPINION THAT JOHN THOMAS BOWLES AN ACTIVE KKK MEMBER IN THE UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA (UKA), OKEECHOBEE, FLA., SUBJECT OF MIAMI FILES ONE FIVE SEVEN - ONE NINE ONE ZERO AND ONE SEVEN THREE - ONE SEVEN TWO AND BUREAU FILES ONE FIVE SEVEN - SEVEN FOUR ONE SEVEN AND ONE SEVEN THREE - FOUR FIVE EIGHT NINE, COULD POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN CAPTIONED MATTER. BOWLES DESCRIBED AS W/M, DOB [REDACTED] AT KINERVILLE, FLA., HEIGHT FIVE FT. TEN IN., WEIGHT ONE THREE EIGHT LBS., FBI NO. THREE TWO ONE - NINE TWO EIGHT - C. PEARCE BELIEVES BOWLES MAY BE INVOLVED BECAUSE BOWLES'S PRIVATE PLAE GONE FROM OKEECHOBEE AREA AT INTERVALS FROM APRIL FOUR TO APRIL EIGHT, LAST.

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BOWLES INTERVIEWED AND STATED HE WAS AT CALLAHAN DENTAL LABORATORY, ARMENIA AVE., TAMPA, FLA., TEL NO. NINE THREE TWO - THREE ZERO EIGHT FIVE, ONE APRIL THIRD, FORTH, AND SIXTH, LAST, HAVING DENTURE WORK DONE. THIS STORY NOT VERIFIED BY INTERVIEWS WITH HIS WIFE AND BROTHER-IN-LAW. BOWLES STATES HE IS IN SYMPATHY WITH THE ASSASSIN OF KING AND WOULD LIKE TO SHAKE THE HAND OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE. BOWLES HAS PRIVATE PLANE AND FLIES REGULARLY. HE MANAGES THE RIDGE APARTMENTS, BUCKHEAD RIDGE, OKEECHOBEE, FLA., AND IS ALSO A FISHING PARTY GUIDE. BOWLES DOES NOT KNOW EDDIE WILBURN, JIM GARRISON, OR A BEN THOMPSON WHO OWNS BOATS. HE STATED HE DID NOT FLY KING'S ASSASSIN ANYWHERE AND WAS IN NO WAY INVOLVED WITH ASSASSINATION PLOT. BOWLES NOT WEALTHY. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING MIAMI.

TAMPA, INTERVIEW APPROPRIATE INDIVIDUALS AT CALLAHAN DENTAL LABORATORY TO DETERMINE SPECIFIC DATES AND TIMES JOHN BOWLES THERE FROM MARCH TWENTYEIGHT TO APRIL TWELVE, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT.

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RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE MAY SEVENTEEN LAST.

EDNA B. WILBURN, TWO EIGHT ZERO EIGHT EAST THIRTY-NINTH STREET, CHATTANOOGA, HIS SISTER, AND JOHN DOVER FOUR THREE ZERO TWO NINTH AVENUE, CHATTANOOGA, A FRIEND, REPORTED FRANK BRICKLEY IN CHATTANOOGA AREA CONSTANTLY FOR OVER TWO MONTHS UNTIL TWO WEEKS PREVIOUS WHEN HE LEFT THE AREA BY BUS. HIS WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN, BUT HE HAS PHONED HIS MOTHER AT ROSSVILLE, GEORGIA SINCE LEAVING. MRS. WILBURN SAID HER HUSBAND HAS MARRIED SISTERS AT HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA BUT NO RELATIVES THERE WITH WILBURN SURNAME. REPORT BRICKLEY HAS ONLY ONE BROTHER, ROY JR., WHO IS LIVING AT ROSSVILLE AND WORKING AT CHATTANOOGA. NO FRIEND OR ASSOCIATE OF BRICKLEY WITH NAME BOB IS KNOWN TO THEM.

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NO ADDITIONAL ARREST RECORD LOCATED MAY EIGHTEEN INSTANT  
AT CHATTANOOGA POLICE DEPARTMENT EXCEPT DRUNK ARREST FEBRUARY  
FOUR NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN. HE WAS THEN DESCRIBED AS WHITE  
MALE AMERICAN, THIRTY, HEIGHT - SIXTY-NINE INCHES, ONE HUNDRED  
FORTY-FIVE POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, BROWN EYES, OCCUPATION - LABORER.

NO ARREST RECORD FOR ROY BRICKLEY, JR., ROBERT OR BOB  
BRICKLEY, OR ANY OTHER FRANK BRICKLEY LOCATED. NO RECORD  
LOCATED AT CREDIT BUREAU OF CHATTANOOGA INSTANT DATE FOR THESE  
NAMES.

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FROM KNOXVILLE 44-696

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RE KNOXVILLE TELETYPE TO BUREAU, INDIANAPOLIS AND OTHER  
OFFICES MAY EIGHTEEN INSTANT.THE REFERENCED LOS ANGELES TELETYPE OF MAY SEVENTEEN LAST  
IS AS FOLLOWS...

"RE LOS ANGELES PHONE CALL TO BUREAU MAY SEVENTEEN INSTANT.

RE LOS ANGELES TIMES INFORMANT - "BOB" LNU.

WILLIAM THOMAS, CITY EDITOR, LOS ANGELES TIMES,  
TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED SAC LOS ANGELES TODAY AND  
ADVISED PAPER HAD INFORMATION WHICH THEY FELT MIGHT BE OF  
ASSISTANCE TO FBI IN THIS MATTER. SAC WESLEY G. GRAPP  
AND SUPERVISOR WILLIAM JOHN NOLAN CONTACTED MR. THOMAS  
AND REPORTER JERRY COHEN AT LOS ANGELES TIMES OFFICE. THEY  
ADVISED EARLY IN THE WEEK, MONDAY OR TUESDAY, THE PAPER  
HAD BEEN TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO SAID HE  
HAD INFORMATION CONCERNING WHAT ACTUALLY HAD TAKEN PLACE IN  
CONNECTION WITH THE DEATH OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. THOMAS  
ADVISED THERE WERE THREE OR FOUR TELEPHONE CALLS, AND HE  
MADE NOTES DURING THE CALLS, AND ON THE EVENING OF MAY SIXTEEN,  
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SIXTY EIGHT, HE AND JERRY COHEN MET THIS INDIVIDUAL AT A BAR. HE ADVISED THE INDIVIDUAL GAVE THE NAME QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE, NO LAST NAME, DESCRIBED AS IN MIDDLE THIRTIES, DECENT LOOKING FELLOW, AND APPARENTLY HAD BEEN IN SEVERAL PENITENTIARIES, AS HE KNEW THE LANGUAGE VERY WELL. THOMAS ADVISED THE PAPER HAD TAKEN NO OVERT STEPS IN ATTEMPTING TO VERIFY THE STORY BUT DID HAVE REPORTERS IN KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS, HUNTSVILLE, MIAMI AND BIRMINGHAM, AND HE HAD INSTRUCTED THE REPORTERS TO CONTACT THE LOCAL FBI OFFICE AND MAKE THIS INFORMATION, AS SET FORTH IN HIS NOTES, AVAILABLE. HE ADVISED FURTHER HE CONTEMPLATED MAKING THIS INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK. HE ADVISED HIS SOLE PURPOSE WAS TO GET A STORY OUT OF THE MATERIAL, BUT DID NOT WISH TO INTERFERE IN ANY FBI INVESTIGATION.

HE ADVISED DURING HIS MEETING WITH QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE HE GOT FROM BOB A BUS TICKET DATED APRIL SEVEN, SIXTY EIGHT, ON A GREYHOUND BUS FROM KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, WHICH TICKET WAS ISSUED BY SOUTHERN GREYHOUND AT KNOXVILLE ON APRIL SEVEN, SIXTYEIGHT AND HAD THE NUMBERS THREE SPACE ZERO ZERO ZERO EIGHT TWO TWO TWO NINE SPACE FOUR

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TWO. TRANSPORTATION WAS FROM KNOXVILLE TO MEMPHIS, MEMPHIS TO EL PASO, THEN TO LOS ANGELES. HE ADVISED HE HAD GIVEN QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR THE TICKET AND THIS INFORMATION AND DID NOT EXPECT TO HEAR FROM HIM AGAIN, AS QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE SAID HE NEEDED THE MONEY TO LEAVE TOWN.

SET FORTH FOR THE INFORMATION OF RECEIVING OFFICES ARE THE NOTES AS TYPED UP BY THOMAS CONCERNING HIS INTERVIEW OF "BOB".

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ONE. THE DAY BEFORE THE SHOOTING, PICKED UP IN ATHEN, ALABAMA, AND WAS TAKEN TO MEMPHIS.

TWO. HE REGISTERED IN ROOMING HOUSE. ANOTHER MAN REGISTERED AS SAMUEL LEWIS. PAREN LEWIS WAS SUPPOSED TO BE BACKUP MAN, KILL KING AT RALLY THAT NIGHT IF RAY MISSED HIS CHANCE ON THE BALCONY. PAREN.

THREE. AFTER SHOOTING KING, RAY WALKED TWO OR THREE BLOCKS TO THE GETAWAY CAR, ACCOMPANIED BY A GIRL AND A GUY. THE CAR IS A NEW BLUE BUICK, WITH ALABAMA PLATES. FIRST DIGITS ARE BELIEVED TO BE ONE FOUR. CAR IS OWNED AND WAS DRIVEN BY EDDIE WILBURN OF HUNTSVILLE, ALA. IT IS EQUIPPED WITH A POLICE  
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RADIO. PAREN SECOND MAN STAYED OVERNIGHT, TOOK EARLY BUS TO KNOXVILLE. PAREN.

FOUR. RAY, TWO GIRLS AND A CHILD WERE DRIVEN OUT OF MEMPHIS BY WILBURN IN THE BLUE BUICK. WENT TO KANSAS CITY. TRIP TOOK SIX AND ONE HALF HOURS. GIRLS, CHILD, WILBURN ALL FROM HUNTSVILLE.

FIVE. IN KANSAS CITY, RAY STAYED OVERNIGHT AT A HOME. IT IS A SMALL, GRAY, SHINGLED, ONE-BEDROOM HOUSE ABOUT THREE MILES FROM CENTRAL KANSAS CITY. PAREN WE HAVE ROUGH LOCATION. PAREN.

SIX. AT DUSK THE NEXT DAY PAREN APRIL FIVE PAREN RAY WAS FLOWN TO BELLE GLADE, FLORIDA, IN A PRIVATE PLANE. TOOK OFF FROM PRIVATE FIELD, ALSO USED AS TRAINING FIELD FOR MILITARY. RAY ARRIVED EARLY APRIL SIX.

SEVEN. PLANE IN WHICH RAY WAS FLOWN IS OWNED BY A WILLIAM PIERCE, A WEALTHY MAN WHO OWNS OR OPERATES AN AIRPORT IN BELLE GLADE, AND ONCE OWNED A CONTRACTING COMPANY IN CUBA.. NOT KNOWN WHETHER PIERCE FLEW THE PLANE. PIERCE ALSO OWNS MOTEL IN BELLE GLADE AND COTTAGES ON THE LAKE IN NEARBY OKEECHOBEE PAREN OR MAYBE ON NEARBY LAKE OKEECHOBEE PAREN. PIERCE SAID  
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TO BE KKK MEMBER.

EIGHT. THEORY: RAY STAYED IN MOTEL OR IN COTTAGE. MAY BE STILL THERE OR IN CUBA.

NINE. ON APRIL ELEVEN, RAY GOT ON YACHT PAREN PROBABLY CHARTER BOAT PAREN IN KEY WEST. BOAT OWNED BY BEN THOMPSON. PAREN A BEN THOMPSON OF MIAMI OWNS THREE FISHING BOATS. PAREN.

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ONE. PIERCE OFTEN FLIES OWN PRIVATE PLANE TO NEW ORLEANS. SAID TO KNOW DA JIM GARRISON. ALSO MIGHT CHECK POSSIBLE FLIGHTS IN DIRECTION OF CUBA.

TWO PIERCE AND WILBURN SAID TO BE RELATED.

THREE. LEAD TO WILBURN MIGHT BE VFW CLUB IN HUNTSVILLE, WHERE HE IS SUPPOSED TO BE A MEMBER.

FOUR. RIFLE IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN LEFT IN FURNACE OF MEMPHIS ROOMING HOUSE, AND IS BELIEVED STILL THERE. MUST REFER TO BACKUP MANS WEAPON.

FIVE. RAY NOW WEARING BIFOCALS.

SIX. WHITE MUSTANG BELONGING TO RAY WAS NOT IN MEMPHIS ON DAY OF KING SLAYING, AND HE DID NOT ESCAPE IN IT. PRESUMABLY IT NEVER LEFT GEORGIA IN APRIL.

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SEVEN. ON THE DAY OF THE KILLING PAREN APRIL FOUR PAREN RAY MADE PHONE ALLS FROM MEMPHIS TO BELLE GLADE. CALLS BELIEVED TO BE MADE FROM A BUS STATION.

EIGHT. IN THE WEEKS BEFORE THE KILLING, RAY STAYED SOMEWHERE IN BELLE GLADE.

NINE. STORY OF PAYOFFS VERY COMPLICATED. WILBURN SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN PAID OFF IN RENO. NIGHT BEFORE KILLING, SOMEBODY HIT A KENO TICKET FOR TWENTYFIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS IN CAL-NEVA LODGE. RIGGED, TO PASS THE MONEY. DONE WITH KNOWLEDGE OF CHARLIE CATE, SIX EIGHT EIGHT ZERO PEBBLE BEACH DRIVE, RENO, WHO RUNS A SHIFT AT CAL-NEVA. THEN THERE IS BEN PAREN OR JACK PAREN STURGIS OF ST. LOUIS, WHO USED TO WORK BAR ON SECOND STREET, RENO. CAME INTO MONEY. ANOTHER QUOTE CONTACT. UNQUOTE.

PAGE THREE - LOS ANGELES.

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PAGE FOUR - MORE SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:

ONE. TELEPHONE CREDIT CARD SUPPOSEDLY USED BY RAY WAS ISSUED TO RIDELL CATERING, U.S. ROBBER, DETROIT. EITHER IN NAME OF RIDELL PAREN NO FIRST NAME PAREN OR A ROBERT BRINKLEY. RIDELL REPORTER LIVES IN HARPER WOODS, MICH. CALLS ON CARD REPORTED MADE FROM MEMPHIS TO BELLE GLADE, FLA., AMONG OTHERS.

TWO. SAMUEL LEWIS, SECOND MAN IN ROOMING HOUSE, DISCHARGED NINETEEN SIXTY THREE FROM MILAN, MICH. ALSO SERVED TIME IN CHILLICOTHE AND TERRE HAUTE. PAREN WARDEN AT MILAN SAYS NO  
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RECORD OF LEWIS. PAREN.

THREE. LEWIS TOOK BUS TO LOS ANGELES FROM KNOXVILLE ON APRIL SEVEN. CAME THROUGH MEMPHIS AND EL PASO.

THOMAS ADVISED THAT IN RELATION TO ITEM FIVE, PAGE ONE, OF HIS NOTES, THIS HOUSE IS LOCATED OFF A MAIN STREET STARTING FROM DOWNTOWN KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, DIRECTION UNKNOWN, AND FROM THE MAIN STREET A SMALLER STREET GOES TO THE LEFT, WHICH STREET HAS A WESTERN UNION BUILDING LOCATED ON IT AND GOES OFF FROM THE MAIN STREET IN THE FORM OF A STEEP HILL. TWO TO THREE MILES UP THE HILL ON THE LEFT ARE LOCATED NICE LOOKING APARTMENTS, BROWNISH IN COLOR, WHERE STUDENTS FROM SOME SCHOOL LIVE, AND JUST PRIOR TO THIS ON THE RIGHT IS THE LOCATION OF A MOVING COMPANY, NO NAME KNOWN, AND A GROCERY STORE IS LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF THE MOVING COMPANY ON THE SAME SIDE. ABOUT TWO BLOCKS BEYOND THE GROCERY STORE THERE IS A NARROW STREET WITH RAMSHACKLE HOUSES ON ONE SIDE AND VACANT LOTS ON THE OTHER. TURNING RIGHT ON THIS STREET, THE THIRD HOUSE ON THE LEFT WOULD BE THE CORRECT HOUSE INVOLVED, WHICH IS OCCUPIED BY AN INDIVIDUAL QUOTE WHO SELLS BEER AND BOOZE AFTER HOURS AND HIDES GUYS OUT. UNQUOTE. THE HOUSE IS DESCRIBED AS ONE BEDROOM,  
END PAGE EIGHT

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NO GARAGE, DIRT DRIVEWAY, SINGLE STORY AND HAS A LARGE FREEZER  
IN THE LIVING ROOM.

THOMAS ADVISED FROM THE STORY RECEIVED, IT IS A  
POSSIBILITY QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE IS THE SAME AS THE SAMUEL LEWIS  
MENTIONED IN HIS NOTES.

EACH RECEIVING OFFICE SHOULD CAREFULLY REVIEW THE NOTES  
AND IMMEDIATELY ATTEMPT TO VERIFY ANY OF THE INFORMATION SET  
FORTH AND ADVISE BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND LOS ANGELES.

LOS ANGELES WILL IMMEDIATELY PURSUE EFFORTS TO PROVE OR  
DISPROVE THE ALLEGATIONS SET FORTH FOR LOS ANGELES AREA.

AIR MAIL COPIES BEING FURNISHED CINCINNATI, NEW ORLEANS,  
ST. LOUIS AND INDIANAPOLIS IN VIEW OF INFORMATION FURNISHED  
IN THE NOTES.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS."

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FBI ATLANTA

FBI MEMPHIS

FBI LOUISVLE

3:07 PM 5-20-68 URGENT BAW

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), KNOXVILLE (44-696),  
MEMPHIS (44-1987), LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
FROM LOUISVILLE (44-947) 2P

MURKIN

RE MEMPHIS TEL TO DIRECTOR MAY EIGHTEEN, LAST AND LOUISVILLE  
TEL TO MEMPHIS MAY EIGHTEEN, LAST.

ON INSTANT DATE, C.M. BAYHI, AUDITOR, GREYHOUND BUS  
STATION, LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY, ADVISED TICKET NO. ONE THREE  
ZERO ZERO ZERO EIGHT TWO TWO TWO NINE FOUR TWO, DATED APRIL  
SEVEN, LAST, FROM KNOXVILLE TO MEMPHIS TO EL PASO TO LOS ANGELES  
IN AMOUNT OF SEVENTY DOLLARS AND THIRTY FIVE CENTS WAS ISSUED  
BY AUGUSTA NICHOLS, DIE NO. THREE, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE. THE NUMBER  
ONE ON ABOVE IS A PRINTED NUMBER, THE REMAINDER OF THE NUMBERS  
APPEAR TO BE CARBON NUMBERS. TICKET WAS USED APRIL SEVEN, LAST.  
PASSENGER LEFT KNOXVILLE AT EIGHT FIFTEEN P.M. ON APRIL SEVEN, LAST  
AND ARRIVED NASHVILLE AT TWELVE TWENTY FIVE A.M., APRIL  
EIGHT, LAST. BUS DRIVER WAS JESSE G. BROWN,  
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BUS LEFT NASHVILLE ONE THIRTY A.M., APRIL EIGHT, LAST,  
AND ARRIVED IN MEMPHIS AT SIX THIRTY FIVE A.M., SAME DATE.  
DRIVER OF BUS - BERNARD FOSTER, MEMPHIS.

TICKET IS STAMPED "PACKAGE CHECKED."

ORIGINAL FURNISHED IS BEING RETAINED BY LOUISVILLE.

KNOXVILLE, INTERVIEW AUGUSTA NICHOLS, OBTAIN DESCRIPTION  
OF PURCHASER OF TICKET, SHOW PHOTOGRAPHS.

MEMPHIS, INTERVIEW BUS DRIVERS, OBTAIN DESCRIPTION OF  
USER OF TICKET.

MEMPHIS, ADVISE LOUISVILLE OF DISPOSITION DESIRED OF  
TICKET.

AIR MAIL COPY BEING SENT TO EL PASO WITH COPY OF  
KNOXVILLE TEL TO INDIANAPOLIS, MAY EIGHTEEN, LAST.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P

OTHER OFFICES TO BE ADVISED

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FBI MEMPHIS

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FBI LOS ANG

11:40 PM URGENT 5-17-68 REF

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, MIAMI,  
LAS VEGAS, DETROIT, MOBILE, KNOXVILLE, ALBANY AND CHARLOTTE  
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (P) 6P

MURKIN

RE LA PHONE CALL TO BUREAU AND LA TEL MAY SEVENTEEN  
INSTANT, RE LOS ANGELES TIMES INFORMANT - "BOB" LNU.

FOR INFO ATLANTA, MOBILE AND ALBANY, LA TIMES HAS HAD  
CONTACT WITH ONE BOB LNU WHO SAID HE HAD INFO CONCERNING WHAT  
ACTUALLY HAD TAKEN PLACE IN CONNECTION WITH DEATH OF DR. KING.  
IN ADDITION TO OTHER INFO FURNISHED BY BOB LNU, HE STATED  
FOLLOWING REGARDING ASPECTS OF CASE INVOLVING LOS ANGELES AREA:

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FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED LA AREA THIS DATE.

JACK HERD, DAY MANAGER TOP RAIL BAR ADVISES WILLI SHEA ENTIRELY UNKNOWN. NO COCKTAIL WAITRESSES EMPLOYED BY THIS BAR, EXCEPT ON RARE OCCASIONS LIKE NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY. ON THOSE OCCASIONS, HIS OWN GIRL FRIEND OR GIRL NAMED BERNICE DOUGLAS WHO DOES NOT FIT DESCRIPTION OF WILLI SHEA HAS HELPED OUT AT BAR. MRS. NANCY BURGDOFF, MANAGER FOR LAST SEVENTEEN YEARS AT EIGHT ONE TWO SOUTH WESTLAKE, REPORTS NO WILLI SHEA HAS OR IS RESIDING AT THAT ADDRESS.

LEAMONT ANDERSON WHITE, EFFEMINATE THIRTY SIX YEAR OLD NEGRO MALE, EMPLOYED BY WESTERN UNION, WHO RESIDES AT THREE EIGHT ONE SEVEN GIBRALTAR AVENUE, APT. FIVE, LOS ANGELES  
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TELEPHONE TWO ONE THREE DASH TWO NINE FOUR DASH NINE FIVE  
THREE NINE, REPORTS HAS KNOWN FRANK BRICKLEY AND HIS BROTHER  
BOB BRICKLEY FIVE OR SIX YEARS. DURING THAT TIME FRANK HAS  
BEEN IN AND OUT OF ONE JAIL AFTER ANOTHER. BOTH FRANK AND  
BOB ARE HEAVY DRINKERS AND WHEN IN LA AREA HAVE FREQUENTED  
SKIDROW BARS NEAR FIFTH AND MAIN IN DOWNTOWN LA AND SEVENTH AND  
ALVARADO NEAR WESTLAKE PARK. THEIR PARENTS RESIDE IN ROSSVILLE,  
GEORGIA AND WHEN IN LA DURING JUNE SIXTY SEVEN THEY MADE  
CALLS FROM WHITE'S HOME TO FOLLOWING NUMBERS, ONE OF WHICH IS  
THEIR PARENTS NUMBER:

ROSSVILLE AREA CODE FOUR ZERO FOUR

TWO TWO NINE DASH TWO ONE FIVE FIVE

EIGHT SIX SIX DASH SEVEN THREE ONE ZERO

KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE CODE SIX ONE FIVE

FIVE TWO FOUR DASH ONE THREE ONE FIVE

SWEETWATER, TENNESSEE CODE SIX ONE FIVE

THREE THREE SEVEN DASH SEVEN SEVEN SEVEN FIVE

CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE CODE SIX ONE FIVE

SIX TWO TWO DASH NINE ZERO SIX SEVEN

WHITE ALSO FURNISHED TWO RECIPTS FOR PURCHASE OF GUNS BY HIM  
FROM WEATHERBY SPORTING GOODS, TWO SEVEN EIGHT ONE EAST FIRESTONE  
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BLVD., SOUTH GATE, CALIFORNIA FOR ONE BAYARD THIRTY TWO  
CALIBER, SERIAL NUMBER TWO FIVE TWO TWO ONE; AND BERETTA  
TWENTY-FIVE AUTOMATIC PISTOL, SERIAL NUMBER EIGHT EIGHT  
SEVEN TWO EIGHT ZERO, PLUS AMMUNITION FOR EACH WEAPON.

CLAIMS WHEN FRANK BRICKLEY WAS LAST IN LA AREA ABOUT  
SUMMER SIXTY SEVEN BOTH OF THESE WEAPONS DISAPPEARED FROM  
HIS RESIDENCE, AND HE SUSPECTED EITHER FRANK OR BOB BRICKLEY  
OR THEIR COUSIN, WHOSE NAME HE CAN NOT NOW RECALL, STOLE  
THEM. SAID HE HAS NEVER FILED A STOLEN REPORT. SAID ABOUT  
TWO MONTHS AGO HE GOT COLLECT CALL FROM FRANK SEEKING MONEY,  
AT WHICH TIME FRANK INDICATED HE HAD JUST GOTTEN OUT OF  
HOSPITAL WHERE WAS RECOVERING FROM UNDESCRIBED WOUND. WAS  
UNABLE AT THIS TIME TO FIND TELEPHONE COMPANY CHARGES FOR THIS  
CALL, BUT BELIEVES IT WAS FROM KNOXVILLE OR NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE.  
SAID HE IS SURE THAT NO ONE OTHER THAN FRANK OR BOB BRICKLEY  
OF POSSIBLY THEIR COUSIN, COULD HAVE BEEN IN POSSESSION OF  
INFO THAT HE HAD PURCHASED ABOVE DESCRIBED WEAPONS OR THAT HE  
HAD RESPONDED TO CALL FOR MONEY BY SENDING TWENTY OR THIRTY  
DOLLARS TO FRANK. CLAIMS LAST SAW BOB BRICKLEY LESS THAN TWO  
MONTHS AGO, AT WHICH TIME BOB SAID FRANK WAS IN PRISON, BUT  
DID NOT INDICATE SPECIFIC CHARGE OR LOCATION.

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