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SAC(44-1987)

DATE: 4/19/68

SA MAHLON J. PRICE FROM :

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

ASAC Sullivan, Springfield phoned at 11:30 PM and furnished the following which will also be included in a following teletype;

WALTER TERRY RIFE has been located and his whereabouts on 3/29,30/68 and 4/4/68 has been accounted for. RIFE has no idea as to the whereabouts of JAMES EARL RAY, and has not seen RAY since he, RIFE was discharged from Leavenworth.

Springfield has verified RAY'S birthplace as filton, Illinois.

Springfield has been unable to date to interview RAY's sister, MELBA MARIE RYAN. She is mentally retarded and also an alcoholic. She has been drunk and her emotional state has been such that an interview is deemed worthless. They are waiting until she gets over her "binge" to see if they can get any sense out of her.

For information.

MJP/rd

FBI BOSTON

433PM URGENT 4-19-68 DMG

TO SUREAU 44-38861 AND MEMPHIS 44-1987
FROM 308TON 157-644

MURKIN. 00: MEMPHIS.

RE SACRAMENTO TO TO BUREAU ET AL INSTANT DATE.

CONCERNING TELEPHONE CALL FROM RESIDENCE OF ERIC GALT, LOS ANGELES, DECEMBER TEN, SIXTYSEVEN, TO TED GREEN, BEAR VALLEY LODGE, CALIFORNIA:

MR. AND MRS. TED GREEN, ONE RAINTREE ROAD, DENNISPORT, MASS.,

EMPLOYED AT SEAR VALLEY SKI LODGE DECEMBER ONE, SIXTYSEVEN--FEBRUARY

TEN, SIXTYEIGHT. MR. GREEN MANAGED DINING ROOM AND BAR. MRS. GREEN

ASSOCIATED WITH RESERVATIONS DEGK AND OFFICE. BOTH ADVISED NAME

EXIC SALT UNFAMILIR TO THEM. BOTH UNABLE TO IDENTIFY PHOTO OF GALT

EXHIBITED. MR. GREEN STATES THAT IN SETTING UP SKI LODGE FOR WINTER

SEASON ADVERTISED IN LOS ANGELES AND SAN FRANCISCO DAILY NEWSPAPERS

FOR WAITERS AND KITCHEN HELP. ADVISED POSSIBILITY EXISTED THAT

REPORTED CONTACT BY GALT WAS IN REFERENCE TO EMPLOYMENT ADS

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BOTH POSITIVE THAT GALT NOT EMPLOYED AT SKI LODGE DURING PAST SEASON IN ANY CAPACITY IN DINING ROOM OR BAR ENDS AB

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624PM URGENT 4-19-68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO, MEMPHIS

FRM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

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CONFIRMING INFO FURNISHED BY SL TELEPHONICALLY TO ASAC CLARK, CHICAGO, APRIL NINETEEN INSTANT FOR POSSIBLE USE BY CG IN INTERVIEWING JERRY RAY.

REGISTRATION RECORDS MACARTHUR HOTEL, SL, REFLECT FOLLOWING.

JERRY W. RAY. THREE FIVE THREE FIVE DUNDEE RD., NORTHBROOK, ILL.

REGISTERED THERE TEN P.M. FEB. TWO SIXTYEIGHT

FOR ONE NIGHT.

JOHN RAY, ONE NINE ONE TWO HICKORY, ST. LOUIS REGISTERED THERE FEB. SIX SIXTYEIGHT, TWO A.M. ONE NIGHT ONLY.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN RAY, ONE EIGHT EIGHT SIX WYOMING, ST. LOUIS, REGISTERED THERE FEBRUARY SEVENTEEN SIXTYEIGHT, TWO TEN A.M., ONE NIGHT ONLY.

ST. LOUIS CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION AT ABOVE ST. LOUIS ADDRESSES.

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TBI CHICAGO

819PM URGENT 4/19/68 GGE/RFJ/RMF

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), ATLANTA (44-2386),

LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 5P

MURKIN.

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR APRIL EIGHTEEN SIXTY RIGHT.

RE SUSAN HARRIS FLIKEID

ILLINDIS, THIS DATE. SHOWN GROUP OF PHOTOGRAPHS AND UNABLE TO IDENTIFY PHOTOGRAPH OF GALT. ADVISED NEVER ENGAGED IN MAKING OF ANY KIND OF MOVIES WITH LOU TOMENY, HOWEVER, DID MAKE SOME STILL PICTURES WITH LOU TOMENY WHICH WERE FOR MAGAZINES IN JANUARY, SIXTY SEVEN. THESE PHOTOS NOT DESCENE AND WERE FULLY CLOTHED. STATED NEVER WADE OR SOLD ANY TYPE OF MOVIES TO ANYONE. ADVISED LOU TOMENY'S FRIEND IS JOHNNY SONNELT AND SHE HAS NOT BEEN CLOSE TO LOU TOMENY SINCE SUE'S ARREST ON APRIL TWENTY SEVEN, SIXTY SEVEN.

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THOMAS FLIKEIS WAS SHOWN GROUP OF PHOTOGRAPHS AND UNABLE TO IDENTIFY PHOTOGRAPH OF GALT. ADVISED IN AREA OF VEGAS CLUB THERE IS A NEWS STAND LOCATED IN A STORE ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE VEGAS CLUB THAT SELLS MOVIES OF A RISQUE TYPE.

SUE HARRIS FLIKEIN ADVISED ONLY PERSON RESEMBLING PHOTO OF GALT IN ANY WAY IS BILL (LNU) HUSBAND OF JUANITA (LNU).

JUANITA IS WAITRESS AT RABBIT'S FOOT BAR, HOLLYWOOD AND GRAMERCY. BILL DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, THIRTY EIGHTFORTY FIVE, FIVE FEET EIGHT, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE TO TWO HUNDRED POUNDS, WELL BUILT, HAIR BROWN, WORKS AS TROUBLE SHOOTER FOR BIG OIL COMPANY.

RE GINGER NANCE

GINGER NAMOE INTERVIEWED THIS DATE SHOWN GROUP OF PHOTOGRAPHS, UNABLE TO IDENTIFY PHOTOGRAPH OF GALT BUT STATED RECOGNIZED THIS PHOTOGRAPH AS PHOTOGRAPH SHE SAW IN CHICAGO NEWSPAPER RECENTLY. NAME SHOWN PHOTOGRAPH OF WRITING ON KLEENEX BOX STATED LOOKS LIKE MINE, BUT COULD NOT END PAGE TWO

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RECALL CIRCUMSTANCES RE WRITING SAME. SAID IF ON KLEENEX SOX, PROBABLY COULD NOT LOCATE PAPER AT TIME IT WAS WRITTEN.

SINGER MANCE COULD NOT RECALL USING THE NAME DAY ... WHILE IN CALIFORNIA.

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NANCE STATED SHE DRINKS BEER, PREFERS SCHLITZ AND FALSTAFF. ALSO WHILE IN LOS ANGELES, RECALLS DRINKING VODKA AND SQUIRT. MANCE ADVISED BOYFRIEND IN LOS ANGELES NAMED VINCE DID NOT DRINK AND DEFINITELY NOT GALT.

BOYFRIEND NAMED RED LIXED TO PLAY POOL, LISTEN TO COUNTRY AND WESTERN RECORDS AND DRINK BEER, HOWEVER, DEFINITELY NOT GALT. RED DESCRIBED AS WHITE, MALE, LATE TWENTIES, TALL, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY POUNDS, SHORT RED HAIR, COMBED BACK, BLUE EYES.

NANCE ADVISED WHEN SHE LEFT CALIFORNIA, SHE LEFT
NUMEROUS PERSONAL BELONGINGS BEHIND BUT COULD NOT RECALL

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IF SHE LEFT KLEENEX BOX BEHIND.

NANCE ADVISED SHE NEVER HEARD OF SUE HARRIS FLIKEID MAKING OBSCENE MOVIES.

CHARACTERISTICS OF GALT DESCRIBED IN DETAIL WITH

NANCE, HOWEVER, MANCE STILL UNABLE TO RECALL ANYONE WHO
MIGHT BE GALT.

THE NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF JAMES EARL RAY MEANT NOTHING TO NAME, NOR SUE OR TOM FLIKEID.

TOMENY, PROSTITUTE, WHO FURNISHED FLIKEID WITH NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF CUSTOMERS. TOMENY, FLIKEID, AND OTHERS ARRESTED BY OFFICERS LARRY CORSETT AND TERRY PIERCE, VICE SQUAD, HOLLYWOOD DIVISION, LOS ANGELES PD. ALSO ARRESTED WAS ONE JOHNNY BONNELL. TOMENY'S PRESENT WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN TO FLIKEID, LAST KNOWN ADDRESS ONLY, BE ACHWOOD DRIVE, HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA. LOS ANGELES VICE SQUAD OFFICERS POSSIBLY KNOW WHEREABOUTS TOMENY. TOMENY REPORTEDLY CAME FROM NEW ORLEANS.

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IN PREVIOUS INTERVIEW, FLIKEID ADVISED MAINTAINED ADDRESS 300KS OF CUSTOMERS WHICH WERE IN STORAGE, HOWEVER, THESE CUSTOMERS WERE PRIOR TO JANUARY, SIXTY SEVEN, . CURRENT CUSTOMERS LISTED IN BOOK PRESENTLY IN HER POSSESSION. AS SET FORTH PREVIOUSLY INSTANT BOOK REVIEWED WITH FLIKEID AND NO INDICATION ANY CUSTOMER IDENTICAL WITH GALT. SOME OF THESE CUSTOMERS WERE NEVER SEEN BY FLIKEID AND WERE FURNISHED BY TOMENY TO FLIKEID. SUE FLIKEID LATER VOLUNTARILY APPEARED AT CHICAGO OFFICE THIS DATE AT WHICH TIME EVERY ENTRY IN THE CURRENT DATE BOOK WAS THOROUGHLY AND EXHAUSTIVELY GONE OVER WITH HER. FROM HER DISCRIPTIONS OF CUSTOMERS AND FACTS SHE KNEW ABOUT THESE INDIVIDUALS, THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY THAT ANYONE COULD BE IDENTICAL WITH SALT AND/OR JAMES EARL RAY. BOTH SUE AND TOM FLIKEID EXPRESSED DESIRE TO BE OF ASSISTANCE TO FBI IN INSTANT MATTER BUT DID NOT HAVE ANY PERTINENT INFO IN THEIR POSSESSION. AIRTEL WITH COPY OF ADDRESS BOOK BEING SENT TO LOS ANGELES AND INTERESTED OFFICES.

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526PM EST URGENT 4/19/68 LAS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA (44-2386), BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

MEMPHIS (44-1937), NEWARK, NEW YORK

FROM MIANI (44-1854)

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RE ERIC STARVO GALT. PLIGHT CREW MEMBERS OF EASTERN AIRLINES (EAL) FOREIGN BOUND FLIGHTS OUT OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, APRIL FIVE DASH SIX, NIMETEEN SIXTY EIGHT.

THE ATLANTA TEL TO BUREAU, APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST.

FOLLOWING INFORMATION DEVELOPED EAL, MIAMI, APRIL MINETEEN LAST RE FOREIGN BOUND EAL FLIGHTS IN RETEL.

FLIGHTS ON APRIL FIVE, SIXTY EIGHT. - FLIGHT ONE NAUGHT SIX ORIGINATED HOUSTON TO ATLANTA TO JFK TO MONTREAL; FLIGHT THREE TWENTY ORIGINATED ATLANTA TO PITTSBURGH TO BUFFALO TO TORONTO; FLIGHT THREE TWO EIGHT ORIGINATED MIAMI TO ATLANTA TO PITTSBURGH TO BUFFALO TO TORONTO; FLIGHT NINE FIVE FIVE ORIGINATED ST. LOUIS TO ATLANTA TO MIAMI TO SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO. ON APRIL SIX, SIXTY EIGHT, FLIGHT NINE ONE FIVE ORIGINATED NEW YORK TO ATLANTA TO NEW ORLEANS TO MEXICO CITY.

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INFORMATION DEVELOPED THAT FOLLOWING FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS ARE ASSIGNED TO FOLLOWING EAL BASES, AND LEADS ARE SET FORTH BY CREW MEMBER'S TITLE, ADDRESS AND FLIGHT FLOWN ON APRIL FIVE OR SIX, SIXTYEIGHT.

ATLANTA, NEWARK AND NEW YORK ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT LOCAL
EAL OFFICE TO DETERMINE PLACE WHERE LISTED PERSONNEL CAN BE CONTACTED
AND SET FORTH LEAD IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS IN RETEL
TO EXHIBIT PHOTO OF SUBJECT TO THESE PERSONNEL. MIAMI CONTACTING
EAL PERSONNEL ASSIGNED MIAMI AREA.

ATLANTA

CAPTAINS AND PILOTS

W. H. PATE, THREE FIVE FOUR FIVE SPRINGSIDE DRIVE, DECATUR,
GEORGIA, FLIGHT THREE TWENTY; T. H. WALTERS, TWO SIX THREE SEVEN,
HEDLAND DRIVE, EAST POINT, GEORGIA, FLIGHT THREE TWO EIGHT;
F. H. ALLEY, FOUR ONE THREE FIVE WELCOME ALL TERRACE, COLLEGE PARK,
GEORGIA, FLIGHT THREE TWO EIGHT; R. G. DISTEL, ONE EIGHT FOUR ZERO
SULLIVAN ROAD, APT. J TWO, COLLEGE PARK, GEORGIA, FLIGHT THREE TWENTY;
FLIGHT ATTENDANTS

JOCELYN LOUISE BREAKWELL, ONE EIGHT FOUR ZERO SULLIVAN

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ROAD, APT. N - NINE, COLLEGE PARK, GEORGIA, FLIGHT THREE TWO EIGHT;

MARY BONITA COULTER, THREE TWO FOUR N. FULTON AVENUE, APT.

D-THREE, HAPEVILLE, GEORGIA, FLIGHT THREE TWENTY; RENDER EUTIS

HARRIS, ONE TWO THREE NINE HERNDON STREET, GRIFFIN, GEORGIA,

FLIGHT THREE TWO EIGHT; JILL HENSLER, ONE ONE NINE FIVE WOODLAND AVE.,

APT. C-THREE, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, FLIGHT THREE TWENTY; CORINTHIA

LEONORA HICKS, SIX THREE FIVE FAIR ST., UNIVERSITY PLAZA, APT.

THREE TEM, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, FLIGHT THREE TWO EIGHT; DIANNE

ELIZABETH ROSSITER, TWO SEVEN EIGHT EIGHT DE FOOTE FERRY ROAD,

APT. TWENTY ONE - FOUR, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, FLIGHT THREE TWENTY

NEWARK

CAPTAINS AND PILOTS

T. R. CRAME, FOURTEEN AVALON LANE, MATOWAN, NEW JERSEY, FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX; R. A. HOVCHIN, FORTY ONE WOODLAWN ROAD, SPARTA, NEW JERSEY, FLIGHT NINE ONE FIVE; C. E. STOW, THREE NINE NINE MILLSIDE MANOR, BELRAN, NEW JERSEY, FLIGHT NINE ONE FIVE

FLIGHT ATTENDANTS

RUTH LEHR CHASE, SEVENTEEN MAPLE LANE, RAINBOW LAKE, DANNVILLE N. J., FLIGHT NIME ONE FIVE; C. ZABOROMEK, FORTY FOUR WOODBRIDGE AVENUE, HIGHLAND PARK, NEW JERSEY, FLIGHT NIME ONE FIVE; CYNTHIA LOUISE

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BRONSON, EIGHTY THREE - NINETY SIX ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH STREET,

APT. TWO D, KEW GARDEN, NEW YORK, FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX; CORRINE

CONNOR, THREE ZERO FIVE EAST FORTIETH STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK,

FLIGHT NINE ONE FIVE; JOAN EVELYN HUEZDA, FIVE HUNDRED EAST SEVENTY

SEVENTH STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, FLIGHT NINE ONE FIVE; LUELLEN

LOREHN, FOUR THREE FIVE EAST SEVENTY NINTH STREET, APT. TWELVE C,

NEW YORK, NEW YORK, FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX; CAROL ANN SCOTT, TWO SIX

TWO SIX HOMEOREST AVENUE, BROOKLN NEW YORK, FLIGHT NINE ONE FIVE; DIANE

SARAH TREMBLY, TWO TWO ZERO

EAST FORTY FIFTH STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, FLIGHT ONE ZERO

NEW YORK

PILOTS

E. L. FOSS, JR., P. O. BOX ONE ONE EIGHT, BRIDGEWATER,

CONNECTICUT, FLIGHT OME ZERO SIX; E. D. HARTMAN, ELVEN WOOLEY LANE,

APT. THREE J, GREAT NECK, NEW YORK, FLIGHT NINE ONE FIVE; D. W. GROSMAN,

FIFTY THREE SUMMITT ROAD, OAK RIDGE, NEW JERSEY, FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX.

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1004PM URGENT 4-19-68 ENT

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS

FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 2P

MURKIN. 00: MEMPHIS.

DAILY TELETYPE SUMMARY.

RE SUMMARY TEL TO BUREAU AND ALL OFFICES TODAY.

EXTENSIVE REINVESTIGATION OF PRIOR LEADS, KANSAS CITY DIVISION, REGARDING JAMES EARL RAY AND WALTER TERRY RIFE, NEGATIVE.

EXTENSIVE KANSAS CITY FILE REVIEW COMPLETED, ALONG WITH REVIEW OF RECORDS AT MISSOURI STATE PEN, JEFFERSON CITY, USP, LEAVENWORTH, MANSAS, U. S. PROSATION OFFICE, AND U. S. POSTAL INSPECTORS, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, CREDIT BUREAU AND OTHER LOGICAL AGENCIES, THIS DIVISION. HANDWRITING SAMPLES OF RAY HAVE BEEN OSTAINED FROM MENTAL HOSPITAL, FULTON, MISSOURI, AND BEING FORWARDED BUREAU SEPARATELY.

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EXTENSIVE COVERAGE BEING MADE THROUGH NEWS MEDIA, LOGICAL INFORMANTS ALERTED, AND ALL PERTINENT INFO HAVING LEAD VALUE TELEPHONICALLY FURNISHED AUXILIARY OFFICES.

REFERENCED SUMMARY TEL SUBMITTED TO BUREAU AND ALL OFFICES WITH APPROPRIATE BACKGROUND FROM REVIEW OF CASE FILE AND RECORD CHECKS, KANSAS CITY DIVISION.

PHOTOS OF RAY AND RIFE SEING EXPEDITIOUSLY DISPATCHED, ALL DIVISIONS, AND EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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To:

SAC'S, Chicago (44-1114) Memphis (44-1987)

From:

Director, FEI (44-36861)

MURKIN

Re Chicago airtels 4-13 and 4-15, submitting major case prints of Susan L. Harris Flikeld, Thomas Martin Flikeld, and Ginger Nunce.

Latent prints previously reported on Mustang recovered in Atlanta are not identical with the submitted major case prints.

Submitted major case prints being retained temporarily in Latent Fingerprint Section.

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226AM URGENT 4-20-68 RJK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM,

SPRINGFIELD, CHICAGO.

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775) 3P

MURKIN.

JOHN RODGERS, CASHIER, CENTER STATE BANK ADVISED FOUR NINETEEN LAST THAT JERRY RAYNES, FATHER OF SUBJECT HAS RESIDED SOUTH
EAST OF CENTER, MISSOURI, ON PROPERTY PURCHASED BY HIM SEPT.

SIX, SIXTYSEVEN AT SHERIFFS SALE. RODGERS SUGGESTED
CONTACT WITH RAYNES NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR HAROLD MAIDEM, ROUTE TWO,
CENTER. MAIDEN ADVISED FOUR MINETEEN LAST RAYNES PURCHASED
PRESENT PROPERTY IN FALL OF SIXTYSEVEN AND LIVES ALONE.

RAYNES OPERATES SIXTYSEVEN MASH RAMBLER TAN, AND WHITE OVER RED
SIXTYONE PLYMOUTH. RAYNES IS RETIRED, HAS EIGHT
CHILDREN, BEEN MARRIED TWICE. THE MOTHER OF HIS CHILDREN IS
DECEASED. A YOUNGER WOMAN WITH TWO SMALL CHILDREN VISITES RAYNES
ON OCCASSIONAL WEEKENDS, BUT NO OTHER PERSONS HAVE VISITED TO
HIS KNOWLEDGE. OBSERVATION OF RAYNES PROPERTY FOUR NINETEEN LAST
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REFLECTED NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY. RAYNES SUBSEQUENTLY INTERVIEWED

AFTER THOROUGH CHECK OF THE PROPERTY, ADVISED HE IS SIXTYNINE,

DOB:

MAS MARRIED TO LUCILLE

MAHER NOW DECEASED. SEVEN CHILDREN WERE BORN TO THIS MARRIAGE WHICH
RAYNES DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, BUT WAS FUZZY IN HIS

ABILITY TO THINK, AND COULD NOT RECALL SPECIFICS. RAYNES DOUGTS ALL
THE CHILDREN ARE HIS, KNOWS NOTHING OF JOHN, BUT IS SURE SUBJECT

IS HIS OWN CHILD.

FRANKLIN AKA BUZZY DECEASED (KILLED IN BRIDGE ACCIDENT AT BUINCY, ILL., ABOUT NIKETEEN FIFTYEIGHT.); JAMES EARL, BORN ALTON, ILL., NIKETEEN TWENTYEIGHT; CAROL PEPPER, NOW RESIDING ON BELLEVUE AVENUE, ST. LOUIS; MELBA RAY, MUINCY, ILL., A MENTAL CASE AT ILLINOIS STATE HOSPITAL, JACKSONVILLE, ILLINOIS; AND BUSIE ADDRESS UNKNOWN. LATTER TWO CHILDREN WERE GIVEN AWAY BY MOTHER AFTER THEIR BEPARATION; JERRY, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS; AND JOHN LOCATION UNKNOWN.

RAYNES ADVISED HE HAS HAD LITTLE CONTACT WITH CHILDREN DURING PAST STVENTEEN YEARS EXCEPT FOR CAROL. LAST SAW SUBJECT SEVENTEEN YEARS AGO AND HAD MY DIRECT CUNTACT SINCE. NAME OF RAYNES ALWAYS USED BY KIK, BUT SOME OF CHILDREN USED MAME OF RAY INCLUDING END PAGE TWO

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SUBJECT. RAYNE STATED HE KNEW MOTHING OF HIS SONS INVOLVEMENT
THIS MATTER UNTIL PHONE CALLS RECEIVED FROM CAROL PEPPER STATING
FBI HAD CONTACTED HER CONCERNING SUBJECT. RAYNE RECEIVED TWO CALLS
MIGHT OF FOUR MINETEEN LAST, ONE FROM CAROL, SECOND FROM MELBA
EACH INDICATING THAT NEWS ITEMS HAD INDICATED JAMES INVOLVEMENT.
RAYNES UNAWARE OF HOW MELBA LEARNED OF WHEREABOUTS AS HAS NOT SEEN OR
HEARD FROM HER IN SEVEN OR EIGHT YEARS. RAYNES EXPRESSED FEAR OF
HIS SON, IS BARRING HIS HOUSE, AND WANTS NOTHING TO DO WITH SUBJECT.
HE PROMISED COOPERATION SHOULD HE RECEIVE INFORMATION CONCERNING
SUBJECTS WHEREABOUTS.

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FBI-HOUSTON
212PM 4-20-68 DEC
TO SAC MEMPHIS
FROM SAC HOUSTON (44-1509)

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REURTEL, APRIL SEVENTEEN, LAST.

HUGHES TOOL CO. RECORDS HOUSTON REFLECT INEZ COWART

GALT EMPLOYED THAT COMPANY AND RESIDING TWO FIVE ZERO ONE

GALVESTON ROAD, IN ONE NINE FOUR FIVE. MARY RICE, MANAGER

OAK COURT APTS., TWO FIVE ZERO ONE GALVESTON ROAD, MANAGER

SINCE NINETEEN SIXTY ONE BUT NO RECORDS PRIOR THAT TIME. INEZ

COWART GALT UNKNOWN TO HER. HASTING MEADOWS, SIX ZERO SIX DELL

COURT, HOUSTON, OWNER OF OAK COURTS APTS. SINCE NINETEEN SIXTY

BUT INEZ COWART GALT UNKNOWN AND NO RECORDS PRIOR NINETEEN SIXTY.

MEADOWS ADVISED OAK COURT APTS. PRIOR TO HIS PURCHASE HAD

SEVERAL OWNERS, IDENTITIES UNKNOWN TO HIM. HE DOUBTS IF RECORDS

ONE NINE FOUR FIVE STILL IN EXISTENCE.

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HOUSTON STREET, CITY DIRECTORIES, CRIMINAL CHECKS, CREDIT

CHECKS NEGATIVE RE INEZ COWART GALT.

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4:25PM 4-19-68 URGENT BPW

TO MEMPHIS

FROM KNOXVILLE (44-696) (P)

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MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS

TOM DAILY, POSTAL INSPECTOR IN CHARGE, CHATTANOOGA,
TENNESSEE, TO DATE EXHIBITED TO SA M. JAY HAWKINS A
LETTER ADDRESS IN HAND PRINTING TO MR. ERIC S. GALT, TWO
SIX ZERO EIGHT HIGHLAND AVENUE, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, WHICH
WAS POSTMARKED IN CHATTANOOGA ON APRIL SIXTEEN, SIXTY
EIGHT. THERE WAS NO RETURN ADDRESS. THE LETTER HAS BEEN
RETURNED WITH THE NOTATION MOVED, LEFT NO ADDRESS. LETTER
WAS EXAMINED WITHOUT OPENING IT AND IT APPEARS TO CONTAIN
A RELIGIOUS TRACT. INSPECTOR DAILY STATED THAT THIS LETTER
WOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE DEAD LETTER OFFICE IN MEMPHIS
WHERE IT WOULD BE OPENED.

if determined worthwhile, memphis will contact postal

INSPECTORS AND REQUEST PERMISSION TO EXAMINE CONTENTS OF

ENVELOP AFTER IT HAS BEEN OPENED.

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44 4:40 PM IMMEDIATE 4-19-68 REM

TO: DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO, KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS,

AND SPRINGFIELD

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775) 2P

MURKIN

RE BUTEL TODAY IDENTIFYING JAMES BARL RAY, FBI THREE ZERO SIX FOUR FOUR THREE A, AS ERIC STARVO GALT.

REINTERVIEW OF CAROL RYAN PEPPER, SISTER OF SUBJECT, TODAY REVEALED SUBJECT'S FATHER IS JERRY RAY, AGE FIVE NINE WHO IS RESIDING ON A FARM NEAR HANNIBAL, MO., EXACT LOCATION UNX NOWN, BUT WHO HAS TELEPHONE AT RESIDENCE.

ADDITIONAL RELATIVES IDENTIFIED AS SISTER MELBA RAY, AGE THIRTY, WHO IS SOMEWHAT RETARDED AND WAS REPORTEDLY IN JAIL, QUINCY, ILL., SHORTLY BEFORE CHRISTMAN, SIXTYSEVEN. SUSIE (PHONETIC) RAY, ANOTHER SISTER, AGE ABOUT TWENTY, WAS RAISED BY AN UNIDENTIFIED FAMILY IN QUINCY, ILL., AND 144-1977-Sub-A-322, RECENTLY MARRIED A BAND LEADER. JOHN RAY, AKA JACK RAY, A

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BROTHER OF SUBJECT WAS IN ST. LOUIS, DECEMBER SIXTYSEVEN, WITH JERRY RAY, WHO WAS INTERVIEWED BY CHICAGO DIV., FEG. SEVEN, LAST, IS REPORTEDLY NOW IN THE VICINITY OF CHICAGO, WHOSE EXACT LOCATION SHOULD BE KNOWN BY JERRY RAY.

ST. LOUIS WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW SUBJECT'S FATHER,
JERRY RAY AT HANNIBAL, MO.

SPRINGFIELD AT QUINCY, ILL., WILL IDENTIFY AND THEREAFTER LOCATE AND INTERVIEW MELSA RAY. DURING INTERVIEW OF MELSA RAY ASCERTAIN LOCATION OF SUSIE RAY AND TAKE NECESSARY ACTION TO EFFECT HER INTERVIEW.

CHICAGO, AT NORTH BROOK, ILL., WILL REINTERVIEW JERRY RAY FOR ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFO RE SUBJECT AND ASCERTAIN CURRENT LOCATION OF JACK RAY AND TAKE NECESSARY ACTION TO INSURE JACK RAY IS INTERVIEWED.

ALL OFFICES IN MAKING ABOVE INQUIRIES BE ALERT TO
POSSIBILITY OF SUBJECT'S PRESENCE WITH ANY OF THESE RELATIVES.
RECEIVING OFFICES REFER TO UFAP - ROBBERY CASE, KANSAS
CITY ORIGIN, CAPTIONED JAMES EARL RAY, AKA - FUGITIVE.

SUBJECT ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

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543PM URGENT 4/19/68 DFS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), SPRINGFIELD (44-561), MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

MURKIN, CIVIL RIGHTS.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL OFFICES THIS DATE AND SPRINGFIELD TELEPHONE CALL AND TELETYPE TO INDIANAPOLIS THIS DATE.

RE JAMES EARL RAY.

E. L. POPHANKEN, PAYROLL SUPERVISOR, AMERICAN COMMERCIAL BARGE
LINE, DIVISION OF AMERICAN COMMERCIAL LINES, IND., WHICH DIVISION
HAS CUSTODY OF ALL CURRENT AND PAST EMPLOYEES OF THIS COMPANY AND OTHER
BARGE COMPANIES WHICH MERGED IN NINETEEN SIXTYONE, SEARCHED RAY'S
NAME AND ALL ALIASES AND ADVISED NO RECORD LOCATED INDICATING RAY EVER
EMPLOYED BY THESE COMPANIES.

FOR INFO SPRINGFIELD, ALL EMPLOYMENT RECORDS PRIOR TO SIXTYONE
HAVE BEEN DESTROYED. HOWEVER, ALL NAMES AND SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS
PLACED ON IBM CARDS AND THESE CARDS, WHICH ALSO CONTAIN CURRENT EMPLOYEES
WERE RUN THROUGH WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO, KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS (44-1987), LOS ANGELES, SALT LAKE CITY, SPRINGFIELD FROM OMANA (44-310)

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RECORDS OF THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, LINN COUNTY, CEDAR RAPIDS,

IOWA, REVEAL JAMES EARL RAY WAS TAKEN OFF A MILWAUKEE RR FREISHT

TRAIN AT MARION, IOWA, ON APRIL EIGHTEEN, MINETEEN FIFTY, BY

DEPUTY SHERIFF HARLAN SMYDER AND AN UNIDENTIFIED OFFICER OF

THE MARION POLICE DEPT.SMYDER IS NOW DECEASED. RAY WAS CHARGED

WITH VAGRANCYDAND WAS DESCRIBED AT TIME OF HIS ARREST AS A

Z=<TS LE, BORN

PLACE MOT

STATED, FIVE FEET SLEVEN INCHES, ONE THIRTYFIVE LBS., SLENDER

BUILD, BROWN HAIR, SLUE EYES, DARK COMPLEXION, THREE INCH

SCAR ON PALM OF RIGHT HAND. RAY BAVE HIS FATHER AS GEORGE E.

RAY AND HIS MOTHER AS LUCILLE RAY, BOTH RESIDING AT ONE FOUR

THREE NIME CEDAR STREET, QUINCY, ILLINOIS. HIS FATHER WAS

EMPLOYED AS A SWITCHMAN ON THE CB AND Q RAILROAD. NO EMPLOYMENT

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LISTED FOR MOTHER. RAY LISTED TWO BROTHERS, AGE SIXTEEN,
AND AGE FOURTEEN, SOTH RESIDING AT HOME.

RAY GAVE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF HIMSELF AT TIME HE WAS CHARGED WITH VAGRANCY; ENLISTED IN U.S. ARMY IN FEBRUARY, NINETEEN FORTYSIX, AT ALTON, ILL. SERVED IN GERMANY TWO YEARS FIVE MONTHS. RECEIVED HONORABLE DISCHARGE. THEREAFTER WORKED IN CHICAGO THREE MONTHS AT DRYDEN RUBBER CO. LOCATED, RODSEVELT ROAD AND KILADAIRE AVE., CHICAGO.

WENT TO LOS ANGELES WHERE WORKED FOR BRYNES SHEET METAL CO.

LOCATED LOS ANGELES AVE. AS DRILL PRESS OPERATOR. WHILE WORKING

FOR BRYNES SHEET METAL WAS ARRESTED BY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, LOS

ANGELES, ON A MESDEMEANOR CHARGE, ILLEGAL ENTRY OF BUILDING.

STAYED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAIL FOR SEVENTYEIGHT DAYS AWAITING

TRIAL AND THEN WAS SENTENCED TO MINETY DAYS IN COUNTY JAIL. ON

RELEASE WAS PLACED ON PROBATION TO C. E. GLASCO, DEPUTY PROBATION

OFFICER, LOS ANGELES COUNTY, TWO ZERO FIVE SOUTH BROADWAY, LOS

ANGELES, WHO GAVE RAY PERMISSION TO LEAVE LOS ANGELES AND

PROCEED TO MIS HOME AT BUINCY, ILL. RAY CLAIMED TO BE EN ROUTE

GUINCY, ILL., AT TIME WAS REMOVED FROM FREIGHT TRAIN AT MARION, IA.

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RAY STATED HE HAD SEEN BUMMING RIDES ON TRAINS FROM LOS
ANGELES TO MARION AND HAD BEEN THROUGH NEEDLAS, ARIZ., AND LAS
VEGAS, NEV. RAY CLAIMED HE MET MAN NAMED BILL HOLLAND AND .

GAMBLED WITH BILL HOLLAND AT LAS VEGAS WHERE HE LOST MONEY, BUT
DID RETAIN SEVERAL ROLLS OF SILVER WHICH HE HAD IN HIS POSSESSION
AT TIME OF ARREST. FROM LAS VEGAS, STATED HE WENT BY TRAIN TO
SALT LAKE CITY AND WAS EN ROUTE FROM SALT LAKE CITY TO QUINCY,
ILL., AT TIME OF HIS ARREST AT MARION, IA. HE STATED BILL
HOLLAND RESIDED SALT LAKE CITY BUT GAVE NO DESCRIPTIVE DATA
REGARDING BILL HOLLAND.

WHILE RAY WAS BEING HELD IN LINN COUNTY JAIL, CEDAR RAPIDS,
THE LINN COUNTY SO CONTACTED ALL CITIES WHERE HE WAS KNOWN TO
HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY IN AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE IF THE SILVER
HE HAD IN HIS POSSESSION COULD BE STOLEN. ALL REPLIES
WERE NEGATIVE, AND NO INDICATION RAY WAS WANTED IN ANY OF THOSE
CITIES.

RAY WAS PHOTOGRAPHED ON APRIL EIGHTEEN, NINETEEN FIFTY, BY
LINN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE. A COPY OF THIS PHOTOGRAPH HAS BEEN
OBTAINEN. THE NOSE OF THE SUBJECT, THE EARS AND THE MOUTH BEAR
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RESEMBLANCES TO WANTED FLYER NO. FOUR FOUR TWO RE GALT. RAY
WAS RELEASED BY LINN COUNTY SO, MAY EIGHT, NINETEEN FIFTY,
AFTER BEINS GIVEN FOUR WONTHS SUSPENDED SENTENCE ON VAGRANCY
CHARGE. NO INDICATION IN RECORDS OF SO, CEDAR RAPIDS, THAT
RAY WAS ACQUAINTED WITH ANY PERSON IN CEDAR RAPIDS DASH MARION,
IDWA, AREA, OR THAT HE HAD BEEN IN THIS PRIOR TO HIS
ARREST.

UNLESS PREVIOUSLY COVERED BY RESPECTIVE OFFICES, CHICAGO, SPRINGFIELD, LOS ANGELES AND SALT LAKE CITY WILL CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION REGARDING ABOVE.

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TO DIRECTOR, SPRINGFIELD, MEMPHIS

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN CR CO*ME

RE SL TELCON TO SI INSTANT DATE

CONFIDENTIAL CHECK OF TELEPHONE TOLL CALLS OF ALBERT PAPPER. SIX FOUR FIVE DASH TWO NIME FOUR EIGHT, TWENTY TWENTY-FIVE BELLEVIEW, ST. LOUIS, INDICATE CALL MADE ON FEBRUARY THIRTEENTH LAST TO EAST ST. LOUIS; ILL. THREE THREE TWO DASH ONE ONE SEVEN ISSUED TO DAVID C. ORT, SEVENTEEN ZERO NINE HARVEST AVE.

SI IDENTIFY ORT, DETERMINE CONNECTION WITH PEPPER AND OBTAIN INFO OF VALUE. MRS. ALBERT PEPPER, CAROL, IS THE SISTER OF JAMES EARL RAY.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-33861), ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS

FROM: LOS ANGELES (44-1574) 3P

MURKIN

RE LA TEL APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST, AND BUTEL ALL OFFICES APRIL NINETEEN INSTANT.

RE: JAMES EARL RAY

JAMES EARL RAY ARRESTED OCTOBER ELEVEN, FORTY MINE, LA, SUSPICION BURGLARY COMMITTED ON OCTOBER SEVEN, FORTY NINE.

DESCRIBED IN RECORDS OF LAPD AND LASO AS MALE, CAUCASIAN, BORN

AT ALTON, ILLINOIS, FIVE FEET TEN INCHES,

ONE FIVE ZERO POUNDS, SLENDER, BROWN HAIR COMBED STRAIGHT BACK,

BLUE EYES, FAIR COMPLEXION, SLOW SPEAKER WITH SOUTHERN ACCENT,

LABORER, TRANSIENT FROM ILLINOIS, TEN YEARS SCHOOLING, SINGLE,

LAPD NUMBER ONE THREE MINE SIX FOUR EIGHT. MUG PHOTOGRAPH

OBTAINED AND RAY HAS RATHER LONG, SHARPLY POINTED NOSE AS NOTED

BY SEVERAL WITNESSES.

44-1457-Sulf-Aug.

RE: IDENTIFICATION OF TV SET RECOVERED ATLANTA

MARIE MARTIN OF SERVED PHOTO OF TV AND IDENTIFIED IT AS IDENTICAL WITH SET SHE TRADED GALT. GINGER DAY, SUE HARRIS, AND TOM FLIKEID

UNK NOWN TO MARTIN.

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RE: INVESTIGATION OF ADDRESSES LISTED TO PHONE NUMBERS CALLED FROM FOUR SIX MINE - EIGHT ZERO NINE SIX, NUMBER LISTED TO GALT AT ONE FIVE THREE FIVE N. SERRANO.

TELEPHONE NUMBER FOUR THREE SEVEN - TWO NINE FOUR ONE WAS CALLED FROM ABOVE NUMBER DECEMBER FOUR LAST. NUMBER LISTED TO U. S. COAST GUARD, NINETEEN PINE AVENUE, LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA. EXPLOYEES INTERVIEWED AND RECORDS CHECKED AT U. S. COAST GUARD, DISTRICT OFFICE, WITH NO POSITIVE RESULTS.

TELEPHONE NUMBER EIGHT TWO THREE - FIVE THREE THREE THREE
CALLED FROM ABOVE HUMBER NOVEMBER TVENTY NIME LAST. NUMBER LISTED
TO JAMAICA BAY INN, FOUR ONE SEVEN FIVE ADMIRALTY WAY, MARINA
DEL REY, CALIFORNIA. EMPLOYEES INTERVIEWED AND RECORDS CHECKED
AT INN WITH NO RESULTS.

JOHN ROBERT GUERIN, FORKER RESIDENT OF APT. SIX, AT ONE
FIVE THREE FIVE MORTH SERRAND AVE., LA, INTERVIEWED AND ME ADVISED
RESIDED AT THAT ADDRESS FROM JULY TWENTY EIGHT SIXTY SEVEN TO

OCTOBER ONE, SIXTY SEVEN. RECALLS SETING WOMAN'S MAGAZINE AND ANOTHER
UNRECALLED ITEM IN APARTMENT WHEN HE MOVED THERE. THIS ITEM HAD
WRITING UNRECALLED BY HIM AND HE LEFT IT THERE WHEN HE MOVED
IN OCTOBER, SIXTY SEVEN.

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RE: MAP FOUND IN STORAGE ROOM ATLANTA.

FIELD INTERROGATION CARDS AT VAN MUYS AND BEVERLY HILLS PD'S CMECKED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATIONS CONDUCTED AT SUNSET AND PALM, SUMSET STRIP, SOMMA WAY AND ROCCA PLACE MOUNTAINOUS SEMI - HIPPIE NEIGHBORHOOD, AND BUFFALO AND OXFORD IN VAN MUYS AREA WERE UNPRODUCTIVE.

RE: CIRCULARIZATION OF BANKS ON NAME ERIC STARVO GALT.

WR. ROBERT NOVAK, FIRST WESTERN BANK, LA, ADVISED HIS SANK WOULD CHECK ALL EIGHTY BRANCHES FOR ANY ACCOUNT FOR GALT.

RE: PASSPORT OFFICE, LOS ANGELES.

U. S. PASSPORT OFFICE, LOS ANGELES FURNICHED WITH PHOTO'S OF JAMES RAY AND STOPS PLACED FOR ANY APPLICATIONS.

ALL LEADS BEING PURSUED.

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TO MEMPHIS 44-1937 BIRMINGHAM 44-1740 ATLANTA 44-2388

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

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RESUTELCALLS APRIL NINETEEN.

LATENT FINGERPRINTS ON RIFLE AND TELESCOPIC SIGHT, Q TWO; ON BINOCULARS, Q ONE FOUR, ON NEWSPAPER, Q ONE NINE; ON AFTER SHAVE LOTION BOTTLE, PART OF Q TWO FOUR; AND ON SCHLITZ BEER CAN, Q FIVE THREE; FROM MEMPHIS AND TWO FINGERPRINTS ON MAP OF MEXICO, Q ONE NINE FOUR, FROM ATLANTA IDENTIFIED AS FINGERPRINTS OF JAMES EARL RAY, FBI NUMBER FOUR NAUGHT FIVE NINE FOUR TWO G.

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TO ALL SACSEXCEPT KANSAS CITY, ANCHORAGÉ, HONOLULU AND SAN JUAN

MESSAGE RELAY PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR 5P

MURKIN. 00: MEMPHIS.

JAMES EARL RAY, AKA. EARL JAMES RAY, W. C. HERRON, EARL JAMES, JAMES MC BRIDE, JAMES O'CONNER, JAMES WALTON, JAMES WALYON, JIM - FUGITIVE; UFAC - ROBBERY FIRST, BUFILE 88-41730. 00: KANSAS CITY, KC FILE 88-9449; DETERMINED TODAY BY BUREAU TO BE IDENTICAL WITH ERIC STARVO GALT, AGAINST WHOM FEDERAL COMPLAINT FILED APRIL SEVENTEEN LAST IN CONNECTION WITH FATAL SHOOTING OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

JAMES EARL RAY, INMATE, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, JEFFERSON CITY, MO., ESCAPED PEN APRIL TWO THREE, SIXTY-SEVEN. INVESTIGATION INDICATED RAY CONCEALED HIMSELF IN A BREAD BOX AND ESCAPED FROM TRUCK MAKING DELIVERY TO AN AUXILIARY FARM. RAY WAS SERVING TWENTY YEARS ON CHARGE OF ARMED ROBBERY - FIRST DEGREE AND FOR OPERATING A VEHICLE WITHOUT OWNER'S CONSENT. ON JULY TWENTY, SIXTY-SEVEN,

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FEDERAL COMPLAINT AUTHORIZED BY AUSA WILLIAM A. KITCHEN, WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI, KANSAS CITY, MO., FILED BEFORE USC, JEFFERSON CITY, MO., CHARGING RAY WITH VIOLATION TITLE EIGHTEEN, SECTION ONE ZERO SEVEN THREE, USC. WARRANT ISSUED.

INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN CONDUCTED BY CHICAGO, SPRINGFIELD, ST.

LOUIS, AND KANSAS CITY OFFICES IN UNPRODUCTIVE EFFORT TO LOCATE THIS

FUGITIVE. KANSAS CITY IS INSTITUTING A FULL AND COMPLETE

REINVESTIGATION IN AN EFFORT TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND DATA, RELATIVES,

AND ASSOCIATES OF SUBJECT, WHO MIGHT BE IN A POSITION TO ASSIST IN

HIS LOCATION.

IN THIS CONNECTION, JAMES EARL RAY AND WALTER TERRY RIFE ON MARCH SEVEN, FIFTY-FIVE, BURGLARIZED THE U. S. POST OFFICE AT KELLERVILLE, ILL., AND STOLE SIXTY-SIX BLANK U. S. POSTAL MONEY ORDERS WHICH THEY PASSED DURING MARCH, FIFTY-FIVE, IN NUMEROUS STATES, WITH THE RESAULT THAT BOTH WERE SENTENCED IN U.S.D.C., KANSAS CITY, MO., ON JULY ONE, FIFTY-FIVE, TO USP, LEAVENWORTH, END PAGE TWO

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KANSAS. SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS A LONER AND RIFE

APPARENTLY IS ONE OF HIS FEW CLOSE ASSOCIATES, SUGGESTING POSSIBILITY

THEY COULD HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATES IN MURDER OF DR. KING, AND

INVESTIGATION ALSO INSTITUTED IN KANSAS CITY AIRTEL TO SPRINGFIELD

MARCH ELEVEN LAST TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND INFO RE RIFE AND TO LOCATE

HIM FOR INTERVIEW. THIS INVESTIGATION SHOULD ALSO BE RECOVERED AND

EXPEDITED TODAY, IT BEING NOTED RIFE AND RAY HAVE BACKGROUND HISTORY

IN THE QUINCY, ILL., AREA.

PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND WALTER TERRY RIFE ARE BEING FORWARDED AMSD TO BUREAU AND ALL OFFICES.

FOLLOWING IS DESCRIPTION OF JAMES EARL RAY AS FURNISHED BY FBI
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION UNDER FBI NO. THREE ZERO SIX FOUR FOUR THREE
A: WHITE MALE, DOB

AT

DECATUR, QUINCY OR ALTON, ILL.; APPROXIMATELY FIVE FEET TEN; ONE
SEVEN FOUR LBS., IN SEPTEMBER SIXTY-SIX; RUDDY COMPLEXION; BLUE EYES;
BROWN HAIR; MEDIUM BUILD; OCCUPATIONS LABORER AND BAKER; SCARS AND
MARKS--SMALL SCAR ON CENTER OF FOREHEAD AND SCAR IN PALM OF RIGHT
HAND. ADDRESSES--ST. LOUIS, MO., MARCH SIXTY, TWO ZERO ONE FIVE
PARK, ST. LOUIS, MO., OCTOBER FIFTY-NINE; QUINCY, ILL., JULY
FIFTY-FIVE, MARCH FIFTY-FIVE, AND APRIL FIFTY; HOTEL QUINCY, QUINCY,
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ILL., MARCH FIFTY-FIVE; VICTOR HOTEL, QUINCY, ILL., MARCH FIFTY-FIVE; EIGHT FIVE THREE WEST FULLERTON, CHICAGO, ILL., MAY FIFTY-TWO; EIGHT ZERO FIVE ALBY STREET, ALTON, ILL., JULY FIFTY-ONE. FPC--SIXTEEN, M OVER M, NINE OVER FOUR, U OVER W, OOO OVER IOI, TWELVE, REF NINE OVER TWELVE. NCIC FPC--ONE SIX ONE THREE ONE ONE ZERO ZERO ONE TWO ONE TWO I I ONE TWO I I ONE SEVEN. MILITARY RECORD--JAMES EARL RAY, SN ENLISTED U. S. ARMY FEBRUARY FORTY-SIX, AT EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL., AND SERVED ON ACTIVE DUTY UNTIL DECEMBER TWENTY-THREE, FORTY-EIGHT, AT WHICH TIME GIVEN GENERAL DISCHARGE AS PRIVATE FIRST CLASS AT CAMP KILMER, N. J., BY REASON OF INEPTNESS AND LACK OF ADAPTABILITY FOR MILITARYSERVICE. RECORDS ALSO INDICATE HE RECEIVED TREATMENT FOR GONORRHEA AND SYPHILIS WHILE A MEMBER OF THE MILITARY.

FOLLOWING IS A DESCRIPTION OF WALTER TERRY RIFE, FBI NO. END PAGE FOUR

FOUR FIVE FIVE EIGHT SEVEN SIX SIX, AS OBTAINED FROM FILES OF USP,

LEAVENWORTH: WHITE MALE, AGE FORTY-FOUR, DOB

FIVE FEET NINE AND ONE HALF, ONE SIX ONE LBS., BROWN

HAIR, EYES BLUE GRAY.

KANSAS CITY IS SETTING OUT ALL PERTINENT LEADS TODAY BY
TELETYPE AND TELEPHONE FOLLOWED UP BY TELETYPE CONFIRMATION.
ALL LEADS MUST BE COVERED WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS WITH BUREAU,
KANSAS CITY, AND MEMPHIS BEING KEPT ADVISED BY APPROPRIATE
COMMUNICATION OF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

SUGGEST BUREAU MAKE IMMEDIATE COMPARISON OF ANY LATENT FINGERPRINTS DEVELOPED DURING KING INVESTIGATION WITH THOSE OF WALTER TERRY RIFE TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL.

AIR MAIL COPIES SENT ANCHORAGE, HONOLULU AND SAN JUAN.
LEGAT MEXICO CITY AND OTTAWA ADVISED.

SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF ROBBERY WITH DEADLY WEAPON, HAS BEEN CONFINED IN STATE HOSPITAL, FULTON, MO., IN SIXTY-SIX, AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, KAWSAS CITY, MEMPHIS

SAN FRANCISCO, SPRINGFIELD, ST. LOUIS

FROM CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN.

REBUTEL TO ALL OFFICES INSTANT.

INTERVIEW OF BROTHER JERRY RAY.

JERRY WILLIAM RAY, BORN

AT QUINCY, ILLINOIS, WHO IS DIVORCED FROM HIS WIFE, GJEREIS, NEE OLSON, AND WHO IS EMPLOYED AT SPORTSMAN COUNTRY GLUB, NORTHBROOK, ILLINOIS, RECEIVES MAIL THROUGH BOX TWENTY TWO, WHEELING, ILLINOIS, WAS EXHAUSTIVELY INTERVIEWED AT CHICAGO OFFICE TODAY AND ADVISED THAT OVER THE YEARS HE HAS HAD VERY LITTLE CONTACT WITH HIS OLDEST BROTHER, SUBJECT, JAMES EARL RAY. HE FURNISHED FOLLOWING FAMILY TREE:

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ONE. SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY.

TWO. JOHN LARRY RAY, AGE THIRTY FIVE, MEVER MAKRIED,
LAST KNOWN TO BE IN MC ARTHUR HOTEL, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI,,
ABOUT FEBRUARY TWO NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT. EMPLOYED AS SOME TYPE OF
TRAVELING SALESMAN AND APPARENTLY A "GENERAL DRIFTER."

THREE. JERRY WILLIAM RAY. BARTENDER.

FOUR. CAROL ANN PEPPER, NEE HAY, AGE TWENTY SEVEN, HUSBAND ALBERT PEPPER, RESIDENCE MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, SUBURBOF ST. LOUIS.

FIVE. FRANK DELAMO RAY, WHO WOULD NOW BE TWENTY TWO
YEARS, DECEASED NINETEEN SIXTY THREE ACCIDENTALLY
DROWNED, WEST RUINCY, MISSOURI.

SIX. SUSAN (LNU), AGE ABOUT TUCKE, WHO WAS ADOPTED OUT IN QUINCY, ILLINOIS, IN ABOUT FALL, NINETEEN FIFTY TVO.

EIGHT. MELBA RAY RYAN, AGE THIRTY, RESIDES NUINCY, ILL., ON STATE DISABILITY, MENTAL.

MATERNAL AND PATERNAL GRAND PARENTS OF SUBJECT DECEASED.

MATERNAL UNCLE, WILLIAM MAHER, AGE ABOUT SIXTY, LAST

KNOWN TO BE IN SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, AND WORKED IN

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GUAM AFTER WORLD WAR TWO IN ABOUT NINETEEN FORTY SIX OR SEVEN. POSSIBLY NOW DECEASED.

PATERNAL UNCLE, EARL RAY, AHO WOULD BE ABOUT SEVENTY
AND WHO SERVED A TERM IN MENARD, ILLINOIS STATE PENITENTIARY,
REPRIEDLY DECEASED AT SYRACUSE, NEW YORK, IN ABOUT
NOVEMBER, NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT.

IDENTITY AND LOCATION OF SUSAN MAY BE KNOWN TO CAROL
PEPPER WHO HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN INTERVIEWED IN FUGITIVE
INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE SUBJECT.

JERRY STATES LAST SEEN SUBJECT APPROXIMATELY
NINETEEN SIXTY FOUR WHEN IN PRISON, HAS HAD LITTLE CONTACT
WITH HIM DURING HIS ENTIRE LIFE AND IS UNABLE TO MAKE AN EDUCATED GUESS
AS TO SUBJECT'S POSSIBLE WHEREADOUTS.

STATES ERIC STARVO GALT PHOTOGRAPH OBTAINED FROM

SARTENDER SCHOOL IN CALIFORNIA LOOKS GOOD DEAL LIKE SUBJECT.

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PARTICULARLY IN THE PHOTOGRAPH WITH HIS EYES CLOSED,

BUT DOES NOT LIKE THE PHOTOGRAPH WITH THE EYES DRAWN
IN BY ARTIST. UNABLE TO FURNISH BETTER DRAWING INFO.

JERRY WAS EMPLOYED ON ALL PERTINENT DATES THIS

CASE. VERIFIED WITH EMPLOYER.

JERRY REQUESTIONED CONCERNING DISCREPANCY RE FATHER'S DEATH AND LOCATION. REITERATED ABOVE INFORMATION CORRECT TO SEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE AS TOLD TO HIM BY HIS MOTHER AND UNAWARE OF WHERE CAROL MIGHT HAVE OSTAINED HER INFORMATION AS SHE LEFT MOTHER'S HOME ABOUT MINETEEN FIFTY SIX AT ASE FIFTEEN. ALSO ADVISED THAT PRIOR TO DEATH OF FATHER IN MINETEEN FIFTY ONE, HE WAS EMPLOYED BY THE RAILROAD AND WORKED ON A FARM VICINITY HANNIBAL, WISSOURI.

UPON REACHING AGE FIFTEEN TO SIXTEEN AND VERY LITTLE

FAMILY CONTACT THEREAFTER. AFTER PARENTS SEPARATED IN

APPROXIMATELY NINETEEN FORTY NINE, ALL OF THE YOUNGER

CHILDREN WHO WERE AT HOME LIVED WITH MOTHER.

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JERRY QUESTIONED AS TO REASON FOR BROTHER'S ACTION AND UNABLE TO FURNISH ANY REASON, STATED DURING THE THREE OR FOUR TIMES HE TALKED WITH BROTHER IN THE LAST FIFTEEN YEARS, HE EXPRESSED NO PARTICULAR OUTWARD DISLIKE FOR THE NEGRO RACE, HOWEVER, JERRY HAD FEELING THAT SUBJECT WAS NOT FOND OF NEGROES. HE STATED THERE IS NO MENSER OF THE FAMILY THAT SUBJECT WOULD LIKELY CONTACT INASMUCH AS HE IS A "LONER". THE ONLY OCCUPATION FOR SUBJECT KNOWN TO JERRY IS THAT LEARNED BY SUBJECT WHILE IN PRISON AS A BAKER. HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF ASSOCIATES OTHER THAN HE WAS ARRESTED WITH AND SERVED IN PRISON WITH WALTER TERRY RIFE. RIFE ALSO KNOWN TO JERRY AS HE SERVED TIME IN ISP, WENARD, ILLINOIS, AT SAME TIME RIFE INCARCERATED. JERRY HAS NO KNOWLEDGE AS TO RIFE'S PRESENT LOCATION AND HAS NOT SEEN HIM SINCE HIS RELEASE FROM PRISON IN MINETERN SIXTY, BUT IS OF OPINION RIFE COULD HAVE RETURNED TO QUINCY, ILLINOIS. IT IS NOTED JERRY SERVED TIME FOR BURGLARY AT ISP, MENARD, AND ARMED ROBSERY AT MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY. END PAGE FIVE

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JERRY ADVISED TO HIS KNOWLEDGE NEVER INFORMED SUBJECT OF HIS RESIDENCE ADDRESS, HOWEVER, HAS RECEIVED MAIL FROM SUBJECT WHILE IN PRISON ADDRESSED TO POST OFFICE BOX TWENTY TWO, WHEELING, ILLINOIS. HE HAS NO REASON TO 3 BELIEVE SUBJECT WOULD CONTACT HIM AND EXPRESSED COOPERATION.

MAJOR CASE PRINTS, PHOTOGRAPHS AND HANDWRITING SAMPLES OBTAINED AND FORWARDED TO BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES.

LE ADS

ALBANY AT SYRACUSE, NEW YORK. VERIFY DEATH OF PATERNAL UNCLE EARL RAY.

ST. LOUIS. ATTEMPT TO RECTIFY DISCREPANCY RE DEATH OF FATHER. ATTEMPT TO OSTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RESERVED JOHN.

RAY. CONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE SUSAN RYAN LNU, AND LNU. LOCATE AND INTERVIEW LNU. ATTEMPT TO LOCATE END PAGE SIX

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WALTER RIFE AT QUINCY, ILLINOIS.

SAN FRANSICO. ATTEMPT TO LOCATE MATERNAL UNCLE

WILLIAM MAHER.

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10:34 PM PST URGENT 4/19/68 WEH

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND SPRINGFIELD.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-55) /3P/

MURKIN.

RE: HARVEY EDWARD LOHNEYER!

REBUTEL TO SAN FRANCISCO AND MEMPHIS, THIS DATE, AND BUREAU PRESS RELEASE CONCERNING JAMES EARL RAY.

LOHMEYER REINTERVIEUED THIS DATE BY BUREAU AGENTS AND DOES NOT RECOGNIZE PHOTOGRAPH OF ERIC STARVO GALT, AKA. NAYES JAMES EARL RAY FAMILIAR TO LOHMEYER BUT HE CANNOT LINK THIS NAME WITH GALT'S PHOTOGRAPH. LOHMEYER WHO WAS REARED QUINCY, ILLINOIS, SERVED SENTENCE ILLINOIS STATE FARM, VANDALIA, APPROXIMATELY ONE NINE FIVE ZERO, AND ILLINOIS STATE PENITENTIARY, MENARD, ONE NINE FIVE FIVE TO ONE NINE FIVE EIGHT, ASSOCIATES NAME JAMES EARL RAY WITH QUINCY. LOHMEYER KNEW WALTER TERRY RIFE AS LOCAL CROOK IN QUINCY. ALSO ACQUAINTED WITH LONNIE RIFE, YOUNGER BROTHER OF WALTER, AND SERVED TIME WITH LONNIE AT MENARD. STATES BOTH WALTER AND LOHNIE WELL KNOWN END OF PAGE ONE.

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TO QUINCY PD. LONNEYER DESCRISED WALTER RIFE WMA, THIRTYNINE YEARS,

DARK, LATIN APPEARANCE. LONNEYER BELIEVES RAY AND RIFE WILL HAVE

SIGNIFICANCE TO HIS BROTHER, THOMAS LONNEYER, QUINCY, LAST KNOWN

EMPLOYED AT A STOVE FOUNDRY. LONNEYER WHASLE TO RECOGNIZE NAMES

JAMES MC BRIDE, JAMES WALTON, W. C. HERRON, JAMES O'CONNER, ALIASES

OF RAY. LONNEYER WAS ARRESTED WITH AND SERVED TIME WITH ROBERT KELLY,

EARL HYLAND, AND JOHN O'DEAR, ALL OF QUINCY, IN CONNECTION WITH ONE

MINE FIVE ZERO ARREST FOR INCITING RIOT PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED. THESE

PEOPLE MAY KNOW RAY. LOHMEYER HAS NOT LIVED IN QUINCY SINCE ONE NINE

FIVE FIVE AND HAS MADE ONLY ONE BRIEF VISIT TO ILLINOIS APPROXIMATELY

THREE YEARS AGO.

LOHMEYER VIEWED NINETEEN SIXTY MUS SHOT OF RAY IN SAN JOSE , NEWSPAPER THIS DATE AND COULD NOT RECOGNIZE THIS PHOTO. UPON FURTHER RECALL, LOHMEYER STATED THAT HE DID RECALL A JOHN RAY FROM QUINCY AHO DID TIME AT THE ILLINOIS STATE PENITENTIARY AND IS DESCRIBED AS A AMA, AGE THIRTYEIGHT, FIVE FEET NINE INCHES, ONE SIX FIVE POUNDS, WELL BUILT AND WHO ACCORDING TO LOHMEYER HAS A BROTHER FIRST NAME UNKNOWN.

LOHMEYER ADVISED THAT THE RAY FAMILY MOVED FROM QUINCY TO ST.
LOUIS, MISSOURI, AND THAT BROTHER OF JOHN RAY DID SERVE IN THE
PENITENTIARY.

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SPRINGFIELD, FORWARD PHOTOGRAPHS WALTER AND LONNIE RIFE TO MEM-PHIS, BIRMINGHAM, AND SAN FRANCISCO, IN ORDER PHOTOGRAPHS CAN BE EXHIBITED WITNESSES AND TO HARVEY LONMEYER AT SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA.

ALSO OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPH VINTAGE ONE NINE FIVE FIVE IF AVAILABLE FOR RAY AND FORWARD SAN FRANCISCO. SPRINGFIELD RECONTACT THOMAS LOHMEYER AND OTHERS SUGGESTED BY HIM AND INTERVIEW CONCERNING RAY.

SAN FRANCISCO WILL CHECK ALL LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES SAN FRANCISCO AREA FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING RAY.

OTHER STATIONS NOTIFIED SEPARATELY.

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FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY INVESTIGATION SPRINGFIELD DIVISION

FOLLOWING RECEIPT NATIONAL PRESS RELEASE:

CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH LOCATED SHOWING JAMES EARL RAY ORN

AT ALTON, ILLINOIS TO JAMES
RAY AND LUCIE MAHER. BUREAU PRESS RELEASE MADE AVAILABLE
ALL RADIO, TELEVISION, NEWSPAPERS AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS AND
LEADS RESULTING THEREFROM SIVEN IMMEDIATE COVERAGE.

STATE AND FEDERAL PAROLE AND PROBATION RECORDS REVIEWED FOR JAMES EARL RAY, PHOTOS OBTAINED.

SARGE LINES PREVIOUSLY CHECKED REGARDING GALT RECHECKED

WITH NAME AND ALIASES OF RAY, NEGATIVE RESULTS.

DRIVERS LICENSE AND MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION, SELECTIVE SERVICE RECORDS, STATE OF ILLINOIS, CHECKED AND LEADS FURNISHED

CHICAGO DIVISION.

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