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1114 AM URGENT 4/23/68 PHM

TO DIRECTOR, 44-38861, MEMPHIS, SPRINGFIELD, NEW ORLEANS
FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 1P

MURKIN

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO BUREAU, ETAL, APRIL TWENTYTWO LAST.

RE COMMUNICATION MENTIONS UNKNOWN SECOND MAN SERVING AT
LEAVENWORTH PRISON WITH SUBJECT. THIS PERSON PROBABLY IDENTICAL
WITH VERMON ELMO RIFE.

SPRINGFIELD RE-INTERVIEW RIFE CONCERNING THIRD UNKNOWN MAN
AND RELIABILITY OF CURTIS'S STATEMENTS.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS. ESCAPE PROPENSITIES.

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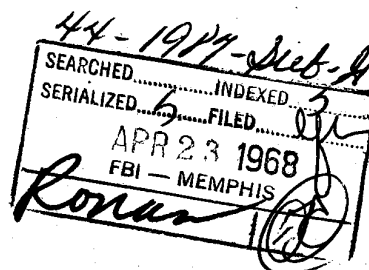
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A 1115AM URGENT 4/23/68 PHM
TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS AND PORTLAND
FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 2P

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JACK FOX LAMPHERE ✓ WARSAW, MO., FURNISHED FOLLOWING INFO,
HOWEVER, REQUESTED IDENTITY BE CONCEALED.

STATED HE STARTED SERVING SENTENCE AT MISSOURI STATE PEN
AT SAME TIME AS SUBJECT. WAS IN CELL EIGHTYNINE AND RAY IN CELL
SEVENTYONE. HE ADVISED RAY BECAME INDEBTED TO INMATE NAMED
JIMMY CARPENTER ✓ WHO STOOD GOOD FOR RAY'S DEBTS "IN THE YARD."
CARPENTER ALSO WORKED IN KITCHEN AT PRISON WITH RAY. HE IS AN
OLD-TIME CON-MAN ABOUT SEVENTY YEARS, AND IS BELIEVED TO BE STILL
IN PRISON. LAMPHERE ADVISED ALTHOUGH RAY WAS NOT HOMOSEXUAL, HE
COULD BE INTIMIDATED INTO DOING ALMOST ANYTHING. LAMPHERE ADVISED
HE DOES NOT KNOW WHO HELDPEP RAY ESCAPE FROM PEN IN APRIL,
SIXTYSEVEN, AND DID NOT KNOW THAT RAY WAS PLANNING TO GO OUT.
NEVER HEARD RAY SAY THAT HE WOULD GO ANY SPECIFIC PLACE WHEN
RELEASED FROM PEN OR DISCUSS A HIDEOUT OR ESCAPE PLANS. LAMPHERE
REMEMBERS IN CONVERSATIONS WITH RAY THAT RAY WOULD ALWAYS MENTION
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HIS LIKING FOR ROGUE RIVER AREA OF OREGON. GOT IMPRESSION THAT RAY HAD LIVED IN THAT AREA AND POSSIBLY HAD RELATIVES THERE. NEVER HEARD RAY MENTION ANY RELATIVES. RAY GAVE IMPRESSION ALTHOUGH NO SPECIFIC NAMES OR COMMENTS RECALLED HW AS FAMILIAR WITH SAW MILL WORK IN OREGON, AND "RIDING ON A CHAIR WHILE SAWING LOGS." LAMPHERE GOT IMPRESSION THAT ROGUE RIVER, AS REFERRED TO BY RAY, WAS A TOWN IN OREGON. RAY WOULD TALK FISHING IN HIS CONVERSATIONS. MENTIONED FISHING IN STREAMS. LAMPHERE BELIEVED THIS TO BE TROUT FISHING. RAY SPOKE OF LOGS IN A POND IN ROGUE RIVE AREA. SPOKE OF SAW MILL TYPE WORK BEING AVAILABLE IN THAT AREA OF ORGEON, OF WHICH HE WAS FOND.

PORTLAND, AT ROUGE RIVE, ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE ANY INFORMATION REGARDING SUBJECT EVER BEING IN THAT AREA.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS; ESCAPE PROPENSITITES.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-33861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), KANSAS CITY (44-760)
FROM PORTLAND (157-380) 3P

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RE KANSAS CITY TEL APRIL TWENTYTHREE INSTANT.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFO AND CONSIDERATION OF THE BUREAU,
FOLLOWING INFO IS SET FORTH. THERE IS A ROGUE RIVER CITY IN
OREGON. IT HAS A POPULATION OF ABOUT SEVEN HUNDRED INDIVIDUALS.
IT IS IN THE CENTER OF THE LOGGING INDUSTRY OF SOUTHERN OREGON.
A FAMOUS FISHING RIVER, NAMELY THE ROGUE RIVER, RUNS THROUGH
THE CITY. THERE ARE NUMEROUS SAW MILLS IN SOUTHERN OREGON, AS
WELL AS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE STATE, INASMUCH AS LOGGING IS
THE PRINCIPAL INDUSTRY IN THE STATE OF OREGON. THE REFERENCE
"RIDING ON A CHAIR WHILE SAWING LOGS" IS PROBABLY THE JOB
DESCRIPTION OF THE POSITION OF SAWYER. THIS INDIVIDUAL
THROUGH THE USE OF MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT SITS ATOP IN A CAB ON
THE LOG BEING SAWED AND OPERATES THE SAW WHICH CUTS THE LARGE
LOGS INTO PLANKING. EACH SAW MILL OPERATOR MUST MAINTAIN A

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POND OR HAVE A SPRINKLING SYSTEM TO KEEP THE LOGS DAMP UNTIL THEY CAN BE SAWED. CONSEQUENTLY, WE HAVE IN OREGON HUNDREDS OF SUCH LOGGING PONDS.

WE HAVE COMMENCED INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION IN THE AREA IMMEDIATELY AROUND THE TOWN OF ROGUE RIVER TO INDIVIDUALLY CONTACT ALL LOGGING OPERATORS IN THAT VICINITY. HOWEVER, THE ROGUE RIVER, ITSELF, TRAVERSES A DISTANCE OF SEVERAL HUNDRED MILES IN SOUTHERN OREGON BEFORE IT EMPTIES INTO THE PACIFIC OCEAN AND IN THIS AREA ALONE, WHICH IS HIGHLY MOUNTAINOUS AND DENSELY FORESTED, THERE ARE A LARGE NUMBER OF OTHER LOGGING OPERATORS. THIS WOULD BE TRUE OF A LARGE PORTION OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, AS WELL AS THE STATE OF WASHINGTON. CONSEQUENTLY, DIRECT INVESTIGATIVE EFFORT CONCERNING RAY AT THIS TIME WILL BE LOCALIZED IN THE AREA IMMEDIATELY AROUND THE TOWN OF ROGUE RIVER. IN ADDITION, WE HAVE DETERMINED THAT THERE IS A UNION COMPOSED OF SAWYERS AND WE ARE CHECKING TO SEE IF RAY HAS EVER BELONGED TO SUCH A UNION.

AS A SUGGESTION, INASMUCH AS RAY HAS INDICATED AN INTEREST IN THE LOGGING TRADE, THE BUREAU MAY DESIRE TO HAVE THE PORTLAND, SACRAMENTO, SAN FRANCISCO, BUTTE AND SEATTLE DIVISIONS CIRCULARIZE THE LOGGING INDUSTRY, INCLUDING INDEPENDENT LOGGING OPERATORS WITH

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THE WANTED FLYER AND IDENTIFICATION ORDER OF RAY. IN THE EVENT CIRCULARIZATION IS DESIRED, PORTLAND WOULD NEED APPROXIMATELY THREE HUNDRED FIFTY ADDITIONAL COPIES OF WF FOUR FOUR TWO A AND IO FOUR ONE EIGHT TWO.

KANSAS CITY IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE WHETHER THERE IS ANY INFORMATION IN FILE INDICATING THE NAMES OF RELATIVES RAY MAY HAVE HAD IN OREGON. ADDITIONALLY, PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER THERE IS ANY INDICATION JIMMY CARPENTER MAY HAVE ORIGINALLY BEEN FROM OREGON OR HAS CONNECTIONS IN OREGON.

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1153 AM URGENT 4/23/68 PHM

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, ST. LOUIS, SPRINGFIELD
FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760

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JEROME CARPENTER, INMATE, MO. STATE PENITENTIARY, ADVISED THAT SUBJECT'S FATHER MARRIED HIS MOTHER, RUBY CARPENTER, SOME TIME AGO. HE STATED THAT SINCE THAT TIME APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS AGO RUBY CARPENTER AND SUBJECT'S FATHER SEPARATED. HE ADVISED THAT HIS MOTHER, RUBY CARPENTER, CURRENTLY RESIDES SIX THREE ZERO NORTH SIXTY ST., QUINCY, ILL. CARPENTER FURTHER ADVISED PERSON CLOSEST TO SUBJECT IN MO. STATE PENITENTIARY IS INDIVIDUAL BY NAME OF CARL BENTON DRAKE, WHO WAS RELEASED FROM PENITENTIARY SOMETIME DURING SIXTYFIVE. CARPENTER ADVISED HE DID NOT KNOW DRAKE'S WHEREABOUTS; HOWEVER, PRISON RECORDS REVEAL HIS MOTHER TO BE OLA DRAKE, TWO ONE ONE EIGHT NORTH NINTH, ST. LOUIS, MO., AND HIS WIFE TO BE BETTY DRAKE, THREE ZERO EIGHT MILL ST., POPLAR BLUFF, MO. FULL DETAILS WILL FOLLOW.

ST. LOUIS ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS AND INTERVIEW CARL BENTON DRAKE.

SPRINGFIELD AT QUINCY, INTERVIEW RUBY CARPENTER FOR ANY INFORMATION SHE MAY HAVE RE SUBJECT OR HIS FAMILY.

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TO BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM MOBILE (157-2627)

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RE BIRMINGHAM TEL, APRIL TWENTYTWO INSTANT.

INQUIRIES, ALA. MVD, MONTGOMERY, ALA., THIS DATE,
REVEALS TAG RECEIPT FOR LICENSE NG TWO SIX NINE ONE NOT ON
FILE. THIS LICENSE PLATE SENT TO BARBOUR COUNTY, ALA., FOR
ISSUANCE. TAG RECEIPT FOR SIXTYSEVEN LICENSE NG TWO SIX NINE
ONE, INDICATES WAS ISSUED NOVEMBER FIFTEEN, SIXTYSIX, TO
DALTON MURPHY, CADLE, ALA., FOR SIXTYSIX FORD MUSTANG, TWO-DOOR,
VIN SIX F ZERO SEVEN T THREE SIX EIGHT FOUR SIX ONE. THIS
LICENSE EXPIRED NOVEMBER FIFTEEN LAST. INQUIRIES THROUGH JUDGE
OF PROBATE, BARBOUR COUNTY, CLAYTON, ALA., REVEALED INSTANT
SIXTYEIGHT LICENSE NOT YET ISSUED.

BIRMINGHAM AT CADLE, ALA., LOCATE AND INTERVIEW DALTON
MURPHY.

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1247 PM URGENT 4-23-68 BSH

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) ATLANTA (44-2386)

MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND HOUSTON

FROM CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P) 3P

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RE CHARLOTTE TELETYPE APRIL TWENTY-TWO LAST, MIAMI
TELETYPE APRIL TWENTY-TWO LAST AND TELEPHONE CALL FROM
ATLANTA TODAY.

RE: AIRLINE FLIGHT, ATLANTA TO HOUSTON, APRIL TWELVE
LAST.

PETER S. GILCHRIST, JR., CHARLOTTE, N.C., REINTERVIEWED
TODAY; ADVISED THAT ON EAL FLIGHT ONE THREE THREE, APRIL
TWELVE LAST, FROM ATLANTA TO HOUSTON, HE SAT ON THE RIGHT
SIDE OF THE PLANE NEAR THE TRAILING EDGE OF THE WING. THE
INDIVIDUAL HE THINKS LOOKS LIKE JAMES EARL RAY SAT DIRECTLY
ACROSS THE AISLE FROM HIM IN THE INSIDE SEAT ON THE LEFT SIDE
OF THE PLANE. HE DID NOT OBSERVE THIS INDIVIDUAL BEFORE
BOARDING THE PLANE AND DID NOT OBSERVE THIS INDIVIDUAL AFTER
THEY LEFT THE PLANE AT HOUSTON. HE ADVISED THAT HE, GILCHRIST
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WAS SITTING ON THE SIDE OF THE PLANE WHICH HAD THREE SEATS AND THE UNKNOWN MAN WAS SITTING ON THE SIDE WHICH HAD TWO SEATS. THERE WERE NOT ANY PASSENGERS SEATED BETWEEN THEM. IN FRONT OF GILCHRIST WAS A NEGRO GIRL. OTHER PASSENGERS SURROUNDING THEM WERE NOT OBSERVED.

GILCHRIST DESCRIBED THE UNKNOWN MAN HE THINKS LOOKS LIKE RAY AS A WHITE MALE, THIRTY-FIVE TO FORTY YEARS, MATURE LOOKING, FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, ONE SEVEN ZERO TO ONE SEVEN FIVE LBS., MEDIUM BUILD, WELL DRESSED, NO HAT OBSERVED, WEARING BROWN SUIT WITH FLECK OF GOLD OR YELLOW IN IT, WHITE SHIRT, TIE, BROWN SHOES. NO SCARS OR MARKS OBSERVED, NO GLASSES, LOOKED IN GOOD HEALTH, NO NERVOUS HABITS OBSERVED, HAD CONVENTIONAL HAIRCUT, HAIR WAS LIGHT BROWN, COMBED TO ONE SIDE. UNKNOWN MAN GAVE OVERALL NICE-LOOKING APPEARANCE. GILCHRIST WAS CARRYING WITH HIM A SMALL GRAY SUITCASE AND WAS WEARING OLIVE-COLORED SPORT COAT AND GRAY-GREEN SLACKS. HE DID NOT OBSERVED UNKNOWN MAN WITH ANY BAGGAGE ON THE PLANE.

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GILCHRIST WAS SHOWN VARIOUS PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY, AND ADVISED THAT THE PROFILE PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY TAKEN MARCH SEVENTEEN, SIXTY, LOOKS LIKE THE MAN HE OBSERVED, EXCEPT FOR THE HAIR. HE SAID HE DID NOT OBSERVE THE MAN'S EARS AND WOULD HAVE SEEN ONLY HIS RIGHT EAR IN ANY EVENT. DURING THE FLIGHT, WHICH LASTED ABOUT ONE AND ONE-HALF HOURS, THE UNKNOWN MAN WAS NOT OBSERVED TALKING TO ANYONE, INCLUDING PASSENGERS OR FLIGHT PERSONNEL. HE STOOD UP ONCE IN THE AISLE AND STRETCHED HIS ARMS OVER HIS HEAD AND IMMEDIATELY SAT DOWN AGAIN. GILCHRIST CAN FURNISH NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THIS MAN, BUT REINTERATED THAT HE LOOKED LIKE THE PROFILE DRAWINGS AND PHOTOGRAPHS OF KING'S ASSASSIN.

AIR MAIL COPY TO MIAMI.

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207 PM URGENT 4/23/68 MHM

TO BIRMINGHAM, MOBILE AND MEMPHIS
FROM JACKSONVILLE /44-759/ 2P

MURKIN.

MARY ALICE HICKEY, ABC LIQUORS, U. S. TWENTYSEVEN NORTH, TALLAHASSEE, FLA., ADVISED INDIVIDUAL ENTERED THAT STORE TEN FIFTEEN AM THIS DATE AND PURCHASED HALF PINT VODKA AND ORANGE JUICE AND SPOKE WITH COUNTRY ACCENT. HICKEY STATED INDIVIDUAL APPEARED IDENTICAL TO JAMES EARL RAY, WHOSE PHOTOGRAPH AND DESCRIPTION SHE HAD SEEN IN LOCAL NEWSPAPER.

INDIVIDUAL WAS DRIVING RED GMC TRUCK WITH RAIL AROUND BED AND ALA. LICENSE. VEHICLE HAD "AAA REST UNKNOWN" GADSDEN, ALA. ON DOOR. HICKEY ATTEMPTED TO OBTAIN LICENSE AS VEHICLE DEPARTED AND BELIEVES ALA. LICENSE TO BE ONE TWO - ONE TWO THREE NINE SEVEN.

INVESTIGATION IN AREA HAS FAILED TO LOCATE VEHICLE OR ANY ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIVE DATA.

BIRMINGHAM AT GADSDEN, WILL ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY AN "AAA" COMPANY, POSSIBLY STEEL COMPANY, IN ORDER TO IDENTIFY VEHICLE.

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MOBILE AT MONTGOMERY, WILL DETERMINE REGISTRATION OF ALA. LICENSE
ONE TWO - ONE TWO THREE NINE SEVEN TO DETERMINE IF ISSUED TO VEHICLE
OF ABOVE DESCRIPTION.

INVESTIGATION AT TALLAHASSEE CONTINUING.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM : SAC, NEWARK (44-854) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

**RE: ERIC STARVO GALT
FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS OF
EASTERN AIR LINES FOREIGN
BOUND FLIGHTS OUT OF ATLANTA,
GEORGIA, 4/5,6/68**

Re: New York teletype 4/21/68

On 4/22/68, Stewardess CORRINE I. CONNOR was located at Eastern Air Lines (EAL) Flight Crew Counter, Newark, N. J., Airport. CONNOR stated she was a stewardess on EAL Flight 915 on 4/6/68, and this flight made an interim stop at Atlanta, Georgia, prior to terminating in Mexico City.

CONNOR observed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and stated she had no recollection of seeing this individual on that flight or any others.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

3-Bureau
2-Memphis (44-1696)
1-Atlanta (44-2386) (Info.)
1-Birmingham (44-1740) (Info.)
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM SAC, NEWARK (44-854)
MURKIN

RE: ERIC STARVO GALT - LOCKSMITHING INSTITUTE RECORDS
SEARCH OF RECORDS AT FIDELITY UNION TRUST CO.,

NEWARK, TODAY LOCATED A CANADIAN POSTAL MONEY ORDER C THREE ONE, SIX ZERO ZERO, EIGHT SIX EIGHT, PURCHASED JULY TWENTY EIGHT, SIXTY SEVEN, AT MONTREAL, CANADA, IN THE AMOUNT OF SEVENTEEN DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS, AND SIGNED ERIC GALT. THIS MONEY ORDER ACCOUNTS FOR THE TWO PAYMENTS OF TEN DOLLARS AND SEVEN DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS THAT LOCKSMITHING INSTITUTE RECORDS INDICATE WERE RECEIVED ON JULY THIRTY ONE, SIXTY SEVEN.

ALL PAYMENTS BY GALT TO LOCKSMITHING INSTITUTE HAVE BEEN ACCOUNTED FOR.

NEWARK WILL FORWARD COPY OF ABOVE MO TO LAB, WHO MAY BE ABLE TO FURTHER IDENTIFY WHICH POST OFFICE UTILIZED BY SUBJECT, SHOULD BUREAU DESIRE TO PURSUE THIS LEAD FURTHER.

MEMPHIS ADVISED BY MAIL.

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TELETYPE

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DIRECTOR
TO BALTIMORE

FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

MURKIN; CR; OO MEMPHIS.

RE NEW YORK AIRTEL TO BUREAU, APRIL ONE EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT.

THOMAS JOSEPH COX, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], BORN NEW JERSEY, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WAS REPORTED BY BIRMINGHAM INFORMANTS TO BE IN CONTACT WITH RAY SEPTEMBER ONE FIVE, SIXTYSEVEN. AMERICAN BULK CARRIERS, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, ADVISED COX EMPLOYED BY THAT COMPANY AS ABLE SEAMAN, RETURNED TO DESTREHAN, LOUISIANA, AUGUST ONE, SIXTYSEVEN. NO RECORD SINCE THAT DATE. BALTIMORE THROUGH SOURCE FOUR WILL OBTAIN MOST RECENT EMPLOYMENT OF COX AND ADVISE. UACB

AIRMAIL COPIES FURNISHED MEMPHIS AND HOUSTON.

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- 1 - Houston (AM)
- ① - Memphis (AM) (44-1987)
- 1 - Birmingham

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: MEMPHIS)

For the information of receiving offices, Subject JAMES EARL RAY, Aka. was last known to be in the Atlanta, Georgia, area on 4/5/68. Intensive investigation by the Atlanta Office to date has not established mode of transportation utilized by RAY after 4/5/68 through checks with transportation companies, car rental agencies, etc.

3 - Bureau	2 - Miami
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*Call is still
handing 340 + 125/68.*

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get stop placed with Patton in Jacksonville may have computer

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AT 44-2386

All receiving offices are requested to check car recoveries within their respective divisions of cars stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 4/4/68, and consider same to have been possible mode of transportation for Subject RAY. The same consideration should be given to any cars recovered in the near future that were stolen from the State of Georgia after 4/4/68. In those instances where cars were stolen from Georgia and where the transporter of same cannot otherwise be accounted for, investigation should be conducted to determine if RAY was person who may have stolen and transported same.

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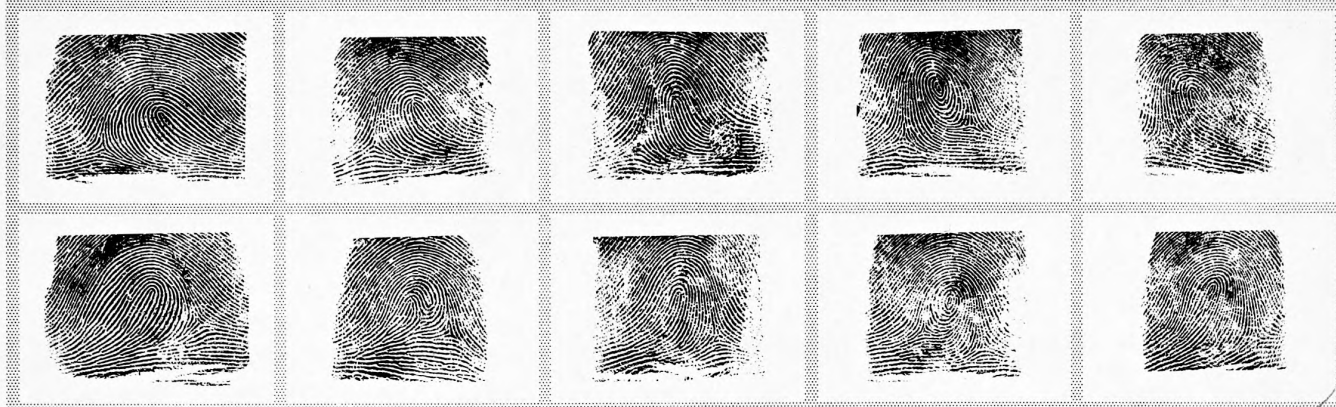
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**CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY
INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ROBBERY**

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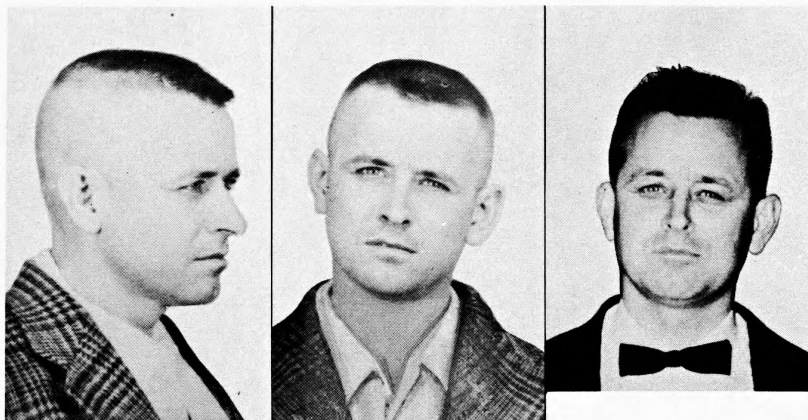
ALIASES: Eric Starvo Galt, W. C. Herron, Harvey Lowmyer, James McBride, James O'Conner, James Walton, James Walyon, John Willard, "Jim"



Photographs taken 1960

Photograph taken 1968
(eyes drawn by artist)

James Ray



DESCRIPTION

AGE: 40, born March 10, 1928, Alton, Illinois
HEIGHT: 5' 10"
WEIGHT: 163 to 174 pounds
BUILD: medium
HAIR: brown, possibly cut short
OCCUPATIONS: baker, color matcher, laborer
SCARS AND MARKS: small scar on center of forehead and small scar on palm of right hand
EYES: blue
COMPLEXION: medium
RACE: white
NATIONALITY: American
REMARKS: noticeably protruding left ear; reportedly is a lone wolf; allegedly attended dance instruction school; has reportedly completed course in bartending

CRIMINAL RECORD

Ray has been convicted of burglary, robbery, forging U. S. Postal Money Orders, armed robbery, and operating motor vehicle without owner's consent.

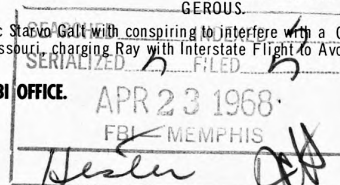
CAUTION

RAY IS SOUGHT IN CONNECTION WITH A MURDER WHEREIN THE VICTIM WAS SHOT. CONSIDER ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

A Federal warrant was issued on April 17, 1968, at Birmingham, Alabama, charging Ray as Eric Starvo Galt with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a citizen (Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241). A Federal warrant was also issued on July 20, 1967, at Jefferson City, Missouri, charging Ray with Interstate Flight to Avoid Confinement for the crime of Robbery (Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 1073).

**IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS PERSON, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL FBI OFFICE.
TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES OF ALL FBI OFFICES LISTED ON BACK.**

Identification Order 4182
April 20, 1968



J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C. 20535
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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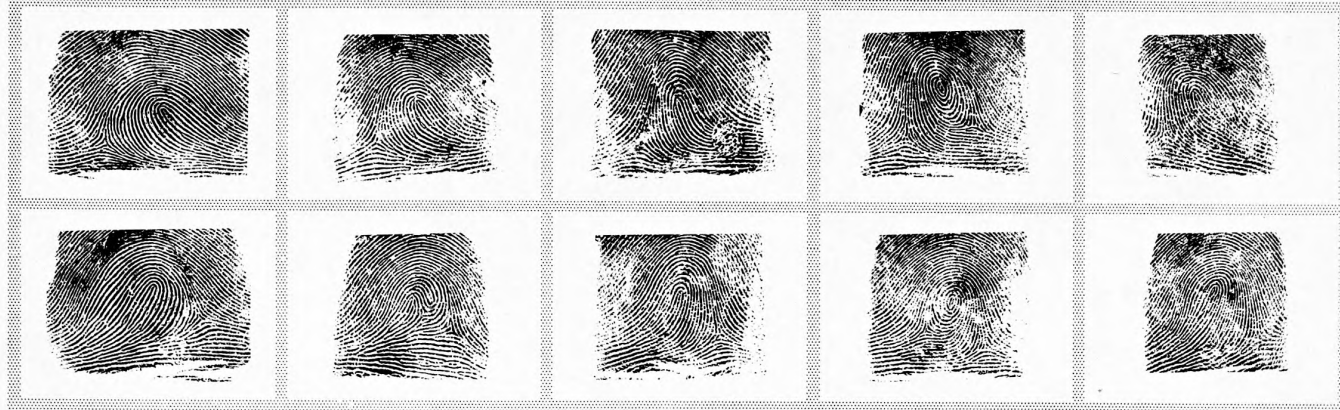
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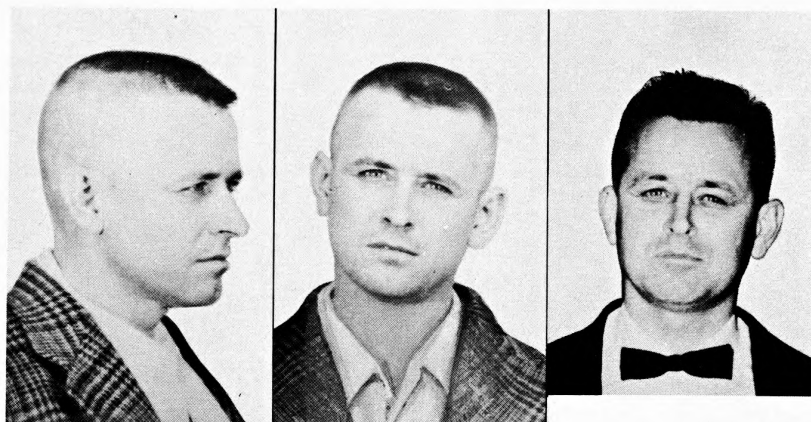
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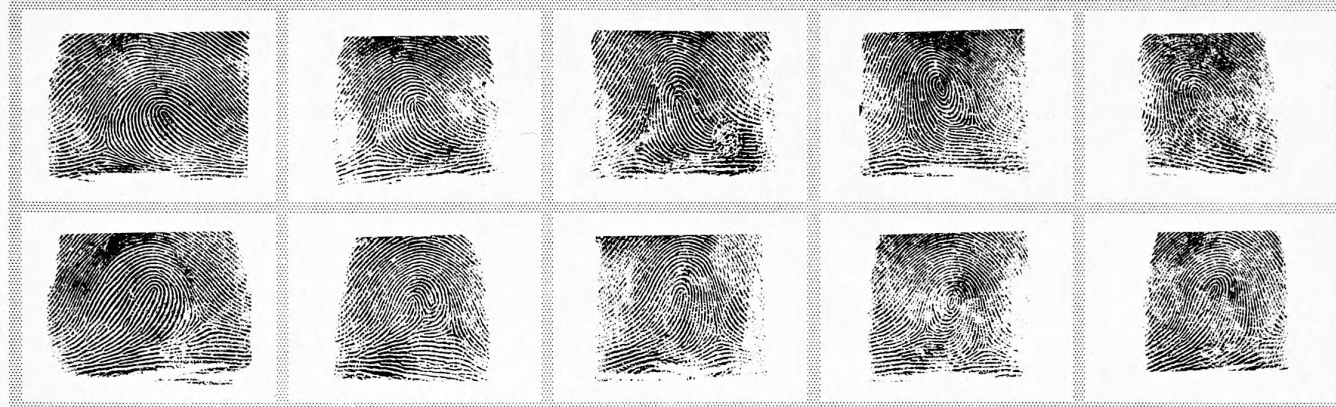
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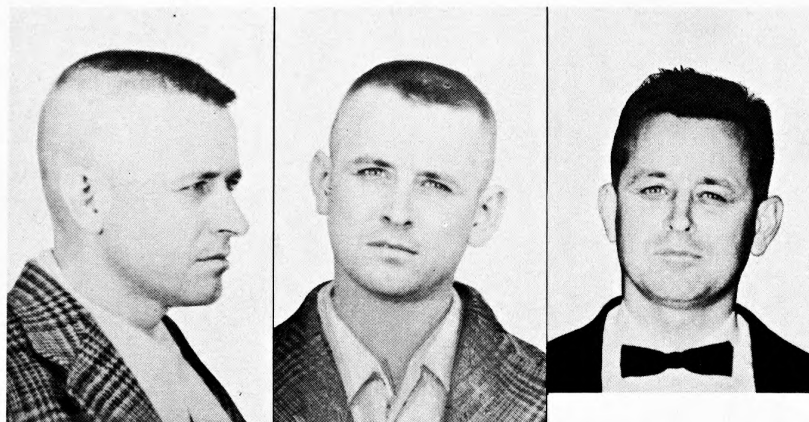
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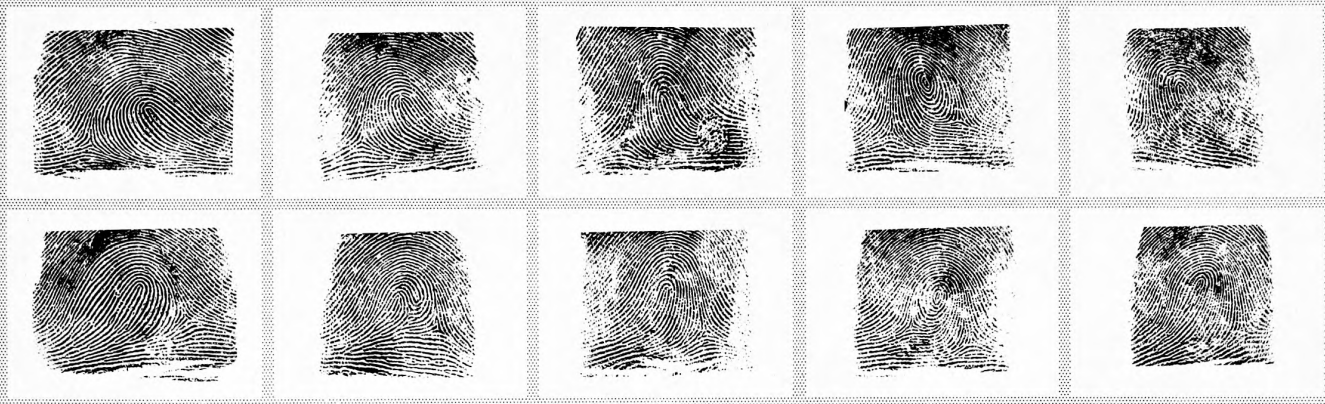
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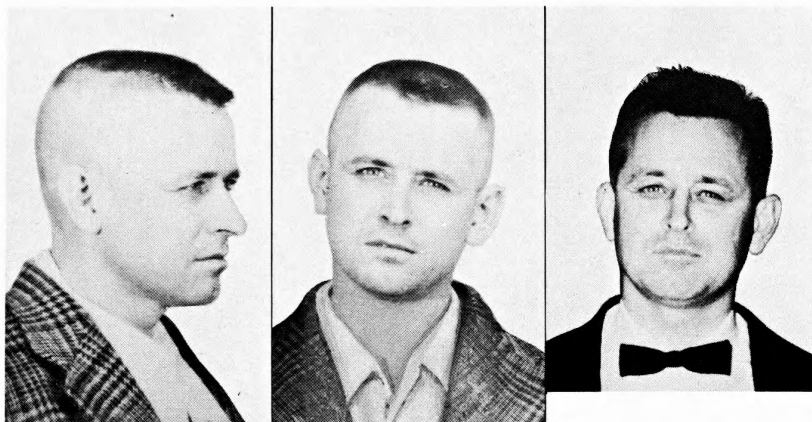
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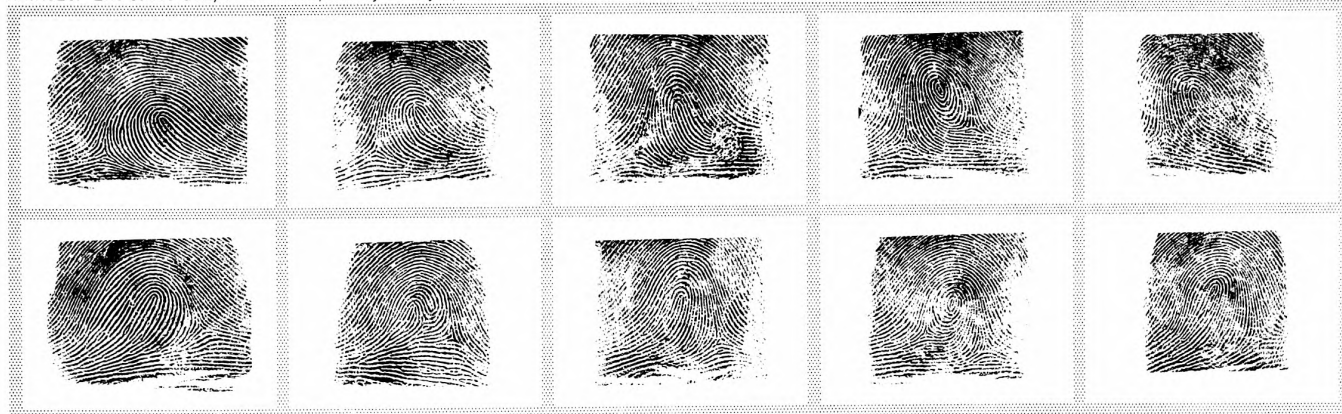
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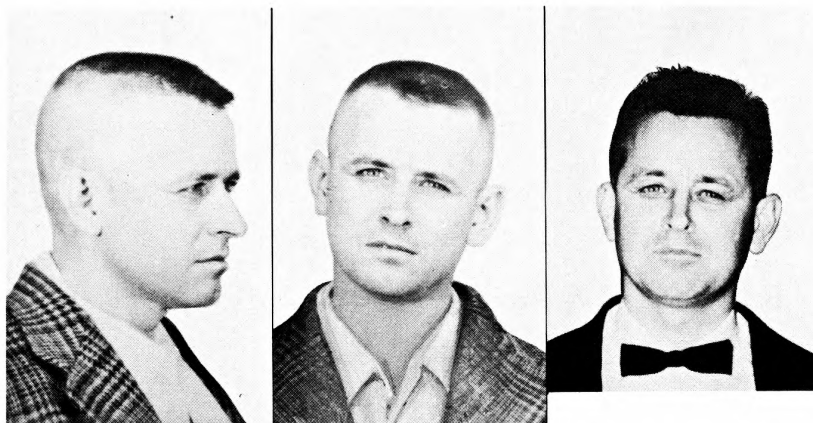
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ALIASES: Eric Starvo Galt, W. C. Herron, Harvey Lowmyer, James McBride, James O'Conner, James Walton, James Walyon, John Willard, "Jim"



Photographs taken 1960

Photograph taken 1968
(eyes drawn by artist)



James Ray

DESCRIPTION

AGE: 40, born March 10, 1928, Alton, Illinois
HEIGHT: 5' 10" EYES: blue
WEIGHT: 163 to 174 pounds COMPLEXION: medium
BUILD: medium RACE: white
HAIR: brown, possibly cut short NATIONALITY: American
OCCUPATIONS: baker, color matcher, laborer
SCARS AND MARKS: small scar on center of forehead and small scar on palm of right hand
REMARKS: noticeably protruding left ear; reportedly is a lone wolf; allegedly attended dance instruction school; has reportedly completed course in bartending

CRIMINAL RECORD

Ray has been convicted of burglary, robbery, forging U. S. Postal Money Orders, armed robbery, and operating motor vehicle without owner's consent.

CAUTION

RAY IS SOUGHT IN CONNECTION WITH A MURDER WHEREIN THE VICTIM WAS SHOT. CONSIDER ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

A Federal warrant was issued on April 17, 1968, at Birmingham, Alabama, charging Ray as Eric Starvo Galt with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a citizen (Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241). A Federal warrant was also issued on July 20, 1967, at Jefferson City, Missouri, charging Ray with Interstate Flight to Avoid Confinement for the crime of Robbery (Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 1073).

**IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS PERSON, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL FBI OFFICE.
TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES OF ALL FBI OFFICES LISTED ON BACK.**

Identification Order 4182
April 20, 1968

J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C. 20535

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Memorandum

INSTRUCTIONS - reverse side.

TO : Director, FBI (Att: Special Investigation Division)

DATE: 4/22/68

FROM : SAC, **BIRMINGHAM** (ORI)☒ Initial SubmissionSUBJECT: **JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE
CR - CONSPIRACY**☐ Supplements data previously furnished re following individual by FD-65 dated _____

In order that a fugitive index card may be prepared and information entered in NCIC without delay, the following information is furnished:

Name and aliases (NAM)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Armed and dangerous (MKE)	
JAMES EARL RAY, aka Eric Starvo Galt, W. C. Herron, Harvey Lowmyer, James McBride, James O'Conner, James Walton, James Walyon, John Willard		<input type="checkbox"/> Suicidal tendencies Subject used high-powered rifle in committing murder.	
Sex (SEX)	Race (RAC)	Birthplace (NAT)	Birthdate (DOB)
Male	White	Quincy or Alton, Illinois	
Height (HGT)	Weight (WGT)	Hair (HAIR)	Eyes
5'10"	163-174	Brown	Blue
Fingerprint classification		NCIC Fingerprint classification (FPC)	
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Other identifying number (MNU)		Scars, marks and other identifying remarks (MIS)	
Social Security number (SOC)			
Operator's license number (OLN)		State (OLS)	Year expires (OLY)
Conspiracy to Deprive A Citizen of A Right Guaranteed			
Offense charged (OFF) Under the Constitution			
U. S. Code, Title and Section Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241			
Warrant issued by USC MILDRED F. SPRAGUE, Birmingham, Alabama on 4/17/68 (DOW)			
under alias Eric Starvo Galt			
Date PBV or bond default case referred to office _____			
Field office file # (OCA)		OO: (MIS)	Bufile# (MIS)
BH 44-1740		MEMPHIS	44-38861
LICENSE PLATE AND VEHICLE INFORMATION			
License plate # (LIC)	State (LIS)	Years expires (LEY)	License plate type (LIT)
Vehicle identification # (VIN)	Year (VYR)	Make (VMA)	Model (VMO)
Color (VCO)		Style (VST)	
NCIC # (NIC)		FBI - MEMPHIS	
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2 - Bureau
1 - National Crime Information Center
1 - Birmingham
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1 - Memphis (44-1987)
(NCIC)

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INSTRUCTIONS

Two copies of FD-65 should be submitted to the Bureau, an original marked for the attention of the Special Investigative Division and a green copy designated for NCIC.

FD-65 should be submitted immediately when a subject becomes a Bureau fugitive (including escaped Federal prisoners) except where subject wanted as a parole or conditional release violator or deserter. **In these latter cases form letter should be submitted by office of origin 60 days after the date of the Bureau communication forwarding the case to the field office.**

An original and green copy of a supplemental FD-65 should be submitted when additional pertinent information is obtained or there are changes in information previously furnished. When a supplemental FD-65 is submitted, only information added, changed or deleted need be shown except that the name of the fugitive and the field office file number **must be shown** in all instances.

Should the information added, changed, or deleted necessitate a title change, not previously reported, the caption of the FD-65 should be marked "changed" and the change explained on a separate page stapled to the FD-65.

Where information is being added or changed in any item other than "Name and Aliases" the new data is to be entered in the appropriate block and will automatically replace any information previously recorded therein. No reference to the information previously entered need be made.

Where information is being deleted from any item other than "Name and Aliases" the word "delete" is to be entered in the appropriate block and will automatically eliminate any information previously recorded.

Where a name or alias is being added, changed or deleted, such addition, change or deletion should be briefly identified in the "Name and Aliases" block.

1. **Name and Aliases (NAM)**-Include name and all aliases. Supplemental FD-65 necessary when there is a change in name or an alias is changed, added or deleted.
2. **Armed and Dangerous, Suicidal Tendencies (MKE)**-When initially reported on FD-65, basis for caution statement should appear in this block.
3. **Sex (SEX)**-Sex will be designated: M-Male; F-Female.
4. **Race (RAC)**-Race will be described by abbreviations used in the Uniform Crime Reporting Program, i.e., White-W; Negro-N; Indian-I; Chinese-C; Japanese-J; all other-O. Mexicans who are not definitely Indian or other non-white should be described as "W".
5. **Birthplace (NAT)**-Indicate city and state or if foreign born, city and country. Where multiple birthplaces are reported, list verified birthplace or that which appears most logical.
6. **Birth Date (DOB)**-Enter as month, day and year. Where multiple birth dates are reported, list verified birth date or that which appears most logical.
7. **Height (HGT)**-Express in feet and inches, i.e., 6'0".
8. **Weight (WGT)**-Express in pounds.
9. **Hair (HAI)**-Color hair to be described as black-BK; brown-BR; blond or strawberry blond-BN; red or auburn-RD; white-WH; gray or partially gray-GY; sandy-SN; Bald-OO.
10. **Fingerprint Classification**-Set out FBI fingerprint classification if known.
11. **NCIC Fingerprint Classification (FPC)**-Do not use. This item is classified by a formula for computer usage.
12. **Other Identifying Number (MNU)**-Miscellaneous numbers may be entered with appropriate identifiers as shown below. The identifier should precede the number and be separated from the number by use of a hyphen.

AS - (Army Serial Number)
NS - (Navy Serial Number)
AF - (Air Force Serial Number)
CG - (U. S. Coast Guard Number)
SS - (Selective Service Number)
VA - (Veterans Administration Claim Number)
AR - (Alien Registration Number)
MD - (Mariner's Document Number)
MC - (Marine Corps Serial Number)
PS - (Post Security Card Number)
PP - (Passport Number)

Any other miscellaneous numbers, such as, arrest numbers, should be described.

13. **Social Security (SOC)**-List most recent Social Security Number known to be used by subject.
14. **Operator's License Number (OLN)**-Check with states of residence to obtain this number. List number believed to be used by subject.
15. **Warrant Issued on (DOW)**-In deserter cases the date subject absented himself should be entered in the space preceding "(DOW)."

4-22-68

Airtel

To: SAC's, Buffalo (44-374)
Chicago (44-1114)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Chicago teletype 4-17-68, Buffalo teletype and airtel
4-12-68, and Memphis teletype 4-17-68.

The remaining unidentified latent fingerprints and the latent impressions in this case are not identical with the fingerprints of James Donald Galt, FBI #173501C. No palm prints are available in our Identification Division files for Galt.

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1 - Birmingham (44-1740)

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SAC, Memphis (44-1987) (P)

MURKIN

Re Mobile airtel 4/18/68.

Enclosed for Los Angeles are 25 copies of an investigative insert regarding the American Independent Party - California, these inserts having been furnished by Mobile Office and pertaining to an interview with Mr. CECIL JACKSON, Executive Secretary to former Alabama Governor GEORGE C. WALLACE.

Inasmuch as this insert pertains to investigation begun by the Los Angeles Office, it is being forwarded to Los Angeles for their information and for inclusion in the next Los Angeles report.

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1-Memphis
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Date: 4/23/68

Transmit the following in **PLAINTEXT**
(Type in plaintext or code)Via **TELETYPE** **URGENT**
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TO: PHILADELPHIA (44-1368)

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

MURKIN, CR.

REURTEL APRIL SEVENTEEN LAST.

LAST KNOWN LOCATION OF SUBJECT UNDER NAME ERIC STARVO
GALT WAS ATLANTA, GEORGIA. PHILADELPHIA RECONTACT CHILTON
PUBLICATIONS TO HAVE SEARCH OF CIRCULATION RECORDS INCLUDE
STATE OF GEORGIA IN EFFORT TO DEVELOP INFO ON SUBSCRIPTION TO
"HARDWARE AGE." ✓ ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P. END.

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FBI CHICAGO

233PM URGENT 4/23/68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), NEWARK (44-854), MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND
ATLANTA (44-2386)
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 1P

MURKIN.

INFORMATION WAS CONFIDENTIALLY RECEIVED TODAY THAT BROTHER
OF SUBJECT, JERRY WILLIAM RAY, NORTHEROOK, ILLINOIS, HAS BEEN IN
CONTACT WITH ONE MARJORIE FETTERS, TWO FOUR TWO ZERO ARNOLD STREET,
CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY.

INFORMATION CONCERNING FETTERS HAS NOT BEEN FURNISHED BY
RAY DURING NUMEROUS INTERVIEWS AND SIGNIFICANCE OR ASSOCIATION
UNKNOWN CHICAGO. NEWARK LOCATE AND INTERVIEW FETTERS RE
KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECT AND HIS WHEREABOUTS.

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*Solely Hearty
Contact*

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FBI BIRMINGHAM

2:37PM URGENT 4-23-68 FAS

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, CHICAGO, KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS, NEW ORLEANS
SPRINGFIELD AND TAMPA
FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740

MURKIN.

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR AND OTHER OFFICES APRIL
TWENTYTWO LAST AND TAMPA TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR APRIL FIFTEEN LAST.

FOR INFORMATION OFFICES NOT IN RECEIPT ATLANTA TEL, RAYMOND
LOUIS CURTIS APPARENTLY SERVING LIFE SENTENCE FOR MURDER, WHITFIELD
COUNTY, GEORGIA, STATES PREVIOUSLY SERVED TIME WITH JAMES EARL RAY
ON THREE OCCASIONS. CURTIS ADVISED ACQUAINTED INITIALLY WITH RAY
IN MARCH, NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE, JACKSON COUNTY JAIL, KANSAS CITY,
MISSOURI, WHERE RAY INCARCERATED ON POST OFFICE BURGLARY CHARGE
JUST SUBSEQUENT TO RELEASE FROM PRISON IN MENARD, ILLINOIS. DURING
THIS INCARCERATION CURTIS AND RAY CELLMATES. RAY HAD FRIEND (NAME
UNRECALLED) WHO VISITED HIM IN JACKSON PRISON AND THIS FRIEND HAD
BEEN CELLMATE OF RAY AT MENARD, ILL. THIS FRIEND KEPT RAY IN
SPENDING MONEY WHILE RAY IN PRISON AND WOULD HARBOR RAY. RAY HAD
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ANOTHER CLOSE FRIEND (NAME URECALLED) OF ITALIAN DESCENT APPARENTLY "BIG MAN" IN SYNDICATE. THIS ITALIAN HAD APPARENTLY OPERATED WITH RAY IN PAST AND ENGAGED WITH RAY IN HANDLING STOLEN POST OFFICE MONEY ORDERS AND TRAVELERS CHECKS.

WILLIAM KENNETH KNIGHT, KNOWN BURGLAR INCARCERATED WITHIN TAMPA DIVISION, HAS BEEN FURNISHING VOLUME OF INFORMATION RE POST OFFICE BURGLARIES FOR PAST SEVERAL YEARS, INCLUDING IDENTITY OF MAJOR FENCES FOR STAMPS AND POSTAL MONEY ORDERS. THESE INTERVIEWS HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED BY SPECIAL AGENT OF FBI AND WAYNE R. RICHIE, POSTAL INSPECTOR, ORLANDO, FLA.

REFERENCED TAMPA TEL STATES THAT KNIGHT INTERVIEWED APRIL FIFTEEN LAST AND UNABLE TO FURNISH INFORMATION RE KNOWLEDGE OF RAY, HOWEVER, HE WAS APPARENTLY ONLY SHOWN COMPOSITE PICTURE.

TAMPA REQUESTED TO REINTERVIEW KNIGHT AND EXHIBIT REAL PHOTOS OF RAY TO DETERMINE WHETHER KNIGHT MIGHT KNOW HIM OR BE ABLE TO DIRECT INVESTIGATION TOWARD ESTABLISHING IDENTITY OF FENCES REFERRED TO BY CURTIS IN YESTERDAY'S INTERVIEW. TAMPA ALSO REQUESTED TO CONTACT POSTAL INSPECTOR WAYNE RICHIE TO DETERMINE WHETHER HE MIGHT BE HELPFUL IN IDENTIFYING THESE FENCES.

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FBI ST LOUIS

3:17 PM 4-23-68 URGENT REM

TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, AND KANSAS CITY

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

MURKIN.

SUBJECT'S BROTHER, JOHN LARRY RAY, OPERATES GRAPEVINE TAVERN, ONE NINE EIGHT TWO ARSENAL, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, OWNED BY SISTER, CAROL PEPPER. LOCAL STATE LIQUOR CONTROL OFFICE ADVISES LIQUOR LICENSE GRANTED HER, DBA JACK'S PLACE, DECEMBER NINETEENTH, SIXTYSEVEN, UNDER CONTROL NUMBER SIX TWO FOUR THREE AND THAT APPLICATION AND RESULTING INVESTIGATION SHOULD INCLUDE EXTENSIVE BACKGROUND ON PEPPER, INCLUDING RESIDENCES FOR PAST TEN YEARS, WHERE MONEY TO PURCHASE OBTAINED, AND PHOTOGRAPH. PREVIOUS LICENSE THAT ADDRESS, GRANTED GEORGENE AUDREY MC GUIRE, JULY ONE, SIXTYSIX, FOR ONE YEAR, NOT RENEWED.

KANSAS CITY, AT JEFFERSON CITY, CONTACT HARRY WIGGINS,
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STATE LIQUOR CONTROL OFFICE; REVIEW AND OBTAIN COPY OF APPLICATION, INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS AND OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION AVAILABLE; OBTAIN AUTHORITATIVE STATEMENT OF PENAL AND OTHER POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES UNDER MISSOURI LAW OF HYPOTHETICAL CASE WHERE PERSON WITH CRIMINAL RECORD, OTHER THAN LICENSEE, OPERATES TAVERN FOR POSSIBLE USE AS LEVER ON PEPPER AND JOHN RAY.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM PHILADELPHIA (44-1368) 1P

MURKIN

REURTEL, FOUR TWENTY THREE INSTANT.

RE PHILA. TEL FOUR SEVENTEEN LAST CONCERNING CHECK OF
SUBSCRIPTIONS TO "HARDWARE AIDS."

SEARCH OF SUBSCRIPTION LIST AT CHILTON PUBLICATIONS
UNDER THE NAME ERIC STARVO GALT AS REFLECTED IN RE PHILA.
TEL OF FOUR SEVENTEEN LAST INCLUDED THE STATE OF GEORGIA.
SEARCH WAS NEGATIVE.

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416 PM URGENT 4-23-68 TRB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO, KANSAS CITY,
MEMPHIS (44-1987, ST. LOUIS, LOS ANGELES, LAS VEGAS, AND SPRINGFIELD
FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) 2P

MURKIN

RE HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER, SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA.

LOHMEYER REINTERVIEWED AT SAN JOSE BY BUREAU AGENTS TODAY. HE
IS UNABLE TO RECOGNIZE ANY PHOTOGRAPH OF JAMES EARL RAY; HOWEVER, NAME
EARL RAY IS FAMILIAR TO LOHMEYER. HE IDENTIFIED ONE NINE FIVE FIVE
PHOTOGRAPH OF WALTER TERRY RIFE AS INDIVIDUAL HE KNEW IN QUINCY,
ILLINOIS, PRIOR TO ONE NINE FIVE FIVE. ALSO ADVISED HE KNEW JOHN RAY AND
HIS BROTHER, JERRY RAY. THESE PEOPLE ALSO USED NAME RYAN. LOHMEYER
SERVED TIME AT MENARD, ILLINOIS, WITH JOHN RAY AND LONNIE RIFE, BROTHER
OF WALTER.

DURING PERIOD ONE NINE FIVE FIVE TO ONE NINE FIVE EIGHT THE
RAY (RYAN) FAMILY CONSISTING OF MOTHER AND SISTER OF JOHN RAY
MOVED FROM QUINCY TO ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI. DURING THIS PERIOD ONE
OF RAY FAMILY, POSSIBLY JERRY OR EARL RAY, WAS ARRESTED IN MISSOURI
FOR CRIME INVOLVING POSTAL MONEY ORDERS ACCORDING TO LOHMEYER.

LOHMEYER WORKED IN PRISON KITCHEN WITH JOHN RAY WHEN RAY WAS EIGHTEEN.
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TO NINETEEN YEARS OF AGE. STATES RAY HAD STRONG PREJUDICE AGAINST NEGROES BUT EXPAINED THIS WAS GENERAL FEELING AMONG WHITE INMATES. LOHMEYER CONSIDERS JOHN RAY OF TEMPERMENT TO COMMIT MURKIN BUT PROBABLY WOULD BE INVOLVED AS HIRED ASSASSIN. THIS OPINION WAS NOT SOLICITED BUT WAS INTRODUCES IN INTERVIEW BY LOHMEYER WHO HAS CLOSELY FOLLOWED THIS CASE THROUGH NEWS MEDIA.

ALL OFFICES CONSIDER RAY BROTHERS AND RIFE BROTHERS AS POSSIBLE ACCOMPLICES OF JAMES EARL RAY.

SPRINGFIELD AND ST. LOUIS ATTEMPT TO FURTHER IDENTITY JOHN LARRY RAY (RYAN) AND ASCERTAIN CURRENT ACTIVITIES.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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OTHER OFFICES ADVISED

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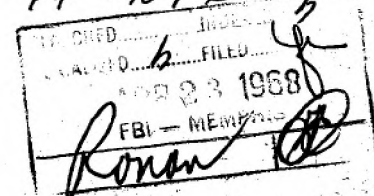
TO DIRECTOR (44-3886), BUFFALO, MEMPHIS (44-1987),
CHICAGO (44-1114), KANSAS CITY, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)
FROM ALBANY (44-493) 3P

MURKIN

RE ALBANY TEL, APRIL TWENTYTWO LAST AND SPRINGFIELD
TEL, APRIL TWENTYTHREE INSTANT.

FOR INFO BUFFALO, EARL EVERET RAY, BORN [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], QUINCY, ILL., IDENTIFIED AS BEING UNCLE OF SUBJECT
JAMES EARL RAY. INVESTIGATION AT NYS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,
BVS, ALBANY, NY, DISCLOSED CERTIFICATE OF DEATH NO. TWO SIX
SEVEN FIVE REVEALED EARL EVERET RAY, BORN [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] W/M, DIED MAY TWO, NINETEEN FIFTYNINE IN BUFFALO,
NY. BODY WAS FOUND UNDER RAILROAD BRIDGE AT FOOT OF COMMERCIAL
DRIVE, BUFFALO, NY. DEATH CERTIFICATE SET FORTH FOLLOWING INFO:
FATHER'S NAME: JAMES RAY; MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME: LILLIAN MATTHEWS;
MARITAL STATUS: DIVORCED; OCCUPATION: STEWARD; USUAL RESIDENCE:
ALBANY, NY, STREET ADDRESS: WESTERN RD.

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PERSON FURNISHING INFO CONTAINED ON DEATH CERTIFICATE WAS NORMAN J. ROBERTS, TWO FOUR ZERO ZERO MAIN ST. (CITY UNKNOWN). CERTIFICATE INDICATES RECORDS FROM GEORGE J. ROBERTS AND SONS, F.H., UNDERTAKER. BODY WAS REMOVED TO GREENMONT CEMETERY, QUINCY, ILL. BY GEORGE J. ROBERTS AND SONS, TWO ZERO FIVE LINWOOD AVE., QUINCY, ILL. IT SHOULD BE NOTED CERTIFICATE OF DEATH ALSO LISTS ADDRESS OF TWO FOUR ZERO ZERO MAIN ST., CITY NOT GIVEN, AFTER NORMAN J. ROBERTS' SIGNATURE. CAUSE OF DEATH LISTED AS CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE.

RECORDS, ALBANY PD, NEGATIVE RE EARL EVERET RAY. LESLIES CREDIT BUREAU, ALBANY, NY, SHOWS EARL EVERET RAY RESIDED AND WORKED AT ALBANY COUNTRY CLUB, ALBANY, NY, IN NINETEEN FIFTY SEVEN. RAY CAME TO ALBANY IN NINETEEN FIFTYSEVEN FROM FOUR SEVEN SIX FRANKLIN ST., BUFFALO, NY, WHERE HE WAS EMPLOYED AT BUFFALO HOSPITAL.

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BUFFALO DIVISION WILL CONTACT BUFFALO PD FOR INFO RE RAY, ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY PERSONS IN NEIGHBORHOOD FOUR SEVEN SIX FRANKLIN ST., IN EFFORT TO DETERMINE IF SUBJECT EVER VISITED AREA OR KNOWN TO THEM.

WILL IDENTIFY HOSPITAL WHERE RAY EMPLOYED AND ATTEMPT TO LOCATE PERSONS ACQUAINTED WITH HIM.

WILL CHECK CITY DIRECTORIES FOR NORMAN J. ROBERTS, TWO FOUR ZERO ZERO MAIN ST. FOR PERTINENT INFO. BUFFALO SHOULD NOTE ROBERTS PROBABLY AFFILIATED WITH UNDERTAKING FIRM. WILL CHECK CREDIT BUREAU FOR ADDITIONAL INFO RE RAY.

SPRINGFIELD CONTACT GEORGE J. ROBERTS AND SONS, TWO ZERO FIVE LINWOOD AVE., FOR ANY ADDITIONAL PERTINENT INFO RE RAY.

ALBANY DIVISION WILL CONDUCT NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION AT ALBANY COUNTRY CLUB TO DETERMINE ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFO RE DECEASED. RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

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JACK FOX LANPHERE, WARSAW, MO., FORMER INMATE, MSP, ADVISED
A ROBERT DALE PORTER, FBI NO. FOUR FIVE NINE ZERO FOUR TWO, MAY
HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH RAY IN KING MURDER. STATED PORTER CALLED
HIM APRIL THIRTEEN LAST AT CITY UNION MISSION, WARSAW, MO. LANPHERE
BELIEVES PORTER RECENTLY PAROLED MSP. PORTER TOLD HIM HE WAS IN
SERIOUS TROUBLE, HAD TO KEEP MOVING, AND WANTED LANPHERE'S HELP.
INDICATED WANTED MONEY FROM LANPHERE BUT TOLD PORTER HE DID NOT
WANT ANYTHING TO DO WITH HIM AND DID NOT WANT TO SEE HIM. PORTER
SAID HE WAS STAYING AT OSAGE HOTEL IN WARSAW AND THREATENED LANPHERE
THAT WHEN HE RETURNED TO MSP FOR SOME VIOLATION PORTER'S FRIENDS
WOULD KILL HIM IF HE DID NOT HELP PORTER NOW. LANPHERE ADVISED
PORTER KNOWS JAMES RAY VERY WELL. WAS AT MSP FROM NINETEEN SIXTY
THROUGH FEBRUARY, SIXTYEIGHT. STATED PORTER WOULD DO ANYTHING FOR
MONEY. ADVISED THAT PORTER IS A WHITE MALE, AGE FORTY, FIVE FT.
NINE, HUNDRED SEVENTYFIVE, CREW-CUT HAIR, GREYING, PRESCRIPTION

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GREEN-TINTED GLASSES. RELATIVES LIVE IN IOWA. PORTER HAS DONE TIME AT FT. MADISON, IOWA, PEN.

OWNER, OSAGE HOTEL, WARSAW, MO. ADVISED HER REGISTRATION BOOKS SHOW REGISTRATION FOR ROBERT DALE PORTER, WAVERLY, IOWA, ON APRIL TWELVE LAST. TOLD HER HE HAD BEEN HITCHHIKING, HAD COME FROM TEXAS, AND WAS EN ROUTE TO IOWA. HE WAS CARRYING ONLY A SMALL DUFFLE BAG .

OMAHA, AT WAVERLY, IOWA, ATTEMPT TO LOCATE ROBERT DALE PORTER AND INTERVIEW HIM RE HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH SUBJECT.

FBI LAB, IF THERE ARE ANY UNIDENTIFIED LATENT PRINTS IN THIS MATTER, IT IS SUGGESTED THEY BE CHECKED AGAINST FINGERPRINTS OF ROBERT DALE PORTER, FBI NO. FOUR FIVE NINE ZERO FOUR EIGHT TWO.
OO ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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CORR PAGE ONE, LINE SEVEN, WD FIVE... LANPHERE'S
PAGE TWO, LINE SIX, WD THIRTEEN DUFFLE
CAUTION STATEMENT SHLD BE ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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REKOTEL APRIL TWENTYTHREE.

REMAINING UNIDENTIFIED FINGERPRINTS INSTANT CASE NOT IDENTICAL
FINGERPRINTS ROBERT DALE PORTER, FBI NUMBER FOUR FIVE NINE ZERO
FOUR EIGHT TWO. NO PALM PRINTS HERE FOR PORTER.

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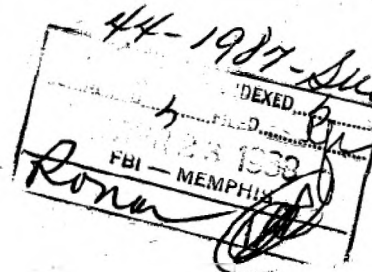
INMATES, MSP, ADVISED THAT A WALTER E. NOLAN, FORMER INMATE,
MSP, AND A CON-MAN AND RACIAL EXTREMIST, KNEW SUBJECT WELL AT
PEN. IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THEY GOT TOGETHER UPON NOLAN'S RELEASE
DURING SUMMER, SIXTYSEVEN. RECORDS REVEAL NOLAN BORN [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] FBI NO. FOUR ONE EIGHT FOUR SEVEN,
HAS UNCLE, SAM KRAMER, SEVENTEEN FORTYONE CRYSTAL, ST. LOUIS, MO.

ST. LOUIS ATTEMPT TO LOCATE NOLAN THROUGH UNCLE AND INTERVIEW
RE SUBJECT.

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NO INFORMATION IN KANSAS CITY FILES REFLECTING SUBJECT HAS
RELATIVES IN OREGON. NO INDICATION THAT JIMMY CARPENTER MAY HAVE
ORIGINALLY BEEN FROM OREGON OR HAD CONNECTIONS IN OREGON.

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