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1004A EDT URGENT 4/30/68  
TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, JACKSONVILLE AND MOBILE  
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 1P

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EARL FUOSS, REGIONAL INSPECTOR, IRS, ATLANTA, GA., ADVISED  
APR, THIRTY, INSTANT, HE DISCOVERED TAX RETURN FOR JAMES EARL  
RAY, JR., SOCIAL SECURITY NO. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN RETURN INDICATES RAY, JR. IS  
WITH U. S. NAVY, JACKSONVILLE, FLA., AND HAS ADDRESS OF TWO FIVE  
EAST SOUTH ST., MONTGOMERY, ALA.

JACKSONVILLE AND MOBILE IMMEDIATELY CONDUCT INVESTIGATION  
TO DETERMINE IF INDIVIDUAL RELATED TO SUBJECT RAY. P

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1216PM URGENT 4-30-68 WPB

TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY  
FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

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FELLOW INMATE OF SUBJECT RAY

RE JACKSONVILLE TEL TO BUREAU, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS  
CITY, ST. LOUIS, AND MEMPHIS, APRIL TWENTYNINE, LAST.

INVESTIGATION AT MISSOURI TRAINING SCHOOL FOR MEN, MOBERLY,  
MISSOURI, INDICATE THERE IS NO WILLIAM OR BILLY MILES PRESENTLY  
INCARCERATED THERE. BILLY MAC MILES, AKA BILLY MAX, FBI EIGHT  
NINE SEVEN EIGHT FOUR C, TRANSFERRED FROM MISSOURI TRAINING  
SCHOOL FOR MEN TO FORDLAN PRISON FARM FEBRUARY TEN, SIXTYFOUR.  
WARDEN AT MOBERLY DETERMINED TELEPHONICALLY HE WAS PAROLLED FROM  
FORDLAN SEPTEMBER TEN, SIXTYFOUR, RETURNED TO MISSOURI STATE  
PENITENTIARY, JEFFERSON CITY, AS A PAROLE VIOLATOR, MAY THIRTYONE,  
SIXTYSIX, RELEASED FROM THAT INSTITUTION UPON COMPLETION OF

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SENTENCE JANUARY TWENTY, SIXTYSEVEN. HIS RELATIVES LISTED AS WIFE, SHIRLEY SUE MILES, SIX ONE TWO BURFORD STREET, MARSHFIELD, MISSOURI; HIS FATHER GARIE MILES, RURAL ROUTE, MARSHFIELD, MISSOURI.

KANSAS CITY AT MARSHFIELD, MISSOURI, DETERMINE IF BILLY MAX MILES IDENTICAL WITH BILLY MILES DESCRIBED IN RE TELETYPE BY LEO BARNETT, FLORIDA STATE PRISON, RAIFORD, FLORIDA.

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1226P EDT URGENT 4/30/68 VSC

TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS  
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 2P

MURKIN

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL, APR. TWENTYTHREE, LAST.

INSTANT 'SIXTYEIGHT AMERICAN MTRS REBEL, TWO-DR, RED IN COLOR,  
'SIXTYEIGHT GA. LICENSE ONE - FOUR FOUR NINE ONE FOUR, REGISTERED  
APR. THREE, LAST, TO HERTZ CORP., TWO ZERO TWO COURTLAND, N.E.,  
ATLANTA, VIN A EIGHT A ONE NINE SEVEN M TWO FOUR EIGHT ONE NINE SEVEN.  
HERTZ CORP. ADVISED THIS IS THEIR CAR NO. SEVEN ZERO ZERO TWO SIX.  
VEHICLE LAST RENTED APR. THREE LAST, TO A SALLY WILLIS,  
GRAY ADVERTISING, INC., AND RETURNED APR. SIX, LAST, TO HERTZ  
AIRPORT OFFICE. FROM APR. SIX TO DATE, ACCORDING TO HERTZ  
RECORDS, VEHICLE NOT RENTED, LEASED, OR DISCOVERED MISSING.  
HERTZ DOES NOT KNOW HOW VEHICLE GOT TO BIRMINGHAM. HERTZ DRIVER  
WENT TO BIRMINGHAM TO PICK UP ANOTHER VEHICLE AND WHILE THERE WAS TOLD  
TO PICK UP RED REBEL, AS IT WAS PROPERTY OF HERTZ

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ATTEMPT BY ATLANTA AGENTS TO EXAMINE VEHICLE NEGATIVE,  
AS HERTZ HAD THOROUGHLY CLEANED CAR AND HAS NOW RENTED CAR  
AZS OF TEN A.M., APR. TWENTYNINE, LAST.

BIRMINGHAM WILL CONDUCT THOROUGH INVESTIGATION IN ATTEMPT  
ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE HOW VEHICLE GOT TO BIRMINGHAM.

EXHIBIT PHOTOS OF JAMES EAR RAY TO ALL AIRPORT PARKING LOT  
ATTENDANTS. P

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FBI BOSTON

12:34 PM URGENT 4/30/68 WFY

TO CHICAGO (44-1114) MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM BOSTON (157-644)

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RE THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

RE DONALD STOUT.

RE CHICAGO TEL TO BOSTON, SAN FRANCISCO AND MEMPHIS THIS  
DATE.

ROBERT MC HUGH, CITY MANAGER, NATIONAL CAR RENTALS, LOGAN  
AIRPORT, EAST BOSTON, MASS., STATES NO PRESENT EMPLOYEE THAT  
AGENCY RECALLS DONALD STOUT. MCHUGH STATES IF STOUT WAS CAR  
JOCKEY HE WOULD HAVE TRANSPORTED CARS ALL OVER U.S. FOR  
NATIONAL BUT WOULD BE KNOWN TO FEW NATIONAL EMPLOYEES.

MC HUGH STATES THOMAS SHEEHAN, FORMERLY EMPLOYED NATIONAL,  
LOGAN AIRPORT, NO LONGER WITH NATIONAL AND LAST KNOWN TO BE  
IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, SPECIFIC ADDRESS UNKNOWN.

ARRESTING OFFICER, BERLINE, N.H., PD ADVISES NO RECOLLECTION  
OF STOUT AS ARREST WAS MINOR ONE FOR TRAFFIC VIOLATION.

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STATES DESCRIPTION ON RECORD CONSISTED OF WHITE MALE, FIVE FEET EIGHT, MEDIUM BUILD, BLUE EYES, AND IS ONLY IDENTIFYING DATA AVAILABLE EXCEPT FOR FINGERPRINTS.

NATIONAL CAR RENTAL EMPLOYEES ALERTED TO BUREAU INTEREST IN STOUT AND WILL CONTACT BOSTON OFFICE IF ANY INFORMATION RECALLED OR IF STOUT APPEARS.

MEMPHIS CONSIDER ALERTING ALL NATIONAL CAR RENTAL AGENCIES RE STOUT

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FBI ATLANTA

1:30 PEDT 4/30/68 URGENT VSC

TO DIRECTOR, KANSAS CITY, OKLAHOMA CITY AND MEMPHIS  
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 4P

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LEWIE RAYMOND DOWDA, INMATE COBB CO. JAIL, MARIETTA, GA.,  
REINTERVIEWED APR. TWENTY NINE. ADVISED JAMES EARL RAY VERY CLOSE  
TO (FNU) "PUNCHY" MILLER, EX-BOXER WHO WORKED IN KITCHEN MISSOURI  
STATE PENITENTIARY (MSP). MILLER REPORTEDLY ONE OF LEADERS IN PRISON.  
DOWDA CLAIMS BENJAMIN O. GOODIN, SUPERVISOR IN KITCHEN MSP  
PICKED UP NUMBER OF BAD CHECKS WRITTEN BY MILLER AFTER MILLER'S  
RELEASE FROM PRISON BUT UNABLE TO RETRIEVE ALL AND MILLER RE-  
TURNED TO PRISON. GOODIN FORMERLY IN U. S. NAVY ABOARD SEVERAL  
SHIPS WHICH WERE SUNK AND REPORTS WEEKLY TO VA. CLAIMS GOODIN  
ON NARCOTICS, POSSIBLY BY PRESCRIPTION.

DOWDA CLAIMS MAIN SUPPLIER OF DRUGS IN PRISON IS PRISONER,  
NAME UNRECALLED, BUT BELIEVES PRISONER SERVING LONG SENTENCE FOR  
SHOOTING AND KILLING ST. LOUIS POLICE OFFICER. THIS PRISONER  
STAYED IN C HALL, BUT HAD RUN OF PRISON AND PASS TO EAT IN  
OFFICERS KITCHEN. PRISONER CLOSE TO FORMER WARDEN NASH. AFTER  
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NASH(S SUICIDE, PRISONER TRIED TO GET CLOSE TO WARDEN SWINSON, WITHOUT SUCCESS. ONE-HALF POUND OF AMPHETAMINES FOUND IN TRASH CAN IN THIS PRISONER'S CELL. PRISONER DESCRIBED AS APPROXIMATELY THIRTYTWO YRS OF AGE, W/M, SIX FEET, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY LBS., BLACK HAIR. THIS PERSON HAD SIX TO EIGHT OTHER PRISONERS PUSHING DRUGS FOR HIM IN PRISON. THIS PRISONER'S SOURCE OF DRUGS NOT KNOWN BUT BELIEVED TO BE A GUARD. PRISONER CLOSE TO RAY AND PRISONERS LEO BARNETT AND NEIL ABBY (PH).

DOWDA CLAIMS NEIL ABBY HAD RUN OF K HALL AND WAS SUPPLIER OF AMPHETAMINES AND BELIEVES SOURCE AMPHETAMINES WAS HAROLD SCHAEFER, GUARD AT KITCHEN GATE, MSP. AFTER TRANSFER TO C HALL, ABBY CONTINUED TO HAVE RUN OF PRISON.

DOWDA CLAIMS TWO GANGS IN PRISON, ONE FROM ST. LOUIS AND OTHER FROM KANSAS CITY. RAY ASSOCIATED WITH LEADERS OF ST. LOUIS GANG. INVESTIGATION MARIETTA, GA., REFLECTS LEWIE DOWDA IN APR., 'SIXTYSEVEN, MADE TRIP TO MISSOURI. DOWDA ADVISED ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT LEO BARNETT AT FLAT RIVER, MO., BUT UNSUCCESSFUL AS BARNETT IN FLORIDA PRISON. DOWDA CLAIMS ON RETURN TO GA. MET ONE BILLY "DINK" CHUMLEY IN BAR SOMEWHERE IN ALA. CHUMLEY FROM OKLAHOMA CITY, WAS LEAVING HOME DUE TO MARITAL DIFFICULTIES. CHUMBLEY AND DOWDA CAME TO MARIETTA, GA.

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INVESTIGATION REFLECTS CHUMLEY EMPLOYED ROYAL TIRE SERVICE,  
MARIETTA, GA., SOCIAL SECURITY NO. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LISTED DOB AS [REDACTED]

DESCRIBED AS W/M; FIVE FEET ELEVEN; TWO HUNDRED - TWO HUNDRED TEN  
LBS.; THINNING GRAY-BROWN HAIR, MEDIUM TO ROUGH COMPLEXION, HAVING  
NO UPPER TEETH. DOWDA'S FORMER EMPLOYER ADVISED CHUMLEY TOLD HIM  
DOWDA PLANNED TO ROB THIS INDIVIDUAL AND WANTED CHUMLEY TO ASSIST.  
CHUMLEY LEFT TOWN RATHER THAN ASSIST. ROBBERY DID NOT OCCUR.

WHILE IN MARIETTA, GA., CHUMBLEY INVOLVED IN AUTO ACCIDENT AND  
HIS 'FIFTYFIVE BUICK, VIN FOUR B FOUR ZERO SEVEN FIVE FOUR THREE ZERO,  
BEARING SIXTYSEVEN OKLAHOMA LICENSE X W SIX SIX SEVEN TWO, WAS  
WRECKED. CHUMLEY VERY CLOSE TO DOWDA DURING PERIOD CHUMLEY WITH HIM  
IN MARIETTA, GA.

KANSAS CITY AT MSP, JEFFERSON CITY, MO. DETERMINE IDENTITY  
PRISONER REPORTEDLY MAIN SUPPLIER OF AMPHETAMINES IN PRISON AND  
INTERVIEW RE SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY. DETERMINE IF BENJAMIN O. GOODIN  
TAKING DRUGS AND CONSIDER POSSIBILITY GOODWIN MAY HAVE ASSISTED RAY.  
DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS (FNU) "PUNCHY" MILLER AND INTERVIEW CONCERNING  
RAY. LEADS CONCERNING HAROLD SCHAEFER AND NEIL ABBY PREVIOUSLY SET  
FORTH.

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OKLAHOMA CITY AT OKLAHOMA CITY. WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE BILLY "DINK" CHUMLEY THRU 'SIXTYSEVEN OKLAHOMA LICENSE LISTED ABOVE AND INTERVIEW CONCERNING JAMES EARL RAY. DETERMINE IF DOWDA TAKING DRUGS DURING TIME CHUMLEY IN CONTACT WITH HIM AND SOURCE OF DRUGS. DETERMINE IF CHUMLEY HAS ANY INFO CONCERNING DISTRIBUTOR OF DRUGS, ATLANTA., PARTICULARLY IN VICINITY PEACHTREE AND FOURTEENTH STS., NE. DETERMINE IF CHUMLEY ACQUAINTED WITH JAMES GARNER, MGR. OF ROOMING HOUSE LOCATED AT PEACHTREE AND FOURTEENTH STREETS, NE, ATLANTA, WHERE RAY STAYED WHIL IN ATLANTA.

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FBI LOS ANG.

8:37PM URGENT 4-30-68 DPK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), AND BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)  
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

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RE LOUIS LOMAX AND CHARLES STEIN.

LOS ANGELES HERALD EXAMINER, APRIL THIRTY, CONTAINED ARTICLE  
BY LOMAX CONCERNING TRIP WITH STEIN TO LOCATE PHONE BOOTH  
UTILIZED BY SUBJECT DURING DECEMBER SIXTY SEVEN. LOMAX REPORTED  
THAT DURING TRIP HE AND STEIN HAD LOCATED PHONE BOOTH IN TEXAS,  
AND THAT PHONE COMPANY WAS ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE RECORDS RE CALLS  
MADE FROM SUCH BOOTH IN EFFORT TO LOCATE QUOTE CASH MAN UNQUOTE  
WHO BANKROLLED SLAYING OF KING. LOMAX ALSO CLAIMED THAT FBI HAD  
PHONE COMPANY RECORDS AND HAD DECLINED TO LET LOMAX SEE SUCH  
PHONE RECORDS RE TELEPHONE BOOTHS LOCATED IN ST. FRANCIS HOTEL  
AT LOS ANGELES. LOMAX TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED LOS ANGELES  
OFFICE AM APRIL TWENTY NINE AND ASKED FOR ANY INFORMATION RE THIS  
CASE AND WHETHER OR NOT FBI HAD ANY PHONE RECORDS. LOMAX WAS  
ADVISED ALL INFORMATION AVAILABLE WAS CONTAINED IN PRESS RELEASE  
ISSUED BY THE BUREAU. NO FURTHER COMMENTS MADE TO HIM.

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PACIFIC TELEPHONE COMPANY OFFICIALS ADVISE THAT LOMAX HAS NOT ASKED FOR ANY CHECK OF TELEPHONE BOOTH IN TEXAS. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT CHARLES STEIN, WHOSE INFORMATION FOLLOWS THIS, INDICATES THAT NO PHONE BOOTH WAS LOCATED DURING TRIP.

RE CHARLES STEIN

STEIN INTERVIEWED TODAY STATED HE DID NOT LOCATE PAY PHONE BOOTH USED BY SUBJECT DURING COURSE OF TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS DECEMBER SIXTY SEVEN. STEIN STATED HE RECEIVED NO MONEY FROM ANY NEWSPAPER MEN, INCLUDING LOMAX, ALTHOUGH PROMISED UP TO TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR HIS COOPERATION. STEIN DECLINED TO ADVISE WHO MADE SUCH AN OFFER. STEIN STATED HE HAS BEEN-CONNED, DUPED, USED AND BEEN MADE A MARK BY NEWSPAPERS. STEIN ADVISED HE IS PRESNETLY CONFUSED AS TO-WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED DURING DECEMBER TRIP AND WHAT NEWSPAPERS HAVE SAID HAPPENED.

RE ITEMS IN TRUNK OF MUSTANG

STEIN ADVISED HE CAN NOT REMEMBER ANY POSSESSIONS OF SUBJECT IN MUSTANG. OTHER THAN SUIT CASE AND YELLOW BOX. HE STATED SUBJECT PICKED HIM UP AT HOUSE OF SISTER, MARIE LEE, NEW ORLEANS TO BEGIN RETURN TRIP. STEIN ADVISED DECARVELHO AT SISTER'S HOUSE, BUT CANNOT RECOLLECT WHETHER ANYTHING PUT IN TRUNK AT THIS TIME. TRUNK THEN LOADED WITH CARDBOARD BOX AT RESIDENCE OF MOTHER, BUT STEIN ONLY REMEMBERS YELLOW BOX AND SUIT CASE AS BEING IN TRUNK.

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RE BACKGROUND OF CHARLES J. AND RITA STEIN

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING TO DEVELOP ADDITIONAL  
POSSIBLE ASSOCIATES OF CHARLES STEIN IN HIPPIE AREA, WHO  
MIGHT HAVE INFORMATION REGARDING HIS PAST ASSOCIATION WITH SUBJECT.

RECORDS OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER  
SHOW UTILITIES AT FIVE SIX SIX SIX FRANKLIN AVENUE, LOS ANGELES  
LISTED TO RITA ROSSI, LISTED AS WIDOW OF STAN ROSSI, WITH THEIR  
FORMER RESIDENCE AT THREE THREE FOUR ZERO FLOYD TERRACE, LOS  
ANGELES UNTIL NOVEMBER TWENTY SEVEN SIXTY SEVEN. STAN  
ROSSI'S FORMER EMPLOYMENT SHOWN AS O AND M MOTORS, ONE FIVE FIVE SEVEN  
MANCHESTER AVENUE, AND RITA ROSSI'S EMPLOYMENT AS THE ORBIT, FOUR  
FOUR ZERO FOUR MELROSE, BOTH LOS ANGELES. HOME PHONE LISTED AS  
SIX SIX TWO DASH ONE FOUR ONE TWO.

RE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF BARTENDING

TOMAS R. LAU, OWNER, INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF BARTENDING,  
LOS ANGELES, OBSERVED PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT TAKEN IN NINETEEN  
SIXTY SIX AT MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY. LAU STATED PHOTOGRAPH  
NOT GOOD LIKENESS OF SUBJECT WHO HE KNEW AS ERIC GALT JANUARY  
TO MARCH NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUES AT LOS ANGELES.

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556PM URGENT 4/30/68 RSM

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), SPRINGFIELD (44-561),  
ST. LOUIS (44-775), BIRMINGHAM (44-1740), ATLANTA 44-2336)  
AND LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114)

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SUMMARY CHICAGO DIVISION

[REDACTED]  
RECONTACT WITH SISTER SUSAN DONIAN THIS DATE REVEALED

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IN VIEW OF FOREGOING, CHICAGO DIVISION CONCURS  
WITH RECOMMENDATION OF THE SPRINGFIELD DIVISION THAT ANY  
[REDACTED]

RE PHOTO EQUIPMENT ORDERED FROM SUPERIOR BULK FILM COMPANY,  
CHICAGO, UNDER GALT ALIAS. INQUIRY, FILM COMPANY, REVEALS  
NO SERIAL NUMBERS MAINTAINED NOR ARE THEY MAINTAINED AT

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FILM COMPANIES SUPPLIER. LEADS SET OUT BY SEPARATE TEL TO SEARCH WARRANTY SLIPS EASTMAN KODAK COMPANY, ROCHESTER, NEW YORK, FOR ABOVE PROJECTOR AND SUPER EIGHT KODAK CAMERA ORDERED AND REFERRED BY SUBJECT. LEADS ALSO SET TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT FEASIBLE SEARCH CAN BE MADE FOR SUPER EIGHT CAMERAS PURCHASED FROM NOVEMBER TEN, SIXTY SEVEN TO MARCH, SEVENTEEN LAST IN LOS ANGELES AREA AND, IF POSSIBLE, SEARCH THESE PURCHASES AGAINST SUBJECT'S TRUE NAME AND ALIASES.

RE LOOK ALIKE AMERICUS GEORGIA. PURE OIL COMPANY RECORDS SEARCHED EXTENSIVELY THIS DATE LOCATING CREDIT SLIPS FOR JONES GAS STATION CUSTOMERS APRIL SIXTEEN LAST. REVIEW DID NOT INDICATE ANY PURCHASES MADE ON TEMPORARY CARD. IDENTITY OF CUSTOMERS FOR APRIL SIXTEEN LAST BEING FURNISHED AMSD.

RE POST OFFICE RECORDS FOR FIFTYFIVE ARREST OF SUBJECT. REVIEW POSTAL INSPECTOR'S OFFICE LOCATED DETAILS OF BURGLARY KELLERVILLE, ILLINOIS, P.O., MARCH SEVEN, FIFTYFIVE AND ARREST OF WALTER TERRY RIFE AND SUBJECT MARCH TWENTYTHREE, FIFTYFIVE. NO BACKGROUND INFO, ETC., NOT PREVIOUSLY KNOWN.  
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RE LOUIS LOMAX. LOUIS O'SHEA, ISP, JOLIET, ILLINOIS, ADVISED FROM REVIEW OF RECORDS THERE WOULD BE NO POSSIBILITY THAT SUBJECT AND LOMAX MET IN JOLIET PEN SINCE RAY WAS IN DIAGNOSTIC CENTER DURING TWENTYFOUR DAY STAY THERE AND LOMAX WAS IN VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DURING NINETEEN FIFTYTWO UNTIL PAROLE ON SEPTEMBER TWENTYEIGHTH NINETEEN FIFTYFOUR. ALSO. LOMAX SPENT ALL TIME AT JOLIET AND WAS NEVER IN ISP, PONTIAC, ILLINOIS. LOMAX, ISP NUMBER TWO NINE THREE ZERO FIVE, WAS RELEASED FROM PAROLE MAY NINE, FIFTYSIX. TIME SERVED WAS FOR TWO CONCURRENT SENTENCES OF LARCENY. LOMAX DESCRIBED AS NEGRO MALE, DOB [REDACTED], GEORGIA, FIVE FEET NINE INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY POUNDS, SLENDER BUILD, KINKY HAIR, DARK MAROON EYES, WIFE DOLORES, CHICAGO PD NUMBER D SEVEN TWO SIX THREE ZERO. ABOVE INFO OBTAINED FROM RECORD CARD IN CCO TSP JOLIET, COMPLETE JACKET IN STORAGE. IF LOS ANGELES DESIRES FURTHER INFO, ADVISE.

RE MAILING LIST WILSHIRE BOOK COMPANY. R.L. RAY AND ROBERT G. RAY, BOTH CHICAGO, ELIMINATES AS SUBJECT.

CHICAGO CONTINUING EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION RE INDIVIDUALS KNOWN TO HAVE MADE THREATS AGAINST KING AS POSSIBLE CO-CONSPIRATORS. BUREAU BEING ADVISED BY SEPARATE TELS.

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CHICAGO WILL CONDUCT INTERVIEW OF BROTHER JERRY RAY  
UPON RETURN FROM ST. LOUIS TO CROSS CHECK ANY INFORMATION FURNISHED  
WITH SOURCE UNDER DEVELOPMENT BY ST. LOUIS.

ALL OTHER LEADS RECEIVING CONTINUOUS ATTENTION.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, Memphis

DATE: April 29, 1968

*JEM* : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE  
I.O. #4182; W. F. #442-A  
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;  
INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ARMED ROBBERY  
"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES" PROGRAM  
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Being forwarded under separate cover is a supply of newspaper mats and proofs for expeditious distribution to all cooperative daily and weekly newspapers in your territory. Additional publications such as shoppers' guides should not be overlooked in obtaining the greatest possible publicity regarding this fugitive.

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Date April 29, 1968

RE:

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☐ For information    ☐ Retention optional    ☒ For appropriate action    ☐ Surep, by \_\_\_\_\_

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Remarks:

Enclosed are copies of photographs taken by a woman companion of the subject while he was in Mexico in the Fall of 1967.

These are for your further assistance in connection with efforts to locate the subject.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, ST. LOUIS, SANANTONIO  
FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 2P

MURKIN

CECIL LILLIBRIDGE (CONCEAL) FORMER PRISONER, MISSOURI  
STATE PENITENTIARY, PRESENTLY INCARCERATED IN COLE COUNTY JAIL,  
JEFFERSON CITY, MO., FURNISHED INFORMATION REGARDING RAY'S  
TRAVELS IN MEXICO WHICH HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN SUBMITTED. IN  
ADDITION HE ADVISED THAT IN LATE SIXTYSIX, SUBJECT HAD ANOTHER  
INMATE, KENNY HURTT, SEND OUT FIFTEEN DOLLARS FOR HIM SUPPOSEDLY  
FOR THE PURCHASE OF STATIONERY. HE ADVISED THE PRISON  
AUTHORITIES WATCH INMATE EXPENDITURES CLOSELY AND THERE IS A LIMIT  
ON THEIR MONTHLY EXPENDITURES, BUT RAY HAD SOME INCOME FROM HIS  
ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES IN PRISON AND NEEDED TO CONCEAL THE MONEY IN  
OTHER THAN HIS OWN BANK ACCOUNT. HURTT GOT RAY'S MONEY AND SENT  
IT OUT TO A NAME NOT RECALLED STATIONERY COMPANY IN ST. LOUIS,  
MO., BUT NO STATIONERY EVER CAME AND HURTT WORRIED ABOUT IT AND  
THROUGHT IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN STOLEN, UNTIL HE WAS TOLD BY RAY  
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THAT NO STATIONERY WOULD EVER COME AND IT WAS JUST A METHOD OF GETTING MONEY OUT WITHOUT THE PRISON'S KNOWLEDGE.

A REVIEW OF PRISON RECORDS THIS DATE, REVEAL THAT JOHN HURTT, ALSO KNOWN AS KENNETH HURTT, MSP NO. SEVEN FIVE FIVE ZERO TWO, ON JAN. TWENTY, SIXTYSEVEN, SENT A MONEY ORDER IN AMOUNT OF FIFTEEN DOLLARS TWENTY FIVE CENTS TO THE ALBERT J. PEPPER STATIONERY CO., SEVEN ONE TWO A, SHANENDOAH, ST. LOUIS, MO. FILE REVEALS PEPPER RELATED TO RAY.

IN VIEW OF THIS, IT IS FELT THAT ALL THE INFO FURNISHED BY LILLIBRIDGE, MAY BE CORRECT.

ST. LOUIS CONTACT ALBERT J. PEPPER, SEVEN ONE TWO A SHANENDOAH CONCERNING ABOVE MONEY ORDERS AND ANY INFO HE MAY HAVE CONCERNING HURTT OR SUBJECT.

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246PM URGENT 5-1-68 DMG

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS 44-1987, MINNEAPOLIS  
FROM BOSTON 157-644

MURKIN

RE DONALD STOUT ✓ SUSPECT, CO-CONSPIRATOR.

RE SAN DIEGO TEL APRIL THIRTY LAST.

ROBERT MC HUGH ✓ CITY MANAGER, NATIONAL CAR RENTAL CO.,  
LOGAN AIRPORT, EAST BOSTON, MASS., ADVISED NO RECORD STOUT'S  
EMPLOYMENT HIS OFFICE. MC HUGH SUGGESTED MAIN OFFICE, NATIONAL  
CAR RENTAL, BE CONTACTED CONCERNING PAST AND POSSIBLE RECENT  
EMPLOYMENT STOUT BY NATIONAL CAR RENTAL CO.

MINNEAPOLIS AT MAIN OFFICE, NATIONAL CAR RENTAL, FIVE  
THOUSAND NORMANDALE RD., MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, CONTACT  
PERSONNEL DEPT. TO DETERMINE WHETHER STOUT PRESENTLY EMPLOYED  
AND OBTAIN BACKGROUND INFO WHICH WILL AID IN LOCATING STOUT.

EMPLOYEES, NATIONAL CAR RENTAL, LOGAN AIRPORT, CANNOT  
RECALL STOUT AS FELLOW EMPLOYEE. PHOTO JAMES EARL RAY DISPLAYED

THIS DATE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS, MIAMI, ATLANTA  
FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 2P.

MURKIN

RE ATLANTA TEL TO DIRECTOR APRIL THIRTY LAST.

RECORD PHILLIPS PETROLEUM, KANSAS CITY, REVEALED MICHAEL  
ST. PIERRE TWO ONE FIVE ONE NORTHWEST ONE ZERO ONE NINE ST.,  
MIAMI, FLA., MADE THREE PURCHASES OF PHILLIPS PRODUCTS USING A  
SHELL CREDIT CARD. THIS CARD IS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IT IS POSSIBLE FIRST [REDACTED]  
IN THIS NUMBER MAY BE A [REDACTED] THIS CARD WAS USED BY SHELL CANADIAN  
LIMITED, PO BOX FOUR ZERO ZERO, TERMINAL ANNEX, TORONTO, CANADA.  
PHILLIPS RECORDS REVEAL THAT THE ONLY THREE TIMES THE CARD  
WAS USED FOR THEIR PRODUCTS WAS TO RENT A BOAT ON SEPT. ONE,  
TWO AND THREE, SIXTYSEVEN. THE AMOUNT ON THE FIRST WAS TWENTYFIVE  
DOLLARS AND TWENTYFIVE CENTS, ON THE SECOND WAS TWO DOLLARS AND  
FIFTY CENTS AND ON THE THIRD WAS FIFTY DOLLARS. THESE BOATS WERE  
RENTED FROM CRAFT LIMITED, INC., OAKLAND BOULEVARD 35

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THREE TWO SIX ZERO NORTHEAST THIRTY SECOND AVE., FT. LAUDERDALE,  
FLA. THE OWNER OF THIS CONCERN IS LISTED AS STEVE BERRY ✓ THE  
TICKETS CONNECTED WITH THESE PURCHASES WERE SENT BACK TO THE  
-DEALER BECAUSE NO PAYMENTS WERE MADE FOR THEM. THESE RECORD  
ARE MAINTAINED ON MICROFILM AT PHILLIPS PETROLEUM, KANSAS CITY,  
MO.

IT IS REQUESTED THE BUREAU FURNISH THIS INFORMATION TO  
LEGAT, CANADA.

MIAMI AT FT. LAUDERDALE, FLA., CONTACT CRAFT LIMITED FOR  
COMPLETE DETAILS RE MICHAEL ST. PIERRE ✓ AND RENTALS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS!

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FBI BIRMINGHAM

414 PM URGENT 5-1-68 JGA

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS 44-1987 AND TAMPA  
FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740 3P

MURKIN.

RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE APRIL TWENTYEIGHT, LAST, AND TAMPA  
TELETYPE APRIL TWENTYNINE, LAST.

JAMES SPARKS, TWO ZERO ZERO ELEVENTH STREET, ROBINWOOD, FOR-  
MERLY EMPLOYED BY ROAYL AMERICAN SHOWS, WAS CONTACTED THIS DATE BY  
BUREAU AGENTS REGARDING CHARLES RAY JOHNSON AND FURNISHED THE  
FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

HE FIRST OBSERVED JOHNSON WHEN HE (JOHNSON) CAME TO THE WINTER  
FAIRGROUND OF ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS AT TAMPA, FLORIDA, ON APRIL  
EIGHT, LAST, SEEKING EMPLOYMENT AS AN "EXTRA". JOHNSON APPEARED  
NEATLY DRESSED, WAS WEARING A DARK BROWN BUSINESS SUIT, AND IS  
DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, SIX FEET TO SIX FEET TWO INCHES TALL,  
ONE SIX FIVE TO ONE SEVEN FIVE POUNDS, DARK BROWN HAIR.

SPARKS ADVISED JOHNSON WAS HIRED A A "ROUGHIE" AROUND THE  
CONCESSION STANDS TO PERFORM ODD JOBS, SUCH AS, PAINTING, STOCKING  
AND MOVING SHOW EQUIPMENT. FROM CONVERSATIONS WITH JOHNSON, SPARKS  
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ADVISED HE BELIEVES JOHNSON IS TOTALLY UNFAMILAR WITH THE OPERATIONS OF AN AMUSEMENT PARK AND THE FUNCTIONS OF A "ROUGHIE." SPARKS STATED HE OBSERVED JOHNSON DAILY FROM THE DATE HE ARRIVED UNTIL FOUR DAYS AGO WHEN HE (SPARKS) LEFT THE COMPANY TO SEEK NEW EMPLOYMENT.

SPARKS FURTHER ADVISED THAT IN HIS OPINION JOHNSON ACTED VERY NERVOUS AND WAS WARY OF STRANGERS AROUND THE SHOW.

SPARKS STATED THAT AS AN "EXTRA", JOHNSON WAS PAID IN CASH ON A DAILY BASIS AND PROBABLY LIVED ON THE TRAIN WITH THE REST OF THE SINGLE MALE EMPLOYEES. SPARKS ADVISED THAT EMPLOYEES HIRED AS EXTRAS ARE NOT INCLUDED ON THE PAYROLL BY NAME BUT ARE LISTED AS EXTRAS ONLY.

SPARKS ADVISED THAT THE CONCESSION SUPERVISOR FOR ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS IS KNOWN AS "HOTSHOT" AND WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY KNOW JOHNSON. SPARKS STATED HE BELIEVED THE SHOW IS ENROUTE TO MEMPHIS AND WILL EVENTUALLY SET UP IN CANADA.

MRS. LINDA SPARKS, WIFE OF JAMES SPARKS, ADVISED SHE WAS EMPLOYED ON THE CONCESSION STANDS OF ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS, AND AFTER OBSERVING A PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT RAY, SHE STATED THAT THIS <sup>Photo</sup> ~~was~~ MAN SHE KNEW AS CHARLES RAY JOHNSON.

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TAMPA, WILL RECONTACT ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS AND ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW "HOTSHOT" REGARDING JOHNSON.

MEMPHIS, WILL CONTACT ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS, IF LOCATED IN MEMPHIS, TO INTERVIEW "HOTSHOT" REGARDING CHARLES RAY JOHNSON.

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531PM URGENT 5-1-68 JGA

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS 44-1987 AND SPRINGFIELD  
FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740 5P

MURKIN.

RE MOBILE TEL TO BIRMINGHAM APRIL TWENTYNINE, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT,  
SETTING FORTH NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE FORMER INMATES MISSOURI  
STATE PRISON (MSP) AND CURRENTLY UNDER SUPERVISION STATE OF ALABAMA  
UNDER INTERSTATE AGREEMENT. TWO OF THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE HILLARD  
SANDERS, UNDER SUPERVISION SINCE NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR, AND JAMES W.  
BROWN, REFORM, ALABAMA, UNDER SUPERVISION SINCE NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE.  
BROWN INTERVIEWED AND STATES INMATE MSP FROM APRIL, NINETEEN SIXTY  
THROUGH JUNE, NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE AND ACQUAINTED WITH JAMES EARL RAY  
WHILE IN PRISON. BROWN FIRST MADE ACQUAINTANCE OF RAY DURING YEAR  
NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE AND CLAIMS HE HAD TALKED WITH RAY PERSONALLY  
AND HAD BEEN IN GROUPS WHERE RAY WAS TALKING ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS.  
BROWN RECALLS THAT RAY MADE STATEMENT THAT HE WAS GLAD WHEN JOHN F.  
KENNEDY WAS KILLED AND MADE SIMILAR STATEMENT AT THIS TIME TO THE  
EFFECT "THAT IS ONE NIGGER-LOVING S.O.B. THAT GOT SHOT." BROWN  
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STATED THAT RAY DISLIKED NEGROES AND THAT DURING TIME MARTIN LUTHER KING WAS LEADING DEMONSTRATIONS AND MARCHES HE WOULD BECOME AGGRAVATED AND UPSET WHEN READING THIS INFORMATION IN NEWSPAPERS TO THE POINT THAT HE WOULD CURSE KING AND THE NEGROES. BROWN STATED THAT RAY MADE STATEMENT THAT KENNEDY WAS RUNNING THE COUNTRY AND ESPECIALLY IN THE RACIAL FIELD AND THAT KING COULD GET THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO DO ANYTHING HE WANTED THEM TO. BROWN SAID HE HAD HEARD PRISON RUMORS THAT RAY WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE KILLED THREE NEGROES WHILE IN THE MSP.

BROWN ADVISED THAT SOMETIME DURING THE FALL, NINETEEN SIXTY-THREE, RAY MADE STATEMENT THAT HE WAS GOING TO GET MARTIN LUTHER KING WHEN HE GOT OUT. BROWN SAID HE HEARD RAY SAY SOMETHING ABOUT COOLEY (PHONETIC) OR COOLEY'S ORGANIZATION WOULD PAY TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS TO HAVE KING DEAD. BROWN SAID HE COULD FURNISH NO INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS ORGANIZATION AND RAY DID NOT MENTION IT AGAIN IN HIS PRESENCE. BROWN SAID THAT RAY SEEMED TO HAVE A SUFFICIENT SUPPLY OF MONEY AND THAT HE ALLEGEDLY GOT A CHECK OR MONEY REGULARLY FROM SOURCE OUTSIDE PRISON. HE STATED THAT RAY DID DRINK AND HE HAD DETECTED ALCOHOL ON HIS BREATH ON DIFFERENT OCCASIONS, POINTING OUT THAT CONVICTS MADE WHISKEY IN PRISON AND SOME OF THE GUARDS WOULD

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SELL WHISKEY TO CONVICTS. BROWN SAID THERE WERE NARCOTICS PASSED AROUND IN PRISON AND GUARDS WOULD BRING NARCOTICS AND SOME OF IT WAS BROUGHT IN BY VISITORS. HE SAID HE HAD NO PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE THAT RAY USED NARCOTICS. HE ALSO WAS UNABLE TO NAME ANY SPECIFIC GUARD WHO SOLD CONTRABAND.

BROWN SAID THAT RAY WAS NOT OVERLY FRIENDLY, HOWEVER, IN GROUPS HE WOULD TALK. HE NEVER DISCUSSED HIS PAST LIFE IN BROWN'S PRESENCE AND BROWN HAS NO IDEA WHERE RAY IS FROM. BROWN SAID HE HAS NOT SEEN RAY SINCE HE LEFT PRISON AND NOTED THAT RAY HAD TALKED ABOUT TUNNELING OUT OF PRISON AND GOING TO VIRGINIA AND HIDING IN A CAVE. BROWN SAID THAT RAY MADE STATEMENT THAT HE HAD A LARGE SUPPLY OF GUNS BEFORE HE WAS IN PRISON AND THE ONLY FOREIGN COUNTRY HE EVER HEARD RAY MENTION WAS LIBERIA, AFRICA AND RAY STATED HE HAD A BROTHER-IN-LAW WORKING THERE AND THAT HE WAS MAKING LARGE SUMS OF MONEY.

BROWN SAID THAT A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF RAY WHILE IN PRISON WAS JOHNNY VALENTI (PHONETIC). VALENTI IS BELIEVED TO BE FROM BATON ROUTE, LOUISIANA AND BROWN BELIEVES HE IS STILL IN MSP. VALENTI OFTEN SPOKE ABOUT MEXICO AND COULD SPEAK SPANISH. RAY STATED ONE TIME  
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HE WAS GOING TO VISIT A FRIEND OF HIS AND VALENTI'S, THIS FRIEND'S NAME UNKNOWN, WHO WAS RELEASED FFOM PRISON AND GOT MARRIED AND IS BELIEVED TO BE RUNNING A CAFE NEAR MOBERLY, MISSOURI. ANOTHER FRIEND WAS JOHNNY JOHNSON WHO IS FROM THE KANSAS CITY AREA AND IS BELIEVED TO BE STILL IN PRISON AS HE WAS SERVING A TWENTY YEAR SENTENCE. ANOTHER FRIEND "NONEY" EDEN SERVING FIVE YEARS MSP. ANOTHER FRIEND, RICHARD BEEMAN, AND (FNU) MAYBERRY FROM WEST PLAINS, MISSOURI.

BROWN WAS SHOWN I. O. FOUR ONE EIGHT TWO AND STATED THAT THE CENTER PICTURE LOOKS EXACTLY LIKE HE REMEMBERED RAY IN PRISON AND OTHER PICTURES RESEMBLED HIM ALSO.

INVESTIGATION AT GADSDEN, ALABAMA REFLECTS HILLARD ALLEN SANDERS LAST EMPLOYED ALABAMA TOOL COMPANY, GADSDEN, MARCH TWENTYONE, NINETEEN SIXTYSIX. MARIE CRESS SISTER OF SANDERS, ADVISED LAST TIME SHE HEARD FROM SANDERS WAS OVER ONE YEAR AGO AND HE WAS RESIDING WOOD RIVER, ILLINOIS. PAUL MINTON, STATE PROBATION OFFICER, ADVISED SANDERS PRESENTLY RESIDING ONE THREE SEVEN EAST ACTON STREET, WOOD RIVER, ILLINOIS.

TWO OTHER INMATES MSP INTERVIEWED AND ADVISED NOT ACQUAINTED  
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NOR COULD THEY RECALL JAMES EARL RAY AT TIME INCARCERATED MSP.  
THESE INMATES ARE COLUMBUS JONES, BOLIGEE, ALABAMA, AND CHARLES R.  
MASHBURN, OWENS CROSS ROADS, ALA.

KANSAS CITY DETERMINE IF ABOVE INDIVIDUALS LISTED AS FRIENDS  
OF RAY STILL INCARCERATED MSP AND INTERVIEW. IF RELEASED, OBTAIN  
THEIR FORWARDING ADDRESS OF RECORD AND SET FORTH LEADS TO HAVE THEM  
INTERVIEWED RE RAY.

SPRINGFIELD, AT WOOD RIVER, ILLINOIS, INTERVIEW SANDERS  
REGARDING RAY.

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**MURKIN****RE DONALD STOUT, SUSPECT CO-CONSPIRATOR.**

FOR INFORMATION MINNEAPOLIS, PITTSBURGH SUBMITTED LHM DATED SEPTEMBER SEVEN, ONE NINE SIX SIX, CONCERNING DONALD STOUT, WHITE MALE, FIVE FEET SEVEN OR EIGHT INCHES, TWO ONE ZERO POUNDS, DARK HAIR WITH WAVE IN FRONT. HARRY P. STEWART, U. S. SECRET SERVICE REPORTED HIS NEPHEW, STEWART LINDH, SAN FRANCISCO, CLAIMED HE AND TWO OTHERS THROUGH NEWSPAPER AD OBTAINED RIDE WITH STOUT. AT KANSAS CITY, STOUT DISAPPEARED WITH THEIR EFFECTS. BEFORE STOUT DISAPPEARED, HE TOLD THEM HE WAS GOING TO SHOOT KING.

RECORDS, FBI CHICAGO, REVEAL SIMILAR MODUS OPERANDI BY DONALD LAWRENCE STOUT, AKA LAWRENCE DONALD STOUT, FBI NUMBER FOUR NINE FIVE NINE THREE EIGHT ZERO, WHITE MALE, BORN

Airtel

[REDACTED] DETROIT, MICHIGAN, SIMILAR

Teletype

DESCRIPTION, WHO HAS WORKED AS MERCHANT SEAMAN. STOUT CONVICTED

A.M.

MARCH TWELVE, ONE NINE FIVE FIVE, FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL

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**VEHICLE THEFT ACT, ONE YEAR ONE DAY. LATEST ARREST RECORD, IDENTIFICATION DIVISION FILES, APRIL TEN, ONE NINE FIVE EIGHT, POLICE, BERLIN, NEW HAMPSHIRE, THEIR NUMBER FOURTEEN, DRIVING NONREGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLE, FIVE DOLLAR FINE PAID.**

**NATIONAL CAR RENTAL SYSTEM (NCRS) RECORDS REFLECT STOUT EMPLOYED AS CAR JOCKEY TRANSPORTING CARS ALL OVER U. S., BUT HAS NOT BEEN TO MEMPHIS IN NINE MONTHS. NATIONAL CIRCULARIZATION OF NCRS CAN BE OBTAINED THROUGH JOHN RIEKEN, LICENSE ADMINISTRATOR, FIVE ZERO ZERO ZERO NORMANDALE ROAD, MINNEAPOLIS.**

**MINNEAPOLIS ENDEAVOR TO HAVE CIRCULARIZATION EFFECTED REQUESTING ANYONE DOING BUSINESS WITH STOUT TO CONTACT NCRS CENTRAL OFFICE THAT STOUT BE LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED.**

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1024PM URGENT 5/1/68 MJR

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

MURKIN.

RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE APRIL TWENTYEIGHT, LAST, TAMPA TEL  
APRIL TWENTY NINE, LAST AND BIRMINGHAM TEL MAY ONE INSTANT.

L. B. DEMAY, WHOSE IDENTITY IS KNOWN TO BUREAU, IS ALSO  
KNOWN AS QUOTE HOTSHOT UNQUOTE.

DEMAY ADVISED HE HIRES AND PAYS PERSONALLY ALL QUOTE EXTRAS  
UNQUOTE AND QUOTE ROUGHIES UNQUOTE ON FAIRGROUNDS, TAMPA. HE HAS  
NOT HIRED ANY EXTRA OR ROUGHIE SINCE IN TAMPA QUARTERS. ONLY HIS  
REGULAR CREW ARE EMPLOYED, HE KNOWS EACH PERSONALLY, AND NONE  
ARE IDENTICAL TO JAMES EARL RAY. THE NAME OF CHARLES RAY JOHNSON  
IS UNKNOWN TO HIM AND HE HAS NEVER BEEN HIRED BY HIM AND HE COULD  
NOT ASSOCIATE ANY PERSON WITH A DESCRIPTION OF CHARLES RAY JOHNSON.  
NO ONE DEFINITELY SLEEPS ON ANY TRAIN AND NO EXTRAS ARE TO BE HIRED  
UNTIL THEY REACH THE ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS FIRST STOP. THE SHOWS  
ARE NOT TO MOVE OUT TO TAMPA QUARTERS UNTIL MAY TWENTYFIVE, SIXTY  
EIGHT. DEMAY STATED HE COULD NOT RECALL JAMES SPARKS NOR WIFE,  
BUT IF SPRAKS IS THE PERSON HE THINKS HE IS QUOTE HE IS HALF CRAZY  
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UNQUOTE. HE SAID NO PERSON ANSWERING JOHNSON'S DESCRIPTION NOR DESCRIPTION OF JAMES EARL RAY HAVE APPEARED AT THE GROUNDS LOOKING FOR ANY EMPLOYMENT AND SINCE SEEING NUMEROUS PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL RAY, AND HAVING BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE FBI AGENTS SINCE MURKIN, HE COULD DEFINITELY STATE NO ONE ANSWERING RAY'S DESCRIPTION HAS BEEN SEEN ON THE GROUNDS BY HIM. DEMAY POINTED OUT SPARKS PREVIOUSLY CLAIMED CHARLES RAY JOHNSON WAS CONCESSIONAIRE WITH HEART OF AMERICA SHOWS IN TAMPA, WHICH HAS NOT BEEN IN TAMPA AND NOW CLAIMS WITH ROYAL AMERICAN, AND SUCH DEFINITELY NOT TRUE.

IN VIEW OF DISCREPANCIES IN SPARK'S INFORMATION, TAMPA WILL NOT PURSUE MATTER FURTHER UACB. MEMPHIS SHOULD DISREGARD LEAD IN RETEL AS ROYAL AMERICAN HAS NOT LEFT TAMPA.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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933PM URGENT 5-1-68 JHM

TO: DIRECTOR MEMPHIS CHICAGO

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN - SUMMARY

DISCRETE FISUR DISCLOSED JERRY RAY LEFT SL ELEVEN FIVE AM THIS DATE IN HIS CAR. CHICAGO ADVISED TELEPHONICALLY. NOT AT MAC ARTHUR HOTEL, APPARENTLY STAYED WITH BROTHER JOHN. NO INDICATION HE CONTACTED PERSONS OTHER THAN JOHN AND SISTER CAROL PEPPER.

JOHN RAY NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL LATE THIS AFTERNOON. SA'S CONTACTED HIM AT GRAPVINE TAVERN. HAD SEVERAL CUSTOMERS, BARMAID GONE, WAS TENDING BAR ALONE. WAS CORDIAL, BUT STATED COULD NOT TALK WITH CUSTOMERS PRESENT. ASKED SA'S RETURN ELEVEN AM TOMORROW FOR INTERVIEW.

JOHN EUGENE GAWRON, AKA UNCLE JACK REINTERVIEWED. APPEARED COOPERATIVE. SA'S DID NOT DISCLOSE JERRY RAY VISIT BUT ASKED WHAT HAPPENED SINCE LAST CONTACTED. SUGGEST CHICAGO NOT MENTION GAWRON TO JERRY AT THIS TIME TO SEE IF HE VOLUNTEERS NAME.

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GAWRON SAID HE VISITED GRAPVINE APRIL TWENTY NINE, (PROBABLY BEFORE JERRY'S ARRIVAL). DID NOT MENTION JERRY, AND APPARENTLY WAS NOT ADVISED OF SAME BY JOHN. CLAIMED HE TAUGHT SUBJECT BURGLARY. TAUGHT USE OF GLOVES. UNABLE TO UNDERSTAND FAILURE TO USE GLOVES THIS CASE.

ASSOCIATED CLOSELY WITH SUBJECT FIFTY EIGHT FIFTY NINE UNTIL KROGER ROBBERY APPREHENSION. PARTICIPATED WITH SUBJECT IN SOME OUT OF TOWN BURGLARIES. NEVER KNEW SUBJECT TO PULL ANY JOB ALONE. SUBJECT BASHFUL ON FIRST MEETING ANY FEMALE, TENDENCY TO LISP OR STUTTER MOST APPARENT AT THOSE TIMES. HAD NO PARTICULAR GIRL. SUBJECT PREFERS LAUREL SPRINGS BOURBON WITH SWEET SODA, CAN DRINK ENORMOUS QUANTITY WITHOUT NOTICEABLE EFFECT. DOES NOT SMOKE OR LIKE BEER. /?

DENIED CONTACT WITH SUBJECT SINCE KROGER ARREST OR KNOWLEDGE OF WHEREABOUTS SINCE ESCAPE. SEEMED HURT THAT SUBJECT HAD NOT CONTACTED HIM. WHEN ASKED WHERE HE THOUGHT SUBJECT IS, HE SAID EUROPE, AS SUBJECT ONCE SAID WOULD LIKE TO GO TO SPAIN. BUREAU NOTE SUBJECT TOOK SPANISH COURSE IN LEAVENWORTH. END PAGE TWO



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GAWRON BORN [REDACTED] CHICAGO. IS DISABLED  
MARINE VETERAN. VA RECORDS WILL BE REVIEWED, SERIAL NUMBER  
DETERMINED AND IDENT RECORD REQUESTED.

GAWRON AGREED TO VISIT GRAPEVINE TONITE.

ALBERT PEPPER, BROTHER IN LAW OF SUBJECT WILL BE INTERVIEWED  
TOMORROW MORNING PER BUREAU PHONE CALL THIS DATE.

ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO LOCATE PEPPERS BROTHER, FRANKLIN  
DANIEL PEPPER, NAVY DESERTER, BUFILE FOUR TWO DASH TWO TWO FOUR  
NINE THREE FOUR AT RESIDENCE OF PARENTS SEVENTEEN THIRTEEN  
LAFAYETTE.

COVERAGE OF RELATIVES BEING INSTITUTED AS DIRECTED.

FELLOW PRISONER INTERVIEWS CONTINUING.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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1140PM DEFERRED 5/1/68 GGE

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS, ATLANTA, SPRINGFIELD,  
AND ST. LOUIS.

FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 2P

MURKIN.

RE JOHN GAWRON

INVESTIGATION CHICAGO REVEALED THAT GAWRON, CLOSE  
ASSOCIATE OF SUBJECT AND FAMILY, INCARCERATED STATE PRISON,  
JOLIET, PONTIAC, AND MENARD, ILLINOIS, FOR NUMEROUS  
BURGLARY VIOLATIONS. COMPLETE PRISON FILE MAINTAINED  
MENARD, ILLINOIS, UNDER FBI NO. ONE THREE FOUR THREE THREE  
FOUR. INFO FURNISHED TELEPHONICALLY TO SPRINGFIELD.

RE BROTHER JERRY RAY.

JERRY REINTERVIEWED THIS DATE ADVISED LEFT CHICAGO  
ONE PM, APRIL TWENTY-NINE LAST BECAME TIRED, SPENT UNTIL FOUR  
AM APRIL THIRTY LAST IN MOTEL, BRAIDWOOD, ILLINOIS, ARRIVED  
ST. LOUIS NINE AM. STAYED AT JOHN RAY'S APARTMENT, LEMP  
STREET UNTIL NOON THEN WENT TO CAROL PEPPER'S RESIDENCE,  
STAYED THERE APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS, RETURNED TO JOHN'S  
TAVERN, STAYED THERE AND WITH JOHN UNTIL LEAVING ST. LOUIS  
ABOUT ELEVEN AM INSTANT.

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MOST OF CONVERSATION WITH JOHN AND CAROL CENTERED AROUND  
ARTICLE IN LIFE MAGAZINE. STATES NO INDICATION, IN  
CONVERSATION WITH JOHN OR CAROL, THAT THEY AWARE OF  
SUBJECT'S PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OR WHEREABOUTS SINCE ESCAPE  
UNTIL SEPTEMBER ONE LAST. JOHN TOLD HIM FBI COMBED TWO  
BLOCK AREA LOOKING FOR JACK GAWRON, BROTHER AWARE GAWRON  
INTERVIEWED BY FBI BUT NO INDICATION THAT DETAILS OF INTER-  
VIEW KNOWN. ADMITS THAT, IN PAST, HE DROVE GAWRON AROUND  
LOOKING AT POSSIBLE BURGLARY SCORES AT WHICH TIME GAWRON  
WOULD PAY FOR EXPENSES. STATES TO HIS KNOWLEDGE, GAWRON NEVER  
COMMITTED BURGLARY IN PLACES CASED AND CLASSIFIED HIM  
AS PERSON LIVING ON PAST GLORIES. JERRY STATES WALTER  
RIFE WAS BROTHER JAMES RAP PARTNER IN LEAVENWORTH AND THAT  
HE, JERRY, SERVED TIME WITH BOTH LONNIE AND WALTER RIFE  
IN KENARD. JERRY CONTINUES TO EXPRESS COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE.  
DID NOT SEE GAWRON WHILE IN ST. LOUIS.

RE JAMES E. BODKER

INVESTIGATION CHICAGO REVEALS BODKER IS AN ACTUAL  
INDIVIDUAL, HAS CAR SUBURBAN MOTORS, AND WAS AT HIS MOTHER'S  
RESIDENCE APRIL FOUR LAST. ELIMINATED.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TBJ

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STATE OF MISSOURI  
BOARD OF PROBATION AND PAROLE

December 20, 1966

Board of Probation and Parole  
Box 267  
Jefferson City, Missouri

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Re: RAY, James Earl  
#00416-J

Gentlemen:

This 38 year old white male was seen for psychiatric evaluation on December 13, 1966. He was admitted here in March of 1960, to serve a twenty year sentence for armed robbery. This is his first admission to this institution. In 1932, he served a year and one half in an Illinois Penal Institution for robbery and in 1955, he served two and one half years in Leavenworth for transporting stolen goods across the state line.

He is presently charged with an escape attempt in March of 1966 and has recently been returned after an evaluation at the Fulton State Hospital. He has requested an independent psychiatric evaluation following their evaluation. This examiner only recently received this request from the Cole County Circuit Court signed by Judge Riley requesting such an evaluation. However, the inmate expressed his desire to have someone conduct an independent "psychiatric evaluation who was not connected with the administration." We informed him that we would communicate his wishes to the court and possibly someone else might be found.

Ray is an interesting and rather complicated individual. He reports that within the last year, he has had considerable difficulties from a physical point of view, involving a number of somatic complaints such as pain in the "solar plexes," tachycardia and "intracranial tension." When we commented that these were rather large words, he reported that he had been reading up in the medical literature. He then stated that he thought at times that he had cancer or heart trouble but that he no longer feels this way. On certain days, he has rather severe head pains but this is only intermittent. He is now on librium and works intermittently on a construction job.

Ray was born in Alton, Illinois, where his father worked for the railroad. Both parents are now deceased. He has two younger sisters. He reached

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the second year in high school, worked eighteen months at the International Shoe Company, entered the service in 1945 and remained there for three years. His highest rank was that of PFC. He has never been married although he has lived for brief periods of time with women. This man's basic problem revolves around what appears to be an increasingly severe obsessive compulsive trend. He states that at the age of ten, he awoke one night and thought he had lost his eye sight. He became quite fearful. These various fears confront him from time to time and in a typical obsessive compulsive way, he feels that he must do certain things in order to undo what he feels is going to occur and might result in harm to him. For instance, he describes a feeling of fear which can be alleviated if he takes his glass of water which he is drinking and sets it on the table and moving it back and forth several times. He also describes at length some rather marked obsessive compulsive features but is reluctant to go into them in detail. Indeed, he just started to discuss this with the people at Fulton prior to his being sent here. He appears worried and his brow is creased. It is evident that this man does have an underlying obsessive compulsive personality. He is of the opinion that his escape attempt was the result of undue anxiety and tension with the need to actually do something. He is fearful that this might lead into more serious difficulties.

At the present time, there is no evidence of delusions, hallucinations or paranoid ideas. There is evidence of a rather deep underlying obsessive compulsive personality trend which he has really never discussed at any length with anyone. This is not psychotic in nature but severely neurotic. Within the last year or so, there is evidence that he has become overly concerned about his physical health and some of his obsessive compulsive concerns have moved in this direction. We would not deny the fact that there may be some physical difficulties although he reports that this was the primary focus of his work-up at the state hospital as well as here and that very little has been found.

At the present time, it is doubtful that he is in a position to be considered for parole. His psychiatric condition must be evaluated by an independent psychiatrist and according to the court, he has the right to have this done. Where they will find this independent psychiatrist is somewhat difficult to determine in this area although they might order him to the University and have it done there. It is felt that he is in need of psychiatric help and that should any serious parole consideration be given, some type of psychiatric help should be considered, that is help, which he can receive on the outside during his parole period. He is becoming increasingly concerned about himself. We question whether or not he is beginning to be a bit depressed although he denies this. We hesitate to go into this to any greater degree at the present time until the court decides what action it will take in regards to assigning an independent psychiatrist for evaluation.

Sincerely yours,

Henry V. Guhleman, Jr., M. D.  
Psychiatric Consultant

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P  
RE: MURKIN  
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Enclosed for Bureau and Memphis is one copy of a report by a psychiatric consultant to the Board of Probation and Parole, State of Missouri, dated December 20, 1966, regarding JAMES EARL RAY.

This information is being furnished because of the psychiatrist's comments regarding RAY's increasingly severe, obsessive, compulsive trend which may aid in evaluating RAY's activities.

The information contained in this letter is confidential and cannot be released without a court order.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1741)(P)  
RE : MURKIN

ReBuairtel to Atlanta, Birmingham, Los Angeles and  
Memphis, 4/24/68.

Reairtel contained photo subject, purportedly taken  
by woman in Mexico. This photograph displayed to Birmingham  
witnesses JOHN WEBSTER DE SHAZO, JOHN DENNIS HANNERS, DONALD  
WOODS, J. L. BAKER, PETER CHERPES, WILLIAM DAVID PAISLEY, JR.,  
and HERBERT KELLY on 4/26/68. DE SHAZO stated he thought the  
photo was a good likeness of subject and HANNERS said it  
looked "something like" subject, especially the hairline.  
The remaining witnesses each stated they did not believe  
this was the subject, and could not identify him from this  
photo.

These same witnesses were shown the 1966 Missouri  
prison photo of the subject, and all agreed this was a poor  
photo of the subject as they each did not remember him being  
that thin in the face.

Each witness to date has stated the best likeness  
of the subject is the 1960 Missouri prison profile photo, if  
hair was added.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA THOMAS H. WEAVER:

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

On April 29, 1968, a former inmate of the Missouri  
State Penitentiary advised as follows:

He knew JAMES EARL RAY at the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP). From his conversations with RAY, he learned that RAY's maximum ambition in life was to make a "score" of about \$20 - \$30,000.00, after which he would go to Mexico to "hide out", living simply on the loot at the favorable Mexican exchange rate. RAY had spoken to him about his previous trips to Mexico, following "two or three" armed robberies, involving small scores, where he would "cool off" and live on beer, beans and milk. RAY spoke of Campeche Bay, near the Yucatan Peninsula, and he spoke of living with peasants on the outskirts of the town of Campeche, Mexico. RAY also spoke of a cheap "red light district" he favored located in the town of Torreon or Torrejon (phonetic), which the former MSP inmate thought was located in north central Mexico. Cost was a factor in anything RAY did, and he apparently lived frugally and budgeted his money carefully.

RAY did not like Negroes in general, but he expressed no particular feeling toward MARTIN LUTHER KING, although he has heard RAY refer to Dr. KING as "MARTIN LUTHER COON". RAY read enthusiastically, especially the weekly news magazines available at the MSP, and he would react in an outspoken manner opposing H. RAP BROWN and STOKELY CARMICHAEL when he read of their activities, as well as in opposition to publicity Dr. KING received in certain instances.

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The former MSP inmate never heard of any bounty mentioned with regard to Dr. KING at the MSP or elsewhere. He believes he has heard RAY speculate that there might be some money available through some splinter group for the murder of BROWN or CARMICHAEL, but he never heard him speak in this regard about Dr. KING. RAY did not mention specific groups or any knowledge of any real payoff information. He recalls RAY's telling him, during the time he celled with him, that while he was on the minor construction detail at the MSP, one of the guards referred to the Negro inmates working on the detail as "boy", and the Negroes went on a "sit-down" strike, and induced about two of the white inmates to join their strike, and when one of the Negroes referred to RAY as "gray", he got into a fight with that inmate, although the prison officials never learned of the fight, and the former MSP inmate's knowledge of the fight was as a result of RAY's telling him, and he does not know whether or not it is true.

RAY was a hypochondriac in that he took six or seven different kinds of pills daily, imagining that he had a "cranial depression" and a "rapid palpitation of the heart". He would use former inmate's watch with a second hand and time his pulse. He was able to obtain "pills" from going on sick call as well as through inmate sources in the MSP. The former inmate had some pills he had obtained for treatment of his arthritis, from which he obtained no relief, and RAY took these pills, thinking that he might some day have arthritis, and the pills might ward off future effects of that affliction. He believes RAY was selling amphetamine all the time he was in the MSP, but former inmate does not know his source.

RAY mentioned a traffic for the sale of small appliances in Mexico, due to the tariff Mexicans had to pay for such items they purchased legally, and he spoke of having smuggled such items into Mexico. He said he was acquainted with a man who operated a small scale smuggling business, who lived near the town of Campeche, Mexico. RAY mentioned this man so often that former inmate recalls his name: either MATEO LOPEZ GARCIA or MATEO GARCIA LOPEZ, who apparently had lived for some time in the United States, and who spoke English. He believes this is the man RAY referred



to as the owner of a small fishing boat, and he would smuggle things from Brownsville, Texas, into Mexico through Campeche Bay. He believes RAY made trips on this boat with the man, and apparently Mexican Nationals are not checked upon entering Mexico through Campeche Bay in fishing boats. He does not believe RAY could speak Spanish, other than for basic words for basic needs. He heard RAY mention a brother in St. Louis, Missouri, and he believes some of RAY's trips to Mexico were with either the brother or with someone he had participated in armed robberies with, name not given. RAY indicated he had invested a little money in TV sets and washing machines which were transported to Mexico by his friend with the fishing boat. RAY said he had been to Mexico City "a couple of times", and he apparently liked Mexico City, but said it was a "tourist trap", and he could not afford to stay there.

RAY's only reference to working had to do with past bartending jobs. He believes RAY said he had tended bar somewhere in Peoria, Illinois, and at some other town in southern Illinois, exact location not known. He never mentioned Oregon or Canada, that former inmate recalls.

RAY never mentioned to him his plans for escape or specific plans to hide out any particular place, but his conversation indicated he wanted to "make the one big score" and retire in Mexico. He mentioned that he and another man, name not mentioned, drove to Mexico, apparently Campeche, one time, in an old model Chevrolet, specific routes not mentioned. He does not know how RAY made his other trips to Mexico he claimed to have made. He said that he had lived in a rented three-room shack on the outskirts of Campeche, within walking distance of the town, and from his conversation, former inmate gathered that this was during the late 1950's. RAY said he had been in Arizona before, but he did not mention any of the Mexican-United States Border towns, other than Brownsville, Texas.

He recalls RAY mentioned having watched a "fire dance" done by small Negro boys at a hotel in Acapulco, Mexico. He indicated he had not stayed at the hotel where the performance was, since it was too expensive, but stayed at an unnamed cheaper hotel, and he indicated that live coals