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EXTENSIVE QUESTIONNAIRE TO ALL LICENSED OWNERS OF LIQUOR DISPENSING ESTABLISHMENT IN SL, SL COUNTY AND JEFFERSON COUNTY, WITH RETURN DEADLINE JUNE FIRST. RETURN WILL BE BY MAIL, AND FALSE ANSWERS BY CERTAIN TARGET OWNERS MAY CAUSE PRESENTATION TO GRAND JURY FOR USING MAIL IN FURTHERANCE OF SCHEME TO DEFRAUD. HE WILL COOPERATE FULLY IN EVENT PRESSURE OF THIS NATURE NEEDED ON PEPPER.

ATU ADVISED COURT DECISIONS HOLD PERSON HAVING ANY FINANCIAL INTEREST MAY PROPERLY FILE FORM ELEVEN SPECIAL TAX RETURN AS OWNER, BUT SHOULD SHOW PROFIT OR LOSS ON INCOME TAX RETURN. RETURNS FOR LAST YEAR NOT AVAILABLE TO IRS DISTRICT DIRECTORS FOR TWENTY WEEKS AFTER APRIL FIFTEEN LAST.. NOTE GRAPEVINE STATED LATE DECEMBER LAST AND FAILURE TO LIST PROFIT OR LOSS WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE SIGNIFICANT.

CITY ORDINANCE PROHIBITS EMPLOYMENT OF CONVICTED FELON IN TAVERNS, VIOLATION PUNISHABLE BY ONE TO FIVE HUNDRED DOLLAR FINE AND OR UP TO NINETY DAYS IMPRISONMENT, WITH EACH DAY CONDITION EXISTS CONSTITUTING SEPARATE OFFENSE.

RE: CAROL BENTON DRAKE. RE INTERVIEW EXPECTED TO NIGHT.

FELLOW PRISONER INTERVIEWS AND LOOK ALIKE RESOLUTIONS CONTINUING.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS

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533PM URGENT 5/7/68 BCD

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS, AND PHOENIX
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) 4P

MURKIN

RE MARIE MARTIN:

ATTEMPTS TO LOCATE MARIE MARTIN, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL,
ROOM TWO ZERO ONE, FIVE FIVE THREE THREE HOLLYWOOD BLVD.,
LOS ANGELES NOT SUCCESSFUL AS SHE IS OUT OF TOWN. REVIEW OF
TELEPHONIC MESSAGES REVEALED TWO ITEMS OF INTEREST: ONE NOTE
READ, QUOTE CALL SUE IN NEW YORK END QUOTE; THE OTHER, QUOTE
LARRY MORRIS, TWO SEVEN SEVEN DASH NINE EIGHT EIGHT ONE, END
QUOTE. THE LATTER TELEPHONE NUMBER BEING CHECKED OUT.

NORMAN COX ADVISED THAT ALTHOUGH HE RENTS ROOM TWO ZERO SIX,
ST. FRANCIS HOTEL FOR PURPOSE OF TAKING BOOKMAKING BETS, HE HAS
NOT OCCUPIED THAT ROOM HIMSELF IN EXCESS OF A MONTH. HE SAID HE
IS NOT A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF MARIE MARTIN, THAT HE DOES NOT AND
HAS NOT PIMPED FOR MARTIN NOR ENGAGED IN ANY BUSINESS ACTIVITY WITH
HER, LEGITIMATE OR ILLEGITIMATE. COX SAID IT IS POSSIBLE FOR
ONE OF PERSONS TAKING BETS IN ROOM TWO ZERO SIX TO BE AN ASSOCIATE
OF MARTIN'S. HE HAS NO EVIDENCE OR KNOWLEDGE OF MARTIN BEING IN
PROSTITUTION, SELLING NARCOTICS OR BOOKMAKING. COX STATED MARTIN
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MAY USE NARCOTICS ON OCCASSION. RECALLS SEEING RAY IN HOTEL BUT KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT HIM.

JOE PETERS, FORMER BARTENDER, SULTAN ROOM, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL SHOWN PHOTOGRAPH OF JAMES EARL RAY TAKEN AT PUERTO VALLARTA, MEXICO AND ONE NINE SIX EIGHT PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN AT LOS ANGELES AMONG OTHERS. PETERS SAID PUERTO PHOTOGRAPH REMINDED HIM OF INSTANCE DURING WHICH HE BELIEVED RAY SAID QUOTE HAVE YOU EVER EATEN QUAIL AT THE CAVE IN NOGALES, MEXICO? END QUOTE. PETERS SAID THAT HE HAD. PETERS ADVISED QUOTE THE CAVE END QUOTE IS A RESTAURANT IN NOGALES WHICH IS LOCATED IN A CAVE. PETERS STATED THIS WAS EXTENT OF CONVERSATION.

PETERS FURTHER ADVISED CHARLES STEIN, IS OR HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN SALE OF NARCOTICS AND SALE OF STOLEN AUTOMOBILES. STEIN ATTEMPTED TO SELL PETERS HOT CAR APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR AGO. HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY CURRENT ACTIVITIES.

RE AMERICAN INDEPENDENT PARTY

GLENN PARKER, MANAGER BELL GARDENS OFFICE FOR WALLACE CAMPAIGN WAS EXHIBITED VARIOUS PHOTOGRAPHS AVAILABLE OF JAMES EARL RAY. PARKER STATED HAS NEVER SEEN SUBJECT NOR WAS HE
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ACQUAINTED WITH SUBJECT'S NAME OR ANY KNOWN ALIASES. PARKER STATED HE WAS IN PARKERSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA, AT WALLACE HEADQUARTERS DURING PERIOD MARCH THIRTYONE TO MAY TWO LAST.

RE PUERTA VALLARTA VISITORS

INVESTIGATION CONTINUES TO LOCATE FOR INTERVIEW RESIDENTS LOS ANGELES AREA WHO WERE IN PUERTA VALLARTA, DURING OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER SIXTY SEVEN AT TROPICANA AND RIO HOTELS. INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED TO DATE FOR ANY INFOR ABOUT SUBJECT HAVE NOT BEEN PRODUCTIVE.

RE QUOTE THE LOCAL SWINGER END QUOTE

INVESTIGATION CONTINUES AT LOS ANGELES TO INTERVIEW RECIPIENTS OF MAIL THROUGH THE LOCAL SWINGER. INVESTIGATION AND THOSE INTERVIEWED TO DATE HAVE NOT BEEN PRODUCTIVE OF INFORMATION ABOUT SUBJECT.

INFORMANTS CONTINUE TO BE CONTACTED FOR INFO RE SUBJECT. NEGATIVE RESULTS TO DATE.

PHOENIX AT THE CAVE RESTAURANT, NOGALES, MEXICO, CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE ALL INFORMATION RE SUBJECT. HE MAY HAVE BEEN THERE IN EARLY OCTOBER WHILE PROCEEDING FROM BIRMINGHAM TO PUERTO VALLARTA.

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INVESTIGATION CONTINUES AT LOS ANGELES.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTENTION: MECHANICAL SECTION

FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) P

RE: MURKIN

Re Butel to Atlanta, 5/2/68, and Memphis tel to Bureau, 5/3/68.

In order to comply with Bureau instructions in referenced teletypes for circularization of all dry cleaning and laundry establishments in the St. Louis area, six hundred and fifty (650) copies of Identification Order No. 4182, dated 4/20/68, re JAMES EARL RAY, are needed.

Mechanical Section is requested to provide St. Louis Division with required material.

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1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)
1 - St. Louis
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TO DIRECTOR AND TAMPA (157-3231)
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

MURKIN. CR. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE TAMPA TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR AND BIRMINGHAM INSTANT
DATE.

JAMES L. SPARKS AND WIFE, LINDA, REINTERVIEWED THIS DATE.
BOTH REITERATED INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED BIRMINGHAM.
JAMES SPARKS TURNED OVER TO BUAGENTS ROYAL AMERICAN
IDENTIFICATION CARD AND RECEIPTS HE CLAIMS ARE DRAW RECEIPTS
ON HIS SALARY ISSUED HIM BY ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS. SPARKS
CLAIMED ID CARD ISSUED HIM DURING NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN FAIR
SEASON AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

SPARKS STATED HE KNOWS J. C. SILOMEYER (PHONETIC)
WHO HE CLAIMS OWNS ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS. SPARKS CLAIMED
WORKED ON RIDE CALLED BATCAKE WITH EMPLOYEE KNOWN TO HIM AS
MOOSE. STATED LAST EMPLOYED BY ROYAL AMERICAN DURING TAMPA
FAIR, MARCH AND APRIL, SIXTYEIGHT, WHEN HE AND WIFE WORKED

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① - Memphis (AM)
1 - Birmingham
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*We have leads
re this -*

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COOK SHACK FOR TED AND JOE WILLIAMS. WIFE CLAIMS JOE WILL REMEMBER HER BECAUSE THEY HAD AN ARGUMENT AFTER SHE, LINDA, BURNED HAND ON COFFEE URN. FROM INFORMATION FURNISHED TO IS APPARENT IF SPARKS WAS NOT EMPLOYED BY ROYAL AMERICAN HE HAS A KNOWLEDGE OF PEOPLE WHO WERE EMPLOYED AND HAD ACCESS TO THE SHOW LOT.

TAMPA WILL ASCERTAIN IF ID CARD AND PAY RECEIPTS ARE THOSE ISSUED BY ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS (AMED). SPARKS STATES HE IS LEAVING BIRMINGHAM MAY SEVEN NEXT BUT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW UNTIL THAT DATE IF NECESSARY.

AM FURNISHED MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END AND ACK.

FBI MEMPHIS

FBI ATLANTA

455AM DEFERRED 5/8/68 LWG
TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, DETROIT
FROM ATLANTA (44-2386) 3P

MURKIN

BADLY DECOMPOSED BODY OF UNIDENTIFIED WHITE MALE FOUND
AT ATLANTA AIRPORT BY ATLANTA PD NIGHT MAY SEVEN LAST IN TRUNK
OF NINETEEN SIXTY FOUR CHEVROLET BEARING NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT
MICHIGAN LICENSE D C EIGHT ONE ONE FOUR. LICENSE AND AUTO
REGISTERED TO MARY JANE SALVADORI AND JOAN MASTERS, NINE THREE
FOUR ONE NICHOLS, DETROIT, MICH. NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN MICHIGAN
LICENSE B W EIGHT TWO THREE TWO FOUND IN TRUNK. ONE RADIO NEWS-
CASTER SPECULATED BODY COULD BE JAMES EARL RAY.

FINGERPRINTS OF THIS UNKNOWN DEAD NOT IDENTICAL TO RAY,
ACCORDING TO ATLANTA POLICE DEPT. FINGERPRINT MAN. SA CARL E.
CLAIBORNE OF ATLANTA OFFICE, FORMER IDENT EMPLOYEE AND CURRENT
FINGERPRINT INSTRUCTOR, ALSO COMPARED PRINTS AND STATED DECEASED
NOT IDENTICAL WITH RAY.

FINGERPRINTS ABOARD EASTERN AIRLINES FLIGHT FOUR TWO
FOUR, ARRIVING DULLES AIRPORT FROM ATLANTA FIVE NINETEEN AM,
MAY EIGHT INSTANT. PER ATLANTA PHONE CALL, IDENT DIVISION
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REQUESTED TO (ONE) COMPARE PRINTS WITH RAY'S PRINTS FOR POSITIVE
ELIMINATION AND (TWO) ENDEAVOR IDENTIFY UNKNOWN DECEASED. FOR
ASSISTANCE, DETROIT PHONE BOOK LISTS AN ALBERT A. SALVADORI AT
NINE THREE FOUR ONE NICHOLS. A JOINT ACCOUNT BOOK FOR PARDA
CREDIT UNION (PARKE DAVIS AND CO., GENERAL PO BOX ONE ONE EIGHT,
DETROIT MICH.) ACCOUNT NUMBER ONE DASH ZERO FIVE THREE FOUR DASH
EIGHT, IN NAMES OF DOROTHY SALVADORI, DOB [REDACTED]
SSN [REDACTED], AND THOMAS A.
SALVADORI, DOB [REDACTED], SSN [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], FOUND IN TRUNK OF CAR.

NO STOLEN REPORT LISTED ON AUTO OR LICENSE.

DETROIT TELEPHONICALLY REQUESTED TO CONTACT OWNER RE
CAR, IDENTITY OF UNKNOWN DECEASED AND TO CONDUCT ANY INVESTIGATION
NECESSARY TO ELIMINATE ANY CONNECTION WITH MURKIN CASE OR TO
PROVE ANY VIOLATION WITHIN FBI JURISDICTION. SIMILAR INVESTIGATION
BEING CONDUCTED BY ATLANTA OFFICE.

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IN ANSWERING PRESS INQUIRIES, ATLANTA POLICE DEPT. IS
ANNOUNCING DECEASED NOT IDENT WITH RAY BASED ON FINGERPRINT
EXAMINATION..

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END

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FBI MEMPHIS

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SACS, ATLANTA (44-2386)
AND ALBANY (44-493)
FROM MIAMI (44-1864)

MURKIN. CR

RE ALBANY TELETYPE TO BUREAU MAY SIX, SIXTYEIGHT.

RE: MICHEL ST. PIERRE

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLA. AUTHORITIES ADVISE THIS DATE
THAT CLAUDE DAoust RELEASED FROM THEIR CUSTODY EVENING OF
APRIL FOUR, SIXTYEIGHT. CURRENT WHEREABOUTS OF DAoust
UNKNOWN TO PALM BEACH COUNTY AUTHORITIES.

AM COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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1 - Miami
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10:54 AM URGENT 5:3:68 DS

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
AND ST. LOUIS (44-775)
FROM LOUISVILLE (44-947)

MURKIN, CR, OO: MEMPHIS.

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RE MEMPHIS TEL MAY SIX LAST AND LOUISVILLE TEL MAY SIX LAST RE
TELEPHONE BOOTH ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

FOR INFORMATION ST. LOUIS, TELEPHONE CALL MADE FROM PHONE
BOOTH ST. FRANCIS HOTEL JAN. TWELVE LAST TO TELEPHONE NUMBER OF
MRS. VERA COOK, STURGIS, KY. MRS. COOK ADVISED SHE HAS SON, A. F.
COOK, JR., RESIDING UNKNOWN ADDRESS LOS ANGELES AREA. ADVISED LAST
TALKED TO SON BY TELEPHONE THANKSGIVING LAST. ALSO ADVISED SHE RE-
FUSED COLLECT LONG-DISTANCE CALL FROM SOMEWHERE IN CALIFORNIA, DATE
UNKNOWN. MRS. COOK APPROXIMATELY EIGHTY YEARS OLD.

MEMPHIS REQUESTED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO LOCATE A.F. COOK,
JR. BY LOS ANGELES FOR INTERVIEW TO DETERMINE IF HE KNOWS JAMES EARL
RAY. MRS. COOK AND SON, JAMES P. COOK, RECONTACTED MAY SEVEN LAST
AND ADVISED NO INFORMATION THEIR POSSESSION RE COOK'S ADDRESS, EM-
PLOYMENT OR ANY OTHER THAT WOULD ASSIST IN LOCATING HIM. ADVISED
IN NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE COOK RESIDED ONE SEVEN ONE SEVEN TWO KALISHER,
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CORR LINE THREE, WORD TEN SHD BE SERIAL

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

DATE: 5/3/68

FROM : *AC* SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) - P -

SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO: Memphis

Re Atlanta airtel to Director 4/25/68.

A review of NATB bulletins, Illinois State Police bulletins, and a check with agents of the Springfield Division failed to reflect any auto stolen from State of Georgia subsequent to 3/23/68.

All agents have been advised that any auto stolen from the State of Georgia and recovered in Springfield Division where subject is unknown that RAY should be considered as a possible subject.

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2 - Springfield (44-561)
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Date: 5/6/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, NEWARK (44-854) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

On 5/5/68, MARJORIE LOUISE FETTERS (protect identity), 2420 Arnold Street, Camden, N.J., advised SA JOHN E. OTTO that JERRY RAY telephonically contacted her at her residence around noon. Her telephone number is area code 609-964-4923.

For the first time in their contacts JERRY RAY acknowledged to FETTERS the subject is his brother. It is noted FETTERS was instructed to discuss the subject with RAY the next time he called her in view of recent nationwide news coverage, which identified him as the subject's brother.

RAY explained he did not want FETTERS to know he is the subject's brother, because he was fearful she would not want to continue to have contact with him. FETTERS reassured him it did not matter to her that he is related to the subject. FETTERS said RAY appeared to be quite relieved she felt this way. He then mentioned to her he has been contacted by the FBI, but he did not mention anything further regarding same.

② - Memphis
1 - Kansas City (Info)
1 - Chicago (Info)
4 - Newark
(1 - 137-) (MARJORIE LOUISE FETTERS)

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Approved: *[Signature]* Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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RAY said he was calling her from St. Louis, Mo. where he is presently living with his sister and father. He did not identify this sister. He left his job with the Country Club in Illinois under a mutual agreement with his employer due to the described recent publicity, he told FETTERS. He said he will contact the Country Club on 5/8 or 5/9/68, to determine when his employer feels he should return to work.

RAY said if he does not go back to work within the next week, he might decide to travel by car or plane to visit FETTERS in Camden, N.J.

FETTERS stated under no circumstances does she want her cooperation with the FBI in connection with this matter to ever become known outside of the FBI. She also said it is a special concern to her that JERRY RAY never know of her assistance to the Bureau.

LEAD

NEWARK

AT CAMDEN, N.J. Will continue to maintain close liaison with FETTERS looking towards ascertaining subject's whereabouts and effecting his arrest.

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: CHICAGO

FROM: OMAHA (44-310) (P)

SUBJECT: OO: MEMPHIS RE EARL RYERLY RAY (DECEASED).

SPRINGFIELD REQUESTED OMAHA REVIEW EMPLOYMENT FILE ON EARL RYERLY RAY, SUBJECT'S UNCLE, AT CB&Q RAILROAD, OMAHA, NEBRASKA, INASMUCH AS SUBJECT'S UNCLE, WHEN WORKING FOR CB&Q IN GALENBURG, ILLINOIS, FOR THIRTEEN DAYS IN NINETEEN FORTYFOUR, LISTED FORMER EMPLOYMENT FROM APRIL, NINETEEN THIRTYFOUR TO JUNE, NINETEEN FORTYFOUR, WITH SUNSET AMUSEMENT COMPANY, EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, MISSOURI, AND CB&Q RAILROAD, OMAHA.

CB&Q, OMAHA, STATE SUBJECT'S UNCLE'S FILE IS AT EMPLOYMENT MANAGER'S OFFICE, HEADQUARTERS BUILDING OF CB&Q, FIVE FOUR SEVEN JACKSON STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. CHICAGO REVIEW THAT FILE FOR ANY INFORMATION OF LEAD VALUE REGARDING SUBJECT.

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URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SACS ATLANTA AND MIAMI (44-1854)
FROM: SAC ALBANY (44-493)

MURKIN

RE MIAMI TEL TO BUREAU MAY TWO LAST.

RE MICHEL ST. PIERRE.

ALBANY ASCERTAINED SUBSCRIBER TO TELEPHONE FIVE ONE FOUR
DASH SIX SIX THREE DASH TWO TWO EIGHT EIGHT IS M. ST. PIERRE,
TWO TWO THREE FOUR PRUDENTIAL ST., VIMONT, QUEBEC, A SUBURB
OF MONTREAL.

LEGAT, OTTAWA, ADVISED RCMP CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION RE
ST. PIERRE WHO ALLEGEDLY LOST CREDIT CARDS AUGUST ONE LAST.
QUEBEC PROVINCIAL POLICE, MONTREAL, STATE CLAUDE DAQUEST IS
LEADING CAR THIEF IN MONTREAL AND PRESENT WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN.
INFO RECEIVED FROM MIAMI THAT DAQUEST INTERVIEWED PALM BEACH
COUNTY JAIL, WEST PALM BEACH, FLA., FEBRUARY TWENTYNINE LAST
BUT TIME OF RELEASE THEREFROM NOT INDICATED.

RCMP WILL CONDUCT INVESTIGATION REQUESTED RETEL. MAIL COPY
MEMPHIS.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (100-427) (P)
RE: MURKIN
CR
OO: MEMPHIS

Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau dated 4/18/68, and Los Angeles letter to Sacramento dated 4/25/68 (IO).

Re Possible Mental Condition of Subject RAY

On 5/2/68, CHARLES LUNDHOLM, Bureau of Viostatistics, California State Department of Mental Health, Sacramento, California, advised they had no record of subject RAY or his aliases ever having been a patient in any of the mental institutions back to 1922. This would also include committed alcoholics.

LUNDHOLM advised that this would not be a complete record for the State of California inasmuch as about 2/3 of the counties in California have their own Inpatient, Outpatient and Rehabilitation Centers where one could go on his own volition. The names of all these individuals are not submitted to the state. He said it was possible that counties could have central indices but did not know whether the indices would be by name or file number.

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- 2 - Los Angeles (Enc. 2)
- 2 - San Diego (Enc. 2)
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Whether counties in all states have their own facilities as they do in California is not known, but those that do, a check would have to be made at county as well as state level to be all inclusive.

Above is being submitted as a suggestion and checks on county level will be held in abeyance so that the Bureau and Office of Origin may offer additional observations if deemed advisable.

LUNDHOLM furnished a Statistical Bulletin No. 39 dated 3/14/68, wherein each county having inpatient, outpatient or rehabilitation types of service is listed as well as the number of each. It may be noted that Los Angeles County has 243 such centers.

Los Angeles, San Diego, and San Francisco are being furnished two copies of this bulletin in the event counties listed thereon are to be contacted.

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Date: **May 7, 1968**Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)

To: SAC, Memphis

✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN
OO: MEMPHIS*INDEX*

ReTPairtel to the Bureau dated 5/2/68.

Bureau is in receipt of referenced communication which attaches a Xerox copy of the Company "B" roster which included subject Ray's name.

You should hold the interviewing of the names on the roster in abeyance to a future date. It will be incumbent upon the office of origin to institute any interviews of the names on the roster in the event Memphis feels this would be necessary.

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- 1 - Tampa (157-3231)
- 1 - Kansas City (Info)

We can interview these at later date

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Date: 5/8/68

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SACRAMENTO (100-427)

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) 2P

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RE ATLANTA AIRTEL TO BUREAU APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST AND
SACRAMENTO AIRTEL TO BUREAU MAY SIX LAST.

RE: POSSIBLE MENTAL CONDITION OF SUBJECT.

ALTHOUGH THE SUGGESTION MADE IN RE ATLANTA AIRTEL HAD
MERIT, THIS SUGGESTION WAS MADE PRIOR TO THE IDENTIFICATION
OF JAMES EARL RAY AS SUBJECT OF THIS INVESTIGATION.ALTHOUGH RAY CONSULTED A PSYCHIATRIST IN LOS ANGELES,
CALIF., SUBSEQUENT TO HIS ESCAPE FROM PRISON AND WHILE IN
PRISON SOUGHT PSYCHIATRIC HELP ON ONE OCCASION, INVESTIGATION
TO DATE INTO RAY'S BACKGROUND HAS FAILED TO REVEAL ANY INFOR-
MATION TO INDICATE HE HAS EVER BEEN CONFINED TO A MENTAL INSTI-
TUTION.

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**THEREFORE, IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, UNLESS ADVISED TO THE
CONTRARY BY THE BUREAU, OFFICES RECEIVING THIS COMMUNICATION
ARE TO HOLD IN ABEYANCE ANY INVESTIGATION RE CHECK OF RECORDS
OF MENTAL INSTITUTIONS IN AN EFFORT TO LOCATE A COMMITMENT
RECORD RE SUBJECT RAY.**

**ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, LOS ANGELES, SAN DIEGO,
AND SAN FRANCISCO ADVISED BY AIRMAIL.**

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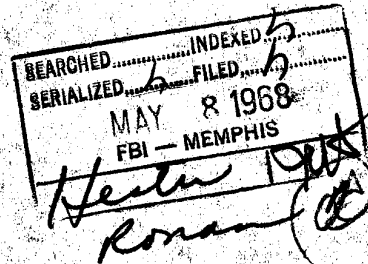
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TO DIRECTOR, KANSAS CITY, AND MEMPHIS
FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740 9 PAGES

MURKIN



THOMAS BRITTON, HALEYVILLE, ALABAMA, REINTERVIEWED IN DEPTH CONCERNING KNOWLEDGE OF JAMES EARL RAY. BRITTON ADVISED HE WAS RECEIVED IN MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY SEPTEMBER SIXTYFIVE, AND AFTER PERIOD OF QUARANTINE, ASSIGNED TO "J" HALL DURING NOVEMBER SIXTYFIVE. FIRST MADE ACQUAINTANCE OF RAY, WHO WAS ALREADY ASSIGNED TO J HALL, AS THE "WALK BOY". ADVISED RAY'S DUTIES AS WALK BOY WERE TO TAKE ORDERS FOR CIGARETTES, CANDY, ETC., WHICH COULD BE PURCHASED WITHIN PRISON, AND TO BRING HOT WATER TO PRISONERS. SAID RAY ONLY WALK BOY IN J HALL AND THEREFORE WAS FREE TO CONTACT ANY INMATES AND COULD MOVE THROUGHOUT HALL FREELY. STATED FIRST CONVERSATION WITH RAY TOOK PLACE WHEN RAY OBSERVED HIM READING BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA POST HERALD NEWSPAPER, WHICH HE HAD SUBSCRIPTION TO WHILE IN PRISON. RAY INQUIRED OF HIM IF HE WAS FROM STATE OF ALABAMA AND SAID HE HAD VISITED OR STAYED IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA AREA IN PAST AND MENTIONED SEVERAL TAVERNS

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LOCATED IN JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA, WHICH WERE KNOWN TO BRITTON. STATED RAY NEVER MENTIONED ANY ASSOCIATES, ACQUAINTANCES, FRIENDS, RELATIVES OR EMPLOYMENTS, STATE OF ALABAMA. HE ADVISED CONVERSATION ENDED WITH RAY ASKING HIM IF HE COULD HAVE HIS BIRMINGHAM NEWSPAPERS WHEN HE FINISHED READING THEM EACH DAY, WHICH WAS AGREEABLE TO BRITTON. BRITTON ADVISED THEREAFTER RAY CAME BY HIS CELL EACH EVENING AND PICK UP HIS NEWSPAPER, WHICH HE WOULD PLACE BETWEEN THE CELL BARS.

HE SAID RAY NEVER DISCUSSED HIS FAMILY, NOR DID HE EVER INDICATE FROM WHICH PART OF THE UNITED STATES HE CAME. HE BELIEVED RAY TO BE FROM THE SOUTH ONLY BECAUSE HE NEVER INDICATED WHERE HE WAS FROM, COUPLED WITH HIS INTEREST IN A SOUTHERN NEWSPAPER.

HE STATED HE PERSONALLY GAVE RAY HIS PRESENT ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER ON ONE OCCASION, TELLING RAY TO STOP BY SOMETIME IF HE EVER GOT OUT OF PRISON AND THEY WOULD HAVE A DRINK TOGETHER. BRITTON SAID RAY DID NOT ASK HIM FOR HIS ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER AND THAT HE MERELY FURNISHED HIM THIS, KNOWING THAT HE WAS DOING A TWENTY YEAR SENTENCE AND MORE THAN LIKELY HE WOULD NEVER AGAIN SEE RAY AFTER HE LEFT PRISON. HE STATED WHEN HE GAVE

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RAY HIS ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER, RAY REPLIED, "DON'T BE SURPRISED IF I CALL YOU UP SOMETIME".

BRITTON SAID RAY WAS A VERY QUIET INDIVIDUAL, SOFT SPOKEN, NEVER LAUGHED OR ENJOYED A GOOD STORY, SOLEMN FACED, AND REMAINED TO HIMSELF MOST OF THE TIME. HE WOULD OFTEN SEE RAY IN THE PRISON YARD AND ON OCCASIONS ATTEMPTED TO STRIKE UP A CONVERSATION WITH RAY, BUT HE NEVER APPEARED INTERESTED, SO HE GAVE UP TRYING TO MAKE CONVERSATION.

THE ONLY TOPIC WHICH WOULD AROUSE RAY'S INTEREST WAS THE SUBJECT OF MONEY. HE STATED ON ONE OCCASION DURING HIS CONVERSATION WITH RAY, HE WAS TALKING ABOUT HOW HE WAS GOING TO MAKE BIG MONEY WHEN HE GOT OUT OF PRISON BY ROBBING BANKS, ETC. HE SAID RAY AT THIS TIME MADE THE STATEMENT, "I HAVE A PLAN AND WHEN I GET OUT, I AM GOING TO MAKE BIG MONEY, AND IT IS NOT GOING TO BE ROBBING BANKS." HE ASKED RAY WHAT HIS PLAN WAS, TO WHICH RAY REPLIED, "THE BUSINESS MEN'S ASSOCIATION HAS OFFERED ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR KILLING MARTIN LUTHER KING, AND HE'S FIVE YEARS PAST DUE". BRITTON SAID HE THEN ASKED RAY WHAT THE BUSINESS MEN'S ASSOCIATION WAS, TO WHICH HE REPLIED, "I DON'T

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KNOW BUT I WILL FIND OUT." BRITTON SAID THAT THIS WAS THE FIRST AND LAST TIME RAY EVER MENTIONED MARTIN LUTHER KING, NOR DID HE EVER AGAIN MENTION THE BUSINESS MEN'S ASSOCIATION IN HIS PRESENCE.

HE SAID RAY TOLD HIM HE ALWAYS WORKED ALONE AND THEREFORE LIMITED THE POSSIBILITY OF BEING CAUGHT AND SAID, "I HAVE GOT A PLACE PICKED OUT WHERE I CAN HIDE", NEVER MENTIONING WHERE THE PLACE WAS LOCATED.

BRITTON STATED THERE WAS A PRISON CIGARETTE LOTTERY GOING ON ALMOST DAILY IN J HALL AND THAT RAY WAS INVOLVED IN THIS LOTTERY DELIVERING WAGERING TICKETS AS WELL AS PICKING THESE UP AND WOULD DELIVER THE WINNINGS EACH NIGHT. HE SAID THERE WERE TWO SEPARATE LOTTERIES IN J HALL, RUN BY TWO INMATES, ONE NAMED JOHNNY VALENTI AND ANOTHER FROM ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, NAME UNKNOWN, DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, ITALIAN, AGE FORTYTHREE TO FORTYSIX, DARK COMPLEXION, WITH GUN SHOT WOUND IN FACE, AND NICKNAME "DAGO". HE SAID OTHER LOTTERY IN J HALL RUN BY INDIVIDUAL, NICKNAME "BOSTON", WHO WAS DOING TWENTY YEARS, DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, FORTYFIVE YEARS, VERY SHORT, AND OCCUPIED EITHER CELL TWENTY THREE, TWENTYFOUR OR TWENTYFIVE ON THE FLAG IN J HALL, MEANING FIRST FLOOR.

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HE SAID THAT HE DID NOT LIKE VALENTI'S ODDS, SO HE ALWAYS PLACED HIS WAGERS WITH "BOSTON". STATED RAY WOULD HANDLE WAGERS, SINCE HE COULD TALK TO ANYBODY IN CELL BLOCK AND WAS REIMBURSED BY VALENTI AND BOSTON FOR THIS SERVICE.

BRITTON ESTIMATED THAT THERE WERE APPROXIMATELY TWO DOZEN LOTTERIES BEING OPERATED IN MSP WHICH CONSISTS OF FIVE SEPARATE HALLS HOUSING PRISONERS.

BRITTON SAID THAT HE NEVER SAW RAY RUN NARCOTICS OR HANDLE CONTRABAND AT ANY TIME AND ON ONE OCCASION, RAY SHOWED HIM HIS ARMS TO PROVE THAT HE HAD NEVER BEEN ADDICTED TO NARCOTICS. HE ADDED THAT HE NEVER OBSERVED RAY WITH ANY LARGE SUMS OF MONEY.

BRITTON WAS QUESTIONED CONCERNING THE COOLEY'S ORGANIZATION², AND STATED THIS WAS A PROTECTOR AND ENFORCER ORGANIZATION THAT OPERATED IN THE PRISON. HE STATED THAT WHILE ENROUTE TO MSP, HE WAS LODGED IN THE COUNTY JAIL IN SPRINGFIELD, MO. FOR SEVERAL MONTHS AND BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH A PRISONER, FNU CRAIG, WHOM HE DESCRIBED AS A "FOUR TIME LOSER." HE SAID THAT CRAIG HAS A BROTHER WHO IS A DETECTIVE ON THE SPRINGFIELD, MO. PD. HE ADVISED THAT CRAIG HAD PREVIOUSLY SERVED TIME AT MSP AND WAS BEING RETURNED TO MSP. HE SAID WHEN CRAIG LEARNED HE ALSO WAS ENROUTE TO MSP,
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HE ADVISED HIM TO JOIN THE COOLEY'S ORGANIZATION AT MSP SINCE HE WOULD NEED TO GET ALONG WITH PRISONERS AND BY BEING A MEMBER, HE COULD OBTAIN "SPECIAL FAVORS". CRAIG ALSO INFORMED HIM THAT THE COOLEY'S ORGANIZATION WOULD SETTLE ANY GRIEVANCES HE MAY HAVE AGAINST OTHER PRISONERS AND THAT THIS WAS A VERY POWERFUL ORGANIZATION AT MSP, HAVING INFLUENCE WITH GUARDS AND COULD EVEN ARRANGE "A MURDER."

BRITTON SAID AFTER QUARANTINE, HE SAW CRAIG, WHO WAS WORKING IN MESS HALL AT MSP. HE APPROACHED CRAIG AND TOLD HIM HE DESIRED TO JOIN THE COOLEY'S ORGANIZATION AND GAVE HIM A TEN DOLLAR CANTEEN BOOK, POINTING OUT THAT MEMBERSHIP FEE TO JOIN WAS TEN DOLLARS, WHICH WOULD LAST AS LONG AS AN INDIVIDUAL WAS IN PRISON. CRAIG ADVISED BRITTON THAT HE WOULD GET HIM HIS MEMBERSHIP, AND THE SAME NIGHT, JAMES EARL RAY CAME TO HIS CELL AND SAID, "HERE IS YOUR CARD", AND NOTHING ELSE, AND THEREFORE HE ALWAYS FELT RAY WAS A MEMBER SINCE HE WAS SO TRUSTED. RAY NEVER SAID HE WAS A MEMBER, NOR DID HE ASK HIM.

HE SAID THIS MEMBERSHIP CARD WAS TYPE-WRITTEN WITH HIS NAME ON IT AND HAD THE HEADING THEREON "MEMBERSHIP, COOLEY'S CLUB". HE SAID THAT THIS CARD WAS LIKE A CREDIT CARD AND IT COULD GET A

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PERSON CREDIT OR PURCHASED OF CANDY, ETC., BUT COULD NOT BE USED FOR CREDIT WITH LOTTERIES.

BRITTON SAID THAT HE HAD TWO OR THREE DIFFERENCES WITH PRISONERS OVER WAGERS AND UPON GETTING NO SATISFACTION, HE PERSONALLY CONTACTED FNU CRAIG IN THE MESS HALL, AT WHICH TIME HE DISPLAYED HIS MEMBERSHIP CARD AND FILED HIS COMPLAINT WITH CRAIG. CRAIG INFORMED HIM THAT HE WOULD HANDLE THIS GRIEVANCE; HOWEVER, THE FEE FOR HANDLING A GRIEVANCE WAS FIFTY PERCENT OF WHAT WAS DUE A PRISONER. HE SAID THAT SUBSEQUENTLY RAY APPEARED AT HIS CELL WITH HIS SHARE OF THE CIGARETTES COLLECTED FROM HIS GRIEVANCE.

HE ADDED THAT CRAIG WAS LATER TRANSFERRED FROM THE MESS HALL TO THE CHURCH FARM OUTSIDE THE PRISON WALL. HE SAID THAT PRIOR TO CRAIG'S DEPARTURE, CRAIG CONTACTED HIM AND INSTRUCTED HIM WHO TO SEE TO TAKE CARE OF FUTURE COMPLAINTS IN THE MESS HALL, BUT BRITTON WAS UNABLE TO FURNISH ANY DESCRIPTION OR NAME OF THIS INDIVIDUAL SINCE HE NEVER FILED COMPLAINT WITH HIM AND WAS SUBSEQUENTLY TRANSFERRED TO THE RENZ FARM LOCATED OUTSIDE THE PRISON.

HE ADDED THAT THE COOLEY'S ORGANIZATION WAS OPERATING WHEN HE ARRIVED AND WAS STILL DOING BUSINESS WHEN HE DEPARTED AND HE FELT THIS OPERATION HAD BEEN STARTED BY "OLD CONS WHO ARE NOW
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TRUSTIES AND WHO RESIDE IN A HALL WHICH IS TRUSTY BARRACK".

HE SAID THAT DURING THE TIME RAY WAS ASSIGNED TO J HALL, HE ATTEMPTED AN ESCAPE, WHICH WAS UNSUCCESSFUL, AND THEREAFTER HE NEVER SAW RAY AGAIN, SINCE RAY WAS NOT RETURNED TO J HALL AND HE WENT TO RENZ FARM.

BRITTON SAID THAT THE INMATES LOCATED ON EITHER SIDE OF HIS CELL IN J HALL, FNU SPRATT, CELL ONE EIGHTYSEVEN, AND GENE LNU, CELL ONE NINETY, ATTEMPTED TO ESCAPE AND OVERPOWERED GUARD, TAKING GUARD'S UNIFORM, THEN MADE SUCCESSFUL ESCAPE. ADVISED THAT INMATE, NAME UNKNOWN, WHO OCCUPIED CELL ONE EIGHTY NINE, WAS LOTTERY PLAYER AND THAT POSSIBLY INMATE, NAME UNKNOWN, NICKNAME "COWBOY", HOLDING TENDER IN CHARGE OF CONVICTS J HALL, COULD POSSIBLY FURNISH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING RAY AND THE COOLEY'S ORGANIZATION.

KANSAS CITY, ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY INMATES FNU CRAIG, FNU SPRATT, GENE LNU, "COWBOY", "BOSTON", "DAGO", ALL INMATES J HALL, AND DESCRIBED ABOVE. WILL INTERVIEW EACH INMATE CONCERNING HIS KNOWLEDGE OF RAY AND IF NO LONGER INCARCERATED, OBTAIN ADDRESS OF RECORD AND SET FORTH LEADS TO HAVE THEM INTERVIEWED. PROTECT IDENTITY OF BRITTON WHEN INTERVIEWS ARE CONDUCTED AND IN ANY LEADS SET FORTH.

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BIRMINGHAM, DURING INTERVIEW WITH BRITTON, INFORMED HIM OF THE POSSIBILITY OF PAYMENT FOR SERVICES RENDERED, BUT NO SPECIFIC AMOUNT STATED. HE APPEARS TO BE SOMEWHAT INTERESTED; HOWEVER STATED NOT INTERESTED IN POSTED REWARD BECAUSE HE FEARED "COOLEY ORGANIZATION IF IT WERE CLAIMED.

BIRMINGHAM MAINTAINING CLOSE CONTACT WITH BRITTON FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, COUPLED WITH FACT RAY MAY ATTEMPT CONTACT. BIRMINGHAM OBTAINING TOOL CALLS ON BRITTON'S TELEPHONE AND WILL INTERVIEW BRITTON'S WIFE THIS DATE. TAVERNS MENTIONED BY RAY AS HAVING BEEN FREQUENTED BY RAY IN THE PAST BEING CONTACTED. NO ATTEMPT BEING MADE TO VERIFY NEWSPAPER SUBSCRIPTION AS THIS WOULD ALERT PRESS. JAMES BROWN EX-CONVICT BEING REINTERVIEWED.

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Date: 5/8/68

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TO: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN. CR

RE CHICAGO TEL MAY SIX LAST.

JACKSON DETERMINE LOCATION OF GRADY CARROLL, FORMER
CONSTABLE, GRENADA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AND SET FORTH LEAD
TO HAVE INTERVIEWED REGARDING STATEMENT CONTAINED IN
REFERENCED TEL.

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FBI ST LOUIS

925PM URGENT 5-8-68 JHH

TO: DIRECTOR MEMPHIS CHICAGO
FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775) 1P

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JERRY RAY WILL RETURN TO CHICAGO EMPLOYMENT, LEAVING ST.
LOUIS TWO PM TOMORROW. EMPLOYER HAS SECURED NEW RESIDENCE FOR
HIM, LOCATION UNKNOWN. SPENT MORNING WITH BROTHER JOHN, AFTERNOON
AND EVENING WITH SISTER CAROL PEPPER. WILL ADVISE ST. LOUIS
PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.

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TO: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627)
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)
MURKIN

Re Mobile airtel to Memphis 5/1/68.

Enclosed for Mobile are the following:

1. Ancillary Will proceedings on the will of EDITH R. THOMPSON, deceased, filed in Houston County, Alabama. (Will originally probated Greene County, Missouri. Mrs. THOMPSON was formerly EDITH RAY.)
2. Microfilmed copies of deeds showing signatures of different heirs of Mrs. EDITH R. THOMPSON, deceased.
3. Copy of deed signed by Mrs. FLORENCE MARTIN and DELBERT MARTIN, Springfield, Missouri.
4. Copy of deed dated September 7, 1957, listing heirs of EVA UTLEY.

The enclosures have been reviewed and do not indicate any connection with the subject of this case, JAMES EARL RAY.

In accordance with request of contributor, these documents should be returned by the Mobile Division.

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SAC, LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) (RUC) ^P

MURKIN

OO: Memphis

Re Bureau airtel to Little Rock, dated 4/30/68.

Enclosed herein for San Diego are two (2) copies of a letter from EDWIN WILSON dated April 24, 1968, postmarked April 25, 1968. Also enclosed for San Diego is one (1) copy of referenced airtel.

On May 2, 1968, Mr. ED RICE, Clerk, Waldron Post Office, advised that Post Office Box 382 at Waldron, Arkansas, is registered in the name of RIAMENDA FULLER, Route 1, Waldron, Arkansas. Mr. RICE advised that Mrs. FULLER has the reputation of being a "nut" and a prolific letter writer. Mr. RICE advised that EDWIN WILSON is the son of RIAMENDA FULLER and half-brother of CECIL SHARP. Mr. RICE advised that EDWIN WILSON no longer lives in the Waldron, Arkansas, area and he did not know his current whereabouts.

On the same date, Sheriff CLYDE HAWKINS, Scott County Sheriff's Office, Waldron, Arkansas, advised he was familiar with RIAMENDA FULLER and her half-sons, EDWIN WILSON and CECIL SHARP. Sheriff HAWKINS stated that the whole family needed to be put away in a state asylum as they are a constant bother to him. Sheriff HAWKINS advised that Mrs. FULLER is constantly writing letters accusing different people of crimes. Sheriff HAWKINS also advised that Mrs. FULLER had a couple of years prior been the object of a Post Office Inspector's inquiry regarding fraud by mail. Sheriff HAWKINS further stated that he at one time tried to commit Mrs. FULLER to the State Hospital but was unsuccessful. It was Sheriff HAWKINS' opinion that Mrs. FULLER was the one who wrote the letter from EDWIN WILSON dated April 24, 1968.

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On the same date, Mrs. R. FULLER, Route 1, Waldron, Arkansas, was displayed the letter from EDWIN WILSON dated April 24, 1968, and she advised that she never saw it before and that it could have come from her son, EDWIN WILSON. Mrs. FULLER advised that she did not know what her son's address was and that she was unable to obtain it. During the course of the interview, Mrs. FULLER became very emotional and began crying; the interviewing agent at that point concluded the interview.

Attempts to locate the address of EDWIN WILSON were negative until May 6, 1968, at which time CECIL SHARP, half-brother of EDWIN WILSON, advised that his brother's current address is as follows:

EDWIN WILSON
1328 Yned Street
Coronado, California

c/o The Oxford Hotel

Zip Code: 92118

Telephone Number 435-9874

CECIL SHARP, after viewing instant letter, advised that it looked like it was his brother's handwriting but did not know why the return address was marked Post Office Box 382, Waldron, Arkansas.

For the further information of San Diego Division, EDWIN WILSON, CECIL SHARP, and Mrs. R. FULLER have previously been under investigation by the Little Rock Division concerning crank letters.

LEADS:

SAN DIEGO DIVISION

AT CORONADO, CALIFORNIA:

Will immediately interview EDWIN WILSON, 1328 Yned Street, Coronado, California, c/o Oxford Hotel, regarding

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instant letter to obtain any specific information he may have which would substantiate his belief that the subject may be in Hot Springs, Arkansas, area. At time of interview, orally acknowledge receipt of his letter.

5/7/68

PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) & BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)
FROM TAMPA (157-3231)

MURKIN

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL TO BUREAU AND TAMPA MAY SIX LAST.
TP TWENTY-FOUR - C AND GUY GARDNER, SECRETARY -
TREASURER AND BUSINESS MANAGER, ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS,
INC., TAMPA, FLA., ADVISED THAT THE SHOW HAS NOT ISSUED
"PERSONNEL IDENTIFICATION" CARDS DURING PAST TWENTY-ONE
YEARS DURING TIME THEY HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THE SHOW.
DRAW RECEIPTS MADE AVAILABLE BY SPARKS WERE NOT ISSUED
BY ROYAL AMERICAN SHOWS. WITHDRAWAL FORMS USED BY ROYAL
AMERICAN SHOWS BEAR THE COMPLETE NAME OF THE SHOW. GARDNER
RECALLED THAT DURING SHOWING IN JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI,
OCTOBER EIGHT THROUGH FIFTEEN LAST, IDENTIFICATION CARDS
SIMILAR TO ONE PRESENTED BY SPARKS, WERE OFFERED FOR SALE

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BY UNKNOWN COMPANY AT SITE OF SHOW, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

RUSSELL C. BREWER OPERATED RIDE B&TCAVE DURING
NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN. PRESENT ADDRESS NINE SIX THREE
ZERO BURNSIDE, PORTLAND, OREGON. TAMPA FAIR HELD FEBRUARY
SIX THROUGH SEVENTEEN LAST.

TED AND JOE WILLIAMS, OPERATORS OF COOKHOUSE, ROYAL
AMERICAN SHOWS, NOT AVAILABLE. WILL REJOIN ROYAL AMERICAN
SHOWS AT DAVENPORT, IOWA, JUNE ONE NEXT.

LEADS TO INTERVIEW BREWER AND WILLIAMS BEING LEFT TO
DISCRETION OF BIRMINGHAM.

WITHDRAWAL FORMS AND MANIFEST CARD USED BY ROYAL
AMERICAN SHOWS BEING SUBMITTED AMSD, BIRMINGHAM.

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Date: 5/7/68

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
OO: Memphis

Re Houston airtel to Los Angeles dated 5/2/68
re T. T. ROSS, P.O. Box 17252, Los Angeles.

Personnel, U. S. Post Office, Los Angeles,
advised 5/7/68 that P. O. Box 17252 has been subscribed
to by TERRY TARA M. ROSS, 738 South Coronado, Los Angeles
since October, 1965.

Los Angeles indices reflect that TERRY MILDRED
ROSS, aka Tara Ross, Terry M. Ross, last known address
423 West 8th Street, Los Angeles is a chronic complainant
who has periodically contacted the Los Angeles Office with
non-specific information of a rambling and incoherent nature
frequently about Russian spies and Bureau fugitives since
at least 1962.

It is noted that Los Angeles file 62-5436-2 contains
a November, 1962 letter from this individual which was
directed to True Detective Magazine, New York City, and which
states that a then Bureau fugitive regularly patronized a
Los Angeles area dance hall on Saturday and Sunday nights.
It is further noted that the handwriting in this 1962 letter
appears to be identical to that in the letter signed T. T.

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ROSS, and that both letters have identical numbers (1 through 3) at the beginning of each paragraph.

It appears that T. T. ROSS is identical to TERRY MILDRED ROSS, aka and no further investigation re this letter is being conducted by the Los Angeles Division.

5/3/68

AIRTEL

AM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
MURKIN

Enclosed are three newspaper clippings in captioned matter, one showing the two most recent photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, one captioned "Ray Indictment Believed OK's" and "FBI Hints Conspiracy Against King."

In connection with the newspaper article captioned "Ray Indictment Believed OK's," it is noted that the local Attorney General's Office has refused to confirm or deny to the newspapers that the Grand Jury did indict JAMES EARL RAY.

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(Priority or Method of Mailing)TO: SAC, ATLANTA
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) PMURKIN

In connection with investigation conducted to date in instant case, the Memphis Office has prepared a listing of pertinent dates, activity, and residences as known to Memphis concerning subject JAMES EARL RAY. This information may be subject to amplification as additional information becomes known.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Miscellaneous</u>	<u>Place</u>
4/23/67	Escape	Missouri State Penitentiary Jefferson City, Missouri
7/18/67	Harkay Apts., \$450 lease, 7/18/67 - 1/18/68 H. ROTHMAN, owner, \$75 per month. GALT skipped out.	Montreal, Canada
7/26/67	Canadian Postal Money Order	Montreal, Canada
8/26/67	2608 Highland Avenue (Rented room.)	Birmingham, Alabama
8/28/67	Birmingham Trust Nat'l Bank (Rented safety deposit box.)	Birmingham, Alabama

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Miscellaneous</u>	<u>Place</u>
3/29-30/67	Bought Mustang from WILLIAM D. PAISLEY	Birmingham
9/12/67	Continental Dance Club Studio Aka. Friendship Club	Birmingham
10/3/67	Photographic Equipment to Galt (Per records Superior Bulk Film Co., Chicago)	Birmingham
10/4/67	Operator rooming house (P. CHERPES) signed for package for GALT	Birmingham
10/5/67	GALT typed letter from Birmingham Highland Avenue address returning camera to Chicago	Birmingham
10/7/67	Approximate departure	Birmingham
10/18/67	Letter from Film Company (above) returned to Chicago from Birmingham address	
10/19 - 11/16/67	Room 212 Motel Rio, Morelos 86	Puerto Villarta Jalisco, Mexico
10/22/67	Superior Bulk Film Co., Chicago records show typed letter from GALT asking refund be sent Hotel Rio, Puerto Villarta, Jalisco, Mexico	
11/7-13/67	Hotel "Tropicana" (Rm. 417)	Puerto Villarta
11/17/67 - 1/18/68	1535 North Serrano (Apt. 6)	Los Angeles, Calif.
11/20/67	Records Chicago Film Co. (above) show GALT asked refund be sent 1535 North Serrano	Los Angeles, Calif.

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12/ 7-19/67	Provincial Motel (GALT)	New Orleans, La.
1/2 - 3/17/68	St. Francis Hotel 5533 North Hollywood Boulevard	Los Angeles
12/ 7 -2/12/68	National Dance Studios	Los Angeles
1/1 /68 - 3/2/68	International School of Bar- tendering	Los Angeles
3/24/68	113 14th St. N. E. (Rooming House) GALT last seen by landlord approximately 3/31/68	Atlanta, Georgia
3/29-30/68	Purchase of Weapon (HARVEY LOWMEYER), Aero-Marine Supply	Birmingham
4/1/68	Piedmont Laundry (GALT) No starch in clothes	Atlanta
4/3/68	Rebel Motel (ERIC S. GALT) Departed prior to 1 PM, 4/4/68	Memphis
4/4/68	Rooming House (JOHN WILLARD) South Main St., in about 3 PM	Memphis
4/5/68	Last seen A.M. of 4/5/68, Piedmont Laundry, parking Mustang	Atlanta

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DAILY SUMMARY

SIX HUNDRED PHOTOS OF SUBJECT REPRODUCED AS AUTHORIZED BY BUREAU AND KANSAS CITY IN PROCESS OF SENDING THEM TO ALL NEWS MEDIA THIS AREA. LEADS FROM PUBLICITY BEING HANDLED IMMEDIATELY.

SUSPECTS JAMES EDWARD RAY, BELLE PLAIN, KS., AS SET FORTH IN NEW YORK TELETYPE MAY TWO, LAST AND EARL K. RAY, MC PHERSON, KS. AS SET FORTH IN CLEVELAND TELETYPE, APRIL TWENTYSIX LAST ELIMINATED AS SUBJECT.

MSP RECORDS REFLECT CECIL C. LILLIBRIDGE AND SUBJECT SHARED CELL C DASH SEVENTEEN IN PRISON FROM NOV. SEVENTEEN, SIXTYSIX THROUGH JAN. EIGHTEEN SIXTYSEVEN. THIS CONFIRMED LILLIBRIDGE'S PREVIOUS STATEMENT. NAMES OF SEVEN INMATES MSP FROM LOS ANGELES AREA RELEASED SINCE APRIL ONE SIXTYSEVEN

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