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OF ABOVE LISTED SUSPECTS AND WHO MIGHT BE WILLING TO TALK.

INFORMATION FURNISHED BY INFORMANT BEING FOLLOWED  
CLOSELY AND PERSONS NAMED WILL BE LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 8/2/68

KATHERINE WILLIAR, nee OLSON, telephonically contacted the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Office on August 1, 1968 and was subsequently interviewed in the vicinity of Mount Royal and North Avenues.

WILLIAR advised that her mind was hazy as to dates. She said she is in the process of growing up and finding herself and has been very interested in Astrology, Scientology and the metaphysical theories of the Rosicrucians in this regard.

WILLIAR said she lived at the St. Francis Apartment Hotel, Los Angeles in November and December, 1967 and left there just before Christmas, moving to an apartment on Carlton Way, Los Angeles. While at the St. Francis she met a girl named MARIE who worked as a barmaid in the Sultan Room of the St. Francis. MARIE was a friend and possibly a relative of CHARLES STEIN and his sister, RITA STEIN. WILLIAR was under the impression that MARIE and RITA were from New Orleans. She met RITA at MARIE's apartment and met CHARLES STEIN at his residence 5666 Franklin Street, Los Angeles where RITA STEIN also lived with her four children.

At the suggestion of MARIE, WILLIAR stated that she started babysitting with RITA STEIN's children. These were two boys and two girls. She occasionally stayed overnight when she was babysitting at late hours and recalled one occasion when she was there for possibly two to three days with the children. WILLIAR commented that RITA STEIN had a boyfriend and that was the reason she was using WILLIAR as a babysitter. She said her association with the STEINs extended from shortly after Christmas, 1967 until she believes, sometime in March, 1968. She recalled having made a couple of phone calls from California to her mother in Maryland, one of them being from the STEIN's residence and commented that she still owed RITA STEIN for this bill. She advised that she left California suddenly after breaking up with her boyfriend and hitchhiked rides with truck drivers all across the country.

WILLIAR stated that she had no knowledge of any trips

On 8/1/68 at Baltimore, Maryland

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by SA JOHN J. GROGAN:jtk

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made by either CHARLES or RITA STEIN or any knowledge that RITA STEIN's two girls had been away from their mother at any time. She said that although she is 28 years of age she had never been in the Sultan Room at the St. Francis because she has lost her identification and could not prove her age. She stated that she never knew anyone named ERIC GALT or JAMES EARL RAY. The only time she recalls the name ERIC GALT having been mentioned by the STEINs was on one occasion when CHARLES STEIN showed her some newspaper article concerning GALT in which CHARLES STEIN's name was mentioned and that CHARLES seemed pleased because he had been able to put in a plug for his new song. She advised that CHARLES STEIN was a song writer and a promoter for musical entertainers and that he also did some house painting on the side to supplement his income. WILLIAR was shown several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and she stated that she did not recognize the photographs as being anyone she had ever met or had ever known.

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Baltimore airtel, 7/30/68.

Enclosed for Memphis are 15 copies of an FD 302 of  
KATHERINE WILLIAR, nee OLSON.

During the interview, KATHERINE WILLIAR constantly wandered from one subject to another, was obviously uncertain of dates or happenings, and is a very neurotic person. This is being called to the attention of Memphis, in view of WILLIAR's remark that she left California in March, but recalls a conversation re a newspaper clipping concerning GALT, that could only have occurred after the death of KING in April.

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (P 1)

MURKIN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU AUGUST FIVE LAST.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON NEWLY DEVELOPED SUSPECTS  
CONTINUING.

PHYLLIS GRINDSTAFF, WIFE OF DELMAR GRINDSTAFF, ADVISED  
HER HUSBAND LEFT FOR CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT IN VIET NAM AUGUST  
ONE LAST. STATES HE IS CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF JOHN MC CLINTOCK  
AND CLOSELY PARALLELS DESCRIPTION OF NUMBER ONE ROBBER AT  
BANK OF ALTON. STATES, HOWEVER, HE NEVER MENTIONED TAKING  
PART IN ANY BR NOR DID HE HAVE LARGE AMOUNTS OF CASH. STATES  
HE FREELY TALKED ABOUT BURGLARY ACTIVITIES.

MARION ANN FOSSEN AND HOWARD SHELTON, ILLINOIS STATE  
PAROLE OFFICERS REPORT NO POSITIVE RESULTS OF CONTACTS WITH  
PAROLEES AND PROBATIONERS. WILL REPORT FURTHER CONTACTS  
WHICH MAY DEVELOP.

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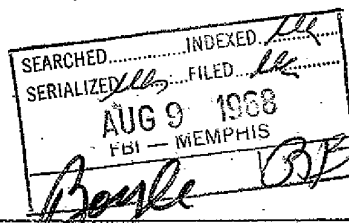
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (2 PP)  
MURKIN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED AUGUST SIX,  
LAST.

SI SIXTEEN FOURTEEN DASH C ADVISED TODAY HE DEVELOPED  
INFORMATION CONCERNING PERPETRATION OF BANK ROBBERY, THE  
BANK OF ALTON, JULY THIRTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN, THE  
RELIABILITY OF WHICH HE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO DETERMINE AT  
THIS TIME. INFORMATION INDICATES PERSONS ENTERING BANK WERE  
HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON AND DELMAR GRINDSTAFF; THAT JOHN  
MC CLINTOCK WAS WHEEL MAN DRIVING STOLEN NINETEEN FIFTY-  
THREE BUICK; THAT UNSUBS ESCAPED THROUGH TEN FOOT HEDGE  
AT REAR OF BANK AND MET MC CLINTOCK ON BROWN STREET AFTER  
WHICH THEY ESCAPED VIA LITTLE USED ROADS TO VICINITY OF  
FOURTH AND BROADWAY, SWITCHING TO NINETEEN FIFTY-SEVEN  
PLYMOUTH. SUBJECTS LATER THAT NIGHT DISPOSED OF BUICK IN

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INFORMANT INDICATES BANK LOOT SPLIT FIVE WAYS BETWEEN  
ABOVE THREE SUBJECTS AND ROGER ALLEN, TAVERN OWNER, AND  
LEON KOHLER, SUSPECTED FENCE.

INFORMANT CONTINUING EFFORTS TO VERIFY COMPLICITY  
OF ABOVE LISTED SUBJECTS AND DETERMINE PERSONS WHO CAN  
VERIFY.

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SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

8/7/68

SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P

MURKIN

Re New Orleans letter to Kansas City 7/17/68.

Referenced communication requested Kansas City to advise if it is known whether there are any persons who were inmates at the Missouri State Penitentiary during the time JAMES EARL RAY was incarcerated who at the time they were released gave a New Orleans address for residence.

A review of prison records in the names of all inmates released for a one year period prior to the time of RAY's escape failed to reveal anyone listing a New Orleans address.

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Date **7-10-68**

RE: **MURKIN**

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

☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.

☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks: **ReATAirtel and LHM dated 7-5-68. Page 1, paragraph 1, line 2 of reLHM has been amended to read as follows: .....Ebony Magazine, which letter is as follows; (the letter was semi literate and the following is not a direct quotation but sets forth the essentials:)**

**Make this addition on your copies.**

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) - P -

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RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED AUGUST SEVEN LAST.

SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR - C ADVISED TODAY HE HAS BEEN UNABLE  
TO FURTHER VERIFY INFORMATION SET FORTH IN REFERENCED TEL.  
HOWEVER, HE IS CONTINUING EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY PERSONS WHO COULD  
ASSIST IN VERIFICATION.

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ROBERT L. STANTON REITERATED DENIAL HE WAS INVOLVED IN  
ROBBERY AT BANK OF ALTON, HOWEVER, HE STATED HE HAS SOME INFOR-  
MATION, WHICH HE FEELS MIGHT BE OF ASSISTANCE. HE STATES HE  
HAS TO "THINK IT OVER" BEFORE DIVULGING INFORMATION. STANTON  
WILL BE RECONTACTED AT AN EARLY DATE TO ELICITE FURTHER INFOR-  
MATION FROM HIM.

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Date: **August 8, 1968**Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

**MURKIN**

You should provide Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General of Shelby County, Tennessee, the following investigative reports, copies of which are in your possession:

Report of Special Agent Henry A. Snow dated 4/17/68, at Birmingham, Alabama;

Report of Special Agent Joe C. Hester dated 4/17/68, at Memphis, Tennessee;

Report of Special Agent Alan G. Sentinella dated 4/18/68, at Atlanta, Georgia;

Report of Special Agent Leroy W. Sheets dated 4/18/68, at Los Angeles, California;

Report of Special Agent Stephen M. Callender dated 4/29/68, at New Orleans, Louisiana;

Report of Special Agent Joe C. Hester dated 4/30/68, at Memphis, Tennessee;

Report of Special Agent John L. Puddister dated 5/2/68, at Jackson, Mississippi;

Report of Special Agent Howard H. Rice dated 5/13/68, at Newark, New Jersey;

**Enclosures (13)***44-1987-Sub-A-843**ll**ll*

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Airtel SAC, Memphis  
RE: MURKIN

Report of Special Agent Raymond B. Howe dated  
5/15/68, at Kansas City, Missouri; and

Report of Special Agent Raymond B. Howe dated  
6/14/68, at Kansas City, Missouri.

Enclosed you will find the following original set  
and one copy of the set of documents provided to us by the  
British authorities in regards to the extradition proceedings  
of James Earl Ray:

1. Fingerprint comparison charts used in the  
testimony by our Latent Fingerprint Examiner  
George J. Bonebrake;
2. Fingerprints of Ray as taken on 6/8/68, by  
British authorities;
3. Two separate orders issued by the Bow Street  
Magistrates' Court dated 6/13/68, pursuant to  
"The Extradition Act, 1870," relative to this  
matter (One order relates to the murder charge  
in Tennessee and the other to the escape charge  
in Missouri.);
4. Medical Officer's Certificate dated 7/18/68,  
issued by the authorities of Wandsworth Prison;
5. An order dated 7/18/68, commanding Ray to  
be delivered to officials of the United States  
Government; and
6. Court testimony of several individuals.

You should provide the original set of documents to  
Mr. Canale and copy of the original set should be retained for  
your records.

In addition, you may provide Mr. Canale the enclosed  
report of New Scotland Yard. A copy of this report was  
previously provided to you for your information.

Airtel SAC, Memphis  
RE: MURKIN

In furnishing the above reports and documents to Mr. Canale, it must be with the complete understanding that the reports and documents and contents thereof are not to be released outside his office. You should insure that no administrative pages and administrative data are included in the reports disseminated to Mr. Canale.

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (64-38861)  
FROM: SAC, LITTLE ROCK (157-1512) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Atlanta teletype, 7/1/68; Jackson airtel  
to Bureau, 7/1/68.

RE: CLARENCE GORDON  
RECENTLY IN CONTACT WITH  
AN ALABAMA CHIEF

Included herewith for New Orleans Office is  
a copy of my Atlanta teletype, 7/1/68, and Jackson airtel  
to Bureau, 7/1/68.

On 7/1/68, Mr. W. C. BARNETT, Jacksonville,  
Michigan, advised, furnished by BARNETT & BARNETT, JR.,  
the following information:

MR. CLARENCE WILLIAM was a well-educated, well-  
known, working plantation owner who formerly owned and  
operated a plantation in the area of Birmingham and  
Tombigbee, Alabama. Mr. WILLIAM's home and main plantation  
is located near Wetumpka and has a mailing address of  
Tombigbee, Alabama. Mr. CLARENCE WILLIAM was formerly  
President of the Alabama State Farm Bureau. Mr. WILLIAM  
died approximately three years ago. Mr. CLARENCE WILLIAM  
was about 6'10" tall and had a mustache which Mr. BARNETT  
believed was known as "Will's Mustache" and which was

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was kept somewhere on the Mississippi River. Mr. BARNETT believed the boat possibly was docked in the area of Greenville, Mississippi.

WILL WILLIE, widow of Mr. CHARLES WILLIE, married J. BARNETT of Monroe, Louisiana, and is now known as Mrs. J. BARNETT. Mrs. WILL BARNETT and Mr. J. BARNETT spend the majority of their time in the area of Monroe, Louisiana, but also reside some on the bayou farm at Wabbeoka, Arkansas, when they are in this area. Mr. J. BARNETT is believed to have been in the real estate business in Monroe, Louisiana. Mrs. WILL BARNETT and Mr. BARNETT are not in the area of Althamer and Wabbeoka, Arkansas, at this time.

Mr. R. J. CANNON, Cashier-Vice President, First National Bank of Althamer, advised SA GEORGE A. BARNES, JR., on 7/8/68 that Mr. CHARLES WILLIE was a well-respected plantation owner and was formerly President of the Althamer First National Bank, Althamer, Arkansas, and has now been deceased about three years. He verified the information that Mr. CHARLES WILLIE's widow, WILL, had married Mr. J. BARNETT of Monroe, Louisiana, and that they spent a large amount of their time in Monroe. He advised that the BARNETTS are not in the Althamer-Wabbeoka area and he did not know when they would return to this area.

Mr. JOHN HENRY JOHNSON, Wabbeoka, Arkansas, furnished the following information to SA BARNES on 7/8/68:

He checks on and takes care of the house and grounds at the bayou farm, Wabbeoka, Arkansas, for Mrs. J. BARNETT. Mrs. J. BARNETT and her husband are presently on a trip in Georgia and the Carolinas, and Mr. JOHNSON has no idea as to when they may return. He advised they may return to Monroe, Louisiana, before returning to Wabbeoka, Arkansas. Mr. and Mrs. J. BARNETT reside as much in Monroe, Louisiana, as they do in Wabbeoka, Arkansas. Mr. JOHNSON furnished the telephone

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number 387-0214, Area Code 512, as the telephone number in Monroe, Louisiana, where he reaches Mr. and Mrs. J. BURNETT when they are in Monroe, Louisiana. He further advised that Mrs. J. BURNETT had a cousin, JIM BURNETT, and that JIM BURNETT possibly could furnish information as to when Mr. and Mrs. BURNETT would be returning to either Monroe or Vicksburg and could furnish information as how Mrs. BURNETT could be contacted. JIM BURNETT's telephone number in Monroe telephone number 225-0410.

LEADS:

NEW ORLEANS DIVISION

At Monroe, Louisiana. Will contact Mr. JIM BURNETT, telephone 225-0410, a cousin of Mrs. J. BURNETT (WILL BURNETT, former widow of Mr. CHARLES WILKIE), and determine when Mrs. J. BURNETT will be returning either to Monroe, Louisiana, or Vicksburg, Arkansas, and at which location she will first be available for interview by an FBI Agent.

2. Will attempt to locate Mrs. J. BURNETT through Monroe, Louisiana, telephone number 387-0214, and interview her in accordance with lead set forth in referenced Jackson teletype to Director, 7/5/68, to substantiate information set out in Atlanta teletype to Director and Jackson of 7/5/68.

If Mrs. J. BURNETT will not be available for interview at Monroe, Louisiana, will so advise Little Rock when Mrs. BURNETT is expected to be in Vicksburg, Arkansas.



841 Federal Office Building  
Memphis, Tennessee 38103  
August 13, 1968

Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr.  
District Attorney General  
15th Judicial District  
Memphis, Tennessee 38103

Dear Mr. Canale:

Enclosed you will find originals of the following documents which were given to us by British authorities in connection with the extradition proceedings against James Earl Ray:

1. Fingerprint comparison charts used in the testimony by our Latent Fingerprint Examiner George J. Bonebrake;
2. Fingerprints of Ray as taken on 6/8/68, by British authorities;
3. Two separate orders issued by the Bow Street Magistrates' Court dated 6/13/68, pursuant to "The Extradition Act, 1870," relative to this matter. (One order relates to the murder charge in Tennessee, and the other to the escape charge in Missouri.);
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5. An order dated 7/18/68, commanding Ray to be delivered to officials of the United States Government; and
6. Court testimony of several individuals.

2 Addressee (Enc. 16)  
① Memphis (44-1987)  
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Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., August 13, 1968

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I am also delivering to you Federal Bureau of Investigation reports as listed below:

1. Report of Special Agent Henry A. Snow dated 4/17/68, at Birmingham, Alabama.
2. Report of Special Agent Joe C. Hester dated 4/17/68, at Memphis, Tennessee.
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8. Report of Special Agent Howard H. Rice dated 5/13/68, at Newark, New Jersey.
9. Report of Special Agent Raymond B. Howe dated 5/15/68, at Kansas City, Missouri.
10. Report of Special Agent Raymond B. Howe dated 6/14/68, at Kansas City, Missouri.

Please be reminded that all the above documents are being furnished for your use and assistance and are not to be made available to persons outside your office except as necessary in your prosecution of James Earl Ray.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT G. JENSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

Enclosures (16)

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RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED AUGUST EIGHT,  
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SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR -- C ADVISED HE IS ATTEMPTING TO  
CONTACT THREE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED ABLE TO PLACE HAROLD  
RICHARD COVINGTON, DELMAR GRINDSTAFF, AND JOHN MC CLINTOCK IN  
STOLEN FIFTYTHREE BUICK AND LATER IN FIFTYSEVEN PLYMOUTH ON  
DAY OF BR, THE BANK OF ALTON; FURTHER THEY CAN TESTIFY COVINGTON  
WEARING DARK BLUE WINDBREAKER AND GRINDSTAFF WEARING LIGHT BLUE  
COVERALLS.

PHYLIS GRINDSTAFF, WIFE OF DELMAR, STATES SHE CANNOT  
RECALL COVERALLS, NOR CAN SHE RECALL DELMAR'S ACTIVITIES ON DAY  
OF BR.

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ROBERT RIZZI, DEPUTY, MADISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE,  
EDWARDSVILLE, ILLINOIS, ADVISED AUGUST TWELVE, INSTANT,  
DELMAR GRINDSTAFF, BELIEVED ARRESTED BY THAT DEPARTMENT  
FOR POSSESSION OF SAWED OFF SHOTGUN IN COLLINSVILLE,  
ILLINOIS. HE ADVISED THAT HE BELIEVED GRINDSTAFF ARRESTED  
IN THE COMPANY OF JOHN MC CLINTOCK. RIZZI ADVISED HE WOULD  
OBTAIN ALL THE INFORMATION HIS OFFICE HAS ON GRINDSTAFF  
AND FURNISH IT TO THE FBI. RIZZI FURTHER ADVISED THAT  
WILLIE LEE HAS AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE PUBLIC DEFENDER,  
ROBERT TRONE, MADISON COUNTY COURT HOUSE, ON THE MORNING  
OF AUGUST SIXTEEN, NEXT, EXACT TIME UNKNOWN.

SPRINGFIELD WILL ATTEMPT TO INTERVIEW WILLIE LEE AT

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MADISON COUNTY COURT HOUSE IN EDWARDSVILLE, ILLINOIS, ON  
AUGUST SIXTEEN, NEXT, AND WILL OBTAIN INFORMATION PERTAINING  
TO DELMAR GRINDSTAFF. WILL KEEP BUREAU ADVISED OF DEVELOP-  
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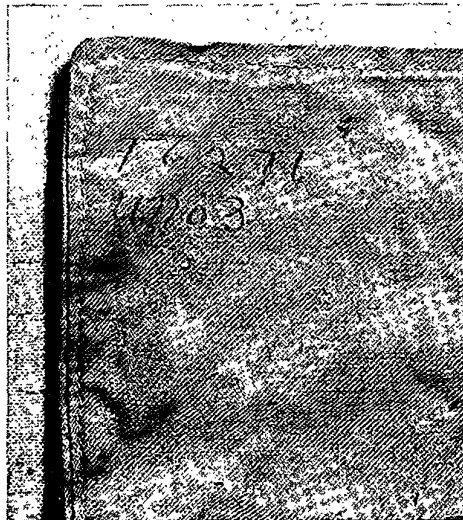
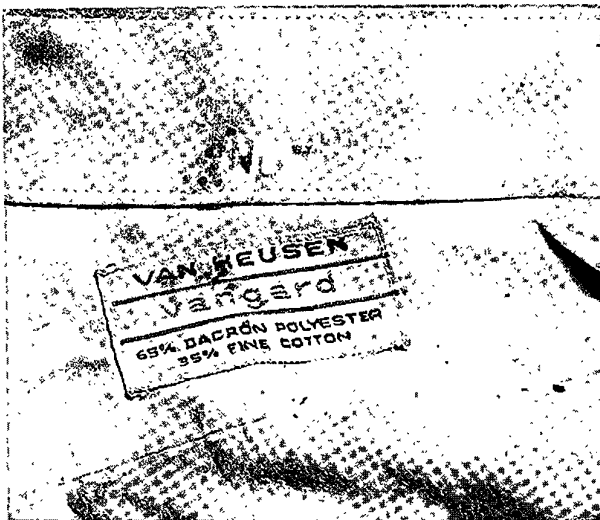
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**TO ALL LAUNDRIES AND DRY CLEANING ESTABLISHMENTS:**

On July 13, 1967, two unknown males, wearing stocking masks, robbed The Bank of Alton, Alton, Illinois, at gunpoint and obtained over \$27,000. Investigation of this crime led to the recovery of a white Van Heusen Vanguard shirt and a pair of tan trousers among other items.

The shirt bears laundry marks and the trousers dry cleaning symbols, facsimiles of which appear below. The laundry marks appear on the shirt collar, and dry cleaning symbols appear on the front and rear pockets on the right side of the trousers.



If, after review of the above facsimiles, you feel you have information which would be of assistance to the FBI, please call the nearest office of the FBI, the telephone number of which is in the front page of your telephone directory.

Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED AUGUST  
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SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR - C ADVISED HE HAD BEEN UNABLE  
TO GATHER FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING HAROLD RICHARD  
COVINGTON AND ASSOCIATES. HE ADVISED HE WOULD CONTINUE TO  
DEVELOP INFORMATION THAT WOULD AID IN THE INVESTIGATION OF THE  
BANK ROBBERY OF THE BANK OF ALTON.

WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO INTERVIEW WILLIE LEE AND  
OTHER ASSOCIATES OF HAROLD COVINGTON AND WILL KEEP THE BUREAU  
ADVISED.

AIRMAIL COPIES OF THIS TELETYPE HAVE BEEN SENT  
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