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#### VEHICLE CHECKS

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA JOHN B. WOODRUFF:

On April 23, 1968, Mrs. BERTHA COLLINS Secretary, Communications Division, West Virginia State Police, State Capitol Building, Charleston, W. Va., made available all outgoing license checks made through the West Virginia communications center from April 1, 1968, to date, and they were personally checked by the writer for checks made with Georgia and the following Georgia license checks were found:

April 9, 1968, by Police Dept., Beckley, W. Va.,  
on 1967, Georgia Registration Nos. 66J954 and 4-06033 or 40-6033.

April 19, 1968, by State Police, Beckley, W. Va.,  
on 1967 Georgia Registration No. 4D6033.

April 22, 1968, by Sheriff's Office, Marion County,  
Fairmont, W. Va., on 1968 Georgia Registration 510-653.

April 23, 1968, by Police Dept., Wheeling, W. Va.,  
on 1968 Georgia Registration 6-J3484.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA ROBERT D. WARDEN:

On April 19, 1968, Desk Sergeant WILFRED MATHENA, Police Department, Bluefield, W. Va., and Sgt. R. C. STOVER, West Virginia State Police, Princeton, W. Va., advised the writer that none of their men have reported seeing the 1955 or 1956 Dodge in this area.

On April 23, 1968, Desk Sergeant WILFRED MATHENA, Police Department, Bluefield, W. Va., and Sgt. R. C. STOVER, West Virginia State Police, Princeton, W. Va., advised the writer on this date that their departments have not recovered any cars with Georgia license plates since April 4, 1968.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA RAY V. SHOEMAKER:

On April 23, 1968, Detective PAUL PRICE, Auto Squad,

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Huntington, W. Va., Police Dept., advised SA RAY V. SHOEMAKER that there have been no cars stolen in Georgia recovered in Huntington, W. Va., since April 5, 1968. Detective PRICE stated he would remain alert and would immediately notify the FBI if any such situation occurs.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA CYRIL J. LAFFEY:

On April 24, 1968, the following sources were contacted and advised they had no record of any abandoned or suspect stolen automobiles or any inquiries relative to any automobiles with the State of Georgia license plates subsequent to April 4, 1968:

Cpl. HAROLD MOORHEAD, Administrative Office,  
Pennsylvania State Police, Troop A,  
Greensburg, Pa.

Chief of Police PETER A. PIGNETTI,  
Greensburg, Pa., Police Department.

Capt. EDWARD GORDON, Westmoreland County  
Detective Bureau, DAO, Greensburg, Pa.

It is noted that all police department agencies in Westmoreland County utilize the Pennsylvania State Police teletype system relative to any suspect abandoned, suspect stolen or suspicious automobiles. Pennsylvania State Police, Greensburg, Pa., also covers Indiana County, Pa.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA WILLIAM T. HENDON, JR.:

The following police agencies were contacted on the dates indicated, and all advised that they had not found any abandoned cars with Georgia registration since April 4, 1968. They will be on the lookout for same and will notify the FBI if any are found:

April 24, 1968 Sgt. TOM CUFF, Troop C,  
Pennsylvania State Police, Punxsutawney, Pa.

April 23, 1968, Cpl. JOE SASALA, Pennsylvania

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State Police, Kittanning, Pa.

April 24, 1968, Chief of Police HARRY OWENS,  
Indiana, Pa., Police Department

April 23, 1968, Chief of Police MELVIN BOWERS,  
Kittanning, Pa., Police Department

April 24, 1968, Patrolman JOHN POSTELWEIGHT,  
Punxsutawney, Pa., Police Department

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA JAMES V. KINNANE:

On April 24, 1968, Patrolman WILLIAM MC LAUGHLIN,  
Erie, Pa., Police Department, advised that there have been no  
cars recovered in Erie during the past month bearing Georgia  
license plates.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA JOHN S. HUGHES on April 24, 1968:

Sergeant ROBERT MILLIRON, Pennsylvania State Police  
Troop Headquarters, Hollidaysburg, Pa.; Trooper DAN JERSEVITCH,  
Pennsylvania State Police, DuBois, Pa.; Sergeant ROBERT HARRISON,  
Pennsylvania State Police, Clearfield, Pa.; Sergeant LEO DE POLO,  
Pennsylvania State Police, Somerset, Pa.; and Sergeant  
HOWARD REPPERT, Pennsylvania State Police, Turnpike Detail,  
Everett, Pa., all advised that no stolen cars from the  
State of Georgia had been recovered in their territory in  
the past month.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA EUGENE F. CABLE:

The Pennsylvania State Police on April 23, 1968,  
reviewed all teletypes, and no record of recovered cars  
stolen in Georgia in the month of April was located. There  
are 59 police departments in Beaver County, all of which  
report out of state recoveries to the writer and use  
Pennsylvania teletype facilities.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SAs R. STEPHEN THOMPSON and EUGENE C. JONES:

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On April 24, 1968, SA EUGENE C. JONES contacted the Fairmont W. Va., Police Dept., and the Clarksburg, W. Va., Police Dept., regarding any vehicles recovered by them since April 4, 1968, with Georgia license plates with negative results.

On April 26, 1968, SA R. STEPHEN THOMPSON contacted the Morgantown Police Department in connection with the same matter with negative results.

On April 24, 1968, SA R. STEPHEN THOMPSON contacted the Marion County Sheriff's Office at Fairmont, W. Va., and discovered that they had sent an inquiry via West Virginia State Police teletype to Georgia authorities regarding a 1966 blue Ford, bearing Georgia License Plates 510-653. They received a reply from Georgia authorities that they had no stolen or missing report on this car. The Marion County Sheriff's Office inquired about the call after receiving a call from JOE SESTITO, owner, Parkette Drive-In Restaurant, that two white males driving this vehicle were in his restaurant and acted suspiciously.

On April 24, 1968, SA R. STEPHEN THOMPSON interviewed SESTITO, and he advised that these two men acted funny in his place and indicated to him that they were staying in the Belmont Motor Inn which is approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  block down the road from his cafe. SESTITO viewed photos of JAMES EARL RAY, also known as ERIC STARVO GALT, and stated that the two men did not resemble any of the photos.

On the same date, AUNILL DEIRIGGI, Manager, Belmont Motor Inn, supplied the registration card dated April 22, 1968, for two men. Only one name appeared on the card, ROBERT E. LOONWY, 859 Washington Ave., Macon, Ga. The card also contained a description of their car, which was described as a 1966 Ford Galaxie, Georgia License 510-653. DEIRIGGI viewed photos of JAMES EARL RAY, also known as ERIC STARVO GALT, and advised that neither of the two men resembled the photos.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA LINNEY L. CONNOLLY, JR.:

Contact with police agencies in the Elkins Resident Agency territory has not revealed any automobiles reported stolen in the State of Georgia.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA EDWARD R. FLEMING, JR.:

On April 24, 1968, records at the Martinsburg and Charles Town, W. Va., Police Departments were checked and no information concerning any car with a Georgia license was found on the various logs and records maintained by these departments.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA GEORGE A. PATTERSON:

The following police agencies were contacted regarding Georgia car recovery:

April 25, 1968

West Virginia State Police and Sheriff's Office,  
Lewisburg, W. Va.

The police departments of Lewisburg,  
Ronceverte and White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.

West Virginia State Police and Sheriff's Office,  
Union, W. Va.

West Virginia State Police and Sheriff's Office,  
Hinton, W. Va.

April 26, 1968

West Virginia State Police, Sheriff's Office,  
and Police Department, Summersville, W. Va.

West Virginia State Police, Sheriff's Office,  
and Police Department, Richwood, W. Va.

West Virginia State Police, Sheriff's Office,  
and Police Department, Marlinton, W. Va.

All contacts negative.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA RICHARD A. JONES:

On April 29, 1968, Sgt. CHARLES JEROME, Wheeling, W. Va., Police Department, requested a check on a 1968 Georgia License 6J3484, which he observed on a 1967 or 1968, royal blue, Chevrolet sedan parked for two or three days behind the Madison School on Maryland St.

A check with the West Virginia State Police revealed this vehicle registered to MALORA PARKS, 1021 Azela Ave., Augusta, Georgia. No stolen report.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA DEAN M. HOWEN at Beckley, W. Va.:

On April 24, 1968, VIVIAN RIFFE, radio operator, West Virginia State Police, stated that on April 9, 1968, a teletype message was sent at 6:21 PM by Radio Operator GARNET MURPHY for the Beckley Police Department, to State Police, Atlanta, Georgia, to check 1967 Georgia registrations 66J954 and 4-06033 or 40-6033. The same evening Georgia State Police, Atlanta, replied that 1967 Georgia License 66J954 was registered to J. J. THOMPSON, Midland Ave., Winder, Ga., for a 1959 Chevrolet convertible, Vehicle Identification No. E59B226920, no stolen report; that there were no registrations under the numbers 4-06033 or 40-6033. This message came in at 10:22 PM and was given to Beckley Police Department, no name recorded.

Miss RIFFE also stated that on April 19, 1968, a teletype message was sent at 12:51 PM by Radio Operator GARNET MURPHY to State Police, Atlanta, Ga., to check 1967 Georgia License 4D6033. At 10:35 PM, April 19, 1968, Georgia State Police, Atlanta, Ga., replied that 1967 Georgia License 4-D-6033 is registered to EDWARD H. CUMMINGS, 152 Kessler Dr., Ft. Benning, Ga., on a 1964 Volkswagen, Vehicle Identification No. 0570249, no stolen report.

On April 24, 1968, Mrs. GARNET MURPHY, Radio Operator, West Virginia State Police, advised that Georgia license check information was requested by Beckley Police Dept., on April 9, 1968, and she did not know the purpose of this data.

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Mrs. MURPHY stated that the Georgia license check on April 9, 1968, was sent upon the request of the bookkeeper at the West Virginia Turnpike Service Station, an Esso Station, Beckley Exit, as incomplete data had been received for a gasoline credit purchase some time earlier and the data was needed for proper billing.

Sgt. THOMAS DURRETT, Detective Bureau, Beckley Police Dept., advised he had no knowledge of any request for Georgia license data on or about April 9, 1968.

Sgt. G. T. STARR, Beckley Police Dept., advised he was on duty and in charge the evening of April 9, 1968, and he had no knowledge of any Georgia license data requested that date. He said he was at the Police Department at and around 6 PM on April 9, 1968, and the only other persons there were a new patrolman, in his constant company, and NELSON COOK, clerk, who was answering the telephone calls. Sgt. STARR stated that as a result of numerous unsolved house burglaries, the citizens had been requested to be alert for strange vehicles in their neighborhoods and to notify the police department of license numbers observed, and it is possible that some citizen had called in the two Georgia license numbers on April 9, 1968. He added that NELSON COOK is lax in keeping a complete log of telephone and radio calls and may have failed to record the data received. He said that COOK was on vacation and unavailable.

On May 2, 1968, NELSON COOK, communications clerk, Beckley Police Department, advised that he was working the evening of April 9, 1968, but had no knowledge of any Georgia license checks. He said it was possible that some off-duty patrolman had requested the license checks from his home.

On May 3, 1968, Chief of Police WILLIAM A. TEUBERT, Sgt. G. T. STARR, and Sgt. THOMAS DURRETT, Beckley Police Department, advised they could develop no information to identify anyone from that department who had requested Georgia license checks on April 9, 1968.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA J. EDWARD MADVAY:

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On April 24, 1968, DARLA KESTNER teletype room, Pennsylvania State Police, and Sergeant LEE CHICINNA, Sergeant in Charge of Traffic Detail, Pennsylvania State Police, advised after a review of their records that there had been no automobiles recovered from the State of Georgia since the first of April, 1968.

On April 24, 1968, Chief of Police TOM BELLHY, Washington, Pa., Police Department, advised from records that no out-of-state Georgia license tag had been on any vehicle recovered nor had any automobile originating from the State of Georgia been recovered in Washington, Pa.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA WILLIAM T. DOUGHERTY:

On April 30, 1968, the below listed individuals advised that a review of the records of their respective agencies failed to disclose the recovery of any stolen cars from the State of Georgia subsequent to March 23, 1968:

Chief of Police JAMES MAHONEY, Uniontown  
Police Department, Uniontown, Pa.

Trooper HARRY EWING, Pennsylvania State  
Police, Uniontown, Pa.

Detective NICK STASIA, Connellsville Police  
Department, Connellsville, Pa.

Corporal JOSEPH SOUDERS, Pennsylvania State  
Police, Waynesburg, Pa.

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA GEORGE KETCHEL ADAMS:

On April 11, 1968, Mrs. LUCILLE MC CORMICK, Title and Registration Division, and Mrs. PATRICIA BURNEY, Drivers License Division, West Virginia State Department of Motor Vehicles, Charleston, W. Va., advised the files of their offices contain no information concerning a 1966 Ford Mustang, Vehicle Identification No. 6T07C190647, or ERIC STARVO GALT.

On April 19, 1968, Officer J. C. ROBINSON, Communications Operator, Police Department, Charleston, W. Va., and Mrs. PAULINE DICKSON, Communications Operator, Company B, West Virginia State Police, South Charleston, W. Va., were furnished with descriptive information concerning a three-tone off-white and green 1955-1956 Dodge, four-door sedan bearing 1968 Florida license with a prefix of 10W and followed by four or five digits, numbers unknown. Officer ROBINSON and Mrs. DICKSON stated a review of their respective files was negative for any information concerning such a vehicle. They advised the description of the Dodge would be made available to units in the Charleston, W. Va., area.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA WILLIAM LOGAN CURTIS:

On April 23, 1968, RAY WOLOSIK, Allegheny County Detective Bureau, advised that there have been no vehicles bearing Georgia license plates recovered in Allegheny County since March 23, 1968. He advised that should any be recovered, he would immediately notify the FBI.

On April 23, 1968, JOHN TUNNEY, Auto Pound, Pittsburgh Police Department, advised that there have been no vehicles with Georgia license plates towed to their Pound since March 23, 1968.

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The following members of the West Virginia State Police advised SA MAX L. GEIMAN that no automobiles from the State of Georgia have been recovered in their respective counties since April 4, 1968:

May 10, 1968	Corporal J. M. DENNIS Pleasants County
May 16, 1968	Trooper C. R. DUNCAN Wood and Wirt County
May 16, 1968	Corporal CARL LAGURSKI Calhoun County
May 16, 1968	Corporal WILLIAM ROBINSON Ritchie County
May 17, 1968	Corporal W. V. BISHOP Jackson County

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The following police departments were contacted on May 3, 1968, by SA OLIVER H. HUNTER, III, and car recovery records reviewed regarding possible stolen cars from the State of Georgia, subsequent to March 23, 1968; that each representative stated that that department has not recovered any vehicles with Georgia plates recently:

Chief DANIEL F. GROSS  
Sharon, Pa., Police Department

Chief WILLIAM L. CAPUTO  
Farrell, Pa., Police Department

Chief DONALD F. REINHART  
Greenville, Pa., Police Department

Chief JOHN C. WHITMORE  
Hickory, Pa., Police Department

Chief THOMAS WELTON  
Sharpsville, Pa., Police Department

Corporal GEORGE BABICS  
Pennsylvania State Police,  
Mercer, Pa.

Chief RICHARD E. HANNA  
New Castle, Pa., Police Department

Trooper THOMAS J. PETROVICH  
Pennsylvania State Police,  
New Castle, Pa.

In addition, the above advised that they do not maintain unidentified latent fingerprints files and any unidentified prints on file there in connection with local cases were obtained prior to April 23, 1967; therefore, they were unable to assist in this individual project.

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DANGEROUS. JAMES EARL RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 6/6/68

FROM : SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re U. S. Postal Money Orders  
used by ERIC STARVO GALT.

Re LA teletype 4/22/68; WFO teletype 4/23/68;  
and WFO airtel 4/26/68.

Enclosed for Memphis are 15 copies of report  
insert reflecting search for U. S. postal money orders.

② - Memphis (Enc. 15) *man*  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760)

MURKIN

Re Kansas City daily summaries 6/5/68 and 6/6/68.

Enclosed to the Bureau and each office is one photograph of JACQUELINE "JACKIE" KLINE, aka JACQUELINE GOLDSTEIN, KAYE ROSENBERG. Enclosed photograph of KLINE furnished for use in investigation to locate her paramour PAUL OSBORN BRIDGEMAN, former fellow inmate of subject RAY, for interview.

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TO SAC SPRINGFIELD

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

IN VIEW OF FACT THAT SOURCE OF FUNDS OF SUBJECT HAS NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT SPRINGFIELD COMPLETELY EXHAUST EVERY AVENUE AVAILABLE TO DETERMINE IF SUBJECT INVOLVED IN ROBBERY OF BANK OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, ON JULY THIRTEEN SIXTY-SEVEN.

IT WILL BE INCUMBENT UPON SPRINGFIELD TO INSURE THAT APPROPRIATE DIVISIONS THOROUGHLY, EXHAUSTIVELY COVER EVERY LEAD IN A MOST EXPEDITIOUS MANNER. COPY MAILED MEMPHIS. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO LEGAT MEXICO CITY  
FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)  
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SUBJECT UNDER NAME OF RAMON GEORGE SNEYD IN APPLICATION  
FOR CANADIAN PASSPORT LISTED DATE OF BIRTH AS   
 BORN TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA AND DESCRIBED  
AS MALE, FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, BLACK HAIR BLUE EYES  
ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHT POUNDS.

YOU ARE REMINDED THAT ANY STOPS PLACED CONCERNING  
SNEYD IS TO BE IN NO WAY CONNECTED WITH ASSASSINATION OF  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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LIAISON WITH TORONTO, CANADA, PD, TO ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IF RAY WAS IN TORONTO BETWEEN APRIL TWENTYFOUR, SIXTYSEVEN, AND JULY EIGHTEEN LAST, THE LATTER DATE BEING THE DATE THAT RAY OBTAINED AN APARTMENT IN MONTREAL, CANADA, IN THE NAME OF ERIC S. GALT. DETERMINE IF RAY COULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY UNSOLVED ROBBERIES OR BURGLARIES INVOLVING LOSS OF LARGE SUMS OF MONEY OR MERCHANDISE EASILY CONVERTED INTO MONEY DURING THIS PERIOD OR DURING THE PERIOD APRIL FIVE LAST TO MAY SIX LAST.

KANSAS CITY IS REQUESTED TO REINTERVIEW GEORGE BEN EDMONDSON, INMATE, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, FORMER TOP TEN FUGITIVE WHO ESCAPED AND FLED TO CANADA, TO ASCERTAIN IF HE CAN FURTHER ASSIST IN GIVING DETAILS RE ESCAPE ROUTE TO CANADA AND IDENTITY OF CONTACTS IN CANADA, PARTICULARLY MONTREAL AND TORONTO, FOR OBTAINING NECESSARY DOCUMENTS FOR CANADIAN PASSPORTS. IF EDMONDSON WILL NOT FURNISH THIS

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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INFORMATION, CONSIDER CONTACT WITH OTHER INMATES AND INMATE SOURCES OF PRISON PERSONNEL, AS EDMONDSON CLAIMS THIS TYPE OF INFORMATION READILY KNOWN BY OTHER INMATES AND FUGITIVES.

A REVIEW OF RAY'S INMATE FILE REVEALS THAT JOSEPH SEIBERT, INMATE NO. W - ZERO NINE ONE ONE ONE, ALSO MADE AN UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE FROM MSP ON MARCH ELEVEN, SIXTYSIX. INTERVIEW SEIBERT TO ASCERTAIN IF HE HAD ANY KNOWLEDGE OF RAY'S ESCAPE PLANS AND IF SEIBERT POSSESSES ANY INFORMATION RE ESCAPE ROUTE TO CANADA AND MEANS OF OBTAINING CANADIAN PASSPORT. P. END.

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Special Agent in Charge



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

206 Dillingham Building  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 157-131

June 10, 1968

Mr. John O'Shea  
District Director  
Immigration and Naturalization Service  
P. O. Box 461  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96809

Re: Ramon George Sneyd  
Unlawful Flight to Avoid  
Confinement - Robbery

Dear Mr. O'Shea:

By letter dated June 6, 1968, we requested that you place a stop notice in your files for the captioned individual.

As Sneyd has been located, this stop notice is no longer required and may be removed. ||

Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

PAUL H. FIELDS, JR.  
Special Agent in Charge

cc: Dr. Ernest I. Murai  
Collector of Customs  
228 Federal Building  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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BUSHNELL BUILDING, 2828 EAST FOOTHILL BLVD.  
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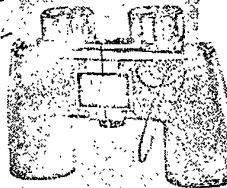
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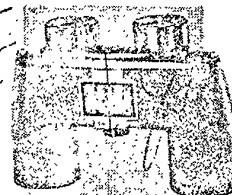
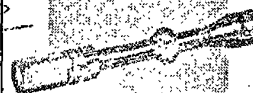
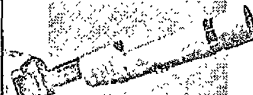
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TO DIRECTOR AND BUFFALO  
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN.

RE BUFFALO TEL EIGHT ELEVEN P.M., JUNE ELEVEN PAST.

IT IS NOTED ROBERT MC DOULDTON IN INFORMATION FURNISHED  
TORONTO PD EXPLAINED HE HAD USED PUBLIC PHONE BOOTH IN VICINITY  
NINE SIX TWO DUNDAS STREET AND FOUND ENVELOPE THERE ADDRESSED  
TO SNEYD AT DUNDAS ADDRESS. REQUEST BUFFALO THROUGH LIAISON  
WITH TORONTO PD DETERMINE IF POSSIBLE LONG DISTANCE PHONE CALLS  
THAT MAY HAVE EMANATED FROM PHONE BOOTH OF INTEREST. STRONG  
POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT SUBJECT MAY VERY WELL HAVE USED PHONE  
BOOTH AND THIS MIGHT ACCOUNT FOR ENVELOPE BEING THERE.

A &amp; D.

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RGJ:BN

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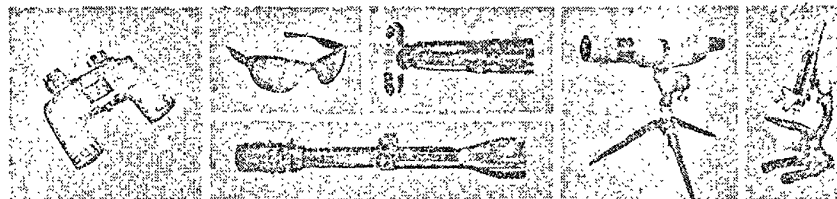
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861), AND SACS, LOUISVILLE (44-947),  
AND ST. LOUIS (44-775)

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

MURKIN.

REFERENCE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU SIX SEVEN LAST AND  
LOUISVILLE TELETYPE TO BUREAU SIX SIX LAST.

WITNESSES THE BANK OF ALTON RECONTACTED, ADVISE THEY  
DO NOT FEEL THEY COULD MAKE POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION OF UNSUBS  
DUE TO SILK STOCKING MASKS.

LOUISVILLE AT MAYFIELD, KENTUCKY, DISPLAY PHOTOS JAMES EARL  
RAY TO LARRY MC INTOSH, MENS STYLE SHOP TO DETERMINE IF RAY  
KNOWN THERE. FURTHER DISPLAY PHOTOS TO SOURCES AND POLICE  
AGENCIES FOR SAME PURPOSE.

ST. LOUIS REINTERVIEW GAWRON TO DETERMINE IF HE WAS  
CONTACTED BY RAY SUBSEQUENT TO ESCAPE MSP AND BR JULY THIRTEEN  
LAST.

AIRMAIL COPIES SENT CHICAGO AND MEMPHIS FOR INFO.

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TO: SAC, ALBANY

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN

In view of subject's apprehension, any office having outstanding leads or requests for circularization in any publication of any kind should cancel outstanding request now.

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- 2 Albany
- 1 All Continental Offices
- 1 Memphis

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*anchorage, Honolulu  
+ San Juan also  
acknowledged BJB.*

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(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-450)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memphis tel to Bureau dated 6/7/68, and Los Angeles airtel to Bureau dated 6/7/68.

In view of the fact that information furnished by PAUL BRIDGEMAN apparently inaccurate, he will not be re-interviewed by Minneapolis UAC by office of origin.

② - Memphis  
1 - Minneapolis  
CSL:jlj  
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resolved -  
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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947) P

SUBJECT: MURKIN

*Hat in  
Alton, Ill.  
Bank Robbery  
FBI*

Reference Springfield teletype to Bureau,  
dated 6/10/68.

On 6/11 and 12/68, photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were displayed to LARRY MC INTOSH and former owners of Mens Style Shop, Mayfield, Kentucky. Mr. WATT C. SEAY and EDWIN WILSON all advised that on an average of one year they sell over 40 dozen Royal De Luxe Stetsons and that the pictures of JAMES EARL RAY are completely unfamiliar to them. All advised that more likely the hat purchased at Mayfield, Kentucky, was done so by a cash purchase and no record would be kept of such a transaction. All stated no charge record was available of information concerning the purchase of a Royal De Luxe Stetson.

Further, photographs displayed to COP of Mayfield, Kentucky, Sheriff Graves County, Mayfield, Kentucky, and County Judge Graves County all advised they are unable to make an identification concerning JAMES EARL RAY.

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4-53 PM URGENT 6-14-68 LRK

TO DIRECTOR MEMPHIS MINNEAPOLIS  
FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 1P

MURKIN

RE MINNEAPOLIS TELETYPE TO BUREAU INSTANT DATE.

KANSAS CITY TELEPHONE DIRECTORY, KANSAS CITY MO. PD, AND KANSAS CITY LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD FAILED TO REVEAL ANY RECORD IN THE NAME OF SEVERLY HILL, JAMES DUARDI, OWNER, AND KAY HARRISON, BARNARD, OLD FORTRESS TAVERN, KANSAS CITY, ADVISED THEY DID NOT KNOW ANY PERSON IDENTICAL TO PHOTOGRAPH OF JAMES EARL RAY.

RECORDS, KANSAS CITY, MO. PD, REVEALED THAT PAUL BRIDGEMAN WAS ARRESTED FEB EIGHT LAST AT EIGHTYFIFTH AND TROOST STS., KANSAS CITY, FOR DISTURBING THE PEACE BY FIGHTING IN THE OLD FORTRESS TAVERN AT THAT ADDRESS.

IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE AND IN VIEW OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN MEMPHIS TELETYPE DATED JUNE SEVEN LAST AND DALLAS TELETYPE DATED JUNE SIX LAST, NO ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION IS BEING CONDUCTED IN THIS MATTER UNLESS ADVISED TO THE CONTRARY BY OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

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KANSAS CITY

MEMPHIS

DATA

FROM MINNEAPOLIS (157-450) 4P

MURKIN

RE MINNEAPOLIS TEL JUNE SEVEN, LAST, AND MEMPHIS TEL  
JUNE THIRTEEN LAST.

PAUL BRIDGEMAN, FORMER INMATE, MSP, JEFFERSON CITY,  
MISSOURI, REINTERVIEWED AND ADVISED HE SAW JAMES EARL RAY AT  
FORTRESS BAR, KANSAS CITY, APPROXIMATELY THREE WEEKS AFTER  
HIS DISCHARGE FROM MSP, JANUARY SIXTEEN, LAST. HE ADVISED  
AT TIME HE WAS LIVING AT FIVE FOUR THREE EIGHT SKYLINE DRIVE,  
MISSION, KANSAS, (NOT VILLAGE). HE ADVISED A MIKE HEAD,  
DESCRIBED AS MALE, WHITE, FIVE FEET NINE INCHES, ONE SIX ZERO  
POUNDS, SANDY WASHY HAIR, WHO WORKS FOR HIS FATHER IN CHALL  
CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, WAS IN BAR AT TIME AND WAS BEVERLY HILL  
AND WANTED TO KNOW WHO SHE WAS.

BRIDGEMAN STATES EMPHATICALLY HE DOES NOT KNOW BEVERLY

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HILL BUT HAS SEEN HER AROUND KANSAS CITY AND BELIEVES HER TO BE A PROSTITUTE. HE STATED SHE MAY BE SISTER TO BUSTER HILL WHO WAS IN MSP AND WAS RELEASED ABOUT SAME TIME RAY ESCAPED. BRIDGEMAN ADVISED HE WAS RELEASED FROM PRISON ON TUESDAY AND RATHBERG VISITED HIM IN KANSAS CITY WITH BRIDGEMAN'S SON THE NINETEENTH, TWENTIETH, AND TWENTY-FIRST OF JANUARY. HE NEXT SAW RATHBERG IN OKLAHOMA CITY WHERE THEY STAYED AT DOWN TOWER MOTEL. HE RECALLS FIRST TIME HE SAW RATHBERG IN OKLAHOMA CITY WAS APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK AFTER HE SAW RAY IN KANSAS CITY. BRIDGEMAN ADVISED PRIOR TO BEVERLY HILL ARRIVING AT FORTRESS, BARNAID, KNOWN TO HIM ONLY AS JOYCE, RECEIVED CALL FROM UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE ASKING IF BRIDGEMAN WAS AT BAR. JOYCE TOLD CALLER THAT BRIDGEMAN WAS THERE AND THEN ASKED BRIDGEMAN IF IT WAS ALL RIGHT. BRIDGEMAN ADVISED HE TOLD HER IT WAS OK AND APPROXIMATELY TEN MINUTES LATER, BEVERLY HILL SHOWED UP.

AS POINTED OUT IN REFERENCED MINNEAPOLIS TEL, BRIDGEMAN INSISTS THIS WAS LLST AND ONLY TIME HE SAW RAY SINCE RAY'S ESCAPE MSP.

BRIDGEMAN CERTAIN VEHICLE RAY WAS IN WAS LIGHT BLUE T BIRD AND BELIEVES IT TO BE ABOUT NINETEEN SIXTY-THREE T BIRD.  
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HE IS ALSO CERTAIN LICENSE PLATES WERE WHITE WITH RED LETTERS AND BELIEVES CAR TO BE LICENSED IN IOWA.

BRIDGEMAN ADVISED IN BRIEF CONVERSATION WITH RAY, RAY MENTIONED HE WAS "HOT" AND ASKED FOR MONEY. BRIDGEMAN ADVISED HE KNEW RAY HAD ESCAPED AND, THEREFORE, GAVE HIM THIRTY OR THIRTY-FIVE DOLLARS.

BRIDGEMAN EMPHATICALLY DENIED SEEING RAY IN OKLAHOMA WHEN HE HAD PLENTY OF MONEY AND EMPHATICALLY DENIED TELLING ANYONE HE HAD SEEN RAY IN ANY PLACE OTHER THAN KANSAS CITY AS STATED ABOVE.

AS TO SEVERLY HILL, HE BELIEVES AT ONE TIME SHE DID WORK AT COLONY INN, KANSAS CITY, BUT IS NOT CERTAIN. AS TO BUSTER HILL, HE DOES KNOW HE WORKED AS BARTENDER IN JEWEL BOX, KANSAS CITY, AT ONE TIME.

JOYCE DESCRIBED AS A "LITTLE RED-HEADED GIRL".

BRIDGEMAN SUGGESTED POSSIBLE OTHER CONTACTS OF RAY IN KANSAS CITY WOULD BE ONE JIMMY DEWESSE WHO CELLED WITH RAY IN C HALL WHILE RAY AT MSP, AND CARL SPERO WHO KNEW RAY AT MSP. BRIDGEMAN BELIEVES BOTH OF ABOVE RELEASED FROM MSP PRIOR TO RAY'S VISIT TO KANSAS CITY IN FEBRUARY.

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KANSAS CITY, CONDUCT INDICATED INVESTIGATION TO VERIFY  
OR REFUTE BRIDGEMAN'S STORY.

MEMPHIS, CONSIDER ADVISING OTHER OFFICE TO COVER LEADS  
SET OUT IN MINNEAPOLIS TEL JUNE SEVEN, LAST. //

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

MURKIN; RM

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED JUNE TWELVE LAST.  
CANVASS OF LAUNDRIES AND DRY CLEANERS, ALTON AND VICINITY  
COMPLETED. NO IDENTIFICATION MADE JAMES EARL RAY OR ASSOCIATES.  
SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR - C AND SI ONE FIVE FIVE TWO - C RECONTACTED  
STATED NO INFORMATION DEVELOPED INDICATING RAY OBSERVED ALTON  
OR VICINITY BETWEEN APRIL AND JULY, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN.

COPIES MAILED CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (PP. 2)

MURKIN

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU JUNE THIRTEEN, LAST.  
WILLIAM MAHER, ALTON, SUBJECT'S UNCLE, REITERATED HE  
HAS NOT HAD ANY DIRECT WORD FROM SUBJECT FOR TEN YEARS; THAT  
HE DOES NOT FEEL SUBJECT CAME TO ALTON SUBSEQUENT TO ESCAPE  
FROM MSP BECAUSE HE STATES HE WOULD HAVE KNOWN SUBJECT'S  
PRESENCE IN ALTON.

DEPUTY DEMOS NICHOLAS, MADISON COUNTY SO, EDWARDSVILLE,  
ADVISED THAT SOURCES, TRICITY AREA, OF GRANITE CITY, MADISON  
AND VENICE, ILLINOIS UNABLE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION RE CONTACTS  
OF SUBJECT IN THAT AREA; THAT THERE IS NO INDICATION HE MADE  
ANY SUCH CONTACTS BETWEEN APRIL AND JULY NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN.

PHOTOS OF RAY AND ASSOCIATES SHOWN TO VICTIM BANKS IN  
VICINITY ALTON WITHOUT EFFECTING ANY IDENTIFICATION.

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**SURROUNDING OFFICES BEING INSTRUCTED TO DISPLAY PHOTOS  
OF RAY AND ASSOCIATES TOGETHER WITH INITIATING INQUIRY RE  
LAUNDRY MARKS AT LAUNDRIES AND DRY CLEANING ESTABLISHMENTS  
AND AREAS.**

**AM COPIES SENT CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, ST. LOUIS, FOR INFO. P.**

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT  
(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861),  
BUFFALO (44-374),  
KANSAS CITY (44-760)

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) (3P)

MURKIN.

ALTHOUGH JAMES EARL RAY HAS BEEN ARRESTED, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE CONTINUE EFFORTS TO ACCOUNT FOR RAY'S ACTIVITIES AND WHEREABOUTS DURING ENTIRE PERIOD OF FREEDOM FROM APRIL TWENTYTHREE, SIXTYSEVEN, TO JUNE EIGHT LAST. IN VIEW OF WORLDWIDE PUBLICITY ATTACHED TO POSSIBLE CONSPIRACY IN REGARD TO DEATH OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE DETERMINE KNOWN ASSOCIATES OF RAY DURING HIS PERIOD OF FREEDOM; HIS ESCAPE ROUTE TO CANADA; HIS SOURCE OF FUNDS AND HIS REPOSITORY FOR KEEPING FUNDS; HOW HE GAINED KNOWLEDGE OF NECESSARY DOCUMENTS NEEDED TO OBTAIN CANADIAN PASSPORT; HIS CONTACTS IN CANADA IN ORDER TO OBTAIN SUCH DOCUMENTS, AND HIS TRAVEL DURING THIS PERIOD.

BUFFALO, IN VIEW OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS INDICATING

THAT SUBJECT HAS USED THREE DIFFERENT NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS  
RESIDING IN THE TORONTO, CANADA, AREA, IS REQUESTED THROUGH

A. M. S. D. \_\_\_\_\_

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>KANSAS CITY</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>MEMPHIS</b>	DATE <b>6/14/68</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>5/16/68 - 6/12/68</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE, I.O. #4182, N.F. #442-A, TOP TEN FUGITIVE; Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., (DECEASED) - VICTIM</b>		REPORT MADE BY  <b>RAYMOND B. HOWE</b>	TYPED BY  <b>rmb</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY UFAC - ROBBERY</b>	

## REFERENCE:

Kansas City report of SA RAYMOND B. HOWE dated 5/15/68.

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## LEAD

## KANSAS CITY

## AT KANSAS CITY

Will continue efforts to account for subject's activities and whereabouts during period from April 23, 1967, to June 8, 1968, with emphasis on determining his escape route to Canada, his source of funds, and his repository for keeping funds, and how he gained knowledge of necessary documents needed to obtain Canadian passport.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE:**

Extensive investigation has continued in this matter, however, all obviously non-pertinent information is being left out of this report. These include checks of Kansas and Missouri Departments of Motor Vehicles records, investigation at lower-class rooming houses and cleaning establishments, Kansas and Missouri Bureaus of Vital Statistics, numerous look-alikes that have been reported and eliminated as possible suspects, and all negative information furnished by informants.

Extra copies of this report are being furnished Office of Origin in the event of future dissemination.

Subject's complete file from the Missouri State Penitentiary was Xeroxed and forwarded by the Kansas City Office to the FBI, Washington, D.C., in order that it could be better evaluated for leads in this matter since it contained numerous technical, medical, and psychological terms.

Also, Warden HAROLD SWENSON, Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, made a complete search of various medical and dental records and the only X-Rays he could obtain for the subject were of his sinus cavities. These were obtained and also forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for identification purposes. Warden SWENSON stated that the prison dentist, Dr. RICHARD SKAIN, had assured him that the sinus X-Ray was as good, if not better, than the average dental X-Ray for determination of dental identification.

The Channel Master transistor radio located near the Memphis rooming house by the Memphis Police Department bore scratchings that appeared to be 00416. The Missouri State Penitentiary's inmate canteen sells such radios, and at the time they do, the inmate's number is etched on the radio with a Vibro-Graver, model V-73, manufactured by Burgess Vibrocrafter, Inc. RAY's MSP number is 00416, and he bought a radio from the canteen on 4/21/67. The above Vibro-Graver is the one that would have been used to make this engraving. It was obtained by SA THOMAS H. WEAVER on 5/29/68 from Mr. CLARENCE R. LUCKE, Storekeeper, Inmate Canteen, MSP, along with transistor radio case bearing samples of the numbering of personnel at the inmate canteen who would have placed the inmate numbers on the transistor radio purchased on 4/21/67.

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This Vibro-Graver is being maintained in the 133 Section of this file in the Kansas City Office. It is not being forwarded to the Laboratory at this time for comparison purposes inasmuch as the original transistor has been returned to the Memphis Police Department. The Vibro-Graver and numbering samples are being maintained in the event they are needed in the future for evidentiary purposes.

All inmates and former inmates furnishing information regarding subject fear retaliation from other prisoners because of their furnishing information to law enforcement agencies. In view of this, discretion should be used in the dissemination of any information included in this report.

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THW:MD

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

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

On May 15, 1968, CECIL CLAYTON LILLIBRIDGE, also known as CARL LILLIBRIDGE, who requested that his identity as the source of this information be concealed, was contacted at the Cole County Jail, and he furnished the following information:

He knew JAMES EARL RAY for quite some time before RAY was moved into his cell at the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP). He had had some minor dealings with RAY in poker. RAY himself played very little poker, but he would lend money to inmates who did play poker at the "3 for 2" rate requiring \$3 to be repaid for every \$2 loaned. RAY was "too tight" to play poker, and even when he loaned money at the exorbitant interest rates he required some kind of collateral. If RAY was a "walk man" in the MSP, having reference to an inmate whose duties called for his moving freely around the cell block, then RAY would have been a carrier for the usual prison lotteries dealing with numbers and parleys over ball game scores, in which cigarettes were bet, and the "walk man" would deliver the numbers slips and the winners' cigarettes, and would be paid a percentage by the inmate who ran the lottery through this association, but the "walk man" would perform the service strictly for his commission and would not necessarily be "close" to the person running the lottery, but would be selected because he had access to other inmates' cells. He has no information that RAY was ever a "walk man" or ever engaged in lotteries as described above.

In his conversations with RAY he learned that RAY was more interested in Mexico than in Canada. In speaking of places to go to "cool off" or "hide out", he suggested to RAY that it would be easier for a white American to hide out in Canada than in Mexico, since his skin color and language would be the same as the natives, but RAY had spent some time in Mexico and apparently liked the area and he expressed very little interest in Canada.

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He and RAY discussed a newspaper article which was published at about the time they celled together in which an Italian criminal's escape to Italy from the U. S. was apparently accomplished through his obtaining a Canadian passport, and it was suggested and RAY was apparently aware of the custom of the Episcopal Church and Church of England and its branches in Canada of keeping baptismal records and records of birth for years, which records would be easily accessible to anyone wanting to assume a new identity. They discussed how one could go to a medium-sized Canadian city, find records of birth through an open, easily accessible church, for an individual about one's own age, verify through local inquiry or source material that some such person is deceased, then write to the Provincial capital of that province requesting a copy of the birth certificate for that person, thereby securing documentary evidence of a new identity to use in securing a Canadian passport. RAY did not express a great deal of interest in this process and made no mention of planning to use such a technique to escape or change his identity. He did not say anything about any plans to go to Canada or to Mexico and thereby to a third country, and he never mentioned any interest in Rhodesia or other country with a view of flight there in hopes of avoiding extradition. RAY did say that he had considered Australia as a place to go to avoid apprehension for a wanted person, but indicated that he had dismissed Australia as a refuge because of the sparse population and the lack of tourists. RAY told him that he had written to Queensland, apparently before 1962, to some Government agency inquiring about the type of employment available there for foreigners, but his conversation indicated he had no interest in Australia at that point.

Most of RAY'S conversation revolved around Mexico when speaking of places to go after "pulling some job". He made no mention of narcotics smuggling to Mexico, and he did not say how he planned to obtain the "big haul" he wanted to make in order to "retire", other than that he might happen onto a large supermarket with a lot of money on hand which he could rob. He did not mention any specific supermarket or area of the country in this regard. From his conversation, he felt that RAY had actual experience in and knowledge of

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smuggling small appliances into the Campeche Bay area of Mexico for resale. He mentioned that there were some dollars to be made in this racket with a very small investment required. RAY'S associate MATTEO LOPEZ GARCIA or MATEO GARCIA LOPEZ or some similar name previously described by LILLIBRIDGE as described by RAY was a real person, and LILLIBRIDGE remembered the name he gave because it was similar to the name of a "wet back" he had known previously in prison.

RAY spoke of the possibility of obtaining colored contact lenses to wear to change the color of his eyes in avoiding detection. RAY did not say where he would try to obtain contact lenses or that he had actually ever tried to obtain them or that he had ever worn contact lenses. RAY'S eyes as LILLIBRIDGE recalls them are a faded, pale blue, for "sky blue", and he would want to darken the appearance of his eyes in changing his appearance. He told LILLIBRIDGE how he had experimented in the past on portions of his skin covered by his clothing with staining his skin a darker color using some kind of "walnut dye". He had apparently tried the dye out of curiosity to see how long the stain would last, and he told LILLIBRIDGE that the dye would "just have to wear off". As to changing his appearance, LILLIBRIDGE feels it is significant to note that RAY'S weight would vary greatly from month to month. RAY would go through periods of weight-lifting, strictly for the exercise, and he would occasionally become concerned over his weight from a health standpoint and would lose weight quickly. RAY was not a competitive weightlifter and would probably not seek out a gymnasium to practice weightlifting, but he was concerned over a heart problem he imagined that he had, and he wanted the exercise to strengthen his heart. He mentioned that he knew it would be easy to obtain a fictitious Social Security card simply by filling in a form in any name, state that he had been self-employed, and he would be mailed a new Social Security card. He did not mention any problem with regard to obtaining a driver's license under an assumed name.

RAY told LILLIBRIDGE about a shack he rented on the outskirts of Campeche, Mexico, and how he had considered the possibility of buying the shack instead of paying rent. Money and not paying more for anything than necessary was of constant concern to RAY. He told LILLIBRIDGE of the difficulty in

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Mexico for a foreigner to own any property. He told of the practice of "Rentista Papers" through which a foreigner by paying a fee could receive permission from the Mexican Government to own a small business in Mexico or purchase property on a small scale in Mexico. He mentioned how it was an effort to have anything done by local Government officials in Mexico since everyone moved so slowly, and how in order to obtain "Rentista Papers" one would apparently have to pay two or three persons "under the table" a few pesos in order to get the papers through the Government red tape, and from his conversation, it appeared that RAY never was in Mexico long enough to wait out the process of obtaining "Rentista Papers".

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

At Jefferson City, Missouri:

On May 24, 1968, CECIL CLAYTON LILLIBRIDGE, also known as CARL LILLIBRIDGE, who requested that his identity as the source of this information be concealed, and who is presently confined in the Cole County Jail, advised that the only magazine he ever saw JAMES EARL RAY read while in the Missouri State Penitentiary was Time Magazine. He stated that RAY read whatever newspapers were available from other inmates who had them, and he once saw RAY read The National Enquirer, as he recalls the name of the publication, which LILLIBRIDGE described as a tabloid type newspaper. He said that he does not know where RAY obtained the copy of that newspaper, and stated that RAY would obtain Time from unknown inmates in the penitentiary, probably from inmates who had subscriptions to that magazine, and while he was around RAY, he had these magazines weekly. He advised that he never knew RAY to subscribe to any publication. He recalled that RAY mentioned articles he had read in the U. S. News and World Report, but he never saw him read that magazine. LILLIBRIDGE said that he would have no way of knowing what reading preferences RAY had or what other magazines or publications he might read if he had access to them, since reading material is limited as to periodicals in the penitentiary unless one subscribes to them or borrows them from persons who do subscribe. He said that he had some books on the philosophy of NIETZSCHE and KANT in the cell, and RAY would read these because they were available and seemed to be impressed with NIETZSCHE. He added that RAY seemingly was impressed with GEORGE WALLACE, ex-governor of Alabama, and was in favor of his candidacy for president.

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On May 10, 1968, Warden H. SWENSON, Missouri State Penitentiary, advised that inmate CECIL LILLIBREDGE had the following cell assignments:

January 9, 1954	B-102
September 24, 1957	B-111
November 12, 1958	G-63
March 24, 1959	(J Hall)
August 26, 1960	B-97
October 21, 1960	J-176
April 21, 1962	J-143
March 9, 1963	C-108
April 28, 1965	C-17
November 2, 1967	C-120

It is to be noted that the subject in this matter was also assigned cell C-17 from November 17, 1966, to January 18, 1967.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

## Copy to:

Report of: RAYMOND B. HOWE  
Date: June 14, 1968

Office: KANSAS CITY

Field Office File #: 44-760

Bureau File #: 44-38861

Title: JAMES EARL RAY;  
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
(DECEASED) - VICTIMCharacter: CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY  
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT - ROBBERY

## Synopsis:

Inmates and officials at the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) unable to furnish any information regarding "Cooley Organization" or gang inside MSP. Inmate JAMES D. WALLACE, MSP #75682, advised he saw RAY and "fall partner" JAMES L. OWENS in Jefferson - Graydon Bank, St. Louis, Mo., during summer, 1967. Inmates unable to furnish any information regarding "bounty" on Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MSP Warden advised RAY received \$2.00 per month official pay at the prison. Additional information set forth regarding RAY'S escape from MSP in bread box. Foreman, MSP Prison Farm, admitted receiving letter and phone call from prior inmate TOM BRITTON. Investigation failed to determine any pertinent information regarding type of magazines or newspapers read by RAY at MSP. FBI Laboratory unable to identify handwriting on 176 applications to the Belsaw Locksmithing Institute, Kansas City, Missouri, for months April and May, 1968, with known samples of RAY's handwriting. Interviews conducted in effort to locate PAUL O. BRIDGEMAN, MSP #10134, set forth. Attorney PHILLIP BAKER, Independence, Missouri, advised that in January of 1963 he was appointed to represent RAY in his application for Writ of Habeas Corpus. This hearing was unsuccessful. BAKER received letter from JERRY RAY and a money order from fellow inmate, MSP, for \$100.00 to cover RAY's legal fees, which were \$50.00. BAKER in turn returned a check for \$50.00 to RAY at MSP. Attorney DAVID BRYDON, Jefferson City, Missouri, advised ex-MSP inmate J. D. DAILEY contacted him in attempt to obtain parole for inmate THOMAS