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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

December 9

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The People of the State of California

vs.

JAMES EARL RAY

100430

Defendant

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People's Exhibit 2 in order of admission and assigned to the Defendant  
James Earl Ray.

I certify the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of an order entered on the minutes of  
said Superior Court, in the above entitled case.

Attest my hand and the seal of the said Superior Court, this 10th day

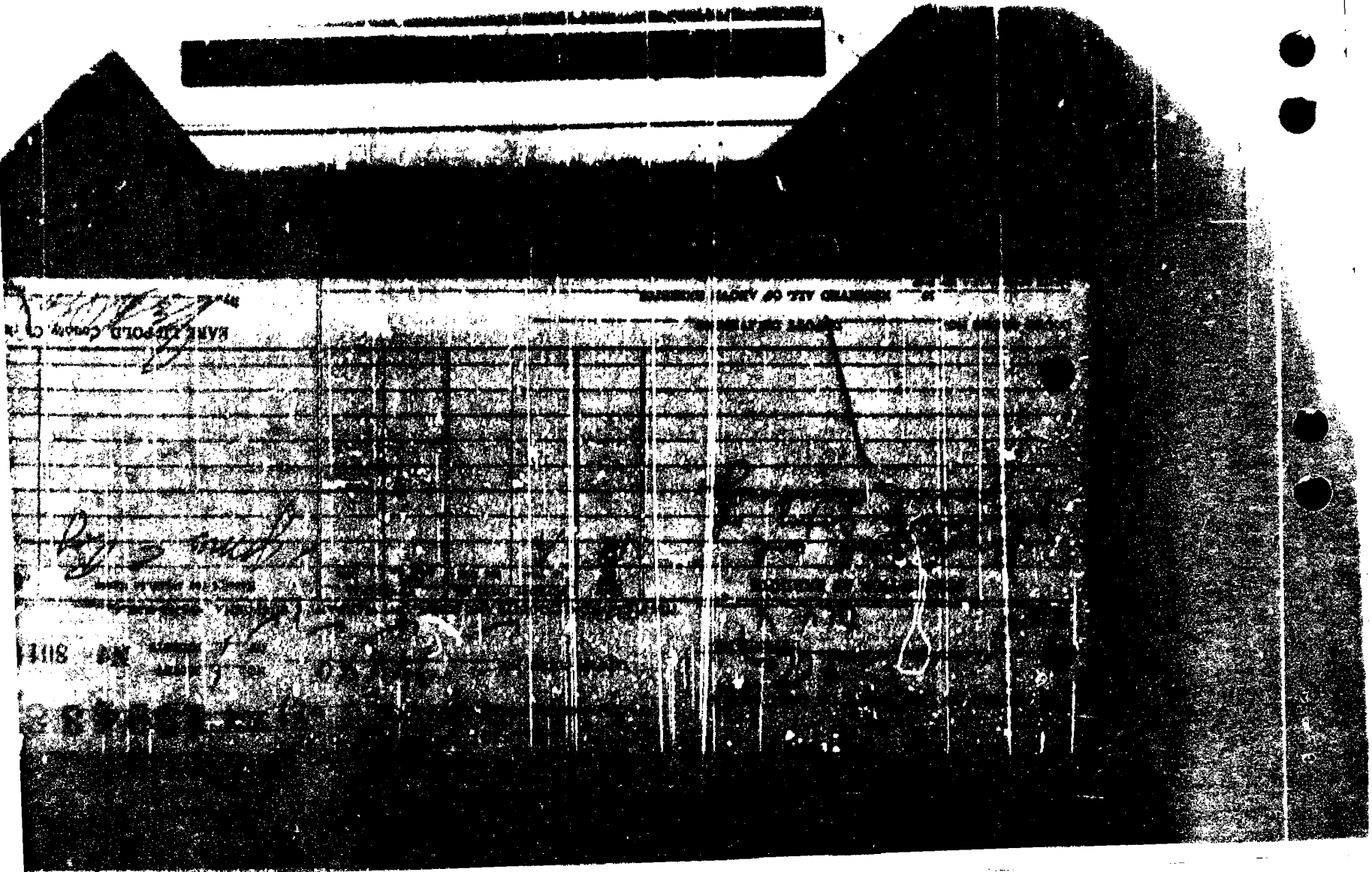
of December, 1962.

HAROLD J. ORTLY, County Clerk

(SEAL)

By 548 28 Deputy

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Date: 8/20/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed for the Memphis Office is a Xeroxed copy of record of Superior Court, Los Angeles County, No. 129438, regarding the case of the People vs. JAMES EARL RAY. This action resulted from his arrest in Los Angeles 10/7/49 for burglary.

The enclosed was furnished by Captain CLIFFORD MONTGOMERY, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office.

2 - Memphis (Enc. - 1) (AM)  
1 - Los Angeles  
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Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 8/21/68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT  
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Via TELETYPE URGENT  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN

RE SPRINGFIELD TEL TO BUREAU AUGUST TWENTY LAST.

MSI ONE FIVE FIVE TWO DASH C, WHO FURNISHED ORIGINAL INFORMATION INDICATING JOHN MC CLINTOCK WAS ONE OF THOSE INVOLVED IN ROBBERY THE BANK OF ALTON, STATED TODAY HE KNOWS JAMES EARL RAY AND IS VIRTUALLY CERTAIN RAY WAS NOT IN ALTON DURING JULY NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN; THAT INFORMATION REGARDING MC CLINTOCK'S COMPLICITY IN BANK ROBBERY ACCURATE AND THAT THERE IS NO CONNECTION BETWEEN MC CLINTOCK AND RAY. INFORMANT INTENSIFYING INQUIRY TO FURTHER ELABORATE ON INFORMATION.

MAIL COPY TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS.

1 - Springfield (44-561)  
1 - Chicago (44-1114) (AM)  
① - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)  
1 - St. Louis (44-775) (AM)  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN

RE SI TEL TO BUREAU AUGUST TWENTYONE LAST.

SI ONE FIVE FIVE TWO - C, SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR - C,  
AND PCI HELEN GRABLE CONTACTED. INFORMATION DEVELOPED THAT A  
WILLIE LEE, BELIEVED A QUOTE WEAK LINK END QUOTE AMONG ASSOCIATES  
JOHN MC CLINTOCK, DICK COVINGTON, AND DELMAR GRINDSTAFF, HAS  
LEFT THE STATE BECAUSE SOMEONE IS QUOTE OUT TO GET HIM END  
QUOTE.

MC CLINTOCK DUE FOR TRIAL MADISON COUNTY COURTYON  
BURGLARY CHARGE.

WHEREABOUTS OF COVINGTON AND GRINDSTAFF UNKNOWN TO  
INFORMANTS OR ASSOCIATES.

MAIL COPIES SENT CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, AND ST. LOUIS

1 - Springfield (44-561)  
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Date: 8/23/68

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

MURKIN

RE SI TEL TO BUREAU AUGUST TWENTYTWO LAST.

CHIEF WILLIAM H. PETERSEN (NA), ALTON PD, ADVISED NO  
 INFORMATION DEVELOPED THAT JAMES EARL RAY IN ALTON SUBSEQUENT  
 TO ESCAPE FROM MSP. FURTHER, THAT HE HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY  
 WRITERS PREPARING BOOKS AND ARTICLES ON RAY AND IN CONVER-  
 SATION THEY INDICATE THEY HAVE INTERVIEWED INNUMERABLE  
 PERSONS AND NONE CAN PLACE RAY IN ALTON.

PAUL COUSLER, EDITOR, ALTON EVENING TELEGRAPH, ADVISED  
 NO SOURCES OF THE PAPER OR CITIZENS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO  
 FURNISH ANY INFORMATION INDICATING RAY PARTICIPATED IN  
 ROBBERY THE BANK OF ALTON OR WAS EVER IN ALTON AREA IN  
 NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN.

MAIL COPY TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS.

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Date: 8/26/68

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU DATED AUGUST  
TWENTY THREE LAST.

SUSPECT JOHN MC CLINTOCK ARRESTED BY ALTON PD  
THIS DATE FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR ON BENCH WARRANT ISSUED  
L.A. COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, ARISING OUT OF BURGLARY CHARGE.  
MC CLINTOCK TRANSPORTED TO MADISON COUNTY JAIL AND EFFORTS  
BEING MADE TO OBTAIN HIS RELEASE BY ASSOCIATES. EFFORTS  
MADE TO INTERVIEW BUT UNSUCCESSFUL.

MAIL COPIES SENT TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, AND ST. LOUIS.

2 - Springfield (1: 44-561)  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (PP. 1)

MURKIN

RE SI TEL TO BUREAU AUGUST TWENTYSIX, LAST.

SI SIXTEEN FOURTEEN - C ADVISED TODAY HE HAS BEEN IN  
CONTACT WITH CHUCK BAZE CONCERNING BAZE'S ACTIVITIES AND  
KNOWLEDGE OF ROBBERY THE BANK OF ALTON. INFORMANT STATES  
HE FEELS BAZE HAS DEFINITE KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING BR THOUGH  
NOT ACTIVE PARTICIPANT. INFORMANT INSTRUCTED TO CONTINUE  
CONTACT OF BAZE.

AM COPIES SENT CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS. P.

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Date: 8/27/68

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(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) -P-  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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OO: Memphis

Re Memphis airtel dated 8/19/68.

Kansas City has advised Missouri State Penitentiary officials to lodge their warrant with Shelby County Sheriff's Office, Memphis, Tennessee. Kansas City advised Memphis in letter dated 7/24/68 that on 7/22/68, U. S. Commissioner W. C. SHELEY, Jefferson City, Missouri, advised SA RAYMOND B. HOWE that he had dismissed the complaint against JAMES EARL RAY on that date.

② - Memphis  
2 - Kansas City  
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**8/28/68**

**TELETYPE**

**URGENT**

**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)**

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

**MURK IN**

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU EIGHT TWENTY SEVEN LAST.

SI ONE FIVE FIVE TWO-C CONTACTED TODAY RE INFO ON ROBERT LOUIS STANTON FURNISHED BY EAST ALTON P.D. INFORMANT SUBSTANTIATED PREVIOUS INTELLIGENCE INDICATING STANTON PREFERENCES FORTY FIVE CALIBER AUTOMATIC. STATED STANTON HAS WIDE ACQUAINTANCE AMONG CRIMINAL ELEMENT IN GREATER ALTON AREA AND COULD WELL HAVE ACCESS TO ENOUGH INFO ABOUT THE BANK OF ALTON TO PULL BR. EXPRESSED DOUBT, HOWEVER, THAT STANTON WOULD PULL BR, STATING HE PREFERRED BURGLARIES.

PCI LARRY R. MANNS CONTACTED AND GIVEN ASSIGNMENT TO  
DEVELOP INFO ON HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON AND DELMAR GRINDSTAFF.

COPIES MAILED CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, AND ST. LOUIS. P

SI 44-561

1 - CHICAGO (44-1114)  
 ① - MEMPHIS (44-1987) (AM)  
 1 - ST. LOUIS (44-775)

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URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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

MURKIN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU AUGUST TWENTYEIGHT LAST.

INFORMANTS AND PCIS AT ALTON, ILLINOIS, UNABLE TO  
PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHEN CONTACTED TODAY.

MAIL COPIES TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS. P.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN

RE SI TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED AUGUST TWENTY NINE LAST.

PCI LARRY R. MANNS ADVISED HE HAS MADE INQUIRY RE  
HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON. STATES COVINGTON IN GREATER ALTON  
AREA AND WILL SET HIM UP FOR INTERVIEW.

NO OTHER NEW INFORMATION DEVELOPED TO DATE.

MAIL COPIES SENT TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, AND ST. LOUIS.

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1 - Springfield (44-561)  
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Date: 9/3/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN

RE SI TELETYPE TO BUREAU AUGUST THIRTY LAST.

PCI LARRY R. MANN ADVISED WILLIE LEE HAS FLED THE STATE AND PRESUMABLY RETURNED TO CALIFORNIA TO ANSWER BURGLARY CHARGES THERE AND TO AVOID RECRIMINATION FROM PERSONS WHO ARE ATTEMPTING TO "GET HIM".

SUSPECT JOHN MC CLINTOCK RELEASED FROM MADISON COUNTY JAIL ON BOND AND ALLEGEDLY LIVING IN OLD SHAWNEETOWN AREA.

EFFORTS BY PCI TO LOCATE DICK COVINGTON UNPRODUCTIVE TO DATE.

MAIL COPIES TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, AND ST. LOUIS.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 9/4/68

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Via \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN

RE SI TEL SEPTEMBER THREE LAST.

PCI LARRY R. MANNS, PCI HELEN GRABLE AND SI ONE FIVE  
FIVE TWO DASH C, ADVISED THEY HAVE DEVELOPED NO ADDITIONAL  
INFORMATION IN THIS MATTER.

MAIL COPIES TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS.

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Special Agent in Charge

9/5/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE SEPTEMBER FOUR LAST.

CHIEF WILLIAM PETERSEN (NA), ALTON PD; WILLIAM BEARDSMORE, PRESIDENT, THE BANK OF ALTON; AND PAUL COUSLEY, EDITOR, ALTON EVENING TELEGRAPH, ADVISED NO CURRENT OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION HAS COME TO THEIR ATTENTION SINCE MATTER LAST DISCUSSED.

PCI LARRY R. MANNS ADVISED HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON CONCERNED OVER INCREASED EMPHASIS ON BR INVESTIGATION AND MADE STATEMENT HE HOPES QUOTE THE HEAT WILL BE TURNED OFF SOON END QUOTE. MANNS CONTINUING EFFORTS TO PINPOINT COVINGTON'S WHEREABOUTS SO HE MIGHT BE INTERVIEWED.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, AND ST. LOUIS.

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1 - Springfield (44-561)  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

FROM : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS (2);  
The Bank of Alton,  
Alton, Illinois  
7/13/67  
BR  
(OO: SPRINGFIELD)

DATE: 9/13/68

Enclosed for St. Louis and Indianapolis, if not already received, are lists of members and non-members of the National Institute of Dry Cleaners furnished by the Baltimore Division.

These lists are to be used in the mailing of circular letters furnished by the Bureau concerning the subject.

2 - Chicago (44-1114)  
1 - Baltimore (44-669)  
2 - Indianapolis (Enc. 2)  
1 - Memphis (44-1987)  
2 - St. Louis (44-775) (Enc. 2)  
2 - Springfield (44-561)  
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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

9/13/68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-501) - P -  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Springfield teletype to Bureau dated 9/5/68.

SUMMARY

Continued contacts have been made with area police agencies and informants with essentially negative results.

SI 1614-C advised on September 11, 1968, that PAT BASHAM BAZE, wife of CHUCK BAZE, might have information connecting HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON, JOHN MC CRINCKO and DELMAR GRINDSTAFF with robbery The Bank of Alton on July 12, 1967.

Informant stated CHUCK BAZE is a close friend and criminal associate of suspects and could well have divulged information to PAT.

PAT BASHAM BAZE interviewed on September 12, 1968. She stated CHUCK has never confided any information to her regarding robbery The Bank of Alton. She appeared reluctant to discuss this matter and became nervous during specific questioning, however, was adamant in her denial of any knowledge of the bank robbery.

- 3 - Bureau (44-38861)  
② - Memphis (44-1987)  
3 - Springfield (2: 44-501)  
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SI 44-561

CHUCK HAZE confined seven days Madison County Jail on minor charge.

CHUCK HAZE will be interviewed on release, it being determined not advisable to interview him at County Jail because of reported leaks at the jail.

9/20/68

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

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

Re Springfield airtel dated 9/12/68.

CHARLES ROZE, Aka CHUCK, interviewed 9/16/68. He stated that he has heard rumors implicating HAROLD RICHARD COWINGTON, JOHN MC CLINTOCK, and DELMAR GRINSTAFF in robbery of the Bank of Alton 7/13/68. He said, however, that they are not talking about it and he does not believe that they have spent money if they were involved. ROZE advised he will cooperate with FBI to extent of trying to draw suspects out in conversation. ROZE will be recontacted to develop further information from him.

Informants, Police agencies, and Bank officials at Bank of Alton contacted during past week could provide no new or additional information.

3-Director (44-38861)  
2-Memphis (44-1987)  
3-Springfield (2-44-561)  
(1-91-3689)  
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IDENT. NO. 59448

POLICE DEPARTMENT - - WICHITA, KANSAS

CRIMINAL RECORD

STEINHOFF, BILL, G.  
@ SMITH, RONALD D.

NAME GAMACHE, WILLIAM, UNK

D.O.B. 1-21-32

(323-502)

CASE	DATE	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
K-26452	8-1-68	EMBEZZLEMENT & FRAUD HOLD ST. WARR	Rlsd to M.O. 9-12-68
K-29770	8-1-68	VIOLATION OF HOTEL LAWS	\$28.15 & 30 das 8-2-68
K-29771	8-1-68	MOTEL FRAUD HOLD FOR MARSHALL	Rlsd to auths 9-11-68
K-29771	8-1-68	VIOLATION OF HOTEL LAWS	\$28.15 & 30 das 8-2-68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20537

8-16-68, 651 JS

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WITH AGENCY CONTRIBUTING THOSE FINGERPRINTS.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	WANTED: Bill G Steinhoff (will extradite) Notify Mo Bd of Prob & Par Box 267 Jefferson City Mo inf rec 6-21-68 Refer to MSP #08117-J			

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Post Stockade Ft Leonard Wood Mo	Bill Gordon Steinhoff ASN US 55 297 062	3-5-53	AWOL appd by MP	held for Crt Martial
Off of the Confinement Off Ft Leonard Wood Mo	Bill Gordon Steinhoff #US 55 297 062	7-15-53	AWOL Art 86 Appd by Mil Auth.	
Confinement Off Post Stockade Ft Leonard Wood Mo	Bill Gordon Steinhoff #US 55 297 016	7-28-53	AWOL Surrend to MP	
Post Stockade Ft Leonard Wood Mo	Bill Gordon Steinhoff #--	11-26-53	AWOL Art 86 surrend to Mil Auth	
PD Memphis Tenn	Bill Gordon Steinhoff #63213	3-26-56	inv (liquor store holdup)	rel 3-27-56 on chg of inv
Army	Bill Gordon Steinhoff #US 55 297 062	9-10-52		
PD St Louis Mo	Bill Gordon Steinhoff #74392	5-25-56	bogus chks 3 mos in city paroled for 6 mos on chg of passing worthless checks,	6-21-56 sent to St Louis
St Louis Co Pol. Clayton Mo	Bill Gordon Steinhoff #565	6-25-56	uttering check to defraud	
PD Joplin Mo	Bill Gordon Steinhoff #9838	8-28-56	inv bogus checks	To State returned to St Louis
SO Clayton Mo	Bill Gordon Steinhoff #SO-27	8-31-56	Bogus Check	Warrant issued

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, 25, D. C.

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Director

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD St Louis Mo	Bill Gordon Steinhoff #74392	9-1-56	sus fugitive & parole viol	1-21-57 sent to 1 yr in City J1 on chg of passing worthless check
PD St Louis Mo	Bill Gordon Steinhoff #74392	2-4-58	W chks	
PD St Louis Mo	Bill Gordon Steinhoff #74392	2-23-58	WO FOA (BC)	
PD Las Vegas Nev	Bill Gordon Steinhoff #M-31561			
PD Cape Girardeau Mo	Bill Gordon Steinhoff #58-1396	11-17-58	inv bogus chks	
PD Las Vegas Nev	Bill Gordon Steinhoff #M-31561	11-25-59	fugitive-Calif	
PD Los Angeles Calif	Bill S. Steinhoff #LA 503 589-S	11-28-59	487.3 PC (GT merch) Bkg 986220	HTA: GT 1 yr Co J1 D100 1-20-60
SO Los Angeles Calif	Bill Gordon Steinhoff #B-663227	11-30-59	GT auto	
USM Los Angeles Calif	Bill Gordon Steinhoff #30073	10-24-60	mat. wit	
PD San Fran Calif	Bill Gordon Steinhoff #167157	11-30-60	E/R Franklin Co Mo	
SO Union Mo	Bill Gordon Steinhoff #2510	12-7-60	1 stealing MV 2. bogus check 3. steal over \$50	

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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*J. Edgar Hoover*  
Director.

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Dept of Corr Jefferson City Mo	Billy Steinhoff #02347	3-6-61	Stealing M/V	4 years disch under commutation of sent by Gov.
St Louis Co Pol Clayton Mo	Bill Gordon Steinhoff #565	8-19-63	warrs issued committment for F&C	TOT Sheriff
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St Louis Co Pol Clayton Mo	Bill Gordon Steinhoff #565	12-3-63	Fug Frontenac sus armed rob	TOT Franklin Co Sheriff
Dept of Corr Jefferson City Mo	Bill G Steinhoff #08117	2-27-64	PG obt money & other personal prop from an- other person W/I to defraud B/M chk drawn on a bank I/W def knew he had no funds to pay said chk	3 yrs
PD Memphis Tenn	William Cleo Davis #91339	10-8-64	inv (bad checks)	
SPen Nashville Tenn	Bill Gordon Steinhoff #59552	11-27-64	forg	3 yrs
PD Wichita Kans	William G Gamache #59448	8-2-68	Vio Hotel Laws-- Vio Hotel Laws-- Emb & Fraud (Hold for St Wt) Motel Fraud (Hold for Marsh Off)	\$28.15 & 30 da \$28.15 & 30 da



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BILL GORDON STEINHOFF, also known as WILLIAM CLEO DAVIS, WILLIAM GAMACHE and RONALD D. SMITH, was interviewed in the Sedgwick County Jail, where he is presently held on local charges and was advised of the identity of SA JAMES F. MILLER. STEINHOFF was advised of the identity of SA JAMES F. MILLER and was informed that the FBI had received information that he wished to see an Agent. At that time, STEINHOFF's rights were orally furnished to him and he stated he was fully aware of his rights. He then indicated he had some information regarding the escape of JAMES RAY from the Missouri State Penitentiary. At this point in the interview, STEINHOFF was furnished a written document containing his rights and he read and waived his rights as evidenced by a signed waiver form.

At his own suggestion, STEINHOFF typed the following statement:

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On 9/19/68 at Wichita, Kansas File # KC 44-760

by SA JAMES F. MILLER:ENV

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"Wichita, Kansas, September 19, 1968

"I Bill Gordon Steinhoff hereby make the following free, and voluntary statement to James F. Miller, who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises have been made to me to induce me to make this statement. Agent Miller has furnished me a written document showing my rights which I have read and signed waving these rights.

"I was born on [redacted] in St. Louis, Missouri, and have a High School education.

"While I was incarcerated in the Tennessee State Penitentiary in Nashville Tennessee sometime in 1964 & 1965 I was given the job as Head Clerk in the Prison Hospital. While on this job I met another inmate which I had done time with in the Missouri State Penitentiary by the Name of George Jones. We were both doing time in Nashville and had both escaped from Missouri. Jones from Moberly and myself from Jefferson City. Jones was sentenced to one year and myself to three years in Nashville. Jones was released some months before I was and was returned to the Penitentiary in Jefferson City.

"Another Inmate in Nashville by the Name of Gene Jacobs was admitted to the Prison Hospital Convelesant Ward although there was nothing the matter with him. I learned later that he was a City Councilman and was put in the Hospital so he could watch T.V. and eat out of the Hospital Kitchen. Although he was a patient in the Hospital he was allowed to go to the yard or any where else he wanted.

"One day while I was watching T.V. in the Convelasent Ward Jacobs started talking to me about my escaping from the Penitentiary and how I had done this. He asked me at this time if I knew Jimmy Ray who was confined in Missouri. I told him no that I did not know him

personally. Jacobs asked me if I would help some one escape if I could and I told him yes. He said no more about this matter for about two weeks but during this time he bought me Cigarettes and other things from the Commissary. One day Gene asked me if I would be willing to take some money to Missouri with me and give it to George Jones who was already there. I asked him how much and what I would get for it. He told me that I would get Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars for myself if I would give Jones Five Hundred Dollars to help another inmate get away from the Penitentiary. I agreeded to do this, although I did not know who was to escape. A few days later Gene received a visit from his wife and when he returned he gave me Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars in Cash. He gave me Five One Hundred Dollar Bills, a Fifty, Five Twentys and Ten, Ten Dollar Bills. Upon my release about Oct. 1965 I was picked up Lt. Orvil Turner the Warrant Officer from the Missouri State Penitentiary and another man acting as guard which I did not know. The morning I dressed out in Nashville I put on a pair of boxer shorts which I had cut in the front seam and inserted all but One Hundred and Fifty Dollars. This Hundred and Fifty Dollars I placed in my sock as I knew they made you take your shoes off and searched your socks before they handcuffed you. As Lt. Turner was searching me he felt the bottom of my socks and felt this lump and asked me what it was and I said it was my money. He asked me where I got it and I told him I had been saving it. He turned to the Officer from the Nashville Penitentiary who was present all this time and asked him what he should do with it. They went into the Deputy Wardens Office and when he returned he said it would be placed in my property as the Deputy Warden said he couldn't take as I had it in my possession. Although this money is not allowed in the Penitentiary. When I returned

to the State Penitentiary in Missouri I told them I had had trouble with some other inmates which I named and wanted to be placed in Maximum Security. I knew that Lt. James Stewart was the Officer in charge there and liked me. Although the inmates I named were no longer in the Penitentiary they placed me in Maximum Security. This money was taken into Maximum Security by my self and I was never searched as Lt. Stewart knew me. I removed this money from my shorts and placed it in a pair of new socks which I had three pairs of. I sealed the wrapper back up and they were never bothered. One day my cell mate was talking to me about wishing he had some Green Money to buy some powder with and I told him that he would have to get it when he went to population. This Inmate's name was Frank Downey. A few days later they were taking me some where up front and I told Downey that I had some money in my socks and if they did anything to me to be sure and hold it for me. I was returned to my cell and found that Downey did not bother my socks so I forgot it. Downey was released to Population a few days later and I was alone in this cell. About a week later I asked the walk man if he would sell me a carton of cigarettes for a ten dollar bill as I had none and could not obtain any from the Inmate Canteen for another week. He said he would. The next day I asked this Inmate about the Cigarettes and he said that he would bring them around a little later. He did this and I gave him a ten dollar bill which I learned later he gave to the Sgt. in Maximum Security by the Name of Hendley. About four days later myself and three other inmates were allowed to go to the Exercise yard. While I was out there Lt. Stewart came up and sit down by me and said that he had heard that I had some square money. I told him that I did not, that he must be talking about the money Lt. Turner found in my sock in Nashville. He did not question me any further about this matter. I had already asked Lt. Stewart about a job as his clerk in Maximum Security and he told me he would see about it. The following

week I asked Lt. Stewart again about the job and he said that if I would give him the money he would get it for me. The next day I gave Lt. Stewart Five Ten Dollar Bills. The following week I was assigned as clerk in Maximum Security. One day while going after the mail with the Sgt. I saw George Jones in Control Center and he came up to the Treasurers Office where I waited while the Sgt. went and picked up the mail. It was at this time that I gave Jones the Five One Hundred Dollar Bills. When I gave Jones the money he was expecting it but he didn't say what it would be used for. I returned to Maximum Security and about three weeks later I quit my job in Maximum Security and went to Population. I was out about three months and Jones said that it would be better if people thought we were enemys. So I told the Warden that Jones, and some other inmates were after me and I went back to work in Maximum Security. After a few months I returned to Population and went to work as Night Clerk in Control Center. On this job I had the run of the Penitentiary and could eat any time I wanted to do so. After a few days Jones who was the head baker in the bakery shop in the kitchen sent me word to come down and eat breakfast with him early. I started eating breakfast with Jones before the Morning Meal was fixed. We got to talking one morning about Dr. Martin Luther King getting killed and how they were hunting Jimmy Ray for questioning in this. I told him at this time I had my doubts wheather he did it or not. But Jones seemed to think he had. Jones told me how he had been questioned about helping Jimmy escape in the bread box. Jones never told me who he gave the Five Hundred Dollars to and I never mentioned it. For several days Jones would talk about Jimmy escaping and how it made the Warden look bad and he was sure glad he got away. I was released from Prison later and have had no contact with George Jones since then.

"During my conversations with Jones he told me that Jimmy Ray had gone out in the bread box. Jones did not say he helped him but he seemed to know an awful lot about it and talked about it all the time.

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"I have typed this statement at my own suggestion and the information contained therein is from memory. I do not wish to testify to this matter as I fear some thing may happen to myself or my family. I would be willing to cooperate as long as there is no publicity.

"/s/ Bill Gordon Steinhoff

"Witnessed:

"/s/ James F. Miller,  
Special Agent, FBI."

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In addition to the statement, STEINHOFF advised that the GENE JACOBS, who was mentioned in the early part of the statement, was also supposedly known as "Little Evil". He claimed he did not know what JACOBS was incarcerated for but he had heard something to the effect that it might have to do with some type of election violation.

The following description of STEINHOFF was obtained through interrogation and observation:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Education	12 years
Birth data	[redacted] St. Louis, Missouri
Height	5'7"
Weight	135 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Green
Marital status	Divorced
Ex-Wife	DONNA COPELAND, nee EVANS, resides somewhere in St. Louis, Missouri
SSN	[redacted]
Occupation	Teletype operator
Parents	RAYMOND and MANOLA STEINHOFF, 8648 Gregory Court, Berkeley, Missouri
Scars and marks	Scars on right upper arm
Residence	1902 S. Emporia, Wichita, Kansas. This is the home of girlfriend, BETTY FELDMAN.
Arrest record	Admits several arrests for checks, auto theft and grand theft.
FBI Number	426 064 B .

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Date: 9/24/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) -P-  
RE: MURKIN

Enclosed herewith are nine (9) copies of FD-302 of BILL GORDON STEINHOFF, FBI #426 064 B who is presently incarcerated in the Sedgwick County Jail, Wichita, Kansas on local charges. Also enclosed herewith is photograph of STEINHOFF and copy of his arrest record.

No leads are being set forth pertaining to any of the information furnished by STEINHOFF since the Kansas City Division is not aware if any of the information has previously come to the attention of Memphis. It is also unknown if any of the persons mentioned by STEINHOFF has previously been interviewed. All logical leads are being left to the discretion of the office of origin.

Because of the length of the interview and the conditions under which this interview was conducted, and because of the nature of the information, no effort was made to have a second person witness the signature of STEINHOFF. Also, no effort was made to correct some of the spelling errors in the typed statement prepared by STEINHOFF.

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

Re Springfield airtel dated 9/20/68.

The following persons have been contacted during the week of 9/23/68 concerning captioned matter and could provide no information relating to JAMES EARL RAY or with persons who robbed the Bank of Alton on 7/13/67:

Chief WILLIAM H. PETERSEN, NA, Alton Police Department, Alton, Illinois;

Captain JOHN LIGHT, Alton Police Department;

WILLIAM E. MAHER, 712 Brown Street, Alton, Illinois;

Deputy Sheriff DEMOS NICHOLAS, Madison County Sheriff's Office, Edwardsville, Illinois;

ROBERT L. STANTON, Madison County Jail;

WILLIAM BEARDSMORE, President, Bank of Alton;

LEE MAAS, Bank of Alton;

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Investigation continuing and informants will be provided specific assignments in an effort to resolve this matter at an early date.

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>CHICAGO</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>MEMPHIS</b>	DATE <b>10/2/68</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>8/23 - 10/2/68</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>"CHANGED"</b> <b>JAMES EARL RAY, aka</b> <b>John L. Rayns,</b> <b>John Larry Rayms</b> <b>DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -</b> <b>VICTIM</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA RENE J. DUMAINE</b>	TYPED BY <b>CMS</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>CR - CONSPIRACY</b> <b>UFAC - ROBBERY</b>	

Title marked changed to include the aliases used by the subject while in Chicago.

REFERENCE: Chicago teletypes to the Bureau and Memphis dated 8/23 and 24/68.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

This report only contains information surrounding the subject's employment at the Indian Trail Restaurant, Winnetka, Illinois.

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## Copy to:

Report of: SA RENE J. DUMAINE Office: Chicago  
Date: 10/2/68  
Field Office File #: 44-1114 Bureau File #: 44-38861  
Title: JAMES EARL RAY;  
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
Character: CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY  
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT - ROBBERY

## Synopsis:

Subject employed at Indian Trail Restaurant, Winnetka, Illinois, from 5/3/67 - 6/24/67, as a dishwasher and cook's helper under the name of JOHN L. RAYNS, SSN [REDACTED] RAY resided at 2731 North Sheffield and 1648 West Lunt, Chicago, Illinois, during that time. Owners, Indian Trail Restaurant, interviewed by WILLIAM BRANFORD HUIE, author, who has underwritten cost of RAY's defense for exclusive story rights. HUIE's version of KING's murder obtained from subject as told to restaurant owners set forth. Right thumb print of subject developed on paycheck from Indian Trail Restaurant.

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DETAILS:

INTERVIEW WITH OWNERS OF INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT  
Winnetka, Illinois

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On August 23, 1968, Mr. HARVEY A. KLINGEMAN and Mrs. CLARA S. KLINGEMAN, owners, Indian Trail Restaurant, 507 Chestnut Street, Winnetka, Illinois, phone HI 6-1703, residence 391 Linden, Winnetka, Illinois, phone HI 6-2932, were interviewed jointly in the conference room at the Winnetka, Illinois, Police Department, after being introduced to the interviewing Agents by Chief DON DERNING (NA), Winnetka, Illinois, Police Department.

They advised that on Tuesday, August 20, 1968, they were contacted by WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE, Bartlesville, Alabama, who is the author of "Three Lives For Mississippi". Mr. HUIE was accompanied by Mr. (First Name Unknown) HANSEN, who is a photographer for "Look" magazine. Mr. HUIE exhibited letters which he claimed were from JAMES EARL RAY and were addressed to a Mississippi attorney. These letters were purportedly given to HUIE by the attorney. HUIE told them that he had obtained all commercial rights to RAY's story and for this he has agreed to underwrite the costs of RAY's defense in the forthcoming murder trial in Memphis, Tennessee. The aforementioned letters were written on half sheets of yellow legal foolscap and both of the KLINGEMANS stated that they recognized the handwriting on these papers as that of the subject RAY, whom they knew under the name of JOHN RAYNS. At this point, the KLINGEMANS were exhibited several photographs of the subject, JAMES EARL RAY, along with other photographs and they both positively identified JAMES EARL RAY as a man employed by them from May 3, 1967, to June 24, 1967, as a dishwasher and cook's helper. The KLINGEMANS verified the foregoing statement by furnishing to the interviewing Agents their payroll ledger sheet. A review of the ledger sheet reveals the following information:

Name	JOHN L. RAYNS
Address	2731 Sheffield, Chicago, Illinois
Occupation	Cook's helper
Social Security Number	
Rate	\$2.10 per hour

On 8/23/68 at Winnetka, Illinois File # 44-1114  
 by SA RAMON W. STRATTON  
 SA RENE J. DUMAINE RJD/mr Date dictated 8/28/68

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Marital Status              Single

In addition, the KLINGEMANs also made available the Employee's Withholding Exemption Certificate made out in the same name and address and Social Security Number as set forth above, dated May 10, 1968.

They also made available the following listed payroll checks all drawn on the Winnetka Trust and Savings Bank bearing the identification in the upper left-hand corner of Indian Trail Restaurant, Inc., 507 Chestnut Street, Winnetka, Illinois, 60093, made out to either JOHN L. RAYNS of JOHN RAYNS and signed by HARVEY A. KLINGEMAN. The checks are endorsed by JOHN L. RAYNS or JOHN RAYNS, two of which have the address 1648 Lunt, Chicago, underneath the signature. These checks are as follows:

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DATE</u>
4838	\$57.69	May 7, 1967
4913	\$84.89	May 14, 1967
4987	\$84.89	May 21, 1967
5038	\$84.89	May 28, 1967
5130	\$89.63	June 11, 1967
5283	\$95.19	June 18, 1967
5357	\$77.53	June 25, 1967

The foregoing checks total \$664.34.

Mr. KLINGEMAN advised that to the best of his recollection at this time, the last check, Number 5357, was mailed to RAY's brother, name unrecalled, in Northbrook, Illinois, at RAY's request since he left his employment prior to receipt of the check, stating that he was going to work on boats with his brother. As Mr. KLINGEMAN recalls, he received a letter from RAY requesting that the pay due be sent to his brother.

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Both of the KLINGEMANs characterized JAMES EARL RAY as an excellent employee, quiet, attentive, prompt, polite, a very good worker, but to their knowledge, had no friends or visitors during the time of his employment. They did recall that during the subject's last week of employment, he received three or four phone calls from a male individual who stated that he was RAY's brother. They could not recall the individual's name, nor did they believe that they would recognize this person's voice if they heard it again.

In conversation with Mr. HUIE, the KLINGEMANs received the following information on a confidential basis and advised that they were rather reluctant to divulge it, but felt that it was their duty as citizens. They requested that this information be maintained on a confidential basis within the FBI. They advised that they contacted Chief DEERNING because of his reputation and are now following his advice in furnishing this information to the FBI:

Mr. HUIE showed the KLINGEMANs letters from RAY in which RAY listed employment at the Indian Trail Restaurant. (It should be noted that this restaurant is an old, large, upper class restaurant, of excellent reputation. Chief DEERNING advised that the KLINGEMANs themselves have an excellent reputation within the community and that he holds them in very high regard). HUIE told them that RAY had served seven years of a twenty-year sentence at Jefferson, Missouri, prison, during which time he had eight visitors, one of whom was his brother, however, HUIE did not identify which one. Prior to his escape, RAY had stashed away a razor, green prison trousers which had been dyed black, and 12 hersey bars in anticipation that he would have to go without food for some time. RAY also had \$900 in his shoe. He escaped in a bread truck and walked to Chicago, Illinois, from Jefferson City, Missouri, which took him about eight days. (The KLINGEMANs do recall that when the subject first appeared at the restaurant, his feet were swollen and that their sister-in-law gave him two Ace bandages to use which he returned three or four days later. This supposedly was mentioned in the letter in HUIE's possession).

Thereafter, RAY read the advertisement in the Tribune wherein the KLINGEMANs had advertised for help in the restaurant. HUIE said that the subject in the letter

mentioned that the employment at the Indian Trail Restaurant was the "high point of his life".

HUIE mentioned that RAY had had only three jobs in his life, one of which was in a shoe factory outside of East St. Louis, Illinois, which was prior to his going to prison the last time. He also said that during the time RAY was employed at the restaurant, he was "tapped on the shoulder" by an individual who recognized him and who threatened to reveal his identity to the police and cause RAY's return to prison if he, RAY, did not work for this person. HUIE said that RAY was given \$1,200 during the initial contacts, by the alleged conspirators, and was ultimately paid \$15,000, but was due to receive more.

Again, according to HUIE, RAY was told to go to Canada to investigate the difficulty of crossing the border. Supposedly RAY made two trips through the Detroit Tunnel into Canada. He also made a third trip to Canada, date and sequence not given, and "was instructed" to obtain a 40-year-old newspaper, get the names of the males born that date, and search the current phone directory for similar names. He was then to surveil the individuals with similar names to determine whether or not his physical description was similar to theirs. Thereafter, he telephoned persons of his like description, utilizing a pretext, and thereby found a name who had never applied for a passport. RAY then applied for a passport in this name.

The KLINGSMANs advised that they were not sure that they were furnishing this information in its proper sequence, but that to the best of their recollection, the information preceding and following was given to them in this order by HUIE. Thereafter, RAY was given more money to purchase a Mustang which was to be driven to Acapulco, Mexico, for the purpose of obtaining a tourist sticker. He then drove through Mexico to the West Coast and hid out there to receive further instructions from the other individuals in the alleged conspiracy. HUIE stated that RAY was flown to Atlanta from the West Coast, but the time was not right, there was no action and he was sent back to California. He was also told to be in Mississippi at a certain time and place. Supposedly Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. was at an Holiday Inn Motel in Atlanta, Georgia, when RAY was flown there.



Subsequently, RAY was given money to obtain binoculars and a shotgun and was to go to Memphis to be somewhere at 3 p.m. in room 312 or 313. Supposedly there were other individuals who also came to this room and there was a Negro male who purportedly called KING out to the balcony. According to HUIE, the actual murderer of KING was not RAY, although RAY was present and at a later time (probably the trial) RAY will identify the murderer. RAY did pick up the rifle, ran to his car, and sped to a rendezvous in Atlanta, Georgia. He was supposed to pick up a "bundle of money", however, the conspirators did not appear. RAY allegedly spent several days or hours at this apartment in Atlanta, Georgia, awaiting the arrival of his "fellow conspirators".

According to HUIE, the plan was for RAY to go to Mexico, but immediately fly north to throw off pursuit and to steer all investigation to Mexico. However, since the conspirators did not appear in Atlanta, RAY fled to Canada thereafter utilizing his knowledge to obtain a passport and fled to England.

The KLINGEMANs advised that the rest of HUIE's story substantially follows the newspaper accounts which appeared after subject RAY's arrest in England. They did note that HUIE stated that RAY did rob a bank in London because he "got real low on money". HUIE at no time identified the alleged fellow conspirators of RAY. He did swear the KLINGEMANs to secrecy and told them that he would mail the "Look" proofs on September 10, 1968, and the story would be in the November 10, 1968, issue of Look magazine. Both Mr. and Mrs. KLINGEMAN advised that they would make these proofs available to the interviewing Agents for review.

The KLINGEMANs advised that RAY began working for them as a dishwasher and because of his excellent attitude was advanced to cook's helper. During the time he was in their employ, they did not observe him in a car, nor did they know him to own an automobile. He had no visitors, he did not wear glasses, he had no women friends, nor did he make any advances toward the female personnel employed at the restaurant and they noted that his hair was "less bushy" during the time he was at the restaurant than shown in the photographs.

They are not sure how he came to work from his apartment, but believe he might have been met at the Eden's Expressway by WILLIE PERRY and FRED BURNS, who were also employees at the restaurant.

His conduct was excellent and they cannot recall him making any comments one way or another about members of the Negro race and specifically no comments whatsoever concerning MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RAY made no reference to his previous employment, but did mention that he was in Brinerhaven, Germany, during World War II. They advised that when RAY received the phone calls during his last week of employment he seemed to be disturbed and that his concentration on his work was not as good as it usually was.

They then recalled that according to HUIE, that when JAMES EARL RAY left England, he was going to Lisbon to get to Africa, however, he was unable to do so which is when he returned to England and held up a bank receiving about \$200 in loot. They again stated that the information furnished to them by HUIE came from letters which RAY had written to his attorney, who in turn turned them over to the author. Also Mr. KLINGSMAN stated that in one of the letters which he believed was to the attorney from RAY, while he was in London, England, there was a drawing identifying a location which appeared to be Diverssey Street and Sheffield Avenue in Chicago, Illinois.

At the conclusion of the interview, the Klingmans again requested that this information be maintained in confidence and expressed a willingness to co-operate with the FBI in any way possible.

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INVESTIGATION AT 2731 NORTH SHEFFIELD

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 8/3/68

EDWARD DONNELLY, who resides at 2731 North Sheffield, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed at his place of employment, 7300 Linder Avenue, Skokie, Illinois. DONNELLY was advised interviewing Agents were interested in the person whose name appears on page 12 of the rent registration book DONNELLY keeps for 2731 North Sheffield. DONNELLY was shown a xerox copy of page 12 and was asked if he could recall the person signing the register as JOHN LARRY RAYMS on April 30, 1967. DONNELLY advised he recalled an individual who had stayed in the rear basement apartment by that name.

DONNELLY was shown photographs of the following individuals:

ROBERT T. KENNEDY, FBI Number 615590A

FRANK GRUDZINSKI, FBI Number 059823A

JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 495942G

PHILLIP J. KURTZ, Chicago Police Department IR No. 80131

ROBERT I. CHERN, FBI Number 539026D

WILLIE G. BREXINGWATER, FBI Number 950024F

Mr. DONNELLY advised the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY looks familiar to him; however, he could not be certain if this person was identical with the man who registered as JOHN LARRY RAYMS.

Mr. DONNELLY advised the individual he recalled as being identical with the man who used the name JOHN LARRY RAYMS and who occupied the rear basement apartment had trouble with his feet. He recalled this individual had to rub some kind of preparation on to his feet. Mr. DONNELLY stated this man did not have any visitors and he did not know of any associates of this individual. He recalled that Mr. RAYMS said he had worked on the Mississippi River as a cook

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on barges. He also recalled that when Mr. RAYMS left the apartment, he said he was going to Canada and was going to look for a job in Canada. Mr. DONNELLY could not recall if this man received any mail while he stayed at the apartment.

Mr. DONNELLY said he did not know if Mr. RAYMS had a car or where he worked. He did not know what of type of work he did, but he did know he left the apartment every day as if to go to work.

Mr. DONNELLY described JOHN LARRY RAYMS as a white, male, age 30 to 40, medium height, slender build, dark hair.

Mr. DONNELLY advised after looking at the xerox copy of page 13 of the rent record book that it appeared the next person to rent the rear basement apartment was GEORGE WASHINGTON WACHS, Jr.

Mr. DONNELLY stated that someone of the individuals who had lived in his apartments had told him he was moving out of the apartment to go home and stand trial for murdering his brother-in-law. However, Mr. DONNELLY was unable to recall who had made this statement to him, and he did not know if this statement had been made by Mr. RAYMS or some other person.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date September 3, 1968

GLORIA DONNELLY, 2731 North Sheffield Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, telephone number LA 5-0691, was interviewed at her residence. Mrs. DONNELLY advised she and her husband, EDWARD, own the building at 2731 North Sheffield. Mrs. DONNELLY stated that they rent apartments in the basement and on the second floor of their building.

Mrs. DONNELLY reviewed the Rent Record Book maintained for the rentals at 2731 North Sheffield, and determined there was an entry dated April 30, 1967, showing a rental to a JOHN LARRY RAYNS. Mrs. DONNELLY stated the handwriting on the entry would be the handwriting of the person renting the room. This person occupied the rear basement apartment.

Mrs. DONNELLY advised from the Rent Record Book she could not determine how long this individual stayed at the apartment; however, the best she could recall at this time was that Mr. RAYNS stayed there approximately three or four weeks. Mrs. DONNELLY advised the apartment is rented by the week and the rental is \$12, or \$13 a week.

Mrs. DONNELLY stated she had some difficulty recalling this individual, but to the best of her recollection he was a quiet man who did not associate with anyone else in the building and did not have any friends or visitors come by the apartment. She further recalled Mr. RAYNS had complained of his feet hurting. She stated on one or two occasions when she was in the rear basement apartment while he was renting it, she noticed he had a lot of books and had bought some cooking utensils.

Mrs. DONNELLY said that Mr. RAYNS received one letter that she knew of while he stayed at the apartment. This letter was from some place in Canada; after receiving this letter, Mr. RAYNS came up and told them he was going to move and go to Canada. He said he was going to work in Canada. Mrs. DONNELLY advised he said something about trying to get on a ship; however, she could not recall any further details of this comment. Mrs. DONNELLY said that

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after receiving the letter, RAYMS moved the same day. He did not leave a forwarding address or indicate where he was going; however, he left the distinct impression he was going to Canada in answer to the letter received.

Mrs. DONNELLY advised that while Mr. RAYMS rented the basement apartment, he went to work, or at least left the house daily by 7:00 a.m. She advised she could not recall Mr. RAYMS having any type of car.

Mrs. DONNELLY said that her aunt, JEAN WILKS, who had resided with her, rented the apartment to Mr. RAYMS. Mrs. DONNELLY advised JEAN WILKS passed away on May 1, 1968; she recalled her aunt told her this man came into the apartment as a result of seeing an advertisement in the local newspaper called "The Booster". Mrs. DONNELLY advised this is a neighborhood paper and they run advertisements in this paper whenever they have a vacancy.

Mrs. DONNELLY stated the only ones in the building now who would have been in the building at the time Mr. RAYMS occupied the basement apartment are ANNIE KEEGAN and EDWARD SPERLING. She stated that these two persons rent rooms on the second floor.

Mrs. DONNELLY advised DOROTHY LEHNING and her daughter, PHYLLIS, had occupied the front basement apartment for approximately two years. They moved some time in the spring of 1967, and may have been living in the front basement apartment at the same time that Mr. RAYMS was living in the rear basement apartment.

Mrs. DONNELLY reviewed her Rent Records, and from these records she advised an individual named GEORGE WASHINGTON WACHS, JR. appeared to be the next man to rent the rear basement apartment. The record book showed that Mr. WACHS rented this apartment on May 17, 1967, or June 17, 1967.

Mrs. DONNELLY stated there is currently a disconnected phone in the rear basement apartment. She did not know how long this phone had been in the apartment or if it had been connected when Mr. RAYMS lived in the apartment. Mrs. DONNELLY checked this phone and determined the number on the phone is 327-0336.

Mrs. DONNELLY stated she could not recall Mr. RAYMS leaving anything behind when he left other than

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Some cooking utensils, which would have been left in the apartment for the use of other occupants of that apartment.

Mrs. DONNELLY was shown photographs of the following individuals:

ROBERT T. KENNEDY, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
(FBI) Number 615590 A

FRANK BRUDZINSKI, FBI Number 959823 A

JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405942 G

PHILLIP JOSEPH KURTZ, Chicago Police Department  
Number 80181

ROBERT I. CHERN, FBI Number 539026 D

WILLIE G. DEERINGWATER, FBI Number 950024 F

Mrs. DONNELLY stated she was unable to identify any of these individuals as being the man named RAYNS who resided in the basement apartment.

Mrs. DONNELLY stated the person who had the most contact with this man was her aunt, JEAN WILKS, now deceased. Mrs. WILKS ran the rooming house and baby sat for her children and was home all day, and had much more contact with the tenants than herself.

Mrs. DONNELLY described JOHN L. RAYNS as follows: a white male, in his late 20's or early 30's, tall and thin, dark hair. She could not be more specific in her description.

Mrs. DONNELLY made available page number 13 of her Rent Record Book which contained the signature of JOHN LARRY RAYNS.



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1Date September 3, 1968

EDWARD SPERLING, 2nd Floor Apartment, 2731 North Sheffield, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed at his residence. SPERLING was shown photographs of the following individuals:

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FRANK GRUBZINSKI, FBI Number 959823 A

JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405942 G

PHILLIP J. KURTZ, Chicago Police Department IR  
Number 80181

ROBERT I. CHERN, FBI Number 539026 D

WILLIE G. DEERINGWATER, FBI Number 950024 F

SPERLING advised the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY bears a resemblance to a man who had lived in the rear basement apartment at 2731 North Sheffield, approximately a year ago.

SPERLING advised the man he was referring to was a man named RAYMS. SPERLING stated he never saw this individual have any visitors or associate with anyone in the area. He further stated this man was not friendly with any of the other people living in the building. He recalled that this man lived at the building for approximately one month.

SPERLING advised he thought on one occasion he saw this man around or getting into an old car; however, he could not describe the car's description. SPERLING was unable to furnish any other facts regarding this individual.

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1Date September 3, 1968

ANNIE KEEGAN, 2731 North Sheffield, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed at her residence. KEEGAN stated she did not get acquainted with any of the people who had rooms in the basement, and she stated she was unable to provide any information regarding a person who stayed in the rear basement apartment who used the name of RAYMS.

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