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THESE TAVERNS IN FIFTYEIGHT THROUGH SIXTY. RIVERVIEW IS IN REMOTE AREA AND DOES NOT ADVERTISE. ROSE'S PLACE IS ON OLD US HIGHWAY SEVEN EIGHT, NEAR DORA, ALA. CONCERNING THE ALL-STATE CAFE AND NIGHT CLUB. IDENTIFIED BY BRITTON AS ANOTHER PLACE REFERRED TO BY RAY IN CONVERSATIONS WITH BRITTON IN PEN. THIS IS COMBINATION CAFE AND NIGHT CLUB. THE CAFE IS ON THE GROUND LEVEL AND OPERATED BY ED AND ELEANOR HOLLIST UNDERNEATH THE CAFE IS NOTORIOUS NIGHT CLUB AND DRINKING JOINT. WHICH IS OPERATED BY HOLLIS' BROTHER, HAROLD HOLLIS. THIS PLACE HAS BEEN IN OPERATION BY THE HOLLISES SINCE FIFTYSEVEN. BOTH ED AND HAROLD HOLLIS STATE PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECT NOT IDENTICAL WITH ANY CUSTOMER KNOWN TO THEM. EITHER DURING PERIOD FIFTYSEVEN THROUGH SIXTY. OR SINCE APR. SIXTYSEVEN. BOTH HOLLISES. MAMIE MITCHELL, AND GLADYS KEY ALL FURNISHED IO-S OF RAY. AND ALL STATE THEY WILL COOPERATE WITH FBI. ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF REWARD OFFERED BY MEMPHIS NEWSPAPERS. ELEANOR HOLLIS AND HER COOK, MYRTLE NELSON, IN ALL-STATE CAFE, BOTH IDENTIFY SIXTY SEVEN AND SIXTYEIGHT PHOTOS OF RAY AS PERSON THEY HAVE SEEN IN CAFE. BUT BOTH STATE THEY ARE UNABLE TO FURNISHE ANY OTHER INFORMATION WHATSOEVER ABOUT THIS INDIVIDUAL. INCLUDING DESCRIPTION END PAGE FOUR

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OR WHEN HE WAS SEEN BY THEM IN CAFE. BOTH STATE THEY WILL GIVE MATTER CONSIDERABLE THOUGHT IN EFFORT TO RECALL MORE DEFINITE INFORMATION. CONTACT WITH THESE TWO WOMEN WILL BE MAINTAINED BY BIRMINGHAM.

TOLL CALLS CHARGED TO TELEPHONE OF BRITTON FOR PERIOD OCT.,

SIXTYSEVEN, TO DATE OBTAINED AS FOLLOWS: CHATTANOOGA, TENN., TWO

SIX SIX - ONE FOUR ZERO EIGHT, CALLED OCT SEVENTEEN, TWO NINE, NOV.

THREE, TWO SIX, TWO NINE, FEB. FOUR, ELEVEN, MARCH FOURTEEN, FIFTEEN,

SIXTEEN, TWENTY, LAST; JEFFERSON CITY, MO., SIX THREE SIX - EIGHT

FIVE ONE ZERO, CALLED OCT. THREE, LAST; COLLECT CALL APR. FOUR,

LAST, RECEIVED FROM HOPEWELL, VA., FOUR FIVE EIGHT - FOUR SIX ONE FIVE

MONROEVILLE, ALA., SEVEN FOUR THREE - SEVEN TWO THREE SIX CALLED

DEC. SIX LAST.

MOBILE, RICHMOND, KANSAS CITY, AND KNOXVILLE, IDENTIFY ONLY SUBSCRIBERS OF TELEPHONE NUMBERS IN YOUR AREA, AS LISTED ABOVE, AND CONDUCT INDICES CHECK AND DISCREET INQUIRY. DO NOT INTERVIEW, AT THIS TIME, AS SUCH MIGHT COMPROMISE OR ANTAGONIZE THOMAS BRITTON, WHO IS BEING DEVELOPED AS SOURCE. BIRMINGHAM WILL CONDUCT SIMILAR INVESTIGATION CONCERNING CALLS MADE TO TELEPHONES LOCATED IN DIVISION. NOTE NO CALLS MADE TO ANY TELEPHONE NUMBER KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN ACCESSIBLE TO RAY.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) ST. LOUIS (44-775) MEMPHIS (44-1987) FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 2P

MURKIN.

RE MILFORD ROHER.

PCI, CHICAGO, ADVISED THAT WILLIAM NETHINGTON AND HIS WIFE NORA, SULLIVAN, MISSOURI, ADVISED HIM ON MAY FIVE LAST THAT MILFORD ROHER, CITY POLICEMAN, SULLIVAN, MISSOURI, HAD TOLD THEM THAT THE ESCAPE OF JAMES RAY HAD BEEN PLANNED BY THE KU KLUX KLAN (KKK) SO THAT RAY COULD KILL KING. THEY ALSO TOLD INFORMANT THAT ROHER WAS A MEMBER OF THE KKK.

INFORMANT ALSO HAD CONVERSATION WITH ROHER BUT NOTHING
OF VALUE OBTAINED. INFORMANT BELIEVES NETHINGTONS' ACCURATELY
QUOTING ROHER TO HIM BUT IS OF OPINION ROHER IS A PREVARICATOR.

NETHINGTONS' RESIDENCE CAN BE REACHED BY LEAVING SULLIVAN, MISSOURI, WEST ON ROUTE SIXTY-SIX TURNING LEFT AT THE HIGH SEARCE LOW MOTEL AND TRAVELING SIX MILES, PHONE NUMBER SEVEN THREE SERIAL TWO-FIVE FOUR SIX EIGHT.

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ST. LOUIS LOCATE AND INTERVIEW WILLIAM NETHINGTON.

INFORMANT NOT CONCERNED ABOUT BEING COMPROMISED. THEN INTERVIEW ROHER.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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COMPLEXION, OCCUPATION FARMER, SCAR ON CENTER OF FOREHEAD. FAMILY INCLUDES BROTHER CHARLES, WAVERLY, ILLINOIS, BROTHER, BERT, SPRINGFIELD, NIECE, MRS. JOE REESE, THREE ONE SIX NORTH HOOSIER, BRAZIL, INDIANA, NEPHEW RALPH TANNEHILL, ONE FOUR THREE TWO FOURTH STREET, MADISON, ILLINOIS, SISTER MRS. DOROTHY SEYMOUR, FRANKLIN, ILLINOIS, COUSIN GERTRUDE WALLING, NINE ZERO FOUR LIND STREET, QUINCY, ILLINOIS. AUSTIN'S CORRESPONDENCE FILE ALSO REFLECTS THE FOLLOWING: ROBERT REED, CASE WORKER. AND FATHER DOUGLAS WOLFE, BOTHER FROM ST. LEONARD'S HOUSE, TWO ONE ZERO ZERO WARREN AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, ATTORNEY J. EDWARD JONES, ONE FOUR THREE TWO WEST HARRISON STREET, CHICAGO A. A. FERRIS COMPANY. INC., ONE TWO TWO WEST LINCOLN, GOSHEN. INDIANA, ST. ANTHONY'S INN, INC., TWENTY NINE SOUTH LA SALLE STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, GIRARD LETTMAN, WARREN CLINIC, TWO FOUR FOUR NINE WEST WASHINGTON BOULEVARD, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. MR. AND MRS. (FNU) MYRICK, CASEYVILLE NURSING HOME, CASEYVILLE, ILLINOIS, A. B. ROBERTSON, TWO ZERO ONE ONE ROAD STREET, MADISON, ILLINOIS, WAUKEGAN RESCUE MISSION, WAUKEGAN, ILLINOIS, WILLIE PAGE TWO

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CHICAGO DIVISION AT CHICAGO AND WAUKEGAN, ILLINOIS,
INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION AT BRAZIL AND GOSHEN, INDIANA, AND
ST. LOUIS DIVISION AT ST. LOUIS, INVESTIGATE IN AN EFFORT TO
LOCATE AND INTERVIEW AUSTIN. SPRINGFIELD CONDUCTING INVESTI—
GATION AT MADISON, WAVERLY, CASEYVILLE, FRANKLIN, QUINCY, AND
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Special Agent in Charge

FBI BIRMGHAM

146 PM URGENT 5-13-68 JGA

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, MEMPHIS, KANSAS CITY AND ST. LOUIS.

FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740 4P

MURKIN.

RE BIRMINGHAM TELS TO BUREAU, MAY SEVEN, EIGHT AND TEN, LAST, AND ST. LOUIS TELS TO BUREAU, MAY TEN, ELEVEN AND TWELVE, LAST.

KANSAS CITY IS REQUESTED TO EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION REQUESTED AT MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY IN RE BIRMINGHAM TELS. IN ORDER THAT INFO FROM EX-CONVICTS BEING OBTAINED BY ST. LOUIS, BIRMINGHAM AND ATLANTA, MAY BE PROPERLY EVALUATED. KANSAS CITY IS REQUESTED TO SUTEL SPECIFICALLY INFORMATION DEVELOPED RE "COOLEY ORGANIZATION" AND/OR ANY PRISONER NAMED COOKEY; ALL INFO DEVELOPED RE PRISONERS NAMED CRAIG AND "BOSTON" AS IDENTIFIED BY EX-CONVICT THOMAS BRITTONY ALL INFO DEVELOPED RE ANY LOTTERIES OPERATED BY JOHN PAUL VELANTI/AND HIS ITALIAN PARTNER FROM ST. LOUIS WHO HAS GUNSHOT WOUND IN FACE. KANSAS CITY ALSO SUTEL WHETHER SUBJECT RAY WAS EVER A "WALK BOY" IN "J HALL" NOVEMBER. SIXTYSIX, THROUGH APRIL, SIXTYSEVEN, AND WHETHER RAY EVER

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EMPLOYED IN LICENSE PLATE FACTORY, MSP, SIXTYTHREE OR SIXTYFOUR.

KANS AS CATY WILL ASCERTAIN IF THERE WAS EVER A PRISONER NAMED JIMMY RAYELAS DESCRIBED BY VELANTI AND IF SO, FURNISH BIRMINGHAM AND RECEIVING OFFICES BACKGROUND AND PHOTO. KANS AS CITY ASCERTAIN EXACT DATES OF INCARCERATION FOR VELANTI, NOTING IN RE ST. LOUIS TEL, MAY TEN LAST, VELANTI CLAIMED HE WAS IN MSP, FEBRUARY THIRTEEN, FIFTY, UNTIL PAROLED MARCH, SIXTYSEVEN, AND WAS SERVING TWENTYYEAR SENTENCE FOR "NINETEEN FIFTYNINE" ARMED ROBBERY. KANS AS CITY ALSO ASCERTAIN IDENTITIES OF RESIDENCE HALLS AT MSP AND DATES OF RESIDENCE DURING THEIR IMPRISONMENT FOR SUBJECT RAY, AND VELANTI, THOMAS BRITTON, JAMES BROWN AND JAMES H. CARPENTER. ASCERTAIN IF RAY AND VELANTI EVER LIVEN IN SAME RESIDENCE HALL AT SAME TIME AT MSP.

KANSAS ALSO SUTEL RESULTS OF INQUIRY AT KANSAS CITY PD REARREST OF VELANTI.

FROM INFO AVAILABLE BIRMINGHAM AS RECEIVED FROM EX-CONVICTS AND
THAT DEVELOPED BY ST. LOUIS AS RECEIVED FROM EX-CONVICTS CARPENTER
AND VELANTI, IT APPEARS CARPENTER AND VELANTI POSSIBLY BOTH IN
POSSESSION OF ADDITIONAL NECESSARY INFO RE RAY AND THEY SHOULD BE
REINTERVIEWED IMMEDIATELY. ST. LOUIS ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN FROM CARPENTER
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HIS KNOWLEDGE OF ALL OF RAY'S ACTIVITIES DURING TIME CARPENTER KNEW RAY IN MSP. NOTING CARPENTER CLAIMS HE WAS ACQUAINTED WITH BOTH VELANTI AND RAY, ASCERTAIN IF VELANTI AND RAY WERE ASSOCIATED.

DETERMINE IF CARPENTER KNOWS A "JIMMY RAYE" AS DESCRIBED BY VELANTI.

ASCERTAIN CARPENTER'S KNOWLEDGE OF (FNU) CRAIG, "COOLEY ORGANIZATION"

(OR ANY OTHER PRISONER ORGANIZATION WHICH OPERATED AS PROTECTIVE RACKET FOR PRISONERS), PRISONER NAMED "BOSTON2 AND ANY LOTTERIES OPERATED IN MSP. ASCERTAIN WHERE RAY WAS LIVING AND HANGING OUT IN ST. LOUIS, MAY TEN THROUGH SEVENTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN, WHILE HE WAS IN CONTACT WITH CARPENTER. DETERMINE HOW OFTEN CARPENTER HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH VELANTI IN ST. LOUIS SINCE HIS RELEASE FROM MSP AND DETAILS OF THESE CONTACTS, SPECIFICALLY IF CARPENTER EVER ADVISED VELANTI THAT CARPENTER HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH RAY IN MAY, SIXTYSEVEN.

ST. LOUIS CIRCULARIZE WITH 10 OF RAY LAUNDRIES AND CLEANERS IN AREA WHERE CARPENTER SAW RAY IN MAY, SIXTYSEVEN.

FROM VELANTI, OBTAIN COMPLETE BACKGROUND RE EACH OF HIS WIVES
INCLUDING PAST AND PRESENT RESIDENCES. ASCERTAIN IDENTITY OF PRISONER
WITH WHOM VELANTI HAD FIGHT OVER KENNEDY ASSASSINATION. IT IS NOTED
BOTH EX-CONVICTS BRITTON AND BROWN STATE VELANTI AND RAY ACQUAINTED
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WITH EACH OTHER WHEREAS VELANTI DENIES THIS ASSOCIATION. DETERMINE

ALL TELEPHONES AVAILABLE TO VELANTI AND THEREAFTER OBTAIN

TOLL CALLS CHARGED TO THESE TELEPHONES FOR PAST SIX MONTH PERIOD.

ASCERTAIN FROM ST. LOUIS PD ANY ROBBERIES COMMITTED IN MAY OR

JUNE, SIXTYSEVEN, WHICH COULD POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN COMMITTED BY RAY,

NOTING HIS CONTACT WITH CARPENTER.

ST. LOUIS AND KANSAS CITY ARE NOW IN POSSESSION OF RESULTS OF

ALL INTERVIEWS TO DATE BY BIRMINGHAM OF BROWN AND BRITTON AND THESE

SHOULD BE USED DURING REINTERVIEWS OF VELANTI AND CARPENTER AND

PRISON RECORDS CHECKS.

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WEEKLY SUMMARY.

INTERVIEWS WITH PRISONERS MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY (MSP)
CONTINUE. NO INFORMATION DEVELOPED RE COOLEY ORGANIZATION. SUBJECT
NEVER EMPLOYED AT LICENSE PLATE FACTORY IN MSP. J AND K HALLS AT MSP
ARE TOGETHER AND THEY CONTAIN THREE HUNDRED SIXTYFOUR CELLS. ROSTERS
ARE NOT KEPT OF EVERYONE IN A SPECIFIC HALL; YOU HAVE TO GO TO THE
INDIVIDUAL PRISONER'S RECORD TO GET THE LOCATION OF HIS CELL.

ANOTHER INMATE BY THE NAME OF JAMES DUANE WRAY CONTINUES TO BE
INCARCERATED AT MSP. HE IS A WM IN K HALL, MSP NUMBER ZERO SIX SEVEN
TWO ZERO AND HAS BEEN THERE SINCE APRIL SIXTYTHREE. BOSTON IDENTIFIED
AS MILTON ZAVALOFSKI, MSP NUMBER ONE ZERO NINE EIGHT ZERO, WAS IN CELL
J ONE EIGHT EIGHT FROM NOVEMBER SIXTYFIVE UNTIL MARCH SIXTYSIX
WHEN HE WENT TO THE HONOR FARM. HE WAS RELEASED APRIL THIRD SIXTYSEVEN.

JAMES W. BROWN, MSP NUMBER ZERO ZERO FOUR EIGHT THREE, FBI NUMBER
FIVE ZERO FOUR NINE SEVEN SEVEN THREE, WAS INCARCERATED FROM MARCH
TWENTYFIVE SIXTY UNTIL JUNE FIFTEEN SIXTYFIVE. HAD FIFTEEN CELL CHANGES
NOT LISTED IN RECORDS. JAMES HIGH CARPENTER, MSP NUMBER ZERO ONE SEVEN

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SIX ONE, WAS IN THE PRISON FROM DECEMBER TWENTYONE SIXTY UNTIL MAY
FIRST SIXTYSEVEN. NUMEROUS CELL ASSIGNMENTS NEVER CELLED WITH SUBJECT.

CARPENTER WORKED IN THE VEGETABLE ROOM. VALENTI ALSO HAD NUMEROUS
CELL ASSIGNMENTS BUT NEVER WITH THE SUBJECT.

GENE LNU IDENTIFIED AS GENE BARNES, MSP NUMBER SEVEN TWO TWO SEVEN ONE, STILL IN THE PRISON, INTERVIEWED THIS DATE ADVISED HE WAS IN THE SAME HALL AS SUBJECT BUT WAS NOT A FRIEND OF HIS AND COULD PURNISH NO PERTINENT INFORMATION REGARDING HIM. JOHN KENNETH HURTT, MSP NUMBER SEVEN FIVE FIVE ZERO TWO ALSO INTERVIEWED. ADMITTED SENDING FIFTEEN DOLLARS FOR STATIONERY BUT NOT CLOSE TO RAY AND SENT NO OTHER MONIES FOR HIM. COULD FURNISH NO PERTINENT INFORMATION.

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SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED MAY THIRTEEN INSTANT.

DELTA AIRLINES HAS NOT RECEIVED TICKETS SOLD THROUGH

TRAVEL AGENCIES AS YET.

EXPANDED CHECK OF SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES, ATLANTA, CONTINUING.

BILLY MACK WISDOM INTERVIEWED AT U. S. PENITENTIARY,

ATLANTA, THIS DATE. STATES HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF

SUBJECT'S WHEREABOUTS AND HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY PLOT

TO KILL KING. STATED IN NOV. NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, SAW

A PERSON IN THE FOURTEENTH ST. AREA OF ATLANTA WHO

RESEMBLED SUBJECT. WISDOM STATES HE WOULD NOT FURNISH

ANY INFORMATION EVEN IF HE HAD SUCH INFORMATION. IT IS

NOTED MEMPHIS DIVISION INDICATES SUBJECT'S WHEREABOUTS

CCT. NINETEEN THROUGH JAN. EIGHTEEN SIXTYEIGHT ESTABLISHED

AS MEXICO AND LOS ANGELES.

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BURGLARY OR ROBBERY IN WHICH SUBJECT MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED AS FILES ARE MAINTAINED ON DATE BASIS AND IN THE NAME OF THE VICTIM. ATLANTA AVERAGES EIGHTEEN BURGLARIES AND THREE ROBBERIES PER DAY.

JAMES WILLOUGHBY, FORMER TENANT AT ONE ONE THREE
FOURTEENTH ST., NE, INTERVIEWED THIS DATE AND DID NOT
KNOW ANYONE RESIDED IN APT. NO. TWO AT THE TIME OF
WILLOUGHBY'S RESIDENCE. WILLOUGHBY RESIDED ONE ONE THREE
FOURTEENTH ST. APPROXIMATELY APR. ONE THROUGH APR.
TWELVE SIXTYEIGHT. ON ONE OCCASION IN EARLY APR. SIXTYEIGHT, HE OBSERVED THREE MEN TALKING TOGETHER ON ENCLOSED
PORCH AT ONE ONE THREE FOURTEENTH ST., NE. HE DID
NOT ENGAGE IN CONVERSATION WITH THEM NOR DOES HE
KNOW THEIR IDENTITY. UPON VIEWING PHOTO OF SUBJECT,
WILLOUGHBY STATES SUBJECT POSSIBLY ONE OF THE THREE
MEN BUT NOTED HE HAS SEEN NUMEROUS PICTURES OF SUBJECT

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ON TELEVISION
REINTERVIEWED
DETAILS OF HI
ST., NE.
ATLANTA
FROM SUBJECT.

ON TELEVISION AND IN NEWSPAPERS. WILLOUGHBY BEING
REINTERVIEWED TO ASCERTAIN IF HE CAN RECALL ANY FURTHER
DETAILS OF HIS RESIDENCE AT ONE ONE THREE FOURTEENTH
ST.. NE.

FROM SUBJECT'S RESIDENCE A BROCHURE OF THE ELECTRA-DATE CORP., NO. NINE NW TWENTYTHIRD AVE., BIRMINGHAM. THIS BROCHURE REFLECTED THIS COMPANY ARRANGED DATES BETWEEN INDIVIDUALS BASED ON THEIR COMMON LIKES AND DISLIKES.

BIRMINGHAM CONTACT ELECTRA-DATE CORP. DETERMINE IF SUBJECT HAS MADE ANY INQUIRY OF THAT CORP.

ST. LOUIS REQUESTED TO FURNISH ANY SPECIFIC DETAILS CONCERNING ROBBERY - BURGLARY SUBJECT REPORTEDLY INVOLVED IN ATLANTA AREA.

ADVISE IF VICTIM WAS OIL CO. OFFICE OR GASOLINE STATION AND APPROXIMATE DATE.

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REBHTELS OF MAY SEVEN AND EIGHT LAST.

YOU SHOULD, IF NOT ALREADY DONE, LOCATE AND INTERVIEW ALL ASSOCIATES OF RAY AS GIVEN BY ONE THOMAS BRITTON OF HALEYVILLE, ALABAMA. YOU SHOULD ALSO PRESS EVERY EFFORT POSSIBLE TO DETERMINE ANY INFORMATION WHATSOEVER CONCERNING THE COOLEY ORGANIZATION. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THESE LEADS BE GIVEN TOP PRIORITY AND HANDLED IN A MOST EXPEDITIOUS MANNER.

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INDIAN BARBER IDENTIFIED AS MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY (MSP)

INMATE ROMAN SAGE, NO. ONE FOUR THREE ONE NINE. HE ADVISED THIS

DATE THAT HE NEVER KNEW OR EVER REMEMBERS SEEING THE SUBJECT. CARL

CRAIG, MSP NO. ONE ONE ONE TWO SEVEN, RELEASED MAY ONE LAST TO

RETURN TO SPRINGFIELD, MO. MOTHER LISTED AS IDA CRAIG, ONE EIGHT

ONE FIVE W. THOMAN, SPRINGFIELD. ALSO A BROTHER, KENNETH CRAIG

RESIDING SPRINGFIELD. CRAIG INTENDED TOWORK AT THE SAW MILL OF

GENE SIKES. SPRINGFIELD, MO.

THE ASSOCIATE WARDEN ADVISED THAT EVERY ITALIAN INMATE THAT
COMES TO THE PRISON IS CALLED DAGO AND UNLESS THERE WAS SOME
MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION REGARDING DAGO, THEY WOULD BE UNABLE TO
IDENTIFY THE INDIVIDUALS MENTIONED BY THOMAS BRITTON.

FURTHER INQUIRY AT THE PRISON FAILS TO REVEAL A COOLEYS ORGANIZATION INSIDE MSP.

CARL CRAIG REGARDING SUBJECT.

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ADDRESS OF SUE MC SPARIN, SISTER OF EARL KNIGHT, DETER-MINED TO BE IN MIDDLE OF OPEN FIELD. RESIDENT AT ADDRESS OF MRS. IVAN UNDERWOOD, EIGHT FIVE SEVEN BINGHAM, STATES THE NAME UNDERWOOD UNKNOWN AS THEY HAVE BEEN TENANTS THERE FOR PAST SIX YEARS.

NEIGHBORHOOD AND REALTY COMPANY CHECKS NEGATIVE RE UNDERWOOD.

TENN. STATE PAROLE OFFICE HAD NO RECORD OF KNIGHT OR UNDERWOOD ENTERING THEIR JURISDICTION.

KANSAS CITY REVIEW RECORDS OF MSP TO DETERMINE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR EARL KNIGHT, MSP SIX FIVE ZERO SEVEN EIGHT AND IVAN UNDERWOOD, MSP ONE TWO NINE TWO SEVEN.

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JAMES D. WALLACE, INMATE NO. SEVEN FIVE SIX EIGHT TWO,
MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY (MSP), JEFFERSON CITY, MO., ADVISED
THIS DATE HE WAS RAISED WITH JIMMIE OWENS, WHO WAS ARRESTED WITH
RAY PRIOR TO HIS INCARCERATION AT MSP. WALLACE HIMSELF WAS IN MSP
FROM NINETEEN-FIFTYNINE UNTIL HE WAS PAROLED IN SIXTYFIVE. HE
RETURNED TO PENITENTIARY IN MARCH, SIXTYEIGHT. WALLACE ADVISED
THAT LAST SUMMER, MONTH UNKNOWN, HE WAS COMING OUT OF JEFFERSONGRAVOIS BANK, ST. LOUIS, MO., WHEN HE OBSERVED JIMMIE OWENS
AND SUBJECT COMING IN. HE STATED TO THE, "GLAD I GOT MY MONEY
CUT BEFORE YOU GUYS GOT HERE." THEY STATED THAT "WE'RE PUTTING
MONEY IN." WALLACE ADVISED HE HAD NO MORE CONVERSATION WITH THEM,
HAS NOT SEEN THEM SINCE, AND CAN NOT EVEN DESCRIBE WHAT THEY WERE
WEARING.

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WALLACE ALSO STATED THAT HE THOUGHT THE MENARD BROTHERS FROM ST. LOUIS MIGHT HAVE SOME INFOR RE SUBJECT'S WHEREABOUTS. THESE THREE INDIVIDUALS ARE RAYMOND O. MENARD, FBI NO. FOUR SEVEN ONE EIGHT TWO TWO SEVEN; RICHARD MENARD, FBI NO. FOUR FOUR NINE SIX EIGHT FOUR EIGHT; AND LOUIS GENE MENARD, FBI NO. FIVE ONE SEVEN NINE EIGHT EIGHT A. MSP RECORDS REVEAL THAT THEY WERE ALL FORMER INMATES AT THAT INSTITUTION, AND THEIR MOTHER, HAZEL MENARD, CURRENTLY RESIDES AT TWO ONE ZERO FOUR S. EIGHTH ST., ST. LOUIS, MO.

MSP RECORDS REVEAL THERE ARE NO INDIVIDUALS CURRENTLY IN PENITENTIARY BY THE NAME OF COOLEY. IN THE PAST HISTORY OF THE PRISON, THERE HAVE BEEN TWELVE DIFFERENT COOLEYS INCARCERATED AT THAT INSTITUTION OER THE YEARS.

JAMES DUANE WRAY, CURRENT INMATE AT MSP, ADVISED THAT
HIS OLDER BROTHER, LARRY WRAY, IS LAURENCE EUGENE WRAY,
CURENTLY IN KANSAS CITY. WRAY STATED HE IS CERTAIN THERE IS
NO SUCH ORGANIZATION AS A COOLEY GANG OPERATING IN PRISON.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF BUREAU, LAURENCE EUGENE WRAY, FBI.

NO. NINE SIX EIGHT ONE ZERO FIVE B, IS SUBJECT OF ONE THREE

SEVEN FILE IN KANSAS CITY OFFICE.

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ST. LOUIS CHECK BANK RECORDS. ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW JIMMIE OWENS AND MENARD BROTHERS.

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FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RE JAMES LAOMA OWENS,
NUMBER ZERO ZERO ONE EIGHT FOUR, WAS OBTAINED FROM THE MSP
RECORDS. HE WAS RECEIVED MSP FEB FIVE NINETEEN-SIXTY FROM
ST. LOUIS TO SERVE A SEVEN YEAR SENTENCE ON CHARGE OF ROBBERY
FIRST. HE WAS DISCHARGED IN JAN TWO NINETEEN-SIXTYFOUR. A
DETAINER IN FAVOR OF DIV OF SUPERVISION OF PAROLES,
SPRINGFIELD, ILL., WAS FILED FEB TWENTYTHREE NINETEEN-SIXTY.

OWENS DESCRIBED WM, DOB

ELVINS, MO., FIVE FEET FOUR INCHES, ONE HUNDRED FORTYNINE

POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES, MEDIUM COMPLEXION, STOCKY

BUILD, OCCUPATION BARBER, TATOO OF SHIP ON LEFT FOREARM.

RELATIVES MOTHER IDA OWENS, FIVE ONE SEVEN FIFTH ST.,

HONOLULU, HAWAII; BROTHER ERNIST OWENS, SAME ADDRESS; WIFE

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BETTY OWENS, NINE FOUR FOUR SEVEN ROSEMARY, BERKELEY, MO. WIFE REPORTEDLY DIVORCED AND REMARRIED. AUNT ANNA MERRITT, FUR AL ROUTE ONE, ELVINS, MO.; COUSIN RHONDA MERRITT, SAME ADDRESS.

JIMMIE OWENS COMPLETED TEN GRADES AT THE BRIAN HILL SCHOOL, BRIAN HILL, MO. HAD NO VISITORS AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WHILE INCARCERATED. LISTED FORMER EMPLOYMENT AS A BOILER MAKER FOR THE COMBUSTION ENGINEERING CO., ST. LOUIS, IN NINETEEN-FORTYSEVEN.

SPRINGFIELD ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE LOCATION OF OWENS AT DIV OF SUPERVISION OF PAROLES.

HONOLULU CONTACT MOTHER AND BROTHER FOR LOCATION OF OWENS OR THE SUBJECT.

ST. LOUIS CONTINUE EFFORTS TO CONTACT RELATIVES AND FORMER EMPLOYER RE LOCATION OF JIMMIE OWENS.

FOR INFORMATION OF ALL OFFICES, SUBJECT WAS REPORTEDLY SEEN WITH JIMMIE OWENS IN ST. LOUIS DURING SUMMER OF NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN AND OWENS WAS WITH HIM AT THE TIME OF HIS ARREST IN ST. LOUIS FOR ROBBERY WHICH RESULTED IN THEIR END PAGE TWO

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TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS, AND KANSAS CITY

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

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RE JOHN PAUL VELANTI ON FIVE FOURTEEN SIXTYEIGHT ADVISED THAT FOLLOWING PERSONS CAN FURNISH INFORMATION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT HE WAS ASSOCIATE OF SUBJECT BOY IN MSP.

ONE. MAJOR POIRY - FORMERLY IN CHARGE OF SECURITY MSP.

TWO. MARION "DITTY" JANSEN - FORMER CLERK-PRISONER MSP AND NOW ON PAROLE IN KC.

THREE. MSP INMATE (FNU) BAGBY, NM, AGE ABOUT SIXTY DOING
THIRTY YEARS FOR MURDER AND FOR YEARS IN CHARGE OF
MATTRESS FACTORY IN MSP.

KC INTERVIEW THESE INDIVIDUALS RE ASSOCIATION WITH SUBJECT RAY AND ADVISE BIRMINGHAM.

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DAILY SUMMARY

INTERVIEWS WITH INMATES, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY

CONTINUE. INDIAN BARBER IDENTIFIED AND INTERVIEWED; FURNISHED

NO PERTINENT INFORMATION RE SUBJECT OR COOLEY ORGANIZATION.

INFORMATION RECEIVED SUBJECT AND JIMMIE OWENS SEEN TOGETHER

IN ST. LOUIS BANK DURING SUMMER, SIXTYSEVEN. ALL PERTINENT

INFORMATION RECEIVED FURNISHED OTHER OFFICES BY MOST

EXPEDITIOUS MEANS. COMPLETE INFORMATION FROM MSP FILES ON

OWENS FURNISHED INTERESTED OFFICES.

INMATE JAMES WRAY, YOUNGER BROTHER OF LAURENCE WRAY, SUBJECT OF KANSAS CITY ONE THREE SEVEN FILE, INTERVIEWED; FURNISHED NO PERTINENT INFORMATION.

JAMES SMITH, TRAVELING VIA AIRLINES FROM ATLANTA TO CHICAGO TO LOS ANGELES, APRIL NINE LAST, IDENTIFIED.

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ALL LOCAL LEADS BEING HANDLED IMMEDIATELY.

IT IS SUGGESTED IDENTIFICATION DIVISION COMPARE FINGERPRINTS

OF JAMES LAOMA OWENS, MSP NUMBER ZERO ZERO ONE EIGHT FOUR, DATE OF

BIRTH ELVINS, MISSOURI,

WITH ANY UNIDENTIFIED FINGERPRINTS IN THIS MATTER.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND ATLANTA

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

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RE AT SUMMARY MAY THIRTEEN, LAST.

ONLY INFO KNOWN TO SL RE ALLEGED ROBBERY OF OIL CO. IN ATLANTA BY RAY AND JOHN PAUL VELANTI IS BASED ON BIRMINGHAM INTERVIEW OF EX-CON JAMES W. BROWN, OF DOUBTFUL CREDIBILITY, AS SET FORTH IN BH TEL MAY TEN LAST, ONE FIVE SEVEN PM, OF WHICH ATLANTA RECEIVED COPY.

VELANTI HAS DENIED ASSOCIATION WITH RAY. VELANTI STATES SENTENCED TWENTY YEARS ON FEB. ELEVEN, FIFTYNINE, FOR ARMED ROBBERY, RECEIVED MSP, FEB. THIRTEEN, SIXTY, TRANSFERRED TO MOBERLY, MO., PRISON, DEC. SIXTYFOUR, AND PAROLED MARCH TWENTYONE, SIXTYSEVEN.

NOTE RAY ARRESTED SL, OCTOBER, FIFTYNINE, FOR ARMED ROBBERY.

WOULD APPEAR ATLANTA OIL ROBBERY, IF OCCURRED, WAS EARLY FIFTYNINE, OR PRIOR.

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FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

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RE KC TEL THIS DATE.

RE: FELLOW PRISONERS, MELVIN OLIVER GRIDLEY AND MILTON ZAVALCOFSKY

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MELVIN OLIVER GRIDLEY, MISSOURI TRAINING CENTER FOR MEN NUMBER
ZERO TWO FIVE ZERO THREE AND MILTON ZAVALCOFSKI (MTCM) NO. ZERO ONE SIX
FIVE EIGHT, INTERVIEWED MOBERLY MO., THIS DATE. GRIDLEY IN CUSTODY
JEFFERSON CITY, FOURTWENTYTHREE SIXTY ON CHARGE OF BURGLARY UNTIL TRANSFERRED TO MOBERLY SEVEN SIXTYSEVEN. HE WAS"HALL TENDER" IN J HALL
WHEN RAY HID IN PENITENTIARY FOR ONE WEEK IN SIXTYFOUR OR SIXTYFIVE.
RAY WORKED UNDER GRIDLEY IN RECREATION SECTION. HE WAS CLOSE MOUTH,
HAD FEW FRIENDS AND DIDN'T TALK MUCH TO ANYONE. GRIDLEY LOST CONTACT
WITH RAY IN SIXTYFIVE OR SIXTYSIX WHEN RAY PLACE IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT.

GRIDLEY HAS NO INFORMATION REGARDING RAY OR COOLEY.

ZAVALCOFSKI SERVING TWENTY YEARS FOR ARMED ROBBERY. SENTENCED
BEGAIN ELEVEN NINE SIXTY. HE HAS SERVED ALL HIS TIME FROM THEN UNTIL
FOUR EIGHT SIXTY EIGHT WHEN HE TRANSFERRED TO MOBERLY. KNEW WHO
RAY WAS AS AN INMATE. HE REMEMBERS HIM HIDING IN PENITENTIARY AND
REMEMBERS HIS ESCAPE. SOME ONE MENTIONED HE ALSO WORKED IN RECREATION
SECTION AT JEFFERSON CITY AFTER RAY'S PICTURE HAD BEEN ON T.V. HE
HAS NO INFORMATION REGARDING RAY OR COOLEY.

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TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

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RE JAMES D. WALLACE, MSP INMATE WHO ALLEGEDLY SAW RAY AND JAMES LAOMA OWENS ENTER JEFFERSON-GRAVOIS BANK SL SUMMER SIXTYSEVEN.

CURSORY CHECK OF ALL CHECKING SAVINGS AND INSTALLMENT LOAN ACCOUNTS

UNDER RAY NAME AND ALIASES AND JAMES LOAM A OWENS AT JEFFERSON-GRAVOIS

BANK SL BY BANK VICE PRESIDENT TODAY UNPRODUCTIVE. CHECK IN DEPTH OF

ALL BANK RECORDS, INCLDUING SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES, WILL BE MADE TOMORROW.

RE EX CONS JOHN PAUL VELANTI AND JAMES H. CARPENTER.

VELANTI TODAY ADVISED HE AND CARPENTER VISITED JOHN EUGENE

GAWRON LAST NIGHT. ALLEGED GAWRON TOLD OF FBI INTERVIEW. BOTH

VELANTI AND CARPENTER GAINED DEFINITE IMPRESSION GAWRON HAD HARBORED

RAY AFTER ESCAPE, THO GAWRON DID NOT ADMIT TO SUCH IN SO MANY WORDS.

RE JOHN EUGENE GAWRON. GAWRON RRINTERVIEWED EXHAUSTIVELY. AGAIN DECLINED TO FURNISH SPECIFIC INFO RE DEEP SOUTH BANK ALLEGEDLY ROBBED BY UN-NAMED MAN AND RAY, JUNE JULY SIXTYSEVEN, ON GROUND WANTED FEW MORE DAYS TO DETERMINE IF SOMEONE ELSE AWARE OF SAME, SO HE WILL NOT BE FINGERED AS SOURCE. INSISTED SAW ACCOUNT OF ROBBERY IN CHICAGO

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TRIBUNE, BUT NOW PLACES TIME AS MUCH AS MONTH FOLLOWING HIS RELEASE
JUNE TWENTY THIRD. NOTE CG CHECK OF TRIBUNE WAS TO END JULY SIXTYSEVEN. PLACES VISIT OF UN-NAMED MAN FEW DAYS OR WEEKS AFTER TRIBUNE
ARTICLE. NOW CLAIMS MAN TOLD HIM ON FIRST VISIT RAY WAS ACCOMPLICE.
PLACES SECOND VISIT WITHIN THREE OR FOUR WEEKS OF FIRST, INSTEAD OF
SIX WEEKS AGO, AS ORIGINALLY STATED. NOW SAYS MAN JUST CAME FOR
CUP OF COFFEE, SECOND VISIT, AND THAT RAY OR TWO HUNDRED FIFTY
DOLLAR LOAN MADE ON PREVIOUS VISIT NOT MENTIONED. WHEN CONFRONTED
WITH DISCREPANCIES STATED "AS I'VE TOLD YOU, MY BRAIN DON'T WORK
RIGHT". STATED MAN MUST HAVE OBTAINED GAWRON ADDRESS FROM RAY AND
RAY PROBABLY GOT FROM RELATIVES. NOW SAYS STATE LINE RIVER WAS
MISSISSIPPI AND CITY WHERE BANK ROBBED ON EAST SIDE OF RIVER.

TOLD OF VISIT BY CARPENTER, WHO HE KNOWS AS JIM CRAWFORD AND ANOTHER MAN LAST NIGHT. SAID CRAWFORD ASKED FOR FOOD MONEY.

GAWRON GAVE HIM THREE OR FOUR DOLLARS. THEY TALKED OF RAY BEING RED HOT NOW AND BOTH MEN LEFT.

GAWRON EMPHATICALLY DENIED HARBORING RAY, OR KNOWING WHEREABOUTS SINCE ESCAPE. WHEN ADVISED OF REPORT RECEIVED RAY SEEN NEAR HIS RESIDENCE HE STATED IF HE WAS, HE NEVER CAME INSIDE OR CONTACTED HIM IN ANY WAY.

GAWRON CLOSED AS PCI AS UNRELIABLE. BEING CONSIDERED POSSIBLE HARBORER.

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RE CAROL PEPPER SISTER.

CAROL PEPPER RE-INTERVIEWED TODAY. SPECIFICALLY DENIED CONTACT
BY OR KNNWLEDGE OF RAY WHEREABOUT SINCE ESCAPE, OTHER THAN WHAT READ
IN PAPERS AFTER START OF THIS CASE. SAYS BROTHER JERRY IS ONLY
MEMBER OF FAMILY WHO HAS NOT MOVED SINCE ESCAPE, AND IS ONLY ONE
WHOSE PRESENT MAILING ADDRESS NOWN TO RAY. SAYS GRAPEVINE TAVERN
BARELY MAKING ESPENSES AND MAY NOT CONTINUE.

RE JOHN LARRY RAY, BROTHER.

JOHN RAY ONLY PERSON OPERATING GRAPEVINE TAVERN TODAY AND COULD NOT BE INTERVIEWED BECAUSE OF CUSTOMERS.

RE JERRY RAYNES, FATHER.

SOURCES AND SPOT CHECK DISCLOSED NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY.

FELLOW PRISONER INTERVIEWS AND LOOK ALIKE RESOLUTIONS CONTINUING.

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	JOHN PAUL DELANTI
	JAMES W. BROWN
	MYRTIS DYER, CREDIT BUREAU SHREVEPORT, LA., ADVISED ON MAY,
	THIRTEEN INSTANT SHE HAS NO RECORD FOR BETTYE VELANTI OR BETTYE
	PITTARD, PETERSEN, OR PRITCHARD,
	FRANK WATSON, ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, SHREVEPORT, LA., AD-
	VISED ON MAY THIRTEEN INSTANT HE HAS NO RECORD FOR BETTYE VELANTI
	PITTARD, PETERSEN, OR PRITCHARD, AND DOES NOT RECALL THIS PER-
	SON AS A MEMBER OR FORMER MEMBER OF THE A.A. IN SHREVEPORT.
	MRS. VERLIN FINCHER, KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN RR, SHREVEPORT,
	.ADVISED ON MAY, THIRTEEN, INSTANT THAT RR IS ALSO KNOWN LOCALLY
	AS THE LA. AND ARKANSAS RR. SHE STATED BETTYE VELANTI, PITTARD, PETERSEN, OR PRITCHARD IS NOT EMPLOYED BY THAT RR AND SHE DOES
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NOT RECALL HER AS A FORMER EMPLOYEE. MRS.FINCHER SAID EMPLOY-MENT RECORDS ARE LOCATED AT KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN OFFICES, KANSAS CITY, MO., AND SHE HAD THESE RECORDS CHECKED TELEPHONICALLY ON MAY THIRTEEN, INSTANT, AND RECORDS REVEALED FOLLOWING:

BETTYE PITTARD WAS EMPLOYED AS KEY PUNCH OPERATOR AT

SHREVEPORT, LA., FROM OCTOBER SIXTEEN, FIFTYSEVEN, TO MAY,

SEVENTEEN, FIFTYNINE, WHEN SHE FAILED TO REPORT FOR WORK AND WAS

TERMINATED. THERE IS NO INFORMATION IN THE FILE TO SHOW HER

PRESENT WHEREABOUTS. BETTYE PITTARD'S MAIDEN NAME WAS BURNETTE

AND SHE WAS BORN AT ATLANTA, GA, AND ATTENDED COMMERCIAL SENIOR

HICH SCHOOL, ATLANTA UNTIL ABOUT FIFTYONE. SHE WAS EMPLOYED AS

A KEY PUNCH OPERATOR FOR SOUTHERN RR, ATLANTA, UNTIL ABOUT

FIFTYSEVEN. HER FATHER IS SHOWN AS GROVER W. BURNETTE, NO STREET

ADDRESS SHOWN, ATLANTA. REFERENCES LISTED BY HER WERE MRS.

DELORAS GORMAN, ONE ONE TWO THREE STEWART AVE., SOUTHWEST AND

MRS. BARERA WILSON, EIGHT SEVEN SEVEN BOULEVARD NORTHEAST, BOTH

ATLANTA. FORMER EMPLOYERS OF PITTARD LISTED AS COURTS AND CO.,

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,	GENERAL FOODS CORP., ATLANTA, FIFTYTWO, AND FIRST	NATIONAL BANK,
	ATLANTA, FIFTYONE.	
	ATLANTA AT ATLANTA, GA., WILL THROUGH FORM	IER EMPLOYER,
	REFERENCES AND FATHER, LOCATE AND INTERVIEW BETTYI	PITTARD
•	RE ASSOCIATION BETWEEN SUBJECT RAY AND JOHN PAUL V	ELANTI AS
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FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

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WALTER ELLSWORTH NOLAN, SIX EIGHT, CLAIMS TO BE SUBJECT'S CLOSEST ASSOCIATE AT MSP PRIOR TO SUBJECT'S ESCAPE.

TO PHONE OF CARMEN PATTON, FIVE TWO ZERO SIX, WASH., SLMO, MOLAN'S LANDLADY: PHONE EIGHT FIVE THREE DASH FOUR NINE FIVE ONE, LORETTO, TENN., DEC. SIX; MEMPHIS PHONE TWO SEVEN FIVE DASH FIVE THREE TWO FIVE, DEC. TWENTY, TWO CALLS, FEB. TWENTYONE, MARCH TWENTYEIGHT AND APRIL TEN.

IMMEDIATELY IDENTIFY SUBSCRIBERS. UNLESS RELATIONSHIP TO NOLAN OR PATTON, APPARENT, INTERVIEW, COMPLETELY PROTECTING PHONE CO., AND DETERMINE IF CALLS BEAR ON WHEREABOUTS OR ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT.

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Re Kansas City sirtel to the Bureay, 5/1/68.

Referenced sirtel set out lead for the Los Angeles Division, at Chino, California, to review records of the California State Penitentiary in an effort to determine the present whereabouts of KENNETH LEE VADE to that he could be interviewed concerning subject.

The St. Louis Office was also requested to attempt to locate WADE through his mother, Mrs. MILDRED WADE, 2150 East Cottage, St. Louis, Hissouri.

Investigation at St. Louis, Missouri, has determined there is no such address as 2158 East Cottage and investigation has not located Mrs. MILDRED WADE. We recent information developed concerning location of KENNETH LER VADE.

The Los Angeles Division, at Chino, California, will immediately advise the St. Louis Division if KENNETH LEE WADE is currently is custody at California State Penitentiary.

No further investigation is being conducted at St. Louis, Missouri, in an effort to locate WADE at this time until it is definitely determined whether or not WADE is incarcerated in California.

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BURLINGTON; IOWA, MARCH TWENTYFIVE, LAST.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS

FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760)

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DAILY SUMMARY

REPORT SUBMITTED THIS DAT. PHOTOS OF JAMES L. OWENS
OBTAINED FROM MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY. INMATES CONTINUE
TO BE INTERVIEWED, NO PERTINENT INFORMATION RECEIVED RE
COOLEY ORGANIZATION.

INVESTIGATION ELIMINATED LOOK ALIKE STEVEN L. DILLON REGISTERED OWNER OF LOUISIANA LICENSE FIVE N THREE ONE EIGHT, HE IS CURRENTLY GRADUATE STUDENT FT. HAYS STATE COLLEGE, HAYS, KANS AS.

LOCAL LEADS BEING HANDLED IMMEDIATELY.
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FROM OMAHA 44-310 1P

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RE ST. LOUIS TELETYPE INSTANT DATE.

TELEPHONE NUMBER SEVEN FIVE THREE DASH ONE EIGHT THREE FIVE LISTED TO MILES G. BYRUM WHO RESIDES TWO ZERO THREE ONE HALF SOUTH MAIN, APARTMENT ONE, BURLINGTON, IOWA, EMPLOYED AS BARBER, IOWA AMMUNITION PLANT, WEST BURLINGTON, IOWA. BYRUM INTERVIEWED STATES CARMEN PATTON, FIVE TWO ZERO SIX WASHINGTON, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, OLD GIRL FRIEND OF HIS WHO PERIDICALLY CALLS HIM LONG DISTANCE AND DISCUSSES PERSONAL MATTERS. BYRUM STATES TELEPHONE CALL RECEIVED BY HIM MARCH TWENTYFIVE, LAST, WAS CALL FROM PATTON. BYRUM STATES HE DOES NOT KNOW WALTER ELSWORTH NOLAN.

BURLINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT RECORDS NEGATIVE, OMAHA INDICES
NEGATIVE, AND BURLINGTON CREDIT BUREAU CONTAINS BACKGROUND RE BYRUM
WHICH INDICATES BYRUM A BARBER IN BURLINGTON, IOWA, AREA SINCE THIRTIES.
NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION AT APARTMENT BUILDING TWO ZERO THREE ONE
HALF MAIN, BURLINGTON, INDICATED BYRUM SEVENTY YEARS OLD RESIDES ALONE
AND ONLY VISITOR A FEMAL FRIEND.

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TO MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760)

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RE MEMPHIS TEX DATED MAY FOURTEEN LAST.

EARL KNIGHT RETURNED TO MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY

ON MAY THREE LAST. INTERVIEW BEING HANDLED BY KANSAS CITY.

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TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BUTTE AND SALT LAKE CITY

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

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BUTTE ADVISED LEAMINGTON, UTAH TELEPHONE SERVICE PROVIDED BY PHONE CO. IN SALT LAKE CITY.

SALT LAKE IDENTIFY LEAMINGTON SUBSCRIBER, ADVISE BUTTE.

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RE KANSAS CITY AIRTEL TO BUREAU, MAY ONE LAST.

RE AIRTEL MENTIONS AN INMATE NAMED GREEN BEATEN UP BECAUSE OF NON-PAYMENT FOR AMPHEYAMINE POWDER. GREEN MAY BE IDENT TO JAMES COOPER GREEN, FBI NO. FOUR THREE TWO THREE THREE EIGHT F, WM, AGE TWENTYONE, CURRENTLY ON BOND FOLLOWING INDICTMENT FGJ, MEMPHIS WITH DYER ACT VIOLATION. GREEN SENTENCED MSP FOR THREE YEARS COMMENCING NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR, NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE AND SUBSEQUENTLY RELEASED.

ST. LOUIS AT NINE FOUR TWO GRAND AVE., CARUTHERSVILLE,
MISSOURI, INTERVIEW GREEN TO DETERMINE ASSOCIATION AND
KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECT, AND KNOWLEDGE OF PEDDLING AMPHETAMINES
POWDER AT MSP. NOTE PRIORINTERVIEWS OF GREEN AT MEMPHIS

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TO:

DIRECTOR. MEMPHIS AND LITTLE ROCK

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775) 2P

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RE: JOHN EUGENE GAWRON. D

GAWRON LIVED WITH RAY'S MOTHER SEVERAL YEARS PRIOR TO HER DEATH AND IS CONSIDERED CLOSEST PERSON TO FAMILY. IS UNRELIABLE AND BEING CONSIDERED POSSIBLE HARBORER. RESIDES ONE EIGHT ZERO SEVEN SOUTH ELEVENTH. SLMO.

ONEFELLOW PRISONER CLAIMED SAW RAY THREE TIMES IN THAT AREA BETWEEN MAY TEN AND SEVENTERN, SIXTYSEVEN, AND BELIVES GAWRON MAY HAVE HARBORED.

JAMES HENRY RAMSEY RESIDED ONE EIGHT ZERO FIVE SOUTH ELEVENTH, SLMO. MAY ONE UNTIL ARRESTED AS FALL PARTNER WITH GAWRON ON TAVERN BURGLARY JUNE TWO, SIXTYSEVEN, AND AGAIN FROM SEPT. SIXTYSEVEN TO FEB. SIXTYEIGHT. SENTENCED NINE MONTHS PROBATION, OCT. SIXTYSEVEN. END PAGE ONE

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SINCE, FEB. SIXTYEIGHT, RAMSEY REPORTED LIVING WITH PARENTS, C.W. AND HATTIE RAMSEY, WEINER, ARK.

LITTLE ROCK REQUESTED TO LOCATE RAMSEY, EXHIBIT RAY PHOTO,
DETERMINE IF KNOWS, AND PARTICULARLY IF SAW HIM IN THAT OR
ANY OTHER AREA FOLLOWING RAY'S MSP ESCAPE, APRIL TWENTYTHIRD,
SIXTYSEVEN. DETERMINE ANY GAWRON CONVERSATIONS ABOUT RAY OR
FAMILY.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P

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