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1229AM URGENT 5-16-68 JJR

TO: DIRECTOR MEMPHIS AND HONOLULU VIA WASHINGTON TELEX
FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775) 1P

MURKIN.

RE KC TEL MAY FOURTEENTH AND SPRINGFIELD TEL MAY FIFTEENTH
REGARDING JAMES LAOMA OWENS.

OWENS LOCATED CRYSTAL CITY, MO., FIVE FIFTEEN LAST.

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TO DIRECTOR \44-38861\ AND MEMPHIS \44-1987\ PLAINTEXT
MEMPHIS VIA WASHINGTON
FROM HONOLULU \157-131\

MURKIN

RE KANSAS CITY AND HONOLULU RADIOGRAMS MAY FOURTEEN
LAST CONCERNING JAMES LAOMA OWENS.

FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION THIS DATE BY SA LEO S.
BRENNISEN AT HONOLULU.

FRANK BARTON\ NAVAL HOUSING\ PEARL HARBOR NAVY YARD\
UNABLE TO LOCATE FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING ERNEST OWENS.
RENTAL CARD FOR OWENS BORE NO MIDDLE INITIAL.

NO RECORD IDA OR ERNEST OWENS CREDIT BUREAU OF
HAWAII AND THEY ARE NOT LISTED IN CURRENT DIRECTORIES.
HONOLULU PD FILES INDICATE ERNEST OWENS\ FIVE ONE SEVEN FIFTH
STREET\ REPORTED CAR STOLEN NINETEEN FIFTY NINE. NO RECORD
IDA OWENS.

DRIVERS LICENSE RECORDS HONOLULU REFLECT FOLLOWING.

ERNEST NEWTON OWENS\ BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] VIRGINIA\ STATIONED BARBERS, POINT\ NSN TWO SIX

FIVE SEVEN TWO EIGHT TWO ISSUED HAWAII DRIVERS LICENSE
NINETEEN FIFTY FIVE.

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ERNEST \NMI\ OWENS BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MISSOURI\ STATIONED USS NATCHAUG\
PEARL HARBOR\ NSN FOUR THREE EIGHT DASH SEVEN FOUR DASH THREE
NINE ISSUED HAWAII DRIVERS LICENSE FEBRUARY\ NINETEEN FIFTY
FOUR.

NO INSERT BEING FORWARDED THIS MATTER. IT IS BEING LEFT
TO DISCRETION OF MEMPHIS TO PURSUE ATTEMPTS TO LOCATE
ERNEST OWENS THROUGH EXEMINATION NAVY RECORDS.

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

MURKIN.

RE KANSAS CITY TEL MAY FOURTEEN LAST IN WHICH MSP INMATE
JAMES D. WALLACE BELIEVED MENARD BROTHERS MIGHT
HAVE INFO RE RAY WHEREABOUTS.

ADDRESS FOR HAZEL MENARD, MOTHER, TWO ONE ZERO FOUR SOUTH EIGHTH,
SLMO, NON EXISTENT AT LEAST PAST FIVE YEARS, NEIGHBORS UNAWARE OF
WHEREABOUTS.

IDENT DIVISION IS REQUESTED TO FURNISH SL IDENT RECORDS FOR
RAYMOND O. MENARD, FBI NUMBER FOUR SEVEN ONE EIGHT TWO TWO SEVEN;
RICHARD MENARD, FBI NUMBER FOUR FOUR NINE SIX EIGHT FOUR EIGHT; AND
LOUIS GENE MENARD, FBI NUMBER FIVE ONE SEVEN NINE EIGHT EIGHT A,
TO ASSIST IN LOCATING.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN - SUMMARY.

RE JOHN LARRY RAY, BROTHER:

REINTERVIEWED. STATED IF RAY HAD BEEN IN SL FOLLOWING ESCAPE HE WOULD UNQUESTIONABLY HAVE CONTACTED HIM, PARTICULARLY IF NEEDED HELP. WOULD STILL HELP IF ASKED, BUT MIGHT TELL FBI AFTERWARDS. STATES JOHN GAWRON CRAZY. ALL GAWRON DOES OR TALKS ABOUT IS CASE JOBS, BUT NEVER PULLS ANY. LIVES IN PAST. POSITIVE IF RAY EVER IN SL WOULD NEVER CONTACT GAWRON AS DOES NO TRUST HIM. BELIVES RAY HAD PLENTY OF MONEY ON ESCAPE FROM ALLEGED PRISON DEALING IN AMPHETAMINE. BELIEVES RAY IMMEDIATELY LEFT COUNTRY AFTER ESCAPE AS HE STATED DURING JOHNS VISITS HE WOULD DO SO IF EVER GOT OUT, AS HE WAS SICK OF LAW ENFORCEMENT HARASSMENT. WOULD NOT BE WITH FALL PARTNER JAMES L. OWENS AS RAY WOULD KILL OWENS IF HE SAW HIM, AS BELIEVES OWENS RESPONSIBLE FOR KROGER ARREST AND CONVICTION. NEVER SAW RAY WITH LONG HAIR, WAS ALWAYS CREW CUT.

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JOHN HAS COMBINATION LISP-STUTTER SPEECH IMPEDIMENT. STATES SILLY LAUGH IS NERVOUS REACTION TO QUESTIONING WHICH HAS CAUSED HIM TROUBLE WITH POLICE IN PAST. CLAIMS UNCOOPERATIVE WHEN CONTACTED THREE TIMES FIVE FOURTEEN LAST , ONCE FIVE FIFTEEN LAST, BY LA SUN TIMES REPORTER. JOHN CLAIMS NOT TO KNOW ANYONE NAMED JAMES DAVID DAILEY, BUT RECALLS MAN KNOWN TO HIM ONLY AS J.D. WHO OWNED BAR AT TWELFTH AND MORRISON, SL AND LATER HALF WAY HOUSE RESTURANT. DOES NOT BELIEVE JD KNOWS HIM. JD QUOTE SICKED UNQUOTE SEVEN MEN ON HIM IN TAVERN NINETEEN SIXTY. LATER CAUGHT J.D. ALONE AND BEAT HIM UP. CLAIMED NO WAY OF KNOWING IF SUBJECT KNOWS JD. SOURCES AND SPOT CHECKS DESCLOSED NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY BY OTHER RELATIVES FIVE FIFTEEN LAST.

RE JAMES LAOMA OWENS, FELLOW PRISONER:

OWENS LOCATED CRYSTAL CITY, MO., EVENING FIVE FIFTEEN LAST. APPOINTMENT TO INTERVIEW BEFORE HE GOES TO WORK TODAY.

RE JEFFERSON-GRAVOIS BANK CHECK.

CHECK OF ALL RECORDS, INCLUDING SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES, JEFFERSON-GRAVOIS BANK SLMO, UNDER SUBJECT NAME AND ALL ALIASES, AND JAMES LAOMA OWENS, UNPRODUCTIVE.

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RE SLPD CHECKS:

COMPUTERIZED FIELD INTERROGATION REPORTS PAREN FIRS END PAREN, SLPD, AVAILABLE BACK TO NOVEMBER SIXTY SEVEN CHECK FOR ANY POLICE QUESTIONING OF ANY INDIVIDUAL OF SUBJECTS BIRTH DATE, DESCRIPTION, OR NAME-ALIASES. NEGATIVE. FIRS FOR THIRD DISTRICT, SLPD, AVAILABLE FOR PAST TWELVE MONTHS, BEING MANUALLY CHECKED.

RE JOHN EUGENE GAWRON:

LR REQUESTED BY SEPARATE TELETYPE TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW JAMES HENRY RAMSEY, GAWRON FALL PARTNER ON BURGLARY ARREST JUNE TWO SIXTYSEVEN AND WHO LIVED WITH GAWRON DURING MAY SIXTYSEVEN PERIOD WHEN EXCON JAMES H. CARPENTER ALLEGEDLY SAW RAY IN GAWRON NEIGHBORHOOD.

GAWRON DAILY ASSOCIATE AND FORMER NEIGHBOR JOSEPH H. MC CORMICK, WHO HAS RECEIVED PSYCHIATRIC TREATMENT IN PAST, ADVISED NO ONE OF RAYS APPEARANCE OBSERVED NEAR GAWRON RESIDENCE OR ANYWHERE ELSE SINCE ESCAPE. RECOGNIZED FIFTY NINE RAY PHOTO AS PERSON HE SAW IN TAVERNS WITH GAWRON THAT YEAR. GAWRON NEVER MENTIONED RAY UNTIL PRESENT PUBLICITY, AND THEN SAID RAY WAS HIS STEPSON.

RESOLUTIONS OF LOOK-ALIKES, FELLOW PRISONER INTERVIEWS, AND RESOLUTION OF TOLL TICKET CHECKS CONTINUING.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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URGENT

TO DIRECTOR (MAIL) (44-38861)

ST. LOUIS (44-775)

FROM INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

MURKIN

RE ST. LOUIS TEL TO BUREAU, INDIANAPOLIS, MEMPHIS, AND
SPRINGFIELD, MAY TEN LAST.

RE: SUBJ. BROTHER, JOHN LARRY RAY

RECORDS INDIANA STATE REFORMATORY (ISR), PENDLETON, IND.,
UNAVAILABLE NIGHTS AND WEEKENDS.

FOR INFORMATION ST. LOUIS, RECORDS ISR PENDLETON, IND.,
DISCLOSE "JOHN LARRY RAYNS" AKA JACK, PRISON REGISTRY NO. THREE
FIVE TWO NINE SEVEN, SENTENCED TWO TO FIVE YRS. FOR SECOND DEGREE
BURGLARY, KOSCIUSKO COUNTY, IND. ON JAN. TWENTYTHREE NINETEEN
FIFTY. RAYNS PAROLED MAR. TWENTYONE FIFTYTWO, TO STATE OF
ILLINOIS, TO RESIDE WITH AN UNCLE, WILLIAM E. MAYHER, ALTON, ILL.
AND TO WORK FOR LEE R. MORNHEAD, OF ALTON. HE VIOLATED PAROLE
BY ABSCONDING FROM PAROLE SUPERVISION ON APR. TWO FIFTY AND BEING
ARRESTED IN HOLTVILLE, CALIF., DEC. THREE FIFTYTWO, AS A SLEEPER,
ACCORDING TO FBI REPORT, USING ALIAS "JOHNNY LARRY RAY": ALSO

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FOR BEING ARRESTED FOR LARCENY ON APR. SEVEN FIFTYTHREE, AT QUINCY, ILL. THIS ARREST RESULTED IN A ONE TO TWO YR. COMMITMENT TO ILL. STATE PENITENTIARY, MENARD, ILL. SPRINGFIELD PREVIOUSLY ADVISED OF FOREGOING.

JAMES MURRAY, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, ISR, ADVISED THIS DATE FILE REFLECTS RAYNS HAD NO FORMER PSYCHIATRIC TREATMENT WHILE IN ISR. FILE SHOWS ON SEPT. SIXTEEN FIFTY, RAYNS WAS PLACED IN GUARD HOUSE FOR SLACKNESS IN WORK. RAYNS DESCRIBED AS HAVING INFERIOR INTELLIGENCE, WITH MENTAL AGE OF ABOUT FOURTEEN YRS., ALSO AS IMMATURE AND ADOLESCENT. FILE SHOWS HE ATTENDED PUBLIC SCHOOL QUINCY, ILL, FROM THIRTYEIGHT TO FORTYEIGHT, COMPLETING EIGHTH GRADE. WORKED IN FURNITURE FACTORY AT ISR.

HIS ACCOMPLICE IN ABOVE BURGLARY WAS EUGENE MILLS, ISR # THREE FIVE TWO NINE SIX, ALSO SENTENCED JAN. TWENTYTHREE FIFTY, IN KOSCIUSKO CO., IND., FOR SAME CHARGE. MILLS, IN STATEMENT SAID HAD BEEN WORKING AS FARM HAND NEAR QUINCY, ILL, FOR FIVE

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**MONTHS. AFTER THIS JOB HAD GONE TO QUINCY WHERE MET RAYNS ON
DEC. THIRTY FORTYNINE IN POOL HALL. STATED WAS LEFT IN ORPHANAGE,
NEVER SAW PARENTS, SINCE ELEVEN YRS. OLD HAS BEEN TRAVELING
THROUGHOUT U.S. ORPHANAGE AT FIVE FOUR NINE FIFTH AVE., WEST
NORTH, KALISPELL, MONTANA. WAS IN U.S. AIR FORCE FROM SEPT.
NINE FORTYSEVEN TO JAN. SEVENTEEN FORTYNINE UNDER AFSN ONE NINE
THREE ONE ONE NINE FIVE FIVE, WHEN GIVEN UNDESIRABLE DISCHARGE
FOR STRIKING OFFICER. MILLS PAROLED IN INDIANA AND LAST UNDER
SUPERVISION IN BURN COUNTY, IND., WHERE WORKING FOR CARTHAGE
CONTAINER CORP. MILLS DISCHARGED FROM PAROLE FEB. TEN FIFTYFOUR.**

**MURRAY STATES TO HIS KNOWLEDGE RAYNS UNDER ~~TO~~ TO PRISON
OFFICIALS.**

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

AM COPIES BEING FURNISHED MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY.

5/14/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND SACS, ST LOUIS (44-775)
SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TEL MAY NINE LAST.

RE JOSEPH ELMER AUSTIN AKA; FORMER ASSOCIATE OF SUBJECT.

AUSTIN LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED THIS DATE. RESIDES
IN CHICAGO'S WEST SIDE COLORED AREA. STATES LAST SAW
SUBJECT IN ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, IN NINETEEN FIFTY NINE, HAD
NO IDEA SUBJECT ESCAPED FROM PRISON AND WAS NOT AWARE RAY
WAS BEING SOUGHT FOR MURKIN.

ONLY KNEW RAY FOR ABOUT SIX MONTHS DURING FIFTY NINE,
ROBBERY OF SUPERMARKET ALTON, ILLINOIS, WAS ONLY SCORE
HE PULLED WITH SUBJECT, DID NOT KNOW ANY MALE OR FEMALE
FRIENDS AND STATES NO POSSIBILITY OF SUBJECT KNOWING WHERE
HE IS.

WHEN FIRST SHOWN SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAPHS STATED INDIVIDUAL
NOT KNOWN TO HIM. WHEN TOLD PHOTOS WERE OF SUBJECT STATED
NEWEST PHOTO IN BUSINESS SUIT LOOKS A LITTLE LIKE RAY

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BUT HEAVIER THAN HE RECALLS.

CLAIMS NEVER MET SUBJECT'S BROTHERS. STATES IF HE EVER SEES SUBJECT OR DEVELOPS ANY INFORMATION RE WHEREABOUTS WILL IMMEDIATELY CONTACT FBI SINCE RAY CHEATED AUSTIN OF HIS PART OF THE LOOT FROM ABOVE ROBBERY. NOTE AUSTIN SIXTY-NINE YEARS OLD, APPEARS TO BE ALCOHOLIC.

DAILY CONTACT BEING MAINTAINED WITH BROTHER JERRY. HAS FURNISHED NO ADDITIONAL PERTINENT INFORMATION. STILL STATES SUBJECT HAD NO DEEP RACIAL HATRED FOR NEGROES. CONSIDERING MOVE FROM PRESENT RESIDENCE SINCE LOCATION KNOWN TO EX-WIFE AND POSSIBLY PRESS.

AMCC'S MEMPHIS AND INDIANAPOLIS.

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5/16/68

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TO: SAC, ST. LOUIS

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

**SUBJECT: MURKIN;
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ME OO

Re St. Louis teletype to Memphis, 5/15/68, 12:02 P.M., concerning WALTER ELLSWORTH NOLAN, associate of subject.

Mrs. J. B. SUMMERFIELD, 2107 Monroe Ave., Memphis, Tenn., advised on 5/16/68 that Telephone No. 275-5325 is listed to her, but she knows no one from St. Louis and received no phone calls from St. Louis. Mrs. SUMMERFIELD said she rents out rooms to a Mr. and Mrs. PHILLIP MANN and a Miss GLADYS WRIGHT.

Mr. and Mrs. MANN of 2107 Monroe Ave., Memphis, Tenn., advised on 5/16/68 that they know no one in St. Louis and received no phone calls from St. Louis.

Miss GLADYS WRIGHT, 2107 Monroe Ave., Memphis, Tenn., advised on 5/16/68 that her brother CLARENCE M. PEMBERTON lives at 5206 Washington, St. Louis, Mo., and that he called Miss WRIGHT on 4/10/68, and calls at least once a month, but she could not recall any specific dates. Miss WRIGHT advised that she has talked to CARMEN PATTON, but does not know WALTER ELLSWORTH NOLAN. Miss WRIGHT advised that she had talked to CARMEN PATTON, but does not know WALTER ELLSWORTH NOLAN. Mrs. WRIGHT said she has no information to offer concerning the assassination of Dr. KING and upon viewing photographs of subject advised she had never seen him before in her life.

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1210PM URGENT 5/16/68 OJS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), ST. LOUIS (44-775)
FROM INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

MURKIN

RE ST. LOUIS TEL TO BUREAU MAY FIFTEEN LAST.

TELEPHONE NO. EIGHT FOUR FIVE - TWO NINE NINE ZERO ISSUED
FRANK WADE, CYNTHIANA, IND. WADE ADVISED HAS SISTER, CARMEN
PATTON, ST. LOUIS, MO. NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED
RE ABOVE, UACB.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 MEMPHIS ST. LOUIS BIRMINGHAM
FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 2P

MURKIN.

RE ST. LOUIS TELETYPE MAY FOURTEEN LAST AND BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE
MAY NINELAST.

MAJ. POIRY, SECURITY OFFICER, MO. STATE PENITENTIARY (MSP),
ADVISED HE KNEW BOTH JOHN VELANTI AND SUBJECT. HE KNOWS OF NO
ASSOCIATION WITH EACH OTHER AND KNOWS OF NO RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
THE TWO IN MSP.

INMATE MSP, ERNEST BAGBY, NM, ONE OF THE OLDER INMATES AT THE
PENITENTIARY, ADVISED THAT HE KNEW JOHN VELANTI AT THE PRISON BUT
DID NOT KNOW SUBJECT AND KNOWS OF NO RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO
INDIVIDUALS.

MARIAN JANSEN, FORMER INMATE, MSP, RELEASED FEB NINETEEN LAST
REPORTEDLY RESIDING NINE THREE ZERO FIVE STATE, KANSAS CITY,

KANSAS, WILL BE INTERVIEWED BY THE KANSAS CITY OFFICE.

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TELEPHONE CALL MADE FROM RESIDENCE OF TOM BRITTON TO JEFFERSON CITY, MO. ON OCT THREE LAST WAS TO THE HOME OF CARL MILLS, MANAGER, RENZ FARM, A PRISON FARM ATTACHED TO MSP. THE RENZ FARM IS WHERE THE BREAD WAS BEING DELIVERED AT THE TIME SUBJECT ESCAPED. MILLS WAS INTERVIEWED BY MSP OFFICIALS ON MAY FIFTEEN LAST CONCERNING ANY CONTACT HE MAY HAVE WITH FORMER INMATES. MILLS ADMITTED TO FRIENDSHIP WITH TOM BRITTON WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY HELPED HIM AROUND THE FARM AND STATED HE HAD RECEIVED CORRESPONDENCE FROM BRITTON AND ALSO A PHONE CALL FROM HIM SOMETIME LAST FALL. HE ADVISED NOTHING PERTINENT TRANSPIRED IN THESE COMMUNICATIONS AND THEY WERE JUST MADE ON A FRIENDSHIP BASIS.

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320PM URGENT 5-16-68 JDG

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), KANSAS CITY (44-760) AND

MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

Prisoner

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RE FELLOW PRISONER CHESTER SPRATT.

SPRATT INTERVIEWED MAY FIFTEEN, LAST, AND ADVISED HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE SUBJECT; HOWEVER, POINTED OUT THAT CHARLES WALTERS, AKA "FIFTY", WHO MAY STILL BE A PRISONER AT JEFFERSON CITY, WAS PROBABLY ACQUAINTED WITH RAY DUE TO HIS WIDE CONTACTS AMONG INMATES.

KANSAS CITY DETERMINE IF WALTERS IS STILL INCARCERATED AND IF SO INTERVIEW RE KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECT AND IF HE HAS BEEN RELEASED SET OUT APPROPRIATE LEADS TO HAVE HIM INTERVIEWED.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-3886L MEMPHIS

FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 1P

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DAILY SUMMARY.

KANSAS CITY, MO. PD RECORDS AND PHOTO OF JOHN VALENTI FURNISHED ST. LOUIS AND BIRMINGHAM. NO ASSOCIATION BETWEEN SUBJECT AND VALENTI DETERMINED.

PHOTO OF JAMES OWENS FURNISHED PERTINENT OFFICES. ADDRESS IN ST. LOUIS LOCATED FOR IVAN DALE UNDERWOOD FORMER MSP INMATE.

INVESTIGATION DETERMINED PHONE CALL FROM THOMAS BRITTON DURING FALL SIXTYSEVEN MADE TO MANAGER, RENZ FARM, MSP. OTHER INFO. RE TELEPHONE CALLS MADE THIS AREA FURNISHED PERTINENT OFFICES.

LOCAL LEADS CONTINUE TO BE HANDLED ON EXPEDITE BASIS.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI
SACS KANSAS CITY
SAN FRANCISCO
ST. LOUIS

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

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS

RE KC REPORT MAY FIFTEEN LAST AND SL REPORT MAY TEN LAST.

MEMPHIS PD RECEIVED TODAY ANOTHER LETTER FROM SAME
INDIVIDUAL AT HAMILTON, ONTARIO. THIS LETTER STATES SUBJECT
IS DEAD AND BURIED IN MEXICO CITY, COPILEO RUINS, AND CONTAINS
A ROUGH HANDDRAWN MAP INDICATING SPOT WHERE BURIED. COPY OF
THIS LETTER BEING FURNISHED BUREAU BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATION
FOR TRANSMISSION TO LEGATS OTTAWA AND MEXICO CITY.

SF IN INTERVIEW WITH KENNETH LEE WADE WAS TOLD THAT
SUBJECT, WADE AND THREE OTHERS WERE EARNING ONE THOUSAND
DOLLARS PER MONTH FROM SALE OF NARCOTICS IN MSP. KC REPORT
DOES NOT INDICATE ANY SUCH SIZEABLE TRANSACTIONS IN SUBJECT'S
PRISON ACCOUNT.

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SF REQUESTED TO REINTERVIEW WADE AND DETERMINE HOW THIS

Teletype

MONEY WAS GOTTEN OUTSIDE MSP. SF SHOULD BEAR IN MIND

A.M.

EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED IN BELIEF THAT

A.M.S.D.

MAY HAVE MADE

SUBJECT ~~MADE~~ SCORE AFTER ESCAPE FROM MSP AND PRIOR TO

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MURDER OF KING. IF WADE'S INFORMATION IS CORRECT, SUBJECT MAY HAVE HAD ON DEPOSIT OUTSIDE THE PRISON A LARGE AMOUNT OF MONEY. IT IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE THAT SF RESOLVE THIS MATTER TO DETERMINE IF WADE IS TRUTHFUL. SF SUBMIT RESULTS ALL INVESTIGATION IN FORM SUITABLE FOR INCLUSION IN REPORT.

KC SHOULD CONDUCT NECESSARY INVESTIGATION TO PROVE OR DISPROVE WADE'S STATEMENT THAT HIS GROUP WAS EARNING ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS PER MONTH.

KC ALSO REQUESTED TO EXPLAIN TRANSACTIONS IN SUBJECT'S PRISON ACCOUNT, SUCH AS HOW WAS SUBJECT ABLE TO EARN MONEY IN PRISON AND HOW MUCH WAS HE PAID FOR WORKING IN PRISON BAKERY. ALSO DETERMINE IF MSP REQUIRES INMATES TO EXPLAIN SOURCE OF MONEY SENT OUTSIDE PRISON. PAYMENTS MADE BY SUBJECT TO HIS BROTHER SEEM EXCESSIVE AND SHOULD BE EXPLAINED.

BASED ON INFORMATION CONTAINED PAGES SIXTY - SIXTYONE OF KC REPORT, SE REQUESTED TO EXHAUSTIVELY INTERVIEW ROBERT LYNN POWELL REGARDING HIS ASSOCIATION WITH AND HIS KNOWLEDGE OF THE LOCATION OF SUBJECT.

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SL FURTHER REQUESTED TO EXHIBIT PHOTOS OF RAY TO RITA BROCKELMAN AND GEORGE MC QUADE, JR., IDENTIFIED ON PAGE FORTYSIX OF KC REPORT TO RESOLVE THE IDENTIFICATION OF THEIR ABDUCTOR TO BE LEO PARKER.

SL WILL ALSO REVIEW ST. CHARLES, MO., "DAILY BANNER," OF JULY TWELVE, LAST, RELATIVE TO THE DESCRIPTION OF THE KIDNAPER, NOTING RAY AND PARKER ALLEGEDLY ARE SIMILAR, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE COLOR OF THEIR EYES.

ME SUBSCRIBER TO TELEPHONE RECEIVING CALLS FROM RESIDENCE OF WALTER ELLSWORTH NOLAN IDENTIFIED AS GLADYS WRIGHT WHO RECEIVED CALLS FROM HER BROTHER, CLARENCE PEMBERTON, RESIDING CARMEN PATTON'S ROOMING HOUSE, SL.

P. END.

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FBI ST LOUIS

807PM URGENT 5-16-68 JJR

TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775) 1P

MURKIN.

RE MEMPHIS TEL THIS DATE SEVEN FORTY ONE P.M.

RE FELLOW PRISONER ROBERT LYNN POWELL.

NOTE POWELL INTERVIEWED, PAGE ONE SIX ONE
OF SL REPORT. ADVISE IF RE-INTERVIEW DESIRED. */yes*

RE LEO HOLDEN PARKER

NOTE PHOTOS OF BOTH PARKER AND RAY EXHIBITED TO
MR. AND MRS. GEORGE MC QUADE (FORMER RITA BROCKELMAN) WHO SAID
THEIR KIDNAPPER WAS PARKER, NOT RAY, SEE PAGES ONE FIVE SEVEN AND
ONE FIVE EIGHT OF SL REPORT.

ADVISE IF REVIEW OF ST. CHARLES DAILY BANNER NECESSARY IN VIEW OF
ABOVE.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775) 1P

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MURKIN.

RE KC TEL MAY FOURTEENTH LAST.

MSP INMATE JAMES D. WALLACE ALLEGATION THAT MENARD BROTHERS
MIGHT KNOW SUBJECTS WHEREABOUTS.

HAZEL MENARD, MOTHER, LOCATED TODAY, TWO SIX THREE SIX
ST. VINCENT, SLMO, SAYS SON RICHARD MENARD CURRENTLY AT
LEAVENWORTH. CLAIMED UNAWARE LOCATION OF OTHER TWO SONS, BUT
EXPECTS VISIT FROM THEM SATURDAY AND WILL TELL THEM THEN TO CONTACT
FBI.

KC INTERVIEW RICHARD MENARD AT LEAVENWORTH.

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TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND SPRINGFIELD

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775) 1P

MURKIN.

RE JAMES LOAMA OWENS.

RAY FIFTY NINE KROGER ROBBERY FALL PARTNER OWENS ADVISED
TODAY ONE BLACKIE DE CORE (PHONETIC) CHICAGO GAMBLER, EX-
PRO FIGHTER, LIFE PAROLEE FROM MENARD PRISON, WAS ASSOCIATE
OF RAY, THO APPARENTLY NOT AS CLOSE AS BLACKIE AUSTIN
AND JOHN GAWRON.

SPRINGFIELD AT MENARD , AND CHICAGO ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY
LOCATE AND INTERVIEW DE CORE.

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TO: DIRECTOR; MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY
FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775) 5P

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*Blackie is alias of
Joseph Elmer Austin
Austin maybe dead. efforts
being made to verify
death or interview.
see K-39 RB*

RE KC TEL MAY FOURTEEN LAST, MSP INMATE JAMES D. WALLACE
ALLEGATION SAW RAY AND JAMES L. OWENS ENTER JEFFERSON-GRAVOIS
BANK, SLMO, SUMMER SIXTY SEVEN.

JAMES LOAMA OWENS INTERVIEWED AT LENGTH TODAY. MET RAY
FIFTYNINE AT SL RESCUE MISSION, AS FRIEND OF BLACKIE AUSTIN.
KNEW FIRST AS JIM O CONNOR BUT RAY USED NAMES RYAN AND RAY, ALWAYS
WITH FIRST NAME JIM. RAY WAS PROFESSIONAL THIEF, ROBBERY AND
BURGLARY. NEVER KNOWN TO WORK, ALWAYS HAD MONEY, THRIFTY.
TOLD OWENS HE ONLY ROBBER BUSINESSES HE FELT WOULD BE PROTECTED BY
INSURANCE. PRESUMED LIVED ON HICKORY WHERE MOTHER AND GRANDMOTHER
HAD ROOMING HOUSE. OWENS MET THEM AND YOUNGER BROTHER BUZZ.
OWENS NEVER HEARD OF OTHER RELATIVES.

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RAY WAS QUIET, LONER, LIKEABLE, CLOSE MOUTHED, THINKER WHO READ WIDELY ON VARIETY OF SUBJECTS. NEVER BRAGGART. LIKED CARS AND PISTOLS. ONCE DEMONSTRATED MARKSMANSHIP BY HITTING CAN SUCCESSIVELY ON BOUNCE. NEVER KNOWN TO HAVE RIFLE OR SHOTGUN. MODERATE DRINKER, BOURBON HIGHBALLS, NO BEER. NOT KNOWN TO GAMBLE OR USE NARCOTICS. WOMEN WERE TO USE AND FORGET. PREFERRED FEMALE STREET BUMS. NO ATTACHMENT ANY FEMALE. OWENS SAW RAY ONCE OR TWICE WITH OLDER MAN JACK (PHONETIC) GAWON (GAWRON), WHO, WITH AUSTIN, APPEARED TO BE HIS ONLY CLOSE ASSOCIATES. ONE BLACKIE DECORE, (PHONETIC) CHICAGO GAMBLER, EX PRO FIGHTER, THEN FORTY YEARS OLD AND ON MENARD PRISON LIFE PAROLE, WAS ASSOCIATE TO LESSER DEGREE. NO OTHERS KNOWN.

RAY NEVER DISPLAYED DISLIKE OF NEGROES. ACCEPTED MEN AT WORTH. OWENS CONVINCED KING KILLING WAS FOR PAY, NOT PREJUDICE.

RAY ONCE DISPLAYED THOUSAND DOLLARS IN TRAVELERS CHECKS AND SAID GOING TO CANADA. MONTH LATER SAID HAD BEEN TO CANADA.

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GAVE NO EXPLANATION.

DURING FIFTYNINE ASSOCIATION WITH OWENS AND LATER AT MSP, RAY INDICATED AT LEAST DOZEN TRIPS TO MANY PARTS OF MEXICO TO COOL OFF, MENTIONED VERA CRUZ., ACAPULCO, NOGALES, AND MEXICO CITY. SAID HAD TO LEAVE MEXICO CITY WHEN STRUCK MAN IN HEAD WITH PISTOL, MAN WHO CAME AT HIM WITH KNIFE. NEVER MENTIONED MODE OF TRANSPORTATION OR IDENTITIES OF ANY PERSON KNOWN IN MEXICO. NEVER INDICATED ABILITY TO SPEAK SPANISH. MENTIONED SEVERAL TIMES HE ENJOYED ARMY DUTY IN GERMANY.

OWENS GOT IMPRESSION RAY ROBBERIES ALWAYS WELL PLANNED. KROGER PLANNED BY RAY, BUT UNDERTAKEN WHEN BOTH WERE AT END OF DRUNK, WHICH WAS EXCEPTION TO RAY MODERATE DRINKING RULE. OWENS LATER RECEIVED IMPRESSION RAY PREJUDICED AGAINST JOBS WITH PARTNERS, AS WAS INVARIABLY CAUGHT.

OWENS PLEAD GUILTY, GOT SEVEN YEARS, RAY STOOD TRIAL, GOT
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TWENTY. OWENS NEVER CALLED SAME MSP HALL OR WORKED TOGETHER. SAW FREQUENTLY IN YARD. RAY NEVER DISPLAYED ANIMOSITY TOWARD OWENS. OWENS LEARNED FROM OTHER INMATES RAY SOLD PILLS BELIEVED BENNIES AND HAD THREE FOR TWO LOAN BUSINESS MSP. DID NOT BELIEVE RAY ACCUMULATED OVER THOUSAND DOLLARS BY TIME OF ESCAPE. OWENS IN MENARD PRISON PRIOR TO SECOND RAY ESCAPE ATTEMPT. LAST SAW AT MSP, NOT CONTACTED OR CORRESPONDED WITH SINCE.

OWENS DOES NOT FEEL RAY WOULD CONTACT ANY RELATIVE OR ACQUAINTANCE AFTER ESCAPE. NO IDEA PRESENT WHEREABOUTS.

OWENS OPENED JOINT ACCOUNT WITH MOTHER IDA AT JEFFERSON GRAVOIS BANK, SL ON MENARD RELEASE SIXTY FIVE. CLOSED EARLY SIXTY SIX. THIS HAS BEEN VERIFIED, SAYS HAS NOT BEEN NEAR BANK SINCE.

OWENS WAS QUESTIONED REGARDING SEVERAL MSP INMATES. CLAIMS MET INMATE JAMES WALLACE AT MSP, NEVER KNEW BEFORE. ONLY TIMES HE HAS SEEN WALLACE SINCE WAS SUMMER SIXTY FIVE, ONCE AT JEFFERSON GRAVOIS BANK. WALLACE STANDING ON CORNER WITH UNKNOWN FEMALE

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HEAVY BUILD. WALLACE ASKED HIM IF PUTTING IN OR TAKING OUT, OWENS REPLIED PUTTING IN. NOTE OWENS VOLUNTEERED THIS. SAW WALLACE MAPLEWOOD, MO., WHEN BOTH TOOK DRIVING TESTS FOR LICENSE.

COOLEY HAS NO SIGNIFICANCE TO OWENS. OWENS APPEARED COOPERATIVE. EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO BE OF ANY ASSISTANCE POSSIBLE.

KC AT JEFFERSON CITY, DETERMINE FROM INMATE JAMES WALLACE WHERE HE GREW UP WITH OWENS, SPECIFICALLY WHEN HE ALLEGEDLY SAW OWENS AND RAY AT BANK, AND THE IDENTITY AND PRESENT LOCATION OF THE FEMALE OWENS ALLEGES WAS WITH WALLACE.

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1131PM URGENT 5-16-68 JJR

TO: DIRECTOR ; MEMPHIS AND CHICAGO

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN

RE JERRY RAYNES, FATHER;

RAYNES REINTERVIEWED TODAY. BOUGHT SMALL ACREAGE AND HOUSE WHERE RESIDES NEAR CENTER, MO., AT FORECLOSURE SALE FOR TWENTY SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS, OF WHICH SEVEN HUNDRED WAS HIS OWN AND NINETEEN HUNDRED DOLLAR CHECK FROM CAROL PEPPER. USED SURPLUS TO PAY BACK TAXES. CAROL VISITS NEARLY EVERY WEEKEND. BRINGS GROCERIES AS HE RERELY LEAVES PLACE. SHE TOLD HIM SHE HAD BEEN CONTACTED BY FBI WHO INDICATED POSSIBILITY RAY MIGHT HAVE BEEN IN SL FOLLOWING ESCAPE.

NOW RECALLS THAT DURING RECENT OVENIGHT VISIT BY JERRY AND JOHN RAY, BOTH WERE DRINKING AND JERRY MENTIONED SOMETHING ABOUT SUBJECT HAVING BEEN IN CHICAGO SUMMER SIXTY SEVEN FOLLOWING ESCAPE. UNABLE TO REMEMBER ANYTHING MORE SPECIFIC ABOUT STATEMENT, AND
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INDICATED HE MIGHT HAVE MISUNDERSTOOD.

STATES LAST SAW RAY FIFTY EIGHT FIFTY NINE; THAT RAY LIVED WITH MOTHER WHEN IN SL, NOT WITH HIM; AND THAT HE KNOWS VERY LITTLE ABOUT SUBJECT. EXPRESSED BELIEF SUBJECT WAS SET UP ON KING KILLING BY SOMEONE ELSE, AS RAY WAS ROBBER, NOT KILLER. DOES NOT BELIEVE RAY WOULD KILL ANYONE UNLESS UNDER INFLUENCE OF NARCOTICS. DOES NOT BELIEVE RAY SMART ENOUGH T PLAN KING JOB ALONE. BELIEVES SUBJECT NOW DEAD, PROBABLY KILLED BY PRINCIPAL.

RAYNES FEARFUL OF PUBLICITY. AFRAID NEGROES MIGHT ATTACK HIM IF HIS RELATIONSHIP TO RAY KNOWN.

NOTE RAYNES HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS ALCOHOLIC, MIND WANDERS AND HAS DIFFICULTY RECALLING SPECIFIC INFORMATION, TIMES, ADDRESSES, EVEN OF RECENT EVENTS. HAS VICIOUS FEMALE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG OWNED BY JERRY RAY.

SL WILL REINTERVIEW JOHN LARRY RAY TOMORROW RE ALLEGED JERRY RAY STATEMENT SUBJECT WAS IN CHICAGO LAST SUMMER.

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WILL EXHIBIT PHOTO OF JAMES DAVID DAILEY FOR IDENTIFICATION OF
J D MENTIONED IN PREVIOUS INTERVIEW.

CHICAGO REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW JERRY RAY REGARDING ABOVE
ALLEGED STATEMENT

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The following investigation was conducted by SA DAVID D. THOMAS at Folsom State Penitentiary, Folsom, California, on May 13, 1968:

HAROLD DEAN KLEMP advised he knew JAMES EARL RAY and had met RAY through RAY's crime partner, JAMES "SHORTY" OWENS. He stated that he and OWENS had been cellmates from October, 1961, to December, 1964, at Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) and that this was the time he had been acquainted with RAY.

KLEMP described RAY as a non-descript person who no one would remember unless one had had direct dealings with him. He said that "when word got around" concerning RAY's abortive attempt to escape from the MSP, the question asked by all the inmates was, "Who is JIMMY RAY".

KLEMP described RAY as a quiet, close-mouthed, even-tempered and self-educated individual who minded his own business. He said RAY's only concern was escape and that he had no interest in problems of the Negro people. KLEMP said as a "for instance", the occasion in which race riots broke out at MSP in an attempt to integrate the prison facilities, KLEMP stated that even though some of RAY's friends were involved, he, RAY, had nothing to do with the disorder and was completely disinterested.

KLEMP stated that RAY's mind was consumed with the idea of escape and that RAY would not, after escaping from prison, be so stupid as to shoot a "big-wig like KING". KLEMP said he did not believe RAY killed KING; that to his knowledge, RAY had no dislike for Negroes.

KLEMP stated further he thought RAY was probably hiding somewhere within the United States although he did remember that RAY and an inmate at MSP, whose name he recalled as EDMUNDSON (phonetic), often discussed escaping to Canada.

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He said, as he recalled, EDMUNDSON did escape from MSP and was captured at Expo 67 in Canada.

KLEMP advised he had not heard of or had any connection with RAY since he had left MSP on December 9, 1964.

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

RE: HAROLD DEAN KLEMP
Folsom State Penitentiary
Folsom, California

Re San Francisco airtel to Bureau dated 5/8/68.

Enclosed herewith for Memphis are 15 copies and for Kansas City two copies of an investigative insert re interview with HAROLD DEAN KLEMP.

LEAD

KANSAS CITY DIVISION

AT MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, JEFFERSON CITY, MO.

Will review records in an attempt to identify and locate KIMMISON (phonetic) who KLEMP said RAY often discussed escaping to Canada with.

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Director.

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD, St. Louis, Mo.	James Loma Owens #42884	3-6-37,	robbery	10-8-37 7 yrs. in Mo.S.Int. Ref.
St. Int. Ref., Jefferson City, Mo.	James L. Owens #2445	10-28-37	robbery 1st.	7 yrs. - *escaped 6-27-38 ret. same day trans. to Mo. SPR. as #51226
SP., Jefferson City Mo.	James L. Owens #51226	7-19-38	PG robbery 1st (3 chgs)	7 yrs. - par. by the Governor 8-3-40
ONI, Wash DC MID, Wash. DC	James Loama Owens #--	applicant for position Combustion Engr. Co. Inc. Maine Boiler Division St. Louis, Mo. 8-15-41		
Capt. of the Port New York, N.Y.	James Loama Owens, #031-1085614-B	ident. card 6-17-43		
SOS War Dept.	James Loama Owens #32-ORS	welder 7-17-43		
C.S. Comm., Wash., D. C.	James L. Owens Residence: H.P.D. San Fran... Calif. Born: 	F.P. 8-17-45 Hunters Point., San Fran. Calif.	Position: electric welder, U.S. Naval Drydocks, Hunters Point, San Fran Calif.	
PD East St. Louis, Ill.	James Loama Owens #3769	9-4-46	armed robbery	

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
SP, Menard, Ill.	James Owens #20208	8-12-47	robbery	1-20 yrs. 6-28-52 paroled paroled 7-7-59 disch 6-27-65
PD, St. Louis, Mo.	James Loma Owens #42884	1-24-48	inquiry	
PD St Louis Mo	James Loma Owens #42884	8-8-54	sus burg	4-29-55 PG sent on ea chg to 6 yrs in Mo SP to run concurrently on chg of burg 2nd deg & larc rape passing worthless checks 2 chgs larc of auto
SP Jefferson City Mo	James Loma Owens #69846	5-18-55	burg 2nd & larc obt money & goods b/m of bogus ck obt money b/m of a bogus ck (3 chgs)	6 yrs paroled 6-8-57 on chg of burg & larc
SP Menard Ill	James Owens #20208	6-8-57	robb etc	1-20 yrs (par viol)
PD St Louis Mo	James Loma Owens #42884	10-10-59	susp robbery	
PD St Louis Mo	James Loma Owens #42884	10-16-59	susp fug Alton Ill-susp rob susp parole viol	
SPen Jefferson City Mo	James Loma Owens #00184	2-5-60	PG: robb 1st means of D & DW	7 yrs disch 1-2-64
SPen Menard Ill	James Owens #20208	1-2-64	PV. etc (rob etc)	1-20 yrs

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD Long Beach Calif	James L. Owens #226302	10-15-66	intox	BF
USCG	James Loama Owens #Z-512077 AP	FP 1-20-67		

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To: DIRECTOR, FBI

Attention: Identification Division

Date

5-8-68

Re

MURKIN (OO: Memphis)

SLFILE: 44-775

Furnish The Known Identification Record of the Following:

Name

JAMES LAOMA OWENS

FBI No.

Other No. **Mo. Prison (MSP # 00184)**

Aliases

James Loma Owens

Sex

M

Race

W

Birth Date

[Redacted]

Birthplace

Elvins, Mo.

Residence

St. Louis, Mo.

Height

5'4"

Weight

149

Build

Medium

Hair

Brown

Eyes

Blue

Complexion

Medium

Age

48

Fingerprint Classification

Scars, marks and tattoos

Tattoo of ship on left forearm.

Also Furnish:

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) (MAIL), AND SAC, ST. LOUIS
 FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (PP. 1)

MURKIN

RE KANSAS CITY TEL TO BUREAU, HONOLULU, MEMPHIS,
 ST. LOUIS AND SPRINGFIELD MAY FOURTEEN, LAST.

WILLIAM KOFFMAN, DIVISION OF SUPERVISION OF PAROLE,
 SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, TODAY ADVISED JAMES LAOMA OWENS, FBI
 NUMBER ONE THREE NINE SEVEN SEVEN ZERO SEVEN, SP MENARD,
 ILLINOIS REGISTRY NUMBER TWO ZERO TWO ZERO EIGHT WAS
 DISCHARGED JUNE TWENTYSEVEN, NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE, EXPIRATION
 OF SENTENCE SP MENARD, ILLINOIS. OWENS WAS ISSUED A CERTIFICATE
 OF RESTORATION OF THE RIGHTS OF CITIZENSHIP AUGUST FIFTEEN,
 NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE. OWENS LAST ADDRESS THREE NINE ZERO FOUR
 FOLSOM AVENUE, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, NO EMPLOYMENT SHOWN.

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To: SAC, Kansas City (44-780)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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ReKCTel 5-14-68.

Latent fingerprints previously reported this case not identical with fingerprints JAMES LAGNA OWENS, FBI #1 397 707, Missouri State Penitentiary #00154.

No palm prints Identification Division for Owens.

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Date: MAY 15, 1968

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P)

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Prisoner

Re alleged offer of \$100,000.00 by the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM) to anyone who kills MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

BACKGROUND:

On 6/2/67, DONALD JAMES NISSEN, FBI Number 607320A, furnished the following information to the Dallas Office:

NISSEN stated that while at Leavenworth Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, from July, 1965, until

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- 2 - Atlanta (44-2386)
(1-100-5586)
- 1 - Birmingham (44-1740) (Info)
- 1 - Charlotte (Info)
- 1 - Columbia (Info)
- 2 - Dallas (44-2649)
(1-157-880)
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- 3 - Jackson (157-9586) *K*
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his release in April, 1967, he became very friendly with an inmate identified as LEROY MC MANAMAN. MC MANAMAN was originally from western Kansas and was alleged to have bootlegged in Mississippi. According to NISSEN, he and MC MANAMAN worked together in the shoe factory at Leavenworth.

NISSEN said he had previously met MC MANAMAN before going to the penitentiary in Jackson, Mississippi, and he recognized MC MANAMAN again at Leavenworth.

Just before NISSEN was scheduled to be parolled from Leavenworth, MC MANAMAN approached him and stated that he knew NISSEN was going to Atlanta and that he wanted NISSEN to set things up for him.

MC MANAMAN told NISSEN that \$100,000.00 had been offered by the WKKKKOM to be paid to anyone who would kill MARTIN LUTHER KING.

MC MANAMAN allegedly instructed NISSEN to contact a Mrs. (first name unknown) EURE, at the Eure Realty Company, Jackson, Miss. MC MANAMAN claimed Mrs. EURE is listed as a correspondent by him at Leavenworth Penitentiary. According to MC MANAMAN's instructions, NISSEN was to contact Mrs. EURE and ask her when she next writes to MC MANAMAN at the Penitentiary to tell him "DON" had arrived. MC MANAMAN indicated he would write and tell EURE that NISSEN was "O.K."

If NISSEN wanted to try to "pull this" himself, Mrs. EURE would put him in contact with two people identified only as FLOYD (lnu), an Honorary Colonel in the National Guard at Jackson, Miss., and a second person whom NISSEN could not now recall. NISSEN stated that the unidentified person, according to MC MANAMAN had recently been appointed Deputy United States Marshal at Jackson.

A review of Leavenworth Penitentiary Parole Progress Report for LEROY BASIL MC MANAMAN dated October, 1966, disclosed MC MANAMAN began his sentence at Leavenworth on January 18, 1963. The offense is listed as receiving and concealing stolen vehicle from interstate commerce. Under the Sentence Captioned there is an entry "Harboring a Fugitive 9 Years". The codefendants were listed as BURTON HARRY HERPEL, RUBIE CHARLES JENKINS and CHARLES E. TESCHER.

The Classification Study Sheet discloses the following description of LEROY BASIL MC MANAMAN:

True Name	<u>LEROY BASIL MC MANAMAN</u>
Aliases	None
Race	White
Date of Birth	<input type="text"/>
Age	At admission, 49 years
Height	5 feet 10 inches
Weight	188 pounds
FBI Number	1244125
Social Security Number	Unknown
Marital Status	Divorced
Education	10th grade
Age at first arrest	20 years

The Arrest Record Sheet in the Classification Study shows MC MANAMAN was arrested 12/22/34, Dodge City, Kansas, for investigation. He has numerous arrest since that time in Kansas, Omaha, Nebraska, Colorado Springs, Colorado, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Springfield, Missouri.

MC MANAMAN is a native of Kansas and has resided in that state most of his life. He has been somewhat nomadic in the past several years, drifting throughout both Kansas and Oklahoma. His last residence was with his parents in Dodge City, Kansas.

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Under the New Social Information, section it is indicated that MC MANAMAN writes very often to his mother who lives in Dodge City, Kansas. He has a grown son and daughter living in Dodge City and they occasionally bring his mother to the institution to visit him. He is divorced and his former wife never writes. MC MANAMAN has been writing often to a woman friend, SYBIL EURE who lives in Jackson, Mississippi. MC MANAMAN has received seven visits from SYBIL EURE and four visits from his mother and son.

The Penitentiary file indicates MC MANAMAN plans to work with SYBIL EURE in the real estate business in Jackson, Mississippi, upon his release from Leavenworth.

The file further indicates SYBIL EURE shows much interest in assisting MC MANAMAN and there seems some possibility that they may marry in the future.

Upon receiving the information from DONALD JAMES NISSEN concerning the alleged offer of \$100,000.00, Mrs. SYBIL EURE was interviewed at Jackson, Mississippi, on 8/8/67.

At that time Mrs. SYBIL M. EURE advised that she is well acquainted with LEROY MC MANAMAN and frequently corresponds with him at the Leavenworth Penitentiary. She explained that early in 1964 after becoming acquainted with MC MANAMAN she rented a room to him at her residence where MC MANAMAN stayed for a few weeks. As far as she knows this is the only time MC MANAMAN has spent in Mississippi. She does not believe that MC MANAMAN is involved or ever has been involved in any Klan activity or associated with anyone whom she new to be involved in Klan activity and that she has never been involved in any Klan activities herself.

She stated that she does not know any of MC MANAMAN's associates, does not know anyone by the name of DONALD JAMES NISSEN, nor has MC MANAMAN ever mentioned NISSEN's name. She does not know of any alleged offer of \$100,000.00 by the WKKKKOM to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. She has never heard of anything similar to this mentioned and claims not to be involved in any such plot.

She does not know anyone by the name of FLOYD who is a Honorary Colonel in the National Guard or anyone recently appointed as a United States Marshal at Jackson. She stated that her brother's name is FLOYD GARDNER but he is not in the National Guard, not a member of any Klan group, and he does not know MC MANAMAN.

The only person she knows in the United States Marshal's Office at Jackson is CHARLES SUTHERLAND, the Chief Deputy, who is a distant cousin of her former husband, JOHN EURE. She also knows BOB THOMAS, who is associated with the United States Marshal's Office. She considers both SUTHERLAND and THOMAS to be respectable people and she thought most assuredly that they would have no association with any Klan group.

On 5/13/68, Mrs. SYBIL G. EURE, 423 Raymond Road, Jackson, Miss., was reinterviewed.

At the outset she inquired as to the nature of the interview.

It was explained to Mrs. EURE that since the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., her past association with MC MANAMAN may be of a more significant nature.

The alleged offer of \$100,000.00 by the WKKKKOM was explained to her again.

Mrs. EURE, who appears to be a reasonably successful business woman, neat in appearance, and well spoken, said she now recalls how this alleged offer all started.

She said she recalls that in 1964 when she first met MC MANAMAN, he was out on some kind of a bond waiting for an appeal. At the same time the murder of the three civil rights workers in Neshoba County, Mississippi, was at the height of publicity. Sheriff RAINEY of Neshoba County was presumed to be, at the time, an official in the Klan in Neshoba County. At least the newspapers, radio and television news stories indicated this much. During the same period her real estate business was in minor financial difficulty and she recalls casually mentioning that if she approached the Sheriff of Neshoba County she could probably get \$100,000.00 to kill KING. She said she now feels in all probability that MC MANAMAN took her casual statement seriously. She said she now realizes the seriousness of such a statement since KING's murder.

Mrs. EURE stated that she is an outspoken business woman and often passes remarks of this nature more to attract some prospective customers than anything else. She said she believes that this is the basis for MC MANAMAN's information concerning the offer of money by the Klan in Mississippi to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

In attempting to determine the circumstances concerning her meeting MC MANAMAN in 1964, Mrs. EURE said she met him through a mutual business friend. Her association with MC MANAMAN was business. She said in her opinion MC MANAMAN had a world of knowledge

in real estate business and that if he ever gets out of prison she will always be willing to hire him as an assistant in her real estate business.

After his appeal was denied in 1964, MC MANAMAN was returned to Kansas and began serving his sentence. She said she went out to the Penitentiary on two occasions in 1964, the first time to pick up MC MANAMAN's automobile which she financed for him. All other visits, two or three times in 1965 and once in 1966, were just friendly visits. She said the last time she visited him was early in 1966 and that she has not seen him or heard from him since that time. She said as far as she knows he is still in prison.

Mrs. EURE was very apologetic, very cooperative, and stated that she has no information whatsoever concerning the person or persons responsible for the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. If, in the event she receives any information which may be of help in this matter she will immediately contact the FBI.

Mrs. EURE is a white female, approximately 5 feet 9 inches, slender, moderately attractive, approximately 50 years of age.

A further review of the Leavenworth Penitentiary Classification Sheet for MC MANAMAN discloses that his nine year sentence was in an unoperative status for 375 days due to an appeal. The Classification Study form of MC MANAMAN, Register Number 81371-L indicates that MC MANAMAN was received at Leavenworth Penitentiary in April, 1964 after his appeal had been denied.

The Bureau, through FBI Identification Division records, may wish to compare the records of DONALD JAMES NISSEN, FBI Number 607320A; LEROY BASIL MC MANAMAN, FBI Number 1244125 (as indicated in prison records) with the known arrest record of JAMES EARL RAY to determine if they were ever confined in the same prison at the same time with subject RAY.

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The above information is being furnished to offices designated for information purposes. No leads are being set out in view of information furnished by Mrs. EURE.

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