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age 40 DOB [] Quincy or Alton, Ill.
5'10" 163 to 174 44-1987-SUB-G-315
hair brown, possibly cut short -384
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Scars & Marks: small scar on center of forehead
and small scar on palm of right hand
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415PM URGENT 6-10-68 SMS

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA (44-2386) & MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN.

REBUTELCAL TO LOS ANGELES AND LOS ANGELES TELCAL TO BUREAU,
JUNE TEN INSTANT.

WHEN JAMES EARL RAY APPREHENDED LONDON, HE HAD IN HIS
POSSESSION THIRTY EIGHT CALIBER LIBERTY CHIEF REVOLVER, SERIAL
NUMBER SEVEN ONE FIVE, MANUFACTURED BY MIROKU FIREARMS MFG.
COMPANY, JAPAN.

MILA SVOBODA, OWNER LIBERTY ARMS COMPANY AND SOLINGEN
CUTLERY COMPANY, POST OFFICE BOX THREE ZERO SIX, MONTROSE,
CALIFORNIA, ADVISED JUNE TEN INSTANT LIBERTY CHIEF REVOLVER,
SERIAL NUMBER SEVEN ONE FIVE, MANUFACTURED BY MIROKU FIREARMS
MFG. COMPANY, JAPAN, RECEIVED MONTROSE, CALIFORNIA, SEPTEMBER
FIFTEEN, SIXTY SIX. REVOLVER SENT TO R. TATUM, NEW AND USED
GUNS, ONE ONE EIGHT EDWARDS DRIVE, MABLETON, GEORGIA, ON
OCTOBER THREE, SIXTY SIX, UNDER INVOICE NUMBER ONE THREE NINE
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ZERO NINE, FROM SOLINGEN CUTLERY, MONTROSE, CALIFORNIA. REVOLVER ONLY ITEM IN THIS SHIPMENT. LIBERTY REVOLVERS MADE EXCLUSIVELY FOR LIBERTY ARMS COMPANY. REVOLVER DESCRIBED AS THIRTY EIGHT CALIBER SNUB NOSE.

ATLANTA CONDUCT INVESTIGATION AT R. TATUM FOR FURTHER TRACING OF REVOLVER.

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URGENT

TO LEGAT TOKYO

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN.

AT TIME OF ARREST IN LONDON, SUBJECT HAD IN HIS POSSESSION
A THIRTYEIGHT CALIBER "LIBERTY CHIEF" REVOLVER--MIROKU FIREARMS
MANUFACTURING COMPANY ON BUTT AND NUMBER SEVEN ONE FIVE
JAPAN.

IMMEDIATELY ARRANGE FOR APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO HAVE
THIS GUN TRACED. SUCAB RESULTS.

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TO SAC NEWARK
FROM DIRECTOR, FBI
MURKIN.

AT TIME OF ARREST IN LONDON SUBJECT HAD IN HIS
POSSESSION A "MERC" TRANSISTOR RADIO MANUFACTURED BY
RCA, NUMBER TWO ONE SIX V S THREE ONE TWO AND J I S ZERO
ZERO SIX P.

AT RCA CONDUCT APPROPRIATE CHECK IN EFFORT TO
IDENTIFY AND TRACE THIS TRANSISTOR RADIO. AIRMAIL COPY
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TO SAC BOSTON
FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

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AT TIME OF ARREST SUBJECT HAD IN HIS POSSESSION
POLAROID TWO TWO ZERO CAMERA WHICH IS MANUFACTURED BY
POLAROID CORPORATION, CAMBRIDGE, MASS., SERIAL NUMBER
Z D OR Z O ONE TWO SEVEN ONE THREE ONE.

CHECK RECORDS OF POLAROID COMPANY IN EFFORT TO
TRACE THIS CAMERA. AIRMAIL COPY SENT TO MEMPHIS.

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TO DIRECTOR, (44-38861) AND HOUSTON AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM NEW YORK (44-1609) 1P

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NEW YORK OFFICE, AMERICAN TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH,
CONFIDENTIALLY ADVISED THAT AT TWELVE ZERO SIX A.M., EDST, JUNE NINE LAST,
A LONG DISTANCE PERSON-TO-PERSON CALL WAS PLACED FROM
JIM TATUM, HOUSTON, TEXAS, TO SUBJECT, JAMES EARL RAY, LONDON,
ENGLAND. CALL WAS PLACED FROM FOLLOWING NUMBER; (SEVEN ONE
THREE) - SIX SIX SEVEN - SIX TWO EIGHT SEVEN. CALLER EVENTUALLY
CONTACTED CANON ROW POLICE HEADQUARTERS, PHONE NUMBER
MBER.

NINE THREE ZERO - ONE ONE ONE THREE, LONDON, ENGLAND, AND AFTER
BEING DENIED ACCESS TO RAY, ASKED TO SPEAK TO SOMEONE WHO
COULD FURNISH INFORMATION REGARDING RAY. HE WAS
REFERRED TO CHIEF OF DETECTIVES-SUPERINTENDENT BUTLER BY THE
NIGHT STATION OFFICER, HOWEVER, DECLINED TO CALL BUTLER.

UACB, HOUSTON TACTFULLY IDENTIFY JIM TATUM AND DETERMINE
HIS INTEREST IN SUBJECT RAY.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987) & NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN.

ROBERT J. REYNOLDS, ONE SEVEN ONE TWO SANTA ANITA AVENUE, ARCADIA, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED THIS DATE HE RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM HIS FATHER-IN-LAW, K. C. MC MILLAN, EIGHT EMERY STREET, GEORGETOWN, ONTARIO, CANADA, ON EVENING OF JUNE TEN, SIXTY EIGHT. DURING COURSE OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION MC MILLAN ADVISED REYNOLDS THE RCMP WAS LOOKING FOR REYNOLDS' UNCLE, EARL ANGLIN JAMES, IN CONNECTION WITH INVESTIGATION OF ACTIVITIES OF JAMES EARL RAY WHILE IN CANADA. ACCORDING TO MC MILLAN, EARL ANGLIN JAMES IS SUSPECTED OF BEING, OR HAVING KNOWLEDGE OF, THE QUOTE MYSTERIOUS FAT MAN UNQUOTE WHO GAVE RAY AN ENVELOPE WHILE RAY RESIDED AT ROOMING HOUSE LOCATED NINE SIX TWO DUNDAS STREET, TORONTO, CANADA.

REYNOLDS STATED EARL ANGLIN JAMES WAS ASSOCIATE OF SUN LOO, INFLUENTIAL PERSON IN CHINESE COMMUNITY OF TORONTO, WHO ALSO

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LIVED ON DUNDAS STREET. REYNOLDS NOTED THAT, ACCORDING TO LOS ANGELES TIMES, JAMES EARL RAY LIVED AT ROOMING HOUSE ON DUNDAS STREET OPERATED BY MRS. SUN LOO. HE ADVISED IF RCMP IS LOOKING FOR HIS UNCLE, THEY COULD POSSIBLY OBTAIN THIS INFORMATION FROM SUN LOO.

REYNOLDS ADVISED EARL ANGLIN JAMES WAS SUBPOENAED BY JAMES GARRISON, NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT ATTORNEY, IN HIS INVESTIGATION OF THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY. REYNOLDS SAID THAT, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION IN TORONTO NEWSPAPERS, HIS UNCLE RECEIVED SEVERAL TELEPHONE CALLS FROM DAVID FERRIE, ALLEGEDLY ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN CONSPIRACY TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

REYNOLDS DESCRIBED EARL ANGLIN JAMES AS MALE, CAUCASIAN, AGE SIXTY NINE, FIVE TEN, TWO TWENTY POUNDS, OBESE, DARK BROWN HAIR, DARK BROWN EYES, SWARTHY COMPLEXION, WEARS MUSTACHE AND GOATEE.

REYNOLDS REQUESTED NO PUBLICITY BE GIVEN TO INFORMATION HE PROVIDED IN VIEW OF FACT HIS UNCLE HAS MADE SEVERAL THREATS OF HARM TOWARD HIM ARISING FROM FAMILY DISPUTE OVER DISPOSITION OF ESTATE OF MOTHER OF EARL ANGLIN JAMES.

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IT IS REQUESTED NEW ORLEANS CONFIRM WHETHER OR NOT
JAMES WAS SUBPOENAED BY GARRISON.

REYNOLDS IMMIGRATED TO U. S. IN NINETEEN SIXTY FOUR,
AND MRS. REYNOLDS ADVISES SHE HAS BROTHER IN RCMP.

ABOVE FURNISHED BUREAU FOR DISSEMINATION TO LEGAT,
OTTAWA, AND RCMP.

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Date: 6/11/68

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT

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Via TELETYPE

URGENT

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
FROM: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

Re: MURKIN

Re LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO BUREAU 6/11/68.

THE FILES OF THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE CONTAIN NO INFORMATION TO THE EFFECT THAT EARL ANGLIN JAMES WAS EVER SUBPOENAED BY ORLEANS PARISH DA JAMES GARRISON IN CONNECTION WITH GARRISON'S INVESTIGATION INTO THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, OR IN CONNECTION WITH ANY OTHER MATTER.

DAVID W. FERRIE, DECEASED, AND APPARANT SUSPECT BY GARRISON AS A CONSPIRATOR INTO THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION WAS INTERVIEWED BY NEW ORLEANS AGENT ON DECEMBER TEN, NINETEEN SIXTY THREE IN CONNECTION WITH THE CASE ENTITLED QUOTE JACK LEON RUBY, AKA; LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA. - VICTIM(DECEASED) BUFILE FORTY FOUR DASH TWO FOUR ZERO ONE SIX END QUOTE. FERRIE FURNISHED NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS WHOM HE SAID WERE SOURCES FOR QUOTE PHONY END QUOTE DEGREES. ONE OF THE NAMES HE MENTIONED WAS EARL ANGLIN JAMES, OF TORONTO, CANADA. NO FURTHER DATA AVAILABLE RE JAMES.

BUREAU CONSIDER ABOVE FOR DISSEMINATION TO LEGAT, OTTAWA AND RCMP IN CONNECTION WITH INFORMATION FURNISHED IN REFERENCED LOS ANGELES TELETYPE.

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811PM URGENT 6/11/68 PJF

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM BUFFALO (44-374)

MURKIN

Fat man

REMEMPHIS TEL TODAY.

ITEM UPON WHICH TORONTO NEWSPAPERS HAVE BASED MUCH OF THEIR SPECTACULAR SPECULATION THAT SUBJECT HAD CONSPIRATORIAL ACCOMPLICE WHILE IN TORONTO IS WHAT THE NEWSPAPERS REFER TO AS THE MYSTERIOUS FAT MAN WHO DELIVERED ENVELOPE TO SUBJECT WHILE LATTER WAS LIVING NINE SIX TWO DUNDAS WEST TORONTO.

MYSTERIOUS FAT MAN CONTACTED DEPUTY CHIEF B. O. SIMMONDS (NA) METROPOLITAN TORONTO PD TODAY IDENTIFIED SELF AS ROBERT MC DOULDTON OF TEN BELLHAVEN CRESCENT TORONTO WHO HAS BEEN EMPLOYED AS A SALESMAN FOR MULTI COLORED PAINT SUPPLY COMPANY OF TORONTO FOR PAST EIGHT YEARS AND WHO WORKD THE DUNDAS AVE. AREA.

HE VISITED TORONTO PD HEADQUARTERS WITH HIS WIFE AND EXPLAINED THAT IN EARLY MAY THIS YEAR HE HAD USED A PUBLIC PHONE BOOTH IN VICINITY OF NINE SIX TWO DUNDAS AVE. AND FOUND AN ENVELOPE THERE ADDRESSES TO SNEYD AND THE DUNDAS AVE. ADDRESS. HE THEREAFTER TOOK THE ENVELOPE TO THAT ADDRESS AND GAVE IT TO SNEYD IN THE PRESENCE OF SNEYD'S LANDLADY. SAYS ENVELOPE CONTAINED TORONTO POSTMARK NO RETURN ADDRESS

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AND HE HAS IMPRESSION IT CONTAINED SOME KIND OF APPLICATION FOR A JOB.

LANDLADY VIEWED MC DOULDTON THIS DATE AND IDENTIFIED HIM AS THE FAT MAN TO WHOM PREVIOUSLY REFERED.

MTPD AND RCMP SATISFIED THAT MC DOULDTON IS REPUTABLE CITIZEN AND HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF OR INVOLVEMENT WITH SNEYD.

MTPD AND RCMP COMMITTED NOT TO DIVULGE MC DOULDTON 'S IDENTITY AND REQUESTED FBI HONOR THAT COMMITMENT. THEY ALSO REQUEST THAT NO INFO BE RELEASED EVEN ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE MYSTERIOUS FAT MAN HAS BEEN LOCATED.

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840PM URGENT 6-11-68 LCS

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, AND BIRMINGHAM
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TEL TO BUREAU, ATLANTA, AND MEMPHIS
JUNE TEN LAST.

WHEN JAMES EARL RAY APPREHENDED LONDON, HE HAD IN HIS
POSSESSION THIRTYEIGHT CALIBER LIBERTY CHIEF REVOLVER,
SERIAL NUMBER SEVEN ONE FIVE, MANUFACTURED BY MIROKU FIREARMS
MANUFACTURING CO., JAPAN.

MILA SVOBODA, OWNER, LIBERTY ARMS CO. AND SOLINGER CUTLERY
CO., MONTROSE, CALIF., ADVISED JUNE TEN LAST LIBERTY CHIEF
REVOLVER, SERIAL NUMBER SEVEN ONE FIVE MANUFACTURED BY MIROKU
FIREARMS CO., JAPAN, RECEIVED AT MONTROSE, CALIF., SEPTEMBER
FIFTEEN SIXTYSIX. REVOLVER SENT TO R. TATUM, NEW AND USED
GUNS, ONE ONE EIGHT EDWARDS DRIVE, MABLETON, CA., ON OCT. THREE
SIXTYSIX UNDER INVOICE FROM SOLINGER CUTLERY, MONTROSE,
CALIF. REVOLVER ONLY ITEM IN THAT SHIPMENT. LIBERTY REVOLVERS
MADE EXCLUSIVELY FOR LIBERTY ARMS CO. AND THIS GUN DESCRIBED AS
THIRTYEIGHT CALIBER SNUB-NOSE.

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ON JUNE ELEVEN SIXTYEIGHT, ROBERT TATUM, ONE ONE EIGHT EDWARDS ST., MABLETON, GA., ADVISED HE PURCHASED THIRTYEIGHT CALIBER REVOLVER, SN SEVEN ONE FIVE JAPANESE MAKE FROM THE SOLINGER CUTLERY CO., MONTROSE, CALIF., FOR FORTY DOLLARS, ON OCTOBER ELEVEN SIXTYSIX. ON DEC. THREE SIXTYSIX, HE SOLD THE GUN FOR FIFTY DOLLARS TO WALTER E. SPAIN, TWO NINE ZERO FOUR FORTY SECOND AVE., BIRMINGHAM, ALA. HE OBTAINED SPAIN'S NAME AND ADDRESS FROM A DRIVER'S LICENSE AND DESCRIBED SPAIN AS WHITE MALE, THIRTY TO THIRTYFIVE, WITH BROWN HAIR. ADVISED SPAIN NOT IDENTICAL TO RAY AFTER VIEWING PHOTOS.

BIRMINGHAM INTERVIEW SPAIN AND TRACE OWNERSHIP OF ABOVE MENTIONED REVOLVER.

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To: Legat, Ottawa

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

This confirms Bureau telephone call 6/6/68.

Inquiry has disclosed Sneyd turned in unused portion of round-trip Toronto - London ticket to BOAC Airlines, London, on 5/7/68 for ticket on British European Airlines to Lisbon. Sneyd received voucher 0610 4444 3731 from BOAC, London, in amount of \$14.60 which can either be applied to future ticket purchase or to obtain cash refund.

Determine if voucher has been used and returned to BOAC, Toronto, and immediately advise Bureau full details including date and location where used. If not yet returned, insure appropriate stop placed with BOAC, Toronto. Follow closely and keep the Bureau advised of all pertinent developments.

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FM BUFORD ELLINGTON GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE
TO SECRETARY OF STATE WASHDC

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I AM INFORMED THAT JAMES EARL RAY, ALIAS ERIC STARVO GALT, ALIAS JOHN WILLARD, ALIAS HARVEY LOWMEYER, ALIAS HARVEY LOWMYER, IS PRESENTLY IN THE CUSTODY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM UNDER THE NAME OF RAMON GEORGE SNEYD; THE SAID, RAMON GEORGE SNEYD, BEING ONE AND THE SAME PERSON AS JAMES EARL RAY, ALIAS ERIC STARVO GALT, ALIAS JOHN WILLARD, ALIAS HARVEY LOWMEYER, ALIAS HARVEY LOWMYER, AND THE SAID JAMES EARL RAY, ALIAS ERIC STARVO GALT, ALIAS JOHN WILLARD, ALIAS HARVEY LOWMEYER, ALIAS HARVEY LOWMYER, IS PRESENTLY UNDER INDICTMENT IN SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE.

THE GRAND JURY SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, HAS CHARGED THAT JAMES EARL RAY ALIAS ERIC STARVO GALT, ALIAS JOHN WILLARD, ALIAS HARVEY LOWMEYER, ALIAS HARVEY LOWMYER, DID ON THE 4TH DAY OF APRIL, 1968, UNLAWFULLY, FELONIOUSLY, WILLFULLY, DELIBERATELY, PREMEDIATEDLY, AND OF HIS MALICE AFORETHOUGHT, KILL AND MURDER MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. THE AFORESAID INDICTMENT FOR MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE WAS RETURNED TRUE BILL ON THE 7TH DAY OF MAY, 1968, BY THE GRAND JURY OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

ON MAY 7, 1968, A CAPIAS, (WARRANT) WAS ISSUED BY THE CRIMINAL COURT CLERK OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE ARREST OF JAMES EARL RAY, ALIAS ERIC STARVO GALT, ALIAS JOHN WILLARD, ALIAS HARVEY LOWMEYER, ALIAS HARVEY LOWMYER, FOR THE CRIME OF MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE. AS CHARGED IN AFORESAID INDICTMENT.

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THE SAID CAPIAS (WARRANT) WAS ISSUED BY THE SAID CLERK ON THE ORDER OF THE CRIMINAL COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

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THEREFORE, I, BUFORD ELLINGTON, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, DO HEREBY REQUEST THAT THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, APPLY TO THE PROPER AUTHORITIES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM FOR THE EXTRADITION OF JAMES EARL RAY, ALIAS ERIC STARVO GALT, ALIAS JOHN WILLARD, ALIAS HARVEY LOWMEYER, ALIAS HARVEY LOWMYER, ALIAS RAMON GEORGE SNEYD, AND FOR HIS PROVISIONAL ARREST AND CUSTODY WITHOUT BAIL, PENDING EXTRADITION, SO THAT HE MAY BE RETURNED TO SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, TO STAND TRIAL FOR THE MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

BUFORD ELLINGTON GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE

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FM AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3271 PRIORITY

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REPORTS OF APPREHENSION IN LONDON OF JAMES EARL RAY, SUSPECTED MURDERER OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, HAVE BEEN FEATURED ON LOCAL RADIO AND TV NEWSCASTS IN OTTAWA TODAY, NOTABLY BECAUSE RAY WAS REPORTELY BEARER OF CANADIAN PASSPORT. EMBASSY LEGAL ATTACHES STATES THAT RAY HAS IN FACT BEEN IDENTIFIED AS BEARER OF CANADIAN PASSPORT IN NAME OF RAMON GEORGE SNEYD PURSUANT EXHAUSTIVE CHECK OF CANADIAN PASSPORT FILES BY EXTAFF AND RCMP. FULL DETAILS AVAILABLE FBI HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON.

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FM AMEMBASSY LONDON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 405!

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1. JAMES EARL RAY, SUSPECTED ASSASSIN OF REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING, ARRESTED AT LONDON AIRPORT BY SCOTLAND YARD THIS MORNING.

2. UNDERSTAND DETAILED STATEMENT FURNISHING ALL KNOWN FACTS WAS RELEASED BY ATTY. GEN. RAMSEY CLARK TODAY. EMB LEGATT RECEIVED TEXT OF STATEMENT BY PHONE AND CONFIRMS ITS ACCURACY.

3. EMB REFERRING INQUIRERS TO PRESS BUREAU OF SCOTLAND YARD FOR INFO. SCOTLAND YARD IS FURNISHING LESS DETAILED INFO THAN ATTY. GEN'S STATEMENT SINCE MATTER IS SUB JUDICE AND BRITISH LAW PERMITS ONLY MINIMAL INFO UNTIL APPEARANCE OF ARRESTED MAN BEFORE A MAGISTRATE.

4. RAY WILL ATTEND REMAND HEARING AT BOW STREET MAGISTRATES COURT ON MONDAY AT 10:30. BRUCE

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM LEGAT TOKYO NO. 38

MURKIN

REBUCAB JUNE NINE, ONE NINE SIX EIGHT.

NATIONAL POLICE AGENCY OF JAPAN, TOKYO, ADVISED ON JUNE ONE ZERO,
ONE NINE SIX EIGHT, RECORDS OF MIROKU MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LTD.,
ONE EIGHT ZERO INARIMACHI, KOCHI - CITY, KOCHI - PREFECTURE, SHIKOKU,
JAPAN, REFLECT WEAPON IN QUESTION SHIPPED AUGUST THREE, ONE NINE SIX
SIX, PASSED JAPANESE CUSTOMS AUGUST ONE NINE, ONE NINE SIX SIX,
TRANSPORTED VIA HAVANA MARU DESTINED FOR LIBERTY ARMS CORPORATION,
P. O. BOX THREE ZERO SIX, MONTROSE, CALIFORNIA.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM LEGAT LONDON NO 53

MURKIN.

YARD ADVISES THAT FOR REPORT TO PROSECUTOR IT IS
NECESSARY TO BE ABLE TO STATE THAT THERE IS AN ACTUAL
PERSON NAMED RAMON GEORGE SNEYD BORN [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] TORONTO AND THIS PERSON IS NOT IN
ENGLAND. I HAVE GIVEN THE YARD INFORMATION ABOUT THE
TRUE SNEYD AS SET FORTH IN BUCAB JUNE SIX LAST.

YARD ALSO NEEDS IDENTITY OF INDIVIDUAL WHO WOULD
BE IN POSITION TO TESTIFY THAT THE FINGERPRINTS ON THE I O FOUR
ONE EIGHT TWO ARE THE FINGERPRINTS OF JAMES EARL RAY BORN
MARCH ONE ZERO, ONE NINE TWO EIGHT AT ALTON, ILLINOIS,
A U S CITIZEN. I TOLD THE YARD AN OFFICIAL OF THE FBI.

IF THIS IS NOT CORRECT SUCAB IMMEDIATELY IDENTITY OF
PERSON CAPABLE OF TESTIFYING TO THIS. I ASSURED THE YARD
THAT WHETHER IT IS AN OFFICIAL OF THE FBI OR SOME OTHER
PERSON, AND IF NEEDED, THE INDIVIDUAL WOULD BE IMMEDIATELY
FLOWN TO ENGLAND FOR THIS PURPOSE.

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FROM LEGAT, OTTAWA

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REBUTEL CALL JUNE SIX LAST.

RCMP TORONTO ADVISE CHECK BOAC FAILS TO INDICATE VOUCHER
ZERO SIX ONE ZERO FOUR FOUR FOUR FOUR THREE SEVEN THREE ONE
RETURNED. STOP PLACED; HOWEVER, BOAC OFFICIALS POINT OUT IF
CASHED BY ANOTHER AIRLINE, IT MAY BE WEEKS OR EVEN MONTHS BEFORE
RECEIVED BOAC TORONTO.

RCMP MONTREAL ADVISED THIS DATE IN CONNECTION INFO RECEIVED
FROM DANCE STUDIO REFERRED TO PAGE THREE MYTEL JUNE FOUR LAST
THAT WOMAN INVOLVED FINALLY LOCATED THIS DATE ON RETURN FROM
TRIP NEW YORK AND WHEN SHOWN PASSPORT PHOTO OF SUBJECT MADE
TENTATIVE IDENT AS SAME INDIVIDUAL WHO CONTACTED HER MAY
TWENTYFIVE LAST AND MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR DANCE LESSON MAY
THIRTYONE LAST. SHE RECEIVED RCMP FLYER ON SUBJECT AND IMMEDIATELY
CONTACTED RCMP MAY TWENTYEIGHT LAST. PLACE STAKED OUT MAY

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THIRTYONE LAST BUT SUBJECT DID NOT SHOW. HER RECORDS DO NOT
CONTAIN ANY NAME FOR PERSON BOOKING LESSON AND WHILE DESCRIPTION
GENERALLY TALLIES, SHE SAID GLASSES HE WAS WEARING AT TIME HAD
RIM ON TOP HALF ONLY. RCMP NOT TOO OPTIMISTIC ON IDENT, BUT
MATTER BEING PURSUED.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM LEGAT LONDON NO. 49

MURKIN.

FOLLOWING ITEMS FOUND BY NEW SCOTLAND YARD WHEN SUBJECT
ARRESTED JUNE EIGHT LAST: THREE EIGHT CALIBER "LIBERTY CHIEF"
REVOLVER - MIROKU FIREARMS MFG CO ON BUTT NUMBER SEVEN ONE
FIVE JAPAN; POLAROID TWO TWO ZERO CAMERA, POLAROID CORP, CAMBRIDGE,
MASS. NO. ZD OR ZO ONE TWO SEVEN ONE THREE ONE; "MERC"
TRANSISTOR RADIO RCA NO. TWO ONE SIX V S THREE ONE TWO AND
JIS ZERO ZERO SIX P INSIDE OF CASE; LIGHT TAN RAINCOAT "NOVELINE"
BELIEVED PURCHASED MAY SIX LAST FROM ANDY'S MENS SHOP, ONE SIX
TWO ONE DUNDAS ST. WEST TORONTO, PRICE FOUR ONE DOLLARS NINE
FIVE CENTS INCL. TAX; BROWN WOOL SUIT WITH LABEL INSIDE INNER
POCKET, ENGLISH AND SCOTCH WOOLEN CO LTD, MONTREAL WITH NAME
ERIC GALT DATE JULY TWO ONE, SIX SEVEN, ORDER ONE ONE FIVE TWO
SIX; BLUE OXFORD CLOTH SHIRT, CANADIAN MAKE, "IF" LAUNDRY
MARK TWO THREE ZERO SEVEN - TWO TWO ONE NINE; SPORT JACKET AND
TROUSERS, TIP TOP TAILORS BEARING INK STAMPED NUMBER THREE -
SEVEN ONE FIVE THREE. RECEIPT DATED MAY TWO LAST FOR THREE
HUNDRED FOUR FIVE DOLLARS, INVOICE NO. THREE THREE TWO SEVEN
ZERO FROM KENNEDY TRAVEL BUREAU, FOUR TWO FOUR BLOOR STREET

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM LEGAT LONDON NO. 52

SUBJECT APPEARED BOW STREET MAGISTRATES COURT TEN THIRTY AM TODAY, CHARGED WITH ENTRY INTO ENGLAND ON A FRAUDULENT PASSPORT CONTRARY TO ALIENS ORDER AND POSSESSING A FIREARM WITHOUT PERMISSION CONTRARY TO FIREARMS ACT. HE WAS REMANDED IN CUSTODY TO JUNE ONE EIGHT NEXT ON THESE OFFENSES. SUBJECT MADE REQUEST FOR LEGAL AID.

TOTAL APPEARANCE IN COURT WAS TWO MINUTES. SUBJECT BEING AFFORDED MAXIMUM SECURITY AND HAS BEEN TRANSPORTED TO BRITTON PRISON.

LONDON DAILY TELEGRAPH CARRIES STORY SUBJECT PRIOR TO ARREST CONTACTED PAPER ASKING FOR INFORMATION ABOUT JOINING A MERCENARY GROUP IN AFRICA. NEW SCOTLAND YARD IS WORKING ON THIS AND WILL INTERVIEW WRITER OF ARTICLE.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
FROM: BOSTON (157-644)

MURKIN

RE BUTEL TO BOSTON, JUNE NINE LAST.

SHELLEY CANDIDUS, CUSTOMER SERVICE, POLAROID CORP.,
CAMBRIDGE, MASS., ADVISED TODAY THAT REGISTRATIONS OF PURCHASES
OF THIS TYPE CAMERA ARE NOT FILED IN ANY PARTICULAR NUMERICAL
ORDER. CANDIDUS STATED A COMPUTER IS BEING PROGRAMMED BY
POLAROID CORP. TO PROCESS APPROXIMATELY SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND
REGISTRATIONS FOR SUCH CAMERAS IN HOPE OF FINDING REGISTRANT
FOR GIVEN SERIAL NUMBER WITH PREFIX ZD WHICH IS CORRECT. ONLY
ONE OUT OF FOUR PURCHASERS USUALLY REGISTER. RESULTS OF COMPUTER
SHOULD BE OBTAINED BY JUNE ELEVEN NEXT.

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TO DIRECTOR AND INDIANAPOLIS (MAIL)

FROM NEWARK (44-854)

MURKIN

REBUTEL TO NK, THIS DATE.

NORMAN MC CABE, DIRECTOR OF SECURITY, RCA, CAMDEN, NJ, ADVISED THAT MANUFACTURER'S SERIAL NUMBERS AS FURNISHED OF TWO ONE SIX V S THREE ONE TWO AND J I S ZERO ZERO SIX P ARE NUMBERS FOR RCA BATTERIES AND NOT FOR TRANSISTOR RADIOS. THE FIRST NUMBER IS THE BATTERY SERIAL NUMBER AND THE J I S NUMBER IS A VOLTAGE DISCLOSURE CODE NUMBER. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO TRACE SUCH NUMBERS. MC CABE ADVISED THAT INSIDE THE CASING OF RCA PRODUCED TRANSISTOR SETS IS PLACED ON A PIECE OF GLUED PAPER THE SERIAL NUMBER, MODEL NUMBER, AND BATTERY INSTRUCTIONS OF THE SET. OCCASIONALLY A SERIAL NUMBER OR IDENTIFICATION NUMBER IS PLACED ON THE PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARD OF THE SET. THESE NUMBERS MUST BE OBTAINED TO EFFECT ANY POSSIBLE TRACING OF AN RCA MADE TRANSISTOR RADIO. THE ACTUAL POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING WHERE THE RADIO WAS SOLD IS REMOTE BUT IF RCA COULD OBTAIN THESE NUMBERS THEY WILL

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DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE IN THIS REGARD. IF THE NUMBERS ARE OBTAINED AT LEAST THE DATE AND PLACE OF MANUFACTURE CAN BE ESTABLISHED. MR. MC CABE ADVISED THAT THE TRACING OF A TRANSISTOR RADIO MANUFACTURED BY THAT COMPANY WILL BE DONE BY RCA AT INDIANAPOLIS AND HE SUGGESTED THAT TO EXPEDITE SUCH A TRACING ANY FUTURE CONTACTS THIS REGARD BE HANDLED AT INDIANAPOLIS.

*FOR INFO OF INDIANAPOLIS subject
had in his possession A "MERC" TRANSISTOR
Radio manufactured by RCA. Bureau desirous
of tracing same.
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TO : DIRECTOR (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)
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REBU TELCALL INSTANT.

INASMUCH AS SUBJECT RAY HAD IN HIS POSSESSION AT TIME OF ARREST A BOOKLET, "HOW TO HYPNOTIZE", INQUIRY WAS MADE OF AUTHOR DR. ADOLPH F. LONK, LONK INSTITUTE OF HYPNOSIS, PALATINE, ILLINOIS, IN EFFORT TO DETERMINE WHERE BOOK OBTAINED BY RAY.

DR. LONK NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL JUNE TWELVE NEXT, HOWEVER, OFFICE MANAGER, ADVISED DR. LONK ADVANCED IN AGE, IN RETIREMENT STATUS AND NOT AVAILABLE AT THE PRESENT TIME. FURTHER ADVISED BOOK PUBLISHED APPROXIMATELY THIRTY YEARS AGO AND LAST PRINTING TWENTYFIVE YEARS AGO. ADVISED THAT DUE TO DOCTOR LONK'S AGE, HE WOULD NOT KNOW DISTRIBUTION OF BOOK.

INQUIRY BY LOS ANGELES DIVISION OF DR. MARK FREEMAN, PSYCHIATRIST TREATING RAY, DETERMINED HE HAD NOT RECOMMENDED SUCH BOOK TO RAY. FURTHER INQUIRY OF MELVIN POWERS, PUBLISHER,

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WILSHIRE BOOK COMPANY, BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA, REVEALED ABOVE BOOK LAST PRINTED APPROXIMATELY TWENTYFIVE YEARS AGO AND TO KNOWLEDGE OF POWERS, THIS BOOK NOT SOLD TO RAY. POWERS STATED THAT IN ALL PROBABILITY, THIS BOOK OBTAINED FROM BOOK STORES IN ENGLAND SPECIALIZING IN HYPNOSIS. MOST LOGICAL STORES WERE THE W AND G FOYLE BOOK COMPANY AND JOHN WATKINS BOOK COMPANY, BOTH LOCATED CHARING CROSS ROAD, LONDON, ENGLAND.

BUREAU MAY DESIRE TO ADVISE LEGAT LONDON IN EFFORT TO DETERMINE IF RAY PURCHASED BOOK IN LONDON. CONTACT WILL BE MADE FOR ANY INFORMATION IN POSSESSION OF DR. LONE ON JUNE TWELVE NEXT.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO LOS ANGELES AND MEMPHIS.

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FBI MEMPHIS

FBI HOUSTON

1034 AM URGENT 6-12-68 MBH

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND NEW YORK
FROM HOUSTON (44-1509)

MURKIN.

RE NY TEL, JUNE ELEVEN, LAST.

RE JAMES EDDIE TATUM.

JERRY SLAUGHTER (FORMER SA) SECURITY DEPT., SOUTHWESTERN
BELL TELEPHONE CO. (PROTECT), HOUSTON, ADVISED J. E. TATUM
LISTED AS SUBSCRIBER FOR TELEPHONE NUMBER SEVEN ONE THREE
SIX SIX SEVEN SIX TWO EIGHT SEVEN AT ONE ONE SEVEN PAMELLIA,
BELLAIRE (GREATER HOUSTON), TEXAS, OCCUPATION ATTORNEY AND
FORMERLY SCHOOL TEACHER, HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DIST. TATUM
OWES TELEPHONE CO. BILL IN EXCESS OF TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS.
TATUM UPON RECEIVING DELINQUENCY NOTICE FROM TELEPHONE CO.
FUSSSED AND CURSED TELEPHONE CO. EMPLOYEES.

HOUSTON CREDIT BUREAU ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

JAMES EDDIE TATUM, ONE ONE SEVEN PAMELLIA, BELLAIRE, TEX.
KNOWN TO FILES SINCE MARCH, SIXTY FOUR. FILE LAST CHECKED NOV.
SIXTY SEVEN. TATUM BORN [REDACTED], WIFE ELIZABETH.
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OCCUPATION ATTORNEY, AMERICANA BLDG., HOUSTON WITH FIRM OF
DAVID A. GIBSON SINCE OCT., SIXTY SIX. NOV. SIXTY FIVE
EMPLOYED AS SCHOOL TEACHER, HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL
DIST. IN SIXTY FOUR TRUCK DRIVER FOR A HOUSTON CONTRACTOR.
ALSO SIXTY FOUR EMPLOYED AS OFFICE AIDE FOR DAHL AND REED,
HOUSTON LEGAL FIRM.

HOUSTON INDICES, HOUSTON PD AND HARRIS COUNTY SO RECORDS
NEGATIVE.

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RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM JUNE
ELEVEN LAST.

WALTER E. SPAIN, RESIDENCE TWO NINE ZERO FOUR FORTYSECOND ST.,
NORTH, BIRMINGHAM, ALA., STATED TODAY THAT HE AND HIS FATHER, WALTER
LEON SPAIN, PURCHASED A NEW LIBERTY CHIEF SNUB-NOSED THIRTYEIGHT
CALIBER REVOLVER IN DECEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTYSIX, FROM A GUN DEALER
LOCATED JUST OUTSIDE OF ATLANTA, GA., AFTER SEEING GUN DEALER'S
ADVERTISEMENT IN AN ATLANTA PAPER. SOMETIME IN THE SPRING OF
NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, SPAIN GAVE THE REVOLVER TO HIS FATHER IN
PARTIAL PAYMENT OF A DEBT OWED TO THE FATHER, AND THE FATHER, IN
THE FALL OF NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, SOLD THE GUN. SPAIN SAID HE DOES
NOT KNOW NAME OF PURCHASER, AND WAS NOT PRESENT AT TIME OF SALE.

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WALTER LEON SPAIN, NUMBER THREE GLEN IRIS PARKWAY, BIRMINGHAM, TODAY SAID THAT IN AUGUST NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, HE HAD BEEN CONFINED TO A HUNTSVILLE, ALA. HOSPITAL AND UPON RETURN TO BIRMINGHAM RESIDENCE, WAS IN FINANCIAL STRAITS. BECAUSE OF THIS, HE BEGAN SELLING PERSONAL ITEMS TO MEET OBLIGATIONS, AMONG WHICH WAS THIRTYEIGHT CALIBER LIBFETY-SNUB-NOSE REVOLVER HE HAD RECEIVED FROM HIS SON IN THE SPRING OF NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN. HE SOLD THESE ITEMS BY PLACING ADVERTISEMENTS IN THE SUNDAY EDITIONS OF "BIRMINGHAM NEWS." ON A SUNDAY HIS ADVERTISEMENT RE ABOVE DESCRIBED REVOLVER, WHICH INCLUDED HIS RESIDENCE PHONE NUMBER, APPEARED IN "BIRMINGHAM NEWS," HE RECEIVED CALL FROM MAN INQUIRING ABOUT GUN AND HOW TO FIND RESIDENCE OF SPAIN. ABOUT HOUR LATER THIS MAN CAME TO SPAIN'S RESIDENCE. THIS MAN SAID HE HAD BEEN LOOKING FOR A GUN OF THE TYPE SPAIN WAS OFFERING FOR SALE. HE THEN EXAMINED GUN, ASKED THE PRICE AND WHEN TOLD "SIXTYFIVE DOLLARS," HE SAID HE WOULD TAKE IT. MAN THEN GAVE SPAIN TWO TWENTY DOLLAR BILLS, TWO TEN DOLLAR BILLS AND A FIVE DOLLAR BILL. SPAIN DID NOT GIVE THE BUYER ANY RECEIPT, NOR DID HE OBTAIN FROM THE BUYER ANY INFORMATION AS TO IDENTIFICATION, RESIDENCE OR EMPLOYMENT. THE BUYER LEFT WITH THE GUN IN HIS HAND, AND NOTHING ELSE. SPAIN FURNISHED NEITHER AMMUNITION NOR PAPERS FOR

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THE GUN.

THE BUYER HAD PARKED HIS CAR ON THE STREET IN FRONT OF SPAIN'S RESIDENCE, WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED FIFTY FEET FROM SPAIN'S FRONT DOOR. SPAIN COULD ONLY RECALL THAT THE BUYER WAS DRIVING A LATE MODEL WHITE OR LIGHT COLORED CAR, NO OTHER DESCRIPTION. THE BUYER INDICATED HE WAS FROM THE WESTERN PART OF BIRMINGHAM AND THAT HE WANTED TO KEEP THE GUN AROUND HIS HOUSE. SPAIN DESCRIBED THE BUYER AS A WHITE MALE ABOUT FORTY TO FORTYFIVE YEARS OF AGE, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES OR FIVE FEET NINE INCHES TALL, WEIGHING ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY TO ONE HUNDRED SEVENTYFIVE POUNDS, DARK HAIR, SLIGHTLY GRAYING AT THE TEMPLES, HAD LOCAL (ALABAMA) ACCENT, WAS WEARING SPORT SHIRT AND SLACKS, COLORS UNRECALLED, NO GLASSES. SPAIN WAS SHOWN ALL AVAILABLE PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND HE CHOSE THE PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN IN CALIFORNIA IN JANUARY OR FEBRUARY, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT (IN CONTRAST TO BARTENDING SCHOOL GRADUATION PHOTOGRAPH) AS "RESEMBLING THE MAN" WHO BOUGHT THE ABOVE DESCRIBED GUN FROM SPAIN, BUT SPAIN WOULD NOT MAKE A POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION OF RAY AS THE PURCHASER. SPAIN WAS POSITIVE THE GUN WAS SOLD THE SAME DAY ADVERTISEMENT FOR SAME APPEARED IN THE NEWSPAPER.

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SPAIN SAID HE WAS CONTACTED BY FBI AGENTS ON APRIL SEVEN LAST IN CONNECTION WITH A NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION AND SHOWN ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF KING'S KILLER. AT THE TIME HE ADVISED AGENTS THE DRAWING REMINDED HIM OF SOMEONE HE MAY HAVE SEEN PREVIOUSLY, BUT WAS UNABLE TO FURNISH ANY OTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THIS PERSON. AFTER VIEWING PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY AND BEING QUESTIONED BY FBI TODAY ABOUT HIS SALE OF THE THIRTYEIGHT CALIBER SHUB-NOSED REVOLVER, SPAIN STATED HE WAS NOW ABLE TO CONNECT THE SALE WITH THE DRAWING IN THAT THE PERSON DEPICTED IN THE DRAWING REMINDED HIM OF THE PERSON TO WHOM HE HAD SOLD THE REVOLVER.

ALL SUNDAY ISSUES OF THE "BIRMINGHAM NEWS" FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, REVIEWED TODAY AND ONLY ONE ADVERTISEMENT FOR A THIRTYEIGHT CALIBER REVOLVER PLACED BY SPAIN LOCATED, THAT BEING IN THE OCTOBER ONE, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, ISSUE.

AT THE TIME GUN WAS SOLD BY SPAIN, RAY WAS IN POSSESSION OF NINETEEN SIXTYSIX WHITE MUSTANG, AND WAS LIVING AT TWO SIX ZERO EIGHT HIGHLAND AVENUE, BIRMINGHAM, WHICH IS TWO AND TWO-TENTHS MILES FROM RESIDENCE OF WALTER LEON SPAIN. IT IS ALSO NOTED THAT SPAIN'S RESIDENCE IS WITHIN HALF MILE OF ONE NINE ZERO SEVEN SOUTH
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SIXTYSEVEN.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM BUFFALO (44-374)

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RE BUFFALO TEL, JUNE ELEVEN LAST, AND MEMPHIS TEL, JUNE
TWELVE LAST.

INSPECTOR RICHARD GIBSON (NA), IN CHARGE OF THE CENTRAL IDENT-
IFICATION BUREAU, METROPOLITAN TORONTO POLICE DEPT. (MTPD), HAD
CHECK MADE OF ALL UNSOLVED MAJOR OCCURRENCES AT TORONTO, ONTARIO,
CANADA FOR THE PERIOD APRIL TWENTYFOUR, SIXTYSEVEN TO JULY EIGHTEEN,
SIXTYSEVEN, BUT COULD LOCATE NONE WHEREIN SUBJECT COULD BE CONSIDERED
LOGICAL SUSPECT.

SIMILAR CHECK OF MAJOR OCCURRENCES IN TORONTO FOR PERIOD APRIL
EIGHT TO MAY SIX, SIXTYEIGHT HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN MADE WITH NEGATIVE
RESULTS.

DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE B.O. SIMMONDS (NA), MTPD, ADVISED TODAY
THAT HE IS INFORMING THE LOCAL PRESS THAT THE "MYSTERIOUS FAT
MAN" HAS BEEN LOCATED, INTERVIEWED AND ELIMINATED AND THAT HE HAD
NO SIGNIFICANCE IN THE INVESTIGATION. HE IS NOT RELEASING ANYTHING
CONCERNING THE IDENTITY OF THE "MYSTERIOUS FAT MAN."

ROMP AT TORONTO ARE PRESENTLY ENDEAVORING TO OBTAIN RECORD OF
ALL LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALLS MADE FROM PUBLIC TELEPHONE BOOTH
NEAR NINE SIX TWO DUNDAS ST., WEST, TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA, DURING
PERTINENT PERIOD.

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JAMES EARL RAY, aka
Paul Bridgeman,
Paul Bridgman,
Paul Edward Bridgeman,
Paul E. Bridgeman,
Ramon George Sneyd
Toronto, Ontario, Canada
April 8, - May 6, 1968

On April 8, 1968, subject, using the name PAUL BRIDGEMAN, obtained a room at a second rate rooming house at 102 Ossington Avenue, Toronto, operated by FELIKSA SZPAKOWSKA. He paid one week's rent in advance. It appears that subject obtained the room as a result of a room for rent sign in the window at the front of this residence.

The means by which subject entered Canada and his reason for selecting the alias Paul Bridgeman is not known. However, it is known that one PAUL BRIDGMAN is a former inmate of a prison in Kansas City, Missouri, who was paroled on January 16, 1968, and whose identity may or may not be known to RAY. While at this rooming house, RAY had no visitors, did not befriend any of the other roomers, was not known to be employed and according to the landlady usually left the house early in the morning and returned late at night.

On April 10, 1968, subject wrote a letter to the Bureau of Vital Statistics in Toronto, requesting a copy of the birth certificate of PAUL EDWARD BRIDGMAN and indicating that it should be sent to 102 Ossington Avenue, Toronto. In this letter subject gave his date of birth as [redacted] his father's name as EDWARD G. B. BRIDGMAN and his mother's maiden name as EVELYN GOODEN.

It is noted that the above biographic information relative to BRIDGMAN is accurate insofar as it relates

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