

5/1/68

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re threats against MARTIN LUTHER KING.

Re Bureau teletype to NY dated 4/29/68.

The following sources, reliable in the past, were contacted on 5/1/68, and all advised they had no information regarding any conspiracy involving OAAU members in the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.

Source

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NY 4711-R
NY 4605-R
NY 2846-R
NY 4657-R
NY 4873-R
NY 5443-R

Contacting Agent

L. GREY BROCKMAN
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RODGER T. BRESNEE
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DANIEL BRYAN LYONS
JOHN TRACY CURTIN

3-Bureau
1-Memphis
1-New York

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All of the above sources are familiar with OAAU activities which organization now has only 10 to 15 active members.

SUBJECT RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

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JEFFREY MERRITT aka Jeff, formerly incarcerated in Missouri State Penitentiary from June, 1962, to August, 1964 and from November, 1965, to December, 1967, interviewed by New York. MERRITT recalled subject RAY as being one of the inmates at the Penitentiary and said he and RAY had worked together on the loading docks there. He stated his knowledge of RAY was limited and he could not recall anything specific regarding his background, habits or description, which would be of value in locating RAY. He pointed out that RAY appeared to be a "loner" and associated very little with other inmates. Due to the policy of segregating white and Negro inmates in their living quarters, MERRITT was limited with contacts with RAY.

Following RAY'S escape from the Penitentiary, MERRITT could not recall having heard any comments among the prisoners as to where RAY might have gone.

MERRITT currently resides at 346 West 17th St., NYC, telephone 989-3100, and is employed as a mail handler at the National Maritime Union, 36 Seventh Avenue, NYC.

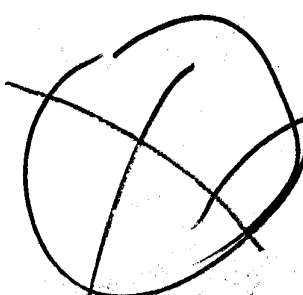
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FBI PHOENIX

1:15 PM URGENT 5-1-68 MPB

TO: NEW YORK (44-1609)

FROM: PHOENIX (44-371) 1P

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RE NEW YORK TEL APRIL THIRTY LAST.

RE PASSENGER ON AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE EIGHT
EIGHT FROM DALLAS, TEXAS TO PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA,
ON APRIL SIX LAST.

MR. JACK GRAHAM, MOUNTAIN STATES TELEPHONE COMPANY,
PHOENIX, TODAY ADVISED THERE ARE NO PHONE NUMBERS IN STATE
OF ARIZONA WITH FIRST THREE DIGITS FIVE SIX SIX OR FIVE
NINE ONE.

DRIVERS LICENSE, CREDIT AND CRIMINAL CHECKS ON MRS.
HAVERSTOCK AND MRS. TERESHKOL NEGATIVE.

REVIEW OF ALL PHONE DIRECTORIES IN ARIZONA FAILED TO
LOCATE ANYONE WITH THOSE SURNAMES.

AM COPY TO MEMPHIS.

RAY CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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730 PM URGENT 5-1-68 CBB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), INDIANAPOLIS, NEW YORK, BUTTE
FROM DALLAS (44-2649)

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE SUBJECT'S CALLS MADE FROM COIN TELEPHONES EN ROUTE FROM
LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS. RE DALLAS TEL APRIL THIRTY LAST.

FOR INFO OF OFFICES NOT RECEIVING RE TEL, ON THE ABOVE TRIP
SUBJECT RAY ALLEGEDLY MADE SEVERAL TELEPHONE CALLS FROM COIN
TELEPHONES WHILE IN TEXAS. A CHECK OF TOLL CALLS MADE FROM COIN
TELEPHONES ALONG ROUTE TAKEN BY RAY FOR DECEMBER FIFTEEN, SIXTEEN,
AND SEVENTEEN, OF SIXTYSEVEN, ARE BEING MADE AND THE FOLLOWING HAVE
BEEN DETERMINED TO DATE. EACH OFFICE SHOULD ESTABLISH THE IDENTITY
OF SUBSCRIBERS TO TELEPHONE NUMBERS LISTED AND ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY
BY WHOM THE INSTANT TELEPHONE CALL WAS RECEIVED FROM. IF RAY MADE
CALL, OBTAIN ALL AVAILABLE INFO CONCERNING HIM.

BUTTE.

CALL MADE FROM COIN TELEPHONE AT SANDERSON, TEXAS.

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SEVEN EIGHT FOUR ZERO, MISSOUL, MONTANA;

INDIANAPOLIS

CALLS MADE FROM COIN TELEPHONES AT SANDERSON, TEXAS
DECEMBER FIFTEEN LAST, NINE NINETEEN PM, THREE FOUR SEVEN TWO
THREE EIGHT TWO, RAMSEY, INDIANA;

DECEMBER FIFTEEN, NINE FOURTEEN PM, SIX THREE THREE FOUR SIX
ZERO NINE, MILLTOWN, INDIANA;

NEW YORK CITY.

CALL MADE FROM COIN TELEPHONE AT ALPINE, TEXAS.

DECEMBER FIFTEEN LAST, EIGHT EIGHTEEN PM, SIX FIVE TWO NINE FOUR
THREE SIX, BRONX, NEW YROK;

OKLAHOMA CITY

CALL MADE FROM COIN TELEPHONE AT ALPINE, TEXAS.

DECEMBER FIFTEEN LAST, TEN TWENTYFIVE PM, TWO FIVE FOUR SIX
FIVE NINE ZERO, WOODWARD, OKLAHOMA;

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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* Unlisted number for Agnes Regan, Apt 5C
3750 Perry Ave., Bronx NY.
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FRI DALLAS

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946A EDT URGENT 5/2/68 VSC

TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO, JACKSONVILLE, NEW YORK,

MIAMI AND MEMPHIS

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 1P

MURKIN

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RE MIAMI TEL, MAY ONE LAST AND ATLANTA TELCALL TO ABOVE
OFFICES, MAY TWO, INSTANT.

DISCONTINUE LEADS TO CONTACT AIRLINES EMPLOYEES AND
PASSENGERS AS SIXTYEIGHT AMERICAN REBEL RENTED AT HERTZ
ATLANTA, APR. SEVEN, 'SIXTYEIGHT, BY J. TERRENCE WOLKERSTORFER,
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INVESTIGATION ST. PAUL, MINN., AND ATLANTA, GA., CONTINUING
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201 East 69th Street
New York, New York
May 2, 1968

Mr. Blaze Travaglino
Supervising Probation Officer
Office of Probation
Bronx Criminal Branch
260 East 161st Street
T Level
Bronx, New York 10451

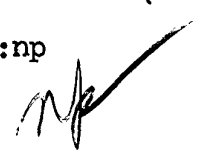
Dear Mr. Travaglino:

In accordance with your request, there are enclosed herewith five copies of Wanted Flyer Number 442-A in English and five copies of the same Wanted Flyer in Spanish, both concerning James Earl Ray.

Very truly yours,


JOHN F. MALONE
Assistant Director in Charge

Enclosures (10)
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1-New York (44-1609)

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12:06 AM URGENT 5/2/68 CMH

TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND NEW YORK

FROM: MINNEAPOLIS (157-450)

MURKIN

RE DONALD STOUT - CO CONSPIRATOR

REMETEL TODAY. JOHN RIEKEN LICENSEE ADMINISTRATOR NATIONAL
CAR RENTAL MINNEAPOLIS ADVISED STOUT KNOWN TO HIM FOR SEVERAL
YEARS AS CAR JOCKEY WORKING FOR ANY RENTAL AGENCY THAT WILL HIRE
HIM.

RECALLS SPECIFICALLY STOUT WORKING FOR AVIS AND HERTZ AGENCIES
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MAY TWO NEXT.

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FOR CIRCULARIZATION OF THOSE AGENCIES.

MEMPHIS ADVISE NEW YORK AND MINNEAPOLIS WHAT INFORMATION
SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN INSTANT CIRCULARIZATION.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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To SAE (44-1609)(P)

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From SA James P. Boland #23

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On 5/1/68 Mr. Jack O'CONNELL, Vice President, Tristade Brothers Inc., 1601 Bronxdale Avenue, Bronx, N.Y., advised that WALTER WEISBECKER JR. had worked for Tristade from 1958 until 6/27/66 when he was dismissed because of poor work. He had been a store manager at 565 West 235th Street, Riverdale, N.Y. before his dismissal.

O'Connell provided Weisbecker's 1958 application which showed the following:

Address 217 Drake, New Rochelle, N.Y. TE 5-1598

Prior two years 1539 Northeast 121st St., Miami, Fla.

Employment 1936- 9/55 Weisbecker Markets, 268-270 West 125th Street, N.Y.C.

11/55-3/56 International BASIL Economic Corp., Caracas, Venezuela - Temporary supervisor (superior R. PROVOST)

12/56-11/57 Caribbean Sales Inc.

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References J.P. Seo 1248 St. Nicholas Ave. WA 7-1293
W. LORD 250 West 57th St. CI 6-3893
Frederick Muller 7 Park Ave. WH 4-1835

Wife RAE WEISBECKER, 217 Drake, New Rochelle

Child Age $10\frac{1}{2}$ (1958)

Education BARNARD SCHOOL

AMHERST COLLEGE - one term 1936

PACE BUSINESS COLLEGE - one term 1936

Military U.S. Marine Corps 10/7/40 - 11/45 -

First Sgt.

Description White, male, born 3/10/17, 5'11",
170 lbs., married in 9/47

Social Security # [REDACTED]

O'Connell advised that his firm had received confirmation of the Venezuela job with excellent references, stating Weisbecker left because of a draft problem. He also had a notice from the Department of Labor, 7/18/66, indicating Weisbecker had applied for unemployment.

O'Connell was shown photographs of James Earl Ray and said those looked nothing like Weisbecker.

Mr. J.C. McIntosh, Vice President,
Grinstede, advised he knew of no one who resembled
the photos of James Earl Ray.

RAY considered ARMED + DANGEROUS

NEW YORK --01-- 1056 AM NAL

URGENT 5-1-68

TO NEW YORK PLAINTEXT

FROM NEWARK (44-854)

MURKIN

RE SUSPECT DRIVING CAR BEARING NY LICENSE WW TWO.

DON WARSHAW, NEWARK STAR LEDGER NEWSPAPER CONTACTED THIS OFFICE THIS DATE AND ADVISED WHILE DRIVING EARLY SUNDAY MORNING, FOUR TWENTY EIGHT, LAST, IN THE SPRING VALLEY, NY, AREA, HE SPOTTED AN OPEN CONVERTIBLE WITH NY LICENSE WW TWO. WARSHAW STATED IN THE FRONT SEAT OF THIS CAR THERE WAS A WHITE MALE WEARING SUNGLASSES WHO RESEMBLED RAY. HE STATED SUBJECT HAD A PROTRUDING EAR AND A LONG NARROW NOSE. IN FRONT SEAT WITH SUBJECT WAS A WELL DRESSED NEGRO MALE, STOCKY BUILD.

NY WILL IDENTIFY HOLDER OF REGISTRATION WW TWO AND ELIMINATE.

MEMPHIS FURNISHED MAIL COPY.

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FBI NEW YORK

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Walter Weisbecker Jr.
30 Manchester Rd.
East. Cluster, NY
68 Pontiac Conn. green

VIN 237678B601391
DOB 3/10/17
Emp. GR Grinstead Bros.
1601 Bronxdale Ave.
Bronx.

NY 44-1609

JOHN B. SWIFT, JR., Realtor, 471 86th Street, Brooklyn, advised that his father, JOHN B. SWIFT, SR., was the individual listed by WALTER LOHMEYER as a reference in 1951. He said his father is located presently care of Dr. FRED BOND, Sunset Gardens, Box 636-A, Tavernier, Florida, telephone (code 305) 852-2911.

SWIFT said that the name LOHMEYER is familiar to him, but he cannot recall where or in what capacity he heard the name. SWIFT noted that he was only 16 years of age in 1951.

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On April 11, 1968, GEORGE MURROW, American Insurance Association, 85 John Street, New York, New York (433-4400) advised SA JOSEPH P. MAYER that he checked the name ERIC STARVO GALT through his index of insurance claims, personal injury and otherwise, and stated he could locate no information. He advised that he had no knowledge of an index pertaining to a Foreign Bureau.

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On April 15, 1968, R. V. GOTT, Regional Manager, Regional Manager, Coca Cola Company, 405 Lexington Avenue, New York City, advised SA VINCENT P. DOHERTY that E. N. GAULT is employed at the Regional Office of Coca Cola Company at New York City as National Chain Store Manager. GAULT resides with his wife in Westchester County, New York, and has been employed with the company for 16 years and is a white male about 55 years of age. He is originally from Baltimore, Maryland.

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On April 15, 1968, RICHARD POLLARD, Art Department, Life Magazine, Time and Life Building, 51st Street and Avenue of the Americas, New York City, advised that Life Magazine purchased all the negatives of film taken by JOSEPH LOUW concerning the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING at Memphis, Tennessee..

Mr. POLLARD further advised that he would make available positive pictures of all the negatives furnished by JOSEPH LOUW.

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*From Edwin Taylor
SA*
JS

RAYMOND FUREY, Supervisor, Addressograph-Multigraph, 122 Tarrytown, Road, Elmsford, New York, advised on April 25, 1967, that a blue 1966 Chevrolet, New York License 9255BU has been utilized exclusively since February, 1968 by PATRICK J. QUINLAN, a serviceman.

PATRICK J. QUINLAN advised on April 25, 1968, that he has been employed as a Serviceman by Addressograph-Multigraph since September 22, 1965. He stated that on or about April 22, 1968, he serviced a machine at Alexander Sales, 125 Marbledale Road, Tuckahoe, New York, and ate his lunch at a tavern located nearby which he believed to be Mayers (phonetic). QUINLAN stated he occasionally drinks vodka and beer, but could not recall whether he has had any recently.

On March 29 through April 5, 1968, he and his wife, who is employed by Pan American Airlines spent a week in Puerto Rico and stayed at the Condo Laguno Hotel. He said he and his wife occasionally take these short vacations because of free air transportation.

The following is a description obtained from observation and interrogation:

Name	PATRICK J. QUINLAN
Residence	4455 Broadway New York, New York
Date of Birth	March 17, 1943, USA
Height	5 feet 10 inches
Weight	170
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Marital Status	Married - Wife SUSAN

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The following investigation was conducted by SAA ROY L. ARNOLD, JR., on April 19, 1968:

WILLIAM PERRY, Assistant to the President, National Maritime Union (NMU), 36 Seventh Avenue, New York, New York, advised that an NMU employee named JEFF MERRITT, aka Jeffrey Merritt, had advised him that he had served time with JAMES EARL RAY in the Missouri State Penitentiary. PERRY advised that MERRITT is presently on parole and officials of the NMU have given him a job and are doing everything possible to assure that MERRITT does not violate his parole. In connection with his parole, PERRY believed that it would be beneficial for MERRITT to go on record as having cooperated with the Government by telling anything he knew about RAY. PERRY advised that MERRITT is very sensitive about his criminal background and requested that MERRITT be advised that the information desired pertained only to his knowledge of RAY. PERRY advised that MERRITT is a promising negro heavy-weight fighter and he had just completed a fight earlier in the evening. PERRY stated that he did not advise MERRITT that he was to be interviewed by the FBI prior to the fight because he believed MERRITT would become upset to the extent that it would affect his chances of winning. PERRY introduced MERRITT and made him available for interview in PERRY's office at the NMU.

JEFFREY MERRITT aka "Jeff", advised that he is presently employed as a mail handler at the NMU, 36 Seventh Avenue, New York, New York, and he resides at 346 West 17th Street, New York, New York (telephone 989-3100). He advised that he is presently on parole from the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, where he was incarcerated from June, 1962 to August, 1964, and from November, 1965 to December, 1967.

MERRITT identified a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY as one of the inmates at the Missouri State Penitentiary whom he recalled during his incarceration from November, 1965 to

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December, 1967. MERRITT recalled that he and RAY had worked together on the loading docks at the penitentiary. MERRITT stated that his knowledge of RAY was limited and he could not recall anything specific regarding RAY's background, acquaintances, habits or description which would be of value in locating him. MERRITT pointed out that RAY appeared to be a "loner" and associated very little with others insofar as he was able to notice. Due to the policy of segregating white and negro inmates in their living quarters, MERRITT was limited in his contacts with RAY.

MERRITT recalled that RAY had escaped from the penitentiary. He advised that this was handled in a routine manner in that the prisoners were held in their cells for a few hours while the grounds and buildings were searched, after which the prison returned to its usual functions. MERRITT did not recall having heard any comment among the prisoners as to where RAY might have gone. MERRITT advised that he would contact the FBI if anything came to his mind which would be of value in locating him.

FBI NEW YORK

FBI MINNAPLS

1031 AM 4-29-68 URGENT BLE

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

NEW YORK (44-1609)

FROM: MINNEAPOLIS (157-450)

MURKIN

* RE NEW YORK TEL TO BUREAU AND MINNEAPOLIS, APRIL TWENTY-SIX, LAST.

WILLIAM MC KINSTRY, PRESIDENT, NATIONAL CAR RENTAL, ADVISED HIS FILES CONTAIN NO RECORD OF ROBERT GUNDY. MC KINSTRY CHECKED WITH SEVERAL OLD-TIME EMPLOYEES AND COULD FIND NO ONE WHO WAS FAMILIAR WITH GUNDY. MC KINSTRY ADVISED THAT NEW YORK OPERATION WAS SOLD TO DISCOUNT CAR RENTALS, SIX ZERO ZERO FIRST AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY, APPROXIMATELY AUGUST, NINETEEN SIXTY-SIX, BUT WAS TAKEN OVER AGAIN BY NATIONAL IN APPROXIMATELY MAY, NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN. DAVID RICHTER MANAGED DISCOUNT CAR RENTAL.

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TO DIRECTOR

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RE DONALD STOUT - SUSPECT CO-CONSPIRATOR.

FOR CIRCULARIZATION AVIS AND HERTZ AT NEW YORK, AND NATIONAL CAR RENTAL AT MINNEAPOLIS, THE PRESENT LOCATION OF DONALD STOUT IS DESIRED BY FBI. STOUT IS WHITE MALE, FIVE FOOT SEVEN OR EIGHT, TWO HUNDRED TEN POUNDS, DARK HAIR WITH WAVE IN FRONT. EMPLOYED AS CAR JOCKEY TRANSPORTING RENTAL CARS THROUGHOUT U.S. FURNISH INFO OF HIS PRESENT LOCATION TO CENTRAL OFFICE RESPECTIVE CAR RENTAL AGENCY.

FOR INFO NEW YORK, HARRY P. STEWART, U.S. SECRET SERVICE, REPORTED HIS NEPHEW STEWART LINDAH, SAN FRANCISCO, CLAIMED HE AND TWO OTHERS THROUGH NEWSPAPER AD OBTAINED RIDE WITH STOUT. AT KANSAS CITY STOUT DISAPPEARED WITH THEIR EFFECTS AND PRIOR TO DISAPPEARANCE TOLD THEM HE WAS GOING TO SHOOT KING.

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RE ██████████ NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BALTIMORE AND
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NEW YORK DATED MAY ONE, LAST.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS LISTED IN REFERENCED NEW YORK
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AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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RE ALBANY TEL FIVE PM. MAY TWO INSTANT.

OFFICER NORMAN GADUE, BENNINGTON, VERMONT PD,
APPARENTLY IN ERROR CONCERNING HIS IDENTIFICATION. INFO
AVAILABLE MEMPHIS DISCLOSES SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY DID COMPLETE
SALE FOR MUSTANG ON AUGUST THIRTY, SIXTYSEVEN, IN BIRMINGHAM.
THEREFORE APPEARS UNLIKELY THAT HE COULD HAVE BEEN IN BENNINGTON.
VT. SAME DATE.

UACB, ALL OFFICES DISCONTINUE LEADS.

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BERNARD L. HINES, JR., DIRECTOR, "THE INDEX
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A SMALL BONE PUNCTURED THE EAR DRUM SLIGHTLY. CLAIMANT'S
PHYSICIAN WAS DOCTOR WILLIAM H. MITCHELL, TWO THREE NINE
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ADVANCE PRODUCTS COMPANY AND INSURER WAS THE EMPLOYERS
MUTUAL CASUALTY COMPANY, TWO FOUR THREE ONE EAST DOUGLAS,
WICHITA, KANSAS.

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JAMES RAY, TWO SEVEN WEST FIFTH STREET, SEYMOUR, INDIANA, AGE FOUR TWO, SUFFERED AN ACCIDENT APRIL TWO TWO, ONE NINE SIX SEVEN, AT THE KEENELAND RACE TRACK, LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY, WHEREIN HE BRUISED HIS RIGHT LEG. THE INSURED WAS KEENLAND ASSOCIATION AND THE INSURER WAS THE TRAVELLERS INSURANCE COMPANY, FOUR TWO FIVE SOUTH FIFTH STREET, LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY.

KANSAS CITY AND INDIANAPOLIS ELIMINATE OR IDENTIFY ABOVE INDIVIDUALS WITH SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY.

MEMPHIS ADVISED BY AIR MAIL.

SUBJECT RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), BOSTON
CINCINNATI, NEW YORK

FROM ALBANY (44-493) 2P
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OFFICER NORMAN GADUE, BENNINGTON, VERMONT PD, TODAY
ADVISED HE ISSUED SPEEDING TICKET TO ONE JAMES ESTEL RAY AT
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MASS., OR PRELOAD CONSTRUCTION CO., GARDEN CITY, LONG ISLAND,
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TO NEW YORK (44-1609)

FROM DALLAS (44-2649) 1-P

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RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BALITMORE, ETC., APRIL THIRTY,
LAST, WITH LEAD FOR DALLAS RE BEN BLEAM AND MISS KATHY LYNN SMITH.

PHONE FOR BLEAM IN RE TEL IS FOR HOLIDAY INN, IRVING, TEXAS,
WHICH HAS NO RECORD OF BLEAM AS EITHER GUEST OR EMPLOYEE.

NEW YORK, AT AAL, CHECK RECORDS FOR SPELLING OF NAME,
POSSIBLE USE OF CREDIT CARD TO BUY TICKET, OR OTHER INFO TO
IDENTIFY.

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IS NO MU-SEVEN EXCHANGE FOR AREA CODE SEVEN ONE THREE.

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IN RE TEL AND NONE KNOW ROBERT GUNDY. ADDITIONALLY, NEW
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LONGSTANDING ~~AT~~ THOSE COMPANIES.AVIS REPRESENTATIVE STATES GUNDY HAS NEVER BEEN IN
AVIS' EMPLOY IN THE NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA.

AIRMAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

SUBJECT RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.


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