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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND SAN DIEGO
FROM HOUSTON (44-1509) 2P

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RE SUSPECT, EARL RAY, RAY EARL, WARREN RAY,
RAY WARREN.

ON TODAY, A. E. "KIT" BROWN, GEN.
DEL., HAMPSHIRE, TEX. ADVISED EX-WIFE'S NAME IS DORIS
DEAN JONES NEE SCHULTZ, AKA., DORIS DEAN BROWN AND PRESENTLY
RESIDES ONE ZERO SEVEN ZERO SEVEN JAMIACA BLVD., SPACE
TWO FOUR SIX, SWEETWATER LODGE, SPRING VALLEY, CALIF.
BROWN ADVISED BASIS FOR DIVORCE FROM WIFE IN ONE NINE SIX
ZERO WAS FINDING LETTER IN WIFE'S PURSE FROM AN EARL RAY OR
RAY EARL OR WARREN RAY OR RAY WARREN WHO AT TIME WAS IN STATE
PRISON AT JEFFERSON CITY, MO. IN LETTER WAS PHOTO AND BROWN
STATES WITH EXCEPTION OF HAVING MORE HAIR IT CLOSELY
RESEMBLED THE NINETEEN SIXTY PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY. WIFE
WHEN CONFRONTED SAID PERSON WRITING LETTER WAS IN JAIL ON
ARMED ROBBERY CHARGE BUT WAS FRAMED AND IF HE EVER NEEDED HELP
SHE WOULD GIVE IT TO HIM. BROWN KNEW LITTLE ABOUT WIFE'S
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PAST BEFORE MARRIAGE IN NINETEEN FIFTY NINE BUT DID KNOW
SHE WAS EMPLOYED AS WAITRESS IN ST. LOUIS, MO. FROM NINETEEN
FIFTY SIX TO NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT. WIFE LAST IN AREA
APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTH AGO FOR FUNERAL OF HUSBAND WILLIAM
L. JONES WHO WAS IN U. S. NAVY.

LEAD: SAN DIEGO AT SPRING VALLEY, CALIF. INTERVIEW
DORIS DEAN JONES TO DETERMINE IDENTITY OF PERSON REFERRED
TO BY HUSBAND. BROWN REQUESTS SOURCE OF INFO NOT BE DISCLOSED
TO WIFE.

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FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387)

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REFERENCE HOUSTON TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND
SAN DIEGO APRIL TWENTY NINE, CURRENT.

RE SUSPECT EARL RAY, RAY EARL, WARREN RAY, AND RAY
WARREN.

REFERENCED TELETYPE AS FOLLOWS:

"ON TODAY, A. E. "KIT" BROWN, GEN. DEL., HAMPSHIRE,
TEX. ADVISED EX-WIFE'S NAME IS DORIS DEAN JONES NEE SCHULTZ,
AKA., DORIS DEAN BROWN AND PRESENTLY RESIDES ONE ZERO SEVEN
ZERO SEVEN JAMIACA BLVD., SPACE TWO FOUR SIX, SWEETWATER LODGE,
SPRING VALLEY, CALIF. BROWN ADVISED BASIS FOR DIVORCE FROM
WIFE IN ONE NINE SIX ZERO WAS FINDING LETTER IN WIFE'S PURSE

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FROM AN EARL RAY OR RAY EARL OR WARREN RAY OR RAY WARREN WHO AT TIME WAS IN STATE PRISON AT JEFFERSON CITY, MO. IN LETTER WAS PHOTO AND BROWN STATES WITH EXCEPTION OF HAVING MORE HAIR IT CLOSELY RESEMBLED THE NINETEEN SIXTY PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY. WIFE WHEN CONFRONTED SAID PERSON WRITING LETTER WAS IN JAIL ON ARMED ROBBERY CHARGE BUT WAS FRAMED AND IF HE EVER NEEDED HELP SHE WOULD GIVE IT TO HIM. BROWN KNEW LITTLE ABOUT WIFE'S PAST BEFORE MARRIAGE IN NINETEEN FIFTY NINE BUT DID KNOW SHE WAS EMPLOYED AS WAITRESS IN ST. LOUIS, MO. FROM NINETEEN FIFTY SIX TO NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT. WIFE LAST IN AREA APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTH AGO FOR FUNERAL OF HUSBAND WILLIAM L. JONES WHO WAS IN U. S. NAVY."

"LEAD: SAN DIEGO AT SPRING VALLEY, CALIF. INTERVIEW DORIS DEAN JONES TO DETERMINE IDENTITY OF PERSON REFERRED TO BY HUSBAND. BROWN REQUESTS SOURCE OF INFO NOT BE DISCLOSED TO WIFE."

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DORIS DEAN JONES INTERVIEWED AT SAN DIEGO. ADVISED SHE FORMERLY KNEW A RAY EUGENE WARREN WHO WOULD NOW BE THIRTY EIGHT TO THIRTY NINE YEARS OF AGE, WHITE MALE, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY POUNDS, DARK BROWN WAVY HAIR, BLUE EYES AND HAS NUMEROUS TATTOOS, INCLUDING TATTOO OF ROSE ON BACK OF ONE HAND; "RAY" ON ONE HAND; THE WORD "LOVE" ON THE FINGERS OF ONE HAND; AND A "PACHUCO" TYPE CROSS ON RIGHT HAND.

MRS. JONES ADVISED RAY EUGENE WARREN DURING NINETEEN FIFTY FOUR OR NINETEEN FIFTY FIVE INCARCERATED AT ST. LOUIS CITY JAIL FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR PRIOR TO BEING SENTENCED TO A THIRTY YEAR SENTENCE AT STATE PRISON, JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI. MRS. JONES ADVISED IT IS HER OPINION THAT RAY EUGENE WARREN IS NOT IDENTICAL WITH JAMES EARL RAY AS NONE OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY DISPLAYED TO HER APPEARED TO BE IDENTICAL WITH RAY EUGENE WARREN.

ST. LOUIS. CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION AT CITY JAIL TO FURTHER IDENTIFY AND ELIMINATE RAY EUGENE WARREN.

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KANSAS CITY. AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, CONDUCT
APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION STATE PRISON, JEFFERSON CITY,
MISSOURI, REGARDING RAY EUGENE WARREN TO ELIMINATE.

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PLEASE FURNISH INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPH FOR GERALD B.
GERLT, AGE THIRTY-EIGHT (APPROXIMATELY), LAST KNOWN ADDRESS
ALPINE, CALIFORNIA. IN REPLY, REFER OUR FILE 44-387, ATTENTION
S.A. OBRIEN.

ROBERT W. EVANS, SAC, FBI, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, FBH, JLN.

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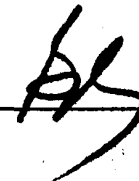
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MEMPHIS (44-1987) & SAN DIEGO
FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) (P) 2P

MURKIN

RE: DONALD STOUT - SUSPECT CO-CONSPIRATOR

RE CHICAGO TEL, APRIL TWO FIVE, LAST, AND BUREAU, CHICAGO,
AND PITTSBURGH TELS TODAY.

FOR INFORMATION SAN DIEGO, PITTSBURGH SUBMITTED LHM, DATED
SEPTEMBER SEVEN, ONE NINE SIX SIX, CONCERNING DONALD STOUT, WHITE MALE
FIVE FEET SEVEN OR EIGHT INCHES, TWO ONE ZERO POUNDS, DARK HAIR WITH
WAVE IN FRONT. HARRY P. STEWART, UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE REPORTED
HIS NEPHEW, STEWART LINDH, SAN FRANCISCO, CLAIMED HE AND TWO OTHERS
THROUGH NEWSPAPER AD OBTAINED RIDE WITH STOUT. AT KANSAS CITY, STOUT
DISAPPEARED WITH THEIR EFFECTS. BEFORE STOUT DISAPPEARED, HE TOLD
THEM HE WAS GOING TO SHOOT KING.

RECORDS, FBI CHICAGO, REVEAL SIMILAR MODUS OPERANDI BY DONALD
LAWRENCE STOUT, AKA LAWRENCE DONALD STOUT, FBI NUMBER FOUR NINE FIVE
NINE THREE EIGHT ZERO, WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DETROIT, MICHIGAN, SIMILAR DESCRIPTION, WHO HAS WORKED AS
MERCHANT SEAMAN. STOUT CONVICTED MARCH TWELVE, ONE NINE FIVE FIVE,
FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION, SEAGOVILLE, TEXAS, VIOLATION NATIONAL
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MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT, ONE YEAR ONE DAY. LATEST ARREST RECORD, IDENTIFICATION DIVISION FILES, APRIL TEN, ONE NINE FIVE EIGHT, POLICE BERLIN, NEW HAMPSHIRE, THEIR NUMBER FOURTEEN, DRIVING NON-REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLE, FIVE DOLLAR FINE PAID. COPIES OF RECORD AND PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN IN ONE NINE FIVE FIVE BEING MAILED AMSD TO SAN FRANCISCO THIS DATE. BUREAU UNABLE TO DETERMINE WHERE RECENT PHOTOGRAPH OF STOUT MAY BE OBTAINED.

FRANCES LINDH, ONE FIVE FOUR FIVE GREEN STREET, APARTMENT ONE ZERO FOUR, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, THIS DATE ADVISED SON STEWART MARSHALL LINDH, AGE TWO FOUR YEARS, ATTENDING SAN DIEGO STATE COLLEGE FULL TIME. *4010 1/2 Van Dyke* RESIDES FOUR ZERO ONE ZERO ONE-HALF VAN DYKE, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA. MOTHER UNABLE TO IDENTIFY OTHERS WHO ACCOMPANIED SON.

SAN DIEGO LOCATE STEWART LINDH FOR ANY ADDITIONAL DETAILS AND DISPLAY PHOTOGRAPH WHEN RECEIVED OF DONALD LAWRENCE STOUT TO DETERMINE WHETHER HE IS DONALD STOUT WITH WHOM HE RODE TO KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI. PHOTOGRAPH ON ARRIVAL FROM BUREAU WILL BE SENT AMSD TO SAN DIEGO.

BOSTON REFER CHICAGO TEL APRIL TWO SIX, INSTANT, IF PHOTOGRAPH AVAILABLE OF LAWRENCE DONALD STOUT, AKA, TAKEN BERLIN, NEW HAMPSHIRE, FORWARD COPY AMSD TO SAN DIEGO TO SHOW STEWART LINDH. SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO DIRECTOR, SAN DIEGO, AND MEMPHIS

FROM MIAMI (44-1854) 2P

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RE PITTSBURGH TEL TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO, AND MEMPHIS, FOUR TWENTYSIX, INSTANT.

RE THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

FOR INFO SAN DIEGO, RE TELETYPE REFLECTED:

HARRY P. STEWART, U.S. SECRET SERVICE, REPORTED HIS NEPHEW, STEWARD LINDH, TWO TWO ZERO SIX, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF., CLAIMED HE AND TWO OTHERS THROUGH NEWSPAPER AD OBTAINED RIDE WITH STOUT. AT KANSAS CITY, MO., STOUT DISAPPEARED WITH THEIR EFFECTS. BEFORE STOUT DISSAPPEARED, HE TOLD THEM HE WAS GOING TO SHOOT KING.

ON FOUR TWENTYSIX, INSTANT, RAYMOND ZACKOVICH, SECRET SERVICE AGENT, PITTSBURGH, ADVISED HARRY P. STEWART, FORMER SECRET SERVICE AGENT, RETIRED ONE YEAR AGO. STEWART NOW RESIDING AT ROUTE ONE, BOX THREE EIGHT EIGHT, SEBASTIAN, FLA.

MIAMI INTERVIEW STEWART FOR ADDITIONAL DATA HE RECEIVED AND PRESENT LOCATION OF HIS NEPHEW, STEWART LINDH. SUTEL.

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HARRY P. STEWART, AT ABOVE ADDRESS, SEBASTIAN, FLA., ADVISED ABOVE INCIDENT OCCURED TWO OR THREE YEARS AGO, WHEN NEPHEW STEWARD LINDH WAS HITCH-HIKING FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO VERMONT. STEWART DOES NOT RECALL ANY REFERENCE TO MARTIN LUTHER KING. NEPHEW NOW RESID-
ING FOUR ZERO ONE ZERO AND ONE-HALF, VAN DYKE, SAN DIEGO, CALIF.,
AND ATTENDING UNKNOWN COLLEGE IN SAN DIEGO.

SAN DIEGO INTERVIEW LINDH RE DETAILS OF ABOVE.

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FROM: SAN DIEGO (44-387)

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RE: DONALD STOUT - SUSPECT CO-CONSPIRATOR.

RE SAN FRANCISCO TELETYPE TO BUREAU, BOSTON, CHICAGO,
 MIAMI, MEMPHIS, AND SAN DIEGO APRIL TWENTY SIX LAST; MIAMI
 TELETYPE TO BUREAU, SAN DIEGO AND MEMPHIS APRIL TWENTY SIX
 LAST.

STEWART LINDH INTERVIEWED APRIL TWENTY NINE LAST ADVISED
 AS FOLLOWS:

ON OCTOBER TWO SIXTY SIX, AN AD appeared IN THE CLASSIFIED
 SECTION SAN FRANCISCO CRONICLE FOR PERSONS TO SHARE A RIDE TO
 NEW YORK AND BOSTON, NAME OF DONALD STOUT AND AN OAKLAND,
 CALIFORNIA, ADDRESS GIVEN.

LINDH, ALONG WITH TWO OTHER INDIVIDUALS RICHARD ALLEN,

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AN ARCHITECTURAL DRAFTSMAN FROM NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, AND JEFFERY COHN FROM FARMINGDALE, LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK, A STUDENT ATTENDING GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, WASHINGTON, D. C., ANSWERED AD AND ALL THREE MET STOUT AT SEVENTH AND MARKET STREETS, SAN FRANCISCO FOR TRIP TO NEW YORK AND BOSTON.

STOUT ALLEGEDLY EMPLOYEE NATIONAL CAR RENTAL COMPANY, SAN FRANCISCO OR OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, AND WAS RETURNING A SIXTY SIX CHEVROLET IMPALA BEARING LICENSE PLATE PSJ NINE ZERO SEVEN TO BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

IMMEDIATELY UPON DEPARTING SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, STOUT DISPLAYED A VERY OBSESSIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD THE NEGRO AND JEWISH RACES. HE STATED "WE MIGHT AS WELL KILL SOME NIGGERS ON THE WAY". DURING TRIP STOUT INDICATED HE HAD A THREE FIFTY SEVEN MAGNUM REVOLVER IN THE TRUNK OF HIS AUTOMOBILE.

DURING THE ENTIRE TRIP FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, STOUT CONTINUOUSLY TALKED AGAINST THE NEGRO AND JEWISH RACES MENTIONING THAT DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING AND ALL THE OTHER "NIGGERS" SHOULD BE KILLED OR SENT BACK TO AFRICA.

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STOUT LEFT LINDH AND HIS TRAVELING COMPANIONS OFF AT THE YMCA, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, AND GIVING THE EXCUSE THAT HE HAD TO DO SOMETHING TO THE AUTOMOBILE, DEPARTED, AND NEVER RETURNED.

LINDH IMMEDIATELY LEFT FOR BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, ARRIVING THERE BEFORE STOUT AND WHEN STOUT ARRIVED AT THE NATIONAL CAR RENTAL, LOGAN AIRPORT, BOSTON, HE, LINDH, HAD STOUT DETAINED HOWEVER, NO CHARGES WERE PLACED AGAINST STOUT.

LINDH ADVISED STOUT CLAIMED MEMBERSHIP IN THE TEAMSTER UNION AND A TELEPHONE CALL BY LINDH TO DETROIT, MICHIGAN, VERIFIED HIS MEMBERSHIP.

LINDH DESCRIBED STOUT AS FOLLOWS: WMA, FIVE FEET SEVEN TO EIGHT INCHES, TWO HUNDRED THIRTY POUNDS, BROWN CURLY HAIR, EYES LIGHT, BUILD STOUT, COMPLEXION RUDDY; CHARACTERISTICS, SOUTHERN ACCENT, LARGE ARMS, CLAIMS TO BE FROM MISSISSIPPI.

PHOTOGRAPH OF DONALD STOUT BEING SENT FROM THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE WILL BE DISPLAYED TO LINDH UPON ARRIVAL.

SAN FRANCISCO ATTEMPT TO VERIFY IF STOUT EMPLOYED NATIONAL

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BOSTON ALSO ATTEMPT TO VERIFY IF STOUT EMPLOYED NATIONAL
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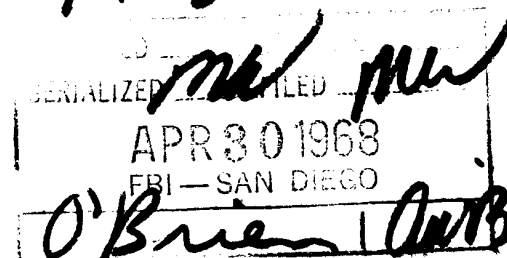
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On April 24, 1968, SAs JAMES RICHARD FLICK, JOSEPH G. SHEA, and JACK T. BEVERSTEIN interviewed LEWIE RAYMOND DOWDA, an inmate at the Cobb County Jail, Marietta, Georgia. DOWDA advised he was formerly incarcerated at the Missouri State Prison, Jefferson City, Missouri. He stated while at the Missouri State Prison, he was acquainted for approximately three years with JAMES EARL RAY, a fellow inmate. DOWDA advised he was released from the Missouri State Prison on December 23, 1966, and JAMES EARL RAY was still incarcerated. He stated he had been the chief cook at the Missouri State Prison and RAY worked as a bread slicer.

DOWDA advised RAY was the type person the other inmates did not "mess with." He described RAY as a "loner" who usually initiated the conversation if he wanted to talk to anyone. He stated that RAY spoke in a mild, low tone and when angry would speak even softer. He stated he had never known RAY to become excited and shout. To his knowledge, he has never known RAY to smoke. He stated RAY had a fair complexion, which was blotchy, having pimples around the lower portion of his face. He stated RAY had a rash on the right side of his head during the entire time he had known RAY and RAY would scratch this rash. He stated this rash was very noticeable due to the type of haircut in the Penitentiary and RAY put some type of salve on this rash. He stated RAY's hair was lightly streaked with gray. He advised the only scar he can recall which RAY had was a large burn scar on his forearm, side unrecalled. He stated this scar was located near the wrist. He stated RAY had dingy teeth.

DOWDA advised RAY always talked about "running around" in St. Louis, Missouri. He normally talked about two girl friends, one of these he had met at the Gaslight



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(a bar) located in either St. Louis or Kansas City. DOWDA stated the other girl was a girl RAY had met around the college at Columbia, Missouri, and it was his impression this girl had worked in a tavern there.

DOWDA advised RAY, while in prison, wore a ring on his left hand which was made at the Penitentiary, having been made from white metal with raised initials. He stated RAY never smiled, but when he smiled, it looked like a smirk. He advised RAY was clean and not sloppy in his dress. He described RAY as an avid reader and considered RAY to be intelligent. He advised RAY participated in softball games as a pitcher and would watch all of the baseball games at the Penitentiary, however, he had never heard RAY speak of professional baseball.

DOWDA stated that some time in 1966, a group of Black Muslims had petitioned for the right to have their own religious services. He stated the Muslims would congregate in groups and that a subsequent search of the Negro prisoners had uncovered a large cache of weapons. DOWDA stated the white prisoners then armed themselves and there was a riot at the prison. DOWDA stated three Negro prisoners were killed. DOWDA stated he would not say RAY had knifed these Negro prisoners, but did say that if RAY had not knifed them, he definitely knew who had killed them.

DOWDA stated RAY definitely was a racist and hated Negroes. He stated RAY had made the statement and firmly believed that all the Negro prisoners inside the Penitentiary should be killed. He stated RAY had on several occasions made the statement that if the price were right, he would kill MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DOWDA stated he does not recall ever hearing anything which would indicate a "contract" was out for the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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DOWDA advised he would not be surprised if JAMES EARL RAY was the murderer of MARTIN LUTHER KING, however, he does not believe RAY would have killed KING without being paid for it.

DOWDA stated approximately four months before he, DOWDA, was released RAY had attempted to escape from the Missouri State Prison by going out of the prison behind the ovens in the prison bakery. He stated RAY was apprehended and RAY had broken his arm in this escape attempt. He stated RAY had talked about escaping from the Penitentiary prior to this. DOWDA advised he does not believe RAY returned from maximum security confinement prior to DOWDA's release from prison.

DOWDA stated while in prison, RAY was particularly interested in Western music. He stated he does not recall RAY ever mentioning anything about dancing. He stated that during this period a number of orchestras from the Lake of the Ozarks had played at the State Prison and RAY would never miss these performances. He stated RAY often talked about planning to go to the Lake of the Ozarks when he got out of prison. DOWDA stated he would have no idea who RAY would contact at the Lake of the Ozarks, but stated if he were to look for RAY there, he would first find out who was selling dope and through this person, locate RAY. He stated RAY had talked about being on dope prior to being in the Missouri State Prison. He advised RAY had to have an outside source of income while in prison inasmuch as RAY's dope habit was costing RAY \$35 to \$40 a week for shots and RAY appeared to be well fixed, never wanting for anything.

DOWDA estimated RAY spent \$15 to \$20 a week for personal conveniences. He stated RAY, while in prison,

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used amphetamine, taking the shot in the "main line." He stated RAY would take two to three shots a day. He stated RAY never lacked for money, but had no idea of RAY's source of income. DOWDA stated he is certain RAY was not selling amphetamine to other prisoners, stating he has known RAY to give free amphetamine to prisoners who needed a shot. DOWDA denied that he himself had ever taken any shots, but admitted he has taken pills. DOWDA claimed he and RAY were not engaged in the sale of amphetamine at the Missouri State Prison.

DOWDA stated that HAROLD SCHAEFER, Guard on the gate in the kitchen of the Missouri State Prison, was very close to JAMES EARL RAY and it was DOWDA's understanding that SCHAEFER was RAY's source of amphetamine. He stated BENJAMIN O. GOODIN was a civilian in charge of the kitchen and he is certain GOODIN was not connected in any way with the bringing of amphetamine into the prison. He stated while GOODIN was friendly with RAY, he understands it was GOODIN who had disclosed RAY's hiding place when RAY had attempted to escape in 1966.

DOWDA advised one NEIL ABBY (phonetic) was RAY's closest friend in the Missouri State Prison and was responsible for bringing RAY into the kitchen. He stated ABBY at this time was chief cook at the prison. He believes ABBY was serving time for breaking into a drug store and he does know that dope was connected with ABBY's offense. He stated ABBY had a detainer on him as he was an escapee from the State of Texas. DOWDA does not know whether or not ABBY is presently in custody but does not believe he is presently in the Missouri State Prison.

He stated RAY had another friend, one DONALD DEAN RIGGER. He stated RIGGER was from California and RIGGER's wife was a psychiatrist at the Napa State Hospital, which

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is located north of San Francisco, California.

DOWDA advised that RAY and other inmates that might have DOWDA's address would have a Route 1, Sanford, Florida, address, and would not know that he is presently in Marietta, Georgia. He stated his father, STEVEN C. DOWDA, presently resides at 110 South Chandler Street, Deland, Florida, and that anyone inquiring for him at Sanford, Florida, would be sent to Deland, Florida. DOWDA claims he has not been contacted by RAY and has heard nothing to indicate RAY has attempted to contact him. He stated RAY had talked about traveling over all the United States, but had never mentioned anything which would indicate RAY was associated with anyone in the Atlanta, Georgia, area. DOWDA stated the only other prisoner he knew who was from the State of Georgia, who was an inmate at the Missouri State Prison was one JERRY WHITE from Calhoun, Georgia. He advised WHITE had a Federal detainer against him and believes WHITE is still incarcerated at the Missouri State Prison.

DOWDA advised he had made a trip to California in November of 1967, and that he and his wife had spent Thanksgiving Day visiting her uncle, BOB GRAHAM, who resides at Palos Verdes, California. He stated GRAHAM is Regional Manager for IBM in that area. He stated that he and his wife had stopped at Jefferson City and while there, contacted a Missouri State Prison guard, Mr. "PETE" PETRIE. He stated he had not made any inquiry concerning RAY and was not aware that RAY had escaped. He stated he had not made any inquiry concerning inmates inasmuch as his wife did not know he was a former inmate of the Missouri State Prison. He stated he had stopped in the Kansas City, Missouri, area and attempted to locate PAUL ALVIN LAIL, JR., who had been in the Missouri State Prison as PAUL ALVIN CARTER. He stated LAIL had been released approximately a **year** before he had and that they had agreed to attempt to get together

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after their release from prison. He stated LAIL worked in the license shop at the Missouri State Prison and although he was acquainted with RAY, he did not believe LAIL was a particularly good friend of RAY. He stated after his return from California, he was contacted by PAUL ALVIN LAIL, JR. He stated LAIL owns a home at 34 Barbodos Drive, Palm Springs, West Palm Beach, Florida, Telephone Number 965-4221. He stated LAIL in February of 1968 was out of a job and had come to Marietta, Georgia, looking for employment. He stated LAIL had come to Marietta, Georgia, with his wife and a small baby and had resided with DOWDA for approximately one and one-half weeks, leaving approximately two or three days after DOWDA was arrested, DOWDA having been arrested on March 4, 1968.

DOWDA advised he could recall nothing else concerning RAY which might assist in his location, but in the event he remembered anything additional, he would contact the FBI.

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Date: **4/25/68**Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)****FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)****SUBJECT: MURKIN**
(OO: MEMPHIS)**Re Atlanta teletype summary to Bureau, 4/24/68.****Enclosed for Bureau are three copies of insert reflecting interview with LEWIE RAYMOND DOWDA.****One copy of above insert being furnished to Miami and Memphis for information. Two copies of insert furnished to St. Louis and San Diego. Six copies of insert furnished to Kansas City.****In addition to leads previously set out in retel, the following offices are requested to conduct the following investigation:****LEADS****KANSAS CITY**

3 - Bureau (Enc. 3)
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At Jefferson City, Missouri:

- 1) Will, at Missouri State Penitentiary, determine from medical records type rash JAMES EARL RAY had on side of head and medication prescribed for RAY.
- 2) Check correspondence file to determine if RAY has any approved correspondence which may identify girl friends RAY talked about.
- 3) Attempt to determine supplier of narcotics to RAY while RAY in prison and attempt to develop information concerning RAY's outside source of income, as RAY may now attempt to contact these persons.
- 4) Ascertain present whereabouts of inmate JERRY WHITE.
- 5) Through sources at prison, evaluate information furnished by DOWDA.

At Kansas City, Missouri:

Attempt to locate bar known as Gaslight, to determine if subject RAY is known there and attempt to determine identity of girl RAY met there.

At Columbia, Missouri:

Contact bars in vicinity of college and determine if subject RAY known as well as attempt to learn identity of girl RAY had met in this area.

At Lake Ozark, Missouri:

Will, through sources, attempt to identify narcotics pushers and through them determine if subject has been in this area.

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At Palos Verdes, California:

Will locate BOB GRAHAM and interview concerning DOWDA's visit Thanksgiving 1967; determine if DOWDA made any remarks concerning contact with RAY or anyone else in California.

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ST. LOUIS

St. Louis, Missouri:

Will attempt to locate bar known as Gaslight to determine if RAY is known at this bar and identity of RAY's girl friend.

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TO : SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387)

DATE: 4/30/68

FROM : DANNY MORRIS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 12:45 PM this date, T. R. FOWLER, 1320 Muirlands Dr., La Jolla, Tel: 454-6388, telephonically advised that he observed a man in La Jolla that looked very much like photos of RAY and he tailed this man to the employment office at UCSB, La Jolla. He was driving a 1962 White BUICK with Calif. Lic. ROH 637.

FOWLER described this man as WMA, about 32 yrs., 5'11", heavy build, reddish dark hair, crew cut, wearing business suit. He said he did not observe any scars, marks or outstanding features.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS, SAN DIEGO
FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 2P

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LYLE ROBINSON, TEN SEVENTEEN ORCHARD, LIBERTY, MO., ADVISED HIS WIFE, ROSE ROBINSON, IS FIFTH GRADE TEACHER, FOREST HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, NORTH KANSAS CITY, MO., AND TAUGHT A BOY THAT MADE STATEMENTS TO EFFECT THAT MARTIN LUTHER KING SHOULD BE SHOT, AND IT WAS LEARNED THAT THE BOY'S FATHER, GERALD B. GERLT, RESIDING IN A TRAILER AT NINETEEN TEN ARMOUR ROAD, NORTH KANSAS CITY, MO., MADE TRIPS TO TENNESSEE MARCH FOUR-FIVE, SIXTYEIGHT, AND MARCH FOURTEEN-FIFTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT. ALSO, BOY REPORTED THAT THE FAMILY WAS MOVING TO CALIFORNIA, BUT WHEN TEACHER CONTACTED MOTHER, SHE DENIED THEY WERE MOVING. HOWEVER, THE FAMILY DID MOVE TO EL CAJON, CALIFORNIA, MARCH TWENTYNINE, SIXTYEIGHT. GERLT REPORTED TO HAVE CITIZENS BAN RADIO IN HIS TRUCK.

KANSAS CITY INDICES AND KANSAS CITY, MO. PD RECORDS NEGATIVE. CREDIT BUREAU OF GREATER KANSAS CITY RECORDS SHOW GERALD B. GERLT, AGE THIRTYEIGHT, AND WIFE LOSI HELEN GERLT, HAVE BEEN IN FILE 190
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SINCE NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE, AND WERE OPERATING JERRY'S NURSERY,
SIX FIVE FOUR ZERO STATE, KANSAS CITY, KS., IN JAN. SIXTYSEVEN.
FROM FEB. SIXTYSEVEN TO SEPT. SIXTYSEVEN, GERLT OPERATED NORTHVIEW
SKELLY STATION, FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA, AND IN NOV. SIXTYSEVEN,
OPERATED CLAYCOMO RESTAURANT IN NOTHER KANSAS CITY, MO.

SAN DIEGO, LOCATE AND INTERVIEW GERLT REGARDING HIS TRIPS
TO TENNESSEE, AND HIS WHEREABOUTS ON DATE OF KING'S MURDER.

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Date: 4/23/68

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861), KANSAS CITY, (44-760)
FROM: SAN DIEGO (44-387)

MURKIN

RE KC TEL TO BUREAU, APRIL TWENTY TWO LAST.

RECORDS, SAN DIEGO GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY, SAN DIEGO,
CALIFORNIA, FAILED TO INDICATE SERVICE AT EL CAJON,
CALIFORNIA FOR ANYWHERE IN SD COUNTY FOR GERALD B. GERLT.

KANSAS CITY REQUESTED TO RECONTACT LYLE ROBINSON AND
DETERMINE NAME OF STUDENT, SON OF GERALD B. GERLT, AND
FURNISH INFORMATION SD SO THAT SCHOOL RECORDS, SAN DIEGO
COUNTY, CAN BE CHECKED TO DETERMINE IF ENROLLED IN AREA.
INVESTIGATION SAN DIEGO CONTINUING. SUBJECT ARMED AND
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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS 44-1987, SAN DIEGO 44-387
FROM SAC, KANSAS CITY 44-760

MURKIN

RE SUSPECT GERALD B. GERLT

RE KANSAS CITY TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL TWENTYTWO LAST AND
SAN DIEGO TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL TWENTYTHREE LAST.

LYLE ROBINSON, LIBERTY, MO., ADVISED GERALD B. GERLT'S SON
OR STEP-SON IS RICHARD LEE WERNER, FIFTH GRADE STUDENT AND SCHOOL
AUTHORITIES RECEIVED A REQUEST APRIL NINETEEN, LAST, FOR RECORDS
TO BE FORWARDED TO EL CAJON, CALIF. ALSO KANSAS CITY CREDIT
RECORDS REVEAL FORMER ADDRESS BOX SEVEN THREE THREE, ALPINE, CALIF.,
DATE NOT INDICATED. U.S. POST OFFICE RECORDS REVEAL NO CHANGE OF
ADDRESS AND MAIL IS BEING HELD FOR FURTHER NOTIFICATION FROM GERLT.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
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FROM: SAN DIEGO (44-387)

MURKIN

RE SUSPECT GERALD B. GERIT.

RE KANSAS CITY TEL TO BUREAU APRIL TWO NINE LAST.

GERALD BRUCE GERIT, FOURNINE ONE NORTH FIRST STREET,
 EL CAJON, CALIFORNIA, INTERVIEWED APRIL THIRTY LAST AND
 ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

GERIT, HIS WIFE, TWO STEPSONS, AND A DAUGHTER LEFT
 KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, MARCH THREE ONE LAST ^{EN} ON ROUTE CALIFORNIA
 ARRIVING LEUCADIA, APRIL THREE LAST AND STAYED AT WOLVERINE
 MOTEL APRIL THREE THROUGH NINE LAST, WHICH WAS VERIFIED
 THROUGH MOTEL RECORDS.

DURING MONTH OF MARCH LAST GERIT, HIS WIFE, AND TWO
 STEPSONS MADE ONE TRIP TO NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, IN CONNECTION
 WITH HIS EMPLOYMENT, JERRY'S NURSERY AND LANDSCAPING COMPANY,
 SIX FIVE FOUR ZERO STATE AVENUE, KANSAS CITY, KANSAS.

IT IS GERIT'S RECOLLECTION THEY DEPARTED KANSAS CITY,
 KANSAS, MARCH TEN LAST, STAYING AT THE GREIBERS MOTEL.

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NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, NIGHT OF MARCH TEN. HE LOADED EIGHTEEN THOUSAND POUNDS OF NURSERY STOCK, MARCH ELEVEN, AND DEPARTED FOR KANSAS CITY, KANSAS STAYING OVERNIGHT AT AN UNRECALLED MOTEL, WEST MEMPHIS, ARKANSAS, MARCH ELEVEN, AND LEAVING EARLY MORNING OF MARCH TWELVE ARRIVING KANSAS CITY APPROXIMATELY EIGHT P.M., NIGHT OF MARCH TWELVE LAST.

GERALD JONES, PART OWNER, JERRY'S NURSERY AND LANDSCAPING COMPANY, CAN VERIFY DATES OF TRIP THROUGH RECORDS.

GERIT RECALLS NO OTHER TRIPS TO TENNESSEE SINCE SIXTYFIVE.

ON MARCH FOURTEEN LAST, HE AND HIS WIFE SALLY WENT TO FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA, WHERE FINAL PROCEEDINGS WERE FILED BY WIFE AGAINST CHARLES WERNER.

GERIT ADVISED RACIST VIEWS OF STEPHEN'S ~~CONVICT~~, CAN BE TRACED TO THEIR FATHER, CHARLES WERNER, ONE NINE ZERO TWO ABBOTT STREET, FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA, WHO HAS TAUGHT THEM TO HATE PERSONS OF NEGRO RACE.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY DISPLAYED GERIT AND COULD FURNISH NO INFO.

DESCRIPTION OF GERIT. WMA, BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA, SIX FEET, THREE FOUR ONE

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POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, BROWN EYES, PARENTS INEZ G. GERLT, NEE FARLOW, MOTHER, RUDY GERLT, FATHER, BOTH RESIDE FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA.

KANSAS CITY CONTACT GERALD JONES AND VERIFY DATES GERLT AND FAMILY IN NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE.

Memphis, at Nashville, Tennessee, verify Gerlt's stay at Greibner Motel, March Ten last.

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CLASS C DRIVERS LIC Z417673 ISSUED 8-8-63 GERALD BRUCE GERLT
BOX 1132/ 212 SO SECOND/EL CAJON DOB 6-0 265 BRN BRN
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TO : SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387)

FROM : SA DONALD R. BELMONT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/25/68

Re memo concerning information furnished by Deputy Sheriff LUCAS, SDSO, regarding person seen in San Marcos, California.

AT SAN MARCOS, CALIFORNIA

Efforts were made to contact NETA RICHARDSON, 1443 Palomar Drive on 4/22/68 with negative results. Mrs. ROBINSON was contacted on 4/23/68 and advised as follows:

She is employed at San Marcos Supermarket, 228 West Mission Avenue and has been so employed for a number of years. On Friday, 4/19, at about 3:00 p.m. a man was in the store and made a purchase of cigarettes, brand unknown, and possibly also some gum or candy. He also purchased a pint of vodka. After he left she recalled reading that Subject RAY was reported to drink vodka. This together with what appeared to be a Texas or Oklahoma accent made her think this individual might possibly be the Subject.

She gave no further thought to the matter until that evening when she saw pictures of Subject on television and thought there was some slight resemblance. The following day she mentioned the matter to a friend and this friend became concerned because he was leaving town and was apprehensive leaving his wife alone if subject was in the area. He persuaded her to call the SO concerning the incident.

On Saturday, 4/20, she saw photos of Subject in the San Diego UNION, morning edition, which had two rows of photos of subject taken at various times. At that time she thought the second photo from the left in the top row somewhat resembled the man who had been in the store on 4/19/68. She noted this photo was reported to have been taken in 1954 or 1956.

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She described the individual she saw as follows:

Race	White
Age	35 - 40
Height	5'7", possibly slightly taller
Build	Medium
Eyes	Color unknown
Hair	Dark brown, fairly long, wavy and full on sides, with no noticeable part
Complexion	Medium
Dress	Short sleeved shirt, blue in color, open at neck, white coveralls with shoulder strap large pockets in front similar to those worn by carpenters. Coveralls appeared new and clean.

She stated this individual had a shy, retiring appearance and spoke very little, but appeared to have a Texas or Oklahoma accent. His hands were clean and did not look like those of a workingman. She also noticed what looked like an indentation in the center of his forehead, which she stated did not appear to be a scar, but rather something more like a birth defect. She added, however, that his hair, which was wavy and falling down his forehead may have cast a shadow which gave her this impression.

She stated she had never seen this man before. She remarked about him to other store employees but none had apparently seen him. She noted there were several customers behind the man when she waited on him, but she did not recall their identity.

Photo of Subject as contained in the wanted flyer were exhibited to Mrs. RICHARDSON. She stated she saw little, if any, resemblance to the man she had seen in Subject's photo taken in 1960. Referring to the 1968 photograph she thought the features were slightly similar, mostly around the eyes, but she noted the photo of Subject showed his face much fuller and the hair shorter and less wavy than the man she had seen. She also stated that she had observed no characteristic of the left ear protruding more than the right ear. Mrs. RICHARDSON stated upon reflecting that she could not state whether the man she had seen was identical to Subject and that the similarity she noted was in the 1954 or 1956 photo of Subject. She stated the main thing that brought this man to her attention was the fact that he ordered a pint of vodka and that he had the Texas or Oklahoma accent. Although she noted Subject reportedly had a southern accent.

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Photos of Subject were exhibited on 4/23/68 to the following store employees, all of whom stated they did not recognize Subject and had not seen the individual seen by Mrs. RICHARDSON on 4/19/68:

EARL GRIMES, Owner
Mrs. EARL GRIMES
LEE HAZELTINE
LLOYD GOLDAE (butcher)

Mr. EARL GRIMES stated probably 80% of his customers are local people. He noted the other 20% are more than likely people passing through town, either being employed in the general area or living in a nearby towns.

Photos of Subject were exhibited to persons at the following establishments in the area of San Marcos Market, with negative results:

San Marcos Hardware, 236 West Mission
San Marcos Coffee Shop, 242 West Mission
Paul's Mobile Service, 256 West Mission

In addition Subject's photos were exhibited to Mr. ALBERT RICHARDSON, Assistant Post Master, San Marcos, who has resided in this area for many years. Mr. RICHARDSON stated the photos were not familiar to him other than having seen them on television and in the newspaper.

UAC no additional investigation being conducted.

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TO: SAC, SAN DIEGO
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/29/68 Mr. WILLIAM DITTY, Station KFWB, 6419 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, telephonically furnished the following information.

DITTY advised that on 4/20/68 he was in National City, California, at Emma's Pancake House on E Street, when he noticed a man who fitted the description of JAMES EARL RAY having coffee at another table. He described this man as Caucasian, age 36-40, 5'10", 175-180 lbs., dark close-cropped hair, average build. He said one ear protruded from the head, but he could not recall which ear. According to DITTY, this man looked exactly like the 1959 photograph of RAY.

DITTY said he did not report this information sooner because he was in National City without his wife's knowledge, and he was afraid she might learn of this. He advised he saw the man leave Emma's Pancake House, but he did not see where he went or whether or not he had an automobile.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1363) (P)
RE: MURKIN

Re San Antonio airtel 4/23/68 and Norfolk airtel
4/26/68.

RE: JIMMY RAY BUNDY

On 4/25/68, BUNDY was located and interviewed at
Greenville, N.C., and was determined not to be identical
with JAMES EARL RAY.

Insert being furnished Memphis by separate communication.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, San Diego

DATE: April 29, 1968

JEM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE
I.O. #4182; W. F. #442-A
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;
INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ARMED ROBBERY
"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES" PROGRAM
NEWSPAPER MAT

Being forwarded under separate cover is a supply of newspaper mats and proofs for expeditious distribution to all cooperative daily and weekly newspapers in your territory. Additional publications such as shoppers' guides should not be overlooked in obtaining the greatest possible publicity regarding this fugitive.

In most cases, these mats and proofs may be distributed by mail but when circumstances warrant they may be personally delivered by Special Agents. A form letter over the signature of the Special Agent in Charge may be utilized in distributing this material by mail and this letter should point out that the FBI is requesting the aid of the Nation's press in bringing about the prompt apprehension of this badly sought fugitive.

Prompt distribution should be made and additional supplies, if needed, are available at the Bureau. The following number of mats and proofs are being forwarded to your office under separate cover: 60.

As an additional means of securing widespread publicity concerning Ray, offices covering the place of publication of magazines which have previously cooperated in publicizing FBI fugitives should request the assistance of such publications in carrying an article on captioned fugitive. The Bureau press release, copies of which are available in each office, along with a glossy photograph of this fugitive can be furnished. The earliest possible utilization of this material should be encouraged and special attention should be given to publications aimed at minority groups.

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FBI CHICAGO

617PM URGENT 4/30/68 RSM

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND SAN DIEGO (44-387)
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) P

MURKIN.

REBUTEL TO CHICAGO, APRIL TWO NINE, LAST.

RE THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

RE JOSEPH JOHN GAFFNEY AND ORVILLE H. BRETTMAN.

ARMY INTELLIGENCE IN MARCH, SIXTYSEVEN, REPORTED
THAT GAFFNEY, WHO WAS AN ALLEGED "MINUTEMEN" CLAIMED TO AN ASSOCIATE
THAT HE WAS PART OF A SABOTAGE TEAM WHICH WOULD UNDERTAKE
ASSASSINATION OF KING. OTHER MEMBER OF TEAM REPORTEDLY BRETTMAN.

GAFFNEY, AGE TWENTYONE, INTERVIEWED CHICAGO APRIL
TWO NINE AND THIRTY, SIXTYEIGHT. CLAIMED HAS BEEN IN CHICAGO
AND CHICAGO INDEPENDENTLY VERIFYING HIS WHEREABOUTS. GAFFNEY
SAYS BRETTMAN HAS BEEN IN USMC, WAS IN CHICAGO ABOUT DECEMBER TEN
TO TWO SEVEN, LAST, NOW IN VIET NAM. GAFFNEY DENIES "MINUTEMEN"
MEMBERSHIP, DENIES EVER STATING WOULD KILL KING, CLAIMS STRONGLY
AGAINST ALL VIOLENCE.

SAN DIEGO VERIFY WHEREABOUTS LAST SEVERAL MONTHS OF
CORPORAL ORVILLE H. BRETTMAN, MSN TWO TWO FIVE ZERO ONE FIVE ONE,
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lead to Butler*

*Scumby advised
5:25 pm 4/30/68
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H AND S COMPANY, FIFTH RECON. BATTALION, FIFTH MARINE DIVISION,
FMF (REIN), MCB, CAMP PENDLETON, CALIFORNIA, AND VERIFY WHETHER
HAS DEPARTED OVERSEAS AND DATE.

HANDLE LEADS ON TOP PRIORITY BASIS, SUTEL LEADS.

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TO : SAC SD (137-1650)

DATE: 4/30/68

FROM : SA Henry C. Webb

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: Miguel Rodriguez Reyna ☐

Dates of Contact 3/18 4/15		
Titles and File #s on which contacted Murkin-		
Purpose and results of contact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC PCI advised on 3/18 no info to furnish. On 4/15 PCI was furnished 100 wanted flyers of subject Galt + requested to furnish them to his sources.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Good	Coverage Same

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, SD(137-1566)

FROM : SA *Kurt A. Webb*

SUBJECT: *Rafael Orozco Ochoa*

DATE: *4/30/68*

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☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R
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Dates of Contact <i>4/8 4/23</i>		
Titles and File #s on which contacted 		
Purpose and results of contact <input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC <i>PCI advised no inf. to furnish.</i> <i>On 4/23 PCI was furnished several wanted flyers of subject Galt and requested to furnish them to his sources at Tijuana.</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating <i>Good</i>	Coverage <i>Same</i>
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-33861)
FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387) (P)
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Re Atlanta airtel to the Bureau 4/25/68.

Enclosed for the Los Angeles Division are two Xerox copies of referenced communication. Also enclosed are two Xerox copies of results of an interview with LEWIE RAYMOND DOWDA, an inmate at the Cobb County Jail, Marietta, Georgia, on 4/24/68.

Los Angeles Division is requested to conduct lead at Palos Verdes to locate and interview BOB GRAHAM since that city is in their territory.

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