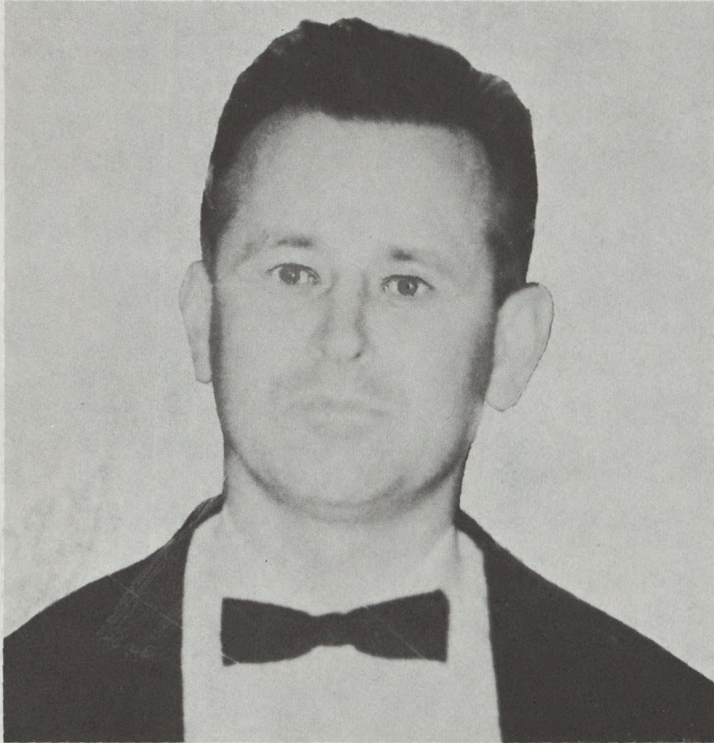


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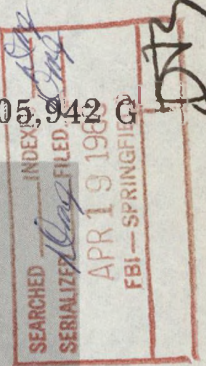
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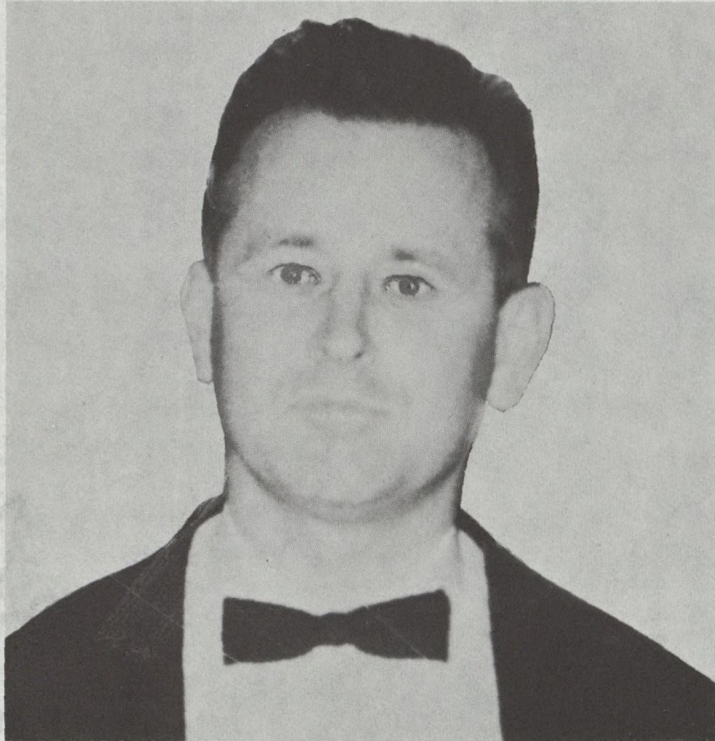
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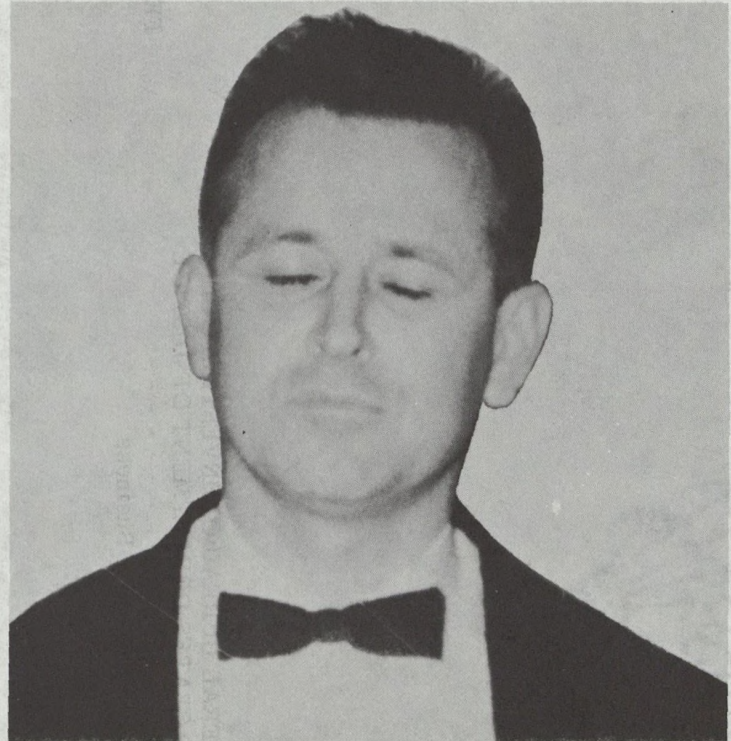
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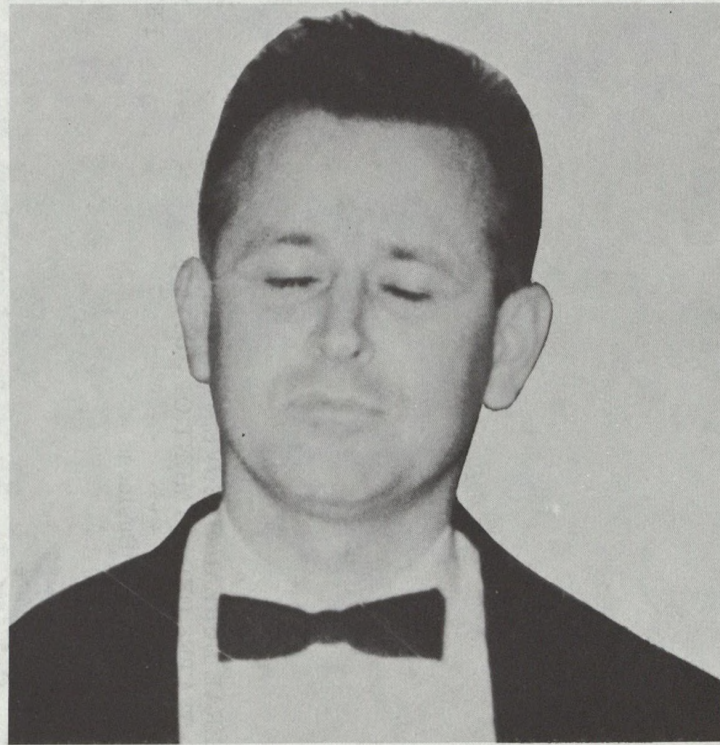
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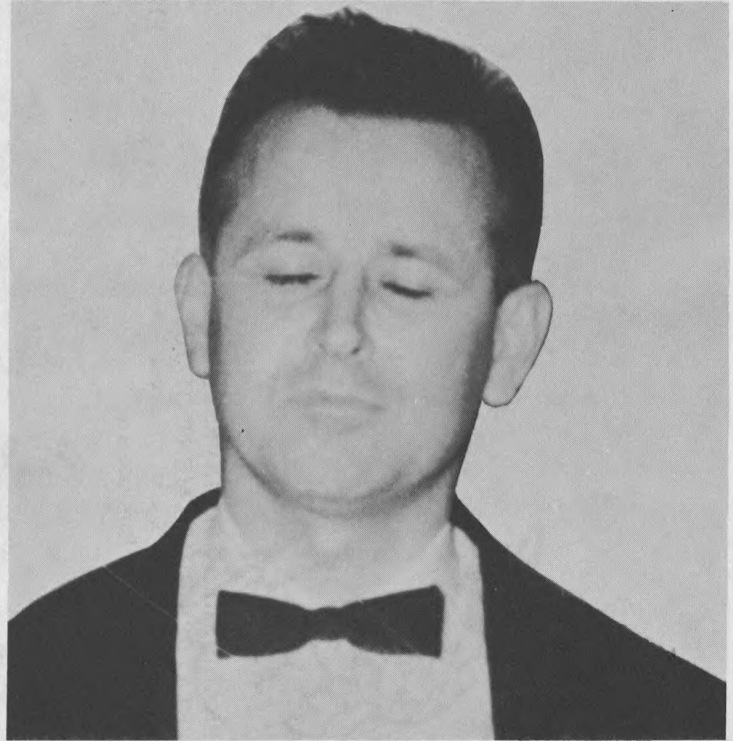
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ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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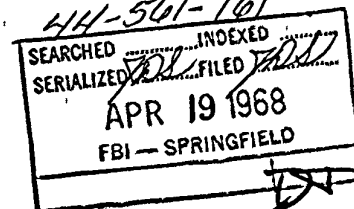
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FBI ST LOUIS

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TO: DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS, AND SPRINGFIELD

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

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

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TO SPRINGFIELD

FROM NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN

RE: JOSEPH CLAYTON MONTAGNE(LOOK ALIKE).

INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM JACKSON DIVISION THIS DATE
THAT PASCAGOULA, MISS. PD STOPPED AN INDIVIDUAL DRIVING A
WHITE CORVAIR BEARING SIXTYEIGHT ILLINOIS LICENSE DG THREE ONE
ZERO NINE. DRIVER IDENTIFIED SELF AS JOSEPH CLAYTON MONTAGNE.
MONTAGNE ACCOMPANIED BY ANOTHER WHITE MALE WHOSE IDENTITY NOT
DETERMINED. MONTAGNE INDICATED HE WAS A MUSICIAN AND OTHER
PERSON INDICATED HE WAS A SEAMAN AND THEY WERE BOTH HEADING FOR
NEW ORLEANS.

OFFICER WHO STOPPED THE ABOVE INDIVIDUALS SAID THAT
MONTAGNE RESEMBLE PHOTO OF GALT AND THAT
AFTER HEARING A DESCRIPTION OF JAMES EARL RAY HAVING A SCAR IN
THE MIDDLE OF HIS FOREHEAD HE BELIEVED THAT MONTAGNE MIGHT BE RAY
AS HE RECALLED MONTAGNE HAVING SUCH A SCAR. NO FURTHER
DESCRIPTION AVAILABLE ON MONTAGNE OR OTHER PERSON.

SPRINGFIELD DETERMINE THROUGH DMV TO WHOM
ABOVE LICENSE REGISTERED TO AND ANY RECORD IN DMV OF MONTAGNE.
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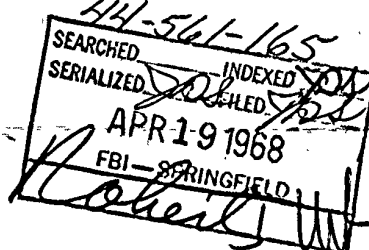
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RE: JOSEPH CLAYTON MONTAGNE(LOOK ALIKE).

INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM JACKSON DIVISION THIS DATE THAT PASCAGOULA, MISS. PD STOPPED AN INDIVIDUAL DRIVING A WHITE CORVAIR BEARING SIXTYEIGHT ILLINOIS LICENSE DG THREE ONE ZERO NINE. DRIVER IDENTIFIED SELF AS JOSEPH CLAYTON MONTAGNE. MONTAGNE ACCOMPANIED BY ANOTHER WHITE MALE WHOSE IDENTITY NOT DETERMINED. MONTAGNE INDICATED HE WAS A MUSICIAN AND OTHER PERSON INDICATED HE WAS A SEAMAN AND THEY WERE BOTH HEADING FOR NEW ORLEANS.

OFFICER WHO STOPPED THE ABOVE INDIVIDUALS SAID THAT MONTAGNE RESEMBLE PHOTO OF GALT AND THAT AFTER HEARING A DESCRIPTION OF JAMES EARL RAY HAVING A SCAR IN THE MIDDLE OF HIS FOREHEAD HE BELIEVED THAT MONTAGNE MIGHT BE RAY AS HE RECALLED MONTAGNE HAVING SUCH A SCAR. NO FURTHER DESCRIPTION AVAILABLE ON MONTAGNE OR OTHER PERSON.

SPRINGFIELD DETERMINE THROUGH DMV TO WHOM ABOVE LICENSE REGISTERED TO AND ANY RECORD IN DMV OF MONTAGNE. AND ANY NECESSARY INFORMATION TO ELIMINATE MONTAGNE AS JAMES EARL RAY.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM ROBERTS, III - P -

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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RE JAMES EARL RAY:

This is to confirm a telephone call between the writer and SA S. J. PETERSON, St. Louis Division, in which he furnished the following data:

Agents of the St. Louis Office this date interviewed Mrs. ALBERT (CAROL) PEPPER, 2025 Belleview, Maplewood, Missouri. She denied any recent knowledge re her brother, RAY.

A check of PEPPER'S telephone toll calls revealed the following number in East St. Louis, Illinois: 332-1117, listed to DAVID C. ORT, residing at 1709 Harvest Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois.

This information was immediately furnished to the Belleville RA for handling. SA PETERSON advised that St. Louis would confirm the above information by teletype this date.

(1) Springfield (44-561)

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TO DIRECTOR, SPRINGFIELD, MEMPHIS BIRMINGHAM

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

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RE SL TELCON TO SI INSTANT DATE

CONFIDENTIAL CHECK OF TELEPHONE TOLL CALLS OF ALBERT PEPPER,
SIX FOUR FIVE DASH TWO NINE FOUR EIGHT, TWENTY TWENTY-FIVE BELLEVIEW,
ST. LOUIS, INDICATE CALL MADE ON FEBRUARY THIRTEENTH LAST TO EAST ST.
LOUIS, ILL. THREE THREE TWO DASH ONE ONE SEVEN ISSUED TO DAVID C. ORT,
SEVENTEEN ZERO NINE HARVEST AVE.

SI IDENTIFY ORT, DETERMINE CONNECTION WITH PEPPER AND OBTAIN INFO
OF VALUE. MRS. ALBERT PEPPER, CAROL, IS THE SISTER OF JAMES EARL RAY.

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