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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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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE FBI HAS IDENTIFIED JAMES EARL RAY, AN ESCAPEE FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY AS ERIC STARVO GALT, AGAINST WHOM A FEDERAL COMPLAINT WAS FILED LAST WEDNESDAY IN CONNECTION WITH THE FATAL SHOOTING OF THE REVEREND DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER SAID THAT A SYSTEMATIC AND EXHAUSTIVE SEARCH OF LATENT FINGERPRINTS UNCOVERED IN THE DOCTOR KING CASE AGAINST THE FINGERPRINTS OF THE OVER 53,000 PERSONS FOR WHOM "WANTED NOTICES" HAVE BEEN POSTED IN THE FILES OF THE FBI'S IDENTIFICATION DIVISION LED TO THE DETERMINATION THAT GALT AND RAY ARE IDENTICAL.

MR. HOOVER SAID THAT RAY, WHO IS 40 YEARS OF AGE, WAS REPORTED MISSING FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, SINCE APRIL 23, 1967. HE HAD BEEN RECEIVED AT THE INSTITUTION ON MARCH 17, 1960, TO SERVE A 20-YEAR SENTENCE, FOLLOWING CONVICTION IN ST. LOUIS FOR ARMED ROBBERY AND FOR OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE WITHOUT PERMISSION OF THE OWNER.

IN SEPTEMBER, 1966, WHILE SERVING THIS SENTENCE, HE WAS CONFINED FOR A TIME IN THE MAXIMUM SECURITY WARD AT THE STATE HOSPITAL AT FULTON, MISSOURI.

ACCORDING TO MR. HOOVER, RAY HAS A KNOWN ARREST RECORD DATING BACK TO 1949. PRIOR TO THE 1960 CONVICTION FOR WHICH HE RECEIVED THE 20-YEAR TERM, RAY HAD BEEN

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CONVICTED OF BURGLARY IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA IN 1949; ARMED ROBBERY IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS IN 1952; AND FORGING U.S. POSTAL MONEY ORDERS IN MISSOURI, IN 1955.

HE HAS SERVED TERMS IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAIL IN 1949; IN STATE PRISON AT JOLIET AND PONTIAC, ILLINOIS, IN 1952 and 1954 AND IN THE FEDERAL PENITENTIARY AT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS IN 1955-58. RAY WAS AN ENLISTED MAN IN THE U.S. ARMY FROM FEBRUARY, 1948 TO DECEMBER, 1948 AT WHICH TIME HE WAS GIVEN A GENERAL DISCHARGE DUE TO INEPTNESS AND LACK OF ADAPTABILITY FOR MILITARY SERVICE. WHILE IN THE ARMY, HE RECEIVED A 3 MONTH SENTENCE AT HARD LABOR FOR BEING DRUNK AND BREAKING ARREST.

MR. HOOVER SAID THAT DURING HIS CRIMINAL CAREER, RAY HAS ALSO USED THE NAMES OF JAMES MC BRIDE, JAMES WALTON, W. C. HERRON, AND JAMES O'CONNER. HE IS A WHITE MALE; CLAIMS TO HAVE BEEN BORN MARCH 10, 1928, IN ILLINOIS. HE IS APPROXIMATELY 5' 10" AND WEIGHS 163 TO 174 POUNDS. HE HAS BLUE EYES AND BROWN HAIR. THERE IS A SMALL SCAR ON THE CENTER OF HIS FOREHEAD AND A SCAR ON THE PALM OF HIS RIGHT HAND.

RAY HAS CLAIMED THAT HE ATTENDED SCHOOL THROUGH THE 10TH GRADE IN ALTON, ILLINOIS. HE HAS HAD THE REPUTATION OF BEING A "DRIFTER" SINCE LEAVING SCHOOL. HIS VOCATIONAL

EXPERIENCE INCLUDES WORKING AS A BAKER, LABORER AND COLOR MATCHER.

IN CONNECTION WITH HIS ESCAPE FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, AN FBI COMPLAINT WAS FILED IN JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, ON JULY 20, 1967, CHARGING RAY WITH UNLAWFULLY FLEEING FROM THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO AVOID CONFINEMENT. HE HAS BEEN A FEDERAL FUGITIVE SINCE THEN.

RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS. ANYONE HAVING INFORMATION CONCERNING HIM SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT FBI HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON, D.C. OR THE NEAREST FBI OFFICE.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-561)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : ASAC SULLIVAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

While ASAC was out of office, Supv. HAROLD LEINBAUGH, Crime Records Division, telephonically contacted Springfield and dictated nationwide press release to be made available all local news media at 2:30 PM, EST, 1:30 PM, CST. This call was handled by Supv. HARTNETT, who immediately contacted ASAC and additional necessary agent personnel and mustered all at office.

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Shortly afterward, Mr. WHALEN, Associated Press, contacted ASAC and desired to know if our investigative file contained any additional local pertinent information concerning JAMES EARL RAY. ASAC advised Mr. WHALEN that our file contained nothing considered news worthy; however, in the event any matter was discovered which he might find interesting, he would be recontacted.

Immediately thereafter, Mr. KAUFMAN, State Probation Office, 301 Armory Building, contacted ASAC and advised he was receiving newspaper inquiries for information from probation records concerning RAY. He desired to know whether to make this information available to news media and was advised as follows: The FBI does not wish in any way to interfere with the operation of the State Probation Office but appreciates his interest in contacting this office first. We would like all possible lead information from his files which would assist us in locating and apprehending RAY, an armed and dangerous, cunning criminal, prior to any newspaper reporters floundering around and getting in the way at his various former Illinois addresses.

It was felt that if pressured by the news media, Mr. KAUFMAN might make general-type information available but we would prefer to have the specific lead information limited to our use until it has at least been checked out.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND
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FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) /3P/

MURKIN.

RE: HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER.

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TO QUINCY PD. LOHMEYER DESCRIBED WALTER RIFE, WMA, THIRTYNINE YEARS, DARK, LATIN APPEARANCE. LOHMEYER BELIEVES RAY AND RIFE WILL HAVE SIGNIFICANCE TO HIS BROTHER, THOMAS LOHMEYER, QUINCY, LAST KNOWN EMPLOYED AT A STOVE FOUNDRY. LOHMEYER UNABLE TO RECOGNIZE NAMES JAMES MC BRIDE, JAMES WALTON, W. C. HERRON, JAMES O'CONNER, ALIASES OF RAY. LOHMEYER WAS ARRESTED WITH AND SERVED TIME WITH ROBERT KELLY, EARL HYLAND, AND JOHN O'DEAR, ^{whereabouts of others} ALL OF QUINCY, IN CONNECTION WITH ONE NINE FIVE ZERO ARREST FOR INCITING RIOT PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED. THESE PEOPLE MAY KNOW RAY. LOHMEYER HAS NOT LIVED IN QUINCY SINCE ONE NINE FIVE FIVE AND HAS MADE ONLY ONE BRIEF VISIT TO ILLINOIS APPROXIMATELY THREE YEARS AGO.

LOHMEYER VIEWED NINETEEN SIXTY MUG SHOT OF RAY IN SAN JOSE NEWSPAPER THIS DATE AND COULD NOT RECOGNIZE THIS PHOTO. UPON FURTHER RECALL, LOHMEYER STATED THAT HE DID RECALL A JOHN RAY FROM QUINCY WHO DID TIME AT THE ILLINOIS STATE PENITENTIARY AND IS DESCRIBED AS A WMA, AGE THIRTYEIGHT, FIVE FEET NINE INCHES, ONE SIX FIVE POUNDS, WELL BUILT AND WHO ACCORDING TO LOHMEYER HAS A BROTHER FIRST NAME UNKNOWN.

LOHMEYER ADVISED THAT THE RAY FAMILY MOVED FROM QUINCY TO ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, AND THAT BROTHER OF JOHN RAY DID SERVE IN THE PENITENTIARY.

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SPRINGFIELD, FORWARD PHOTOGRAPHS WALTER AND LONNIE RIFE TO MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, AND SAN FRANCISCO, IN ORDER PHOTOGRAPHS CAN BE EXHIBITED WITNESSES AND TO HARVEY LOHMEYER AT SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA. ALSO OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPH VINTAGE ONE NINE FIVE FIVE IF AVAILABLE FOR RAY AND FORWARD SAN FRANCISCO. SPRINGFIELD RECONTACT THOMAS LOHMEYER AND OTHERS SUGGESTED BY HIM AND INTERVIEW CONCERNING RAY.

SAN FRANCISCO WILL CHECK ALL LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES SAN FRANCISCO AREA FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING RAY.

OTHER STATIONS NOTIFIED SEPARATELY.

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TO NEW ORLEANS AND CHICAGO
FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

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RE JOSEPH CLAYTON MONTAGNE (LOOK ALIKE)

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SPRINGFIELD, KANSAS CITY, AND NEW ORLEANS
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)(2P)

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REMYTEL APRIL NINETEEN LAST.

DR. MARK O. FREEMAN, PH.D., CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST,
INTERVIEWED TONIGHT. HE PRODUCED APPOINTMENT BOOK NOTING
SIX APPOINTMENTS FOR ONE JAMES E. RAY, COVERING PERIOD OF
NOVEMBER TWENTY-SEVEN THROUGH DECEMBER FOURTEEN LAST. HE
ALSO HAD LISTING FOR ADDITIONAL CONSULTATION ON DECEMBER
EIGHTEEN LAST, WHICH WAS CROSSED THROUGH: AND HE EXPLAINED
THAT RAY HAD TELEPHONICALLY CALLED TO CANCEL THAT VISIT,
INDICATING HE HAD HEARD FROM HIS BROTHER AND LATTER HAD
OBTAINED JOB FOR HIM IN MERCHANT MARINE IN NEW ORLEANS.

DR. ALSO HAD LEAF FROM HIS CONSULTATION NOTERBOOK,
WHICH HE SAID HE MADE ENTRIES IN ON OCCASION OF RAY'S FIRST
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VISIT IN NOVEMBER. NOTATIONS IN THIS INDICATED PATIENT'S NAME TO BE JAMES E. RAY, ADDRESS ONE FIVE THREE FIVE NORTH SERRANO, LOS ANGELES, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER FOUR SIX NINE EIGHT ZERO NINE SIX. DATE OF BIRTH GIVEN AS MARCH TEN NINETEEN TWENTY EIGHT. SAID HE WAS FROM EAST ST. LOUIS.

RAY WAS SEEKING PSYCHOLOGICAL HELP IN NATURE OF SELF-HYPNOSIS TO GAIN CONFIDENCE, OVERCOME SHYNESS, LEARN TO RELAX, SLEEP BETTER, AND BE ABLE TO TALK TO PEOPLE. WAS SHY, INTROVERTED, AND WITHDRAWN, BUT NOT PSYCHOTIC OR FLAGUED WITH NEUROSES. DURING SECOND OR THIRD VISIT, DR. ASKED RAY IF HE HAD ANY DEEP SEATED SECRETS HE WANTED TO GET OFF HIS CHEST, TO ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IF PATIENT HAD ANY CRIMINAL BACKGROUND OR SEXUAL PROBLEMS OR ABERATIONS. RAY ANSWERED NEGATIVELY.

RAY HAD VERY LITTLE TO CONTRIBUTE ABOUT FAMILY BACKGROUND. MOST VISITS LIMITED TO DR. PLACING RAY IN HYPNOTIC STATE AND TALKING WITH HIM TO REASSURE HIM AND HELP HIM GAIN SOCIAL CONFIDENCE.

DR. STATES CURRENT PHOTOS OF ERIC GALT EXCELLENT LIKENESS TO PATIENT RAY. BELIEVES RAY WAS REFERRED BY WILSHIRE
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