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FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

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FROM CHICAGO /44-1114/

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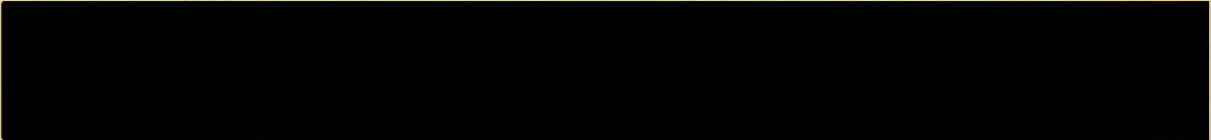
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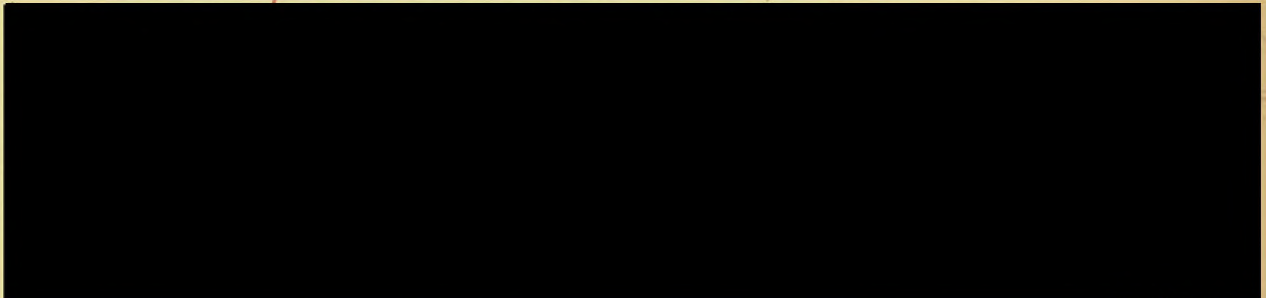
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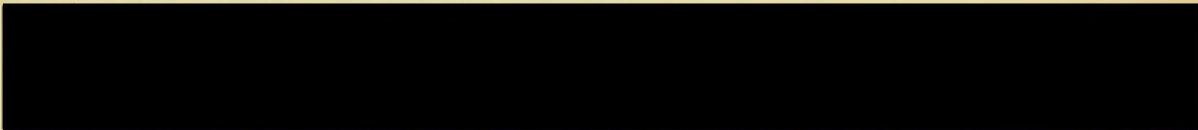
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10:13 PM URGENT 4-22-68 JWE

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES, KANSAS CITY,
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FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

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SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION, APRIL TWENTYTWO, SIXTYEIGHT:
USED AND NEW CAR DEALERS IN ATLANTA AND SUBURBAN AREAS
BEING CANVASSED, SHOWN PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECT RAY, NEGATIVE TO
DATE.

REPORTS OF CARS STOLEN IN ATLANTA, MARCH TWENTYFOUR DASH
APRIL EIGHT LAST OBTAINED AND BEING CHECKED OUT. COMMUNICATION
SUBMITTED THIS DATE TO APPROPRIATE OFFICES TO CONSIDER ANY
STOLEN CAR FROM GEORGIA SUBSEQUENT TO APRIL FOUR LAST AS SUSPECT
THIS CASE.

CHARTERED FLIGHTS OF AIRPLANES AT THREE LOCATIONS
COVERING ATLANTA AREA BEING CHECKED. NOTHING PERTINENT OBTAINED.
POLICE DEPARTMENTS, CREDIT BUREAUS, NEW AND USED CAR DEALERS,
AIRLINES, BUSES, TAXICABS, AND CAB RENTALS IN ALL RESIDENT
AGENCIES OF ATLANTA DIVISION BEING CHECKED AND SUBJECT'S
PHOTOGRAPH DISPLAYED.

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SUBJECT RAY'S NAME AND ALIASES CHECKED FOR AUTO REGISTRATION AND DRIVERS LICENSE FOR STATE OF GEORGIA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED NEIGHBORHOOD WEST OF FOURTEENTH STREET AND PEACHTREE, INCLUDING COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS. NOTHING OF PERTINENCE OBTAINED.

DOCTORS OF PSYCHIATRY AND PSYCHOLOGY IN BROAD AREA SURROUNDING FOURTEENTH AND PEACHTREE STREET INTERVIEWED BUT NO INDICATION SUBJECT RAY WAS PATIENT.

JIMMIE DELTON GARNER, OWNER ROOMINGHOUSE WHERE RAY LIVED IN ATLANTA, REINTERVIEWED THIS DATE, WAS INTOXICATED. SHOWN ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY WHICH HE COULD NOT IDENTIFY. DID STATE PICTURE ERIC STARVO GALT AS FURNISHED BY LOS ANGELES FROM BARTENDER'S SCHOOL WAS PERSON WHO STAYED AT HIS ROOMINGHOUSE.

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SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION, APRIL TWENTYTWO, SIXTYEIGHT:
USED AND NEW CAR DEALERS IN ATLANTA AND SUBURBAN AREAS
BEING CANVASSED, SHOWN PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECT RAY, NEGATIVE TO
DATE.

REPORTS OF CARS STOLEN IN ATLANTA, MARCH TWENTYFOUR DASH
APRIL EIGHT LAST OBTAINED AND BEING CHECKED OUT. COMMUNICATION
SUBMITTED THIS DATE TO APPROPRIATE OFFICES TO CONSIDER ANY
STOLEN CAR FROM GEORGIA SUBSEQUENT TO APRIL FOUR LAST AS SUSPECT
THIS CASE.

CHARTERED FLIGHTS OF AIRPLANES AT THREE LOCATIONS
COVERING ATLANTA AREA BEING CHECKED. NOTHING PERTINENT OBTAINED.
POLICE DEPARTMENTS, CREDIT BUREAUS, NEW AND USED CAR DEALERS,
AIRLINES, BUSES, TAXICABS, AND CAR RENTALS IN ALL RESIDENT
AGENCIES OF ATLANTA DIVISION BEING CHECKED AND SUBJECT'S
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SUBJECT RAY'S NAME AND ALIASES CHECKED FOR AUTO REGISTRATION AND DRIVERS LICENSE FOR STATE OF GEORGIA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED NEIGHBORHOOD WEST OF FOURTEENTH STREET AND PEACHTREE, INCLUDING COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS. NOTHING OF PERTINENCE OBTAINED.

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RE ATLANTA AND SPRINGFIELD TELETYPES APRIL TWENTYTWO.

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INCARCERATION AT MENARD PRISON.

CURTIS ADVISED HE DID NOT SERVE TIME WITH SUBJECT RAY AT
MENARD PRISON BUT RELATED ONLY WHAT RAY TOLD HIM CURTIS, WHILE
BOTH WERE IN KANSAS CITY COUNTY JAIL FOR SIX OR SEVEN MONTH
PERIOD. CURTIS ADVISED HE NEVER HEARD RAY MENTION SERVING TIME
AT JOLIET OR PONTIAC PRISONS, BUT IF HE DID, HE WAS SURE RAY
WOULD HAVE BEEN SHIPPED TO MENARD FOR DISCHARGE PURPOSES.

CURTIS FURTHER DESCRIBED UNKNOWN CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF RAY
IN JACKSON COUNTY MISSOURI JAIL AS THE CELL MATE OF RAY AND
PERSON CONVICTED ON SAME CHECK CHARGE WITH RAY.

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LIKELY WILL NOT REFLECT IDENTITY OF THIRD MAN. CURTIS COULD NOT
RECALL NAME OF THIRD MAN OR DESCRIPTION.

CURTIS ADVISED HE WAS CONFINED JEFFERSON COUNTY JAIL WITH
RAY AND CO-DEFENDANT FROM MARCH NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE TO JULY
NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE. CURTIS, RAY AND SECOND MAN ALL ENDED UP AT
LEAVENWORTH WHERE WAS RELEASED PROBABLY IN NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT.
SECOND MAN WHO IS ASSOCIATED WITH RAY DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE,
THIRTY SIX, FIVE FEET TEN INCHES DASH SIX FEET, ONE EIGHT ZERO
POUNDS WHO WAS STRONGLY BUILT AND SPENT HIS THREE YEARS AT
LEAVENWORTH ON BODY CONDITIONING AND LIFTING WEIGHTS.

CURTIS ADVISED HE LAST SAW RAY IN JEFFERSON COUNTY JAIL IN
MAY OR JUNE SIXTYSIX. CURTIS RELUCTANT TO TALK FURTHER THIS MATTER.

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