

FBI SPRINGFIELD

FBI CHICAGO

1145PM DEFERRED 5/1/68 GGF

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS, ATLANTA, SPRINGFIELD,  
AND ST. LOUIS.

FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 2P

MURKIN.

RE JOHN GAWRON

INVESTIGATION CHICAGO REVEALED THAT GAWRON, CLOSE  
ASSOCIATE OF SUBJECT AND FAMILY, INCARCERATED STATE PRISON,  
JOLIET, PONTIAC, AND MENARD, ILLINOIS, FOR NUMEROUS  
BURGLARY VIOLATIONS. COMPLETE PRISON FILE MAINTAINED  
MENARD, ILLINOIS, UNDER FBI NO. ONE THREE FOUR THREE THREE  
FOUR. INFO FURNISHED TELEPHONICALLY TO SPRINGFIELD.

RE BROTHER JERRY RAY.

JERRY REINTERVIEWED THIS DATE - ADVISED LEFT CHICAGO  
ONE PM, APRIL TWENTY-NINE LAST BECAME TIRED, SPENT UNTIL FOUR  
AM APRIL THIRTY LAST IN MOTEL, BRAIDWOOD, ILLINOIS, ARRIVED  
ST. LOUIS NINE AM. STAYED AT JOHN RAY'S APARTMENT, LEMP  
STREET UNTIL NOON THEN WENT TO CAROL PEPPER'S RESIDENCE,  
STAYED THERE APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS, RETURNED TO JOHN'S  
TAVERN, STAYED THERE AND WITH JOHN UNTIL LEAVING ST. LOUIS  
ABOUT ELEVEN AM INSTANT.

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MOST OF CONVERSATION WITH JOHN AND CAROL CENTERED AROUND ARTICLE IN LIFE MAGAZINE. STATES NO INDICATION, IN CONVERSATION WITH JOHN OR CAROL, THAT THEY AWARE OF SUBJECT'S PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OR WHEREABOUTS SINCE ESCAPE UNTIL SEPTEMBER ONE LAST. JOHN TOLD HIM FBI COMBED TWO BLOCK AREA LOOKING FOR JACK GAWRON, BROTHER AWARE GAWRON INTERVIEWED BY FBI BUT NO INDICATION THAT DETAILS OF INTERVIEW KNOWN. ADMITS THAT, IN PAST, HE DROVE GAWRON AROUND LOOKING AT POSSIBLE BURGLARY SCORES AT WHICH TIME GAWRON WOULD PAY FOR EXPENSES. STATES TO HIS KNOWLEDGE, GAWRON NEVER COMMITTED BURGLARY IN PLACES CASED AND CLASSIFIED HIM AS PERSON LIVING ON PAST GLORIES. JERRY STATES WALTER RIFE WAS BROTHER JAMES RAP PARTNER IN LEAVENWORTH AND THAT HE, JERRY, SERVED TIME WITH BOTH LONNIE AND WALTER RIFE IN MENARD. JERRY CONTINUES TO EXPRESS COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE. DID NOT SEE GAWRON WHILE IN ST. LOUIS.

RE JAMES E. BODKER

INVESTIGATION CHICAGO REVEALS BODKER IS AN ACTUAL INDIVIDUAL. HAS CAR SUBURBAN MOTORS, AND WAS AT HIS MOTHER'S RESIDENCE APRIL FOUR LAST. ELIMINATED.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) -P-  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR

RE: RELATIVES OF SUBJECT JAMES E. RAY

Investigation at Springfield has determined the following relatives of subject JAMES E. RAY, now residing in this Division:

SISTER:	MELBA MARIE RYAN 534 North 2nd (Virginia Motel) Quincy, Illinois
EX-SECOND WIFE OF SUBJECT'S FATHER:	RUBY CARPENTER 830 North 6th St. Quincy, Illinois
UNCLE & AUNT:	WILLIAM and MILDRED MAHER 712 Brown St. Alton, Illinois
AUNT:	Mrs. FRANK (MABEL) FULLER 2601 Chestnut Quincy, Illinois

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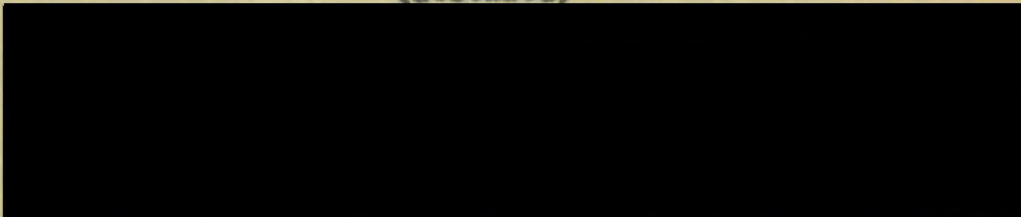
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The following are relatives living outside Springfield  
Division:

BROTHER:	JERRY WILLIAM RAY Chicago, Illinois
SISTER:	SUSAN DONIAN Chicago, Illinois
BROTHER:	JOHN LARRY RAY St. Louis, Missouri
SISTER:	CAROL PEPPER St. Louis, Missouri
FATHER:	JERRY RAYNES Center, Missouri

The following are relatives determined to be deceased,  
or not being contacted at this time:

BROTHER:	FRANKLIN RAY or RYAN (deceased)
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AUNT:	SADIE FITZSIMMONS (deceased)
UNCLE:	EARL EVERETT RAY (deceased)
MOTHER:	LUCILLE RYAN (deceased)
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Regular Hours - 1172

VOT Hours - 412

Total 1584

B. Clerical Employees -

Regular Hours - 350

OT Hours - 20

Total 370

MILEAGE

Total - 7,900 miles

AGENTS ON CASE

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OUT-OF-ORDINARY COSTS

None

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TO DIRECTOR /44-38861/ MEMPHIS /44-1987/ DALLAS /44-2649/ SPRINGFIELD  
/44-561/  
FROM CHICAGO /44-1114/

MURKIN 00: MEMPHIS

RE THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

RE JOHN C. MEDIZER

157-784\*  
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RE CHICAGO TEL, APRIL TWENTY FIVE, SIXTY EIGHT TO DIRECTOR, AM  
COPIES TO DALLAS, SPRINGFIELD; CHICAGO TEL, APRIL TWENTY SIX,  
SIXTY EIGHT; TO DIRECTOR AND DALLAS.

VINCENT BURNELL, ROTOPRINT COMPANY, CHICAGO, MEDIZER'S FORMER  
EMPLOYER, HAS ALSO ADVISED MEDIZER ATTENDED ST. JOHN'S GRAMMAR AND  
HIGH SCHOOL AT WEST FRANKFORT, ILLINOIS, AND THIS IS PROBABLY HOME  
AREA, ALTHOUGH COMPANY RECORDS DO NOT LIST ANY RELATIVES. MEDIZER  
HAD INDICATED TO BURNELL HE HAD STUDIED FOR PRIESTHOOD, PLACE UNKNOWN.

FOR INFO DALLAS, COMPANY RECORDS ALSO SHOWED TEXAS MONOPLATE,  
TWO THOUSAND S. ERVOY, DALLAS, AS FORMER EMPLOYER OF MEDIZER.

SPRINGFIELD AT WEST FRANKFORT CONDUCT INVESTIGATION RE MEDIZER'S  
PRESENT LOCATION IN ORDER THAT INTERVIEW MAY BE CONDUCTED RE ANY  
POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT MURKIN AND SUTEL LEADS.

DALLAS HANDLE EMPLOYMENT.

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FBI ST LOUIS

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1025PM URGENT 5-3-68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, CHICAGO, AND SPRINGFIELD  
FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN - SUMMARY

RE: JOHN RAY. COVERAGE INCLUDING SPOT CHECKS CONTINUING.

RE: CAROL PEPPER SAME. REVIEW OF BANK ACCOUNTS COMPLETED.  
NO ITEMS OF SIGNIFICANCE IN LOCATING SUBJECT NOTED.

RE GRAPEVINE TAVERN. . ATU REPRESENTATIVE QUALIFIED TO FURNISH  
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DESIRED ON MATTER, NOT AVAILABLE TODAY. WILL CONTACT MONDAY.

RE: JERRY RAY. IF HE CONTACTS OFFICE AS DIRECTED, SL WILL INTER-  
VIEW BEFORE HE LEAVES SL AND BEFORE HE LEAVES CENTER, MO., TO OBTAIN  
RESULTS OF HIS CONTACTS WITH RELATIVES IN THIS DIVISION.

RE TELEPHONE NUMBERS.

FOR ASSISTANCE OF OFFICES COVERING RELATIVES IN IDENTIFYING TOLL  
CALLS, FOLLOWING ARE PHONE NUMBER OF SL RELATIVES OR OTHER PERSONS OF  
INTEREST THIS CASE:

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TO FIVE DASH ZERO FOUR FOUR NINE, FORMER RESIDENCE OF J. D.

DAILEY

THREE SEVEN NINE DASH THREE ONE THREE SIX, PRESENT RESIDENCE

J. D. DAILEY, PORTAGEVILLE, MO.

THREE SEVEN NINE DASH NINE FIVE SEVEN SEVEN, LAFONT, CASE,

PORTAGEVILLE, BILLED TO DAILEY.

THREE SEVEN NINE DASH THREE FIVE ZERO TWO, LAFONT, SERVICE

STATION, PORTAGEVILLE.

TOLL RECORDS USUALLY DESTROYED AFTER SIX MONTHS, HENCE RECORDS  
BACK TO APRIL SIXTY SEVEN MAY NOT EXIST THIS AREA. PHONE CO.

SEARCH HINDERED BY STRIKE.

FELLOW PRISONER INTERVIEWS CONTINUING.

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TO FIVE DASH ZERO FOUR FOUR NINE, FORMER RESIDENCE OF J. D.  
DAILEY

THREE SEVEN NINE DASH THREE ONE THREE SIX, PRESENT RESIDENCE  
J. D. DAILEY, PORTAGEVILLE, MO.

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F B I SEATTLE

900 PM URGENT 5/3/68 PJW

TO SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

FROM SEATTLE (44-371) (1PG)

MURKIN

REURTEL INSTANT.

PLEASE ADVISE IF NUMBER CALLED IN SEATTLE IS KNOWN, SINCE CALL  
HAVING BEEN MADE COLLECT, IT IS NOT POSSIBLE AT SEATTLE TO DETERMINE  
NUMBER OR LOCATION OF SAME HERE.

AM COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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F B I SEATTLE

900 PM URGENT 5/3/68 PJV

TO SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

FROM SEATTLE (44-771) /1PG/

MURKIN

REURTEL INSTANT.

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Re: Telephone call to Springfield from Inspector THOMAS  
E. BISHOP, SOG, 4/24/68.

MARGRET CARMICHAEL STRADER, wife of ROBERT HOOD STRADER, was contacted at the residence of her father, E. P. CARMICHAEL, Route #1, Lexington, Illinois, on 4/30/68. Mrs. STRADER advised she and her husband were at the CARMICHAEL residence the weekend of 4/20-22/68. She advised that on the night of 4/21/68 or early morning of 4/22/68 her husband was awakened by the dogs barking outside the farm residence which is located up a farm lane one-half mile from the main rural road. She advised her husband and her father, E. P. CARMICHAEL, upon making a search of the outside area, found that the STRADER's 1967 Oldsmobile Delta "88", cream colored with black vinyl top, had been broken into. Mrs. STRADER advised nothing was missing from the car and no one was located or seen in the area. Mrs. STRADER advised her husband left alone from the CARMICHAEL residence on the morning of 4/22/68 en route Detroit, Michigan.

Mrs. STRADER advised that in a short period of time, Mr. STRADER returned to the CARMICHAEL residence. Upon his return,

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- 2 - Chicago (44-1114)
- 2 - Cleveland
- 2 - Detroit
- 2 - Indianapolis
- 2 - Louisville
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STRADER stated he had found a note in the recessed area of the speedometer of his car. (Mrs. STRADER pointed out that the speedometer has been broken; therefore, her husband was not normally attracted to the speedometer). She related this note was made up of words cut from newspapers and pasted on the back of a pocket calender (unable to describe the calendar). Mrs. STRADER said the note read in substance, "If you go to the police or the FBI you will be killed." Mrs. STRADER advised her husband, after returning with the note, proceeded en route Detroit, Michigan, and after a short period of time had elapsed, he telephonically contacted her, stating he was at the Holiday Inn, Bloomington, Illinois. Mrs. STRADER stated her husband informed her that upon reaching the road one mile north of the CARMICHAEL residence, and Route 66, he saw a 1966 or 1967 Chevrolet, tan in color, no license information, with two men in the car, parked along the road. Mrs. STRADER stated her husband told her that this car followed him en route Bloomington. However, they did not turn into the Holiday Inn when he did. Mrs. STRADER advised her husband then told her he was proceeding on to Detroit, Michigan,

Mrs. STRADER advised upon discussing above with her parents, her mother, Mrs. E. P. CARMICHAEL, stated she had noticed a late model, tan car, making several trips on the main rural road near the CARMICHAEL residence on the early morning of 4/22/68.

Mrs. STRADER advised that on the night of 4/22/68 her husband telephonically contacted her, but he would not disclose his location as he stated he was afraid to mention his location over the phone. She related her husband told her that he stopped at a rest stop area after leaving Indianapolis, Indiana. Upon leaving his car and walking the direction of the men's restroom, he saw a tan automobile occupied by two men driving very slow. He stated at this time the rider in this automobile fired a shot at him. STRADER told his wife the shot just missed his ear and he, STRADER, hit the ground where he laid as if he had been hit. STRADER stated that the tan car disappeared and he has not seen it since.

Mrs. STRADER stated her husband believes this action was due to his being in the men's restroom at the Gulf Truck Stop, Lebanon, Tennessee, on 3/27/68, where he allegedly overheard five men planning to kill Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. Mrs. STRADER stated her husband told her that one of the men in the restroom was RAY, whom he recognized after RAY's photograph was published. She stated he further informed her that he would be able to recognize the other men he saw in the restroom. Mrs. STRADER advised she recalls being at the Gulf Truck Stop at Lebanon, Tennessee, on 3/29/68. She stated upon their leaving the truck stop, her husband did not mention to her anything of hearing of the plan to kill KING. She stated she does recall her

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husband remarked, "If King goes back to Memphis he will be killed." Mrs. STRADER advised her husband did say he wanted to see CARL STERN of NBC, Washington, D.C, whom he knew but did not state why he desired to see STERN.

Mrs. STRADER advised her husband returned to the CARMICHAEL residence at Lexington, Illinois, on Friday, 4/26/68, where he stayed until the morning of Saturday, 4/27/68, at which time STRADER and his mother-in-law had an argument over Mrs. STRADER's son by a previous marriage. Mrs. CARMICHAEL told STRADER to leave, which he did.

Mrs. STRADER stated she told her husband she had contacted Mr. DONALD T. SULLIVAN, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Springfield Office of the FBI, and that he, STRADER, should call Mr. SULLIVAN and set up an appointment; that Mr. SULLIVAN had informed her he would make an appointment to meet STRADER at any location or at any time when STRADER was available. Mrs. STRADER stated her husband told her he was afraid to attempt to meet with FBI Agents, as he felt he was being followed. Mrs. STRADER stated she was unable to convince her husband to make arrangements for a meeting with the FBI. She advised her husband is very much interested in obtaining protection.

Mrs. STRADER advised of some of her husband's activities, which are not concerning the murder of Dr. KING. She advised that she does not know all of her husband's business and that she is sure he has not told her all he knows.

Mrs. STRADER advised her husband is acquainted with RAYMOND STARNES of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who told STRADER in the summer of 1967 that there were several businessmen in the area of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who were taking up a collection to obtain money to have KING assassinated. Mrs. STRADER advised her husband is well acquainted in the Baton Rouge and Denham Springs, Louisiana, area. She stated he was, in the summer of 1967, connected with the E.C. Donnell Construction Company of Denham Springs, La., which was doing construction work for the telephone company. She related E. C. DONNELL lives in Dallas, Texas. She related DONNELL had an equipment rental business and while STRADER and DONNELL were attempting to rent the equipment they were trying to gain financing for a recreational park in Louisiana similar to "Six Flags Over Texas." She related that some way they came in contact with a CHARLES and LILLIAN SHAPIRO (ph) of Miami, Florida, who advised they could finance same but were not interested, in a recreational park but would be interested in financing a horse racing track. Mrs. STRADER advised Mr. DONNELL obtained RAYMOND STARNES to help locate his land which could be used as a horse racing park. He also obtained sanction of the sheriff, (FNU) IRWIN and SAM BOSKO, both of Slidell, La; however, "things got out of hand" and an article

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appeared in "Life" magazine, and the Governor of Louisiana placed a stop to the entire operation.

Mrs. STRADER advised her husband is in telephonic contact with her daily but declines to furnish information as to his location over the telephone, as he is very afraid. Mrs. STRADER was advised to inform her husband if he has any information he desires to furnish to the FBI, he can contact any FBI Field Office, who will then arrange for an interview with him.

For information receiving offices, Inspector THOMAS E. BISHOP, SOG, on 4-24-68 advised he had received a telephone call from CARL STERN, Washington, D. C., NBC Office, who told him that a man (FNU) STRADER, whom he had met on one occasion while covering a story in the South, had, on 4-24-68, telephoned him from someplace around Toledo, Ohio. STRADER informed him he was en route to the home of his wife's parents in Lexington, Illinois. He then told STERN a "fantastic tale" about him, STRADER, overhearing a conversation on 3-29-68 in Lebanon, Tennessee, concerning the killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING. Apparently STRADER was of the impression that the people involved in the conversation knew he had overheard them, and they had taken his license number. STRADER believed there had been at least one shot fired at him since that time. STRADER informed STERN he had vital information concerning KING's murder and called STERN for advice as to what he should do. STERN advised STRADER to call the Springfield Office of the FBI and they would make arrangements to have someone meet him at his convenience in their territory. According to Mr. STERN, BISHOP stated that STRADER is afraid to approach any office and may desire to have someone meet him at a location other than an office.

The files of the Springfield Office contain the following references to ROBERT STRADER, however, it cannot be determined at this point whether or not they refer to ROBERT HOOD STRADER of Lexington, Illinois:

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AIR MAIL

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Re: Telephone call to Springfield from Inspector THOMAS E. BISHOP, SOG, 4/24/68.

MARGRET CARMICHAEL STRADER, wife of ROBERT HOOD STRADER, was contacted at the residence of her father, E. P. CARMICHAEL, Route #1, Lexington, Illinois, on 4/30/68. Mrs. STRADER advised she and her husband were at the CARMICHAEL residence the weekend of 4/20-22/68. She advised that on the night of 4/21/68 or early morning of 4/22/68 her husband was awakened by the dogs barking outside the farm residence which is located up a farm lane one-half mile from the main rural road. She advised her husband and her father, E. P. CARMICHAEL, upon making a search of the outside area, found that the STRADER's 1967 Oldsmobile Delta "88", cream colored with black vinyl top, had been broken into. Mrs. STRADER advised nothing was missing from the car and no one was located or seen in the area. Mrs. STRADER advised her husband left alone from the CARMICHAEL residence on the morning of 4/22/68 en route Detroit, Michigan.

Mrs. STRADER advised that in a short period of time, Mr. STRADER returned to the CARMICHAEL residence. Upon his return,

- 3 - Bureau (44-38861)
- 2 - Chicago (44-1114)
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STRADER stated he had found a note in the recessed area of the speedometer of his car. (Mrs. STRADER pointed out that the speedometer has been broken; therefore, her husband was not normally attracted to the speedometer). She related this note was made up of words cut from newspapers and pasted on the back of a pocket calendar (unable to describe the calendar). Mrs. STRADER said the note read in substance, "If you go to the police or the FBI you will be killed." Mrs. STRADER advised her husband, after returning with the note, proceeded en route Detroit, Michigan, and after a short period of time had elapsed, he telephonically contacted her, stating he was at the Holiday Inn, Bloomington, Illinois. Mrs. STRADER stated her husband informed her that upon reaching the road one mile north of the CARMICHAEL residence, and Route 66, he saw a 1966 or 1967 Chevrolet, tan in color, no license information, with two men in the car, parked along the road. Mrs. STRADER stated her husband told her that this car followed him en route Bloomington. However, they did not turn into the Holiday Inn when he did. Mrs. STRADER advised her husband then told her he was proceeding on to Detroit, Michigan,

Mrs. STRADER advised upon discussing above with her parents, her mother, Mrs. E. P. CARMICHAEL, stated she had noticed a late model, tan car, making several trips on the main rural road near the CARMICHAEL residence on the early morning of 4/22/68.

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Mrs. STRADER stated her husband believes this action was due to his being in the men's restroom at the Gulf Truck Stop, Lebanon, Tennessee, on 3/27/68, where he allegedly overheard five men planning to kill Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. Mrs. STRADER stated her husband told her that one of the men in the restroom was RAY, whom he recognized after RAY's photograph was published. She stated he further informed her that he would be able to recognize the other men he saw in the restroom. Mrs. STRADER advised she recalls being at the Gulf Truck Stop at Lebanon, Tennessee, on 3/29/68. She stated upon their leaving the truck stop, her husband did not mention to her anything of hearing of the plan to kill KING. She stated she does recall her



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appeared in "Life" magazine, and the Governor of Louisiana placed a stop to the entire operation.

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