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WHOLE FOR TWO

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PM URGENT 5-16-68 JDG

TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND SPRINGFIELD

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN

*44-561**

THE GRAPE VINE TAVERN, SLMO, IS OWNED BY CAROL PEPPER, SUBJECT'S SISTER, AND OPERATED BY JOHN LARRY RAY, SUBJECT'S BROTHER.

FOLLOWING CALLS MADE FROM COIN PHONE AT TAVERN:

EIGHT SEVEN SEVEN DASH FIVE TWO SIX EIGHT, GRANITE CITY, FEB. EIGHT.

EIGHT SEVEN SIX DASH NINE NINE NINE ZERO, GRANITE CITY, FEB. EIGHT.

EIGHT SEVEN FOUR DASH SIX FIVE ZERO ZERO, E. ST. LOUIS, FEB. TWENTYNINE.

EIGHT SEVEN FIVE DASH SEVEN SEVEN SEVEN ZERO, E. ST. LOUIS, MARCH FIFTEEN.

SPRINGFIELD IDENTIFY SUBSCRIBERS AND DETERMINE IF CALLS BEAR ON WHEREABOUTS OR ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT, COMPLETELY PROTECTING PHONE CO.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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*SA Carpenter
advised
4:20 5-16-68
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MURKIN. 44-561-61

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CORRECTION PLS LINE SEVEN FIRST WRD SHLD BE IMMEDIATELY.

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*SA Oliver
advised
10:00 AM 5-17-68
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Robert

Tracy H. Oliver

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849PM URGENT 5-16-68 JJR-

TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND SPRINGFIELD
FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775) 1P

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PRO FIGHTER, LIFE PAROLEE FROM MENARD PRISON, WAS ASSOCIATE
OF RAY, THO APPARENTLY NOT AS CLOSE AS BLACKIE AUSTIN - 44-561-305
AND JOHN GAWRON - 44-561-428

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SPRINGFIELD AT MENARD, AND CHICAGO ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY
LOCATE AND INTERVIEW DE CORE.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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*Sa Benson
adv. 5-17 9:33 AM
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FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

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Robert [signature]

On March 14, 1968, JAMES D. WALLACE, MSP #75682, born in 1933, said he is the clerk of C Hall. He said he "fell" from St. Louis in 1959 for Armed Robbery and other charges. He was paroled in 1965 and was returned for violation by reason of drunk driving on March 11, 1968.

He said he was raised with JAMES L. OWENS, the "fall partner" of JAMES EARL RAY. He said he knew OWENS in the Penitentiary and saw him on three or four occasions in St. Louis, Missouri, while he was out. He said he recalled that he was C Hall tender when RAY tried to go over the walls and his ladder or rope or something broke about 1966. He said he was not a good friend of RAY's in the Penitentiary and knew him only to speak with him. He said he saw RAY in St. Louis sometime during the summer of 1967. He said it was probably the early part of the summer. He said RAY was with OWENS. He was just coming out of the Jefferson-Gravois Bank, located at the same address. RAY and OWENS were just entering the bank. He stopped and said to them that he was glad he got his money out before they got in. He said RAY laughed and said that "they were putting in". He said his wife was waiting in a car at the curb and he did not stop to talk and he went on out and drove off.

He said he had no way to fix the date. He said he reflected, at the time, that RAY must have escaped because he knew he had attempted to escape and had been "set back" on parole and he had too much time to have been released.

He said he saw OWENS on other occasions. He recalled that in 1966 he went to take a Missouri State Driver's license examination. OWENS was there and they got to talking about the Penitentiary and the examiner made OWENS leave because he apparently thought he was getting answers to the questions. He said the people at the examining station mentioned that OWENS had been there before and caused them some trouble.

WALLACE said that RAY had the reputation of being the type of person who served his time without comment and did not "mess" in the affairs of other people. He said he did not think that RAY would kill anyone as he is just not the type. He also said he has never heard of any organization in the Penitentiary and has never heard the name of COOLEY used in connection with any type of business or "racket" inside the walls and he did not know anyone by that name.

He said that inmates have over the years used cigarettes as medium of exchange in lieu of money and they make "parlay" bets on baseball games, horse races and other types of contests similar to bets made with money outside. He said he knew of no "lottery" as such involving cigarettes, but he said this might exist. He said there are "cliques" of prisoners who connive together for various reasons, and who become close associates, but there is no wide-spread organization and never has been to his knowledge. He said he certainly would be in position to know about it if there was and would have no hesitation in saying so if such existed.

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FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau and receiving Offices, is a self-explanatory investigative insert concerning an interview with JAMES D. WALLACE, an inmate at the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP).

It is to be noted that WALLACE stated he saw subject with JAMES L. OWENS in St. Louis during the Summer of 1967. Also enclosed is a photograph of JAMES L. OWENS taken at the MSP.

The following is a description of JAMES LAOMA OWENS as it appeared in the MSP records:

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Race	White
Sex	Male
Born	9/6/19, at Elvins, Mo.
Height	5'4"
Weight	149 lbs.
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue

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Robert W. Wend.

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