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NATIVE OF ST. LOUIS AREA AND HAS DONE TIME AT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS, IN ILLINOIS AND IN MISSOURI. HE WAS ALSO IN ATLANTA ABOUT NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE. ACCORDING TO SOURCE BOSSIER IS NOT IDENTICAL WITH JAMES EARL RAY, BUT HIS PAST HISTORY AND PLACES OF CONFINEMENT ARE SIMILAR AND SOURCE BELIEVES BOSSIER MAY HAVE SOME KNOWLEDGE OF RAY.

ST. LOUIS AT DESOTO, MISSOURI, REVIEW INDICES, IDENTIFY BOB BOSSIER (PHONETIC) THROUGH PD RECORDS AND OTHER SOURCES. DETERMINE THROUGH INVESTIGATION IF BOSSIER SERVED TIME WITH SUBJECT RAY AND COULD FURNISH PERTINENT INFORMATION RE RAY AND MURKIN. PROTECT ANDERSON AS SOURCE.

AIRMAIL COPIES FURNISHED MOBILE AND MEMPHIS, AND DETROIT.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MEMPHIS (44-1987), ST. LOUIS, AND KANSAS CITY

FROM: LITTLE ROCK (157-1215)

RE: MURKIN

RE LITTLE ROCK TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND ABOVE-LISTED OFFICES,  
APRIL TWENTYTWO SIXTYEIGHT, AND BUREAU TELETYPE TO LITTLE ROCK  
THIS DATE.

RE: INTERVIEW OF RUSSELL LEE MARTIN.

MARTIN INTERVIEWED THIS DATE AND STATED WELL ACQUAINTED  
JAMES EARL RAY WHILE BOTH INCARCERATED MISSOURI STATE  
PENITENTIARY. MARTIN RECEIVED PARDON AFTER HELPING SOLVE  
NARCOTICS RING OPERATING IN MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY AND  
RELEASED APPROXIMATELY THREE MONTHS AGO. MARTIN STATED PRIOR  
TO RAY'S ESCAPE, RAY SOLD NARCOTICS TO OTHER INMATES AND THAT  
HE, MARTIN, RAN A GAMBLING GAME. MARTIN STATED RAY WAS A  
"LONER" AND HAD VERY FEW FRIENDS, BUT WAS CLOSELY ASSOCIATED  
WITH TWO OTHER INMATES WHO WERE BROTHERS, ONE NAMED CARL  
DRAKE, FIRST NAME OF OTHER BROTHER NOT KNOWN, BOTH SUPPOSEDLY

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WELL KNOWN TO ST. LOUIS, MO., PD. DRAKE BROTHERS ARE BOTH SUPPOSED TO BE OUT OF PRISON AND PRESUMED TO BE IN ST. LOUIS BY MARTIN.

MARTIN STATED THAT BASED UPON HIS OBSERVATION, RAY AND THE DRAKE BROTHERS WERE ACQUAINTED BEFORE THEY WERE SENT TO PRISON.

MARTIN STATED THAT IF RAY WERE IN BLYTHEVILLE, ARK., AREA AND KNEW THAT HE, MARTIN, WAS IN BLYTHEVILLE, RAY WOULD CONTACT HIM. MARTIN STATED THAT IF ANY INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED BY HIM REGARDING WHEREABOUTS OF RAY, HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT RA AT BLYTHEVILLE, ARK. MARTIN EXPRESSED COMPLETE COOPERATION WITH REGARDS TO RAY.

MARTIN STATED THAT TWO BROTHERS BY THE NAME OF DALEY(PH) WHO WERE FROM ST. LOUIS WOULD ALSO KNOW RAY, BUT HE DID NOT KNOW HOW CLOSE THEY WERE TO RAY.

MARTIN STATED THAT THE YOUNGER DRAKE BROTHER WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A NARCOTICS ADDICT.

ST. LOUIS AT ST. LOUIS, MO., ATTEMPT TO LOCATE DRAKE BROTHERS AND DALEY BROTHERS THROUGH ST. LOUIS PD.

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KANSAS CITY AT JEFFERSON CITY, MO., REVIEW PRISON RECORDS  
FOR IDENTITIES OF DRAKE BROTHERS AND DALEY BROTHERS AND ADVISE  
ST. LOUIS.

LITTLE ROCK WILL MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH MARTIN.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI OMAHA

4:03 P.M. 4-24-68 URGENT TH

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS, KANSAS CITY 44-760,

ST. LOUIS, AND OKLAHOMA CITY

FROM OMAHA 44-310 5P

MURKIN

RE KANSAS CITY TELETYPE APRIL TWENTYTHREE LAST.

INVESTIGATION WAVERLY, IOWA, DISCLOSED ROBERT DALE PORTER, FBI NUMBER FOUR FIVE NINE ZERO FOUR EIGHT TWO, ARRIVED IOWA DECEMBER EIGHT OR NINE LAST FOLLOWING RELEASE FROM MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, JEFFERSON CITY, WHERE SENTENCE SERVED ON ROBBERY CHARGE. PORTER DEPARTED WAVERLY FEBRUARY TWENTYSIX OR TWENTYSEVEN LAST AND HAS NOT BEEN IN CONTACT WITH FAMILY SINCE. PORTER TOOK WATCH AND RING FROM HIS MOTHER WHEN HE LEFT WAVERLY.

PORTER ALSO TOOK PERSONALIZED CHECKS OF PARENTS, MR. AND MRS. HAROLD PORTER, ONE ZERO THREE AND ONE HALF EAST BREMER, WAVERLY, AND HAS PASSED FRAUDULENT CHECKS AT DES MOINES, IOWA, AND NORTH PLATTE, NEBRASKA, IN EARLY MARCH NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT. PORTER'S FORMER WIFE, MARY PORTER, WAS  
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IN WAVERLY, IOWA, UNTIL MID MARCH, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT,  
WHEN SHE RETURNED TO KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, AREA, PRESENT  
ADDRESS OR EMPLOYMENT UNKNOWN TO PORTER FAMILY.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK, WAVERLY, RECEIVED NO FRAUDULENT  
CHECKS WRITTEN BY ROBERT DALE PORTER ON PARENTS' ACCOUNT  
SINCE EARLY MARCH, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT. WAVERLY SHERIFF'S  
OFFICE HAS HAD NO INQUIRY ABOUT PORTER SINCE NINETEEN  
SIXTYONE, RECORDS SHOW HE HAS ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, POLICE  
DEPARTMENT NUMBER FIVE SIX TWO TWO NINE.

WAVERLY POLICE DEPARTMENT FILES SHOW PORTER RECEIVED  
MONEY IN FEBRUARY, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, FROM MRS. CARMEN  
RAMAGE, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA, FOR BUS TICKET WAVERLY  
TO OKLAHOMA CITY. RAMAGE INTERVIEWED BY OKLAHOMA CITY  
DETECTIVE A.S. JOHNSON, WHO INFORMED WAVERLY POLICE DEPARTMENT  
BY LETTER MARCH FOUR LAST THAT PORTER DID NOT ARRIVE  
OKLAHOMA CITY.

PORTER IS WHITE MALE, BORN

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[REDACTED] AT CLARINDA, IOWA, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES,  
ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES, TATTOOS  
QUOTE MOM AND DAD END QUOTE ON LEFT FOREARM; QUOTE BOB LOVES  
WINNIE END QUOTE ON RIGHT FOREARM; QUOTE CHERYLE END QUOTE  
ON RIGHT BICEP; ARMY AIR FORCE INSIGNIA ON LEFT UPPER  
ARM. PORTER HAS DAUGHTER VICKI PORTER, AGE TEN OR ELEVEN  
YEARS BY FIRST MARRIAGE, LIVING CALIFORNIA, LOCATION UNKNOWN.

FOR INFORMATION ST. LOUIS AND OKLAHOMA CITY, REFERENCED  
KANSAS CITY TELETYPE STATES JACK FOX LANPHERE, WARSAW  
MISSOURI, FORMER INMATE, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, ADVISED  
A ROBERT DALE PORTER, FBI NUMBER FOUR FIVE NINE ZERO FOUR TWO,  
MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH RAY IN KING MURDER. STATED  
PORTER CALLED HIM APRIL THIRTEEN LAST AT CITY UNION MISSION,  
WARSAW, MISSOURI. LANPHERE BELIEVES PORTER RECENTLY  
PAROLED MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY. PORTER TOLD HIM HE WAS  
IN SERIOUS TROUBLE, HAD TO KEEP MOVING, AND WANTED LANPHERE'S  
HELP. INDICATED WANTED MONEY FROM LANPHERE BUT TOLD PORTER  
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HE DID NOT WANT ANYTHING TO DO WITH HIM AND DID NOT WANT TO SEE HIM. PORTER SAID HE WAS STAYING AT OSAGE HOTEL IN WARSAW AND THREATENED LANPHERE THAT WHEN HE RETURNED TO MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY FOR SOME VIOLATION PORTER'S FRIENDS WOULD KILL HIM IF HE DID NOT HELP PORTER NOW.

LANPHERE ADVISED PORTER KNOWS JAMES RAY VERY WELL. WAS AT MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY FROM NINETEEN SIXTY THROUGH FEBRUARY, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT. STATE PORTER IS A WHITE MALE, AGE FORTY, FIVE FEET NINE INCHES, HUNDRED SEVENTYFIVE, CREWCUT HAIR, GRAYING, PRESCRIPTION GREEN TINTED GLASSES. RELATIVES LIVE IN IOWA. PORTER HAS DONE TIME AT FORT MADISON, IOWA PENITENTIARY.

OWNER, OSAGE HOTEL, WARSAW, MISSOURI, ADVISED HER REGISTRATION BOOKS SHOW REGISTRATION FOR ROBERT DALE PORTER, WAVERLY, IOWA, ON APRIL TWELVE, LAST, TOLD HER HE HAD BEEN HITCHHIKING, HAD COME FROM TEXAS, AND WAS EN ROUTE TO IOWA.

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HE WAS CARRYING ONLY A SMALL DUFFLE BAG.

KANSAS CITY ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW MARY PORTER,  
FORMER WIFE, ROBERT DALE PORTER, REPORTEDLY EMPLOYED AS  
WAITRESS. MARY PORTER'S PAST RESIDENCES OR EMPLOYMENT  
PROBABLY SHOW MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY FILES.

OKLAHOMA CITY LOCATE AND INTERVIEW BETTY RAMAGE, ADDRESS  
AVAILABLE THROUGH OKLAHOMA CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT RECORDS/  
ST. LOUIS CHECK ST. LOUIS POLICE DEPARTMENT RECORDS.  
ON ROBERT DALE PORTER, NUMBER FIVE SIX TWO TWO NINE, FOR  
ASSOCIATES AND SOURCES WHO MAY KNOW HIS PRESENT LOCATION.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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831PM URGENT 4-24-68 SVW

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 CHICAGO MINNEAPOLIS PHILADELPHIA ST. LOUIS  
FROM WASHINGTON FIELD 44-703 2P

MURKIN

RE WFO TELETYPE APRIL TWENTYFOUR INSTANT.

TODAY VETERANS ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS, WASH., D.C.  
ADVISED JAMES EARL RAY BORN [REDACTED], HAS BEEN  
ASSIGNED VETERANS ADMINISTRATION (VA) CLAIM NUMBER SEVEN SIX  
SIX ONE THREE FOUR ZERO. RE TELETYPE STATED FILE LOCATED  
VA REGIONAL OFFICE, CHICAGO, ILL. LATER INFORMATION FROM  
VA INDICES FILE IN VA RECORDS AT FEDERAL RECORDS CENTER,  
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI. ST. LOUIS REVIEW VA FILE.

CHICAGO ASCERTAIN IF VA REGIONAL OFFICE CHICAGO, ILL.  
HAS ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING RAY.  
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PHILADELPHIA AND MINNEAPOLIS ATTEMPT TO LOCATE VA  
INSURANCE RECORDS CONCERNING RAY WHO HAS VA INSURANCE POLICY  
NUMBER N ONE NINE EIGHT SIX EIGHT THREE THREE SIX.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Date: *4-24-68*

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TO: DIRECTOR MEMPHIS SPRINGFIELD

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN

RE BUTEL TO ABOVE OFFICES THIS DATE.

RE SAM RATLIFF LOCATED ELSBERRY, MO.

THE ONLY THREE COUSINS HE KNOWS OF IN THE ELSBERRY AREA ARE GUY RAY, OPERATOR OF THE R AND B QUARRY, EARL RAY, SUPERINTENDENT OF THE ELSBERRY DRAINAGE DISTRICT AND LEO RAY, RETIRED MECHANIC. HE HAS NO INFORMATION THAT THESE PEOPLE ARE HIS FAMILY OR ANY RELATION TO THE SUBJECT.

*any sent* RATLIFF'S PERMANENT ADDRESS IS ROUTE THREE BOX TWO SEVEN SEVEN BUTLER, MO.

CHIEF OF POLICE JOHN W STEWARD ELSBERRY, MO., AND SHERIFF IRL ELLIOTT TROY, MO., BOTH ADVISED THAT GUY, EARL AND LEO RAY ALL OF ELSBERRY, MO., HAVE GOOD REPUTATIONS AND NO INDICATIONS SUBJECT IN THE AREA.

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## South Dunklin Community Action Agency, Inc.

BOX 359 — RE 8-2087

SENATH, MO.

April 20, 1968

J. Edgar Hoover,  
F B I Director  
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

RE-Eric Starve Galt

Request-My name be used in no way or information I send made public, please.

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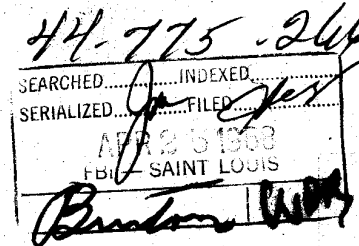
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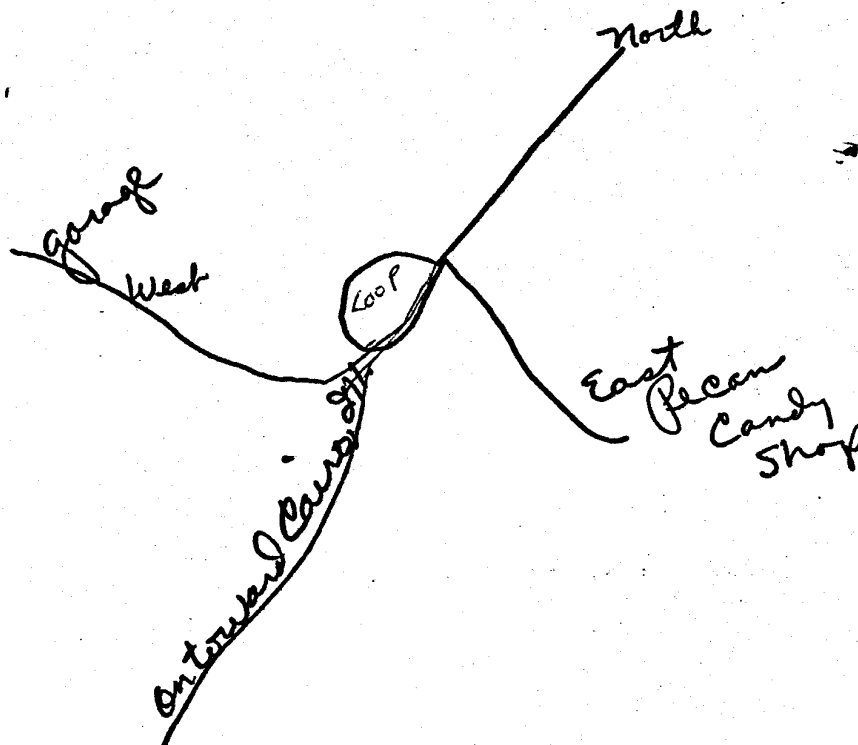
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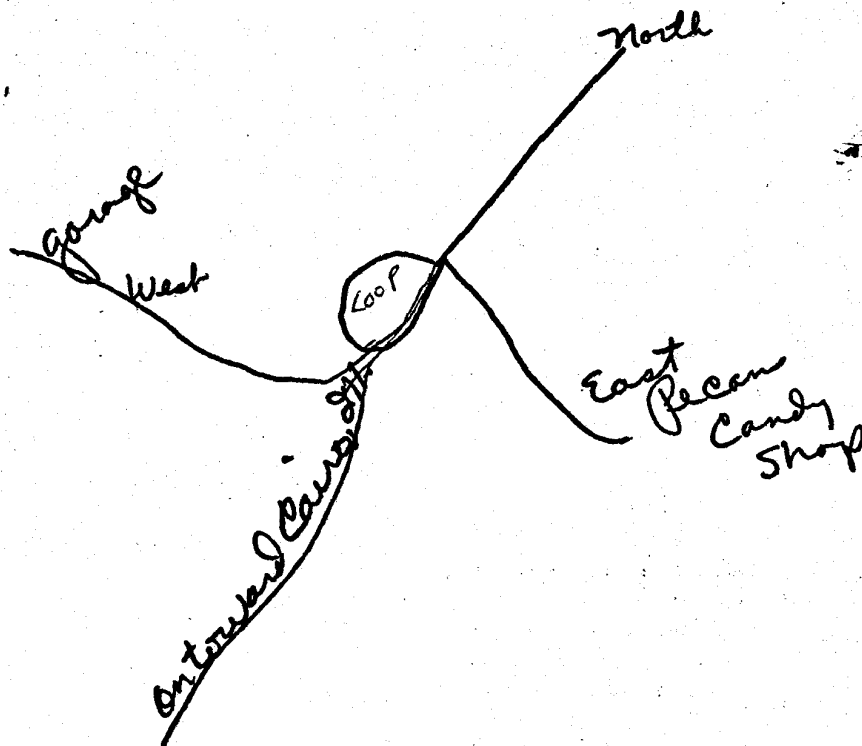
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**Enclosed for St. Louis are two copies of a letter dated 4/20/68 from Mrs. Nola J. Osburn. One copy is enclosed for Memphis.**

**St. Louis should interview the complainant for any additional information or details which she can furnish regarding the incident referred to in her letter. Set out appropriate leads.**

**Enclosures (2)****1 - Memphis (Enclosure) (Info)****44-775-267**

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) LITTLE ROCK, MEMPHIS (44-1987) & ST. LOUIS  
FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 3P

MURKIN.

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ONE FOUR, LAST SERVED MSP FEBRUARY FOUR SIXTYFOUR TO MARCH ONE  
SIXTYEIGHT. *located LR*

PHOTOS BEING AIRMAILED THIS DATE TO LITTLE ROCK  
AND ST. LOUIS.

ST. LOUIS, AT MOBERLY, MO., CONTACT JAMES R. RUSSELL, *Dunbar*  
SAID BY FORMER PCI, KANSAS CITY, TO BE CLOSE FRIEND OF *adm. 8/12/68*  
SUBJECT, TO DETERMINE ASSOCIATES, ACTIVITIES AND ATTITUDE  
TOWARD NEGROES, [IT BEING NOTED PCI ALLEGEDLY HEARD RAY STATE  
THAT NEGRO LIEUTENANT, MSP, "SHOULD BE DEAD." THIS OFFICER  
PROBABLY WILLIAM ROBERT TURNER, BETTER KNOWN AS BILLY BOB. *?*  
ALSO DETERMINE IDENTITY OF ALLEGED ASSOCIATE OF HIS AND RAY  
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OF POWELL.

INMATE, THOMAS BEECHER CREWS, NO. SEVEN ONE EIGHT FOUR  
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WAS IN MSP FROM FIFTYSIX UNTIL MAY, SIXTYSEVEN, WHEN HE ESCAPED FROM FORDLAND HONOR CAMP. CLAIMS WENT TO SPRINGFIELD, MO. HITCHHIKING, AND VIA BUS TO ST. LOUIS. STATED HE KNOWS JAMES DALEY, PROBABLY JOHN DALEY, WITH WHOM HE WENT TO SCHOOL. STATES WENT TO HIS RESTAURANT ON JEFFERSON BLVD., ST. LOUIS, AND HUNG AROUND ONE DAY. CLAIMS DALEY ATTEMPTED TALK HIM INTO TURNING IN. SAID HE WAS ARRESTED AT HOME OF HIS BROTHER, BILL CREWS, PROBABLY TWENTY TWENTYONE PARK AVE., ABOUT THREE OR FOUR DAYS AFTER ESCAPE.

CLAIMS DID NOT KNOW RAY IN PEN ALTHOUGH PHOTO IN PAPER LOOKED FAMILIAR. NEVER TALKED TO HIM AND HAD NO PLANS TO CONTACT DALEY WHEN HE ESCAPED. STATES DALEY VISITED HIM REGULARLY AT PEN SINCE RETURN FROM ESCAPE AND KNOWS HIM AS FORMER, EX-CON OF PEN, AND CLAIMS DALEY IS HELPING HIM TO OBTAIN PAROLE.

ST. LOUIS ALSO ATTEMPT CONTACT JAMES LOMA OWENS, WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS AT MSP WAS IN CARE OF WIFE, BETTY OWENS, FOUR FOUR FOUR SEVEN ROSEMARY, BERKLEY, MO. FOR INFORMATION OF ST. LOUIS, OWENS ALSO FALL PARTNER OF RAY. OWENS WAS,  
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DISCHARGED JANUARY TWO SIXTYFOUR.

FILE LIQUOR APPLICATION, JACK'S PLACE, ONE NINE EIGHT  
TWO ARSENAL, ST. LOUIS, MO., OBTAINED AND BEING FORWARDED.  
JESSE C. HATHCOCK, ASST. ADMINISTRATOR, ADVISED PLACE  
OPERATING UNDER SUBTERFUGE, WOULD HAVE LICENSE REVOKED.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987), ATLANTA  
(44-2386), KANSAS CITY (44-760), DETROIT (44-989),  
NEWARK (44-854), ST. LOUIS (44-     ).  
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 3P

MURKIN.

RE CHICAGO TEL TO BUREAU, ET AL, APRIL TWENTY THREE  
LAST AND CHICAGO TEL CALL TO DETROIT, APRIL TWENTY THREE  
LAST. RE: MARJORIE FETTERS.

NEWARK DIVISION TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THAT INVESTIGATION  
THERE DEVELOPED THAT FETTERS BEGAN CORRESPONDENCE WITH JERRY  
RAY THROUGH LONELY HEARTS CLUB. NEWARK INTERVIEWING TO OBTAIN  
ALL POSSIBLE INFO.

RE: JERRY RAY.

CHICAGO DIVISION WAS CONFIDENTIALLY ADVISED APRIL TWENTY  
THREE LAST THAT JERRY RAY, SUBJECT'S BROTHER, WAS IN RECEIPT  
OF TELEGRAM AT PO BOX TWENTY TWO, WHEELING, ILLINOIS. JERRY  
PICKED UP TELEGRAM PRIOR TO CHICAGO DIVISION BEING ABLE TO  
APPROPRIATELY DISCOVER THE CONTENTS. RECORDS OF WESTERN  
UNION OUTLETS AT DES PLAINES AND EVANSTON, ILLINOIS, WHICH  
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WOULD SERVICE WHEELING, ILLINOIS, COMPLETELY REVIEWED FOR THE PAST THREE DAYS WITHOUT LOCATING COPY INSTANT TELEGRAM. MANAGER ADVISES IF TELEGRAM MAILED, ONLY COPY MAINTAINED WOULD BE BY DETROIT TRANSMITTING OFFICE. DETROIT ADVISED ALL RECORDS DESTROYED.

JERRY WILLIAM RAY REINTERVIEWED THIS DATE. MADE AVAILABLE ABOVE TELEGRAM WHICH WAS EFFORT OF "LIFE" MAGAZINE TO CONTACT HIM THROUGH PO BOX. JERRY CONTACTED "LIFE" THIS DATE, CLAIMED FURNISHED ONLY FAMILY INFO. WAS PAID ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS FOR STORY. NOT CERTAIN WHETHER TO BE PUBLISHED THIS WEEK OR NEXT.

ADMITS KNOWING BROTHER JOHN'S <sup>RAY</sup> LOCATION ST. LOUIS DURING PREVIOUS INTERVIEWS BUT LIED TO PROTECT JOHN'S INVESTMENT IN ILLEGAL PURCHASE OF BAR BY AN EX-CON. STATES HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH CAROL AND THAT UNCOOPERATIVE ATTITUDE OF BOTH <sup>PEPPER</sup> CAROL AND JOHN AROSE FROM EXTENSIVE INQUIRY OF NEWS MEDIA IN NEIGHBORHOOD AND THAT BOTH WERE AFRAID OF PUBLICITY ADVERSELY AFFECTING THE BUSINESS, CAUSING THEM TO SELL OUT AND MOVE.

STATED ONLY PO BOX USED IS IN WHEELING, ILLINOIS, OTHER MAIL CARE OF SPORTSMEN COUNTRY CLUB. MADE NO MENTION PO BOX

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NORTHBROOK, ILLINOIS. MATTER NOT PRESSED PENDING OUTCOME  
INVESTIGATION AT NEWARK.

FINANCIAL MATTERS DISCUSSED. CLAIMS THAT ALL MONEY  
EARNED EXPENDED ON UNSUCCESSFUL MARRIAGE, WITH EXCEPTION OF  
PAST SEVERAL MONTHS WHERE HE HAS BEEN SENDING MONEY TO SISTER  
CAROL PEPPER FOR DEPOSIT IN HER ACCOUNT, UNKNOWN BANK. HAS  
RECORD OF AMOUNT SENT, SOME OF WHICH WOULD BE IN EXACT AMOUNT  
OF HIS WEEKLY PAYCHECK, ONE HUNDRED THIRTEEN DOLLARS.

JERRY INTERVIEWED BY SAC AND ASAC, AT WHICH TIME HE  
PROMISED HIS COOPERATION AND NOTIFICATION IN EVENT OF CONTACT  
BY SUBJECT. SAID HE DOUBTED SUBJECT WOULD CONTACT HIM OR  
ANY OTHER MEMBER OF FAMILY. STEADFASTLY MAINTAINED HE NOR  
ANY MEMBER OF FAMILY HAS ANY KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECT'S WHEREABOUTS,  
SINCE ESCAPING FROM PRISON. CLOSE AND CONTINUOUS CONTACT  
BEING MAINTAINED WITH JERRY RAY AND SISTER SUSAN DONIAN.

ST. LOUIS WILL, THROUGH LOGICAL SOURCES, ATTEMPT TO  
DETERMINE BANK WHERE SISTER CAROL MAINTAINS SAVINGS ACCOUNT  
AND APPROPRIATELY REVIEW.

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1003PM CST URGENT 4/24/68 JWS

TO DIRECTOR / 44-38861 / MEMPHIS, KANSAS CITY AND ST. LOUIS  
FROM OKLAHOMA CITY / 44-686 / 2P

MURKIN

EVERETT WAYNE COX, FBI NUMBER ONE TWO SEVEN ONE ONE FIVE C,  
INTERVIEWED APRIL TWENTYFOUR INSTANT, FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF INFORMATION  
FROM AN INFORMANT HE HAD MADE REMARKS IN A LOCAL BAR INDICATING  
HE WAS AN ASSOCIATE OF JAMES EARL RAY IN THE MISSOURI STATE PEN.

COX ADVISED HE WAS INMATE AT MSP FROM NINETEEN SIXTYONE UNTIL JUNE  
TWENTYNINE, NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR, WHEN RELEASED AND DURING THIS PERIOD  
WAS FRIENDLY WITH RAY. STATED HE WORKED WITH RAY IN PRISON BAKERY AND  
WAS PARTNER WITH RAY IN OPERATING PRISON POKER GAMES. HE DESCRIBED RAY  
AS A "LONER" WHO HAD NO CLOSE FRIENDS IN THE PRISON. STATED RAY  
INDICATED SOME INTEREST IN LEARNING TO SPEAK SPANISH AND SPENT SOME  
TIME STUDYING SPANISH FROM A SPANISH DICTIONARY BELONGING TO COX. HE  
RECALLED RAY ALSO READ SOME BOOKS ABOUT MEXICO WHICH HE OBTAINED FROM  
THE PRISON LIBRARY.

COX RECALLED EXCHANGING ADDRESSES WITH RAY IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO  
HIS RELEASE FROM PRISON IN NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR, WITH NO SPECIFIC  
UNDERSTANDING THAT EITHER WOULD EVER ATTEMPT TO CONTACT THE OTHER.

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HE BELIEVED RAY GAV HIM THE NAME AND ADDRESS A BROTHER IN ALTON, ILLINOIS. HE WROTE THIS NAME AND ADDRESS ON THE BACK OF SOME GIRL'S PHOTOGRAPH AND HAS SINCE LOST OR DISCARDED THIS PHOTOGRAPH. HE STATED HE HAS NOT SEEN OR HEARD FROM RAY SINCE BEING RELEASED FROM MSP AND DOES NOT EXPECT TO HEAR FROM HIM.

SUBSEQUENT TO INITIAL INTERVIEW OF COX, HE TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED HE HAD SEARCHED HIS PERSONAL BELONGINGS AND LOCATED THREE NAMES AND ADDRESSES WHICH HE HAD WRITTEN ON PHOTOGRAPHS WHEN LEAVING MSP WHICH COULD POSSIBLY BE PERTINENT TO LOCATION OF RAY. THESE NAMES ARE (FNU) COLE, ROBBY'S BAR, FOUR FOUR SIX TAYLOR STREET, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI; ERIC LARSON, JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, AND SMILEY GENOVESE, PERSHING ROOM, FOUR NINE ZERO ZERO NATURAL BRIDGE, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI. COX IDENTIFIED ERIC LARSON AS AN INMATE SUPERVISOR AT THE MSP BAKERY WHO WOULD BE THE MOST LIKELY PERSON AT MSP TO KNOW THE WHEREABOUTS OF RAY. COX STATED HE DOES NOT KNOW COLE OR SMILEY GENOVESE BUT BELIEVES HE OBTAINED BOTH THESE NAMES FROM RAY. *K. Williams + Trellis*

COX IS A WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED] AND HAS A VERY EXTENSIVE CRIMINAL RECORD. THERE IS NO REASON TO BELIEVE HE WOULD BE COOPERATIVE OR TRUTHFUL WITH ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.

KANSAS CITY ATTEMPT TO LOCATE FNU COLE AND ERIC LARSON AND INTERVIEW FOR ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION REGARDING RAY.

ST. LOUIS ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW SMILEY GENOVESE FOR ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION.

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ALL OFFICES SHOULD CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION  
AT ALL "HIPPIE" ROOMING HOUSES AND SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS TO  
OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION WHATSOEVER CONCERNING RAY.

APPROPRIATE LEGATS BEING ADVISED SEPARATELY.

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TO ALL SACS - RELAY MESSAGE PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P

MURKIN

CONTACTS SHOULD BE MAINTAINED WITH ALL MASS COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA IN YOUR TERRITORY TO INSURE THAT THERE IS FREQUENT REFERENCE TO RAY AND HIS CONNECTION WITH THIS CASE.

SINCE YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN ADVISED THAT JAMES EARL RAY IS IDENTICAL WITH ERIC STARVO GALT AND YOU HAVE BEEN FURNISHED IO'S AND WANTED FLYERS ON RAY, YOU ARE TO BE CERTAIN THAT ALL APPROPRIATE STOPS HAVE BEEN RENEWED ON JAMES EARL RAY AND UNDER ALL OF HIS KNOWN ALIASES AS SET FORTH ON THE IO'S AND WANTED FLYERS. THIS IS TO INSURE THAT THE BUREAU WILL BE IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED IF THE SUBJECT IS ARRESTED OR COMES TO THE ATTENTION OF AUTHORITIES WITH WHOM STOPS PLACED.

OFFICES COVERING DEPARTURE OR ARRIVAL OF OVERSEAS FLIGHTS SHOULD HAVE RENEWED STOPS AND SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAPH SHOULD BE DISPLAYED APPROPRIATELY.

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RAY TEN YEARS AND TO HAVE BEEN HIS CLOSEST ASSOCIATE MSP. SAID RAY WAS LONER, NO ONE REALLY CLOSE TO HIM, WAS IN CELL BY SELF, CONSIDERS ALL EX CONS POTENTIAL STOOL PIGEONS AS HE WAS QUOTE DONE IN END QUOTE BY SAME SEVERAL TIMES IN PRISON. WALKED PRISON YARD WITH HIM DAILY, BUT LEARNED ONLY OF ONE UNNAMED BROTHER IN CHICAGO AND WAS RAISED IN SMALL ILLINOIS TOWN. CLAIMED RAY ESCAPED THIRTY DAYS BEFORE REPORTED AND THAT HE HAD WALKED OUT FRONT DOOR INSTEAD OF IN BREAD BOX. RAY SPENT ALL SPARE MONEY FOR LAW BOOKS SAID IF RAY KILLED KING IT WAS EMOTIONAL THING AND COMPLETELY OUT OF CHARACTER AS RAY INDICATED NO RACIAL PREJUDICE.

SLPD RECORDS INDICATE AT TIME OF KROGER ROBBERY OCTOBER FIFTYNINE, RAY WAS WANTED BY ALTON, ILL., PD FOR ARMED ROBBERY IN WHICH ONE JOSEPH ELMER AUSTIN, WHO WAS IN CUSTODY ALTON WAS IMPLICATED.

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HANNIBAL MO PD CHIEF ADVISED FORMER POLICEMAN ROY WILLIS, WHO PURCHASED CAR FROM RAY FOLLOWING P.O. MONEY ORDER ARREST. NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE, RESIGNED AUGUST FIFTYSEVEN. BELIEVED WENT TO MINNEAPOLIS AS INQUIRY RECEIVED FROM BF GOODRICH STORE, ONE THREE ZERO ZERO NORTH COLLET, MINNEAPOLIS, DEC FFFTYSEVEN AS PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYER.

SPRINGFIELD CHECK ALTON PD RE AUSTIN IF NOT ALREADY DONE.  
MINNEAPOLIS ATTEMPT LOCATE AND INTERVIEW WILLIS.  
SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, ST. LOUIS, SPRINGFIELD, CHICAGO

FROM: KANSAS CITY

MURKIN

KANSAS CITY POTENTIAL CRIMINAL INFORMANT LAWRENCE EUGENE WRAY,  
FBI NUMBER 968105B, FORMER PRISON MATE OF SUBJECT AT MO. STATE  
PENITENTIARY, PAROLED MARCH 28 LAST, IS CURRENTLY RESIDING KANSAS  
CITY. WRAY ADVISED BUAGENTS THIS DATE HE IS WILLING TO ASSIST  
BUREAU BY TRAVELING AND CONTACTING ANY UNDERWORLD SOURCE THEY MAY  
RECOMMEND, FOR EXPENSES, IN HOPE TO TURN UP SUBJECT.

WRAY IS TO MAKE FIRST CONTACT WITH MO. STATE PAROLE OFFICER  
4 PM THIS DATE. PAROLE OFFICER UNAWARE OF WRAY'S OFFER TO FBI:  
HOWEVER, WRAY HAS NO OBJECTION TO MAKING HIM AWARE OF THIS OFFER.  
KANSAS CITY FEELS HE HAS POTENTIAL IF SPECIFIC INFORMATION FURNISHED  
HIM OF SOURCES NOT COOPERATIVE WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.

BUREAU AND MEMPHIS OPINIONS REQUESTED.

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TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775)

DATE: 4-25-68

FROM : SA HAROLD R. DOBSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: JOHN LARRY RAY

The SAC has designated SAs BRADLEY and F. J. WILLIAMS to be responsible for all necessary investigation concerning subject's brother, JOHN LARRY RAY, in this case on a continuing basis.

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1 - SA Bradley  
1 - F. J. Williams

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TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775)

DATE: 4-25-68

FROM : SA HAROLD R. DOBSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: CAROL PEPPER AND HUSBAND

The SAC has designated SAs BROWN and RUSHING to be responsible for all necessary investigation re subject's sister, CAROL PEPPER and her husband in this case, on a continuing basis.

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1 - SA Rushing  
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TO: DIRECTOR MEMPHIS KANSAS CITY CHICAGO SPRINGFIELD AND  
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FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

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JUNIOR RAY CONWAY, SHOT BY JAMES DAVID DAILEY NINETEEN  
SIXTYSIX, INTERVIEWED THIS DATE. COOPERATIVE, BUT UNABLE TO  
STATE ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN DAILEY AND SUBJECT.

CHECK OF SUBJECTS FINGERPRINTS AGAINST SLPD UNIDENTIFIED  
LATENTS NEGATIVE. SIMILAR CHECK BY SL COUNTY PD WILL BE  
COMPLETED TOMORROW.

U S PROBATION OFFICE RECORD FOR SUBJECT SHOWS CONDITIONAL  
RELEASE, LEAVENWORTH, APRIL FIFTH FIFTYEIGHT, RESIDENCE BLACKSTONE  
HOTEL, EIGHT ONE SEVEN CHERRY, KCMO; WORKED IN FIRE DEPT.,  
PAINT SHOP AND BAKING TRADE, INTENTION TO CONTACT BAKERY  
UNIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT, AND EVENTUALLY TO GET BAKING JOB ON SHIPS  
TO SOUTH AMERICA. WORKED ONE DAY AT COUNTRY CLUB AND FOUR DAYS  
AT BAKERY SLMO. RECORDS BEING CHECKED FOR VERIFICATION AND  
POSSIBLE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER.

WALTER NOLAN, FORMER MSP NUMBER FIVE SIX TWO NINE EIGHT,  
REQUESTED IDENTITY BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL, ADVISED HAS KNOWN

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FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

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TO ST LOUIS

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 1P

MURKIN.

MR. W.A. FERGUSON, EIGHT NINE SIX FAXON, MEMPHIS, TENN.,  
TELEPHONE FIVE TWO SEVEN - NINE EIGHT FIVE ONE, ADVISED THAT  
ON APRIL FOUR AND FIVE LAST TELEPHONE CALLS PLACED TO ST.  
LOUIS, MO., NUMBER THREE ONE FOUR - EIGHT SIX FIVE - ONE THREE  
EIGHT ONE, WERE CHARGED TO HIS TELEPHONE BILL IN ERROR.

ST. LOUIS DETERMINE SUBSCRIBER ABOVE TELEPHONE NUMBER  
AND INTERVIEW RE IDENTITY OF PERSON MAKING CALL TO ST. LOUIS  
NUMBER ON APRIL FOUR AND FIVE LAST IN AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE  
IF THESE CALLS CONNECTED WITH THIS MATTER.

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TO: Director, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, Philadelphia (44-1368)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Newark airtel to Director, 4/15/68; and New York airtel to Director, 4/17/68.

RE: DONALD CAMERON GAULT

Commander GEORGE BURKE, U.S. Naval Air Base, Willow Grove, Pa., advised that DONALD CAMERON GAULT, Serial Number 905-74-32, is an aircraft ordnance chief senior grade. On 3/29/68 GAULT departed on a training mission to the Patrick Air Force Base, Florida, which is located in the vicinity of Coco Beach, Fla. GAULT returned with his crew to Willow Grove on 3/31/68.

- 3 - Bureau (44-38861)
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TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS

FROM : SA JACK J. FISHER (44-775)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/23/68

At 11:30 a.m., 4/23/68, EDWARD LITCHEN, residing 920 Madison, telephone GE6-3568, came to the St. Louis Office to report that on last Friday and again yesterday he had seen an individual in Sulich's Tavern at Ninth and Chambers who he believes is the subject. He said this man comes in around 12:10 and drinks one stein of beer and then leaves. LITCHEN said that the man he is speaking of he has seen only from the side but describes him as white male, 38 to 40 years of age, 5'10", 170 pounds, and wearing a small mustache. LITCHEN believes this individual is working somewhere in the neighborhood.

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FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN

RE MINNEAPOLIS TEL THIS DATE RE ROY WILLIS.

CHIEF, HANNIBAL, MISSOURI, POLICE DEPARTMENT, ADVISED  
LAST HEARD OF BUDDY BATCHELDER BEING SENTENCED ALTON, ILLINOIS,  
NINETEEN SIXTYONE OR TWO, FOR MURDER. BELIEVES HIM NOW INCAR-  
CERATED ILLINOIS STATE PRISON.

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855PM URGENT 4-24-68 DJK

TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO, BALTIMORE AND ST. LOUIS  
FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561) 6PP

MURKIN

MEDICAL RECORDS, QUINCY, ILLINOIS, INDICATE JAMES RAY,  
AGE TEN IN NINETEEN THIRTY EIGHT, TREATED FOR AN EPILEPTIC  
SEIZURE. ADDRESS AT THAT TIME AND OTHER RECORD INFORMATION  
INDICATES THIS IS PROBABLY SUBJECT.

RUBY CARPENTER, EX-SECOND WIFE OF SUBJECT'S FATHER,  
LOCATED, INTERVIEWED, AT QUINCY ADVISED FATHER'S TRUE NAME  
IS JAMES GERALD RAY, AKA JERRY, AND RESIDED AUGUST, NINETEEN  
SIXTYONE TO AUGUST, NINETEEN SIXTY THREE AT RURAL ROUTE ONE,  
CLARENCE, MISSOURI, AFTER WHICH HE MOVED TO PRESENT RESIDENCE  
CENTER, MISSOURI. HE RESIDED IN ST. LOUIS FROM NINETEEN  
FIFTY TWO THROUGH NINETEEN SIXTY ONE AT FOUR ONE FOUR NINE  
WEST PINE. SUBJECT RESIDED WITH FATHER APPROXIMATELY  
NINETEEN FIFTY NINE AT FOUR ONE FOUR NINE WEST PINE STREET  
DURING WHICH TIME HE WORKED AS BAKER AT UNKNOWN COMMERCIAL  
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BAKERY IN ST. LOUIS. ON OCCASIONS SUBJECT RESIDED WITH MOTHER, ONE NINE ONE THREE HICKORY STREET, ST. LOUIS AND ALSO HAD ROOM IN ST. LOUIS, ADDRESS UNKNOWN. RUBY HAS NOT SEEN SUBJECT SINCE NINETEEN SIXTY ONE AND HIS ASSOCIATES ARE UNKNOWN TO HER. ACCORDING TO RUBY, SUBJECT NEVER MARRIED, WAS CLOSER TO BROTHERS, JERRY AND JOHN, <sup>RAY</sup> THAN TO ANYONE ELSE. SINCE LEARNING OF SUBJECT'S INVOLVEMENT IN MURKIN, RUBY HAS TALKED TO HIS FATHER AT CENTER, MISSOURI, ON APRIL TWENTY ONE LAST, AT WHICH TIME HE ADVISED HE DID NOT KNOW SUBJECT'S WHEREABOUTS AND HAS HAD NO CONTACT WITH HIM. RUBY TALKED TO SUBJECT'S SISTER, MELBA MARIE RYAN, QUINCY, ILLINOIS, AND MELBA LIKEWISE INDICATED NO INFORMATION CONCERNING WHEREABOUTS. RUBY BELIEVES SOMETIME DURING EARLY NINETEEN FORTIES SUBJECT'S FATHER RESIDED GALESBURG, ILLINOIS, WHERE EMPLOYED AS SWITCHMAN FOR CG AND Q RAILROAD. SHE PROMISED TO COOPERATE AND REPORT SUBJECT IF LOCATED.

RECORDS, QUINCY COMPRESSOR, QUINCY, ILLINOIS, INDICATE SUBJECT EMPLOYED AUGUST SIX, NINETEEN FIFTY ONE, THROUGH  
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SEPTEMBER FOUR, NINETEEN FIFTY ONE, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

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NO

ONE LOCATED WHO RECALLS. RECORDS INDICATE PRIOR EMPLOYMENT  
AVERY OR ARVEY CORPORATION, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, AS LABORER  
FOR ONE YEAR AND NEO PRODUCE COMPANY, CHICAGO, FOUR MONTHS,  
DATES NOT SHOWN.

RECORDS, SELECTIVE SERVICE BOARD NUMBER ONE,  
QUINCY, SHOW SUBJECT REGISTERED APRIL THIRTEEN, NINETEEN FORTY  
NINE, AT WHICH TIME OCCUPATION STUDENT, AMERICAN TELEVISION  
SCHOOL, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.

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GEORGE PARSONS (PROTECT IDENTIFY), SOCIAL WORKER, QUINCY,  
WHO TOOK CARE OF SISTER, MELBA, DURING NINETEEN FIFTIES,  
ADVISED SUBJECT CLOSEST TO BROTHERS, JOHN AND JERRY, AND HE  
IS CERTAIN THEY WOULD PROTECT HIM.

HAZEL HAMILTON, CASE WORKER, CATHOLIC CHARITIES, QUINCY,  
ILLINOIS, ADVISED FAMILY RESIDED DES MOINES, IOWA, SHORT  
PERIOD OF TIME NINETEEN FORTY TWO TO NINETEEN FORTY THREE  
AFTER WHICH MOVED TO QUINCY, ILLINOIS. PRIOR TO DES MOINES  
RESIDENCE, FAMILY LEFT EWING, MISSOURI.

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ADAMS COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT RECORDS INDICATE WHEN  
SUBJECT ARRESTED ALTON, ILLINOIS, AUGUST TWENTY, NINETEEN  
FIFTY NINE ON CHARGE ARMED ROBBERY HE HAD ACCOMPLICE, JOSEPH  
ELMER AUSTIN. THESE RECORDS ALSO INDICATE SUBJECT'S FATHER  
AS JERRY RAYNES, RESIDED ONE SEVEN TWO SEVEN SOUTH ELEVENTH  
STREET, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, JANUARY TWENTY EIGHT, NINETEEN  
SIXTY. PRIOR RESIDENCE FOUR ONE FOUR NINE WEST PINE STREET,  
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, OCTOBER SEVEN, NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT.  
RECORDS ALSO INDICATE MOTHER AS LUCILLE RYAN RESIDED ONE ONE  
THREE FIVE SOUTH TENTH, APARTMENT EIGHT, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI,  
AS OF OCTOBER SEVEN, NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT, AND ONE NINE ONE  
THREE HICKORY STREET, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, AUGUST NINE,  
NINETEEN FIFTY NINE. THESE RECORDS SHOW CHILDREN MELBA,  
CAROLE, AND FRANKLIN, <sup>RAY</sup> WHO ARE SISTERS AND BROTHER OF SUBJECT,  
ALL BORN LEWIS COUNTY, MISSOURI. RECORDS FURTHER INDICATE  
FATHER EMPLOYED FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS BY JACK RANDOLPH,  
J AND R AUTO SALES, FIVE NINE ZERO ONE SOUTH BROADWAY, ST. LOUIS,  
MISSOURI.

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SI ONE SIX FIVE SIX DASH C WHO IS ACQUAINTED WITH  
ASSOCIATE WALTER T. RIFE WORKING FULL TIME ON THIS CASE AND  
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IN DAILY CONTACT WITH HIS ASSOCIATES, QUINCY, ILLINOIS.

ST. LOUIS ATTEMPT TO LOCATE COMMERCIAL BAKERY WHICH  
EMPLOYED SUBJECT APPROXIMATELY NINETEEN FIFTY NINE AS  
BAKER. CHECK RECORDS; SET FORTH LEADS. CHECK RECORDS  
AMERICAN TELEVISION SCHOOL CONCERNING SUBJECT'S ATTENDANCE  
THERE APRIL THIRTEEN, NINETEEN FORTY NINE. ASCERTAIN  
RESIDENCE DATA. IDENTIFY ASSOCIATES. CONDUCT NEIGHBORHOOD  
INVESTIGATIONS RESIDENCES ADDRESSES SHOWN YOUR TERRITORY  
AT ST. LOUIS. APPROPRIATE INQUIRY J AND R AUTO SALES AND AT  
LEWIS COUNTY, MISSOURI.

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OMAHA INITIATE INQUIRIES DES MOINES, IOWA, CONCERNING  
PRIOR RESIDENCE OF FAMILY THERE APPROXIMATELY NINETEEN  
FORTY TWO TO NINETEEN FORTY THREE, NOTING FATHER WAS EMPLOYED  
CB AND Q RAILROAD, ALTHOUGH SUBJECT WOULD HAVE BEEN ONLY  
TEENAGER DURING RESIDENCE YOUR DIVISION.

CHICAGO CHECK RECORDS AVERY OR ARVEY CORPORATION AND  
NEO PRODUCE COMPANY FOR BACKGROUND DATA.

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BUREAU, FILE SPRINGFIELD DIVISION INDICATES JOSEPH  
ELMER AUSTIN MAY BE IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT FBI NUMBER EIGHT  
TWO ONE SEVEN THREE THREE WITH EXTENSIVE RECORD INCLUDING  
MURDER, ARMED ROBBERY, PAROLE VIOLATOR. BUREAU REQUESTED  
TO FURNISH SPRINGFIELD AND INTERESTED OFFICES CURRENT  
IDENTIFICATION RECORD FOR JOSEPH ELMER AUSTIN,  
FBI NUMBER EIGHT TWO ONE SEVEN THREE THREE TO ASSIST IN  
LOCATING FOR INTERVIEW.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING SPRINGFIELD AT GALESBURG,  
ALTON, QUINCY BASED ON ABOVE.

COPIES MAILED MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, OMAHA AND KANSAS CITY.

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RE ST. LOUIS TEL TO BUREAU ETAL APRIL FIVE, LAST.

RECORDS, JEFFERSON CITY TELEPHONE DIRECTORY, NINETEEN  
SIXTYEIGHT, REVEAL TELEPHONE NO. SIX THREE FIVE-SIX EIGHT THREE  
ONE IS ASSIGNED ALL OFFICES OF DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, STATE  
OF MISSOURI, ONE ZERO ZERO EAST CAPITOL AVE., JEFFERSON, MO.

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**RE SPRINGFIELD TEL, APRIL TWENTYFOUR, LAST, ADVISING SELECTIVE SERVICE RECORDS REFLECT SUBJECT INDICATED OCCUPATION STUDENT, AMERICAN TELEVISION SCHOOL, SLMO, IN APRIL, FORTYNINE.**

**KENNETH K. LANDESS, FORMER DISTRICT MANAGER, AMERICAN TELEVISION, INC., SLMO, ADVISED ST. LOUIS HAD ONLY ENROLLMENT OFFICE AND SCHOOL ACTUALLY LOCATED IN CHICAGO, ILL. ST. LOUIS OFFICE CLOSED IN FORTYNINE AND ALL RECORDS FORWARDED TO CHICAGO. SUBJECT UNKNOWN TO LANDESS.**

**CHICAGO ENDEAVOR TO CHECK RECORDS.****MEMPHIS ADVISED AIRMAIL.****ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P***AS per 4/27  
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