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HOLD FOR TWO...411 PM URGENT 4/25/68 PHM
TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, ST. LOUIS
FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 3P

MURKIN

INFO RECEIVED FROM MRS. JEAN PRANGER, COLUMBIA, MO. SHE
KNEW A JOHN RAY, GRANITE CITY, ILL. HE WAS EXCON MARRIED TO
LINDA (LNU). HE WORKE IN BELLEVUE UNDER SUPERVISION LEMUEL
HARRY, A PAROLE OFFICER. LINDA WAS OF GERMAN DESCENT AND
HARRY WHO CURRENTLY WORKS AT BROWN SHOE CO., SIXTEENTH
AND WASHINGTON, ST. LOUIS COULD FURNISH ALL INFO RE THIS COUPLE.

MSP INMATE BILLY MILES SERVING LIFE ADVISED HAD BEEN
INTERVIEWED BY REPORTERS WITH PERMISSION WARDEN SWENSON AND HAD
BEEN QUOTED WITHOUT USE OF NAME ABOUT HIS KNOWLEDGE OF RAY.
HAS KNOWN RAY SINCE FEB., SIXTYONE, KNEW NOTHING OF HIS
BACKGROUND. MILES WORKED IN BAKERY WITH RAY. SAID NO ONE ACTUALLY
CLOSE FRIEND OF RAY AS HE WAS A LONER. MILES SAID HE AND RAY
OPERATED A BOOK SHOP TOGETHER FOR A TIME IN PRISON AND MADE
SOME MONEY DOING THIS. HE SAID PERSON CLOSEST TO BEING FRIEND
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OF RAY IS EXCON FROM ST. LOUIS DISCHARGED ABOUT SIXTYFIVE BY
NAME CARL DRAKE. MILES SAID RAYMOND LEWIS CURTIS UNKNOWN TO HIM.

RECORDS MSP REVEAL CARL BENTON DRAKE SERVED FROM FEB.
FIVE, SIXTY UNTIL JUNE ONE, SIXTYFIVE FOR ROBBERY FIRST DEGREE.
HIS RELATIVES LISTED AS WIFE BETTY DRAKE, ONE THREE ZERO EIGHT
MILL ST., POPLAR BLUFF, MO.; MOTHER, OLA DRAKE, TWO ONE ONE EIGHT
N. NINETH ST., ST. LOUIS, MO.; BROTHER JAMES DRAKE, SAME ADDRESS.

MAJOR BERNARD J. POIRY, CUSTODIAL OFFICER, MSP, ADVISED
HE COULD FURNISH NO INFO ABOUT RAY'S ESCAPE IN BREAD CONTAINER
FROM MSP BAKERY IN APRIL, SIXTYSEVEN, BUT HAD RECEIVED INFO FROM
PRISON "GRAPEVINE", NO SOURCE IDENTIFIABLE, THAT TALK IN PEN
IS RAY MADE CONTACT WITH WALTER NOLAN, ST. LOUIS, WHO WAS
RELEASED FROM PEN ON WRIT AND THERE IS POSSIBILITY NOLAN WAS
"BRAINS" BEHIND KING MURDER. SAID ABSOLUTELY NO INFO TO
CONFIRM THIS.

MSP INMATE JAMES Z. BRADLEY SERVING LIFE SENTENCE
SINCE DEC. FIFTYSIX, ADVISED RAY LIVED IN K HALL FOR ATLEAST
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TWO YEARS AND ALWAYS DESIRED TO CELL ALONE. BRADLEY ALSO LIVED IN K HALL. BRADLEY STATED HE KNOWS RAY TOOK MILD DRUGS SUCH AS AMPHETAMINE AND HAD VERY SMALL VEINS AND IT WAS DIFFICULT FOR RAY TO "MAIN LINE" HIS SHOTS. ADVISED RAY ALWAYS BELIEVED HIMSELF ILL AND USED DRUGS AS MATTER OF MEDICINE. HOWEVER, WHENEVER HE COULD HE PURCHASED AMPHETAMINE AND BARBITUATES. BRADLEY SAID RAY PROBABLY HAD A SOURCE WITHIN PEN FOR THESE DRUGS. BRADLEY SAID RAYMOND LEWIS CURTIS UNKNOWN TO HIM.

ST. LOUIS INTERVIEW LEMUEL HARRY FOR INFO ABOUT SUBJECT
OR JOHN RAY. ATTEMPT LOCATE CARL DRAKE THROUGH WIFE BETTY OR MOTHER OLA. CONTINUE EFFORTS CONTACT WALTER NOLAN, BACKGROUND INFO RE HIM PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED, FOR ANY INFO HE MAY HAVE REGARDING SUBJECT.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

DATE: 4-25-68

FROM : SA S. J. PETERSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: RAY RELATIVES

LEADS:

On 4-24-68, SA PETERSON requested toll call info for the past six months and on a continuing basis for telephone:

PR 6-9417, GRAPEVINE TAVERN, 1982 Arsenal St.,
St. Louis, Mo.

He will advise when they are located.

THE ST. LOUIS OFFICE:

AT ST. LOUIS, MO.:

Will obtained from telephone company toll call info on PR 6-9417, when it is available.

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TO DIRECTOR, KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS, ST. LOUIS, AND SPRINGFIELD
FROM MINNEAPOLIS (157-450)

MURKIN. CR.

RE ST. LOUIS TEL APRIL TWENTY-FOUR, LAST.

ROY WILLIS, SIX FIVE ZERO EIGHT FIFTEENTH AVENUE SOUTH,
RICHFIELD, MINNESOTA, ADVISED HE WAS FORMER POLICE OFFICER
WITH HANNIBAL, MISSOURI PD. WILLIS ADVISED HE VAGUELY RECALLED
JAMES EARL RAY BEING HELD IN HANNIBAL FOR FEDERAL AUTHORITIES.
WILLIS ADVISED HE DID NOT BUY A CAR FROM RAY BUT RAY ASKED
HIM TO SELL IT FOR HIM. WILLIS STATED HE BELIEVES INSTANT
VEHICLE TO HAVE BEEN AN OLD MODEL LINCOLN WHICH HE FINALLY
SOLD SOMETIME AFTER RAY HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED TO U. S.
PENITENTIARY, LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS. WILLIS STATED HE BELIEVES
HE WAS TO SELL THE CAR AND FORWARD PROCEEDS FROM SALE TO
SOMEONE, NAME NOT RECALLED, IN QUINCY, ILLINOIS. WILLIS
STATED HE BELIEVES RAY WROTE AT LEAST ONE LETTER TO HIM
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CONCERNING THE SALE OF THE CAR FROM THE U. S. PENITENTIARY, LEAVENWORTH. WILLIS DOES NOT RECALL TO WHOM INSTANT VEHICLE WAS SOLD OR HOW THE VEHICLE WAS PAID FOR. WILLIS ADVISED TO BEST OF HIS RECOLLECTION, RAY, IN NINETEEN FIFTY-FIVE, WAS FRIENDLY WITH A POLICE CHARACTER BY NAME OF BUDDY BATCHELDER OR BATCHELOR, WHO HAD HAD NUMEROUS ARRESTS BOTH IN HANNIBAL, MISSOURI, AND QUINCY, ILLINOIS, FOR BURGLARY, PROSTITUTION, ETC.

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WILLIS STATED HE RECALLS BATCHELDER AS BEING WHITE MALE, ABOUT SAME AGE AS RAY AND BEING SHORT AND STOCKY. WILLIS STATED HE IS CERTAIN THAT SOME OF THE OLD-TIME OFFICERS WOULD BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY BATCHELDER.

WILLIS STATED THAT HE SEEMS TO RECALL THAT RAY WAS FRIENDLY WITH THE OWNER OF ALABI TAVERN, WHOSE NAME WILLIS RECALLED AS SOMETHING LIKE CHARLIE GUNN. WILLIS STATED HE SEEMS TO RECALL SOME INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED CONCERNING RAY N. BOXELDER AND A COUPLE OF GIRLS FROM QUINCY.

ST. LOUIS, ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY BATCHELDER WHO REPORTEDLY WAS IN CUSTODY THE SAME TIME AS RAY AND INTERVIEW HIM FOR ANY INFORMATION HE MAY HAVE CONCERNING RAY.

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KANSAS CITY, ASCERTAIN WHETHER OR NOT IT IS POSSIBLE
THROUGH MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT TO IDENTIFY INSTANT VEHICLE
SOLD BY RAY AND IDENTIFY PURCHASER SO THAT PURCHASER MAY
BE INTERVIEWED WITH VIEW TO LOCATING THE ULTIMATE RECIPIENT
OF THE PROCEEDS OF THIS SALE.

SPRINGFIELD, AT QUINCY, ILLINOIS, ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY
BATCHELDER AND ANY OTHER ASSOCIATES OF RAY.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SPC, JOHN HAUBRICH

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Leslie Junior Null advised this date that he had seen Ray in East St. Louis in Hazels Tavern located on McKinley St. Said that he and the woman he rents from plus the owner of tavern all agree that this was Ray. He said he was pulling at his ear and had a scar on the bottom of his eye. He also had long black hair. This info was furnished to SA McKanstray of the Belleville RA and stated that they would check it out.

Null lives at 1304 McKinley St. East St. Louis, Ill.



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TO DIRECTOR /44-38861/ ATLANTA /44-2386/ MEMPHIS /44-1987/

ST. LOUIS /44-775/ SPRINGFIELD /44-561/

FROM CHICAGO /44-1114/

MURKIN

SUMMARY CHICAGO DIVISION

BROTHER JERRY RAY BEING CONTACTED DAILY BASIS. ADVISED THIS DATE HE HAD LIED PREVIOUSLY AS TO DEATH OF FATHER. NOW STATES THAT JERRY RAYNES, CENTER, MISSOURI, IS THE FATHER OF ALL CHILDREN BORN TO JERRY AND LUCILLE RAYNES. FATHER VARIOUSLY USED NAMES RYAN, RAY AND RAYNES, HAVING USED RAYNES FOR THE LAST FOURTEEN YEARS. JERRY STATES FATHER BORN UNDER NAME OF RAY. JERRY HAS NO INFO RE PHOTOGRAPHY INTEREST ON PART OF SUBJECT NOR EVER HEARD HIM DESIRE TO PHOTOGRAPH NUDE FEMALES. NO INFO AS TO ANY ASSOCIATES IN AREAS SUBJECT KNOWN TO BE AFTER ESCAPE. VARIOUS NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS DEVELOPED AS FRIENDS OF SUBJECT WHILE IN PRISON DISCUSSED WITH JERRY WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. ONLY PRISONMATES HE KNEW WERE WALTER AND LONNIE RIFE AND RALPH DAVIS, DECEASED. JERRY WAS AWARE THAT JOSEPH "BLACKIE" AUSTIN WAS ARRESTED WITH SUBJECT AND AUSTIN WAS KNOWN TO JERRY WHEN BOTH WERE IN MENARD, ISP. PRESENT 44-775-287

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WHEREABOUTS AUSTIN UNKNOWN BUT POSSIBLY IN ST. LOUIS
OR CHICAGO. DOUBTS ANY CLOSE CONTACT BETWEEN AUSTIN
AND SUBJECT NOW.

SISTER SUSAN DONIAN AND HUSBAND MICHAEL CONTACTED
THIS DATE. ADVISED THEY HAD BEEN CONTACTED BY LIFE MAGAZINE
TO FURNISH INFORMATION ON JAMES RAY AND WERE SEVERELY
PRESSED TO PRODUCE PHOTOGRAPH ALBUM ALLEGEDLY IN SUSAN'S
POSSESSION CONTAINING FAMILY AND SERVICE PHOTOS OF SUBJECT.
BOTH REFUSED TO COOPERATE WITH LIFE AND SUSAN ADVISED THAT
SHE DOES NOT HAVE NOW AND HAS NEVER HAD ANY PHOTOGRAPHS OF
THE SUBJECT.

SUBJECT'S EMPLOYMENTS CHICAGO, NINETEEN FIFTY TO
FIFTY TWO REVIEWED WITH MEAGER BACKGROUND INFORMATION
BEING OBTAINED SINCE ORIGINAL APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN
DESTROYED. RESIDENCE ADDRESSES FROM EMPLOYMENTS OBTAINED TODAY
BEING CHECKED OUT FOR ANY POSSIBLE LEADS. SUBJECT
UTILIZED SSN OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IN TWO EMPLOYMENTS.

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VA REGIONAL OFFICE, CHICAGO, CONTACTED DEVELOPED SUBJECT'S CLAIM FILE INACTIVE SINCE MARCH, NINETEEN FIFTY FIVE, FORWARDED TO ST. LOUIS. EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION FOLDERS DESTROYED ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO.

SEPARATE TELETYPE LADS SENT VARIOUS OFFICES FOR INVESTIGATION OF ALL THREATS AGAINST KING KNOWN TO THE CHICAGO DIVISION.

NUMEROUS LEADS BEING OBTAINED DUE TO OUTSTANDING NEWS MEDIA COVERAGE BEING AFFORDED THIS CASE AND ARE BEING VIGOROUSLY PURSUED, ON CONTINUING BASIS.

APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED AT ALL "HIPPIE" ROOMING HOUSES AND SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS IN AN EFFORT TO OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION WHATSOEVER CONCERNING RAY WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS
FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 2P

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FORMER INMATE, MO. STATE PEN., LOUIS RAYMOND DOWDA WHEN
INTERVIEWED BY ATLANTA ADVISED JAMES EARL RAY IS A RACIST AND THAT
HAROLD SCHAEFFER, GUARD ON KITCHEN GATE SOURCE OF AMPHETAMINE.
SCHAEFFER DENIES THIS BUT ADMITS KNOWING RAY AND DOWDA. DOWDA HAD
ALSO ADVISED THAT CLOSEST FRIEND OF RAY WAS NEAL EDGAR AEBY, FORMER
INMATE, WHO IS NOW PROBABLY INMATE AT HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS, AND BEING
INTERVIEWED. HIS NAME SHOULD ARISE IN CONNECTION WITH INTERVIEWS
OF OTHER INMATES WHICH DOWDA CLAIMS TO BE CLOSE FRIENDS OF RAY.
THESE ARE DONALD DEAN RIGGER, MOBERLY, MISSOURI PRISON NO. ZERO
THREE NINE FIVE NINE, JAMES C. FLETCHER, MOBERLY NO. SEVEN TWO
ZERO SEVEN ONE, AND ERIC LARSON, MOBERLY NO. ZERO EIGHT SEVEN SEVEN.
FORMER INMATE, EVERETT WAYNE COX, FURNISHED INFORMATION TO OKLAHOMA
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CITY OFFICE THAT ERIC LARSON WOULD BE PERSON MOST LIKELY TO KNOW
RAY'S WHEREABOUTS AND WAS SUPERVISOR, BAKERY, MSP, WHERE RAY ASSIGNED
AT TIME OF ESCAPE.

LT. WILLIAM R. TURNER, MSP, GUARD, STATES FIRST REPORT OF
ESCAPE OF RAY ON APRIL TWO THREE, SIXTY-SEVEN, FURNISHED TO HIM
BY INMATE JAMES C. FLETCHER.

ST. LOUIS, AT MOBERLY, INTERVIEW ABOVE THREE INMATES AT
MOBERLY, MO., CONCERNING THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF RAY, HIS ASSOCIATES AND
PARTICULARLY HIS WHEREABOUTS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. ESCAPE PROPENSITIES.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)MEMPHIS(44-1987)ATLANTA(44-2386)

ST. LOUIS (44-775)

FROM: CHICAGO (44-1114)

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REWFO TEL TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO, MINNEAPOLIS AND PHILADELPHIA,
APRIL TWENTY-FOUR LAST; WFO TEL TO DIRECTOR , CHICAGO,MINNEAPOLIS,
PHILADELPHIA AND ST LOUIS, APRIL TWENTY-FOUR LAST AND ST LOUIS
TEL TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO AND MEMPHIS, INSTANT DATE.

MORT ROTHSTINE, ATTORNEY, VETERANS ADMINISTRATION (VA) REGIONAL
OFFICE, CHICAGO, ADVISED TOFAY SUBJECTS VA CLAIM FILE NUMBER SEVEN
SIX SIX ONE THREE FOUR ZERO, INACTIVE SINCE MARCH FIFTEEN, FIFTY
FIVE AND RETIRED TO FEDERAL RECORDS CENTER, CHICAGO, AND
SUBSEQUENTLY FORWARDED TO VA RECORD PROCESSING CENTER, FOUR THREE
ZERO ZERO GOODFELLOW BOULEVARD, BUILDING ONE ZERO FOUR E, ST. LOUIS,
MISSOURI. *Done*

BILL CIRONE, ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION, VA REGIONAL OFFICE,
CHICAGO, ADVISED TODAY INACTIVE REHABILITATION AND EDUCATION
FOLDERS, INCLUDING RAY'S , WERE DESTROYED APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS
AGO.

AM COPIES TO KANSAS CITY AND WFO.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), *Phoenix 44-371*
 FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

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RE PHOENIX TEL TO BUREAU, APR. TWENTY FIVE, LAST.

RE DAVID LINDSEY WILSON.

DAVID LINDSEY WILSON, SN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ENLISTED U. S. ARMY SEPT. TWENTY, FIFTY, AND
 SERVED ON ACTIVE DUTY UNTIL OCT. EIGHT, FIFTY TWO, WHEN ISSUED
 GENERAL DISCHARGE AS PRIVATE, FT. MC PHERSON, GA., BY REASON OF
 UNSUITABILITY DUE TO CHARACTER AND BEHAVIOR DISORDERS.
 SPECIFIC DETAILS REGARDING DISCHARGE NOT SHOWN AS RECORD
 CONTAINED NEUROPSYCHIATRIC EXAMINATION DATED APR. TWO, FIFTY
 TWO, WHEREIN HE RECEIVED DIAGNOSIS OF "EMOTIONAL INSTABILITY
 REACTION," MODERATE TO SEVERE WITH FOUR MONTHS COMBAT DUTY
 IN KOREA AND SUFFERED ENVIRONMENTAL DIFFICULTIES SINCE.

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HIS CONDITION WAS CHARACTERIZED BY STRONG, UNCONTROLABLE TENDENCIES TOWARD REGRESSION AND FUROR ACTIONS, PATHOLOGICAL DEPENDENCIES ON HIS FAMILY AND WIFE, DEPRESSIVENESS, INTOLLERANCE TO ANXIETY AND PREDECDINTRAPSYCHIE STRESS. HE WENT AWOL BECAUSE OF HIS OWN NERVOUSNESS AND BECAUSE OF EMOTIONAL DEMNDS BEING MADE ON HIM BY WIFE AND PARENTS. GAVE HISTORY OF CRYING WHEN TREATED ROUGHLY OR HAVING TEMPER TANTRUMS OR FUROR AND IN BEING EMOTIONALLY TENSE AT ALL TIMES.

IT IS NOTED HIS CONDITION WAS NOT AMENABLE TO HOSPITALIZATION TREATMENT, DISCIPLINARY ACTION, TRAINING, TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER STATION OR RECLASSIFICATION. CONSIDERS TO BE NOT IN SANE, POSTED SUFFICIENT MENTAL CAPACITY TO KNOW DIFFERENCE BETWEEN RIGHT AND WRONG AND CONSIDERED MENTALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS ACTIONS.

IT IS FURTHER NOTED HE SHOWED STRAIGHT, FORWARD IMMATURITY REACTION, THAT THIS CONSTITUTIONAL PSYCHOPATHIC WAS NOT CONSIDERED A MEDICAL DISABILITY IN A CONDITION FOR WHICH HE WOULD RECEIVE TREATMENT IN MILITARY.

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THE PSYCHIATRIST WAS OF THE OPINION THAT CONSIDERABLE LENIENCY WAS DESIRABLE IN DEALING WITH WILSON SINCE ORIGIN OF TROUBLE BEGAN WITH BATTLE-INCURRED WOUND. IT WAS THEN RECOMMENDED THAT HE BE SEPARATED FROM THE MILITARY BECAUSE OF UNSUITABILITY.

TRIED AND CONVICTED BY SPECIAL COURT MARTIAL APR. FOUR, FIFTY TWO, FOR ABSENCE WITHOUT OFFICIAL LEAVE AND SENTENCED TO THREE MONTHS CONFINEMENT AT HARD LABOR AND FORFEITURE OF TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS FOR THREE MONTHS.

TRIED AND CONVICTED BY SPECIAL COURT MARTIAL JUL. TWENTY ONE, FIFTY TWO, FOR ABSENCE WITHOUT PROPER AUTHORITY AND SENTENCED TO EIGHTY FOUR DAYS CONFINEMENT AT HARD LABOR AND FORFEITURE OF TWENTY EIGHT DOLLARS FOR TWO MONTHS.

RECORDS INDICATE WILSON ASSIGNED VA CLAIM NO. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] VETERANS ADMINISTRATION,
ST. PETERSBURG, FLA., OCT. SEVEN, FIFTY EIGHT, WITH DISABILITY

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SHOWN AS GUNSHOT WOUND, NERVOUS CONDITION AND WOUNDS, ETC. MEDICAL RECORDS FORWARDED TO VA AT ST. PETERSBURG, NOV. THREE, FIFTY EIGHT. IT WAS FURTHER NOTED ADDITIONAL MEDICAL RECORDS FORWARDED TO VA REGIONAL OFFICE, PHILADELPHIA, PA., MAY TWELVE, FIFTY THREE. MEDICAL RECORDS FOR WILSON HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO DATE.

RECORD CONTAIN LETTER DATED SEPT. TWENTY ONE, SIXTY SEVEN FROM WILSON'S PARENTS REQUESTING A COMPLETE COPY OF HIS SERVICE RECORD WHICH WAS FORWARDED TO THEM OCT. TWENTY SIX, SIXTY SEVEN, AT TWO TWO ONE THREE N. FOURTEEN ST., DADE CITY, FLA.

RECORDS FAILED TO INDICATE WILSON RECEIVED SPECIALIZED TRAINING IN DEMOLITION OR EXPLOSIVES.

BACKGROUND: DATE OF BIRTH:

AT WESTBURN, TENN.; HEIGHT: SIX FEET, THREE INCHES;
WEIGHT: ONE FIVE ZERO; RACE: WHITE; HAIR: BROWN; EYES: GRAY;
BLOOD GROUP: A; EDUCATION: EIGHT YEARS GRAMMAR; CIVILIAN

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FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (3 P)

MURKIN

WALTER TERRY RIFE REINTERVIEWED. JOHN DAVID DAILY UNKNOWN TO RIFE. RIFE STATES WILLIARD J. MC BRIDE A FICTITIOUS PERSON FROM WHOM HE AND RAY CLAIMED THEY PURCHASED THE STOLEN MONEY ORDERS FROM KELLERVILLE, ILLINOIS POST OFFICE BURGLARY IN NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE. RIFE USED NAME OF VERNON ELMO RIFE ON FIRST ARREST WHEN FINGERPRINTED. FOR THIS REASON NAME OF VERNON ELMO RIFE COULD BE SHOWN AS ASSOCIATE OF RAY IN JACKSON COUNTY JAIL, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, WHEN ACTUALLY WAS WALTER RIFE. *resolution*

RIFE STATED ONLY VISITORS TO JACKSON COUNTY JAIL FOR EITHER HE OR RAY WERE FBI AGENTS WHO INTERVIEWED BOTH CONCERNING A BANK ROBBERY AT HULL, ILLINOIS. RIFE DID NOT KNOW ANY COIN IN NEW ORLEANS AND KNOWS OF NO ASSOCIATE OF RAY IN NEW ORLEANS. RIFE AND RAY MET A WILLIAM COWEN IN KANSAS CITY

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IN NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE, RE PASSING OF POSTAL MONEY ORDERS.
THIS WAS A MAN FIFTYFIVE TO SIXTY YEARS OF AGE, DARK SKIN,
GRAY HEADED, PROBABLY WOULD BE KNOWN TO KANSAS CITY PD.
RIFE HAS NO BACKGROUND ON THIS INDIVIDUAL.

RIFE STATED RAY WAS PREJUDICE AGAINST NEGROES IN A
GENERAL WAY, HAS NEVER KNOWN RAY TO BELONG TO ANY ORGANIZATION
OR TO MAKE ANY THREAT AGAINST NEGROES.

NO RECORD OF ~~JOHN DAVID DAILY~~ IN QUINCY. NO RECORD OF
GEORGE J. ROBERTS AND SONS UNDERTAKERS IN QUINCY. LINDWOOD
NONEXISTANT STREET IN QUINCY. NO RECORD OF NORMAN J.
ROBERTS IN QUINCY, TWO FOUR ZERO ZERO MAIN NONEXISTANT
IN QUINCY.

SI ONE SIX FIVE SIX - C VERY CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF RIFE,
STATES RIFE DEFINITELY PULLED BURGLARY OF KELLERVILLE
POST OFFICE IN NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE BUT WILL NOT ADMIT TO
BURGLARY.

KANSAS CITY WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE WILLIAM COHEN IN
KANSAS CITY.

ALBANY, AT ALBANY, WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE NORMAN J.

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AIR MAIL COPIES SENT TO MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, NEW ORLEANS,
ATLANTA, CHICAGO, AND ST. LOUIS. P.
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TO: DIRECTOR KANSAS CITY MEMPHIS

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44:775) 1P

MURKIN

RE KANSAS CITY TEL TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS, MIAMI, ST. LOUIS
THIS DATE.

SHERIFF GARLAND BETHEL, MONTGOMERY CO, MO.,
ADVISED THE PARK HOTEL MONTGOMERY CITY WHERE RAY ALLEGEDLY
STAYED IN NINETEEN FIFTY FIVE IS NO LONGER IN OPERATION.
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TO: DIRECTOR KANSAS CITY MEMPHIS

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44:775) 1P

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RE KANSAS CITY TEL TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS, MIAMI, ST. LOUIS
THIS DATE.

SHERIFF GARLAND BETHEL, MONTGOMERY CO, MO.,
ADVISED THE PARK HOTEL MONTGOMERY CITY WHERE RAY ALLEGEDLY
STAYED IN NINETEEN FIFTY FIVE IS NO LONGER IN OPERATION.
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THE BUREAU BY TELETYPE APRIL TWENTYFOUR LAST TO MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY DESIGNATED MEMPHIS AS OO IN ENTIRE MATTER. REQUEST MADE OF KANSAS CITY IT SHOULD FORWARD APPROPRIATE COPIES ALL COMMUNICATIONS IN ITS FILE TO MEMPHIS. MEMPHIS THEREAFTER WILL SUBMIT SUMMARY TO ALL OFFICES SO THAT SUBSEQUENT LOGICAL INVESTIGATION MAY BE CONDUCTED.

ST. LOUIS REQUESTED TO SUBMIT APPROPRIATE DATA CONCERNING RELATIVES INTERVIEWED AND LOCATION OF RELATIVES IN ITS DIVISION SO THAT MEMPHIS HAS ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION FOR ITS SUMMARY. SUBMIT PROMPTLY, AMSD. ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

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FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

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HIPPIE NEIGHBORHOODS AND GEORGIA AUTO RECOVERIES UNPRODUCTIVE TO DATE.

RECORDS OF AMERICAN TELEVISION SCHOOL ALLEGEDLY ATTENDED BY RAY FORTY NINE DETERMINED TO BE IN CHICAGO.

BAKERY UNION RECORDS NEGATIVE. UNABLE TO VERIFY BAKERY EMPLOYMENT TO DATE.

ST. LOUIS COUNTY PD COMPARISON OF UNIDENTIFIED LATENTS WITH SUBJECTS PRINTS NEGATIVE.

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TO DIRECTOR, (MAIL) AND CHICAGO AND ST. LOUIS
FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

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RE MINNEAPOLIS TEL THIS DATE.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF CHICAGO ROY WILLIS, SIX FIVE ZERO
EIGHT FIFTEENTH AVENUE SOUTH, RICHFIELD, MINNESOTA, ADVISED HE
WAS FORMER POLICE OFFICER WITH HANNIBAL, MISSOURI PD. WILLIS
ADVISED HE VAGUELY RECALLED JAMES EARL RAY BEING HELD IN
HANNIBAL FOR FEDERAL AUTHORITIES. WILLIS ADVISED HE DID NOT
BUY A CAR FROM RAY BUT RAY ASKED HIM TO SELL IT FOR HIM. WILLIS
STATED HE BELIEVES INSTANT VEHICLE TO HAVE BEEN AN OLD MODEL
LINCOLN WHICH HE FINALLY SOLD SOMETIME AFTER RAY HAD BEEN
TRANSFERRED TO U. S. PENITENTIARY, LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS. WILLIS
STATED HE BELIEVES HE WAS TO SELL THE CAR AND FORWARD PROCEEDS
FROM SALE TO SOMEONE, NAME NOT RECALLED, IN QUINCY, ILLINOIS.
WILLIS STATED HE BELIEVES RAY WROTE AT LEAST ONE LETTER TO HIM
CONCERNING SALE OF THE CAR FROM THE U. S. PENITENTIARY,
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LEAVENWORTH. WILLIS DOES NOT RECALL TO WHOM INSTANT VEHICLE WAS SOLD OR HOW THE VEHICLE WAS PAID FOR. WILLIS ADVISED TO BEST OF HIS RECOLLECTION, RAY, IN NINETEEN FIFTY-FIVE, WAS FRIENDLY WITH A POLICE CHARACTER BY NAME OF BUDDY BATCHELDER OR BATCHELOR, WHO HAD HAD NUMEROUS ARRESTS BOTH IN HANNIBAL, MISSOURI, AND QUINCY, ILLINOIS, FOR BURGLARY, PROSTITUTION, ETC.

WILLIS STATED HE RECALLS BATCHELDER AS BEING WHITE MALE, ABOUT SAME AGE AS RAY AND BEING SHORT AND STOCKY. WILLIS STATED HE IS CERTAIN THAT SOME OF THE OLD-TIME OFFICERS WOULD BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY BATCHELDER.

WILLIS STATED THAT HE SEEMS TO RECALL THAT RAY WAS FRIENDLY WITH THE OWNER OF ALABI TAVERN, WHOSE NAME WILLIS RECALLED AS SOMETHING LIKE CHARLIE GUNN. WILLIS STATED HE SEEMS TO RECALL SOME INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED CONCERNING RAY N. BOXELDER AND A COUPLE OF GIRLS FROM QUINCY.

INVESTIGATION AT SPRINGFIELD REVEALED ABOVE INDIVIDUAL TO BE MILTON DEAN BATCHELDER, AKA BUCKY, FBI NUMBER FIVE FOUR EIGHT THREE ONE TWO B, WHITE MALE, DATE OF BIRTH
 AT QUINCY, ILLINOIS. CHECKS AT

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MENARD STATE PRISON, REVEALED BATCHELDER TRANSFERRED TO JOLIET
BRANCH, ILLINOIS STATE PENITENTIARY ON SEPTEMBER SEVEN, NINETEEN
SIXTY SIX.

CHICAGO AT JOLIET INTERVIEW BATCHELDER RE SUBJECT RAY,
AND ASSOCIATES.

AIR MAIL COPIES FURNISHED TO KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS, AND
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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, MIAMI, ST. LOUIS
FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 1P

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W. L. RUDELL, POST OFFICE INSPECTOR, KANSAS CITY, MO.,
ADVISED IN ADDITION TO INFO IN PRE-SENTENCE REPORT FOR JAMES EARL
RAY DATED APRIL TWENTYSIX, FIFTYFIVE, USDC, WDM, PREVIOUSLY
FURNISHED YOUR OFFICE, HE COULD FURNISH FOLLOWING INFO:

SUBJECT AND WALTER RIFE, WHEN ARRESTED ON MARCH TWENTYTWO,
FIFTYFIVE, IN HANNIBAL, MO., WERE DRIVING FORTYNINE LINCOLN,
WHICH HAD BEEN PURCHASED AMACKER MOTORS, ONE THREE FIVE NE
THIRTYSIXTH ST., MIAMI, FLA., AND ON THIS CAR THEY TRADED IS A
FORTYSIX OR FORTYSEVEN NASH. THIS PURCHASE POSSIBLY COULD HAVE
BEEN MADE ON ABOUT MAY FOURTEEN, FIFTYFOUR. HE ALSO STATED WHEN
APPREHENDED, SUBJECT AND RIFE HAD BEEN STAYING AT PARK HOTEL,
MONTGOMERY CITY, MISSOURI.

MIAMI, AT MIAMI, CONDUCT INVESTIGATION AT AMACKER MOTORS,
FOR ANY INFO THEY MAY HAVE RE SUBJECT.

ST. LOUIS AT MONTGOMERY CITY, CONTACT PARK HOTEL
FOR ANY INFO THEY MAY HAVE RE SUBJECT.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), ST. LOUIS
FROM: PHOENIX (44-371) 3P

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RE PHOENIX TELS APRIL TWENTYONE, TWENTYTWO, AND TWENTY-
FOUR, LAST, RE DAVID L. WILSON.

WILSON'S RELATIVES FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA, ADVISED TODAY
CALLER ON TAPED ANONYMOUS PHONE CALL TO COCONINO COUNTY SO,
FLAGSTAFF, SOUNDS LIKE DAVID WILSON HI, SMSELF. WILSON'S WIFE
NOW STATES WHEN SHE FIRST HEARD TAPE SHE THOUGHT IT SOUNDED
LIKE HER HUSBAND BUT WAS AFRAID TO SAY SO. ON APRIL TWENTYTHREE
LAST, WILSON SENT WIFE TO PARENTS AT FLAGSTAFF AND TOOK OFF.
WILSON'S SISTER DOROTHY MEYER OR DOROTHY BURNHAM, EMPLOYED
NYCRR, SALINE, MICHIGAN, TELEPHONE FOUR TWO NINE NINE THREE
EIGHT ZERO, RESIDING IN TRAILER ON ANN ARBOR STREET, ADVISED
VIA LONG DISTANCE THAT DAVID WILSON IS KOREAN VETERAN
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WHO WAS WOUNDED IN KOREA BY GRENADE AND SHELLSHOCKED AND SPENT TIME IN VA HOSPITALS IN PENNSYLVANIA AND KENTUCKY, CITIES UNKNOWN. SHE STATED THAT DAVID IS PSYCHOTIC AND GIVEN TO TELLING TALL TALES. THIS CONDITION LED TO DAVID'S DIVORCE FROM FIRST WIFE MARY HAMMONDS, CLINTON, TENN., DAUGHTER OF DEPUTY SHERIFF BILL HAMMONDS, AND MARY CAN FURNISH DETAILS AND IDENTITY OF HOSPITALS. MEYERS STATES DAVID ENLISTED FORT CAMPBELL, KENTUCKY, AND DISCHARGED SEVERAL MONTHS LATER AT FT. CAMPBELL OR FT. KNOX.

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION CHECK FOR MILITARY FINGERPRINTS OF WILSON, NOTING SAME NOT ON HIS RECORD UNDER FBI SEVEN NINE TWO TWO FOUR TWO C.

ST. LOUIS CHECK FOR RECORD OF ARMY SERVICE FOR DAVID LINDSEY WILSON, DOB AT WESTBURN, TENNESSE.

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DETROIT INTERVIEW MEYER AT SALINE MICHIGAN, AND ARRANGE TO GET ANY INFO SHE RECEIVES AS TO WHEREABOUTS OF WILSON. ENCLOSED FOR DETROIT IS XEROX COPY EACH OF RETELS.
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MEMPHIS AT CLINTON INTERVIEW MARY HAMMONDS FOR INFO
VERIFYING WILSON'S MILITARY SERVICE AND MENTAL CONDITION, AND
AND POSSIBLE CONTACT THAT HE MIGHT MAKE WITH HER.

DETROIT, DALLAS, JACKSONVILLE, KANSAS CITY, LITTLE ROCK
AND LOS ANGELES ADVISED AIRMAIL.

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MURKIN; FORMER INMATES OF JAMES EARL RAY, MISSOURI STATE PENITENT-
IARY. CR.

RE KANSAS CITY TEL TO BUREAU, APRIL TWENTYFOUR, LAST.

See Serial 44-775-298

JAMES R. RUSSELL, INMATE, MISSOURI TRAINING SCHOOL FOR MEN, MOBERLY, MISSOURI, THIS DATE, ADVISED HE WAS COMMITTED MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, NOVEMBER SIXTYFIVE, CONFINED THERE TO JANUARY SIXTYSIX WHEN HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO MOBERLY, MISSOURI, AND RELEASED FROM THERE FEBRUARY, SIXTYSEVEN. HE WENT BACK TO JEFFERSON CITY AS A PAROLE VIOLATOR JUNE SIXTYSEVEN AND WAS IN THE SAME CELL WITH ROBERT (NO MIDDLE NAME) POWELL, AKA, BOB POWELL, FROM AUGUST, SIXTYSEVEN THROUGH JANUARY SIXTYEIGHT. RUSSELL KNOWS JAMES EARL RAY BY REPUTATION ONLY AND NOT PERSONALLY.

RUSSELL WAS IN PRISION KITCHEN AT JEFFERSON CITY AND ALSO

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WORKED WITH POWELL. POWELL MENTIONED THAT RAY, BECAUSE OF HIS ESCAPE, WAS THE CAUSE OF PRISON OFFICIALS CUTTING DOWN THE SIZE OF THE BOXES USED TO HOLD BREAD FROM THE MAIN KITCHEN.

POWELL RELEASED FEBRUARY SIXTYEIGHT AND WAS EMPLOYED AMERICAN CAR COMPANY, ST. LOUIS. HE IS REPORTEDLY NOW IN THE LOS ANGELES TELEPHONE AREA. HIS SISTER, FRANKIE POWELL, IS STUDENT AT FARMINGTON, MISSOURI, HIGH SCHOOL, WOULD KNOW HIS LOCATION.

RUSSELL KNOWS NEGRO PENITENTIARY GUARD, BILLY BOB TURNER. HE HAS NEVER HEARD ANY STATEMENT THAT HE SHOULD BE DEAD.

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RE WFO TEL TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO, MINNEAPOLIS, PHILADELPHIA
 AND ST. LOUIS, APRIL TWENTYFOUR, LAST.

ON APRIL TWENTYFIVE, INSTANT, REVIEW OF RECORDS, VETERANS
 ADMINISTRATION (VA) RECORD PROCESSING CENTER, SLMO, DISCLOSED
 JAMES E. RAY, BORN [REDACTED] ALTON, ILL., U. S.
 ARMY SN [REDACTED] VA CLAIM NUMBER
 [REDACTED] FILED CLAIM FOR EDUCATION
 OR TRAINING ALLOWANCE ON APRIL NINETEEN, FORTYNINE, AT VA
 REGIONAL OFFICE, CHICAGO, ILL.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS CONCERNING THIS CLAIM NOT SHOWN. CLAIM
 FILE INDICATED RAY'S REHABILITATION AND EDUCATION FOLDER
 RETIRED TO FEDERAL RECORD CENTER, CHICAGO, ILL., MARCH FIFTEEN,
 FIFTYFIVE.

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**ADDRESSES FOR RAY SHOWN AS FIVE ZERO FIVE ZERO NORTH
BROADWAY, APRIL FORTYNINE, AND FOUR FIVE NINE ST. JAMES
PLACE, NOVEMBER FIFTY, BOTH IN CHICAGO, ILL.**

**NO FURTHER INFORMATION NOTED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF
MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS VERIFYING RAY'S MILITARY SERVICE.**

**CHICAGO LOCATE AND REVIEW RAY'S REHABILITATION AND
EDUCATION FOLDER FOR ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION. CONDUCT
NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION AT ABOVE ADDRESSES IF NOT ALREADY
DONE.**

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FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

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ERNEST GLAZIER, PROTECT, SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY, ST. LOUIS, ADVISED ON APRIL TWENTYTHREE, LAST THAT A CALL WAS MADE FROM ST. LOUIS PHONE M I FIVE TWO NINE FOUR EIGHT, ALBERT AND CAROL PEPPER, TWO ZERO TWO FIVE BELLEVIEW, TO JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, PHONE NUMBER SIX THREE FIVE SIX EIGHT THREE ONE. MRS. PEPPER IS A SISTER OF JAMES EARL RAY. THE DATE OF THE CALL IS NOT AVAILABLE EXCEPT IT WAS AROUND APRIL TENTH, LAST.

KANSAS CITY AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, IDENTIFY SUBSCRIBER TO ABOVE TELEPHONE AND DETERMINE IF THIS INDIVIDUAL HAS ANY CONNECTION WITH MURKIN.

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