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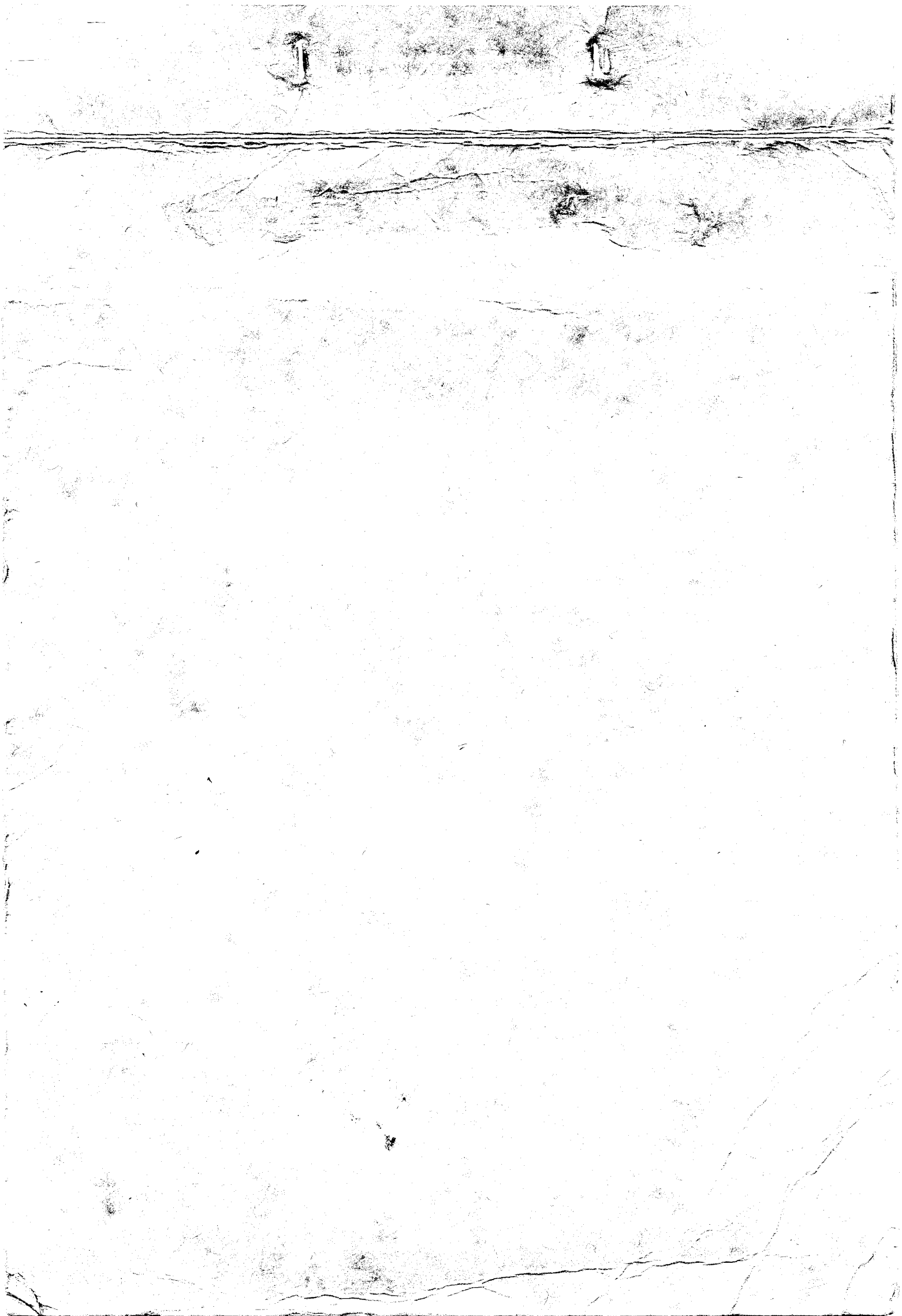
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REGISTERED MAIL

P. O. Box 7251, Main Station
St. Louis, Missouri
April 26, 1968

Mr. Charles Holden
Manager
Biltmore Hotel
3643 Washington Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Holden:

Enclosed is your registration card in the name of R. T. Hayes which you made available to Special Agent George M. Peet in connection with an official inquiry being conducted by this office.

Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

Very truly yours,

THOMAS J. GEARTY
Special Agent in Charge

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1 - Addressee (ENC. - 1) (RM)
① - St. Louis (44-775)
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TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS, CHICAGO AND SPRINGFIELD

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN - SUMMARY

JOHN LARRY RAY, BROTHER OF SUBJECT, REINTERVIEWED. MORE COOPERATIVE. ADMITTED VISITING SUBJECT TWO OR THREE TIMES MSP. WAS IMPRISONED IN ILLINOIS PERIOD OF YEARS PRIOR TO SUBJECTS NINETEEN FIFTY NINE ARMED ROBBERY AND DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECTS ACTIVITIES DURING SAME. AGAIN DENIED CONTACT WITH SUBJECT SINCE ESCAPE OR KNOWLEDGE OF HIS WHEREABOUTS.

BANK ACCOUNTS OF CAROL PEPPER LOCATED. EFFORTS DIRECTED TOWARD DEVELOPING LIQUOR PERMIT VIOLATION TO SERVE AS LEVER TO FORCE COOPERATION. SUPPLIERS OF GRAPEVINE TAVERN STATE DELIVERIES ARE COD AND PAID IN CASH BY WHO EVER IS ON DUTY. PUBLIC UTILITIES STATE BILLS PAID BY CASH OR MONEY ORDERS, NAME OF REMITTERS NOT YET KNOWN. GMAC RECORDS SHOW JOHN RAY EXECUTED CHATTEL MORTGAGE FOR BEER COOLER WITH CAROL AS CO-SIGNER ON NOTE.

SUBJECT'S
EMPLOYMENT ONE DAY MAY TWENTY EIGHT FIFTY EIGHT
GLEN ECHO COUNTRY CLUB VERIFIED. ~~USED~~ ^{USED} SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

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COMMERICAL BAKERIES UNABLE TO LOCATE RAY EMPLOYMENT TO DATE.

HIPPIE NEIGHBORHOODS NEGATIVE.

MOBERLY MO STATE TRAINING SCHOOL FOR MEN INMATE DONALD DEAN
DRIGGER STATED WHEN HE WAS AT MSP RAY INDICATED INTEREST IN LETTERS
DRIGGER RECEIVED FROM MEXICO AND QUESTIONED REGARDING MEXICAN
ECONOMY AND ARMY STRUCTURE.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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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: TELEPHONE SUBSCRIBERS
RAY ASSOCIATES

AT ST. LOUIS, MO.:

Will determine from SOUTHWESTERN BELL CO. identity of subscribers to telephone numbers:

314 MA 8-3401 and ✓

314 FA 8-9950. ✓

These numbers were called on 4-23-68, from LA FRONTS CAFE
AND SERVICE STATION, Portageville, Mo.

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TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN CR

RE KC TEL THIS DATE

RE MSP INMATE LEO HOLDEN PARKER. PHTOS OF PARKER WILL BE
AVAILABLE APRIL TWENTY SEVEN.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO DIRECTOR, 44-38861, MEMPHIS, ST. LOUIS
FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 2P

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JACK FOX LANPHERE, FORMER PRISONER, MSP, ADVISED HE RECALLS RAY BEING CLOSE TO INMATE BY NAME OF JIMMY CARPENTER. CARPENTER ALSO WORKED IN KITCHEN WITH RAY. DESCRIBED CARPENTER AS OLD-TIME CON-MAN NEARING SEVENTY, WHO "STOOD GOOD FOR RAY'S DEBTS IN PRISON YARD."

RECORDS, MSP, REVEALED JAMES HUGH CARPENTER, MSP NO. ZERO ONE SEVEN SIX ONE, WAS RECEIVED AT PEN NOV. TWENTYTHREE SIXTY, FROM ST. LOUIS, FOR TEN YEAR SENTENCE ON ROBBERY, FIRST DEGREE, AND ASSAULT. HE WAS DISCHARGED MAY ONE SIXTYSEVEN. HE S WM, DOB [REDACTED] JONESBORO, ARK., FBI NO. TWO THREE ZERO TWO FOUR THREE. FRIEND LISTED AS EULA HOWELL, TWENTYONE ZERO TWO LAFAYETTE, ST. LOUIS, MO. NEPHEW, DON DEETER, TWENTYTWO ZERO ONE PARK, ST. LOUIS, MO.

MSP INMATE FRANK GUINAN ADVISED CARPENTER IS PRESENTLY
CONFINED ST. LOUIS COUNTY JAIL.

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ST. LOUIS LOCATE AND INTERVIEW JAMES CARPENTER FOR ANY
INFO HE MAY HAVE RE WHEREABOUTS OF SUBJECT.

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FROM: ST. LOUIS 44-775

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RE KANSAS CITY TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS, ST. LOUIS,
INSTANT DATE.RECORDS OF MISSOURI TRAINING SCHOOL FOR MEN, MOBERLY,
MISSOURI, FAILED TO INDICATE THAT ERIC LARSON IS NOW, OR HAS
EVER BEEN, AN INMATE OF THIS INSTITUTION. NUMBER ZERO EIGHT
SEVEN SEVEN IS NOT A MOBERLY NUMBER.INMATE JAMES C. FLETCHER, SEVEN TWO ZERO SEVEN ONE, KNEW
RAY FROM GOING BACK AND FORTH TO THE DINING ROOM TO EAT.
EVERYONE IN THE PENITENTIARY KNEW HIM BY REPUTATION, AS HE
HAD ATTEMPTED TO ESCAPE SO MANY TIMES. HE REPORTED RAY BEING
MISSING AT THE TIME OF HIS ESCAPE, APRIL TWENTYTHREE, SIXTYSEVEN,
TO LIEUTENANT BILLY "BOB" TURNER, AFTER HE HAD HEARD IT FROM
OTHER INMATES. THE RUMOR WAS THAT RAY WAS GOING TO GO TO

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GEORGIA IF HIS ESCAPE WAS SUCCESSFUL. MAJOR B. J. PORTER, PRESENTLY AT THE PENITENTIARY AT JEFFERSON CITY, WOULD KNOW THE IDENTITY OF THE INMATES WHO FURNISHED THIS INFORMATION.

INMATE DONALD DEAN RIGGER, NUMBER ZERO THREE NINE FIVE NINE, WHITE MALE, DATE OF BIRTH PLACE OF BIRTH CAMPBELL, MISSOURI, CONVICTED DECEMBER, FIFTYONE, AND AN INMATE AT JEFFERSON CITY FROM DECEMBER, FIFTYONE THROUGH AUGUST, SIXTYSEVEN, WORKED IN THE KITCHEN AT THE PENITENTIARY WITH RAY. HE ADVISED NO ONE WAS REAL FRIENDLY WITH RAY. RIGGER, BEFORE HIS APPREHENSION, JUMPED BOND AND WAS IN SALTILLO COAHUILA, MEXICO, AND RECEIVED MAIL FROM THERE. RAY ASKED QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE ECONOMY IN MEXICO AND WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THE ARMY STRUCTURE. IT WAS GENERALLY KNOWN THAT IF YOU COULD GET INTO THE MEXICAN ARMY THAT YOU WOULD LOSE YOUR IDENTITY. RIGGER ADVISED THAT THE PERSON WHO WAS CLOSEST TO RAY WAS ANNINMATE, DONALD JOHNSON, WHO PRESENTLY IS EMPLOYED IN THE BREAD ROOM AT JEFFERSON CITY.

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**KANSAS CITY, AT JEFFERSON CITY, RECHECK MSP RECORD
FOR ERIC LARSON TO DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS. CONTACT MAJOR
B. J. PORTER AND INTERVIEW INMATE DONALD JOHNSON.**

**BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO CONSIDER ADVISING MEXICO LEGATS
TO CHECK RECENT ARMY ENLISTMENTS IN MEXICO.**

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), KANSAS CITY (44-760) AND
MEMPHIS 44-1987

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN

RE KANSAS CITY TEL APRIL TWENTYSIX, INSTANT.

ON INTERVIEW APRIL TWENTYTWO^{TWO}, LAST, SUBJECT'S BROTHER
JOHN LARRY RAY, AKA JACK, CLAIMED CONTACT WITH SUBJECT TWO TO
FOUR YEARS AGO, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY (MSP); PRIOR TO THAT
ONLY ON ONE OCCASION APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN YEARS AGO AT TIME OF
SUBJECT'S DISCHARGE FROM U. S. ARMY AND VISITING IN QUINCY, ILL.
DENIED ANY OTHER CONTACTS WITH BROTHER (SUBJECT). ALSO CLAIMED
NO KNOWLEDGE OF BROTHER'S ESCAPE FROM PENITENTIARY.

IN VIEW OF INFORMATION IN RETEL REGARDING JOHN RAY VISITING
SUBJECT AT MSP ON NINE OCCASIONS FROM NINETEEN SIXTYTWO TO
NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, KANSAS CITY IS REQUESTED TO RETRIEVE RECORDS
OF THESE VISITS FOR HANDWRITING OF JOHN RAY AND SUBMIT SAME TO

① - ST. LOUIS

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BUREAU FOR HANDWRITING COMPARISON WITH KNOWN HANDWRITING OF
JOHN LARRY RAY, FBI NUMBER THREE SIX EIGHT SEVEN TWO FIVE A,
IN EFFORT TO ESTABLISH WHETHER IN FACT SUBJECT'S BROTHER DID
VISIT HIM ON THE OCCASIONS MENTIONED IN RETEL.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775)
ATTENTION: SA HAROLD R. DOBSON

FROM : ASAC EDWARD J. KRUPINSKY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/26/68

At 11:30 a.m., 4/26/68, I received a call from SA RAYMOND HOWE of the Kansas City Office who is working on captioned matter. He stated that Kansas City has directed a teletype to St. Louis containing the information previously requested regarding the contacts the subject had prior to his escape from prison.

In addition, he stated that investigation in Kansas City has developed information indicating that RAY's escape was probably on 4/23/67. He stated that RAY probably effected his escape by hiding himself in a bread basket or bread container which is used to deliver the bread from the prison bake shop to the prison farm. According to HOWE, investigation has determined that the driver of the delivery truck stated that the only unusual thing that he could recall was that on 4/22 and 4/23/67, the container of bread for delivery to the prison farm was on the loading dock, whereas he normally had to go to the bake shop to bring the container to the truck. The truck driver likewise stated that either on the 23rd or the day thereafter the prison farm cook, or the person in charge of the prison mess, complained to the truck driver that the bread on the 23rd arrived in a "smashed" condition.

Based on the above, Kansas City theorizes that subject RAY probably effected his escape on the 23rd. Kansas City notes the coincidence of the subject's brother, JOHN RAY, having visited the subject on the 22nd. Kansas City likewise speculates the possibility that JOHN RAY might possibly have been informed by the subject of his plans for escape and might have followed the delivery truck on the 23rd and picked up the subject somewhere en route.

The above information was immediately relayed to SA's JUNG and BIDEWELL, who are going to interview JOHN RAY today. It was pointed out to BIDEWELL and JUNG that they should make every effort to establish where JOHN RAY was on the day of the 23rd of April, 1967.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI, MIAMI, AND ST. LOUIS
FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (THREE PAGES).

MURKIN. CR.

RE ATLANTA TEL DATED APRIL TWENTYFOUR, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT; SPRINGFIELD TELEPHONE CALL TO MIAMI APRIL TWENTYFIVE, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT.

RE PAUL ALVIN LAIL, JR., AKA. PAUL ALVIN CARTER

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE ST. LOUIS DIVISION, ONE LEWIE RAYMOND DOWDA CONFINED COUNTY JAIL, MARIETTA, GEORGIA, ON ARMED ROBBERY CONVICTION INTERVIEWED. DOWDA WAS ACQUAINTED WITH RAY AT MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY FOR THREE YEARS, ENDING SEPTEMBER TWENTYTHREE, NINETEEN SIXTY SIX, WHEN DOWDA RELEASED. DOWDA STATED RAY WAS DOPE ADDICT, USING INJECTIONS AND WAS ADDICTED PRIOR TO INCARCERATION. RAY USED AMPHETIMINE. DOWDA STATED HAROLD SCHAEFFER, GUARD ON GATE AT THE PRISON, WAS FRIENDLY WITH RAY AND BELIEVED BY SOME TO BE SELLING THE AMPHETIMINE. DOWDA CLAIMED RAY HAD UNKNOWN OUTSIDE SOURCE OF INCOME TO SUPORT A THIRTYFIVE TO FORTY DOLLAR PER WEEK DOPEHABIT AS WELL AS FIFTEEN TO TWENTY DOLLARS PER WEEK OTHER EXPENDITURES. DOWDA CLAIMS THREE NEGRO PRISONERS KILLED IN PRISON AFTER PROTESTING DENIAL OF BLACK

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MUSLIMS TO WORSHIP. CLAIMED RAY KILLED THE NEGROES OR KNEW WHO DID. DESCRIBED RAY AS RACIST WHO FELT ALL NEGROES IN THAT PRISON SHOULD BE KILLED AND SAID RAY MADE SEVERAL STATEMENTS TO EFFECT IF PRICE WAS RIGHT WOULD KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING. DOWDA STATED RAY'S CLOSEST FRIEND IN PRISON WAS NEIL ABBEY (PHONETIC) WHO HANDLED DOPE AND GOT RAY A JOB IN THE KITCHEN. DOWDA DOES NOT KNOW NEIL ABBEY'S PRESENT WHEREABOUTS BUT ABBEY WAS AT ONE TIME CHIEF COOK AT THE PRISON. ANOTHER CLOSE FRIEND WAS DONALD DEAN RIGGER FROM CALIFORNIA WHOSE WIFE WAS A PSYCHIATRIST AT NAPA STATE HOPITAL LOCATED ABOVE SAN SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. DOWDA STATED RAY WOULD ONLY HAVE AN ADDRESS FOR HIM IN CARE OF DOWDA'S FATHER, CHARLES ALFRED DOWDA, FORMERLY ROUTE ONE, SANFORD, FLORIDA, BUT PRESENTLY ONE ONE ZERO SOUTH CHANDLER STREET, DELAND, FLORIDA, DOWDA DENIES CONTACT IN ANY MANNER WITH RAY SINCE DOWDA'S RELEASE. STATED ANOTHER FORMER INMATE, PAUL ALVIN LAIL, JR., AKA PAUL ALVIN CARTER, THIRTYFOUR BARBODOS DRIVE, PALM SPRINGS, WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, WAS FRIENDLY WITH RAY AND DOWDA SAW LAIL EARLY MARCH, SIXTY EIGHT, BUT NO MENTION MADE OF RAY. DOWDA HAS NO IDEA WHY RAY WOULD GO TO ATLANTA.

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A REVIEW OF SPRINGFIELD FILES RE CAPTIONED INDIVIDUAL REFLECTED HIM AS SUBJECT OF NINETEEN SIXTY THREE UFAC CASE, OFFICE OF ORIGIN ST. LOUIS, IN WHICH HE IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS;

PAUL ARTHUR LAIL, JR, AKA PAUL ALVIN LAIL, JR, AKA PAUL LAIL, JR., AKA PAUL ARTHUR CARTER, FBI NUMBER SEVEN FIVE FOUR DASH FOUR EIGHT THREE A, WHITE, MALE, AMERICAN, DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED] AT MARION, NORTH CAROLINA, SIX FOOT FIVE INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY POUNDS, RED HAIR, BLUE EYES, NO UPPER TEETH, SCAR ON LEFT KNEE, OCCUPATION SIGN PAINTER, ELECTRICIAN, TRUCK DRIVER, RADIO REPAIR MAN, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED]

ST. LOUIS REQUESTED TO REVIEW FILES RE LAIL AND FURNISH INFORMATION OF VALUE TO MIAMI DIVISION SO THAT LAIL MAY BE LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED REGARDING THE SUBJECT.

THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO FURNISH IDENT RECORD OS LAIL FBI NUMBER SEVEN FIVE FOUR DASH FOUR EIGHT THREE A TO INTERESTED OFFICES.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS, CHICAGO, ST. LOUIS
FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 2P

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RECORDS, MSP, REVEAL FOLLOWING VISITORS TO SUBJECT AT PEN
DURING INCARCERATION: MARY MAHER, NINETEEN THIRTEEN HICKORY,
ST. LOUIS, MO., WAS ON ELIGIBLE LIST BUT NEVER VISITED SUBJECT
AT PEN. BROTHER, JOHN RAY, NINETEEN EIGHTEEN PARK, ST. LOUIS,
MO. VISITED SUBJECT AT PEN ON FOLLOWING DATES: OCT. SEVENTEEN,
SIXTYTWO; JULY SEVEN SIXTYTHREE; NOV. THREE, SIXTYTHREE; NOV.
ELEVEN SIXTYTHREE; MAY SIX, SIXTYFIVE; JULY TEN, SIXTYSIX; NOV.
THIRTEEN, SIXTYSIX; DEC. TWENTY, SIXTYSIX; AND PARIL TWENTYTWO,
SIXTYSEVEN. IT IS NOTED SUBJECT ESCAPED APRIL TWENTYTHREE
SIXTYSEVEN. BROTHER, JERRY W. RAY, BOX EIGHTYTWO, WHEELING,
ILL. VISITED AUG. TWENTYONE SIXTYTHREE; SEPT. FIFTEEN SIXTYTHREE;
MAY SIXTEEN, SIXTYFIVE; JUNE TWENTY, SIXTYFIVE, AND JULY ONE,
SIXTYFIVE.

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SUBJECT REPORTEDLY ESCAPED BY HIDING IN BREADBOX WHICH
WAS BEING DELIVERED BY TRUCK TO ONE OF PRISON DAIRY FARMS CALLED
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CHURCH FARM, WHICH IS LOCATED IN ISOLATED AREA, EIGHT MILES
NORTH OF MAIN PRISON. APPROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED FIFTY TO THREE
HUNDRED PRISONERS WORK AT THIS FARM.

ST. LOUIS AND CHICAGO INTERVIEW VISITORS OF SUBJECT FOR
ANY INFORMATION RE SUBJECT.

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OFFICER RONALD BOCKENKAMP, INTELLIGENCE UNIT, ADVISED HE RECALLED GOSSIP AT TIME OF SUBJECT'S ESCAPE THAT A FELLOW PRISONER, RICH RENO, MAY HAVE BEEN DRIVER OF TRUCK IN WHICH SUBJECT HID DURING ESCAPE.

KANSAS CITY DETERMINE IDENTIFYING DATA AND LAST WHEREABOUTS OF RENO FROM RECORDS MSP, JEFFERSON CITY, AND SET LEAD FOR INTERVIEW. P

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS
FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 3P

MURKIN.

LEO HOLDEN PARKER, MSP, RECEIVED APRIL NINETEEN, SIXTY-EIGHT, TO SERVE FIFTEEN YEARS, ARMED ROBBERY FIRST, SAID HE WAS RELEASED ON PAROLE TO DISMAS HOUSE, ST. LOUIS, JUNE ONE, SIXTY-SEVEN, AFTER SERVING THIRTEEN YEARS FOR MURDER IN ILLINOIS. WAS ARRESTED JULY EIGHTEEN, SIXTY-SEVEN, FOR HAVING KIDNAPED AND ROBBED NINETEEN YEAR OLD COUPLE, RITA BROCKELMAN, ONE FIVE ZERO TWO A MONTGOMERY, AND GEORGE MC QUADE, JR., FOUR SEVEN ZERO EIGHT PLOVER, ST. LOUIS, MO. CASE INVESTIGATED BY DETECTIVES JOHN LEPPING AND EDWARD ALLERS, FIFTH DISTRICT, ST. LOUIS PD. PARKER CLAIMS INNOCENT OF CRIME AND IDENTIFICATION MADE ON TOUCHED PHOTO. STATES NEWSPAPER ARTICLE JULY TWELVE, SIXTY-SEVEN, ST. CHARLES, MO. DAILY BANNER, REFLECTS CONFLICTING STATEMENTS BY VICTIMS WITH HIS IDENTIFICATION. STATES WAS IN ST. LOUIS JAIL FOR TEN MONTHS ON FOURTH FLOOR UNTIL DECEMBER SIXTY-SEVEN, AND THEREAFTER ON FIRST FLOOR. VICTIMS CLAIM PERSON WHO KIDNAPED AND ROBBED THEM STATED HAD BROKEN OUT OF PRISON AND NEEDED A CAR. PARKER INTERVIEWED EVERYBODY HE COULD IN JAIL TO

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FIND OUT WHO WAS OUT OF PRISON AND AMONG PERSONS HE FOUND OUT HAD ESCAPED WAS JAMES RAY. WAS TOLD BY ONE UNRECALLED INMATE THAT AS LATE AS SEPTEMBER, SIXTY-SEVEN, RAY WAS IN ST. LOUIS AND LIVING AND COOKING IN GARAGE, HAD A CAR, WAS PUSHING OR USING NARCOTICS AND MAKING MONEY BY STICK-UPS. REQUESTED ATTORNEY TO GET PHOTOS OF RAY BUT THIS WAS NOT DONE. PARKER SAID THIS WEEK HE OBSERVED VARIOUS PHOTOS OF RAY IN NEWSPAPERS AND NOTED HIS DESCRIPTION IS IDENTICAL TO PARKER'S EXCEPT HE, PARKER, HAS TATTOOS AND BROWN EYES, WHEREAS VICTIMS CLAIM PERSON WHO KIDNAPPED THEM HAD BLUE EYES. PHOTO OF PARKER OBTAINED AND GENERAL APPEARANCE OF RAY AND PARKER IS SAME.

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ST. LOUIS, AT ST. CHARLES, MO., AND ST. LOUIS, MO., WILL CONTACT INVESTIGATING OFFICERS AND WITNESSES IN PARKER CASE AND CONDUCT OTHER LOGICAL INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF RAY COULD HAVE BEEN ACTUAL SUBJECT IN PARKER MATTER AND ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH THROUGH CI'S OR PCI'S WHETHER RAY WAS IN ST. LOUIS AREA HIDING OUT IN GARAGE. IN THIS CONNECTION IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT INVESTIGATION INDICATES THAT

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JOHN RAY, BROTHER OF SUBJECT, POSSIBLY COULD HAVE AIDED IN ESCAPE
OF RAY FROM MSP. ST. LOUIS IMMEDIATELY ADVISE IF PHOTOS OF PARKER
AVAILABLE.

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TO : DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SACS, ATLANTA (44-2386)
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FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN OO: MEMPHIS

RE: THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING

RE CHICAGO AIRTEL AND LHM DATED APRIL TWELVE, SIXTY EIGHT
CAPTIONED: NSWPP; JOHN MEDIZER.

JOHN C. MEDIZER, WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED FORTY FIVE POUNDS,
BLOND HAIR, BLUE EYES, WAS ACTIVE IN CHICAGO UNIT NATIONAL
SOCIALIST WHITE PEOPLE'S PARTY (NSWPP) DURING SUMMER AND FALL,
NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN.

MEDIZER LIVED FOR TIME AT NSWPP HEADQUARTERS AND ALSO AT
DIPLOMAT HOTEL, CHICAGO. HE WORKED AT ROTO PRINT COMPANY,
CHICAGO UNTIL MARCH TWENTY NINE, SIXTY EIGHT, WHEN HE QUIT
HIS JOB.

CHICAGO NSWPP SOURCE ADVISED MEDIZER BELIEVED ORIGINALLY
FROM WEST FRANKFORT, ILLINOIS AND REPORTEDLY WORKED PRIOR TO

1 - Dallas (AM)
1 - St. Louis (AM)
1 - Springfield (am)
1 - 100-35356
1 - 157-2259
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CHICAGO AS DRUMMER IN NIGHT SPOTS IN DALLAS, TEXAS AREA.

WHILE ACTIVE IN NSWPP AFFAIRS MEDIZER PARTICIPATED IN DEMONSTRATIONS INCLUDING DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST ANTI VIETNAM PEACE DEMONSTRATIONS WASHINGTON, D.C., OCTOBER TWENTY, TWENTY ONE, SIXTY SEVEN.

VINCENT BURNELL, FORMAN ROTO PRINT COMPANY, HAS ADVISED MEDIZER HAS SSN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WAS SHOP WORKER. MEDIZER FREQUENTLY BRAGGED TO COWORKERS ABOUT HIS NAZI PARTY ACTIVITIES AND DISPLAYED LITERATURE AND OTHER NAZI ITEMS. ON MARCH TWENTY, SIXTY EIGHT MEDIZER ADVISED HE WAS QUITTING JOB TO WORK FOR NAZIS IN ARGENTINA, REPORTEDLY ON "FORGED PASSPORT." HE INDICATED HE FIRST WOULD VISIT FRIENDS IN DALLAS.

MEDIZER ALSO DURING EMPLOYMENT MADE VAGUE THREATS AGAINST MARTIN LUTHER KING AND THAT HE WOULD "TAKE CARE OF HIM."

SUBSEQUENTLY MEDIZER PICKED UP PAYCHECK ON MARCH TWENTY NINE, SIXTY EIGHT, STATED HIS PRESENT PLANS INCLUDED A VISIT TO ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, THEN TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C. AREA WHERE HE WOULD DISCUSS HIS PLANS WITH MAJOR KOEHL (MATT KOEHL OF NSWPP) AT ARLINGTON AND DO WHAT EVER "THE MAJOR" WANTED HIM TO DO.

to in July
Pl-8
Super

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HE INDICATED HIS PLANS MAY NOT INCLUDE A TRIP TO ARGENTINA
DEPENDING ON WHAT KOEHL HAD TO SAY.

PASSPORT RECORDS, CHICAGO NEGATIVE RE MEDIZER.

MRS. MORRIS, DIPLOMAT HOTEL, CHICAGO HAS ADVISED MEDIZER
LEFT HOTEL LAST OF MARCH STATING HE WAS GOING TO AUSTRALIA.
TALKED OF NAZI ACTIVITIES AT HOTEL, NOTHING SPECIFIC RECALLED.
LEFT NO FORWARDING ADDRESS.

CHICAGO NSWPP SOURCES HAVE NO INFORMATION RE MEDIZER'S
CURRENT WHEREABOUTS. HAVE NO INFORMATION RE MEDIZER INVOLVEMENT
RE MURKIN.

BASED ON STATEMENT MADE RE KING, MEDIZER SHOULD BE LOCATED
AND INTERVIEWED.

RICHMOND AT ARLINGTON CONTACT MATT KOEHL,
NSWPP TO DETERMINE IF MEDIZER LOCATED THERE AND INTERVIEW RE
POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT MURKIN. IF NOT LOCATED SUTEL LEADS TO
LOCATE.

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AM COPIES SENT DALLAS, ST. LOUIS, SPRINGFIELD AND
WFO.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND
ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Atlanta airtel to Director, 4/22/68.

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For information those offices not receiving reairtel, it was pointed out therein that Subject JAMES EARL RAY, aka. was last known to be in the Atlanta, Georgia, area on 4/5/68. Intensive investigation by Atlanta to date has not established mode of transportation RAY may have used after 4/5/68. Receiving Offices were requested in reairtel to check cars recovered their division that were stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 4/4/68, and where the transporter of same was not identified or otherwise accounted for, investigation should be conducted to determine if RAY was person who may have stolen and transported same.

Investigation reflects Subject RAY can be placed in the Atlanta, Georgia, area 3/24/68.

In view of the above, all Continental Offices are requested to review car recoveries within their respective territories of cars stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 3/23/68, and where the transporter of same is not otherwise eliminated or accounted for, consider Subject RAY as suspect. Where there is any remote indication that Subject RAY may have been person transporting such a car, exhaustive and intensive investigation should thereafter be conducted.

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SPRINGFIELD
FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) 1P

MURKIN.

RE SAN FRANCISCO TEL TO BUREAU DATED APRIL TWENTY THREE
LAST AND SAN DIEGO TEL TO BUREAU APRIL TWENTY FOUR LAST.

SPRINGFIELD AT MENARD, ILL., OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPH OF HARVEY
EDWARD LOWMEYER, FBI NO. SEVEN THREE ZERO NINE SEVEN NINE A,
FROM RECORDS OF MENARD PRISON AND FORWARD SAME TO ATLANTA,
TO BE DISPLAYED TO CURTIS AT DALTON, GA.

ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO, KANSAS CITY, ST. LOUIS,
LOS ANGELES, LAS VEGAS AND SAN DIEGO ADVISED BY AIRMAIL.

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1 - Birmingham (AM)
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/25/68

Mr. M. J. STEWART, Treasurer, Missouri State Penitentiary (inmates' accounts), stated money orders had been received by JAMES EARL RAY at the Missouri State Penitentiary as follows:

<u>1963</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Sender</u>
February 20	\$ 35.00 ✓	JOHN RAY, 1807 Galle, St. Louis, Missouri
April 16	65.00 ✓	"
May 23	25.00	JERRY RAY, Box 337, Glenview, Illinois
June 19	50.00	PHILLIP L. BAKER, 516 Guitar Building Columbia, Missouri
June 19	50.00 ✓	JOHN RAY, 1807 Galle St. Louis, Missouri
July 10	15.00	JERRY RAY, Box 337, Glenview, Illinois
August 15	1.00	West Publishing Company St. Paul, Minnesota
August 20	30.00	JERRY RAY, Box 337, Glenview, Illinois
August 28	35.00	JERRY RAY, 1712 Lafayette St. Louis, Missouri
<u>1964</u>		
January 3	5.00	Mrs. M. FULLER, 2601 Chestnut, Quincy, Illinois

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Bradley Hall

On 4/24/68 at Jefferson City, Missouri File # KC 44-750

by SA ROWEN B. AYERS (lib) Date dictated 4/24/68

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KC 44-760

<u>(1964)</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Sender</u>
January 13	1.50 (return draft)	Circuit Court St. Louis, Missouri
February 17	1.00 (return draft)	West Publishing Company St. Paul, Minnesota
March 25	10.00*	Mrs. MARY MAHER, 1324 Lami, St. Louis, Mo.
May 27	40.00	JERRY RAY, Box 269 Glenview, Illinois
July 9	15.00	JERRY RAY, Box 93 Flossmarr, Illinois
August 31	20.00	JERRY RAY, 1324 Lami, St. Louis, Mo.
December 24	10.00	Mrs. M. FUELER, 2601 Chestnut, Quincy, Illinois
<u>1965</u>		
March 11	1.00	JERRY RAY, Box 82, Wheeling, Illinois
April 5	4.50	JERRY RAY, Box 82 Wheeling, Illinois
May 18	8.50	JERRY RAY, 1819 Park Ave., St. Louis, Missouri
June 14	8.50	JERRY RAY, 1819 Park Ave., St. Louis, Missouri
August 11	1.50	JERRY RAY, Box 22, Wheeling, Illinois
September 1	13.50	JERRY RAY, Box 22, Wheeling, Illinois
December 8	1.50	JERRY RAY, Box 22, Wheeling, Illinois

KC 44-760

(1965)
December 20

\$ 10.00

MABEL FULLER,
2601 Chestnut,
Quincy, Illinois

1966
February 10

1.00

JERRY RAY, Box 22
Wheeling, Illinois

March 24

8.50

"

April 1

8.50

"

May 17

3.50

"

May 27

10.00

"

July 7

4.50

Circuit Court
St. Louis, Missouri

August 18

6.75

JERRY RAY, Box 22,
Wheeling, Illinois

December 20

5.00

MARY MAHER,
1819 Park,
St. Louis, Missouri

December 20

5.00

JERRY RAY, Box 22,
Wheeling, Illinois

1967
February 3

15.00

JOHN RAY, 2010 Shenandoah
St. Louis, Missouri

4/25/68

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) (P)
MURKIN.

OO: Memphis

Enclosed herewith is a list of money orders received by JAMES EARL RAY at the Missouri State Penitentiary from 1963 through February, 1967.

Copies are being sent to interested offices, and senders in each division should be contacted for any information they may have regarding the subject in this matter.

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2-Chicago (Enc. 2)
2-Memphis (Enc. 2)
2-Minneapolis (Enc. 2)
②-St. Louis (Enc. 2) *WR*
2-Springfield (Enc. 2)
2-Kansas City
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John Ray lead

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(Priority)To: SAC'S, St. Louis (44-775) - ~~Enc.~~
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

✓ MURKIN

Re St. Louis airtel 4-20-68, submitting the
registration card in the name of James Ray, Q257.Two latent fingerprints of value were developed
on Q257. These latent fingerprints are not identical with the
fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #205942G.

Q257 is enclosed.

Laboratory report separate.

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(Priority or Method of Mailing)TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
AND ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

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

MURKIN

OO: Memphis

Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of photograph of subject JAMES EARL RAY, which was taken 1/4/66 at Missouri State Penitentiary.

Two copies of above-mentioned photograph are enclosed for each of the Continental Offices.

This additional photograph is being furnished, inasmuch as resemblance is quite different from previous photographs furnished, and it may be helpful in aiding sources to identify subject.

Also, it is to be noted that WALTER TERRY RIFE has been located and interviewed in this matter.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

3-Bureau (Enc. 4)

2-Each Continental Office (Enc. 2 each) *St Louis*

2-Kansas City

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Approved: *14D*
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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS, CHICAGO AND ST. LOUIS
FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760

MURKIN

RE KANSAS CITY TEL APRIL TWENTYSIX LAST.

INTERVIEW WITH BREAD TRUCK DRIVER FOR MSP ALFRED BURKHARDT
REVEALS BREAD TRUCK HE WAS DRIVING ON APRIL TWENTYTHREE SIXTYSEVEN
IN WHICH SUBJECT REPORTEDLY HIDING BEING DRIVEN TO MISSOURI STATE
PRISON FARM ATTACHED TO PENITENTIARY CALLED THE RENZ FARM, NOT
THE CHURCH FARM, AS REPORTED BY ENITENTIARY RECORDS. THIS FARM
IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY FIVE MILES NORTH OF MAIN PENITENTIARY.

IT IS TO BE NOTED THAT KANSAS CITY IN REFERENCED
COMMUNICATION AND IN SUMMARY AIRTEL TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS DATED
APRIL TWENTYSIX LAST, DESCRIBED THIS PRIOSN FARM AS CHURCH FARM.
IT HAS NOW BEEN DETERMINED THAT IT IS THE RENZ FARM. COMPLETE
DETAILS OF INTERVIEW WITH BURKHARDT BEING SUBMITTED THIS DATE
BY AIRTEL.

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AIRTEL AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) (P)
RE: MURKIN

Re Kansas City teletype to Bureau and St. Louis,
4/26/68.

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

On April 26, 1968, Detectives JOHN LEPPING and EDWARD ALLERS, Fifth District, St. Louis Police Department, advised that there is no actual similarity between LEO HOLDEN PARKER and JAMES EARL RAY. Detective ALLERS advised photo used for identification not touched up, regular mug shot used.

PARKER is known as "Jail House" lawyer and conducted his own defense in his trial.

On April 27, 1968, victim of kidnaping, RITA BROCKELMAN, and GEORGE MC QUADE, JR., now married, both viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and PARKER and stated no discrepancy in identification of PARKER. State RAY is not the person kidnaping them.

Investigation to locate RAY continuing in St. Louis Division.

Subject armed & dangerous

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-475)

DATE: 4/10/68

FROM : SA EDWARD M. MORELAND

SUBJECT: MURKIN;
CIVIL RIGHTS
OO: MEMPHIS

On 4/8/68, Chief of Detectives Lt. Col. Robert MATTESON, SLPD, stated he received information indicating that the person being sought for the assassination of Dr. KING was registered into his room by the name of JOHN WILLARD.

As a matter of police cooperation, Col. MATTESON stated he checked the records of the SLPD and furnished the following items to the FBI, *Office, St. Louis.*

1. Photograph of JOHN RUFUS WILLARD, SLPD #86814
2. SLPD memo from Lt. HOBBS to Col. MATTESON
3. Xeroxed copy of fingerprint card for JOHN R. WILLARD
4. FBI Identification Record for JOHN RUFUS WILLARD, FBI #92 094 E.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, (44-775)

DATE: 4/10/68

FROM : SA ROSENBERGER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

AT LIBERTYVILLE COMMUNITY (ST. FRANCOIS COUNTY)

On 4/8/68 inquiry indicated that SHELEY BELKEN, Hwy. 7, was employed full time at State Mental Hospital # 4, Farmington, Mo. He also farmed at the above address. He has a 17 yr old son named [REDACTED] who attends high school at Farmington, and another son PAUL in his twenties, who is employed with RR Express, St. Louis. His wife's name is NADINE.

BELKEN drives two old model pickup trucks and a 1952 black Chevrolet.

AT FARMINGTON, MO.

On 4/8/68 HARVEY YOCUM, personnel director, Hospital # 4, advised that SHELEY BELKEN has been employed there as a custodial worker since 1/4/65. He is a white male, born [REDACTED] Leadwood, Mo. 6'1/2", 190, dark hair, almost bald on top. He was on the job on 3/29, 30/68 and on 4/4/68.

A check with the PD and SO was negative concerning BELKEN and his immediate family.

On 4/8/68, JOE TOLSON, prin; high school advised that CARL BELKEN, age 17, was in school on 3/29/68 and on 4/4/68.

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Memorandum

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

DATE: 4-12-68

FROM : SA DONALD R. NORIE

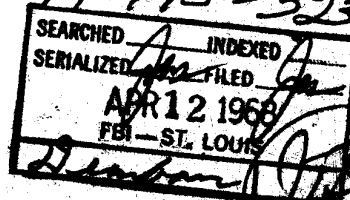
SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 1:25 P.M., 4-12-68, a Mr. LEE OSBORN, said he was calling from Union Station and wanted to talk to an agent. He was requested to come to this office and stated he could not walk that far as he has a bad leg. When asked what info. he had he said "about King, there's a man in town who could hf killed him."

OSBORN said he would be sitting in the seat opposite track 33, wearing a blue-black suit, brown tie, and black hat.

He said he would be there for about an hour.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

FROM : SA JAMES T. DEARBORN

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
OO: MEMPHIS

DATE: 4/15/68

On 4/12/68, LEE OSBORNE, Room 322, Orpheum Hotel, 821 Chestnut, SLMO, was interviewed by SAs Dearborn and Donald DeFonce at Union Station, 1820 Market St., SLMO. OSBORNE advised he suspected a resident of the Orpheum Hotel as the individual who killed DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING. OSBORNE said he based this on the individual's "suspicious" actions and his resemblance to the composite drawing of the killer as it appeared in the newspapers.

He did not know the person's name but described him as a white male, age 40-45, 6'2" - 6'4" tall; 180-200 pounds, ruddy complexion, speaking with "eastern" accent.

OSBORNE said the individual had been staying at the hotel for about a week and had been "drunk most of the time". He said the individual stayed on the 4th floor.

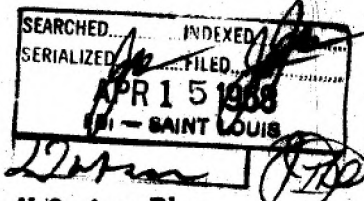
OSBORNE also stated he knew LEE HARVEY OSWALD as LEE HARVEY when he (OSBORNE) worked as a desk clerk at the Texas Hotel, Dallas, Texas, in 1956.

OSBORNE is a white male, age 81. He admittedly has poor eyesight and stated he is almost blind in one eye.

ELMER LOBERK, Desk Clerk, Orpheum Hotel, was interviewed on 4/12/68. He advised there was no one registered at the hotel that fit the description of the UNSUB in the KING assassination or artist's conception as shown in the newspapers. He said the youngest man in the hotel was 45 years old, 6'2", 200 pounds. His name is MARK TALLENT, 4050 Oak St., Evansville, Ind. He said TALLENT has been a regular customer for a number of years. He said TALLENT usually checks in for about a week and "goes on a drunk", then checks out.

He said TALLENT does not resemble the composite sketch of the UNSUB in the KING case.

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Complaint Form
FD-71 (Rev. 10-26-65)

NOTE: Hand print names legibly; handwriting satisfactory for remainder.

Indices: ☐ Negative ☐ See below

Subject's name and aliases UNBOB; MURKIN				Address of subject UNBOB		Character of case CR											
Complainant E. H. BOONE				Complainant's address and telephone number KAY'S PARKING LOT 14TH & LOCUST SLMO CH 1-0370		Complaint received <input type="checkbox"/> Personal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephonic Date 4/20/68 Time 8:01 AM											
Subject's Description	Race	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Height	Hair	Build	Birth date and Birthplace											
	Age		Weight	Eyes	Complexion												
	Scars, marks or other data																
	Facts of complaint																
<p>Complainant advised on either 4/10 or 4/11/68 an unk. male drove to Kay's Parking Lot, 14th & Locust, SLMO driving a 1960 Blue Ford S/W bearing 1969 Missouri License EE0089. Complainant advised this ^{unk.} person said he had machine guns in his car and to watch his car closely.</p> <p>Complainant advised on the evening of 4/19/68 he saw a picture of Dr. King's slayer on television and the aforementioned unk. person resembled this photograph.</p> <p>Complainant refused to give his home address but stated he would be available for interview until 10:00 AM on 4/20/68.</p> <p>A check of office records and fails to reveal any listings for 1969 automobiles issues</p>																	
Action Recommended Louis F. Caputo (Agent)				<p><i>Lead</i></p> <p>44-775-325</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>SEARCHED <i>h</i></td> <td>INDEXED <i>h</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>SERIALIZED <i>h</i></td> <td>FILED <i>h</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">APR 20 1968</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">FBI - ST. LOUIS</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Williamson</td> <td>mm</td> </tr> </table>				SEARCHED <i>h</i>	INDEXED <i>h</i>	SERIALIZED <i>h</i>	FILED <i>h</i>	APR 20 1968		FBI - ST. LOUIS		Williamson	mm
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

FROM : SA MICHAEL M. WILLIAMSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/22/68

RE: TELEPHONIC COMPLAINT OF E.H. BOONE,
KAY'S PARKING LOT, 14th AND LOCUST,
SLMO, DATED 4/20/68.

E.H. BOONE, 3702 Finney, SLMO provided the following information on 4/20/68:

E.H. BOONE is the manager of Kay's Parking Lot, 14th and Locust, CM 1-0370, SLMO. On 4/18/68 at about 10:00 or 10:30 a.m., two men parked a 1960, light blue, Ford station wagon, 1969 Missouri KEO-089 license, with Ferguson city sticker on windshield. The passenger approached E.H. BOONE and said, "Watch that car, it's got a couple of machine guns in it." BOONE glanced into the car but the rear was covered with blankets. The two men returned at approximately 11:00 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. The passenger paid E.H. BOONE a dollar from a large rollof bills. The two men may have visited the employment bureaus on Washington Ave.

The passenger is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'10" - 5'11"
Weight	160 pounds
Hair	Dark, crew cut
Eye brows	Heavy
Age	25 years old
Complexion	Sun tan
Dress	Blue Jeans
Nose	Hump in nose- may have been broken

Driver of car;

Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'9"
Weight	170 pounds
Build	Stocky



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Hair
Dress

Light colored
Blue Jeans

E.H. BOONE observed a picture of Dr. KING's slayer on television, 4/19/68, and thought the passenger in this 1960 Ford resembled the picture shown on television.

Upon viewing the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT, Wanted Flyer 442, 4/17/68, he stated that he was not the same man he had observed on 4/18/68.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

FROM : SA MICHAEL M. WILLIAMSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/22/68

On 4/20/68 JAMES GRUNOW provided the following information:

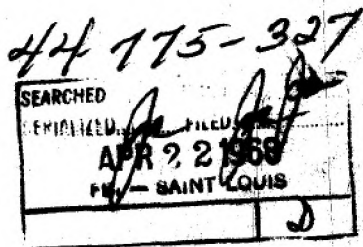
JAMES GRUNOW is a student at Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio. He resides at Tower Hall Dorm. Wittenberg University.

On 4/19/68 JAMES GRUNOW observed an individual on a Kansas City, bus in Kansas City, Kansas, which resembled the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY in the St. Louis Globe Democrat 4/20-21/68, Vol. 92 - No. 225. Upon viewing the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT, wanted flyer 442, 4/17/68 he stated that GALT was not identical to the man he observed in Kansas City, Kansas.

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Memorandum

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

DATE: 4-23-68

FROM : SA CHARLES S. DUKE

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re Complaint Form, 4-20-68.

On 4-20-68, Mrs. HENRY LANDMANN, aka "DOLLIE", 9929 Reavis Rd., Affton 23, Mo., telephone #ME 1-0570, was contacted at her place of residence whereupon she advised that shortly after 12:15 a.m. this date she was in the process of adding her tickets for sales at the Marlborough Lanes, 7777 Watson Rd., where she is employed as a waitress and in doing so she engaged in conversation with a man who was seated across the counter.

She stated that the man was carrying a small portable radio and appeared to be having trouble with it. She said that the radio was approximately 6" to 8" x 4" x 2" of gray plastic or metal casing with a small extended antenna. She advised that the man, who she described as having a slight build, not taller than 5'10", fair complexion, brown hair, blue eyes, slim pointed nose, well-mannered, no accent to a medium-pitched and direct voice, and approximately 40 years old, was wearing a plaid shirt with very fine lines with a gray background.

LANDMANN stated that the man asked her if this was #4 Tower in the area of the Marlborough Lanes to which she replied that she was pretty sure and that maybe he was getting interference from the tower. The man then commented, "You know when I lived in Los Angeles, California, we had interference with a colored TV set." He said that he had fixed the interference by putting something in the attic. He also stated that there were five broadcasting studios in California on Mt. Wilson and that there was always interference on the radio.

LANDMANN further advised that the man drank two cups of coffee and took one cup of coffee to go.

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