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LANDMANN said that during the conversation the man stated, "We live in Webster Groves.", and further indicated that he always went down Route 67 to get to Fredericktown, Mo. He also said that one night while he was going south he got off the road and ended up somewhere in Poplar Bluff.

LANDMANN stated that she would ~~not~~ have given it a second thought until she saw the middle photograph in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch dated 4-20-68, which showed the captioned subject in a profile position with a patch on his head. She said that the man seated at the counter resembled or looked somewhat like the man in the photograph, however, when Mrs. LANDMANN viewed the photograph taken in 1960 and also in 1968, she said it was not the man.

The photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, aka ERIC STARVO GALT, were exhibited to the following people at the following places of business with negative results:

~~Mr. MACK CAMDEN~~, Office Manager, Chippewa Motel,  
7880 Watson Rd., SLMO;

MARGARET ZIMMERS, Owner, Chippewa Motel, 7880 Watson  
Rd., SLMO;

Mrs. MICHAEL HAHN, Office Manager, Wayside Motel,  
7800 Watson Rd., SLMO;

Mr. DONALD ANDERSON, Night Manager, Coral Courts  
Motel, 7755 Watson Rd., SLMO;

FRIEDA SCHALEL, Desk Clerk, Crystal Motel, Inc.,  
7746 Watson Rd., SLMO.

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# Memorandum

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

FROM : SA JOHN O. TRETHERWEY, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR

DATE: 4/23/68

On 4/20/68, CHARLES OSWALD, Police Reporter for the Globe Democrat, was interviewed at his residence, 4340 Maryland, concerning an individual whom he had seen at about 1:45 AM that morning at a nearby bar whom he thought resembled JAMES EARL RAY.

OSWALD described the individual that he saw at Page's Bar located on 4400 Olive St., at about 1:00 AM., 4/20/68, as follows:

Height	5'9"-10"
Weight	180-185
Hair	Medium brown, receding and thinning, worn straight back
Eyes	Small rather close together beady eyes which looked to be light brown or more hazel with gray in color than blue; furrows or scar over right eye.
Age	About 40 years old
Dressed	In cream color jacket, light blue pull-over shirt, dark slacks, and gave the appearance of being sloppily dressed and by his eyes of being drunk

OSWALD stated that he did not at anytime talk with this individual but that he discussed him with a friend, GEORGE STIPP, who stated that he had conversed with this individual on other occasions, but had not seen him for about a week prior to this occasion.

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OSWALD stated that GEORGE STIPP would be able to furnish more information concerning this individual and although he did not know STIPP's address, furnished a description as to where he could be located.

On 4/20/68, GEORGE STIPP, 4223 Olive, Apt. 2, stated that the individual in question was one whom he had seen before but that he could not recall exactly when and that he may have talked with him on other occasions but does not remember definitely, except that he talked with him about three nights ago. He said that in his opinion this individual did not very much resemble photos that he had seen of JAMES EARL RAY. He stated that he was a very friendly individual. He thought that he was about 6' tall, 170 lbs., brown hair, but could not remember anything else definite concerning his features, other than that he was slightly 'pot bellied' and he appeared to be around 35 years old.

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SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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DATE: 4/23/68

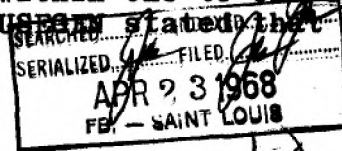
Mr. FRANK VAN BREUSEGEN, pharmacist at Medicare Pharmacy, 623 North Grand, was interviewed and furnished the following information to SA JOHN O. TRETHEWEY, JR.:

VAN BREUSEGEN said a man whom he believed resembled the description and photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT had entered his drugstore at approximately 1:00 AM on 4/19/68, and had requested stimulants to keep him awake for about 12 hours. He stated that the man was about 5'9" to 10", 150 to 160 lbs., medium brown hair, worn combed back, with most of it angled toward the right side but with no part. In comparing this individual with the ~~best~~ photo available of JAMES EARL RAY, he stated that the photo was quite similar except that the individual who had come into his drugstore did not have a double chin and his face appeared thinner. He thought that this individual's eyes gave more of the appearance of brown than blue, more hazel or greenish. He was dressed in a tweedy medium blue, inexpensive two button suit with the top button buttoned. He conversed with a type of accent which he described as being like country Southern Missouri accent. He wore a white shirt with long wing tipped collar and a dark tie. He was very calm, very definite, very careful and never raised his voice during his brief conversation with the druggist. He definitely wanted a stimulant, but refused No Doz which was recommended by the druggist. He appeared from the look in his eyes to be greatly fatigued.

Although it was raining slightly at the time that this individual came into the store, he was not at all wet. VAN BREUSEGEN followed him out of the drugstore just a few seconds behind but he was out of sight by the time he left the front door. (It is noted that the side of the drugstore is adjacent to a wide area where a car could have easily been parked out of the druggist's view; and also that an alleyway crosses that alley running north and south immediately behind the drugstore so that the individual could quickly have disappeared from the view of anyone looking down the alley from the street. Two cheap hotels are located within one to one and one-half blocks of the drugstore. Mr. VAN BREUSEGEN stated that

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this individual most closely resembled a photo in Today's Globe Democrat than the one which was shown to him by Agent TRETHEWEY. He stated that this individual held his chin high while talking and smelled strongly of <sup>an</sup> spice shaving lotion. He also had a natural dark looking complexion. He did not believe it was a suntan nor was it olive looking. He noticed no scars and that the individual had a smooth complexion except for slight freckling immediately above his eye brows. He had never seen this individual prior to his entering his drugstore this morning.

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

DATE: 4-25-68

FROM : SA S. T. JOHNSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: RAY ASSOCIATE  
MISC. PHONE CALL

LEAD:

THE ST. LOUIS OFFICE:

Re LR tel to Bureau and SL, 4-22-68.

On 4-25-68, T. E. UMPHRES, Security Supervisor (protect identity) determined that telephone EV 5-7644 (314 385-7644) is a non-published number. This was issued to one OLIN H. FOX, 2239 Edmund Ave. (St. Louis Co.).

OLIN H. FOX is listed in the 1967 <sup>POLKS</sup> ~~Poller~~ Directory for St. Louis Co. His occupation is not indicated. SL indices are negative.

Re tel furnished this phone number to SL. It was called 4-8-68, by one RUSSELL LEE MARTIN, aka "RUSTY" who was in Blytheville, Ark. and said he was in Mo. State Pen. with subject RAY.

Will further identify OLIN FOX and determine if he has any connection with MURKIN CASE.

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733PM URGENT 4/26/68 LCC

TO ALL SACS RELAY MESSAGE PLAN

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

MURKIN.

THE MAIN FILE ON KING HAS BEEN REVIEWED AT THE BUREAU AND LEADS ARE BEING SENT OUT CONCERNING PERSONS INVOLVED IN PRIOR THREATS AGAINST KING. THESE LEADS AS WELL AS LEADS CONCERNING ANY OTHER SUSPECTS DEVELOPED FROM ANY SOURCE MUST BE GIVEN IMMEDIATE AND THOROUGH HANDLING ON A TOP PRIORITY BASIS. PROCESS HAS BEEN OBTAINED AGAINST JAMES EARL RAY AND EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING TO LOCATE RAY AND TO ESTABLISH MOTIVE OF CRIME. YOU HAVE BEEN AND WILL BE FURNISHED INFORMATION RELATING TO OTHER POSSIBLE CONSPIRATORS. THESE MUST ALL BE THOROUGHLY RESOLVED NO MATTER HOW REMOTE.

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9-51 PM URGENT 4-26-68 REF

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), BIRMINGHAM (44-1740),  
ATLANTA (44-2386), NEW ORLEANS, ST. LOUIS, SAN ANTONIO,  
EL PASO (157-186) AND KANSAS CITY  
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) 2P

MURKIN

RE TELEPHONE BOOTHS ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES.

JAMES EARL RAY RESIDED IN HOLLYWOOD AREA LOS ANGELES FROM  
NOVEMBER NINETEEN, SIXTY SEVEN, THROUGH MARCH SEVENTEEN, SIXTY  
EIGHT APPROXIMATELY. NOVEMBER NINETEEN UNTIL APPROXIMATELY  
JANUARY TWENTY RESIDED NEAR ST. FRANCIS HOTEL AND JANUARY TWENTY  
ONE TO MARCH SEVENTEEN RESIDED THERE. TOLL NUMBERS FROM  
TELEPHONE BOOTHS AT THE HOTEL ARE BEING ANALYZED FOR ANY  
POSSIBLE CALLS BY SUBJECT WHILE IN LOS ANGELES AREA. FOLLOWING  
NUMBERS HAVE BEEN DETERMINED TO DATE.

DALLAS -

DECEMBER THIRTY ONE, SIXTY SEVEN, DALLAS, SIX NINETEEN PM,  
THREE SEVEN FOUR DASH TWO EIGHT FIVE EIGHT.

DECEMBER TWENTY SEVEN, SIXTY SEVEN, HENDERSON, EIGHT  
TWENTY FIVE PM, SIX FIVE SEVEN DASH TWO SIX FIVE THREE.

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JANUARY NINE, SIXTY EIGHT, EL PASO, SEVEN TWENTY SIX PM,  
SEVEN SEVEN TWO DASH TWO SEVEN ONE ONE.

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JANUARY TWENTY, SIXTY EIGHT, ST. LOUIS, THREE FIFTY SEVEN PM,  
THREE SIX ONE DASH NINE SIX ZERO ONE.

JANUARY TWO, SIXTY EIGHT, OVERLAND, NINE FORTY SEVEN PM,  
FOUR TWO THREE DASH TWO THREE FOUR EIGHT.

NEW ORLEANS -

DECEMBER TWENTY TWO, SIXTY SEVEN, NEW ORLEANS, SEVEN FORTY  
EIGHT PM, FIVE TWO THREE DASH ZERO NINE THREE ZERO.

SAN ANTONIO -

FEBRUARY TWENTY NINE, SIXTY EIGHT, SAN ANTONIO, TWELVE  
TWENTY SEVEN PM, TWO TWO SEVEN DASH EIGHT ZERO SEVEN EIGHT.  
TICKET REFLECTS CALLER RUSSELL JOHNSON.

EACH OFFICE SHOULD ESTABLISH IDENTITY OF SUBSCRIBER AND  
IDENTITY OF CALLER AND ANY INFORMATION THAT MIGHT BE GAINED  
CONCERNING RAY IF HE MADE ANY OF THESE CALLS.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, ST. LOUIS, SAN FRANCISCO, LOS ANGELES  
FROM INDIANAPOLIS 44-563

RE: THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. IN CHICAGO AND BOSTON  
TELETYPE, APRIL TWENTYSIX, SIXTYEIGHT.

NO EASTERN STATES FREIGHT LINES, TERRE HAUTE, IND.

ST. LOUIS FILES TWENTYSIX-ONE FOUR ONE FIVE SIX AND FORTY TWO-  
FOUR THREE ONE SIX ARE STOUT WITH SAME FBI NO.

ST. LOUIS FORWARD SAN FRANCISCO PHOTO OF STOUT FOR EXHIBIT  
TO LINDH.

LOS ANGELES CONTACT FMC CO., SHERMAN OAKS, FOR BACKGROUND.

OBJECT IS TO IDENTIFY STOUT SO DETERMINATION CAN BE MADE  
AS POSSIBLE CO-CONSPIRATOR. 12/1/68 44-775-3

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

Re threats to MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. in Chicago  
and Indianapolis teletype, 4/26/68.

Enclosed herewith for San Francisco is one  
photograph of LAWRENCE D. STOUT, as requested in referenced  
Indianapolis teletype to be exhibited in determining if  
STOUT is a possible co-conspirator.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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

DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM R. DUNCAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Information received from authorities at the Missouri Training School for Men, Moberly, Missouri, that inmate DELANO ELMER WALKER, white male, inmate number 14273, when interviewed on November 20, 1967, shortly after his admission, told the interviewing officer of several incidents. The interviewing officer's report says, "Walker has mentioned several bizarre incidents including the allegation that he was contacted to assassinate Martin Luther King.

WALKER has a history of mental illness and when interviewed concerning this by prison officials, this date, was very vague.

WALKER advised to reporting agent that he is a white male, born [redacted] at Elvins, St. Francois County, Missouri. He received three years for assault on October 6, 1967. He admitted being in Barnes Hospital in St. Louis and the State Mental Hospital at Farmington, Missouri.

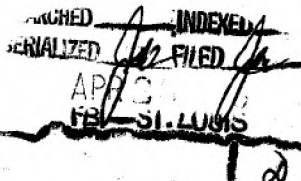
He said that several months ago, while drinking in a bar in St. Louis about 8 blocks from the Goodwill Store and close to a new Pontiac agency, two men got to talking to him concerning the racial situation. One of them gave him \$50 and told him to go home, that they would see him a few days later concerning the possibility of him assassinating Martin LUTHER KING. Three or four days later, three men in a new Buick drove to his house at Elvins, Missouri, and he told them he was not interested in their proposition. His wife, RUTHANN WALKER, who presently resides at Elvins, Missouri, allegedly saw these men. Shortly after this incident, he was taken to the State Mental Hospital at Farmington, Missouri.

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TO ST LOUIS  
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P

MURKIN

THE MAIN FILE ON KING CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING THREATS:

BY AIRTEL TO DIRECTOR, FBI ON NOVEMBER TWELVE, NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE, YOU ADVISED THAT ONE DELANO ELMER WALKER HAD AALLEGEDLY BEEN APPROACHED BY AN UNKNOWN SUBJECT WITH A PROPOSITION TO KILL KING FOR FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS. THE UNKNOW SUBJECT REPORTEDLY GAVE WALKER FIFTY DOLLARS WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO PROCEED TO ATLANTA FOR FURTHER ORDERS. LOCAL POLICE BELIEVED WALKER'S STORY WAS MANUFACTURED ALTHOUGH HE REPORTEDLY HAD FIFTY DOLLARS ON HIS PERSON. (SEE YOUR FILE ONE ZERO ZERO - ONE SEVEN EIGHT ZERO ONE).

INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED FROM YOUR OFFICE ON OCTOBER NINE, NINETEEN SIXTY-FOUR, THAT ONE BENNY PINKSTON OF SIKESTON, MISSOURI A NEGRO, HAD ALLEGEDLY THREATENED KING'S LIFE. IT WAS REPORTED THAT PINKSTON HAD FBI NUMBER THREE  
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ONE FOUR- SEVEN FOUR THREE ONE. THE LATEST ARREST ON  
PINKSTON'S IDENTIFICATION RECORD IS FEBRUARY FOURTEEN,  
NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, ST. LOUIS,  
FOR POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA. DISPOSITION OF ARREST NOT LISTED.

ALTHOUGH SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS THE  
ASSAILANT, YOU SHOULD CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF  
ANY OF THE ABOVE MIGHT BE IMPLICATED AS A CONSPIRATOR.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, LITTLE ROCK, KANSAS CITY AND SPRINGFIELD  
FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN CR

RE BUTELS THIS DATE RE PRIOR THREATENERS OF KING  
RE BENNY K. PINKSTON FBI NUMBER THREE ONE FOUR SEVEN FOUR THREE  
ONE.

SL FILES SHOW SLPD ADVISED OCT NINE SIXTY FOUR OF RECEIPT OF  
INFORMATION FROM CAIRO, ILL., PD THAT PINKSTON THREATENED KING'S LIFE.  
CONSULTED ATTORNEY DAVID V. LANSDEN, CAIRO, AS TO WHAT WOULD HAPPEN  
IF HE KILLED KING. PINKSTON REPORTED IN SIKESTON WHEN INFO RECEIVED.

LR LHM AUG EIGHTEEN SIXTY SEVEN LISTS AKA B. K. PINKSTON, NICK-  
NAMES HARDWALKER, PREACHER AND PROFESSOR, DESCRIBES AS NM, BORN   
 FORREST CITY, ARK., FIVE FEET FIVE, ONE FORTY  
LBS., BROWN EYES, BLACK HAIR, MEDIUM BUILD, TWO INCH VERTICAL SCAR  
FOREHEAD. LISTED RESIDENCE FORREST CITY, ARK., BUT STATED HE MAKES  
FREQUENT TRIPS. CLAIMED TRAVELED IN MEXICO EXTENSIVELY.

SLPD RECORDS SHOW ARREST FEB FOURTEEN SIXTY EIGHT, POSSESSION OF  
MARIJUANA, RELEASED ON BAIL MARCH THIRTEEN SIXTYEIGHT. GAVE NO SL  
ADDRESS BUT LISTED RESIDENCES ONE FOUR THREE WEST SCOTT, FORREST  
CITY, ARK., AND ONE FOUR THREE WEST OR SOUTH COTTON, KCMO  
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SL CURRENTLY ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE.

SI AT CAIRO INTERVIEW ATTORNEY DAVID V. LANDSDEN AND DETERMINE  
CIRCUMSTANCES OF THREAT AND POSSIBLE WHEREABOUTS.

LR AT FORREST CITY ATTEMPT TO LOCATE OR DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS.

KC ATTEMPT LOCATE OR DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS.

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TO BUREAU (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775) .

MURKIN

RE BUTEL THIS DATE TO SL CONCERNING DELANO ELMER WALKER AND  
PRIOR THREAT CONCERNING KING.

WALKER PRESENTLY SERVING THREE YEAR SENTENCE FOR ASSAULT AT  
MO. TRAINING SCHOOL FOR MEN, MOBERLY, MO. ORIGINALLY SENTENCED TEN  
TWO SIXTYSEVEN AND RECEIVED AT MOBERLY ELEVEN FOURTEEN SIXTYSEVEN.  
DURING INTERVIEW WITH PRISON OFFICIAL ELEVEN TWENTY SIXTYSEVEN, HE  
MENTIONED SEVERAL BIZARRE INCIDENTS INCLUDING THE ALLEGATION THAT  
HE WAS CONTACTED TO ASSASSINATE KING. PRISON RECORDS INDICATE  
WALKER HAS A HISTORY OF MENTAL ILLNESS. UPON INTERVIEW TODAY BY  
SA, WALKER STATED THAT QUOTE, SEVERAL MONTHS AGO "WHILE DRINKING  
IN BAR IN SL, TWO MEN TALKED TO HIM ABOUT RACIAL SITUATION. ONE  
OF THEM GAVE HIM FIFTY DOLLARS AND THEY WOULD SEE HIM AFEW DAYS  
LATER CONCERNING POSSIBILITY OF HIM ASSASSINATING KING. THREE OR  
FOUR DAYS LATER, TREE MEN IN A NEW BUICK DROVE TO HIS HOUSE  
AT ELVINS, MO., AND HE TOLD THEM HE WAS NOT INTERESTED IN THIS  
PROPOSITION. CLAIMS HIS WIFE ALLEGEDLY SAW THESE MEN. STATED  
THAT SHORTLY AFTER THIS INCIDENT, HE WAS TAKEN TO [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] AT FARMINGTON, MO. IT IS NOTED THAT WALKER ORIGINALLY  
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REPORTED INCIDENT HAPPENED DAY BEFORE NOV TEN SIXTY-FIVE AND NOT SEVERAL MONTHS AGO AS STATED UPON INTERVIEW. FURTHER DURING ORIGINAL INTERVIEW HE CLAIMED ONE MAN APPROACHED HIM IN TAVERN AND SAME MAN CONTACTED HIM NOV ELEVEN SIXTY-FIVE AT RESIDENCE. LOCAL COP ELVINS, MO., INTERVIEWED WIFE AND NEIGHBORS ELEVEN ELVEN SIXTYFIVE AND THEY ADVISED NO ONE HAD VISITED WALKER RESIDENCE THAT AFTERNOON. NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED REGARDING WALKER UACB.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS

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AIRTEL AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) P  
RE: MURKIN

REURTEL, 4-25-68, requesting appropriate data concerning relatives of subject interviewed and their locations in this Division.

Subject has three relatives in the St. Louis Division.  
They are:

FATHER: JERRY RAYNES, aka JERRY RAYNS.

Born [redacted] Selma, Calif. Claimed to have married subject's mother, LUCILLE MAHER, at Jacksonville, Fla., Spring of 1929-30 or 31. (No record found Jacksonville). This was after subject's birth. Lived Ewing, Mo. to 1943 or 1944. Moved to Quincy, Ill. and then Galesburg, Ill., where he worked on CB&Q RR. Family returned to Quincy, 1946 or 1947. He and LUCILLE separated in 1949 or 1950. Believed subject lived with Grandmother, MARY MAHER in SLMO, after family moved from Ewing. RAYNES began living with RUBY CARPENTER intermittently 1952 to 1961. Lived at Shelbyville, Mo., 1952; SLMO, 1953 to 1960; Clarence, Mo., 1961-62; SLMO, 1963 to Fall, 1967; Sept. 1967 to date, Center, Mo.

He claimed he has not seen subject since before Oct., 1959, KROGER armed robbery arrest. He understood subject was employed at unknown bakery in SLMO before arrest. Interviewed 4-19-68, 4-20-68 and 4-25-68. Furnished names of children. Appeared cooperative, but is alcoholic and appears mentally confused.

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BROTHER: JAMES LARRY RAY, FBI # 368 725 A

White, male, born Ewing, Mo., on [redacted] Has Social Security # [redacted] 5'10", 170 #, brown hair, brown eyes, single, medium complexion, slight speech impediment, no military service, has white over blue Ford Thunderbird, two door hardtop automobile bearing Mo. Lic. AE 2-558. Residence - 1900a Cherokee St., SLMO. Operates GRAPEVINE TAVERN, 1982 Arsenal, SLMO, since 12/67. Bar license is in name of sister, CAROL PEPPER.

On interview 4-22-68, he claimed to have last seen subject on visit to Mo. State Pen. two to four years ago. Prior to this, he said had not seen subject since subject was discharged from Army in 1948 at Quincy, Ill. Claimed he was not aware that subject had escaped from the Pen. and denied that he had been contacted by subject or that he knew subject's whereabouts. He is being re-interviewed at this time. Prison records indicate he visited subject: 10-17-62, 7-7-63, 11-3-63, 11-7-63, 5-6-65, 7-10-66, 11-13-66, 12-20-66, and 4-22-67. It should be noted subject escaped 4-23-67.

SISTER: CAROL ANN PEPPER, nee RAYNES, aka CAROL ANN RYAN, MRS. ALBERT B. PEPPER.

White female, born [redacted] Ewing, Mo., 5'6", 140 #, black hair, medium complexion, married to ALBERT BENNY PEPPER, has two children, ALBERT (age 5) and JAMES (age 4). Resides 2025 Bellevue, Maplewood, Mo. Interviewed 4-19-68 and 4-20-68, as well as 4-22-68. Furnished names of family members. Denied she had seen or heard from subject since escape, or that she was aware of his whereabouts. On 4-22-68, she declined interview, saying she and husband were disgusted about whole affair; that she was not sure she was even related to subject; and that she would decline to talk to FBI unless her husband consented and interview was in his presence.

Her husband, ALBERT BENNY PEPPER, was born [redacted] Chicago, Ill., white, male, Social Security # [redacted] 5'7", 135 #, resides 2025 Bellevue, Maplewood, Mo. Employed by NEW MARKET HARDWARE CO., 4064 Laclede, SLMO. Interviewed 4-19, 4-20 and 4-22-68. Denied knowledge or contact with subject subsequent to escape or info as to his whereabouts. He too declined interview on 4-22-68.

Subject's [redacted] mother, LUCILLE MARY RYAN nee MAHER, born [redacted] Alton, Ill., died at SLMO, 1-25-61.

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) P  
RE: MURKIN

REURTEL, 4-25-68, requesting appropriate data concerning relatives of subject interviewed and their locations in this Division.

Subject has three relatives in the St. Louis Division.  
They are:

FATHER: JERRY RAYNES, aka JERRY RAYNS.

Born [redacted] Selma, Calif. Claimed to have married subject's mother, LUCILLE MAHER, at Jacksonville, Fla., Spring of 1929-30 or 31. (No record found Jacksonville). This was after subject's birth. Lived Ewing, Mo. to 1943 or 1944. Moved to Quincy, Ill. and then Galesburg, Ill., where he worked on CB&Q RR. Family returned to Quincy, 1946 or 1947. He and LUCILLE separated in 1949 or 1950. Believed subject lived with Grandmother, MARY MAHER in SLMO, after family moved from Ewing. RAYNES began living with RUBY CARPENTER intermittently 1952 to 1961. Lived at Shelbyville, Mo., 1952; SLMO, 1953 to 1960; Clarence, Mo., 1961-62; SLMO, 1963 to Fall, 1967; Sept. 1967 to date, Center, Mo.

He claimed he has not seen subject since before Oct., 1959, KROGER armed robbery arrest. He understood subject was employed at unknown bakery in SLMO before arrest. Interviewed 4-19-68, 4-20-68 and 4-25-68. Furnished names of children. Appeared cooperative, but is alcoholic and appears mentally confused.

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BROTHER: JAMES LARRY RAY, FBI # 368 725 A

White, male, born Ewing, Mo., on [redacted] Has Social Security # [redacted] 5'10", 170 #, brown hair, brown eyes, single, medium complexion, slight speech impediment, no military service, has white over blue Ford Thunderbird, two door hardtop automobile bearing Mo. Lic. AE 2-558. Residence - 1900a Cherokee St., SLMO. Operates GRAPEVINE TAVERN, 1982 Arsenal, SLMO, since 12/67. Bar license is in name of sister, CAROL PEPPER.

On interview 4-22-68, he claimed to have last seen subject on visit to Mo. State Pen. two to four years ago. Prior to this, he said had not seen subject since subject was discharged from Army in 1948 at Quincy, Ill. Claimed he was not aware that subject had escaped from the Pen. and denied that he had been contacted by subject or that he knew subject's whereabouts. He is being re-interviewed at this time. Prison records indicate he visited subject: 10-17-62, 7-7-63, 11-3-63, 11-7-63, 5-6-65, 7-10-66, 11-13-66, 12-20-66, and 4-22-67. It should be noted subject escaped 4-23-67.

SISTER: CAROL ANN PEPPER, nee RAYNES, aka CAROL ANN RYAN, MRS. ALBERT B. PEPPER.

White female, born [redacted] Ewing, Mo., 5'6", 140 #, black hair, medium complexion, married to ALBERT BENNY PEPPER, has two children, [redacted] (age 5) and [redacted] (age 4). Resides 2025 Bellevue, Maplewood, Mo. Interviewed 4-19-68 and 4-20-68, as well as 4-22-68. Furnished names of family members. Denied she had seen or heard from subject since escape, or that she was aware of his whereabouts. On 4-22-68, she declined interview, saying she and husband were disgusted about whole affair; that she was not sure she was even related to subject; and that she would decline to talk to FBI unless her husband consented and interview was in his presence.

Her husband, ALBERT BENNY PEPPER, was born [redacted] Chicago, Ill., white, male, Social Security # [redacted] 5'7", 135 #, resides 2025 Bellevue, Maplewood, Mo. Employed by NEW MARKET HARDWARE CO., 4064 Laclede, SLMO. Interviewed 4-19, 4-20 and 4-22-68. Denied knowledge or contact with subject subsequent to escape or info as to his whereabouts. He too declined interview on 4-22-68.

[redacted] Subject's mother, LUCILLE MARY RYAN nee MAHER, born Alton, Ill., died at SLMO, 1-25-61.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SL (137-6213)

DATE: 4-26-68

FROM : SA **BUTLER**

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

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SUBJECT: SL 1180C

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Accomplishment	
Dates of Contact 4/8,19,22,26/68	
Titles and File #s on which contacted <b>ALL RECENT I.O.s, All recent memo for 137-143, 44-775 MURKIN,</b>	
Purpose and results of contact <input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <b>Unless set forth below this source was unable to furnish any info of value and SAs to whom assigned were advised.</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC	
92-702	UNSUB; Recovery of burned copper wire, Salt River  On 4-8-68 CI advised that while fishing in the Salt River, two miles east of the Highway 61 bridge he had discovered that someone had burned insulation from a large quantity on heavy duty burned copper cable. Info was furnished Sheriff WILLIAM HARLOW, Ralls Co. S.O. New London, and as a result copper worth \$320.00 was recovered. A plant at the location failed to apprehend subject. Copper was stolen, REA at New London, Mo. about 4-6-68.  RECOVERY VALUE \$320.00 44-775 Murkin Contacted 4-19,22,26-68 Negative results.
<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating EXCELLENT
No Change	Coverage 25, 26, 31, 42, 43, 44, 52, 57, 58, 61, 62, 103, 143, 144, 145, 152, 144, -341

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TO : SAC, SL(137-467)

DATE: 4-26-68

FROM : SA **DUFFY**

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: SL 1290C

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Dates of Contact	
4/10, 25/68	
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Purpose and results of contact	
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44-775 MURKIN	
CI on 4-10-68 and 4-25-68 CI was contacted concerning the names LOWMEYER, LOWMYER, GALT, and on last occasion JAMES EARL RAY without results.	
26-0 CI stated that he had received a phone call from an unidentified caller requesting info as to late model salvage car titles. He told caller to contact him, as he would not do business over the phone. The call was received 4-24-68 but so far the person hasn't shown. If he does CI will determine his identity and advise.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating EXCELLENT
Coverage 15, 26, 31, 42, 43, 44, 52, 87, 88, 91, 92, 103, 143, 144, 145, 152, 186.	
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# Memorandum

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

FROM : SA HAROLD R. DOBSON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/27/68

At 9:40 a.m. call was received from DICK LONG, Division 6, requesting additional information concerning convict WALTER E. NOLAN. Available information was furnished him orally and he requested that teletype be sent to Bureau giving results of NOLAN interview in detail.

He was advised that St. Louis was aware of NOLAN's importance and all possible coverage was being given.

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SA GEORGE M. PEET

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Memphis tel dated 4/22/68 requested major law enforcement agencies to compare unidentified latent prints in robberies and burglaries with fingerprints of subject RAY.

Officer MICHAEL FITZPATRICK, Identification Division, SLPD, made this comparison at SLPD with negative results and Officer ED BRIGHT conducted the same investigation at the SLPD with negative results. This data was furnished to SA HAROLD R. DOBSON for daily teletype summary.

On 4/25/68, Det. Sgt. JAMES HACKETT, Ninth District, SLPD, advised that GLEN BLACK, driver of Checker Cab #127, reported to Ninth District that he picked up a man shortly after midnight at the McArthur Hotel on the night of 4/24-25/68 and that he drove this individual to Boyle and Forest Park where he let him out of the cab. The passenger in the cab reportedly had a large roll of currency in his possession at the time.

BLACK advised the PD that he was formerly inmate at Jefferson City Penitentiary, that he was there at the same time subject RAY was there and that he knew RAY for this reason. He said the man that he picked up at the McArthur Hotel looked very much like RAY and he thought that it may have been RAY.

According to HACKETT, Ninth District detectives immediately after this information was reported to them by BLACK searched the area saloons, etc., near Boyle and Forest Park Avenues from 1:30 until nearly 3:00 in an effort to locate this individual without success. Additionally, they talked with the bellhop and desk clerk at the McArthur Hotel who advised the officers that the man who was picked up by the Checker Cab was refused lodging because he was drunk and he did not look like RAY, whose photographs both had recently seen in the paper and as a result of contacts with police and the FBI.

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AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI:

Through Checker Cab Company will locate and interview GLEN BLACK, Cab #127, inasmuch as he reportedly knows subject RAY.

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TO: SAC, ST. LOUIS

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN;  
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Lt. BARRY LINVILLE, Homicide Department, Memphis Police Department, Memphis, Tenn., advised SA STEPHEN M. DARLINGTON on 4/25/68 that a Reverend W. H. NEWTON, 3706 Buchanan, Memphis, Tenn., had telephonically contacted him regarding JAMES EARL RAY. LINVILLE said NEWTON was the minister for the Pentecostal Church in East Prairie, Mo., and that some of his congregation advised him that JAMES EARL RAY had some relatives in East Prairie. He said NEWTON does not know RAY nor any of his relatives and has no information concerning his current whereabouts.

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AT EAST PRAIRIE, MO. Will determine if the JAMES EARL RAY involved in the assassination of Dr. KING has any relatives in East Prairie and will, if affirmative, interview them regarding RAY's current whereabouts.

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Date April 26, 1968

RE:

**MURKIN**



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
☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.

☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks:

Enclosed are copies of photographs taken by a woman companion of the subject while he was in Mexico in the Fall of 1967.

These are for your further assistance in connection with efforts to locate the subject.

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TO: DIRECTOR and MEMPHIS

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN

RE TELEPHONE CALL THIS DATE FROM RICHARD LONG, DIVISION SIX, REQUESTING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING RAY'S FORMER FELLOW PRISONER, WALTER E. NOLAN.

SAM KRAMER, PLAZA BUFFET, EIGHTEENTH AND CHESTNUT, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, ADVISED APRIL TWENTYFOUR HE IS NOT UNCLE OF NOLAN BUT HE AND WIFE HAVE ATTEMPTED TO REHABILITATE HIM. NOLAN, RELEASED MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY FALL SIXTYSEVEN, HAS SINCE OCCASIONALLY CONTACTED KRAMER. BELIEVED NOLAN HAS WORKED AS BAKER AT HULLINGS RESTAURANT, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, AND FEW WEEKS PART TIME AS COOK ON RIVERBOAT, BARGE LINE UNKNOWN. KRAMER UNAWARE OF RESIDENCE BUT BELIEVED TV NEWS-CASTER LES CARMICHAEL, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, MIGHT KNOW, AS

① St. Louis

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HE HAD CONTACTED NOLAN FOR HISTORICAL DATA RE LENGTHY  
IMPRISONMENT FOR HUMAN INTEREST STORY.

CARMICHAEL ADVISED NOTICED FALL SIXTYSEVEN NEWSPAPER  
ARTICLE CONCERNING NOLAN PREPARING OWN BRIEF WHICH RESULTED  
IN RELEASE FROM PRISON. CONTACTED NOLAN THROUGH ST. LOUIS  
ATTORNEY, NAME NOT RECALLED. ATTORNEY SPOKE HIGHLY OF NOLAN'S  
INTELLIGENCE AND LEGAL ABILITY. AFTER SEVERAL CONTACTS WITH  
NOLAN DECIDED INSUFFICIENT HUMAN INTEREST IN MATTER AND  
DROPPED. RECALLED NOLAN AS HIGHLY INTELLIGENT, NOT RADICAL  
OR EXTREMIST BUT HAD EXTREMELY HOSTILE ATTITUDE TOWARD  
AUTHORITIES IN PENITENTIARIES. NEVER DISPLAYED RACIAL  
EXTREMISM. NEVER MENTIONED RAY AS FRIEND OR ASSOCIATE.

LOCATED NOLAN BANK ACCOUNT. NO SIGNIFICANT DEPOSITS  
OR WITHDRAWALS. CURRENT BALANCE EIGHTEEN DOLLARS AND  
THIRTYFOUR CENTS. NO SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX.

MRS. CARMEN PATTON, FIVE TWO ZERO SIX WASHINGTON, ST.  
LOUIS, MISSOURI, LANDLADY, AWARE OF NOLAN'S PRISON BACKGROUND  
THROUGH NEWSPAPER ARTICLE. DESCRIBES HIM AS QUIET AND MANNERLY.  
NO ASSOCIATES VISIT. CURRENTLY EMPLOYED AS A COOK, PLACE

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UNKNOWN. HAS ATTEMPTED TO OBTAIN EMPLOYMENT IN LOCAL ANTI-POVERTY AGENCY.

NOLAN HAS FBI NUMBER FOUR ONE EIGHT FOUR SEVEN.

NOLAN INTERVIEWED APRIL TWENTYFOUR, SIXTYEIGHT. EXTREMELY HOSTILE. INTERVIEWED REQUIRED TWO AND ONE-HALF HOURS. STATED HE REMEMBERED RAY BUT KNEW NOTHING ABOUT HIM NOW AND WOULD NOT TELL LAW ENFORCEMENT IF HE DID. DENIED HAVING ANYTHING TO DO WITH RAY'S ESCAPE OR THAT HE HAD SEEN RAY OR BEEN CONTACTED BY HIM SINCE ESCAPE. STATED HE KNEW RAY TEN YEARS IN PRISON, WAS AWARE OF HIS PLANNING TO ESCAPE THREE OCCASIONS BUT HAD NO KNOWLEDGE AS TO DETAILS OR MODUS OPERANDI. RESIDED IN SAME HALL WITH RAY BUT THEY WERE CELLED INDIVIDUALLY. ALLEGED RAY ESCAPED APPROXIMATELY THIRTY DAYS PRIOR TO DATE ESCAPE REPORTED. BELIEVES HIMSELF CLOSEST INMATE ASSOCIATE OF RAY. WALKED IN PRISON YARD WITH HIM DAILY. SAID RAY WAS A LONER. RAY NEVER TOLD HIM ANY PERSONAL INFORMATION OTHER THAN THAT HE HAD A BROTHER IN CHICAGO AND HAD GROWN UP IN SMALL TOWN, ILLINOIS.

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SAID RAY DOES NOT TRUST ANY CONVICT AND REGARDS ALL AS POTENTIAL "STOOL PIGEONS," SINCE HE FELT TWO OF HIS ESCAPE ATTEMPTS HAD BEEN FOILED BY INFORMANTS. EXPRESSED OPINION IF RAY SAW CONVICT HE KNEW OR WHO HE THOUGH/MIGHT KNOW HIM HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY LEAVE THE AREA. DID NOT FEEL THAT RAY WOULD EVER CONTACT ANY EX-CON, INCLUDING HIMSELF.

ALLEGED RAY DID NOT ESCAPE IN BREAD BOX AS REPORTED BUT ACTUALLY WALKED OUT FRONT DOOR. STATED HE DID NOT INSINUATE ANY BRIBERY INVOLVED BUT REFUSED TO AMPLIFY REGARDING ESCAPE.

STATED RAY WAS NOT RACIAL EXTREMIST AND IF HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR DEATH OF KING IT WOULD BE COMPLETELY OUT OF CHARACTER. STATED RAY WAS CYNICAL IN A HUMEROUS <sup>E</sup>VAIN.

MOST CONVERSATIONS WITH RAY CONCERNED THEIR PREPARATION OF LEGAL BRIEFS IN THEIR ATTEMPT TO GAIN FREEDOM. RAY INTERESTED IN LAW IF IT CONCERNED HIS CASE. SPENT EXTRA MONEY TO PURCHASE LAW BOOKS.

NOLAN RELUCTANTLY AGREED TO CONTACT FBI IF CONTACTED

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BY RAY BECAUSE FAILURE TO DO SO MIGHT CAUSE HIS RETURN TO PRISON.

STATED RAY WORKED IN PRISON KITCHEN WITH MANY NEGROES. <sup>ALWAYS</sup> ~~ALL~~ WAS SPOKEN WELL OF ANYONE WHO WOULD SHARE OF WORK REGARDLESS OF RACE. NEVER EXPRESSED ANIMOSITY BECAUSE OF COLOR.

NOLAN EMPLOYED HERITAGE HOUSE RESTAURANT, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, BUT STATED GOING TO WORK FOR POVERTY PROGRAM, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, APRIL TWENTYNINE.

NEIGHBORHOOD SOURCE OBTAINED. INFORMANTS ALERTED. CREDIT RECORD REQUESTED. COVERAGE WILL BE EFFECTED AT NEW EMPLOYMENT.

NOLAN WILL BE FURTHER INTERVIEWED, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM KANSAS CITY PRISON GOSSIP THAT NOLAN MAY HAVE MASTERMINDED KING'S ASSASSINATION.

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*Subst armed and dangerous*

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507PM URGENT 4-27-68 DJK

TO ST. LOUIS (44-775)

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561) 2PP

MURKIN, CR.

RE BUTEL TO ALL SACS, APRIL TWENTY SIX SIXTYEIGHT AND  
ST. LOUIS TEL TO BUREAU, ET AL, APRIL TWENTY SIX SIXTYEIGHT.

RE BENNY K. PINKSTON, FBI NUMBER THREE ONE FOUR SEVEN  
FOUR THREE ONE.

DAVID V. LANSDEN, ATTORNEY, CAIRO, ILLINOIS, ADVISED  
TODAY THAT HE HAS HAD BENNY K. PINKSTON AS A CLIENT ON TWO OR  
THREE OCCASIONS. LANSDEN STATES THAT PINKSTON IS A HEARTLESS  
INDIVIDUAL WHO PROFESSES TO BE A SEPARATIONIST AND USUALLY  
ACQUIRES SMALL AMOUNTS OF MONEY FROM BUSINESSMEN IN THE WHITE  
COMMUNITY BY SOLICITING DONATIONS IN ONE AND TWO DOLLAR AMOUNTS  
TO PROMOTE HIS SEPARATION OF THE RACES PROGRAM.

LANSDEN STATED THAT PINKSTON USUALLY CARRIES A QUANTITY  
OF JOHN BIRCH LITERATUE AND DISTRIBUTES SAME AND GENERALLY  
OPERATES IN THE SIKESTON, MISSOURI OR FORREST CITY, ARKANSAS AREA.  
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LANSDEN UNABLE TO RECALL ANY CONVERSATION WHEREIN PINKSTON THREATENED LIFE OF KING NOR DOES HE RECALL PINKSTON EVER CONSULTING HIM AS TO WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN IF HE KILLED KING. LANSDEN STATES TO THE BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE, PINKSTON PROBABLY IN FORREST CITY, ARKANSAS, WHERE HE HAS A MOTHER AND OTHER RELATIVES. LANSDEN STATES TO THE BEST OF HIS RECOLLECTION HE LAST SAW PINKSTON THREE OR FOUR YEARS AGO. P.

COPIES MAILED LITTLE ROCK AND MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO DIRECTOR AND KANSAS CITY )

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN CR

RE SL TEL APRIL TWENTY THIRD REQUESTING KC REVIEW AND FORWARD-  
ING OF CAROL PEPPER LIQUOR LICENSE FILE, AND KC TEL SAME DATE THAT  
FILE OBTAINED AND BEING FORWARDED.

LIQUOR LICENSE FILE NOT YET RECEIVED. EXPEDITE

AIRMAIL COPY MEMPHIS

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS

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3:14PM URGENT 4-27-68 JLL

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987) KANSAS CITY  
(44-760), ST. LOUIS (44-775), SPRINGFIELD.  
FROM LITTLE ROCK (157-1215)  
MURKIN CR

RE ST. LOUIS TEL TO DIRECTOR APRIL TWENTY SIX LAST.

BENNY KALEB PINKSTON, LOCATED THIS DATE AT COUNTY JAIL,  
FORREST CITY, ARK. WHERE HE IS SERVING THIRTY DAY SENTENCE FOR DRUNK  
AND DISTURBING PEACE. PINKSTON ADVISED THAT HE WAS IN NO WAY INVOLVED  
IN MURDER OF DR. KING AND WAS IN JAIL AT FORREST CITY, ARK. WHEN  
MURDER OCCURED. STATED DID NOT RECALL EVER THREATENING DR. KING'S LIFE.  
HOWEVER, DID NOT BELIEVE HIS OBJECTIVES OF RACIAL MIXING.

PINKSTON ADVISED THAT WHEN HE WAS RELEASED FROM JAIL IN ST.  
LOUIS, MARCH THIRTEEN LAST. HE PROCEEDED TO CAIRO, ILL. AND CONTACTED  
HIS ATTORNEY DAVID LANSDEND. HE TRAVELED FROM CAIRO TO FORREST CITY  
WHERE HE ARRIVED ABOUT APRIL ONE LAST AND WHERE HE HAS RESIDED SINCE

PINKSTON STATED THAT HE HAS BEEN CONFINED TO SEVERAL MENTAL  
INSTITUTIONS INCLUDING ILLINOIS STATE HOSPITAL, VANDALIA, ILL., IN  
SIXTY THREE AND ADVISED HE IS A DISABLED VETERAN AND HAS HAD MENTAL.  
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PROBELMS SINCE HE CAME OUT OF THE U. S. ARMY FORTY SEVEN.

PINKSTON FURNISHED FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION: BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FORREST CITY, ARK., FIVE FEET FIVE, ONE FORTY LBS.,  
BROWN EYES, BLACK HAIR, MEDIUM BUILD, COMPLEXION DARK, WEARS  
GOATEE, THIRD GRADE EDUCATION, MILITARY SERVICE, U. S. ARMY,  
FORTY FIVE TO FORTY SEVEN, HONORABLE DISCHARGE, ASN THREE EIGHT  
FIVE ZERO FIVE NINE ONE NINE, ARREST RECORD, ADMITS NUMEROUS  
ARREST FOR DRUNK AND DISORDERLY CONDUCT BUT NO FELONY ARRESTS.

DELMAR CAMPBELL, ASSISTANT CHIEF OF POLICE, FORREST CITY,  
ARK., ADVISED THIS DATE PINKSTON WAS ARRESTED APRIL THREE SIXTY  
EIGHT FOR DRUNK AND DISTRUBING PEACE, FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS  
AND SENTENCED THIRTY DAYS IN JAIL. STATED PINKSTON IS MENTALLY  
INCOMPETENT BUT HARMLESS.

NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED REGARDING PINKSTON.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)  
FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN

RE KANSAS CITY TELETYPE, APRIL TWENTYFIVE, SIXTYEIGHT.  
LEMUEL HARRY, FORMER STATE PAROLE OFFICER, BELLEVILLE,  
ILLINOIS, FIFTYONE TO FIFTYTHREE, CURRENTLY EMPLOYED BROWN  
SHOE COMPANY, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, RECALLED LINDA RAY. A  
GERMAN WAR BRIDE, FORMERLY WORKED UNDER HIS SUPERVISION AT  
WOHL SHOE COMPANY, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, ABOUT FOURTEEN YEARS  
AGO.

HARRY DOES NOT RECALL JOHN RAY AS A PAROLEE UNDER HIS  
SUPERVISION OR AS HUSBAND OF LINDA, IN VIEW OF ASSOCIATION  
MORE THAN FOURTEEN YEARS AGO.

JAMES EARL RAY UNKNOWN TO HARRY.

AIRMAIL COPY BEING FORWARDED TO MEMPHIS.

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TO DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), ST. LOUIS, AND  
KANSAS CITY  
FROM DALLAS (44-2649)

MURKIN

RE DALLAS TEL APRIL TWO SIX LAST CONCERNING PROPOSED INTERVIEW  
WITH BILLY BROWN AEBY.

AEBY INTERVIEWED DALLAS OFFICE TODAY. ENTERED MISSOURI  
STATE PEN ONE NINE SIX ONE ON THREE NINE-YEAR CONCURRENT SENTENCES  
FOR ROBBERY OUT OF ST. LOUIS. KNEW SUBJECT AS JIMMY RAY FROM ONE  
NINE SIX ONE THROUGH SIX FOUR WHEN AEBY TRANSFERRED TO PRISON.  
WORKED WITH RAY IN BAKERY WHERE WAS CONSIDERED GOOD WORKER. RAY  
WAS MONEY HUNGRY. DEALT EXTENSIVELY IN SALE OF AMPHETAMINE POWDER  
AND BENZIDINE TO OTHER INMATES. RAY USED AMPHETAMINE ON RESTRICTED  
BASIS HIMSELF, BUT WAS PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN SALE OF SAME.

ONLY INMATE WITH WHOM RAY WAS APPARENTLY ASSOCIATED TO ANY  
DEGREE WAS MAN FIFTY YEARS OR MORE OF AGE WHO GOT CAUGHT WITH  
BULLETS IN POCKET AND WAS SENT TO ISOLATION WARD AS RESULT. NAME  
NOT RECALLED. ONE OCCASION RAY HAD INMATE NAMED GREEN BEATEN  
UP BY TWO OTHER INMATES BECAUSE OF NON PAYMENT AMPHETAMINE  
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*Bradley Ford*

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POWDER. INMATE NAMED WADE (FNU) FROM KANSAS CITY MAY HAVE BEEN ONE OF PRISONERS WHO DID BEATING. EARL HARRIS, NEGRO KINGPIN OUT OF ST. LOUIS, SOLD AMPHETAMINE POWDER TO NEGROES AND BELIEVED TO HAVE KNOWN RAY. ONE RALPH OVERTON WOULD HAVE KNOWN RAY, BUT NOT INTIMATELY.

ONLY RELATIVE RAY EVER SPOKE OF WAS BROTHER IN ST. LOUIS WHO WAS APPARENTLY MIDDLEMAN FOR MONEY PAID BY RELATIVES AND FRIENDS OF INMATES FOR AMPHETAMINE POWDER AND BROTHER BELIEVED TO HAVE TURNED MONEY OVER TO LAWYER WORKING ON RAY'S APPEAL FOR ROBBERY CONVICTION. *John?*

AEBY RECALLS RAY AS HAVING GENERAL APPEARANCE, EXCEPT FOR HAIR, OF ONE NINE SIX ZERO PHOTO ON IDENTIFICATION ORDER. HAIR WAS BELIEVED TO BE WORN NORMALLY LONG, POSSIBLY WITH PART. AEBY STATED WOULD NOT HAVE RECOGNIZED RAY FROM STANDUP PHOTO WHICH APPEARED IN SOME NEWSPAPERS AND WOULD NOT HAVE RECOGNIZED HIM FROM ONE NINE SIXTY EIGHT PHOTO.

AEBY DESCRIBED THE SUBJECT AS HAVING NORMALY MODULATED VOICE, POSSIBLE MIDWESTERN ACCENT. HAD CLEAN PERSONAL HABITS AND LIKELY  
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PAGE THREE

BE GOOD DRESSER AND HAS GENERAL APPEARANCE OF BUSINESSMAN OUTSIDE. APPEARED TO HAVE ABOUT A HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION. ONLY POSSIBLE OCCUPATION WHICH AEBY CONSIDERS RAY MIGHT BE QUALIFIED FOR WOULD BE IN BAKERY.

RAY NOT RECALLED TO HAVE HAD ANY SPECIAL INTEREST OR TO HAVE SAID ANYTHING REGARDING NEGROES, KKK, ARMY SERVICE, SPORTS, FOREIGN TRAVEL, WOMEN, HOMOSEXUALITY, CLOTHES, DRINKING, AND OUTSIDE WORLD IN GENERAL. LIKED TO PLAY POKER AND CONSIDERED GOOD PLAYER. NOT A GRAGGART, GENERALLY KIND MANNERED AND MIGHT APPEAR TIMID TO PERSONS NOT KNOWING HIM WELL. NAME ERIC STARVO GALT MEANS NOTHING TO AEBY.

AEBY CURRENTLY ON BOND FOR NARCOTICS POSSESSION, CHARGES IN DALLAS AND FORT WORTH, EXPECTS TO PLEAD GUILTY AND BE SENT TO TEXAS PEN IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE. PROMISED COOPERATION, HOWEVER, IF RAY SHOULD CONTACT HIM OR HE OTHERWISE LEARNS ANYTHING OF VALUE.

AEBY CONSIDERS RAY'S NORMAL CRIMINAL OCCUPATION AS ARMED ROBBERY BASED CONVERSATIONS, THAT HE WOULD BE HIT AND RUN TYPE, COVERING WIDE AREAS. STATED CANNOT CONCEIVE RAY WOULD HAVE KILLED VICTIM EXCEPT FOR MONEY.

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ST. LOUIS CONSIDER REINTERVIEWING SUBJECT'S BROTHER ON BASIS  
INFORMATION HEREIN AND INTERVIEW EARL HARRIS, NEGRO KINGPIN, IF  
AVAILABLE.

KANSAS CITY ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY WADE AND INTERVIEW.

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12:00 PM URGENT 4-27-68 NCH

TO DIRECTR, (44-38861), ST. LOUIS, SAN FRANCISCO, AND  
INDIANAPOLIS  
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) 1P

MURKIN

RE INDIANAPOLIS TELETYPE APRIL TWENTY-SIX LAST.

WILLIAM BURGESS, ADJUSTOR, FORD MOTOR CREDIT COMPANY  
(FMC), ONE THREE SEVEN ZERO ONE RIVERSIDE DRIVE, SHERMAN  
OAKS, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED THIS DATE HIS OFFICE IS CLOSED  
FOR WEEKEND; HOWEVER, HE SEARCHED FILES AVAILABLE TO HIM  
IN THE OFFICE BUT COULD FIND NO MENTION OF Laurence Donald STOUT. OFFICE  
MANAGER IS OUT OF TOWN FOR WEEKEND. FMC WILL BE RECONTACTED  
APRIL TWENTY-NINE NEXT FOR REQUESTED INFORMATION.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) and MIAMI  
FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN

*See file*

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE DATED APRIL TWENTYSIX, SIXTYEIGHT.  
PAUL ARTHUR LAIE, JR., SENTENCED STODDARD COUNTY, MISSOURI,  
JUNE TWENTY, SIXTYTHREE, ON FRAUDULENT CHECK CHARGE. ESCAPED  
JUNE TWENTYTWO - TWENTYTHREE, SIXTYTHREE BY SAWING BARS.  
UFAC PROCESS ISSUED AND LAIE APPREHENDED GALESBURG, ILLINOIS,  
OCTOBER TWELVE, SIXTYTHREE. RETURNED TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES.  
CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS BECAUSE HE HAD A TWENTYTWO  
CALIBER GUN.

RELATIVES IDENTIFIED AND WILL BE FURNISHED TO MIAMI IF  
DESIRED.

AIRMAIL COPY FORWARDED TO MEMPHIS.

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*Subject armed and dangerous*

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P.O. Box 53.

Ellington Mo.

F.B.I.  
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir.

I am not a fortuneteller nor I am not a witch, but I do see a few things and hear a few things sometimes, and I have seen the slayers of Rev. Martin Luther King. Their names are ANNIE COLEMAN, and OLLIE OLTELO.

Now if you can find these two women you will have your killers. Ollie Oltelo lives at Overland California, and Annie Coleman lives at Oakland California.

Please let my name and whereabouts remain unannounced.

Yours Truly

*Anna Dawson*

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**MURKIN**

Enclosed for St. Louis and San Francisco are two copies of a letter from Anna Dawson, postmarked April 23, 1968, at Ellington, Missouri. One copy is enclosed for Memphis.

St. Louis should immediately interview Anna Dawson for any additional details she may have concerning the identities of Annie Coleman and Ollie Olteyo, and why she believes those individuals might be associated with this case. Set out appropriate leads.

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TO: SAC, ST. LOUIS  
FROM: SAC, LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) P  
RE: MURKIN

Re Little Rock teletype, 4/22/68.

RUSSELL LEE MARTIN advised on 4/24/68 that he has a step-brother by the name of OWEN FOX who resides in St. Louis, Missouri, and who he has ~~contacted~~ via telephone on several occasions.

St. Louis and Kansas City should note that the telephone number furnished in referenced teletype to locate and interview OWEN FOX is a St. Louis number and St. Louis should note that OWEN FOX is a step-brother of MARTIN.

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