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RUBY CARPENTER WORKS AS BABYSITTER AND DOES HOUSE
WORK ON PART-TIME BASIS.

FRANK FULLER AND WIFE ARE ELDERLY AND RETIRED.

AGENTS IN DAILY CONTACT WITH PATRONS, VIRGINIA HOTEL,
INCLUDING CIS AND APPROPRIATE COVERAGE MAINTAINED ON
CARPENTER AND FULLER.

SOURCE, ILLINOIS BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY, (IBT), QUINCY,
ILLINOIS, STATES DUE TO STRIKE, NUMEROUS TOLL CALL SLIPS
FROM QUINCY, NOT FILED, WILL NOT BE FOR SOME TIME TO COME.

RECORDS, IBT, DO NOT SHOW ANY TOLL CALLS FOR NUMBER
TWO TWO TWO SEVEN ONE FOUR TWO FROM TWO FIFTEEN TO FOUR
SEVEN LAST.

RECORDS, IBT, SHOW FOLLOWING CALLS FROM NUMBER TWO TWO
THREE NINE FOUR SIX FIVE FROM MARCH TWENTYTHREE TO APRIL
TWENTYONE.

MARCH FOUR TO ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, ME ONE SEVEN SEVEN
SEVEN SEVEN;
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MARCH TWENTYFIVE TO CENTER, MISSOURI, NUMBER AM SEVEN
THREE FOUR SIX SEVEN;

MARCH TWENTYEIGHT TO CENTER, MISSOURI, SAME NUMBER AS
ABOVE;

APRIL SEVEN TO CENTER, MISSOURI, SAME NUMBER AS ABOVE;

APRIL SEVEN TO ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, MI FIVE TWO NINE
FOUR EIGHT;

APRIL TWENTYONE TO CENTER, MISSOURI, AM SEVEN THREE
FOUR SIX SEVEN;

THE FOLLOWING CALLS WERE MADE FROM THE VIRGINIA HOTEL
TELEPHONE NUMBER TWO TWO THREE ZERO FOUR ZERO THREE:

MARCH FIFTEEN TO TACOMA, WASHINGTON, FOUR SEVEN FIVE
FOUR FOUR ZERO ZERO, COLLECT;

MARCH TWENTYFIVE TO SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, FIVE TWO
EIGHT SEVEN ZERO ONE NINE;

MARCH TWENTYFIVE TO CHICAGO, ILLINOIS DI TWO FIVE FOUR
FOUR TWO;

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MARCH TWENTYFIVE TO CHICAGO, ILLINOIS CA SEVEN NINE FIVE
THREE TWO;

MARCH TWENTYEIGHT TO SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, FIVE TWO TWO
ZERO SIX THREE THREE;

MARCH THIRTY TO BAYLIS, ILLINOIS, COLLECT;

APRIL ONE, SEATTLE WASHINGTON, COLLECT;

APRIL TWO, CLINTON, ILLINOIS NINE THREE FIVE
SIX ZERO TWO FOUR;

APRIL TWO TO CLINTON, ILLINOIS, NINE THREE FIVE TWO
FIVE FIVE EIGHT;

APRIL TWO, CHEYENNE, WYOMING, SIX THREE TWO ZERO ZERO
ZERO ZERO;

APRIL THREE AURORA, ILLINOIS, THREE SIX FOUR NINE TWO
EIGHT TWO, COLLECT;

APRIL THREE, DENVER, COLORADO, THREE THREE THREE FIVE
FOUR EIGHT SIX;

APRIL FOUR, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, FIVE TWO EIGHT SEVEN
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ZERO ONE NINE;

APRIL EIGHT, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, VI OF UI SEVEN ZERO SEVEN
TWO SEVEN;

APRIL EIGHT, CRETE, ILLINOIS, OR TWO FIVE NINE NINE ONE;

APRIL EIGHT, CHICAGO HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS, SK SIX ONE

ZERO ZERO ZERO;

APRIL NINE, LONG BRANCH OR LONG BEACH, NEW JERSEY, TWO
TWO TWO THREE NINE SEVEN SIX COLLECT;

APRIL TEN, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, FIVE TWO EIGHT SEVEN
ZERO ONE NINE.

CHICAGO, DENVER, NEWARK, SEATTLE AND ST. LOUIS, WILL
DETERMINE HOLDERS ABOVE NUMBERS. THOROUGHLY CHECK OUT
TO DETERMINE ANY CONTACT BY SUBJECT.

SPRINGFIELD WILL DETERMINE HOLDERS OF ABOVE NUMBERS. P.

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742PM DEFERRED 5-3-68 RMF

TO DIRECTOR /44-38861/ MEMPHIS /44-1987/ ST. LOUIS /44-775/
FROM CHICAGO /44-1114/

MURKIN SUMMARY

RE CGTELS TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS, ST. LOUIS, NEWARK INSTANT.

THE VARIOUS NEWS MEDIA CONVERGED ON SPORTSMAN'S COUNTRY CLUB
LAST EVENING TO INTERVIEW JERRY RAY, AS RESULT, JERRY LEFT
EMPLOYMENT, STAYED IN A MOTEL LAST EVENING, AND CONTACTED CHICAGO
OFFICE THIS MORNING ADVISING HE WAS LEAVING FOR ST. LOUIS ABOUT
ONE FIFTEEN PM THIS DATE, DRIVING HIS POA. WILL STAY OVERNIGHT WITH
BROTHER JOHN RAY THEN WITH FATHER JERRY RAYNES, CENTER, MISSOURI.
EXPECTS TO STAY THREE OR FOUR DAYS. WILL CALL EMPLOYMENT MAY SEVEN
NEXT TO SEE IF NEWS MEDIA INTEREST HAS ABATED. THEN RETURN.
INSTRUCTED TO CONTACT ST. LOUIS OFFICE.

LEADS BEING HANDLED ON A CONTINUING AND EXPEDITE BASIS.

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

MURKIN.

DAILY SUMMARY.

COMPLETE PSYCHIATRIC REPORTS REGARDING CARLOS LEE BILLINGS
OBTAINED FROM MEDICAL CENTER FOR FEDERAL PRISONERS, SPRINGFIELD,
MO., AND FORWARDED BUREAU AND MEMPHIS.

RECORDS MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY (MSP) REVEAL INMATES TOM
BRITTON AND JAMES C. WOODS BOTH FROM ALABAMA WERE RELEASED DURING
PAST YEAR. BIRMINGHAM ADVISED.

OFFICIALS MSP ADVISED THAT LEDGER BEARING SIGNATURES OF
INDIVIDUALS VISITING PRISONERS AT THE PENITENTIARY COMPARED WITH
SIGNATURE CARD, THEN DESTROYED AT END OF DAY. FBI LABORATORY
ADVISED PERSON SIGNING SIGNATURE HARVEY LOWMYER CANNOT DEFINITELY
BE IDENTIFIED AS SUBJECT. HOWEVER, SIGNIFICANT HANDWRITING
SIMILARITIES WERE NOTED, THUS KANSAS CITY ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN
ADDITIONAL HANDWRITING SAMPLES FROM RECORDS U. S. PROBATION OFFICE
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THIS AREA AND U. S. PENITENTIARY, LEAVENWORTH, KS. ADDITIONAL SAMPLES MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE RECORDS U. S. PROBATION OFFICE, ST. LOUIS, MO.

MSP INMATE RICHARD BEEMAN INTERVIEWED, COULD FURNISH NO INFORMATION RE SUBJECT.

ST. LOUIS ADVISED JOHNNY VELLANTI RESIDING THEIR AREA, FRANK MAYBERRY AND JOHN EDWARD JOHNSON CURRENTLY AT MOBERLY, MO. JIMMY Z. BRADLEY IDENTIFIED AS KINGPIN IN AMPHETAMINE BUSINESS IN MSP AND CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF RAY. NONEY EDEN NOT IDENTIFIED YET FROM PRISON RECORDS. EFFORTS CONTINUING. KANSAS CITY OFFICE REQUESTS MEMPHIS FURNISH A COPY OF PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT OBTAINED FROM POSTAL INSPECTORS, LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

INTERVIEWS WITH PRISONERS CONTINUE. LOCAL LEADS GETTING IMMEDIATE COVERAGE.

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FBI ST LOUIS

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

FROM : SA PEMBROKE WASHINGTON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/3/68

On 5/3/68, NORMAN R. SEAY, Director of Concentrated Employment Program, 415 Pine St., advised that his agency employed WALTER E. NOLAN on 4/29/68 as a counselor at 2420 Cass Ave. SEAY further advised that NOLAN was released the same day that he was employed. The reason for NOLAN's release was due to resentment by older staff members who felt that NOLAN was inexperienced and that someone from the staff, who had been with the program longer, should have been selected for that particular position. SEAY further advised that the staff threatened to walk out if NOLAN remained as a counselor at 2420 Cass Ave.

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314PM URGENT 5/3/68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND ST. LOUIS (44-775)
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 2P

MURKIN.

RE CHICAGO TEL THIS DATE.

JERRY RAY TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED CHICAGO OFFICE AND ADVISED HE WAS LEAVING FOR ST. LOUIS AT ABOUT ONE FIFTEEN PM THIS DATE DRIVING HIS POA. WILL PROBABLY STAY OVERNIGHT WITH BROTHER JOHN, ^{RAY} THEN WITH HIS FATHER JERRY RAYNES ON FARM, CENTER, MISSOURI. EXPECTS TO STAY THREE TO FOUR DAYS AND WILL CALL EMPLOYMENT COUNTRY CLUB MAY SEVEN NEXT TO SEE IF NEWS MEDIA INTEREST HAS ABATED. INSTRUCTED TO CONTACT SA H. DOBSON, ST. LOUIS OFFICE.

~~RE CHICAGO TEL THIS DATE.~~
IF ST. LOUIS DESIRES TO INTERVIEW JERRY RAY, SUGGESTED THAT SUBJECT'S FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS WITH JERRY BE DISCUSSED AS SET FORTH IN KANSAS CITY AIRTEL TO BUREAU ET AL APRIL TWENTY NINE LAST. NOTE THAT JERRY IN INTERVIEWS WITH AGENTS CHICAGO STATES ONLY RECEIVED FORTY OR FIFTY DOLLARS FROM SUBJECT WHILE SUBJECT WAS IN PRISON. ALSO STATED THAT HE WAS IN DEBT TO SUBJECT AND WAS PLANNING TO PAY HIM BACK BUT PAYMENTS TERMINATED AT TIME OF BROTHER'S ESCAPE.
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REVIEW OF INFO IN ABOVE AIRTEL REVEALS SUBJECT ACTUALLY SENT TWO HUNDRED SIXTY SIX DOLLARS TO JERRY. CHICAGO WAS PLANNING TO RESOLVE THIS DISCREPENCY IN INTERVIEW THIS DATE. HOWEVER DUE TO NEWS MEDIA ACTIVITY AT EMPLOYMENT REQUEST ST. LOUIS HANDLE IF THEY DESIRE TO ESTABLISH PERSONAL CONTACT WITH JERRY.

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Date: 4/30/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686) P
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Re Omaha tel to Bureau, 4/24/68 and mytel to Bureau,
 4/29/68.

Enclosed for each office one copy of photo of ROBERT
 DALE PORTER, FBI #4590482, taken December, 1964, furnished by
 girlfriend of PORTER, CARMEN RAMAGE.

The following investigation was conducted in Oklahoma
 City by SAs DAVID J. LANG and MICHAEL F. HUTTER:

On 4/25/68, CARMEN E. RAMAGE, 1642 N.W. 12th, Apt. 1,
 advised that she first met ROBERT DALE PORTER five years ago
 in Kansas City in August. She stated that she had met him at
 the Belmont Bar, Kansas City, Mo. and they had spent the evening
 there at the Ship Bar. She advised that she had not seen PORTER
 since then to April 19, 1968. She stated that while he was serving
 time in the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) at Jefferson City,
 that numerous pieces of correspondence passed between them.

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RAMAGE stated that PORTER had remained in Oklahoma City from 4/19 and she had last seen him approximately 10 AM, 4/23/68. She stated that he must have left town or else he would have been in contact with her.

RAMAGE stated PORTER had told her that he had been in Cedar Rapids, Iowa and had traveled around the State of Iowa and that he had left his home in Waverly, Iowa taking with him his mother's ring which he had pawned and sent her the pawn ticket. PORTER further told her that he had been released from the MSP on 12/8/67 and that he had known JAMES EARL RAY while in the penitentiary. He stated that while in the Penitentiary that RAY had escaped from the penitentiary in a guard's uniform while he was working in the dry cleaning plant and that RAY had obtained this uniform from a guard who has since been fired. He stated that RAY and this guard were very close friends. She further stated that PORTER told her that RAY had not escaped in a bakery truck as the newspapers had reported. RAMAGE stated that she had sent a check, in February, 1968, in the amount of \$23.00 to PORTER in Waverly so that he could obtain a bus ticket to come to Oklahoma City to see her. She stated that PORTER had called her from the bus depot in Oklahoma City approximately 7:30 PM 4/19/68 and told her that he was drinking with a person who had an amputated hand at the knuckles at Winnie's Bar which is located across the street from the bus depot.

RAMAGE stated that PORTER had possibly applied for employment as machinery operator at an automatic car wash in the 4000 block of North Pennsylvania or through the Key Personnel, 110 N. Robinson or at some Mortgage and Loan Company across the street from the city library. RAMAGE further advised that PORTER had told her that he had lost his luggage in Kansas City and was currently traveling without any luggage.

Continuous and intensive investigation was conducted to locate PORTER at Oklahoma City.

On 4/29/68, PORTER was located through an Oklahoma City PCI at the Blood Plasma Donor Center, 505 West Main, Oklahoma City and was subsequently interviewed furnishing the following information:

ROBERT DALE PORTER, temporarily residing at Hudson Hotel, Oklahoma City, stated that he had been in the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP), Jefferson City, Mo. from June or July, 1961 through 9/1/62 and again from 3/2/64 until his

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release on 12/8/67. PORTER stated that upon his release from MSP, that he had gone to Waverly, Iowa to live at the residence of his mother, CLARA PORTER, 103-1/2 E. Bremer, Waverly.

PORTER stated that he left Waverly in the latter part of February, 1968 and the following is approximately his itinerary.

Waterloo, Iowa - where he remained approximately 2 days.

Des Moines, Iowa - remaining 3 to 4 days.

Cheyenne, Wy. - remaining 3 days.

Pocahontas, Iowa - over night with uncle HANS NIELSON.

Humble, Iowa - over night with uncle HANS PORTER.

Aplington, Iowa - over night where he contacted his brother-in-law's mother and brother, LOUELLA and MELVIN ACKER.

Iowa City, Iowa - remaining approx. one week. While there he pawned a man's black face ring at the Hock-Eye Pawn Shop for \$7 on 3/11/68. PORTER resided he believes at the Berkley Hotel, where the bus station is located and left town on 3/11/68.

Storm Lake, Iowa - remaining approx. 2 days.

Red Oak, Iowa - over night. Porter resided at the hotel across the street from the Police Dept.

PORTER then hitchhiked to Barstow, Calif. leaving approx. 10 AM, one day and arriving in Barstow early the next evening. This ride was with a mechanic from Marshal Town, Iowa. That same date, PORTER hitched a ride to Visalia, Calif. with a girlfriend employed at Nellis AFB, Las Vegas, Nev., arriving Visalia that evening. PORTER stayed at Visalia approximately one week and visited with his daughter, VICTORIA RAY PORTER. He stated VICTORIA is residing with a JOSIE ACOSTA PORTER who is living with a CHUCK (LNU). JOSIE, PORTER's ex-wife, resides at 124 N.W. 1st, Visalia.

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PORTER then spent two or three days hitchhiking to Nevada where he stayed over night.

Las Vegas, Nev. - where PORTER stayed at the McDonald Hotel, approximately 3 nights.

Salt Lake City - remaining 2 nights.

Laramie, Wy. - remaining one night.

Denver, Colo. - where PORTER visited with a BETTY LOU LUCAS, 3626 Perry Street.

PORTER hitchhiked from Denver to Colorado Springs, Colo. with a PHILLIP E. MEHL, 432 W. Bijou, where he remained for 2 or 3 days.

Albuquerque, N.M. - PORTER resided at Albuquerque for 2 to 3 days and contacted a ROSE SINKEY, who formerly resided in Waverly, Iowa.

Las Cruces, N.M. - PORTER spent approx. 2 days traveling from Las Cruces to Van Horn, Texas where he resided at the only hotel in town over night.

Fort Worth, Texas - PORTER resided for approximately 2 days at a cheap motel located near the bus depot.

Durant, Oklahoma - residing over night.

McAlester, Oklahoma - PORTER resided with a couple that live behind a cab stand for two days.

Canadian, Oklahoma - residing one day, while there PORTER helped an individual paint 55-gallon oil drums for use on his boat dock.

PORTER then went to Miami, Oklahoma where he resided one night at the St. James Hotel.

PORTER traveled by bus from Miami, Oklahoma to Carthage, Missouri stopping for approx. one hour in Joplin, Mo. While in Joplin, PORTER attempted to contact a ROGER ZINN, a former convict but stated he was unable to do so. PORTER stated that he recalls while waiting in the bus depot that he heard of the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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While in Carthage, PORTER contacted a BETTY ELLIOTT, 901 Fulton St., while attempting to contact a girl he had known in 1947.

PORTER traveled to Warsaw, Mo. staying overnight. While in Warsaw, he contacted a JACK LANPHERE by telephone and stated he wanted to see LANPHERE, that he wanted to borrow money from him. LANPHERE advised that he was unable to get into town because of his parole status.

PORTER traveled to Columbia, Mo. where he was a sleeper at the Police Dept. and the next day contacted an uncle, MARION MURRAY, 102 Thistledown Dr., Columbia.

PORTER then traveled to California, Mo. and attempted to locate a LEWIS BARGEON who had been in the MSP Maximum Security with PORTER. He was unable to contact him but stayed overnight at California, Mo.

PORTER then traveled to Maysville, Mo. where he resided at the Lincoln Hotel overnight and contacted Sheriff O. L. Maddox.

St. Joseph, Mo. - PORTER checked in at a small hotel but met a person, name unrecalled, in a bar and they then went to Kansas City, Mo. by car and stayed at the Gladstone Hotel. PORTER met with a MIKE COX at a bar on 9th St. in downtown, Kansas City, Mo. While with MIKE COX, he and COX drove on a Sunday to St. Louis, Mo. attempting to contact a LAWRENCE MOBLEY, a former convict described as a large Negro male. They were unable to contact MOBLEY. They contacted a Mrs. RICHARD PESEK, a sister-in-law of BETTY REITTER, the mother of a illegitimate son of PORTER by the name fo THOMAS DALE REITTER.

COX and PORTER returned to Kansas City that evening which he believes was a Sunday.

PORTER then traveled from Kansas City to Oklahoma City hitching a ride with two young boys from Peculiar, Mo. PORTER stated he believes that this was on 4/19/68. PORTER resided with a CARMEN RAMAGE, 1642 N.W. 12th, Oklahoma City until approx. 4/23/68 when he left hitching a ride with a Naval Lieutenant to Long Beach, Calif.

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PORTER stayed one day in Los Angeles at the bus depot and left Los Angeles on Friday.

PORTER arrived Oklahoma City Saturday night 4/27/68 where he stayed with a LLOYD HISE, 2728 N.W. 39th.

On 4/28/68, PORTER drove HISE and his pickup truck to Ft. Smith, Ark. and hitchhiked back arriving approx. 1 PM.

PORTER stated that while incarcerated in the MSP, that JAMES EARL RAY known to him as JIMMY RAY was involved in selling amphetamines to his fellow inmates. He stated that a JOHN STOUT, an ex-guard in the MSP was his source of these amphetamines. PORTER stated that STOUT and RAY were very good friends.

PORTER stated that RAY was extremely quiet, was a person who did not take much from anyone. He stated that to his knowledge RAY has taken amphetamines but had never taken any hard narcotics.

He further stated that whenever RAY was pushed around that he would retaliate fiercely. PORTER stated that on two previous occasions RAY had attempted to escape from the MSP - once by going over the wall and once when he hid in a ventilator shaft and subsequently broke his elbow. PORTER stated that RAY had never mentioned to him where he was from or where he would go when he got out of prison.

He further stated that RAY had never indicated that he disliked Negroes and to PORTER's knowledge was even associated with several while in the penitentiary. PORTER stated that he was leaving Oklahoma City on 4/29/68 and was hitchhiking to the home of his mother in Waverly where he would obtain work as a construction worker.

PORTER is described as follows:

Name	ROBERT DALE PORTER
DPOB	[REDACTED], Clarinda, Iowa
Height	6'
Weight	175
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Gray, in a crew cut
Social Security No.	[REDACTED]
Scars and marks	Tattoos - "BETO" back of right hand

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"Sufrendo Es Mi Destino" back of right hand; "Mom" and "Dad" left outer forearm; Air Force wings with "AAF" above on left bicep; 6" scar outer, upper right arm; 4 to 5" tattoo removal scar right outer forearm with letter "P" over scar; $\frac{1}{2}$ " vertical scar left upper lip.

Glasses:

Wears prescription dark glasses, tinted green.

Military:

U. S. Navy 1943 to 12-29-43;
Army Air Force 12-19-45 to 8-21-46;
U. S. Air Force, 7-19-47 to 1948

Arrest record:

1948 burglary, Arizona;
1949 Statutory Rape, Iowa;
1952 Escape, Iowa;
1958 Checks, Texas, Terminal Island, California;

1961 Checks, Missouri;

1962 Checks, Iowa;

1964 Armed Robbery, Missouri

Sister:

Mrs. THOMAS DeGROOT, 1608 East Street
Cedar Falls, Iowa.

LEADS:

EL PASO DIVISION

At Van Horn, Texas

Will attempt to ascertain date or dates PORTER resided at hotel in Van Horn, Texas. It is noted PORTER states he believes he was in Joplin, Missouri at the time of KING's murder, however, his presence 4-12-68 in Warsaw, Missouri has been verified. It would therefore appear from a review of PORTER's itinerary that he was possibly in Van Horn, Texas at the time of KING's murder. In the event it is ascertained by El Paso that PORTER was not in Van Horn, Texas at time of KING's murder, then El Paso should set out appropriate leads, from the itinerary furnished by PORTER, in order to establish his whereabouts on 4-4-68.

KANSAS CITY DIVISION

At Jefferson City, Missouri

Will attempt to locate and interview JOHN STOUT for any information re subject RAY.

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1140AM URGENT 5/3/68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND ST. LOUIS (44-775)
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 1P

MURKIN.

AS A RESULT OF CHICAGO "SUN-TIMES" REPORTER LOCATING AND
INTERVIEWING SUBJECT'S BROTHER JERRY RAY THE VARIOUS NEWS MEDIA
CONVERGED ON SPORTSMAN'S COUNTRY CLUB LAST EVENING IN AN EFFORT TO
FURTHER INTERVIEW AND EXPLOIT JERRY RAY. MR. CHAMBERLAIN, OWNER,
SPORTSMAN'S COUNTRY CLUB, WHO HAS BEEN MOST COOPERATIVE WITH THIS
OFFICE MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO HAVE JERRY HIDDEN OUT IN A LOCAL MOTEL,
WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN TO LOCAL PRESS. CHAMBERLAIN RELEASED THE
INFORMATION THAT JERRY HAD LEFT HIS EMPLOYMENT AND PRESENT WHEREABOUTS
UNKNOWN. THIS HAS RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE COVERAGE BOTH ON RADIO
AND TV, CHICAGO AREA. JERRY WILL CONTACT CASE AGENT THIS DATE
AND HE WILL BE DISCREETLY INTERVIEWED AS BEFORE ON A CONTINUING BASIS.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO, JACKSON
KANSAS CITY, MOBILE, NEW ORLEANS, ST. LOUIS, SAVANNAH AND
SPRINGFIELD
FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 2P

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RE BUTEL MAY TWO LAST.

ONE PAIR SHORTS AND T-SHIRT BELIEVED PROPERTY OF SUBJECT,
RECOVERED IMMEDIATELY AFTER SLAYING, BORE BLACK LAUNDRY MARKS
O TWO B DASH SIX" ON RED THERMO SEAL TAPE. SHEET AND PILLOW
CASE FOUND IN ABANDONED MUSTANG AT ATLANTA BORE BLACK LAUNDRY
MARKS "TWO ZERO R DASH THREE" ON WHITE THERMO SEAL TAPE.

IN VIEW OF RAY'S INDICATED TENDENCIES TOWARD PERSONAL
CLEANLINESS, PHOTOS OF RAY SHOULD BE SHOWN AT ALL LAUNDRIES
IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS OF REBUTEL AND CONSIDERATION
GIVEN TO ALERTING LAUNDRIES ABOVE DESCRIBED TAGS MAY STILL
BE AFFIXED TO SOME OF SUBJECT'S LAUNDRY.

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TO ST. LOUIS 44-775

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

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REURLET APRIL THIRTY LAST.

YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO OBTAIN TOLL TELEPHONE DATA
THROUGH ISSUANCE OF SUBPOENA ON TELEPHONES INDICATED
WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED. THIS CHECK
SHOULD COVER PERIOD FROM APRIL TWENTY-THREE, SIXTY-SEVEN
TO THE PRESENT AND THEREAFTER ON A CONTINUING BASIS
UNLESS OTHER WISE ADVISED BY BUREAU. INSURE REVIEW OF
RECORDS CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED WITH FULL SECURITY AND
BUREAU INTERESTS ARE FULLY PROTECTED.

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

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RE KANSAS CITY TEL, MAY TWO, LAST, CAPTIONED "RE: FELLOW PRISONERS."

JOHN EDWARD JOHNSON, INMATE, MO. TRAINING CENTER, MOBERLY, ADVISED KNEW SUBJECT WHILE INMATE JEFFERSON CITY, SIXTY DASH SIXTYFOUR. STATES NOT CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH HIM AND HAS NOT SEEN HIM SINCE SIXTYFOUR. NEVER HEARD OF COOLEY OR COOLEY ASSOCIATES, NOR ANY BY STATEMENT/RAY THAT HE INTENDED TO KILL KING.

FRANK MAYBERRY, ANOTHER INMATE, STATES NEVER KNEW SUBJECT. WAS IN "L" HALL OUTSIDE OF WALL WHEN AT JEFFERSON CITY. P

armed & dangerous

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

MURKIN.

SUSPECT ~~RICHARD~~ L. BREY.

JOSEPHINE JONES, CLERK, ONE HOUR MARTINIZING CLEANERS,
FIVE SIX THREE ONE DELMAR, SLMO, TODAY ADVISED AN INDIVIDUAL
NAMED BREY, WHO LOOKED LIKE SUBJECT, ENTERED SHO P. SHE NOTED
HE DROVE A SIXTYFOUR CHEVROLET, BEARING CURRENT MO. LIC.
P S ZERO DASH THREE TWO SIX. CHECK REVEALS LICENSE ISSUED TO:
RICHARD L. BREY, ONE FIVE ZERO FIVE WEST WORLEY, COLUMBIA, MO.

KANSAS CITY CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION. P

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

FROM : SA P. WASHINGTON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5-3-68

On 5-3-68, JOSEPHINE JONES, Clerk, One-Hour
Martinizing Cleaners, 5631 Delmar, telephone ^{PA-1-9125}~~PS 0-326~~, telephonically
advised that a customer, "BREY," entered Martinizing on above date
meeting description of JAMES EARL RAY. JONES advised that "BREY"
was wearing a dark suit with a white or light blue shirt with a
necktie. JONES stated that "BREY" was driving a 1964 Chevrolet,
tan, bearing 1968 Mo. Lic., PS 0-326.

A license check reveals that the 1968 Mo. Lic. was issued
to RICHARD L. BREY, 1505 W. Worley, Columbia, for the above-
mentioned car.

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PW:wma

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The following investigation was conducted by
IC WILLIAM C. MC DONALD at Jefferson City, Missouri:

On May 1, 1968, Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) records were checked for RAY EUGENE WARREN. The following information was obtained:

RAY EUGENE WARREN was received at the MSP on June 9, 1955, to serve a 10 year sentence on charge of robbery first degree by means of a dangerous and deadly weapon under court case #1941-C. He completed this sentence and began an additional 20 year sentence on July 11, 1961, on charge of robbery first degree by means of a dangerous and deadly weapon, court case number 1945-C. He was assigned MSP number 69963. WARREN was discharged by commutation of sentence from April 13, 1968. Relatives listed on WARREN's correspondence and visiting list are wife DORIS WARREN, 3330 Sims, St. Anne, Missouri; brother-in-law BILL SCOTT, same address; sister, BETTY WARREN, Route 2, Box 187, Robertson, Missouri. Records reflect that WARREN was visited by his mother and brother, PAUL WARREN, Robertson, Missouri, and brother, SCOTT WARREN, Pomona, California. While WARREN was in the MSP, he was in the following cells:

From November 6, 1959, until January 4, 1960, G70;

From January 4, 1960, until July 1, 1960, G89;

From July 1, 1960, until August 31, 1960, C20;

From August 31, 1960, until October 31, 1960, E80;

October 31, 1960, until January 6, 1961, E33;

January 6, 1961, until March 17, 1961, F96.

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Warden HAROLD SWENSON advised confidentially that WARREN had assisted his department in an investigation which had been conducted and that from November, 1965, until after JAMES EARL RAY escaped from the MSP, that WARREN was in solitary confinement being given maximum security for fear of his life. Warden SWENSON continued that if at all possible, WARREN should not be contacted as he is extremely nervous and fearful for his life. However, Warden SWENSON advised that WARREN is to be living with his brother, SCOTT L. WARREN at 17902 Edmond Place, Covina, California.

SINCE WARREN WAS SENTENCED TO THE MSP FOR A TOTAL PERIOD OF 30 YEARS ON CHARGE OF ROBBERY WITH A DANGEROUS AND DEADLY WEAPON AND IS EXTREMELY NERVOUS, HE SHOULD BE APPROACHED WITH CAUTION AND POSSIBLY CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

5/2/68

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AIRMAIL

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

Re San Diego teletype to Bureau, 4/29/68.

Enclosed for Bureau and receiving offices is one copy of investigative insert regarding RAY EUGENE WARREN.

Inasmuch as he was in solitary confinement from November, 1965, until his release on April 13, 1968, he would not have had any contact with subject during that period. Thus, the warden's request that he not be contacted should be respected at this time, and if it becomes necessary he be contacted in the future, advise Kansas City Office in advance so this can be made known to Warden SWENSON, Missouri State Penitentiary, who has been extremely cooperative in this matter.

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to locate*

For benefit of the Los Angeles Office, referenced communication reveals A. E. "KIT" BROWN, General Delivery, Hamshire, Texas, advised ex-wife's name is DORIS DEAN JONES, nee SCHULTZ, aka Doris Dean Brown, presently residing 10707 Jamaica, Spring Valley, California. BROWN advised basis for divorce from wife in 1960, was finding letter in wife's purse from EARL RAY, or RAY EARL, or WARREN RAY, or RAY WARREN, who at that time was in the State Prison, at Jefferson City.

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DORIS DEAN JONES was interviewed at San Diego, and advised she formerly knew a RAY EUGENE WARREN, who would now be 38 years of age, white male, 5' 8", 150 lbs., dark brown wavy hair, blue eyes; numerous tattoos - rose on back of one hand, RAY on one hand, LOVE on fingers of one hand, and a "Pachuco" type cross on one hand.

Mrs. JONES advised RAY EUGENE WARREN, during 1955, was incarcerated at St. Louis City Jail for period of one year prior to being sentenced to 30 years at the State Prison, Jefferson City, Missouri. Mrs. JONES advised it is her opinion that RAY EUGENE WARREN is not identical with JAMES EARL RAY, as none of the photographs of RAY displayed to her appeared to be identical with RAY EUGENE WARREN.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA THOMAS H. WEAVER at Jefferson City, Missouri, on April 29, 1968:

A review of the records of the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) revealed that there is no inmate named WADE currently confined at the MSP.

Inmates with the last name WADE who were confined at the MSP during the time of JAMES EARL RAY's incarceration were identified through records as HAROLD WADE, # 10780; JAMES A. WADE, # 02913; JAMES DENNIS WADE, also known as DENNIS WADE FONTENNOT, # 04495, and KENNETH LEE WADE, # 08955.

HAROLD WADE is described as a white male, born [redacted], at Waynesville, Missouri; 5 feet, 10 inches; 160 pounds; brown hair, blue eyes, FBI # 788807D. His parents are listed as Mr. and Mrs. BEN F. WADE, Route # 2, Waynesville, Missouri; brothers CLARENCE and VIRGIL WADE, Route 1, Rogersville, Missouri; sister DOROTHY WADE, Route 2, Waynesville. He was received at the MSP August 8, 1963, on a 4-year sentence on check charge violation, escaped October 29, 1963, and received two years' sentence for escape, transferred to Moberly April 3, 1967, then to Fulton State Hospital August 8, 1967, and released January 20, 1968, on a Warden's release. HAROLD WADE had one violation report noted for "Investigation of Fight," February 3, 1967, but charges were dismissed and details were not available in the file.

KENNETH LEE WADE, # 08955, FBI # 568123B, was received at the MSP, June 12, 1959, the first time, later discharged, and received again August 22, 1964, until final discharge on September 8, 1965. He is a former Unlawful Flight subject of the Kansas City Division, and he worked at the MSP in the kitchen from 1962 to 1963 and in the bakery, in Food Service, February to March 1964. He is described as white male, born [redacted], St. Louis, Missouri; 5 feet, 7 inches; 150 pounds, brown hair; brown eyes, mother Mrs. MILDRED WADE, 2150 East Cottage, St. Louis, Missouri, and he listed a friend as GINNY WILLIAMS, 2151 Sandy Ridge Road, East St. Louis, Illinois.

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A letter in his file dated August 23, 1967, indicated that KENNETH LEE WADE was received at the California State Penitentiary at Chino, California, under # B-10470, on August 22, 1967.

JAMES A. WADE, # 02913, was received June 7, 1961, from Vernon County, Missouri, on checks conviction and was discharged on February 12, 1964. He is described as a white male, born [redacted] at Arcade, Kansas; 6 feet, 2 inches; 180 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes, FBI # 2481633. His wife was listed as ALENE WADE, 2531 North Minneapolis, Wichita, Kansas, and he listed sisters LEONA THOMSSON, General Delivery, Augusta, Kansas, and NAOMI KEMP, General Delivery, Wichita, and an aunt Mrs. LEE CAIN, General Delivery, Independence, Kansas.

WADE is described as illiterate and can write only his name. On August 8, 1963, he was assigned to Food Service in the kitchen at the MSP, and he had one offense report for "fighting in the kitchen" August 13, 1963, with one month loss of privileges, but the offense report with the details has been destroyed. As of September 8, 1965, MSP records indicate that WADE was incarcerated at the State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, under # 72556 on a 7-year sentence for larceny of automobile.

DENNIS WADE FONTENNOT, # 04495, FBI # 860489B, was received at the MSP March 16, 1962, from Jackson County, Missouri, on two years' sentence for burglary and stealing, and he was discharged May 2, 1963. He is described as a white male, born [redacted] at New Orleans, Louisiana; 5 feet, 8 inches; 147 pounds; brown hair; brown eyes. He is described as illiterate, has Social Security No. [redacted] and he lists no brothers and sisters, stated his father died in 1946 and that he has not seen his mother since 1946. He had no relatives or correspondents listed in his file. FONTENNOT has Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department Nos. EX 45492 and 98630 and New Orleans Police Department # 74527.

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AIRMAIL

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

Re Dallas teletype to the Bureau, 4/27/68.

Referenced communication revealed subject, while in Missouri State Penitentiary, had an inmate named GREEN beaten up by two other inmates because of nonpayment for amphetamine powder. Inmate named (FNU) WADE believed to have been one of the prisoners who did the beating.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau and each receiving office is one copy of an investigative insert concerning all the inmates named WADE incarcerated at the Missouri State Penitentiary at the time subject was there.

LEADS

LOS ANGELES

AT CHINO, CALIFORNIA

Will review records of the California State Penitentiary under number B-10470 in an attempt to determine KENNETH LEE WADE's whereabouts in order to interview him regarding subject.

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AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Attempt to locate and interview KENNETH LEE WADE

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for any information he may have regarding subject at residence of his mother, Mrs. MILDRED WADE, 2150 East Cottage, St. Louis, Mo.

*Willison
T Buckley*

KANSAS CITY

AT WAYNESVILLE, MISSOURI

Will contact Mr. and Mrs. BEN F. WADE, Route 2, in an attempt to locate HAROLD WADE to interview him regarding subject.

AT WICHITA, KANSAS

Will interview Mrs. ALENE WADE, 2531 North Minneapolis, in an attempt to locate JAMES A. WADE in order that he may be interviewed regarding subject.

AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Will review records, Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, #EX45492 and #98630, in an attempt to determine whereabouts of DENNIS WADE FONTENNOT so that he may be interviewed regarding whereabouts of subject.

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

MURKIN.

RE MEMPHIS TT, APRIL TWENTYNINE, LAST, REQUESTING KANSAS
CITY AND ST. LOUIS RECOMMENDATIONS RE USE OF KC PCI LAWRENCE E.
WRAY.

ST. LOUIS RECOMMENDS AGAINST USE IN ST. LOUIS AREA.
EXISTING SOURCES AND THOSE UNDER DEVELOPMENT IN ST. LOUIS
BELIEVED ADEQUATE. P

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SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, EL PASO (157-186) (P)

MURKIN.

RE SUSPECT ROBERT DALE PORTER.RE OKLAHOMA CITY TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, OMAHA, MEMPHIS,
EL PASO, ETC., APRIL TWENTYNINE, LAST.

RECORDS CHECKED AT THE CLARK HOTEL, VAN HORN, TEXAS,
APRIL THIRTY, INSTANT, REFLECT ROBERT DALE PORTER, SAME
DESCRIPTION AS FURNISHED IN RETEL, CAME ON FOOT TO THE
HOTEL AT ABOUT SEVEN P.M., APRIL THREE, LAST, AND RENTED
ROOM SEVEN PAYING TWO DOLLARS FOR ROOM AS PORTER STATED TO
CLERK THAT TWO DOLLARS WAS ALL THE MONEY HE HAD. PORTER
SPENT NIGHT IN ROOM SEVEN GIVING ADDRESS OF ONE ZERO THREE
AND ONE HALF EAST PALMER, WAVERLY, IOWA. PORTER MADE NO

- 1 - El Paso
- 1 - Birmingham (44-1740) (AM)
- 1 - Kansas City (44-760) (AM)
- 1 - Oklahoma City (44-686) (AM)
- 1 - Omaha (44-310) (AM)
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TELEPHONE CALLS AT HOTEL AND DID NOT INQUIRE AS TO WHERE HE COULD MAKE A TELEPHONE CALL AWAY FROM HOTEL. PORTER WAS ALONE AND HAD NO VISITORS WHILE AT HOTEL. PORTER LEFT HOTEL AT ABOUT TEN A.M. ON FOOT APRIL FOUR, LAST, DIRECTION OF TRAVEL NOT STATED TO HOTEL PERSONNEL AND UNKNOWN.

IN ABSENCE OF PHOTO OF PORTER AND SINCE THE PORTER WHO STAYED AT HOTEL IN VAN HORN FITS DESCRIPTION FURNISHED OF PORTER IN RETEL, NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED BY EL PASO RE PORTER.

BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, OKLAHOMA CITY, OMAHA, ST. LOUIS ADVISED AIR MAIL.

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100XXX 1016 AM URGENT 5/3/68 PHM
TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS, ST. LOUIS
FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 2P

MURKIN

encl Ident of Visitors To MSP

INFO RECEIVED FROM MSP THAT VISITOR'S CARD IS ISSUED TO PERSONS DESIRING TO VISIT INMATES BY THE WARDEN. THIS CONTAINED SIGNATURE OF THE VISITOR. WHEN THIS PERSON MAKES VISIT, THE CARD OF THE INMATE IS PULLED BY THE MATRON IN THE VISITING ROOM, WHO CHECKS THE CARD UPON PRESENTATION. THE PERSON VISITING SIGNS THE REGISTER OF VISITORS. THIS IS A SHEET OF PAPER IN COLUMNS. THIS IS CHECKED ON THE INMATE'S FILE ACCORDING TO DATE AND WHEN SUCH ENTRIES ARE MADE ON THE INMATES CARD FOR ALL VISITORS EACH DAY, THE SHEET SIGNED BY THE VISITOR IS DESTROYED.

THE ONLY OFFICIAL SIGNATURE OF THE VISITOR IS CONTAINED ON THE INMATE'S OFFICIAL VISITOR'S CARD. IF THE SIGNATURE DOES NOT AGREE IN THE OPINION OF THE CHECKING MATRON, NO VISIT WOULD BE ALLOWED AND TROUBLE MIGHT RESULT BOTH TO THE INMATE AND THE VISITOR; THEREFORE, IT IS VERY UNLIKELY THAT A VISITOR WOULD

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USE SOMEONE ELSE'S IDENTITY IN VISITING ONE OF THE INMATES AT
MSP.

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FBI DETROIT

1038 PM EDST URGENT 5-4-68 VMC

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND ST. LOUIS
FROM DETROIT (44-989)

MURKIN

ON FIVE FOUR SIXTYEIGHT DE ONE ZERO EIGHT FIVE - R FURNISHED
BENTON HARBOR RA WITH A LETTER WRITTEN TO AN INDIGENT WHITE
COUPLE, RUTH AND VIRGIL WILLIAMS, FIVE NINE FIVE NORTH
STEVENS, BENTON HARBOR, WHOM INFORMANT HAS BEFRIENDED FOR SEVERAL
MONTHS.

LETTER, HEADED "APRIL TWENTYFIVE, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, FOUR
THREE FOUR THREE LAFAYETTE, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI," AND SIGNED
"SIS," EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT JUST WHEN VIRGIL HAD OBTAINED WORK HE
HAD ENDED UP IN THE HOSPITAL AND REQUESTED RUTH TO ^{write} WITH AS FAMILY
WAS WORRIED OVER VIRGIL'S CONDITION.

LETTER CLOSED WITH FOLLOWING: "WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT KING
BEING KILLED THAT GUY RAY USE TO LIVE NEAR MOM AND W. B. THE (ONE
WORD ILLEGIBLE) SAY W. B. IS DOING REAL WELL."

ST. LOUIS WILL DISCREETLY CONTACT FEMALE OCCUPANT, FOUR THREE
FOUR THREE LAFAYETTE, ST. LOUIS AND ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE WHETHER
FORMER ADDRESS AT WHICH SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY REPORTEDLY LIVED IS
ALREADY KNOWN TO ST. LOUIS DIVISION.

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DE DOES NOT HAVE ALL PERTINENT INFO IN INSTANT CASE. ST. LOUIS
EVALUATE ON BASIS OF FACTS KNOWN TO SL AND ADVISE DE IF INFO IS
OF ANY VALUE.

AM COPY TO MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

CORR: PAGE ONE WORD ELEVEN OF LINE NINE SHOULD READ WRITE RPT WRITE
END.

JLS

FBI ST LOUIS

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND SAC MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN.

RE MEMPHIS TEL TO BUREAU AND CHICAGO INSTANT.

RE INTERVIEW BROTHER JERRY, MAY ONE LAST JERRY RAY
STATES HAS NO INFO OR INDICATION FROM JOHN RAY OR CAROL
PEPPER THAT THEY WERE EVER AWARE OF SUBJECT'S WHEREABOUTS
SINCE IN FUGITIVE STATUS. JERRY HAS NO INFO OR INDICATION
THAT ANY CONTACT HAS BEEN MADE BY THE SUBJECT WITH EITHER
JOHN OR CAROL AND IS OF STRONG OPINION THAT NO CONTACT HAS
BEEN MADE. IN LAST INTERVIEW AND OTHER INTERVIEWS, JERRY HAS
STATED THAT HE HAS READ THAT THE FIRST APPEARANCE OF ERIC
STARVO GALT WAS SEPTEMBER ONE LAST AT BIRMINGHAM. IN
ATTEMPTING TO DETERMINE POSSIBILITY OF BROTHER JOHN'S
ASSISTING SUBJECT IN ESCAPE, JERRY WAS QUESTIONED AS TO WHETHER
OR NOT JOHN DID AID SUBJECT AND WHETHER JOHN OR CAROL HAD ANY
INFORMATION CONCERNING SUBJECT'S WHEREABOUTS FROM TIME OF

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ESCAPE UNTIL NEWSPAPER ACCOUNT OF GALT'S APPEARANCE IN BIRMINGHAM ON SEPTEMBER ONE LAST. TO BOTH QUESTIONS, HE ANSWERED NEGATIVELY.

HE SAID THAT BOTH JOHN AND CAROL CLOSELY FOLLOW THE NEWSPAPER ARTICLES CONCERNING THE SUBJECT AND IN CONVERSATIONS WITH THEM, THEY HAVE DISCUSSED THE VARIOUS ARTICLES AND TO HIS KNOWLEDGE, THIS IS THE ONLY SOURCE OF INFORMATION THEY HAVE. NOTE THAT CHICAGO AND OTHER NEWSPAPERS HAVE PUBLISHED MAPS SETTING FORTH DATES WHERE SUBJECT KNOWN TO BE IN SPECIFIC TOWNS AND TRAVEL ITINERARY.

AM CC TO ATLANTA, SPRINGFIELD, ST. LOUIS, AND BIRMINGHAM.
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Date: *5-4-68*

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, AND CHICAGO

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN - SUMMARY

RAY
~~JERRY RAY~~ ARRIVED SL LAST NIGHT, TOLD BROTHER ~~JOHN~~ HE WAS GOING
 TO UN-NAMED HOTEL AND WOULD CONTACT HIM AT GRAPEVINE TAVERN NOON
 TODAY. ARRIVED GRAPEVINE THIS AFTERNOON AND IS STILL THERE.
 HAS NOT CONTACTED OFFICE AS DIRECTED. NO SL INTERVIEW CONTEMPLATED
 UNLESS HE DOES. IF CALLS, WILL BE GIVEN TELEPHONE NUMBER OF HANNI-
 BAL, MO., RA AND TOLD TO CONTACT ON ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE, CENTER,
 MO. INTERVIEW ON DEPARTURE ANTICIPATED.

FELLOW PRISONER ~~JOHN PAUL VELANTI~~ INTERVIEWED. NO SIGNIFICANT
 INFORMATION. SUGGESTED FORMER INMATE, ORVILLE GANN MIGHT HAVE
 KNOWN SUBJECT. SL ATTEMPTING LOCATE GANN.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, AND CHICAGO
FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987)
MURKIN.

RE CHICAGO TEL ELEVEN FORTY PM, MAY ONE PAST.

INFO ON PAGE TWO RETEL MAKES COMMENT TO EFFECT JERRY RAY
STATED HE RECEIVED NO INDICATION IN CONVERSATION WITH JOHN OR
CAROL THAT THEY AWARE OF SUBJECT'S PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OR WHERE-
ABOUTS SINCE ESCAPE UNTIL SEPTEMBER ONE LAST.

REQUEST CHICAGO CLARIFY INFO SINCE MEMPHIS HAS NO DATA
TO DISCLOSE THAT BROTHER JOHN OR ^{SISTER} CAROL HAD PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE AS
TO WHEREABOUTS OF SUBJECT. INFO AVAILABLE AT MEMPHIS DISCLOSES
THAT SUBJECT PROBABLY IN BIRMINGHAM AT THAT TIME.

REQUEST CHICAGO ADVISE HOW JOHN OR CAROL KNEW WHEREABOUTS
SUBJECT, DID SUBJECT CONTACT THEM BY TELEPHONE, IN PERSON, OR BY
LETTER? IF CONTACT WAS MADE FROM BIRMINGHAM, DETERMINE IF POSSIBLE
WHETHER OR NOT INFO AVAILABLE INDICATING SUBJECT RESIDED AT
HIGHLAND AVENUE ADDRESS OR DID HE HAVE NEW ADDRESS.

SUTEL.

AM COPIES TO ATLANTA, SPRINGFIELD, ST. LOUIS, BIRMINGHAM.

A & D. P.

END RGJ:BN CC: 1 - ATLANTA (AM) 1 - SPRINGFIELD (AM) MAY 4 - 1968
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Date: 5/1/68

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Re: Telephone call to Springfield from Inspector THOMAS
 E. BISHOP, SOG, 4/24/68.

MARGRET CARMICHAEL STRADER, wife of ROBERT HOOD STRADER, was contacted at the residence of her father, E. P. CARMICHAEL, Route #1, Lexington, Illinois, on 4/30/68. Mrs. STRADER advised she and her husband were at the CARMICHAEL residence the weekend of 4/20-22/68. She advised that on the night of 4/21/68 or early morning of 4/22/68 her husband was awakened by the dogs barking outside the farm residence which is located up a farm lane one-half mile from the main rural road. She advised her husband and her father, E. P. CARMICHAEL, upon making a search of the outside area, found that the STRADER's 1967 Oldsmobile Delta "88", cream colored with black vinyl top, had been broken into. Mrs. STRADER advised nothing was missing from the car and no one was located or seen in the area. Mrs. STRADER advised her husband left alone from the CARMICHAEL residence on the morning of 4/22/68 en route Detroit, Michigan.

Mrs. STRADER advised that in a short period of time, Mr. STRADER returned to the CARMICHAEL residence. Upon his return,

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STRADER stated he had found a note in the recessed area of the speedometer of his car. (Mrs. STRADER pointed out that the speedometer has been broken; therefore, her husband was not normally attracted to the speedometer). She related this note was made up of words cut from newspapers and pasted on the back of a pocket calendar (unable to describe the calendar). Mrs. STRADER said the note read in substance, "If you go to the police or the FBI you will be killed." Mrs. STRADER advised her husband, after returning with the note, proceeded en route Detroit, Michigan, and after a short period of time had elapsed, he telephonically contacted her, stating he was at the Holiday Inn, Bloomington, Illinois. Mrs. STRADER stated her husband informed her that upon reaching the road one mile north of the CARMICHAEL residence, and Route 66, he saw a 1966 or 1967 Chevrolet, tan in color, no license information, with two men in the car, parked along the road. Mrs. STRADER stated her husband told her that this car followed him en route Bloomington. However, they did not turn into the Holiday Inn when he did. Mrs. STRADER advised her husband then told her he was proceeding on to Detroit, Michigan,

Mrs. STRADER advised upon discussing above with her parents, her mother, Mrs. E. P. CARMICHAEL, stated she had noticed a late model, tan car, making several trips on the main rural road near the CARMICHAEL residence on the early morning of 4/22/68.

Mrs. STRADER advised that on the night of 4/22/68 her husband telephonically contacted her, but he would not disclose his location as he stated he was afraid to mention his location over the phone. She related her husband told her that he stopped at a rest stop area after leaving Indianapolis, Indiana. Upon leaving his car and walking the direction of the men's restroom, he saw a tan automobile occupied by two men driving very slow. He stated at this time the rider in this automobile fired a shot at him. STRADER told his wife the shot just missed his ear and he, STRADER, hit the ground where he laid as if he had been hit. STRADER stated that the tan car disappeared and he has not seen it since.

Mrs. STRADER stated her husband believed this action was due to his being in the men's restroom at the Gulf Truck Stop, Lebanon, Tennessee, on 3/27/68, where he allegedly overheard five men planning to kill Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. Mrs. STRADER stated her husband told her that one of the men in the restroom was RAY, whom he recognized after RAY's photograph was published. She stated he further informed her that he would be able to recognize the other men he saw in the restroom. Mrs. STRADER advised she recalls being at the Gulf Truck Stop at Lebanon, Tennessee, on 3/29/68. She stated upon their leaving the truck stop, her husband did not mention to her anything of hearing of the plan to kill KING. She stated she does recall her

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husband remarked, "If King goes back to Memphis he will be killed." Mrs. STRADER advised her husband did say he wanted to see CARL STERN of NBC, Washington, D.C, whom he knew but did not state why he desired to see STERN.

Mrs. STRADER advised her husband returned to the CARMICHAEL residence at Lexington, Illinois, on Friday, 4/26/68, where he stayed until the morning of Saturday, 4/27/68, at which time STRADER and his mother-in-law had an argument over Mrs. STRADER's son by a previous marriage. Mrs. CARMICHAEL told STRADER to leave, which he did.

Mrs. STRADER stated she told her husband she had contacted Mr. DONALD T. SULLIVAN, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Springfield Office of the FBI, and that he, STRADER, should call Mr. SULLIVAN and set up an appointment; that Mr. SULLIVAN had informed her he would make an appointment to meet STRADER at any location or at any time when STRADER was available. Mrs. STRADER stated her husband told her he was afraid to attempt to meet with FBI Agents, as he felt he was being followed. Mrs. STRADER stated she was unable to convince her husband to make arrangements for a meeting with the FBI. She advised her husband is very much interested in obtaining protection.

Mrs. STRADER advised of some of her husband's activities, which are not concerning the murder of Dr. KING. She advised that she does not know all of her husband's business and that she is sure he has not told her all he knows.

Mrs. STRADER advised her husband is acquainted with RAYMOND STARNES of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who told STRADER in the summer of 1967 that there were several businessmen in the area of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who were taking up a collection to obtain money to have KING assassinated. Mrs. STRADER advised her husband is well acquainted in the Baton Rouge and Denham Springs, Louisiana, area. She stated he was, in the summer of 1967, connected with the E.C. Donnell Construction Company of Denham Springs, La., which was doing construction work for the telephone company. She related E. C. DONNELL lives in Dallas, Texas. She related DONNELL had an equipment rental business and while STRADER and DONNELL were attempting to rent the equipment they were trying to gain financing for a recreational park in Louisiana similar to "Six Flags Over Texas." She related that some way they came in contact with a CHARLES and LILLIAN SHAPIRO (ph) of Miami, Florida, who advised they could finance same but were not interested, in a recreational park but would be interested in financing a horse racing track. Mrs. STRADER advised Mr. DONNELL obtained RAYMOND STARNES to help locate his land which could be used as a horse racing park. He also obtained sanction of the sheriff, (FNU) IRWIN and SAM BOSKO, both of Slidell, La; however, "things got out of hand" and an article

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appeared in "Life" magazine, and the Governor of Louisiana placed a stop to the entire operation.

Mrs. STRADER advised her husband is in telephonic contact with her daily but declines to furnish information as to his location over the telephone, as he is very afraid. Mrs. STRADER was advised to inform her husband if he has any information he desires to furnish to the FBI, he can contact any FBI Field Office, who will then arrange for an interview with him.

For information receiving offices, Inspector THOMAS E. BISHOP, SOG, on 4-24-68 advised he had received a telephone call from CARL STERN, Washington, D. C., NBC Office, who told him that a man (FNU) STRADER, whom he had met on one occasion while covering a story in the South, had, on 4-24-68, telephoned him from someplace around Toledo, Ohio. STRADER informed him he was en route to the home of his wife's parents in Lexington, Illinois. He then told STERN a "fantastic tale" about him, STRADER, overhearing a conversation on 3-29-68 in Lebanon, Tennessee, concerning the killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING. Apparently STRADER was of the impression that the people involved in the conversation knew he had overheard them, and they had taken his license number. STRADER believed there had been at least one shot fired at him since that time. STRADER informed STERN he had vital information concerning KING's murder and called STERN for advice as to what he should do. STERN advised STRADER to call the Springfield Office of the FBI and they would make arrangements to have someone meet him at his convenience in their territory. According to Mr. STERN, BISHOP stated that STRADER is afraid to approach any office and may desire to have someone meet him at a location other than an office.

The files of the Springfield Office contain the following references to ROBERT STRADER, however, it cannot be determined at this point whether or not they refer to ROBERT HOOD STRADER of Lexington, Illinois:

On 11-19-65 ROBERT STRADER, 6'1" - 2", 175 lbs., employed cutting timber near Edwardsville, Illinois, and in construction work at Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, Illinois, was considered a suspect in the robbery of the Hamel State Bank, Bufile 91-20560, Sifile 91-2642.

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In 10-66 prosecution of ROBERT H. STRADER was declined in an ITSMV matter which involved a rental car. ROBERT H. STRADER had represented himself as an employee of General Telephone Co., of Illinois, registering at two motels at Bloomington, Illinois, and had skipped without properly checking out and without paying for his room. SHRADER could not be located at that time but was described as a white, male, 35 - 40, 5'10" - 6', 150 lbs., dark brown hair, medium build and medium complexion. He was subject of Sifile 26-29006.

One ROBERT HOOD STRADER was subject of an ITSMV; UFAP - AUTO THEFT case in which Milwaukee was OO,9/63, Bufile 26-316708, Sifile 26-23403. This individual had a rather extensive arrest record dating back to 11/48 at which time he was AWOL and which involved record of arrest for issuing worthless checks, mail fraud, investigation of forgery, and defrauding an innkeeper. ROBERT H. STRADER, whose FBI No. was given as 244 633 A, was twice a patient at hospitals, one as a patient at the Patton State Hospital concerning which fingerprints were furnished by the State Bureau of Identification, Sacramento, California, on 8-3-60 and subsequently again on 9-21-60, was a patient at Atascadero State Hospital, California. That individual was described as white, male, approximately 6'3", 190 lbs., fair complexion, hazel eyes, brown hair and was considered to have suicidal tendencies.

A check through NCIC on 4-30-68 indicated ROBERT STRADER was not currently wanted.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (MAIL)

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MURKIN, CR.

RE CHICAGO TELETYPE MAY TWO, LAST AND SPRINGFIELD TELEPHONE
CALLS TO CHICAGO AND ST. LOUIS, MAY THREE, LAST.

RE: JOSEPH ELMER AUSTIN, AKA., "BLACKIE."

COP WILLIAM H. PETERSEN, (NA), ALTON, ILLINOIS, POLICE
DEPARTMENT ADVISED AUSTIN ARRESTED FOR ARMED ROBBERY WITH
SUBJECT RAY IN ALTON IN ONE NINE FIVE NINE, AND REFERRED TO
BY JERRY RAY AS BEING ONE OF SUBJECT'S CLOSEST ASSOCIATES,
HAS SINCE DIED IN PRISON.

AIRMAIL COPY TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY.

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FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN

RE KANSAS CITY TEL TO BUREAU, MAY TWO LAST.

JOHN PAUL VELANTT INTERVIEWED THIS DATE AND ADVISED ^{BARELY} ~~BEARLY~~
 RECOGNIZED SUBJECT FROM PHOTOS. DOES NOT RECALL EVER HAVING
 SPOKEN TO SUBJECT BUT DOES RECALL HIM AS FELLOW INMATE AT
 MSP. ADVISED THERE WAS NO RECENT CONTACT WITH SUBJECT AND
 NO INFORMATION WHATEVER AS TO POSSIBLE WHEREABOUTS. HE IS
 OF OPINION SUBJECT MAY BE DEAD. RECALLS NO SPECIFIC OFFER
 RE DOLLAR PRICE ON KING'S LIFE WHILE AT MSP. "COOLEY" (PHONETIC)
 AND "COOLEY'S ORGANIZATION" HAVE NO SIGNIFICANCE TO HIM. ADVISES
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