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FBI ATLANTA

717PM URGENT 5-13-68 LCS

TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS, AND ST. LOUIS  
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED MAY THIRTEEN INSTANT.  
DELTA AIRLINES HAS NOT RECEIVED TICKETS SOLD THROUGH  
TRAVEL AGENCIES AS YET.

EXPANDED CHECK OF SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES, ATLANTA,  
CONTINUING.

BILLY MACK WISDOM INTERVIEWED AT U. S. PENITENTIARY,  
ATLANTA, THIS DATE. STATES HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF  
SUBJECT'S WHEREABOUTS AND HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY PLOT  
TO KILL KING. STATED IN NOV. NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, SAW  
A PERSON IN THE FOURTEENTH ST. AREA OF ATLANTA WHO  
RESEMBLED SUBJECT. WISDOM STATES HE WOULD NOT FURNISH  
ANY INFORMATION EVEN IF HE HAD SUCH INFORMATION. IT IS  
NOTED MEMPHIS DIVISION INDICATES SUBJECT'S WHEREABOUTS  
OCT. NINETEEN THROUGH JAN. EIGHTEEN SIXTYEIGHT ESTABLISHED  
AS MEXICO AND LOS ANGELES.

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ATLANTA POLICE DEPARTMENT UNABLE TO IDENTIFY ANY BURGLARY OR ROBBERY IN WHICH SUBJECT MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED AS FILES ARE MAINTAINED ON DATE BASIS AND IN THE NAME OF THE VICTIM. ATLANTA AVERAGES EIGHTEEN BURGLARIES AND THREE ROBBERIES PER DAY.

JAMES WILLOUGHBY, FORMER TENANT AT ONE ONE THREE FOURTEENTH ST., NE, INTERVIEWED THIS DATE AND DID NOT KNOW ANYONE RESIDED IN APT. NO. TWO AT THE TIME OF WILLOUGHBY'S RESIDENCE. WILLOUGHBY RESIDED ONE ONE THREE FOURTEENTH ST. APPROXIMATELY APR. ONE THROUGH APR. TWELVE SIXTYEIGHT. ON ONE OCCASION IN EARLY APR. SIXTY-EIGHT, HE OBSERVED THREE MEN TALKING TOGETHER ON ENCLOSED PORCH AT ONE ONE THREE FOURTEENTH ST., NE. HE DID NOT ENGAGE IN CONVERSATION WITH THEM NOR DOES HE KNOW THEIR IDENTITY. UPON VIEWING PHOTO OF SUBJECT, WILLOUGHBY STATES SUBJECT POSSIBLY ONE OF THE THREE MEN BUT NOTED HE HAS SEEN NUMEROUS PICTURES OF SUBJECT

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ON TELEVISION AND IN NEWSPAPERS. WILLOUGHBY BEING REINTERVIEWED TO ASCERTAIN IF HE CAN RECALL ANY FURTHER DETAILS OF HIS RESIDENCE AT ONE ONE THREE FOURTEENTH ST., NE.

ATLANTA DIVISION OBTAINED IN A RESTAURANT NOT FAR FROM SUBJECT'S RESIDENCE A BROCHURE OF THE ELECTRA-DATE CORP., NO. NINE NW TWENTYTHIRD AVE., BIRMINGHAM. THIS BROCHURE REFLECTED THIS COMPANY ARRANGED DATES BETWEEN INDIVIDUALS BASED ON THEIR COMMON LIKES AND DISLIKES.

BIRMINGHAM CONTACT ELECTRA-DATE CORP. DETERMINE IF SUBJECT HAS MADE ANY INQUIRY OF THAT CORP.

ST. LOUIS REQUESTED TO FURNISH ANY SPECIFIC DETAILS CONCERNING ROBBERY - BURGLARY SUBJECT REPORTEDLY INVOLVED IN ATLANTA AREA.

ADVISE IF VICTIM WAS OIL CO. OFFICE OR GASOLINE STATION AND APPROXIMATE DATE.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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apparently based  
solely on allegations  
of Xerox from W Brown  
at Birmingham*

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FBI NEW ORLS

733PM URGENT 5/13/68 OLP

TO DIRECTOR, ST. LOUIS, BIRMINGHAM, AND ATLANTA  
FROM NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (P)

MURKIN.

RE ST. LOUIS TELETYPE MAY, TWELVE, LAST,

RE: JOHN PAUL VELANTI - JAMES W. BROWN

MYRTIS DYER, CREDIT BUREAU SHREVEPORT, LA., ADVISED ON MAY, THIRTEEN INSTANT SHE HAS NO RECORD FOR BETTYE VELANTI OR BETTYE PITTARD, PETERSEN, OR PRITCHARD.

FRANK WATSON, ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, SHREVEPORT, LA., ADVISED ON MAY THIRTEEN INSTANT HE HAS NO RECORD FOR BETTYE VELANTI, PITTARD, PETERSEN, OR PRITCHARD, AND DOES NOT RECALL THIS PERSON AS A MEMBER OR FORMER MEMBER OF THE A.A. IN SHREVEPORT.

MRS. VERLIN FINCHER, KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN RR, SHREVEPORT, ADVISED ON MAY, THIRTEEN, INSTANT THAT RR IS ALSO KNOWN LOCALLY AS THE LA. AND ARKANSAS RR. SHE STATED BETTYE VELANTI, PITTARD, PETERSEN, OR PRITCHARD IS NOT EMPLOYED BY THAT RR AND SHE DOES  
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*Warfield*

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NOT RECALL HER AS A FORMER EMPLOYEE. MRS. FINCHER SAID EMPLOYMENT RECORDS ARE LOCATED AT KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN OFFICES, KANSAS CITY, MO., AND SHE HAD THESE RECORDS CHECKED TELEPHONICALLY ON MAY THIRTEEN, INSTANT, AND RECORDS REVEALED FOLLOWING:

BETTYE PITTARD WAS EMPLOYED AS KEY PUNCH OPERATOR AT SHREVEPORT, LA., FROM OCTOBER SIXTEEN, FIFTYSEVEN, TO MAY, SEVENTEEN, FIFTYNINE, WHEN SHE FAILED TO REPORT FOR WORK AND WAS TERMINATED. THERE IS NO INFORMATION IN THE FILE TO SHOW HER PRESENT WHEREABOUTS. BETTYE PITTARD'S MAIDEN NAME WAS BURNETTE AND SHE WAS BORN AT ATLANTA, GA., AND ATTENDED COMMERCIAL SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL, ATLANTA UNTIL ABOUT FIFTYONE. SHE WAS EMPLOYED AS A KEY PUNCH OPERATOR FOR SOUTHERN RR, ATLANTA, UNTIL ABOUT FIFTYSEVEN. HER FATHER IS SHOWN AS GROVER W. BURNETTE, NO STREET, ADDRESS SHOWN, ATLANTA. REFERENCES LISTED BY HER WERE MRS. DELORAS GORMAN, ONE ONE TWO THREE STEWART AVE., SOUTHWEST AND MRS. BARBRA WILSON, EIGHT SEVEN SEVEN BOULEVARD NORTHEAST, BOTH ATLANTA. FORMER EMPLOYERS OF PITTARD LISTED AS COURTS AND CO.,

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IN FIFTYFOUR, ATLANTA, GENERAL DEPOT, CONLEY, GA., IN FIFTYTHREE,  
GENERAL FOODS CORP, ATLANTA FIFTYTWO, AND FIRST NATIONAL BANK,  
ATLANTA, FIFTYONE.

ATLANTA AT ATLANTA, GA., WILL THROUGH FORMER EMPLOYER,  
REFERENCES AND FATHER, LOCATE AND INTERVIEW BETTYE PITTARD  
RE ASSOCIATION BETWEEN SUBJECT RAY AND JOHN PAUL VELANTI AS  
SET FORTH IN RE TELETYPE AND IN ST. LOUIS TELETYPE MAY ELEVEN,  
LAST, FOUR EIGHTEEN P.M. AM COPY TO MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI ST LOUIS

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

MURKIN - SUMMARY

RE RAY RELATIVES COVERED BY SL: SOURCES AND SPOT CHECKS DISCLOSED NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY.

RE JAMES EUGENE GAWRON: WILL BE INTERVIEWED ON RECEIPT OF REQUESTED BUREAU CHECK OF SOUTHERN STATE BANK ROBBERIES LATE JUNE JULY SIXTY SEVEN. WILL ALSO BE QUESTIONED RE ALLEGED PRESENCE OF RAY IN VICINITY OF GARRON RESIDENCE MAY TENTH TO SEVENTEENTH SIXTYSEVEN.

RE EX-CONS JOHN PAUL VELANTI AND JAMES H. CARPENTER GIVING EVERY APPEARANCE OF COOPERATION. SOME DISCRETION REQUIRED IN CONTACTING THEM TO AVOID UNNECESSARY INJURY TO THEM IN EMPLOYMENT OR AMONG PEERS. VELANTI HAS DISCOVERED ANOTHER EX CON WHO HAS DECLINED TO DATE TO ALLOW REVELATION OF HIS IDENTITY TO BUREAU, BUT WHO CLAIMS TO HAVE BRIEFLY SEEN RAY IN SL TWO WEEKS FOLLOWING MSP ESCAPE. CARPENTER ALLEGES RAY WALKED OUT OF MSP WITH VISITORS, NOT IN BREAD BOX.

RE JUDGE JOHN C. CASEY: CASEY ADVISED PURSUANT TO BUREAU DIRECTION. WAS THANKED FOR HIS CONCERN FOR BURAU INTEREST. SL WILL FOLLOW ACTION ON RAY MOTION.

GREATER SL CLEANER - LAUNDERERS CIRCULARIZED, LOCAL LOOK ALIKES BEING RESOLVED. SL INITIAL REPORT IN MAIL.

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9:05PM URGENT 5-13-68 DPL

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)

ST. LOUIS (44-775)

FROM: INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

MURKIN

RE ST. LOUIS TEL TO BUREAU, INDIANAPOLIS, MEMPHIS, AND  
SPRINGFIELD, MAY TEN LAST.

RE: SUBJ. BROTHER, JOHN LARRY RAY

RECORDS INDIANA STATE REFORMATORY (ISR), PENDLETON, IND.,  
UNAVAILABLE NIGHTS AND WEEKENDS.

FOR INFORMATION ST. LOUIS, RECORDS ISR PENDLETON, IND.,  
DISCLOSE "JOHN LARRY RAYNS" AKA JACK, PRISON REGISTRY NO. THREE  
FIVE TWO NINE SEVEN, SENTENCED TWO TO FIVE YRS. FOR SECOND DEGREE  
BURGLARY, KOSCIUSKO COUNTY, IND. ON JAN. TWENTYTHREE NINETEEN  
FIFTY. RAYNS PAROLED MAR. TWENTYONE FIFTYTWO, TO STATE OF  
ILLINOIS, TO RESIDE WITH UNCLE, WILLIAM E. MAYHEE, ALTON, ILL.  
AND TO WORK FOR LEE R. MOREHEAD, OF ALTON. HE VIOLATED PAROLE  
BY ABSCONDING FROM PAROLE SUPERVISION ON APR. TWO FIFTY AND  
BEING ARRESTED IN HOLTVILLE, CALIF., DEC. THREE FIFTYTWO, AS A  
SLEEPER, ACCORDING TO FBI REPORT, USING ALIAS "JOHNNY LARRY RAY":  
ALSO FOR BEING ARRESTED FOR LARCENY ON APRIL SEVEN FIFTYTHREE,  
AT QUINCY, ILL. THIS ARREST RESULTED IN A ONE TO TWO YR.  
COMMITMENT TO ILL. STATE PENITENTIARY, MENARD, ILL.  
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*SA Riden  
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SPRINGFIELD PREVIOUSLY ADVISED OF FOREGOING.

JAMES MURRAY, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, ISR, ADVISED THIS DATE FILE REFLECTS RAYNS HAD NO FORMER PSYCHIATRIC TREATMENT WHILE IN ISR. FILE SHOWS ON SEPT. SIXTEEN FIFTY, RAYNS WAS PLACED IN GUARD HOUSE FOR SLACKNESS IN WORK. RAYNS DESCRIBED AS HAVING INFERIOR INTELLIGENCE, WITH MENTAL AGE OF ABOUT FOURTEEN YRS., ALSO IMMATURE AND ADOLESCENT. FILE SHOWS HE ATTENDED PUBLIC SCHOOL QUINCY, ILL., FROM THIRTYEIGHT TO FORTYEIGHT, COMPLETING EIGHTH GRADE. WORKED IN FURNITURE FACTORY AT ISR.

HIS ACCOMPLICE IN ABOVE BURGLARY WAS EUGENE MILLS, ISR # THREE FIVE TWO NINE SIX, ALSO SENTENCED JAN. TWENTYTHREE FIFTY, IN KOSCIUSKO CO., IND., FOR SAME CHARGE. MILLS, IN STATEMENT, SAID HAD BEEN WORKING AS FARM HAND NEAR QUINCY, ILL., FOR FIVE MONTHS. AFTER THIS JOB HAD GONE TO QUINCY WHERE MET RAYNS ON DEC. THIRTY FORTYNINE IN POOL HALL. STATED WAS LEFT IN ORPHANAGE, NEVER SAW PARENTS, SINCE ELEVEN YRS. OLD HAS BEEN TRAVELING THROUGHOUT U.S. ORPHANAGE AT FIVE FOUR NINE FIFTH AVE., WEST NORTH, KALISPELL, MONTANA. WAS IN U.S. AIR FORCE FROM SEPT. NINE FORTYSEVEN TO JAN. SEVENTEEN FORTYNINE UNDER AFSN ONE NINE THREE ONE ONE NINE FIVE FIVE, WHEN GIVEN UNDESIRABLE DISCHARGE FOR STRIKING OFFICER. MILLS PAROLED IN INDIANA AND LAST UNDER SUPERVISION IN RUSH COUNTY, IND., WHERE WORKING FOR CARTHAGE CONTAINER CORP. MILLS DISCHARGED FROM PAROLE FEB. TEN FIFTYFOUR.

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MURRAY STATES TO HIS KNOWLEDGE RAYNS UNKNOWN TO PRISON  
OFFICIALS.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS 44-1987, ST. LOUIS,  
FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 1P

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RECORDS, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY (MSP) REVEALED THAT  
MELVIN O. GRIDLEY, COWBOY, MSP NO. ZERO TWO FIVE ZERO THREE, WAS  
TRANSFERRED TO MOBERLY, MO., ON JULY TEN, LAST. THESE RECORDS  
FURTHER REVEALED THAT MILTON ZAVALCOFSKY, BOSTON NO. ZERO ONE  
SIX FIVE, ALSO IS AT MOBERLY, MO. *Duncan*

CHESTER SPRATT, NO. ZERO FOUR TWO FIVE EIGHT, INMATE IN  
CELL NO. J ONE EIGHT SEVEN, WAS DISCHARGED ON JUNE SIX, LAST, AT  
WHICH TIME HE WENT TO WORK ON A FARM OWNED BY GERTRUDE SPURGEON,  
EMINENCE, MO. *Park*

ST. LOUIS OFFICE INTERVIEW ABOVE THREE INDIVIDUALS FOR ANY  
INFO THEY MAY HAVE RE SUBJECT.

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TO ST. LOUIS

FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 1P

MURKIN

ON MAY FOURTEEN INSTANT, MAYOR HERMAN SPENCER, ELMER, MO., TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THIS OFFICE AND ADVISED HE WAS REQUESTED BY NEWTON HANEY, ELMER, MO., TO HAVE THE FBI CONTACT HANEY IN REFERENCE TO JAMES EARL RAY. SPENCER STATES HANEY BELIEVED TO HAVE INFORMATION ON RAY.

ST. LOUIS AT ELMER, MO., INTERVIEW NEWTON HANEY.

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*Duffey advised 1:55 PM D*

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS, ST. LOUIS  
FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 3P

MURKIN

JAMES D. WALLACE, INMATE NO. SEVEN FIVE SIX EIGHT TWO,  
MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY (MSP), JEFFERSON CITY, MO., ADVISED  
THIS DATE HE WAS RAISED WITH JIMMIE OWENS, WHO WAS ARRESTED WITH  
RAY PRIOR TO HIS INCARCERATION AT MSP. WALLACE HIMSELF WAS IN MSP  
FROM NINETEEN-FIFTYNINE UNTIL HE WAS PAROLED IN SIXTYFIVE. HE  
RETURNED TO PENITENTIARY IN MARCH, SIXTYEIGHT. WALLACE ADVISED  
THAT LAST SUMMER, MONTH UNKNOWN, HE WAS COMING OUT OF JEFFERSON-  
GRAVOIS BANK, ST. LOUIS, MO., WHEN HE OBSERVED JIMMIE OWENS  
AND SUBJECT COMING IN. HE STATED TO THE, "GLAD I GOT MY MONEY  
OUT BEFORE YOU GUYS GOT HERE." THEY STATED THAT "WE'RE PUTTING  
MONEY IN." WALLACE ADVISED HE HAD NO MORE CONVERSATION WITH THEM,  
HAS NOT SEEN THEM SINCE, AND CAN NOT EVEN DESCRIBE WHAT THEY WERE  
WEARING.

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WALLACE ALSO STATED THAT HE THOUGHT THE MENARD BROTHERS FROM ST. LOUIS MIGHT HAVE SOME INFO RE SUBJECTS WHEREABOUTS. THESE THREE INDIVIDUALS ARE RAYMOND O. MENARD, FBI NO. FOUR SEVEN ONE EIGHT TWO TWO SEVEN; RICHARD MENARD, FBI NO. FOUR FOUR NINE SIX EIGHT FOUR EIGHT; AND LOUIS GENE MENARD, FBI NO. FIVE ONE SEVEN NINE EIGHT EIGHT A. MSP RECORDS REVEAL THAT THEY WERE ALL FORMER INMATES AT THAT INSTITUTION, AND THEIR MOTHER, HAZEL MENARD, CURRENTLY RESIDES AT TWO ONE ZERO FOUR S. EIGHTH ST., ST. LOUIS, MO.

MSP RECORDS REVEAL THERE ARE NO INDIVIDUALS CURRENTLY IN PENITENTIARY BY THE NAME OF COOLEY. IN THE PAST HISTORY OF THE PRISON, THERE HAVE BEEN TWELVE DIFFERENT COOLEYS INCARCERATED AT THAT INSTITUTION OVER THE YEARS.

JAMES DUANE WRAY, CURRENT INMATE AT MSP, ADVISED THAT HIS OLDER BROTHER, LARRY WRAY, IS LAURENCE EUGENE WRAY, CURRENTLY IN KANSAS CITY. WRAY STATED HE IS CERTAIN THERE IS NO SUCH ORGANIZATION AS A COOLEY GANG OPERATING IN PRISON.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF BUREAU, LAURENCE EUGENE WRAY, FBI. NO. NINE SIX EIGHT ONE ZERO FIVE B, IS SUBJECT OF ONE THREE SEVEN FILE IN KANSAS CITY OFFICE.

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ST. LOUIS CHECK BANK RECORDS. ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND  
INTERVIEW JIMMIE OWENS AND MENARD BROTHERS.

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TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

MURKIN - SUMMARY

RE JAMES D. WALLACE, MSP INMATE WHO ALLEGEDLY SAW RAY AND JAMES LAOMA OWENS ENTER JEFFERSON-GRAVOIS BANK SL SUMMER SIXTYSEVEN.

CURSORY CHECK OF ALL CHECKING SAVINGS AND INSTALLMENT LOAN ACCOUNTS UNDER RAY NAME AND ALIASES AND JAMES LOAMA OWENS AT JEFFERSON-GRAVOIS BANK SL BY BANK VICE PRESIDENT TODAY UNPRODUCTIVE. CHECK IN DEPTH OF ALL BANK RECORDS, INCLUDING SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES, WILL BE MADE TOMORROW.

RE EX CONS JOHN PAUL VELANTI AND JAMES H. CARPENTER.

VELANTI TODAY ADVISED HE AND CRPARKENTER VISITED JOHN EUGENE GAWRON LAST NIGHT. ALLEGED GAWRON TOLD OF FBI INTERVIEW. BOTH BELAN VELANTI AND CARPENTER GAINED DEFINITE IMPRESSION GAWRON HAD HARBORED RAY AFTER ESCAPE, THO GAWRON DID NOT ADMIT TO SUCH IN SO MANY WORDS.

RE JOHN EUGENE GAWRON. GAWRON RINTERVIEWED EXHAUSTIVELY. AGAIN DECLINED TO FURNISH SPECIFIC INFO RE DEEP SOUTH BANK ALLEGEDLY ROBBED BY UN-NAMED MAN AND RAY, JUNE JULY SIXTYSEVEN, ON GROUND WANTED FEW MORE DAYS TO DETERMINE IF SOMEONE ELSE AWARE OF SAME, SO HE WILL NOT BE FINGERED AS SOURCE. INSISTED SAW ACCOUNT OF ROBBERY IN CHICAGO

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TRIBUNE, BUT NOW PLACES TIME AS MUCH AS MONTH FOLLOWING HIS RELEASE JUNE TWENTY THIRD. NOTE CG CHECK OF TRIBUNE WAS TO END JULY SIXTY-SEVEN. PLACES VISIT OF UN-NAMED MAN FEW DAYS OR WEEKS AFTER TRIBUNE ARTICLE. NOW CLAIMS MAN TOLD HIM ON FIRST VISIT RAY WAS ACCOMPLICE. PLACES SECOND VISIT WITHIN THREE OR FOUR WEEKS OF FIRST, INSTEAD OF SIX WEEKS AGO, AS ORIGINALLY STATED. NOW SAYS MAN JUST CAME FOR CUP OF COFFEE, SECOND VISIT, AND THAT RAY OR TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLAR LOAN MADE ON PREVIOUS VISIT NOT MENTIONED. WHEN CONFRONTED WITH DISCREPANCIES STATED "AS I'VE TOLD YOU, MY BRAIN DON'T WORK RIGHT". STATED MAN MUST HAVE OBTAINED GAWRON ADDRESS FROM RAY AND RAY PROBABLY GOT FROM RELATIVES. NOW SAYS STATE LINE RIVER WAS MISSISSIPPI AND CITY WHERE BANK ROBBED ON EAST SIDE OF RIVER.

TOLD OF VISIT BY CARPENTER, WHO HE KNOWS AS JIM CRAWFORD AND ANOTHER MAN LAST NIGHT. SAID CRAWFORD ASKED FOR FOOD MONEY. GAWRON GAVE HIM THREE OR FOUR DOLLARS. THEY TALKED OF RAY BEING RED HOT NOW AND BOTH MEN LEFT.

GAWRON EMPHATICALLY DENIED HARBORING RAY, OR KNOWING WHEREABOUTS SINCE ESCAPE. WHEN ADVISED OF REPORT RECEIVED RAY SEEN NEAR HIS RESIDENCE HE STATED IF HE WAS, HE NEVER CAME INSIDE OR CONTACTED HIM IN ANY WAY.

GAWRON CLOSED AS PCI AS UNRELIABLE. BEING CONSIDERED POSSIBLE HARBORER.

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RE CAROL PEPPER SISTER.

CAROL PEPPER RE-INTERVIEWED TODAY. SPECIFICALLY DENIED CONTACT BY OR KNNWLEDGE OF RAY WHEREABOUT SINCE ESCAPE, OTHER THAN WHAT READ IN PAPERS AFTER START OF THIS CASE. SAYS BROTHER JERRY IS ONLY MEMBER OF FAMILY WHO HAS NOT MOVED SINCE ESCAPE, AND IS ONLY ONE WHOSE PRESENT MAILING ADDRESS NOWN TO RAY. SAYS GRAPEVINE TAVERN BARELY MAKING ESPENSES AND MAY NOT CONTINUE.

RE JOHN LARRY RAY, BROTHER.

JOHN RAY ONLY PERSON OPERATING GARAPEVINE TAVERN TODAY AND COULD NOT BE INTERVIEWED BECAUSE OF CUSTOMERS.

RE JERRY RAYNES, FATHER.

SOURCES AND SPOT CHECK DISCLOSED NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY.

FELLOW PRISONER INTERVIEWS AND LOOK ALIKE RESOLUTIONS CONTINUING.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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

DATE: 5/14/68

FROM : SA AUBREY D. PARK

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
OO: ME

Re SA J. ROBERT MEIGS' memo to SAC, 4/26/68.

A review of all ITSMV cases in Rolla Resident Agency on 5/6/68, reflects no cars stolen in the State of Georgia and recovered in the RA territory.

Captain A. H. LESLIE, Troop I, MSHP, Rolla, Mo., advised on 5/6/68, no cars have been located in Troop I area which have been determined to be stolen in Georgia.

Captain LESLIE advised on 5/6/68 that no unsolved robberies or burglaries are being investigated, to his knowledge, in this area, in which the unknown subject fits the description of JAMES EARL RAY.

There is no file maintained in the Rolla Resident Agency territory by law enforcement officers consisting of unidentified latent prints of unsolved cases. Captain LESLIE advised that any unidentified latents obtained by the MSHP in the area are forwarded to General Headquarters, Jefferson City, Mo., where they are maintained on file.

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**MURKIN**

☒ For information    ☐ Retention optional    ☐ For appropriate action    ☐ Surep, by \_\_\_\_\_

☐ 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 for assistance of each office in connection with any laundry checks being made are photographs of laundry marks placed on shirt and bed linen for James Earl Ray while using the name of Eric Starvo Galt in the Los Angeles area.

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# Memorandum

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

FROM : SA AUBREY D. PARK

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/14/68

Re Kansas City tel to Director, Birmingham, Memphis  
and St. Louis, 5/14/68.

RE: FELLOW PRISONER  
CHESTER SPRATT

GERTRUDE SPURGEON, Eminence, Mo., advised on 5/14/68  
CHESTER SPRATT is her brother. He lives in St. Louis, address  
unknown, but can be located through his daughter, JANET HORTON,  
3809 Russell, SLMO.

St. Louis handle in accordance with retel.

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6111PM URGENT 5-15-68 DJK

TO DIRECTOR (MAIL) AND ST. LOUIS  
FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561) 1P

MURKIN.

RE KANSAS CITY TEL TO BUREAU, HONOLULU, MEMPHIS, ST. LOUIS  
AND SPRINGFIELD MAY FOURTEEN LAST.

WILLIAM KOFFMAN, DIVISION OF SUPERVISION OF PAROLE,  
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, TODAY ADVISED JAMES LAOMA OWENS, FBI  
NUMBER ONE THREE NINE SEVEN SEVEN ZERO SEVEN, SP MENARD,  
ILLINOIS REGISTRY NUMBER TWO ZERO TWO ZERO EIGHT WAS  
DISCHARGED JUNE TWENTYSEVEN, NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE, EXPIRATION  
OF SENTENCE SP MENARD, ILLINOIS. OWENS WAS ISSUED A CERTIFICATE  
OF RESTORATION OF THE RIGHTS OF CITIZENSHIP AUGUST FIFTEEN,  
NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE. OWENS LAST ADDRESS THREE NINE ZERO FOUR  
FOLSOM AVENUE, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, NO EMPLOYMENT SHOWN.

AM COPIES SENT MEMPHIS, KANSAS CITY, CHICAGO. P.

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FBI BUTTE

800 PM URGENT 5-15-68 FLC

TO ST. LOUIS

FROM BUTTE 173-2

MURKIN.

REURTELS THIS DATE.

REFERENCED TEL TWELVE TWENTY THREE PM THIS DATE FURNISHED  
TO SALT LAKE CITY AS LEAMINGTON, UTAH WITHIN CONFINES SALT LAKE  
CITY DIVISION.

ST. LOUIS WILL ADVISE BUTTE IF LEAD OUTSTANDING THIS  
DIVISION, IN VIEW OF ABOVE INFORMATION.

END

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Via \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BUTTE AND SALT LAKE CITY  
FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN.

WALTER ELLSWORTH NOLAN, SIX EIGHT, CLAIMS TO BE SUBJECT'S  
CLOSEST ASSOCIATE AT MSP PRIOR TO SUBJECT'S ESCAPE.

SW BELL TELE. CO. (PROTECT), ADVISED FOLLOWING CALL CHARGED  
TO PHONE OF CARMEN PATTON, FIVE TWO ZERO SIX WASH., SLMO, NOLAN'S  
LANDLADY: OCT. TWENTYNINE, SIXTYSEVEN, PHONE TWO SEVEN FIVE DASH  
FOUR FOUR SEVEN EIGHT, LEAMINGTON, ILL. POSTAL DIRECTORY LISTS  
LEAMINGTON, UTAH AS ONLY LEAMINGTON IN U. S.

BUTTE ADVISED LEAMINGTON, UTAH TELEPHONE SERVICE PROVIDED BY  
PHONE CO. IN SALT LAKE CITY.

SALT LAKE IDENTIFY LEAMINGTON SUBSCRIBER. ADVISE BUTTE.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P

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TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND LITTLE ROCK

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN.

RE: JOHN EUGENE GAWRON.

GAWRON LIVED WITH RAY'S MOTHER SEVERAL YEARS PRIOR TO HER DEATH AND IS CONSIDERED CLOSEST PERSON TO FAMILY. IS UNRELIABLE AND BEING CONSIDERED POSSIBLE HARBORER. RESIDES ONE EIGHT ZERO SEVEN SOUTH ELEVENTH, SLMO.

ONE FELLOW PRISON<sup>ER</sup> CLAIMED SAW RAY THREE TIMES IN THAT AREA BETWEEN MAY TEN AND SEVENTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN, AND BELIEVES GAWRON MAY HAVE HARBORED.

JAMES HENRY RAMSEY RESIDED ONE EIGHT ZERO FIVE SOUTH ELEVENTH, SLMO, MAY ONE UNTIL ARRESTED AS FALL PARTNER WITH GAWRON ON TAVERN BURGLARY JUNE TWO, SIXTYSEVEN, AND AGAIN FROM SEPT. SIXTYSEVEN TO FEB. SIXTYEIGHT. SENTENCED NINE MONTHS PROBATION, OCT. SIXTYSEVEN.

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SINCE, FEB. SIXTYEIGHT, RAMSEY REPORTED LIVING WITH PARENTS,  
C. W. AND HATTIE RAMSEY, WEINER, ARK.

LITTLE ROCK REQUESTED TO LOCATE RAMSEY, EXHIBIT RAY PHOTO,  
DETERMINE IF KNOWS, AND PARTICULARLY IF SAW HIM IN THAT OR  
ANY OTHER AREA FOLLOWING RAY'S MSP ESCAPE, APRIL TWENTYTHIRD,  
SIXTYSEVEN. DETERMINE ANY GAWRON CONVERSATIONS ABOUT RAY OR  
FAMILY.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P

END.

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9:55 PM MST URGENT 5/15/68 LES

TO DIRECTOR, ST. LOUIS, AND BUTTE.

FROM SALT LAKE CITY (44-253)

MURKIN. OO-MEMPHIS.

RE ST. LOUIS TELETYPE TO BUREAU, SALT LAKE CITY, BUTTE AND  
MEMPHIS, MAY FIFTEEN INSTANT.

INQUIRY AT LEAMINGTON, UTAH REFLECTS NO TELEPHONE SUBSCRIBER  
FOR NUMBER TWO SEVEN FIVE DASH FOUR FOUR SEVEN EIGHT. THE TELEPHONE  
PREFIX FOR LEAMINGTON, UTAH IS EIGHT FIVE SEVEN. MOUNTAIN STATES  
TEL AND TEL CO., SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH ADVISED PREFIX TWO SEVEN FIVE  
IS NOT A UTAH NUMBER.

NO FURTHER INQUIRY BEING MADE BY SALT LAKE CITY RE THIS MATTER,  
PENDING RECHECK OF TELEPHONE NUMBER AT S. W. BELL, ST. LOUIS.

AM COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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

MURKIN.

HOMER TOWNSLEY, SL BONDSMAN, THINKS J. D. DAILEY TOLD HIM RAY CONTACTED DAILEY AFTER RAY ESCAPED FROM MSP. DAILEY SAID HE HAD KNOWN RAY LONG TIME. TOWNSLEY DID NOT KNOW WHETHER DAILEY HELPED RAY. DAILEY DENIES KNOWING RAY. DAILEY KNOWN TO USE PAY PHONE AT LA FONTS SINCLAIR STATION, HW SIX ONE, PORTAGEVILLE, MO., PHONE DR NINE DASH THREE FIVE ZERO TWO.

SW BELL TELE. CO. (PROTECT) ADVISED CALL MADE FROM THAT PHONE DEC. SIX, LAST TO FT. WORTH, TEXAS, PHONE WA SIX DASH ONE NINE ZERO EIGHT.

DALLAS IMMEDIATELY IDENTIFY SUBSCRIBER. UNLESS IT APPEARS TO BE NORMAL BUSINESS CALL, INTERVIEW, COMPLETELY PROTECTING PHONE CO. AND DETERMINE IF CALL BEARS ON WHEREABOUTS OR ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT. *44-775-597*

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10:25 PM CST URGENT 5/15/68 IJS

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 MEMPHIS 44-1987 ST. LOUIS 44-775  
FROM OMAHA 44-310 1P

MURKIN

RE ST. LOUIS TELETYPE INSTANT DATE.

TELEPHONE NUMBER SEVEN FIVE THREE DASH ONE EIGHT THREE FIVE LISTED  
TO MILES G. BYRUM WHO RESIDES TWO ZERO THREE ONE HALF SOUTH MAIN,  
APARTMENT ONE, BURLINGTON, IOWA, EMPLOYED AS BARBER, IOWA AMMUNITION  
PLANT, WEST BURLINGTON, IOWA. BYRUM INTERVIEWED STATES CARMEN PATTON,  
FIVE TWO ZERO SIX WASHINGTON, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, OLD GIRL FRIEND OF  
HIS WHO PERIODICALLY CALLS HIM LONG DISTANCE AND DISCUSSES PERSONAL  
MATTERS. BYRUM STATES TELEPHONE CALL RECEIVED BY HIM MARCH TWENTYFIVE,  
LAST, WAS CALL FROM PATTON. BYRUM STATES HE DOES NOT KNOW WALTER  
ELSWORTH NOLAN.

BURLINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT RECORDS NEGATIVE, OMAHA INDICES  
NEGATIVE, AND BURLINGTON CREDIT BUREAU CONTAINS BACKGROUND RE BYRUM  
WHICH INDICATES BYRUM A BARBER IN BURLINGTON, IOWA, AREA SINCE THIRTIES.  
NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION AT APARTMENT BUILDING TWO ZERO THREE ONE  
HALF MAIN, BURLINGTON, INDICATED BYRUM SEVENTY YEARS OLD RESIDES ALONE  
AND ONLY VISITOR A FEMAL FRIEND.

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TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND SAN FRANCISCO

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN.

HOMER TOWNSLEY, SL BONDSMAN, THINKS J. D. DAILEY TOLD HIM RAY CONTACTED DAILEY AFTER RAY ESCAPED FROM MSP. DAILEY SAID HAD KNOWN RAY LONG TIME. TOWNSLEY DID NOT KNOW WHETHER DAILEY HELPED RAY. DAILEY DENIED KNOWING RAY. DAILEY KNOWN TO USE PAY PHONE AT LA FONTS SINCLAIR STATION, HIGHWAY SIX ONE, PORTAGEVILLE, MO., PHONE DR NINE DASH THREE FIVE ZERO TWO.

SW BELL TELE. CO. (PROTECT), ADVISED CALLS MADE FROM THAT PHONE NOV. TWO AND THREE, LAST, TO SAN JOSE, CALIF., PHONE TWO SIX TWO DASH EIGHT ONE ONE ZERO.

SAN FRANCISCO IMMEDIATELY IDENTIFY SUBSCRIBER. UNLESS IT APPEARS TO BE NORMAL BUSINESS CALL, INTERVIEW, COMPLETELY PROTECTING PHONE CO., AND DETERMINE IF CALL BEARS ON WHEREABOUTS OR ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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

MURKIN

HOMER TOWNSLEY, ST. LOUIS BONDSMAN, THINKS J. D. DAILEY  
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DAILEY KNOWN TO USE PAY PHONE AT LA FONTS SINCLAIR STATION,  
HIGHWAY SIXTYONE, PORTAGEVILLE, MO., PHONE DR NINE THREE FIVE  
ZERO TWO.

SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE CO. (PROTECT) ADVISED CALLS  
MADE FROM THAT PHONE TO BLYTHEVILLE, ARK., PHONE PO TWO TWO  
ZERO ZERO SEVEN, MARCH EIGHT, LAST; BLYTHEVILLE, ARK., PHONE  
PO THREE EIGHT ONE ZERO SEVEN, DEC. TWELVE, LAST; HELENA, ARK.,  
PHONE FOUR FOUR FOUR SIX ONE EIGHT FOUR, NOV. THIRTY, LAST.

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ON SEPT. THIRTY, LAST, A CALL MADE FROM THIS PHONE TO RE  
FIVE SEVEN SEVEN FOUR SIX, WEST MEMPHIS, ARK., AND CHARGED TO  
PHONE SEVEN SIX THREE NINE SIX ONE SIX, BLYTHEVILLE, ARK.  
JONESBORO, ARK., PHONE WE TWO NINE FOUR ONE TWO, ON JAN.  
TWENTYTHREE AND TWENTYSIX, LAST; FEB. TEN AND NINETEEN, LAST;  
MARCH FOUR, LAST.

LITTLE ROCK IMMEDIATELY IDENTIFY SUBSCRIBERS. UNLESS  
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TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY  
FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

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SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE CO. (PROTECT) ADVISED CALL MADE FROM THAT PHONE MARCH THIRTY, LAST, TO KCMO PHONE DE THREE FIVE FIVE THREE EIGHT; NOV. NINE, LAST, TO KCMO PHONE DE THREE FIVE NINE ZERO ZERO; AND TO IOLA, KANSAS EN FIVE THREE ONE ZERO ONE NOV. TWENTY, LAST, TWO CALLS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND OMAHA

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

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SW BELL TELE. CO. (PROTECT) ADVISED CALLS MADE FROM THAT PHONE NOV. ONE, LAST, TO OMAHA, NEB., PHONE THREE FOUR TWO DASH FOUR TWO FOUR EIGHT.

OMAHA IMMEDIATELY IDENTIFY SUBSCRIBER. UNLESS IT APPEARS TO BE NORMAL BUSINESS CALL, INTERVIEW, COMPLETELY PROTECTING PHONE CO., AND DETERMINE IF CALL BEARS ON WHEREABOUTS OR ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT.

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TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND LOUISVILLE

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

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SW BELL TELE. CO. (PROTECT) ADVISED CALLS MADE FROM THAT PHONE NOV. SIX TO BARDWELL, KY., PHONE SIX TWO EIGHT DASH FIVE FOUR NINE FOUR, AND MARCH TWENTYNINE TO BANDANA, KY., PHONE TWO TWO FOUR DASH FOUR THREE ONE ONE.

LOUISVILLE IMMEDIATELY IDENTIFY SUBSCRIBER. UNLESS THEY APPEAR TO BE NORMAL BUSINESS CALLS, INTERVIEW, COMPLETELY PROTECTING PHONE CO., AND DETERMINE IF CALLS BEAR ON WHEREABOUTS OR ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT. 44-775-603

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AIR TEL

AIR MAIL

TO : SAC, Chicago  
FROM : SAC, Indianapolis (44-561)

MURKIN.

OO - ME

Re SI tel, 5/9/68, and IP tel, 5/9/68.

Re: JOSEPH ELMER AUSTIN

The following investigation was conducted by SA LEONARD A. WISSEMAN on 5/9/68 at Goshen, Indiana:

There are no businesses located in 100 block of West Lincoln Avenue, Goshen, with the exception of the Salem Bank & Trust Company.

City Directory and Telephone Directory failed to reveal any company in existence as A. A. Ferris Co., 122 West Lincoln.

ROSALINE LONG, Manager, Goshen Credit Bureau, advised she could locate no information concerning A. A. Ferris Co. Her records reflected an AA Farms Co., 111 East Lincoln Avenue, managed by Dr. J. C. ANDERSON. The above was a mission to take care of transients and alcoholics. ANDERSON in constant travel status and will return to Goshen in a few weeks.

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2 - Springfield (44-661)  
② - St. Louis  
2 - Indianapolis

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**LEADS:**

**CHICAGO**, at Chicago, Illinois, will advise Indianapolis if **AUSTIN** located.

**INDIANAPOLIS**, at Goshen, Indiana, will interview **ANDERSON**.

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✓ To: SAC, St. Louis (44-775)  
✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

ReSLtel 5/13/68.

For the information of St. Louis the records of the Chicago "Tribune" and Bureau's bank robbery files have been reviewed concerning allegation of Ray involved in a \$50,000 southern bank robbery. No reference has been located to this robbery as described by John Gawron.

Armed and dangerous.

1 - SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
MEMPHIS

FROM: KANSAS CITY (44-760)

MURKIN

WEEKLY SUMMARY

INTERVIEWS WITH PRISONERS MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY (MSP) CONTINUE. NO INFORMATION DEVELOPED REGARDING COOLEY ORGANIZATION. SUBJECT NEVER EMPLOYED AT LICENSE PLATE FACTORY IN MSP. J AND K HALLS AT MSP ARE TOGETHER AND THEY CONTAIN THREE HUNDRED SIXTYFOUR CELLS. ROSTERS ARE NOT KEPT OF EVERYONE IN A SPECIFIC HALL; YOU HAVE TO GO TO THE INDIVIDUAL PRISONER'S RECORD TO GET THE LOCATION OF HIS CELL.

ANOTHER INMATE BY THE NAME OF JAMES DUANE WRAY CONTINUES TO BE INCARCERATED AT MSP. HE IS A WM IN K HALL, MSP NUMBER ZERO SIX SEVEN TWO ZERO AND HAS BEEN THERE SINCE APRIL SIXTYTHREE. BOSTON IDENTIFIED AS MILTON ZAVALOFSKI, MSP NUMBER ONE ZERO NINE EIGHT ZERO, WAS IN CELL J ONE EIGHT EIGHT

1 Birmingham (AM)  
1 St. Louis (AM)  
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FROM NOVEMBER SIXTYFIVE UNTIL MARCH SIXTYSIX WHEN HE WENT TO THE HONOR FARM. HE WAS RELEASED APRIL THIRD SIXTYSEVEN. JAMES W. BROWN, MSP NUMBER ZERO ZERO FOUR EIGHT THREE, FBI NUMBER FIVE ZERO FOUR NINE SEVEN SEVEN THREE, WAS INCARCERATED FROM MARCH TWENTYFIVE SIXTY UNTIL JUNE FIFTEEN SIXTYFIVE. HAD FIFTEEN CELL CHANGES NOT LISTED IN RECORDS. JAMES HIGH CARPENTER, MSP NUMBER ZERO ONE SEVEN SIX ONE, WAS IN THE PRISON FROM DECEMBER TWENTYONE SIXTY UNTIL MAY FIRST SIXTYSEVEN. NUMEROUS CELL ASSIGNMENTS NEVER CELLED WITH SUBJECT. CARPENTER WORKED IN THE VEGETABLE ROOM. *John Paul* VALENTI ALSO HAD NUMEROUS CELL ASSIGNMENTS BUT NEVER WITH THE SUBJECT.

GENE LNU IDENTIFIED AS GENE BARNES, MSP NUMBER SEVEN TWO TWO SEVEN ONE, STILL IN THE PRISON, INTERVIEWED THIS DATE ADVISED HE WAS IN THE SAME HALL AS SUBJECT BUT WAS NOT A FRIEND OF HIS AND COULD FURNISH NO PERTINENT INFORMATION REGARDING HIM. JOHN KENNETH HURTT, MSP NUMBER SEVEN FIVE FIVE ZERO TWO ALSO INTERVIEWED. ADMITTED SENDING FIFTEEN DOLLARS FOR STATIONERY BUT NOT CLOSE TO RAY AND SENT NO OTHER MONIES FOR HIM. COULD FURNISH NO PERTINENT INFORMATION. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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PAROLE AND  
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following is a transcript of the record, including the most recently reported data, as shown in the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning our number.

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Date 7-15-53

Contributor of fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
Eligonier, .	Jack Larry Rayns #-2-16412	12-30-49	2nd degree Burg.	
Ref., leton, Ind.	John L. Rayns. #35297	1-24-50	2nd Degree Burg.	2 to 5 yrs
oltville, Cal.	Johnny Larry Ray #-1341	12-3-52 Sleeper		Rel
Quincy, Ill.	Johnny Ray #----	4-7-53	Larc of Auto	Cont to Cir Crt \$1000.00 Bond. 6-1-53-1-yr to 20-yrs min 5-yrs to 10-yrs, Ill Pen menard Branch
Menard, Ill	John Ryan #-23401	6-2-53	Larc M.V.	5 to 10-yrs

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STATE OF ILLINOIS  
PAROLE AND PARDON BOARD  
PREDICTION REPORT OF THE SOCIOLOGIST-ACTUARY  
ILLINOIS STATE PENITENTIARY  
MENARD BRANCH

Number 23401 Name JOHN RYAN

Docket MARCH, 1957  
(February 5, 1957)

Factor	Item	Score
1. Type of Offense	Larceny of Motor Vehicle	0
2. Sentence	One to twenty years (CFS 5 - 10 yrs.)	0
3. Type of Offender	Occasional	0
4. Home Status	Broken	0
5. Family Interest	Sustained	0
6. Social Type	Ne'er-do-well	0
7. Work Record	Casual	0
8. Community	Urban	0
9. Parole Job	None	0
10. Number of Associates	One	0
11. Personality Rating	Inadequate	0
12. Psychiatric Prognosis	Doubtful	0
Total Score		0

This inmate is in a class in which 29 percent may be expected to violate the parole agreement. 16 percent of the persons in this class may be expected to commit serious or repeated infractions of the parole rules and 13 percent may be expected to commit new offenses on parole.

CHSM:

After pleading guilty to a charge of Larceny of a Motor Vehicle, John Ryan was received at Menard on June 2, 1953, from Adams County, under sentence of one to twenty years with the court fixing the term at five to ten years.

STATE'S ATTORNEY'S REPORT: At about 5:15 p.m., on April 5, 1953, the defendant, in company with an unknown associate, stole a 1942 Hudson sedan in front of a home in Quincy, Illinois. On the morning of April 7, 1953, the defendant and the car were discovered in Riverside Park in Quincy. At the time, the front seat of the car was on fire and subject was asleep. The police awakened Ryan and helped to extinguish the flames. While in the Adams County Jail, the defendant attempted to escape; however, the plot was thwarted.

FINAL  
RD:

Information from the Federal Bureau of Investigation shows that subject has the following criminal record:

On January 24, 1950, he was received at the Indiana State Reformatory at Pendleton, under sentence of two to five years for Burglary (2nd degree). He was paroled on March 31, 1952, but he absconded from parole.

On December 3, 1952, he was arrested at Holtville, California, as a sleeper, and released the next day.

INSTITUTIONAL  
RD:

Subject has received 3 punishment reports (1 major and 2 minor), for violation of the institutional rules. He has been assigned to the Inmate's Kitchen for the past 3 years and nine months.

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GROUND:

This 26 year old white man tells that he was the third of four children and was born at St. Louis, Missouri on [redacted] to native parents. He is either unwilling to give the true history of his parental background, or else is unaware of the facts of them. We note that some of the parental history given by his brother, Jerry, who served at Menard (#23737), is quite contrary to that which the inmate gives. The inmate reports that his father, Gerald Ryan, and the mother, Lucille, age 48, apparently separated during his early youth. He is unable to give any information as to the cause of their separation, and states that he knows nothing about the details. In any event, he lived with his mother and the siblings, and his mother has worked considerably as a waitress. He tells that his mother soon married Jerry Rayns, an auto mechanic, and their adjustment was rather poor together. He states that his stepfather was a poor worker, and the family received considerable relief assistance during the depression years. The inmate tells that there were 2 or 3 periods of separation, the last coming about 1952. We note in the report from his brother, Jerry, that the parents separated in 1953, allegedly because the father ran away with a woman, who was the mother of a St. Charles



Training School inmate. The inmate does not know whether his mother and stepfather are divorced. He states that he always adjusted well with the members of his family, and tells that he lived with them until 14 or 15 years of age when he left to seek employment. He states that he has been at home very little since that time. He reports that his mother is now residing at 536 York Street, Quincy, Illinois, and is dependant upon ADC assistance. He does not seem to know whether his father ever remarried, and indicates that he has assumed his father to be deceased. He tells that he has 2 brothers, Jerry and James. The brother Jerry was paroled from Menard in December, 1955, violated his parole, and is now serving a term at the Missouri State Prison. The brother, James, is residing in Chicago. He states that he has 2 half brothers, and 3 half sisters. One or two of the half sisters, he thinks, are residing with his mother in Quincy, Illinois.

Aside from the commitment of the brother, Jerry to Menard, for Larceny, Jerry also served in St. Charles Training School for Robbery, and was later sentenced to Sheridan Reformatory for participating in a riot at St. Charles. He is now serving at the Missouri State Prison on a five-year sentence for Robbery. His brother, James, also served at Joliet and Pontiac. He has been receiving correspondence once or twice each month from his mother and a half sister, but none of the family have visited him to date.

**REGIONAL:**

This inmate was born in St. Louis, Missouri, but the family seems to have been rather mobile during his early youth. He indicates that he lived awhile in Palmyra, Missouri, and was in Galesburg, Illinois for 2 or 3 years. He then moved to Adams, Illinois where they lived a year or two before going to Quincy, Illinois. He apparently left home while the family was residing in Quincy. He continued to live around Quincy most of the time until his commitment to the Indiana Reformatory in January, 1950. Following his parole from there in March, 1952, he went to live with an uncle at Alton, Illinois. He remained there a short time, and then went to Chicago where he has resided most of the time since. He made a trip to California on one occasion, covering a short period of time. About January, 1953, he went back to Quincy, Illinois where he continued to reside until the present offense. He spent part of the time there with his grandmother, but seems to have been living in hotels with his brother at the time of the present trouble.

**EDUCATION:**

He claims to have completed grade school at Adams, Illinois before quitting at 14 or 15 years of age. He tells that he also attended school while at the Indiana Reformatory, and

estimates that he has about 2 years high school credits. Psychometric tests indicate average intelligence.

RK  
STORY:

This subject has maintained a rather casual work history. After quitting school at Adams, Illinois about 1945 or 1946, he began following odd jobs, having had employment as a farm hand, paper boy, and worked briefly at the Golf Course. He later went to Quincy, Illinois where he worked 4 months for the Weems Laundry, and 2 or 3 months at a Nursing Home. He tells that he also had various other odd jobs in that community. In January, 1950, he was committed to the Indiana Reformatory where he remained until paroled in March, 1952. He was sent to Alton, Illinois to live with an uncle, and tells that he worked there for about 3 weeks in a service station. He worked one day at the LaCledde Steel Company. He then went to Chicago, and tells of working about 3 months at the Green Acre Riding Stable in Oaklawn. He worked about a month for the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad, and about 2 weeks at the Piper Bakery Company. He had a few other odd jobs in Chicago. He made a trip to California, and finally returned to Chicago, where he continued to work at odd jobs. In January, 1953, he went to Quincy, Illinois, and claims to have worked about 3 months at the Midwest Chemical Company. At the time of the present difficulty, he had been unemployed a short time.

RITAL  
STORY:

This inmate has not been married.

PERSONAL  
STORY:

The subject seems to be in good health at the present time, and has no definite physical complaints. He has a rather decided speech defect. There is no known venereal history. He denies ever having been a user of narcotics, but admits that he has been an occasional intemperate user of intoxicants (beer), since his release from the Indiana Reformatory in 1952. He enjoyed movies, sports, dating, car riding, dancing, pool, loafing, and frequenting taverns. Concerning this offense, he readily admits guilt, telling that he had been drinking at the time and stole the car in question to use as a means of transportation after being "mixed up in a burglary." He claims that he had no associates in this offense although we suspect that he did have at least one associate. He was previously incarcerated in the Indiana Reformatory for Burglary of a service station, but claims that he did not participate in that and was asleep at the time of the alleged burglary. He apparently came from a broken home situation, and had very limited opportunities during youth. He has had a limited amount of schooling, and has never had steady employment for any length of time. He is a rather inadequate, somewhat dull appearing person who seems to be somewhat evasive in the interview situation. He has made a fair institutional