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To: All SACs  
LEGATS, Mexico City  
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From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

**MURKIN**

For your information and investigative assistance, subject James Earl Ray has been known to consort with prostitutes and "street bums." A photograph of subject was obtained from a prostitute in Mexico. This photograph showing subject wearing sunglasses was previously forwarded to your office.

This should be borne in mind in your daily contact with informants, officers of vice squads and prostitutes in covering leads in connection with this and other cases.

Armed and dangerous.

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542PM URGENT 5/23/68 CAB  
TO ST. LOUIS 44-775  
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P.

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RESL TELETYPE MAY TWENTYTWO LAST.

YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY ADVISE JUDGE JOHN C. CASEY  
THAT THE BUREAU CANNOT ADVISE HIM OF WHAT ACTION HE IS  
TO TAKE. YOU SHOULD FURTHER INFORM HIM THAT IF HE FEELS  
PUBLICIZING HIS ORDER COULD CAUSE A DISTURBANCE, HE SHOULD  
TAKE NECESSARY STEPS TO ALERT LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AFTER  
HIS ORDER IS ENTERED AND BEFORE IT IS PUBLICIZED. KEEP  
THE BUREAU FULLY INFORMED.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. ONE AIRMAIL COPY MAILED TO  
MEMPHIS.

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# Memorandum

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

FROM : SA THOMAS L. BUCKLEY

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/23/68

On the evening of 5/19/68 a woman, who refused to give her name and who sounded as though she were intoxicated, telephonically advised that the subject was staying at telephone number EV 9-1130. She furnished no further information. It has been determined that this is the unlisted number for Mrs. F. JAEGER, 6139 Sherry.

On 5/20/68, SAs THOMAS L. BUCKLEY and CHARLES S. DUKE interviewed Mrs. MARGARET GRIMM, 6139 Sherry, who advised that Mrs. FLORENCE JAEGER was her sister-in-law who died about 18 years ago. Mrs. JAEGER had a son, MICHAEL HENRY JAEGER, who Mrs. GRIMM raised from the time of Mrs. JAEGER's death when he was about 13 years old until the present time. In 1963 MICHAEL JAEGER was sentenced to 45 years in the MSP, Jefferson City, for robbery and was paroled about one month ago. MICHAEL has not contacted Mrs. GRIMM since his parole but she understands through his parole officer, whose name she thinks is BOLIN who has an office on Big Bend Blvd., that MICHAEL is working steadily and staying out of trouble. Mrs. GRIMM examined photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and stated that he was unknown to her under his true name and all known aliases.

On 5/20/68, SAs BUCKLEY and DUKE contacted the following persons in the neighborhood of Mrs. GRIMM's home. None of these persons was able to identify JAMES EARL RAY as anyone known to them nor were they familiar with RAY under his true name or known aliases:

EARL B. PIRKEY  
6135 Sherry;

DOLORES HARKNESS  
6131 Sherry;

Mr. E. C. POTT  
6141 Sherry

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RICHARD and SHIRLEY EICHHOLZ  
6130 Sherry;

ELMER H. SCOTT  
6129 Sherry;

VINCENT NEARY  
6132 Sherry.

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

MURKIN.

FOR INFO OF CHICAGO AND SPRINGFIELD, PRIOR TO ESCAPE, SUBJECT FILED MOTION TO VACATE JUDGMENT AND SENTENCE IN FIFTYNINE KROGER ARMED ROBBERY WHICH RESULTED IN MSP IMPRISONMENT. MOTION STILL PENDING BEFORE SL CIRCUIT JUDGE JOHN C. CASEY, WHO, SHORTLY AFTER TEN AM THIS DATE INTENDS TO ENTER PUBLIC ORDER DIRECTING SUBJECT TO APPEAR AND PROSECUTE MOTION BY JUNE THIRD OR FACE DISMISSAL. WILL STATE FROM BENCH MOTION APPEARS GOOD, IF PROPERLY PRESENTED AND PURSUED. HAS CONFIDENTIALLY ADVISED CONVICTION WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE VACATED IN LIGHT OF MIRANDA AND RECENT DECISIONS.

CASEY DESIRES MAXIMUM PUBLICITY ON THEORY THAT SUBJECT, IF ALIVE, MAY REALIZE HE CAN BEAT ARMED ROBBERY RAP, DECIDE HE HAS GOOD CHANGE OF BEATING KING RAP BEFORE SOUTHERN JURY AND GIVE SELF

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**IF SUBJECT'S RELATIVES ARE MADE AWARE OF POSSIBILITIES  
AND IF THEY ARE AWARE OF SUBJECT'S WHEREABOUTS, OR ARE IN CONTACT  
WITH HIM, THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS MIGHT BE DECIDING FACTOR IN  
HIS REACHING DECISION TO GIVE SELF UP. RELATIVES IN SL TERRITORY  
BEING CONTACTED WITH<sup>H</sup> THIS INFO TODAY.**

**REQUESTED OFFICES COVERING OTHER RELATIVES DO LIKEWISE.**

**SUBJECT A & D. P**

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TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN.

*Twenty*  
 RE KC TEL, MAY THIRTYTHIRD, LAST, REQUESTING JAMES L. OWENS  
 REINTERVIEW TO DETERMINE PUBLICATIONS HABITUALLY READ BY SUBJECT,  
 IN CONTEMPLATION OF PLACING AD.

JAMES LOAMA OWENS ADVISED RAY READ ALMOST EVERYTHING HE COULD  
 GET HANDS ON, ESPECIALLY NEWSPAPERS, PARTICULARLY TWO SL DAILY  
 METRO NEWSPAPERS GLOBE DEMOCRAT AND POST DISPATCH. UNABLE TO RECALL  
 SPECIFIC MAGAZINES PERTAINING TO CARS AND GUNS, BUT VARIOUS SPORT  
 MAGAZINES OF TYPE REPRESENTED BY FIELD AND STREAM AND ARGOSY WERE  
 INCLUDED IN RAY'S READING. UNABLE TO BE MORE SPECIFIC IN  
 IDENTIFYING PUBLICATIONS.

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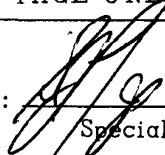
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TO BUREAU AND MEMPHIS  
FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)  
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RE CIRCUIT JUDGE JOHN C. CASEY, AND BUTEL MAY TWENTY THREE  
AND TWENTY FOUR.

HEARING ON MOTION DID NOT DEVELOP IN MANNER ANTICIPATED BY  
CASEY. RAY ATTORNEY STATED IN OPEN COURT HE HAD BEEN APPOINTED  
SUBSEQUENT TO ESCAPE AND HAD NEVER SEEN OR BEEN CONTACTED BY RAY.  
OBJECTED TO ATTEMPTED STATE INTRODUCTION OF ESCAPE NOTATION ON  
MSP RECORD AS INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE OF ESCAPE. TOOK POSITION  
PRESENCE OF RAY UNNECESSARY TO HEARING ON MOTION TO VACATE AS  
SAME BASED SOLELY ON RECORD WHICH IS AVAILABLE. CASEY TOOK UNDER  
ADVISEMENT. NO PUBLICITY DEVELOPED AS OF NOW. SL GUIDED BY  
BUTEL THIS DATE.  
RE ~~CAROL PEPPER~~ REINTERVIEWED. NO ADDITIONAL PRESS HARASSMENT OF PEPPERS  
RESULTED FROM GLOBE DEMOCRAT INTERVIEW OF JOHN LARRY RAY. HE  
TOLD HER SAME STORY PREVIOUSLY GIVEN SL AS TO HIS GIVING INTER\*  
VIEW TO REFUTE UNTRUTHFUL PUBLICITY THAT HE HATED SUBJECT.  
SHE VOLUNTEERED BELIEF NO MEMBER OF FAMILY HAD BEEN CONTACTED BY  
OR WAS AWARE OF RAY WHEREABOUTS FOLLOWING ESCAPE, AS SHE FELT  
SURE THEY WOULD HAVE TOLD HER.  
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RE JERRY RAYNES AND JOHN LARRY RAY

SOURCES AND SPOT CHECKS DISCLOSED NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY.

RE JOHN EUGENE GAWRON, AND MEMPHIS TEL THIS DATE.

DETAILS OF GAWRON INTERVIEW IN WHICH HE IDENTIFIED JIMMIE (LNU) AS PERSON WHO TOLD HIM RAY PARTICIPATED WITH HIM IN ROBBERY OF ALTON BANK DISCLOSE HE SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFIED JIMMIE AS THE MAN. GAVE INFO AS TO WHERE FIRST MET JIMMIE AND HIS DESCRIPTION, WHICH FITS THAT OF JAMES H. CARPENTER. STATED SPECIFICALLY HAD NEVER SEEN JOHNNIE (LNU) BEFORE AND GAVE DESCRIPTION OF JOHNNIE WHICH FITS JOHN PAUL VELANTI. NOTE THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT UNMISTAKEABLE DIFFERENCES IN AGES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF CARPENTER AND VELANTI WHICH NEGATE ANY REASONABLE POSSIBILITY THAT HE MIGHT HAVE INTENDED TO IDENTIFY VELANTI INSTEAD OF CARPENTER. NOTE VELANTI AND CARPENTER VISITED GAWRON TOGETHER. SL ANTICIPATES RE INTERVIEWING BOTH, HOWEVER.

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

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) (1P)

MURKIN.

RE ST. LOUIS SUMMARY TELETYPE MAY TWENTY THREE LAST.

SINCE JAMES H. CARPENTER, FBI NO. TWO THREE ZERO TWO FOUR THREE, WAS IN ST. LOUIS CITY JAIL FROM JUNE FIVE, SIXTY SEVEN TO MARCH ONE LAST HE COULD NOT POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN BANK ROBBERY AT ALTON, ILL., REFERRED TO BY JOHN EUGENE GAWRON; HOWEVER, IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT GAWRON POSSIBLY INTENDED TO IDENTIFY JOHN PAUL VELANTI AS PERSON PERPETRATING THE ROBBERY AT A ALTON WITH SUBJECT RAY.

IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, UNLESS RECORDS IN POSSESSION OF ST. LOUIS INDICATE THAT VELANTI WAS IN JAIL DURING THE PERIOD OF THE ALTON BANK ROBBERY ON JULY THIRTEEN, SIXTY SEVEN, VELANTI SHOULD BE REINTERVIEWED REGARDING HIS POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION IN THIS ROBBERY WITH SUBJECT RAY.

SPRINGFIELD ADVISED BY AIRMAIL.

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TO : SAC , ST. LOUIS (137-16086)

DATE: 5/24/68

FROM : SA ALBERT J. RUSHING

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SUBJECT: JOHN EUGENE GAWRON

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Dates of Contact <b>5-22-68</b>		
Titles and File #s on which contacted <b>MURKIN</b> <b>44-775</b>		
Purpose and results of contact <input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <p>INFORMATION HEREIN OBTAINED CONFIDENTIALLY INFORMANT'S NAME IS NOT TO BE DISCLOSED IN REPORT OR OTHERWISE UNLESS IT HAS BEEN DECIDED DEFINITELY THAT HE IS TO BE A WITNESS IN A TRIAL OR HEARING.</p>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating <b>Poor</b>	Coverage <b>44-775</b>
Personal Data <b>No Change</b>		<p>44-775-780</p> <p>SEARCHED INDEXED SERIALIZED FILED MAY 24 1968 FBI - ST. LOUIS</p>

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Source was recontacted on May 22, 1968. Source advised that no additional information regarding the possible whereabouts of JAMES EARL RAY had come to his attention. He advised that within the past several days he had not had occasion to talk with CAROL PEPPER, although during that period he had talked a couple of times with JOHN RAY, but the latter mentioned nothing concerning JAMES EARL RAY on those occasions.

Source stated he was not aware that JOHN RAY may have made a trip to California or elsewhere in the summer of 1967.

With regard to a bank robbery to which source had referred in previous interviews, source at this time furnished the following information. The bank which was robbed was a bank in Alton, Illinois, but source does not remember the name of the bank. The amount of loot obtained in the robbery was approximately \$28,000. In previous interviews source had intentionally furnished incorrect information regarding the location of the bank and the amount of the loot in order that the bank robbery to which he had referred might not be identified. However, the other information which he furnished regarding the bank robbery in previous interviews was correct.

Source was released from the St. Louis City Jail on about June 23 or 24, 1967. About a couple of weeks later he read in the "Chicago Tribune" and in one of the St. Louis newspapers about the robbery of the bank in Alton in which approximately \$28,000 in cash had been obtained. The news article indicated that the robbers had missed an additional \$20,000 because they ducked out too quickly while a teller went to the vault to get additional money.

Upon reading in the newspaper of this bank robbery, source recognized the bank as one which he and JAMES EARL RAY had cased in 1959.

~~A few days after reading in the newspaper about this bank robbery, a man came to see source at the latter's~~

On 5-22-68 at St. Louis, Missouri File # SL 44-775

by SA WILLIAM H. WARFIELD  
SA ALBERT J. RUSHING AJR/ral Date dictated 5-23-68

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home. This man's first name is JIMMIE, and source cannot remember his last name. Source had originally become acquainted with JIMMIE in 1959 in the vicinity of Sarah and Olive Streets in St. Louis, and he believes he introduced RAY to JIMMIE in 1959. The name CRAWFORD, which source had furnished in a previous interview as the possible name of this man JIMMIE, was in error, and source now is certain that the man's sir name is not CRAWFORD. When JIMMIE came to source's home a few days after source had read of the robbery in a newspaper, he came by himself and was carrying a valise or briefcase, which he opened and which contained a lot of money which was strapped. JIMMIE told source this money was from the bank robbery in Alton, the same robbery of which source had read in the newspaper. JIMMIE told source that JIMMIE and RAY had pulled this robbery. Source inquired of JIMMIE as to how they got by any road blocks. JIMMIE told source that one of them had crossed the Mississippi River in an automobile via the Lewis and Clark Bridge into Missouri, and the other one walked across a railroad bridge over the Mississippi River, these two bridges being within view of each other. JIMMIE did not tell source whether it was he or RAY who drove across the river in the automobile and did not say which one of them carried the loot. In talking to source, JIMMIE did not indicate that more persons than JIMMIE and RAY were involved in the robbery, but source assumed that there might well have been a "wheel man" to drive the car, and he would have been in addition to JIMMIE and RAY. JIMMIE told source that he and RAY were not masked during the robbery but wore "tips", which source understood to mean they wore tips on their fingers which had been cut from rubber gloves. JIMMIE told source that when they left the bank the police were already on the way there. During this visit JIMMIE asked source how he was fixed financially, and source told him "not too good". JIMMIE then gave source \$250 from the valise or briefcase. This money consisted of two packages of \$1 bills totaling \$100 each, these two packages being strapped, and one \$50 bill. When JIMMIE left source on this occasion, JIMMIE commented that he would see source later. During this visit and their conversation, JIMMIE did not indicate to source any further information regarding the whereabouts of RAY, either at this time or any other time.

At a time which source estimates to be two or three months after the above visit, JIMMIE again came to source's residence. JIMMIE was alone and came in an automobile, but source did not observe this car sufficiently to be able to describe it at all. On the occasion of this visit, JIMMIE merely passed the time of day with source and had a cup of coffee with him. JIMMIE commented that he was "going down south" but did not specify where or why he was going. There was no mention made during this visit of the bank robbery or of RAY or of the \$250 JIMMIE previously gave source.

Source believes he did not see JIMMIE again on any other occasion until Monday, May 13, 1968, when JIMMIE came to source's residence at about 9:00 p.m., after dark. Another man whom source never had seen before came with JIMMIE. JIMMIE introduced the other man by the first name JOHNNIE. JOHNNIE told source he was from New Orleans and mentioned that he had "taken a pinch" in Kansas City but did not say when this occurred; source believes JOHNNIE said it was a murder rap. JIMMIE asked source if the latter had any money and stated he and JOHNNIE needed something to eat on. Source thereupon gave JIMMIE \$2. JIMMIE asked source whether the latter had a "heater" (gun). Source told JIMMIE he did not have a heater right now but could have one the next day. JIMMIE then told source he and JOHNNIE would come back later. JIMMIE and JOHNNIE then left after having been at source's residence about ten or fifteen minutes.

Later that same night, May 13, 1968, source went out and saw a friend in St. Louis from whom he borrowed a .38 caliber revolver, make unknown, which was nickel plated, had a six-inch barrel and had a regular brown-colored grip. This was a five-shot revolver, and when source obtained it from his friend, one chamber was empty and the other four chambers were loaded with live ammunition. Source does not desire to reveal the identity of the friend from whom he borrowed this gun stating, however, that the friend is in St. Louis.

The next evening, May 14, 1968, at about 9:00 p.m., JIMMIE and JOHNNIE both came back to source's residence, and after they had a couple of beers with source in the latter's

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backyard, they went inside source's residence. Source at that time gave JIMMIE the gun he had borrowed from his friend. During their conversation at this time, JIMMIE commented to the effect, "I'm on the north side this time", by which source understood JIMMIE was living in the north part of St. Louis. Neither JIMMIE nor JOHNNIE specified to source the purpose for which they desired the gun, but source understood from their remarks that they wanted it for some unspecified robbery. JIMMIE commented to source to the effect that "I'll have to skip. I've about \$1,000 worth of clothes which I'll bring here for you to hold for me." Source expressed to JIMMIE his willingness to hold the clothing for JIMMIE.

During their conversation at this time, JIMMIE or JOHNNIE noted that a piece of the gun located at the rear of the cylinder was broken off in such a manner that the bullets in the cylinder could fall out. Either JIMMIE or JOHNNIE asked source whether he had any adhesive tape, and source did then produce a roll of adhesive tape. JIMMIE and JOHNNIE then put tape on the gun behind the cylinder so that the bullets would not fall out.

It is the recollection of source that his friend, JOE MC CORMICK, arrived at source's residence, but not until after JIMMIE and JOHNNIE had departed, and he believes MC CORMICK did not see them there.

Source has not had any subsequent contact at all with JIMMIE or JOHNNIE, and they have not returned the gun. Source has been carefully watching the newspapers and listening to news reports, but has not heard of any job which he believes they might have pulled. Source recalls that on the occasion when he gave JIMMIE the gun, JIMMIE commented to the effect, "I'll see you tomorrow or the next day", and also to the effect, "We'll remember you for the heater."

Source describes JIMMIE as a white male, about 45 to 50 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches and of slender build. He does not recall a description of JIMMIE's hair. Source recalls that JIMMIE at sometime mentioned that he served time in Arkansas and spoke also of having served time in the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City.

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Source describes JOHNNIE as being about 30 to 35 years of age, clean cut in appearance, black hair, sharp dresser, somewhat shorter and heavier than JIMMIE.

JIMMIE is the same person who shared a cell with source in the St. Louis Police Department Holdover for two or three days after source was first arrested in early June, 1967, and JIMMIE is the same person whom source later saw during the month of June, 1967, in the St. Louis City Jail, although they were not on the same tier in the jail.

Source feels certain that the bank which was robbed as reflected in the newspaper and as referred to by JIMMIE is the same bank which source and JAMES EARL RAY cased in 1959. This bank is in Alton, Illinois. Source and RAY cased it on two or three occasions in 1959. They planned that in the robbery source would carry a sawed-off shotgun which he already had in his possession and would stand inside the bank door with the shotgun while RAY carrying a pistol would take the money from the bank tellers. It was planned that source would guard the door at the bank until RAY completed taking the money from the tellers, and then they would both leave the bank. They planned to use as their getaway automobile an old car of some sort which RAY then had and which they planned to park in the bank parking lot immediately adjacent to the bank. They planned to use a stolen license plate on the car. After the robbery they planned to go to a rooming house in Alton, where they would already have obtained a room and where they would already have stored food and necessary supplies. They planned to remain in this rooming house for at least a week after the robbery. Source had already spotted the particular rooming house where they expected to obtain a room, and he had located it because it had a sign in front showing there were rooms for rent there. Source and RAY planned to park their automobile in an area immediately behind the rooming house which is reached off a small street or alley behind the house, and by parking the car in this position immediately behind the house, it would be substantially concealed.

Source on May 22, 1968, accompanied interviewing Agents to Alton, Illinois. He directed Agents to a location



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where he pointed out the Bank of Alton, and he stated this was the bank to which he had referred. In the course of locating the bank, source commented that he had not been in Alton since 1959, but he remembered that there was a drugstore near the bank bearing in its name the word "Dick's". He also commented during the course of locating the bank that he remembered that a Washington Avenue bus passed on the main street in front of the bank. Upon locating the bank building and viewing it, source commented that the building had apparently been remodeled since he last saw it in 1959. He said that in addition to the present main front door there had been in 1959 a side door on the side of the bank where there are now located drive-in windows. He recalled that in 1959 the drive-in windows were not on the side of the building where they are now located, but were on the back wall of the building. Source then accompanied Agents and directed them to the rooming house to which he had referred. The house to which he directed Agents and which he then pointed out is a house bearing the address 1209 Fourth Street in Alton. Upon viewing this house at this time, source commented that there were steps going down from the front of the house to a basement level and it was the basement level in which he and RAY had hoped to obtain a room in 1959.

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To: SAC's, St. Louis (44-775)  
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re ~~St. Louis airtel 5-20-68~~, submitting eleven lifts and other items from 1968 Dodge Dart recovered at Lambert-St. Louis Municipal Airport. 5-16-68

Three latent fingerprints of value were found on two of the lifts, one fingerprint on lift #6 and two fingerprints on lift #11. No other latent impressions of value found or developed.

These three latent fingerprints are not identical with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G. These latent fingerprints were compared, insofar as possible, with latent fingerprints previously reported in this case, but no identification effected.

Specimens being returned to St. Louis under separate cover.

- 1 - Atlanta (44-2386)
- 1 - Chicago
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- 1 - St. Louis (26-32047)

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RE 1968 DODGE DART RECOVERED  
LAMBERT-ST. LOUIS AIRPORT

The following investigation was conducted on  
May 23, 1968, by SA JOSEPH B. GRAFF:

ROBERT HRODEY, Dispatcher, Mc Henry County Sheriff's Office, Mc Henry, Illinois, advised that on May 19, 1968, his department had received a request from the Kirkwood, Missouri, Police Department to locate and interview SAMUEL SCHEIDERMAN, 6535 Noad Road, Richmond, Illinois. HRODEY said that he dispatched a car to that area at which time the deputy learned that there was no such address in Richmond, Illinois, as 6535 Noad Road.

ROSS COURTEMASH, Postmaster, Richmond, Illinois, advised that there is no such address as above in that town nor, in fact, in Mc Henry, Illinois.

Chief of Police WILLIAM BOTTS advised from records and recollection there was no information available at his police department concerning a SAMUEL SCHEIDERMAN. Chief BOTTS also stated that there was no such address as above.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re St. Louis airtel to the Bureau et al 5/20/68.

RE 1968 DODGE DART RECOVERED  
LAMBERT-ST. LOUIS AIRPORT

Enclosed herewith for the assistance of the Indianapolis Division are two Xerox copies of referenced airtel. Also, enclosed for the Bureau are three copies of an investigative insert; Indianapolis two copies of an investigative insert; and other offices receiving one copy of an investigative insert setting forth investigation conducted at Richmond, Illinois.

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INDIANAPOLIS

AT RICHMOND, INDIANA. Will conduct investigation as set forth for the Chicago Division under Richmond, Illinois, in referenced airtel to preclude the possibility of an error in SCHEIDERMAN's address.

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1 - Kansas City (44-760) (Enc. 1) (AM)  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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

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Re St. Louis airtel to Bureau, 5/20/68.

Sergeant EARL KING, Crimes Against Persons Unit, Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, advised this date that he could locate no record of a robbery in which the victim was named SAMUEL SCHEIDERMAN, 8535 Noad, Richmond, Illinois, or any other individual by that name.

LEAD:

CHICAGO DIVISION

At Richmond, Illinois

In interview with SAMUEL SCHEIDERMAN, 8535 Noad, endeavor to obtain details of alleged robbery in view of the fact the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, cannot locate any record pertaining to this robbery.

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TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN - SUMMARY

RE JERRY RAYNES, CAROL PEPPER, JOHN LARRY RAY.

SOURCES AND SPOT CHECKS INDICATE NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY.

NO PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS OTHER PHASES OF INVESTIGATION TODAY.

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) & (26-43489) P

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
(OO: MEMPHIS)

UNSUB;  
1968 DODGE  
VIN LH41D8B323249  
1968 GEORGIA LICENSE 1D48283  
ITSMV  
(OO: ST. LOUIS)

Re St. Louis airtel to Bureau, 5/20/68, under MURKIN caption.

Enclosed for the Bureau is one National Car Rental Agreement # 7044348, signed S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN, dated 4/2/68.

For information of San Francisco, Jacksonville, and Knoxville, captioned 1968 Dodge located abandoned Lambert-St. Louis Municipal Airport, St. Louis, Missouri, on 5/16/68. Captioned Dodge rented in Atlanta on stolen credit cards on 4/2/68, in name of SAMUEL SCHNEIDERMAN, 6535 Noad Road, Richmond, Illinois, which credit cards were taken in an armed robbery in Kansas City, Missouri. Captioned car rented and located during pertinent period of time re investigation re MURKIN, and leads being logically pursued in an attempt to eliminate or identify renter with JAMES EARL RAY.

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MARGIE CURTIS, 1838 Dunlap Avenue, East Point, Georgia, employed by National Car Rental, Atlanta, Georgia, advised on 5/17/68, she was the individual who rented the 1968 Dodge Dart to S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN on 4/2/68. She described SCHNEIDERMAN as being in his late 30s or early 40s, approximately 5' 7' 8" tall, of small build, weighing approximately 140-145, with dark hair, possibly black. She viewed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, and stated from her recollection, did not believe RAY identical to SCHNEIDERMAN, however, photograph of RAY, particularly the hair, did resemble SCHNEIDERMAN.

SCHNEIDERMAN appeared at the National Car Rental Office at the Atlanta Airport at approximately 9:42 am, wearing a business suit and presented 3 Millionaire Club credit cards, 2 in plastic covering, and 1 plain paper card, all in the name of S. SCHNEIDERMAN. She could not recall if SCHNEIDERMAN had luggage, and stated she was sure that he was not accompanied by anyone. She stated she obtained the DL # from SCHNEIDERMAN's Illinois DL, and also listed the Holiday Inn at the Atlanta Airport as SCHNEIDERMAN's place of contact.

DAVE ROGERS, National Car Rental, Atlanta, Georgia Airport, produced National Car Rental System Rental Agreement # 7044348 for this company, Station 070-2, dated 4/2/68, at 9:42 am, indicating one S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN rented car # 701371 with Georgia license 1D98283, which is a Dodge Dart, which rental agreement reflects an address of 6535 North Richmond, Illinois. Also listed on this agreement, DL # W5-570-018, from the state of Illinois. The agreement reflects the car will be returned on 5/1/68, and indicates a credit card was used from the Millionaire Club National Limited, Chicago, Illinois, # 96968.

ROGERS stated that a 20% cash discount was given to SCHNEIDERMAN and stated that according to records of this office, their vehicle 701371 is a 1968 Dodge Dart, VIN LH41D8B323249, bearing 1968 Georgia license 1D48283.

ROGERS stated that SCHNEIDERMAN apparently, after obtaining this automobile, later went to the Tallahassee, Florida area, and was staying at the Holiday Inn in Tallahassee, inasmuch as he, ROGERS, had received an inquiry from a Lt. DAVIS of the Tallahassee, Florida PD, who was checking on SCHNEIDERMAN through the Georgia license plate on his car. ROGERS also stated that he later received information that SCHNEIDERMAN was locked out of his room by the Holiday Inn # 2, Knoxville, Tennessee.

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Mrs. PEARL JOHNSON, Bookkeeper, Holiday Inn, Atlanta, Georgia Airport, advised that records of her office failed to reflect a S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN registered in this motel during the later part of March, or later part of April, 1968. Mrs. JOHNSON advised that records of this motel reflect that a guest register card # 44179, in the name of S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN, 2493 Airport Boulevard, San Francisco, California, representing the Equipment Engineering Company, stayed in Room 284 of this motel on 4/28-30/68. SCHNEIDERMAN left owing a bill of \$32.61. Mrs. JOHNSON stated that her records also reflect a check was cashed by this motel in the amount of \$25, signed S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN, dated 4/29/68, check # 134, made out to the Holiday Inn, and drawn on the Portola District Branch of the Bank of America, San Francisco, California, 2485 San Bruno Avenue. This check bears the written notation, "Ill. # W5-570-018, #284, and also EAL # 0-350-868M." She indicated the Illinois # was a DL # for the guest in Room 284, however, she could not explain what the other # was, and stated EAL could be Eastern Airlines.

Mrs. JOHNSON advised that letters were directed to SCHNEIDERMAN at the 2493 Airport Boulevard, San Francisco, California address, which letters were returned and the check was returned from the bank stamped "not sufficient funds".

LEADS:

BUREAU

The Bureau is requested to compare the enclosed evidence and handwriting with the handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY. Will return evidence to Atlanta Division upon completion of examination. Will furnish the Memphis, Atlanta, and St. Louis Offices with results of examination.

SAN FRANCISCO

AT BANK OF AMERICA, PORTOLA BRANCH

Conduct appropriate investigation re checks in name of S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN.

KNOXVILLE,

AT KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

Conduct appropriate investigation at Holiday Inn # 2, re S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN being locked out of his room. Will ascertain if any personal effects of SCHNEIDERMAN obtained by motel, and thereafter check these effects, in addition to identify unsub.

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26-43489

LEADS: (cont)

JACKSONVILLE

AT TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

Contact Lt. DAVIS and Holiday Inn re S. M. SCHNEIDERMAN.

CHICAGO & KANSAS CITY

Information copies directed to these offices in view of outstanding investigation being conducted.

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Via \_\_\_\_\_

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TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN - SUMMARY

RE JERRY RAYNES.

RE INTERVIEWED. CONTINUED TO DENY ANY CONTACT WITH SUBJECT OR ANY INFO AS TO WHEREABOUTS. NO REASON TO BELIEVE OTHER MEMBERS OF FAMILY AWARE OF WHEREABOUTS. FEELS SUBJECT PROBABLY DEAD OR WE WOULD HAVE FOUND HIM. VOLUNTEERED THAT BECAUSE OF PRESS INQUIRIES AT ALL HOURS AND RECEIPT OF ONE CRANK CALL, HE HAD TELEPHONE CHANGED TO UNLISTED NUMBER.

RE CAROL PEPPER AND JOHN LARRY RAY.

SOURCES AND SPOT CHECKS REVEAL NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY.

NO PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS OTHER PHASES OF INVESTIGATION TODAY.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) -P-

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
OO: Memphis

Re Cincinnati teletype, 5/15/68.

For the information of Indianapolis and Springfield,  
the contents of referenced teletype is set out:

Mrs. JOHN VANCE, 514 Ryan Avenue, Columbus, Ohio,  
received a letter from her sister, Mrs. R. M. PERKINS, 2262  
Market Street, San Francisco. Mrs. VANCE contacted Columbus  
Resident Agency because the letter contained the following:

"Before I forget PUEY, did you know  
that guy they claim shot MARTIN LUTHER KING  
is a grandson of those RAINES (RAYNES) that  
lived across from us on Vermont Street?  
(JIMMIE). Aunt NETTIE was married to a RAY  
(last name) from Missouri that is also one of  
his aliases. (EARL RAY) I bet GOLDIE knew  
him. Also DIDDIE. RAY HALL remembers him  
so BERNICE said."

Mrs. M. R. PERKINS, 2262 Market Street, San Fran-  
cisco, on 5/15/68, advised that the RAYNES or RAY family  
lived across the street from her grandmother in Quincy, Illinois.  
She advised that she knows nothing about the RAY family and

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JAMES EARL RAY except the fact that they could be the RAY family that lived across the street from her grandmother. She advised it was only after reading about the KING murder in the newspapers and reading the name RAY that she associated the name and Quincy, Illinois.

She advised that the following people from Quincy live in San Francisco:

~~GOLDIE CLARK~~, 244 Circular Avenue,  
South San Francisco, California  
telephone number JU6-7941,  
an employee of the Pacific Telephone Co.

~~RAYMOND HALL~~, 1512 Shrader Street,  
San Francisco, California  
telephone number LO6-9463.

She advised a JAMES HALL was from Quincy, Illinois and was now residing at 1711 Shawnee Road, Indianapolis, Ind. She advised JAMES HALL was about RAY's age and grew up in the same neighborhood.

She advised that DIRICK (DITTY) FRANKS also known as HALL, resided at 615 Jefferson, Quincy, Illinois, and was the former husband of GOLDIE CLARK. She advised that GOLDIE CLARK at one time operated a house of prostitution in Quincy.

She advised that her father, ~~LAFAYETTE DILTS~~, exact address unknown, Quincy, Illinois, might know the RAY family because at one time he was a bootlegger in Quincy and it was reported that the RAY family was engaged in bootlegging activities.

GOLDIE CLARK, 244 Circular Avenue, South San Francisco, on 5/15/68, advised that she has been away from Quincy, Illinois for several years. She stated she never knew the RAY or RAYNES family in Quincy. She advised that she did not know JAMES EARL RAY and does not know his present whereabouts. She advised that she vaguely recalled having heard of an EARL RAY. She advised that she could not furnish

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any information regarding JAMES EARL RAY and/or his present whereabouts.

Mrs. PAYMOND HALL, 1512 Shrader, San Francisco, on 5/15/68, advised that she and her husband were both from Quincy, Illinois but have been away from Quincy for over 25 years. She advised that they have read newspaper accounts of JAMES EARL RAY's involvement in the KING case, but advised that neither of them know JAMES EARL RAY. She stated that she has no idea of his present whereabouts.

LEADS

INDIANAPOLIS

AT INDIANAPOLIS, IND. Will contact JAMES HALL, 1711 Shawnee Road, for any information he might have regarding the background and/or whereabouts of JAMES EARL RAY.

SPRINGFIELD

AT QUINCY, ILL. Will contact DIRICK (DITTY) FRANKS, aka HALL, 615 Jefferson, for any information regarding the background and/or whereabouts of JAMES EARL RAY.

(2) Will contact LAFAYETTE DILTS, exact address unknown, possibly 300 block of Elm or Vine, for any information regarding background and/or whereabouts of JAMES EARL RAY. (Mrs. PERKINS suggested that the Chief of Police would know her father's whereabouts.)

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

(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re San Francisco airtel to Bureau dated 5-16-68,  
 a copy of which is enclosed for St. Louis.

On 5-22-68, 5-23-68, and 5-24-68, ORVILLE BURNETT,  
 615 Jefferson Street, Quincy, Illinois, advised SA ELYON H.  
 DAVIS that DIDRICK CLYDE HALL, aka DIDRICK FRANKS, DITTY  
HALL is a relative of his and normally resides at that  
 address. HALL is an alcoholic and has been missing for several  
 days. This is not unusual for HALL as he goes on extended  
 drunks and will be gone from Quincy for several days at a  
 time before returning.

On 5-22-68, and 5-23-68, efforts to locate LAFAYETTE  
DILTS in Quincy, Illinois, were unsuccessful as his whereabouts  
 are unknown to the Quincy Police Department, Credit Bureau and  
 other sources.

On 5-24-68, SI 1586-C advised that LAFAYETTE DILTS,  
 aka LAFE DILTS, is presently residing at La Grange, Missouri,  
 and either works as a commercial fisherman or operates a  
 fish market in La Grange. DILTS has a girlfriend in La  
 Grange by the name of MAHALA LA MARE.

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ST. LOUIS DIVISION

At La Grange, Missouri

Will interview LAFAYETTE DILTS as set forth in enclosed airtel.

SPRINGFIELD DIVISION

At Quincy, Illinois

Will interview DIDRICK CLYDE HALL when located.

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5-28-68

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AIRMAIL

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

Re KC tel, 5-22-68.

RE: FORMER INMATE, NATHAN J. MURPHY  
On 5-24-68, JOHN A. ZITZ, 3177a Oregon St., SLMO, was contacted at his residence whereupon he advised that his name was ZITZ and not ZITZENZANICH and that he did not remember a man by the name of NATHAN J. MURPHY. He said that he had a couple of former prisoners staying at his place for a short period about three or four years ago but he could not remember their names. He advised that since his wife left him and ran off with an ex-convict he wanted to forget the past. He could offer no additional information.

Several unsuccessful attempts were made on 5-24-68, in an effort to contact the residence of 2836 Eads Ave., SLMO.

On 5-27-68, CHARLES MOSS, mail carrier for the SL Post Office, Benton Rt. #427, SLMO, advised that he has been delivering mail for the past 10 years and that he did not recall the name of NATHAN J. MURPHY or Mrs. MURPHY as residing at 2836 Eads Ave.

He stated that the house located at 2836 Eads Ave. was vacant for approximately 6 to 7 months and that it was purchased approximately 8 to 9 months ago by an elderly man and wife by the last name of BOUDOU (phonetic). He stated that he did not know the man's name but indicated that the wife's first name was TRUDY.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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

DATE: 5-23-68

FROM : SA HAROLD R. DOBSON

SUBJECT: M U R K I N

The Bureau by radiogram, 5-22-68, directed that in view of RAY's habit of staying in flophouses and lower class rooming houses, copies of IOs re subject be furnished to the SALVATION ARMY and other charitable type missions. According to SL phone book, following are of this type:

## SALVATION ARMY

MEN's SOCIAL CENTER, 3949 Forest Park.

*Dubysak*  
DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS, 2827 Clark.

TOWER GROVE CITADEL, 1324 Tower Grove.

TEMPLE, 3110 Iowa.

EUCLID AVENUE, 2618 N. Euclid.

HARBOR LIGHT, 915 Market.

CORPS AND YOUTH CENTER, 416 S. Main, St. Charles.

*McElwain*  
EMPLOYMENT SERVICE, 915 Market.

LAFAYETTE PARK, 1719 Carroll.

7701 Rawnels, Maplewood.

NORTHSIDE, 1323 Sullivan.

SOUTHSIDE, 801 Allen.

WELLSTON, 6203 Cote Brilliante.

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BEREA MISSION, INC., 3536 Russell.

LUTHERN MISSION ASSOCIATION, 1323 Herbert.

OPEN DOOR MISSIONARY FELLOWSHIP, 4045 Ashland.

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ST. LOUIS RESCUE MISSION, 4023 Olive.

SHIMING LIGHT TABERNACLE, 1428 Monroe.

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SUNSHINE MISSION, 614 Franklin.

~~VINCENTIAN FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY, 1849 Cass.~~

FATHER DEMPSEY CHARITIES, 3427 Washington.

*DISMAS HOUSE, 903 E. 6th*

Agents to whom above assigned are requested to indicate name and capacity of individual to whom IO furnished, date furnished and ident of SA furnishing, on copy of memo returned.

Resident Agents are requested to furnish RAY's IOs to similar organizations in their territories, and advise similar info when completed.

*Duffy  
Duncan  
Hill  
Rosenberger  
Barton*

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Via Airtel \_\_\_\_\_

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To: SAC's St. Louis (44-775) - *Enc.*  
Memphis (44-1987)

✓ From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re St. Louis airtel 5/21/68, submitting a signature card  
of Manufacturers Bank and Trust Company of St. Louis, Q354, for exami-  
nation.

No latent impressions of value developed on the signature  
card, which is enclosed to St. Louis.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>BIRMINGHAM</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>MEMPHIS</b>	DATE <b>5/20/68</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>4/17/68 - 5/17/68</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE IO #4182 WF #442-A TOP TEN FUGITIVE; DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA HENRY A. SNOW</b>	TYPED BY <b>cap</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>CR - CONSPIRACY; UFAC - ROBBERY</b>	

REFERENCES:

Report of SA HENRY A. SNOW at Birmingham,  
dated 4/17/68, and numerous communications  
and reports.

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LEAD:BIRMINGHAM:AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA:

Will continue efforts to locate fugitive RAY.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						ACQUIT- TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:  PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		

APPROVED	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW
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ADMINISTRATIVE:

No leads are being set forth in this report as all have been handled by telephone or teletype during the period covered in this report.

One extra copy is being furnished to the Memphis Office marked "Hold" for the U. S. Attorney, Memphis, which may be released only upon Bureau authority.

The voluminous negative information is not being reported herein as it would serve no useful purpose. However, in separate volumes of the Birmingham file related to this matter, all such investigation is recorded including elimination of numerous "look-alikes" and suspects.

In accordance with Bureau instructions each informant including CI's and PCI's as well as logical racial informants and sources of information have all been contacted personally during the period covered herein and each such individual has been supplied a copy of the Identification Order for RAY together with exhibition of several views of his photographs. This has resulted negatively to date.

The confidential source whose interview is set forth in this report at length who was a former inmate of subject RAY at the Missouri State Penitentiary is THOMAS BRITTON who resides at 1710 Alabama Avenue, Jasper, Alabama, and is presently employed at Foster's Cabinet Shop, Haleyville, Alabama. He is being contacted on a regular basis and it is believed that should he receive a call from subject RAY that he will notify the Birmingham Office immediately. It was deemed advisable not to

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disclose his identity in this report since he is apprehensive of possible retaliation by former inmates should it become known that he is being contacted by FBI Agents. Contacts with him have been had after his regular work-day hours in order that he not be compromised.

In connection with the information furnished in the body of this report by the above-mentioned confidential source regarding the possibility that subject RAY may have known that Walker County, Alabama was dry but that there were "beer joints" just over the neighboring county line of Jefferson near Birmingham, the following is noted:

The location of the "beer joints" described by the confidential source is in close proximity to the terminus of the navigable Warrior River upon which large tow barges operate to port Birmingham and Cordova, Alabama. The Warrior River is navigable from those locations through the length of Alabama to Mobile thence by inter-coastal canal to New Orleans and from there up the Mississippi River. Birmingham contemplates additional investigation on the possibility that RAY during the period 1958 to 1960 may have, in fact, been employed as a deck hand or cook on one of the barge lines operated on the Mississippi-Warrior system.

In connection with the information furnished by BRITTON, it was thought advisable to check the long distance telephone calls made from his home telephone to determine whether there might be any possibility of his having been contacted by such means by subject RAY.

On May 8, 1968, SA JOHN H. KRESEK secured from Mrs. ELAINE DOWNEY, Assistant Manager, Southern

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Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, Jasper, Alabama, whose identity should be protected, a list of all such toll calls made to BRITTON's home telephone 387-7988 beginning on September 18, 1967, through April 4, 1968. The identity of the individuals called have been established and reflect no possibility of RAY being the recipient of any call. A record of this is maintained in the Birmingham file.

Information copies of this report are being furnished the auxiliary offices indicated due to their investigation conducted in this matter and possible future requests for additional investigation.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date May 15, 1968

Mrs. BEATRICE BRITTON, 1710 Alabama Avenue, Jasper, Alabama, furnished the following:

She is married to THOMAS BRITTON, a former inmate at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri. Mrs. BRITTON stated her husband never identified JAMES EARL RAY as a person known to him after or during the time when RAY's photograph and name were appearing frequently on TV and in newspapers and also stated her husband had never commented anything about RAY until about May 3, 1968, when Mrs. BRITTON was first contacted by the FBI in an effort to locate her husband. Her husband then told her that the FBI was seeking him concerning a man he had known in the penitentiary who had carried hot water to the prisoners' cells.

Mrs. BRITTON stated that neither she nor her husband, to her knowledge, has ever received any telephone calls from any unknown men who were attempting to contact her husband and who could be identical with JAMES EARL RAY. She stated she has never been contacted at her residence by anyone resembling RAY who was looking for her husband. She was unable to identify any photograph of RAY as a person ever seen by her at any time.

She stated that from June, 1967, until January, 1968, she and her family had not resided at 1710 Alabama Avenue, Jasper, but had resided in a rural area outside of Jasper. During the same time, however, they had kept the same telephone number they had had prior to moving from 1710 Alabama Avenue. In January, 1968, they moved back into the house at 1710 Alabama Avenue.

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SA WILLIAM A. SAUCIER / RMB:hss Date dictated 5/14/68

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In connection with the information received from THOMAS BRITTON that JAMES EARL RAY had identified to BRITTON several bars and night clubs in Northwest Jefferson County, Alabama, the following investigation was conducted on May 8, 1968, by Special Agents ROBERT M. BARRETT and WILLIAM A. SAUCIER:

GLADYS KEY, who was formerly known as GLADYS HAYWOOD, wife of C. C. HAYWOOD, and also known as "MAMA" HAYWOOD, stated she operated, along with her former husband, C. C. HAYWOOD, the Riverview Night Club from July, 1958, until 1964. This place is located on the Warrior River in northwest Jefferson County. Mrs. KEY stated she could not recall any former customer during the period 1958 - 1960 who was identical with JAMES EARL RAY. She further advised that the photographs of RAY were not identical with any person she recalls seeing at the Riverview Night Club from 1958 to 1960 or at her present bar from April, 1967, to the present time.

Mrs. KEY is presently operating the "Little Warrior River Cafe," which is located one-half mile from the Riverview. Mrs. KEY's employee, MARLENE KILGORE, also was unable to identify the photograph of RAY as a customer she has ever seen in the Little Warrior River Cafe.

Mr. C. C. HAYWOOD, owner of the Riverview Night Club since 1958, advised he was unable to identify photographs of JAMES EARL RAY as a customer who came to his place either in 1958 to 1960 or since April, 1967. The photographs of RAY were also shown to HAYWOOD's barmaid, Mrs. ELLEN SICKLES, and to Mrs. C. C. (PHYLLIS) HAYWOOD, who were unable to identify photographs of RAY as anyone they had seen in the Riverview.

MAMIE MITCHELL, Manager of Rose's Place on Old U. S. Highway 78, Route One, Dora, Alabama, advised she has operated this "beer joint" since 1963. In 1958 it was known as "Johnny's Place" and in 1960 it was known as "Parker's Place." When MITCHELL took over in 1963, she named it "Mamie's Place" and changed the name to "Rose's" in 1964. Mrs. MITCHELL was unable to identify a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY as a person she has ever seen in her bar.

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ED HOLLIS, operator of the Allstate Cafe, U. S. Highway 78, advised he and his brother, HAROLD HOLLIS, had been operating the Allstate Night Club and Allstate Cafe as two separate businesses since 1957. HOLLIS stated he could not identify any of the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY as a person he had ever seen at the Allstate Cafe either during the period 1958-1960 or since April, 1967. HAROLD HOLLIS was also unable to identify subject RAY after viewing the photographs.

ELEANOR HOLLIS, wife of ED HOLLIS and who works as a waitress at the Allstate Cafe, identified the 1967 and 1968 photographs of JAMES EARL RAY as a person she has seen at the Allstate Cafe. She stated that quite frankly she is unable to furnish any other information whatsoever about the person she identified as RAY, as to description, time seen at the cafe, automobile used, or anything else. She was quite definite in that she had seen RAY at the cafe.

MYRTLE NELSON, cook at the Allstate Cafe, identified the 1967 and 1968 photographs of JAMES EARL RAY as a person she had seen in the Allstate Cafe as a customer. She stated, however, she could not furnish any other information whatsoever concerning this person.

Both Mrs. HOLLIS and MYRTLE NELSON stated they would give the matter considerable thought in an effort to recall any other information concerning the individual they identified.

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Title: JAMES EARL RAY;  
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -  
VICTIM

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY; UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID  
CONFINEMENT - ROBBERY

Synopsis: Proprietor of the "Gun Rack", Birmingham, a store dealing in the sale of firearms, is of opinion that subject spent considerable time examining high power rifles in his place on 3/27/68, which was two days prior to his appearance at the Aeromarine Supply Company where murder weapon was purchased. Record located of bank draft purchased by subject, as GALT, on 9/28/67, in amount \$337.24, payable to Superior Bulk Film Company, Chicago, for photographic equipment. Son of seller of Mustang to subject believed photograph of subject identical to purchaser. Same opinion of photograph expressed by operator and cook at the Economy Rooming House, Highland Avenue, Birmingham, where subject resided from 8/26/67 to 10/7/67. JAMES W. BROWN, Reform, Alabama, who was well acquainted with subject RAY while both confined in Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City. Missouri, recalled that RAY was considerably upset during demonstrations led by KING and about the Fall of 1963 RAY made the statement that he was going to kill KING when he got out and was under the impression that some organization would pay \$10,000.00 for KING's murder. BROWN also identified several former and present inmates who knew subject. Similiar information secured from another former inmate, who is now a parolee from Missouri State Penitentiary, residing near Birmingham, but who desired his identity not be made known. RAY eliminated as possible suspect in any bank robbery committed in Birmingham Office territory. Since

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submission of last report and since issuance of Identification Order and wanted flyer for RAY's apprehension, extensive investigation has continued in Birmingham territory without securing any additional information as to his whereabouts, although numerous "look-a-likes" and suspects eliminated. This investigation included personal contacts and delivery of Identification Orders to all employees in the following business categories: outlets of salacious books, rooming houses, hotels and motels, bus stations, railroads, airline facilities, car rental agencies, public luggage lockers, laundries and dry cleaners, "lonely heart" type organizations, and bank safe deposit box departments. Classified ads of used cars for sale which appeared in Birmingham newspapers during pertinent period, 3/21-4/2/68, were reviewed and 486 cars advertised eliminated as having been sold to subject. Subject's photographs published in periodical distributed to all service stations in state. No record located of subject having applied for employment at any country club. No record of any unidentified deceased male who might be subject located. Check of marriage and divorce records of all counties in Birmingham territory negative. SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Date 5/2/68

The following signed statement was furnished by  
CLYDE R. MANASCO, Route 9, Box 602, Birmingham, Alabama,  
clerk at the Gun Rack located at 1507 S.W. 31st Street,  
Birmingham, Alabama:

"Birmingham, Alabama  
April 18, 1968

"I, CLYDE MANASCO, having viewed seven photographs exhibited to me by Special Agent J. T. ARNETT of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, have selected the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT as appearing similar to the man who came to The Gun Rack Store, Birmingham, Alabama, where I am employed, and made inquiry regarding high-powered rifles and scopes. I believe the date the man appeared at The Gun Rack was March 27, 1968. The photograph of a man identified as ERIC STARVO GALT appears identical to this man with the exception in the photograph ERIC STARVO GALT's face appears slightly broader than I recall the man who was in The Gun Rack.

"I have read this statement and it is true to the best of my knowledge.

/s/ CLYDE R. MANASCO

"Witnessed:

Special Agent J. T. ARNETT (/s/), FBI, Birmingham, Ala.  
April 18, 1968"

In addition to information furnished in the signed statement, Mr. MANASCO advised that as he had previously stated, the man who was in The Gun Rack making inquiry regarding high-powered rifles had light brown hair.

Photographs exhibited to Mr. MANASCO were as follows:

JOHN OSCAR LUCK, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office

On 4/18/68 at Birmingham, Alabama File # BH 44-1740

by SA J. T. ARNETT:scb/epg Date dictated 4/25/68

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#102955, Birmingham, Alabama, photograph taken April 21, 1962;

ROBERT CROSS, Birmingham FBI #91-1803;

CHARLES NEWMANT GAULT, Birmingham FBI #26-22408;

ERIC STARVO GALT, true name JAMES EARL RAY;

THOMAS FRANKLIN BRADY, Birmingham FBI #26-22408;

ERNEST GEORGE BLAND, Birmingham FBI #44-1740;

JAMES ROBERT LUKE, Atlanta Police Department  
#251309, photograph taken October 20, 1967.