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Date: 6/26/68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN

RE SI TEL TO BUREAU JUNE TWENTYFIVE LAST.

SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR DASH C TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED HE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO MAKE CONTACT WITH PERSONS WHO WOULD BE ABLE TO VERIFY RESIDENCE OF HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON ON FOURTH STREET, ALTON, JULY, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN. STATED HE IS CERTAIN COVINGTON LIVED THERE AND CONTINUING EFFORTS TO VERIFY.

COVINGTON NOT YET ARRESTED BY MACOUPIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

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

Re Springfield airtel to Chicago dated  
6/17/68.

Being transmitted under separate cover by registered mail are the following items of clothing previously submitted by Springfield under caption, "Unsubs (2); The Bank of Alton, Alton, Illinois, 7/13/67"; Springfield file 91-3699, Bufile 91-27506.

Man's Van Heusen Vanguard shirt,  
Item Q3 (PC-A1071 JV)

Man's brown trousers, Item Q6  
(PC-A1071 JV).

The above-named shirt bears laundry marks in collar; the trousers bear laundry marks on right front and rear pockets.

The laboratory is requested to photograph these laundry marks for suitable reproduction in circular letter, the preparation of which is being requested of the Mechanical Section by this airtel, and the text of which is set out below.

The above-described evidence is being submitted and the preparation of circular letter requested, in order to fully explore laundry and dry cleaning marks on the

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submitted items, since allegations have been made by JOSEPH EUGENE GAWRON, St. Louis, Missouri, which indicate JAMES EARL RAY cased The Bank of Alton in 1959 and may have been involved in bank robbery at that bank July 13, 1967. The Bureau is vitally interested in ascertaining source of RAY's funds since his escape from MSP, April, 1967.

The Mechanical Section is requested to prepare, upon receipt of photographic facsimiles from the Photographic Section, the following circular letter:

"To all Laundries and Dry Cleaning Establishments

On July 13, 1967, two unknown males, wearing stocking masks, robbed The Bank of Alton, Alton, Illinois, at gunpoint and obtained over \$27,000. Investigation of this crime led to the recovery of a white Van Heusen Vanguard shirt and a pair of tan trousers among other items.

The shirt bears laundry marks and the trousers dry cleaning symbols, facsimiles of which appear below. The laundry marks appear on the shirt collar, the dry cleaning symbols appear on the front and rear pockets on the right side of the trousers.

(Facsimile photos inserted at this point)

If, after review of the above facsimiles, you feel you have information which would be of assistance to the Bureau, please call the nearest office of the FBI, the telephone number of which is in the front page of your telephone directory."

Offices receiving information copies of this airtel are instructed to hold leads requested in referenced airtel in abeyance pending receipt of above circular letter.

The Laboratory is requested to send direct to Chicago 1800 copies, to Indianapolis 1800 copies, and to St. Louis 700 copies of the prepared circular letter.



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The Laboratory is requested to return submitted items upon completion of requested action.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN

RE SI TEL TO BUREAU JUNE TWENTYSIX LAST.

INVESTIGATION ALTON DISCLOSES HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON  
NOT AT USUAL HAUNTS AND SOURCES ACQUAINTED WITH HIM CANNOT  
PROVIDE INFORMATION CONCERNING CURRENT WHEREABOUTS.

SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR DASH C ADVISED TODAY TWO DAYS AFTER  
HE AT BANK OF ALTON ON JULY THIRTEEN LAST, COVINGTON AND  
PERSON STAYING WITH HIM WHO IS UNKNOWN, WENT TO QUINCY,  
ILLINOIS; COVINGTON RETURNED ALONE ON JULY SEVENTEEN LAST  
AND UNKNOWN ASSOCIATE RETURNED JULY TWENTYONE LAST DRIVING  
NINETEEN SIXTYSIX CHEVROLET IMPALA HARDTOP, BLUE IN COLOR,  
INDIANA LICENSE. UNKNOWN PERSON DESCRIBED FIVE FEET ELEVEN  
INCHES, THIRTY TO FORTY YEARS, BLACK HAIR, THIN MUSTACHE,  
STOCKY BUILD, CHAIN SMOKER.

INFORMANT CONTINUING EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY UNKNOWN PERSON.

MAIL COPY TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, AND ST. LOUIS.

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Date May 22, 1968

FRANCIS POWELL was interviewed at his residence and advised that he is the father of ROBERT (BOB) POWELL. He stated that POWELL is not living at his residence at this time since Mr. POWELL did not want him to be closely associated with his young daughters. He stated that POWELL visits his residence on infrequent occasions and comes to borrow money.

Mr. POWELL stated that he had heard a rumor that his son, BOB, had helped JAMES EARL RAY escape from prison in Jefferson City, Missouri. He stated that his son had never mentioned RAY to him and that he was certain that he would be uncooperative in any interview.

Mr. POWELL stated that his wife, who is BOB POWELL's stepmother, told him that BOB had made the remark that the man who turns in RAY is a dead man. Mr. POWELL stated that he did not believe his son had any information concerning RAY's whereabouts.

Mr. POWELL stated that while BOB was in prison some of his girlfriends would write him and use the Doe Run address on the envelopes so that they would pass through the prison censors. He stated he had seen envelopes with the name FRANKIE BARBARA. He stated that to the best of his knowledge this is a fictitious person. He stated that he did not know who this person was. Mr. POWELL stated that if his son contacted him he would notify the FBI. Mr. POWELL stated that he had no idea as to how BOB could be contacted but had heard that he worked part time in Farmington, Missouri.

On 5/18/68 at Doe Run, Missouri File # SL 44-775 - 1005  
by SA HOWARD G. SLACK/leh Date dictated, 5/20/68  
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SAC, ST. LOUIS (26-32047) (P)

MURKIN  
(OO: Memphis)

UNSUB;  
1968 DODGE  
VIN 1H41D8B323249  
1968 GEORGIA LICENSE 1D48283  
ITSMV  
(OO: St. Louis)

Re Jacksonville airtel to Memphis, 6/8/68; and  
Kansas City airtel to Bureau, 5/23/68.

In reviewing this file, it is noted that at the  
time captioned vehicle was recovered at the St. Louis Municipal  
Airport on 5/16/68, Trooper SCHEER, Missouri State  
Highway Patrol, advised that this vehicle had been rented  
at Atlanta, Ga., 4/2/68, from National Car Rental utilizing  
stolen credit cards in the name of SAMUEL SCHNEIDERMAN,  
6535 Wood Rd., Richmond, Ill., and that these credit cards  
were alleging stolen from SCHNEIDERMAN in an armed robbery  
in Kansas City, Mo.

Investigation to date has determined that no record  
could be located with the Kansas City, Mo. Police Department  
regarding a robbery of SAMUEL SCHNEIDERMAN, and investigation  
at Richmond, Ill., has indicated there is no such address  
as 6535 Wood Rd., and no record of a SAMUEL SCHNEIDERMAN.

Based on this information on 6/18/68, Trooper SCHEER  
was recontacted to determine where he had obtained the infor-  
mation regarding SCHNEIDERMAN having been robbed at Kansas  
City, Mo. Trooper SCHEER stated that he was not positive  
since he had obtained this information from the radio dispatcher  
of Troop C Headquarters, Missouri State Highway Patrol, at  
Kirkwood, Mo., although Trooper SCHEER was of the opinion

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1 - Indianapolis (44-563) (Info)  
1 - Kansas City (Info)  
1 - Memphis (Info)  
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that this information had originally been obtained from the Georgia State Police out of Atlanta.

In view of the above, Atlanta might consider contacting the Georgia State Police to determine if they have information regarding the manner in which credit cards were obtained by UNSUB so that investigation regarding MURKIN in this matter might be resolved.

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PLAINTEXT

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URGENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, BALTIMORE  
(44-38861)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN

RE CHICAGO AIRTEL TO SPRINGFIELD JUNE TWO FIVE SIXTY  
EIGHT.

FOR INFO BALTIMORE, ST. LOUIS ADVISED THAT JOHN  
EUGENE GAWRON HAS ALLEGED JAMES EARL RAY AND UNNAMED MAN  
ROBBED BANK OF ALTON, ILLINOIS ON JULY THIRTEEN SIXTY SEVEN.  
THIS BANK WAS ROBBED ON THAT DATE BY TWO UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
WEARING NYLON STOCKING MASKS AND USING SAWED OFF SHOTGUNS.  
LOOT TWENTY SEVEN <sup>THOUSAND</sup> TWO HUNDRED THIRTY DOLLARS. SUBSEQUENT  
TO BANK ROBBERY SHOTGUN AND CLOTHING ITEMS FOUND IN VACANT  
LOT IN ALTON AND LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANING MARKS LOCATED IN

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1 - Indianapolis (44-775)(Info) (AM)  
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RE CLOTHING. BUREAU HAS INSTRUCTED CHICAGO, SPRINGFIELD, ST. LOUIS AND INDIANAPOLIS TO CANVAS LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANING ESTABLISHMENTS RE THESE MARKS. CIRCULAR BEING PREPARED BY BUREAU TO FURNISH TO LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANING ESTABLISHMENTS. ADDRESSOGRAPH PLATES AVAILABLE FOR LAUNDRY CIRCULARIZATION IN ILLINOIS. LIST OF DRY CLEANING ESTABLISHMENTS IN ILLINOIS AND OTHER STATES WHERE CIRCULARIZATION DESIRED CAN BE OBTAINED THROUGH NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DRY CLEANERS, NINE ZERO NINE BURLINGTON AVENUE, SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND. APPROXIMATELY ONE FOUR ZERO ZERO DRY CLEANERS LOCATED IN STATE OF ILLINOIS. BALTIMORE CONTACTS THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DRY CLEANERS AT SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND, OBTAIN LIST OF DRY CLEANERS IN TERRITORIES OF CHICAGO, SPRINGFIELD, ST. LOUIS AND INDIANAPOLIS. DETERMINE IF ADDRESSOGRAPH AVAILABLE. IF NOT, DETERMINE IF COUNTY BREAKDOWN CAN BE OBTAINED FOR INTERESTED OFFICES.

AIR MAIL COPIES BEING SENT TO SPRINGFIELD, ST. LOUIS, INDIANAPOLIS, AND MEMPHIS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (PP. 1)

MURKIN

RE SI TEL JUNE TWENTYSEVEN, LAST.

SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR - C ADVISED TODAY HE HAS DEVELOPED  
 INFORMATION HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON RESIDED WITH ROBERT COATES,  
 ONE THREE THREE ZERO A - FOURTH STREET AND WITH CAROLYN  
 BLANKENSHIP, ONE FOUR TWO SIX - FOURTH STREET DURING NINETEEN  
 SIXTYSEVEN, EXACT PERIODS UNKNOWN.

INFORMANT STATES RONNIE BELL, BILL AVERY, ART THATCHER AND  
 WILLIE LEE STATE COVINGTON OWNED DARK BLUE NYLON WINDBREAKER  
 TYPE JACKET SIMILAR TO THAT RECOVERED AFTER ROBBERY THE BANK  
 OF ALTON. FURTHER COVINGTON GAVE DELMAR GRINDSTAFF SET OF  
 LIGHT BLUE AIR FORCE TYPE COVERALLS, SIZE FORTY, STATING AN  
 UNKNOWN FRIEND COULDN'T WEAR THEM.

ABOVE INFORMATION BEING FOLLOWED UP TODAY TO VERIFY.

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)  
FROM: *Hm* SAC, CINCINNATI (157-1893) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Chicago airtel to Springfield, dated 6/25/68.

Re laundry marks on clothing related to Alton,  
Illinois bank robbery.

On 6/27/68, Mr. WILLIAM S. GECKS, Sales Administrator,  
National Marking Machine Co., (NATMAR, Inc.), 4026-30 Cherry  
St., Cincinnati, Ohio, was contacted relative to type of  
specific information needed concerning the laundry marks  
found on the clothing related to the Alton, Illinois bank  
robbery on 7/13/67.

Mr. GECKS advised it would be best to have color  
photos of the laundry markings taken alongside a ruler or  
other fine measuring device. GECKS stated from the  
information furnished him from Chicago airtel that the  
markings appear to have been made by a 16 digit machine  
which can be coded by the user for his own specific purposes.  
With the use of color photos, GECKS may be able to identify  
the size of the type used by the machine and other details  
which would possibly identify the model of the machine used  
to make the markings. NATMAR can then furnish a list of  
laundries or dry cleaners in a specific area that are  
utilizing NATMAR machines that could possibly have made  
these markings. GECKS stated it would not be possible  
to identify the markings with a specific location around  
the country.

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1-Memphis (44-1987) (Info) (RM)

1-Indianapolis (Info) (RM)  
1-St. Louis (Info) (RM)  
2-Cincinnati (1-157-1893)  
(1-62-1195)

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GECKS is willing to make every effort to be of assistance in this matter.

LEADS:

SPRINGFIELD

AT SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

Along with complete description of the laundry markings in question, furnish color photographs for viewing by Mr. GECKS.



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 FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (2 PP)

MURKIN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED JUNE TWENTY-  
 EIGHT, LAST.

JOHN MC CLINTOCK ADVISED HE NEVER KNEW HAROLD RICHARD  
 COVINGTON TO HAVE CLOTHING SIMILAR TO THAT RECOVERED AFTER  
 BR AT BANK OF ALTON. HE STATED COVINGTON DID LIVE ON  
 FOURTH STREET, ALTON, AT VARIOUS APARTMENTS AND ONCE WITH  
 HIM DURING NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN. HE STATES HE DOES NOT  
 BELIEVE COVINGTON INVOLVED IN BR.

PCI HELEN GRABLE STATES SHE CANNOT DETERMINE IF COVINGTON  
 EVER OWNED OR WORE CLOTHING SIMILAR TO RECOVERED CLOTHING  
 IN PAST.

SI SIXTEEN FOURTEEN DASH C NOT AVAILABLE FOR CONTACT  
 TODAY; IN QUINCY, ILLINOIS, ATTEMPTING TO VERIFY PREVIOUS  
 INFORMATION.

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DRIVERS LICENSE AND DMV RECORDS, SPRINGFIELD, BEING  
CHECKED REGARDING AUTOMOBILE AND DRIVERS LICENSE HISTORY  
OF COVINGTON.

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FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

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MURKIN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU JULY ONE LAST.

SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR - C ADVISED HE LEARNED THROUGH  
INQUIRY QUINCY, ILLINOIS, HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON IN QUINCY  
WITH ASSOCIATE JOE HEINTZ (PHONETIC). COVINGTON AND HEINTZ  
FREQUENTED CANNON'S BAR AND THE BARN IN QUINCY. INFORMANT  
ENDEAVORING TO DEVELOP MORE INFORMATION ON ACTIVITIES IN  
QUINCY AND ON HEINTZ.

DRIVER'S LICENSE RECORDS REFLECT DRIVER'S LICENSE #C ONE  
FIVE TWO - THREE FIVE SIX THREE - SEVEN TWO ZERO EIGHT ISSUED  
JUNE FIFTEEN NINETEEN SIXTYONE TO HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON  
TWO FOUR FIVE WEST NINETEENTH STREET, ALTON, ILLINOIS. THIS  
LICENSE EXPIRES JULY TWENTYTWO NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR AND DESCRIBES  
HIM AS FIVE FEET EIGHT, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY POUNDS, DATE OF  
BIRTH [REDACTED] BROWN HAIR AND

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BLUE EYES. RECORDS ALSO REFLECT COVINGTON ARRESTED MARCH NINETEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, FIFTEEN MILES EAST OF GRANTS, NEW MEXICO ON U. S. ROUTE SIXTYSIX FOR HAVING NO DRIVER'S LICENSE.

A CHECK OF MVB RECORDS FOR NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN AND SIXTY-EIGHT FAILED TO REFLECT ANY VEHICLES REGISTERED OR TITLED TO HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON.

ALBUQUERQUE LEADS BEING HANDLED BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATION RE COVINGTON'S CITATION MARCH, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN.

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FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN

RE SI TEL TO BU JULY TWO LAST.

SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR DASH C ADVISED HE HAS BEEN UNABLE  
TO DEVELOP FURTHER INFORMATION RE JOE HEINTZ (PHONETIC)  
BUT IS CONTINUING EFFORTS ALONG THESE LINES.

CAROLYN WYATT STATED SHE DOES NOT RECALL HAROLD RICHARD  
COVINGTON OWNING OR HAVING ACCESS TO ANY CLOTHING SIMILAR  
TO THAT RECOVERED AFTER ROBBERY THE BANK OF ALTON.

INQUIRY AT RESIDENCE OF COVINGTON'S MOTHER DISCLOSES  
SHE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE WHEREABOUTS OR ACTIVITIES OF COVINGTON.  
STATES SHE BELIEVES HE IS "ON THE RUN" SINCE SEVERAL POLICE  
AGENCIES SEEKING INFORMATION ON HIS WHEREABOUTS.

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TO DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)  
SAC BALTIMORE

FROM SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) -P-  
MURKIN, CR. (OO: MEMPHIS)

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE JULY THREE, LAST.

ATTEMPTED CONTACT WITH WILLIE LEE, ASSOCIATE  
OF JOHN MC CLINTOCK, AND HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON, AND  
PAMELA SCHNEIDER, EX-WIFE OF MC CLINTOCK, TO DEVELOP INFORMA-  
TION ON COVINGTON'S RESIDENCE AND ASSOCIATES UNPRODUCTIVE.  
SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR - C ADVISED JULY FOUR, LAST, CONTINUING  
EFFORTS TO POSSIBLY IDENTIFY JOE HEINTZ (PHONETIC). WILL  
KEEP BUREAU ADVISED OF RESULTS.

AIRMAIL COPY CHICAGO, ST. LOUIS AND MEMPHIS  
FOR INFORMATION.

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FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

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MURKIN.

TODAY.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU ~~SPRINGFIELD-68-1~~.

HAZEL DEW, MOTHER OF PAMELA SCHNEIDER, EX WIFE OF JOHN MC CLINTOCK, ADVISED SCHNEIDER IN KENTUCKY ON VACATION AND DUE TO RETURN ON JULY TWELVE NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT.

DENNIS NICHOLS, DEPUTY, MADISON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, SO, ADVISED WILLIE LEE ASSOCIATE OF JOHN MC CLINTOCK AND HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON, SEPARATED FROM WIFE AND AT PRESENT TIME HAS NO FIXED ADDRESS. EFFORTS TO LOCATE LEE TO DEVELOP INFORMATION ON COVINGTON'S RESIDENCE AND ASSOCIATES CONTINUING. WILL KEEP BUREAU ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

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MURKIN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU, JULY EIGHT LAST.

CAROLYN LEE, WIFE OF WILLIE LEE, ASSOCIATE OF JOHN MC CLINTOCK AND HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON, ADVISED SHE IS SEPARATED FROM WILLIE LEE; HOWEVER, SHE KNEW COVINGTON AND MC CLINTOCK DURING AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER OF NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN. SHE SAID SHE BELIEVED COVINGTON WAS LIVING WITH HIS MOTHER IN EAST ALTON, ILLINOIS, DURING THIS TIME, NAME AND ADDRESS UNKNOWN. SHE ADVISED SHE NEVER KNEW COVINGTON OR MC CLINTOCK TO CARRY A GUN OR FULL BIG JOBS SUCH AS BANK ROBBERIES OR BANK BURGLARIES. SHE FURTHER ADVISED THEY WERE USUALLY BROKE AND HAD NEVER KNOWN EITHER OF THEM TO CARRY MUCH MONEY IN THEIR POSSESSION.

RE ONE SIX ONE FOUR - C ADVISED JULY FIVE LAST CONTINUING EFFORTS TO POSSIBLY IDENTIFY JOE HEINTZ (PHONETIC). EFFORTS

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TO DATE HAVE BEEN UNPRODUCTIVE. WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO  
LOCATE AND INTERVIEW WILLIE LEE AND PAMELA SCHNEIDER.

MAIL COPIES TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS. P.

7-9-68

PLAIN TEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN.

ON EVENING JULY EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT, AT APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN P.M., PATROLMAN, MEMPHIS PD, WHILE AT "GREEN BEETLE," THREE TWO FIVE SOUTH MAIN, MEMPHIS, HAD INDIVIDUAL AT BAR BROUGHT TO HIS ATTENTION BY MANAGER. POLICE OFFICER APPROACHED MAN AT BAR WHO INFORMED HIM HE WAS JERRY RAY, BROTHER OF JAMES EARL RAY. REPORTEDLY, JERRY ASKED PATROLMAN IF HE THOUGHT JAMES GUILTY AND IF THEY WOULD EVER BRING HIM BACK TO MEMPHIS. REPORTEDLY, JERRY SAID HE AND BROTHER HAD ARRIVED MEMPHIS EARLIER ON AFTER-NOON JULY EIGHT AND WERE TRYING TO FIND OFFICE TO RENT. THEY PLANNED TO SET UP COMMITTEE TO GET FUNDS FOR DEFENSE OF BROTHER. JERRY ALSO SAID THEY WERE GOING TO HIRE ANOTHER LAWYER FROM ST. LOUIS, NAME UNKNOWN, SAID HE AND BROTHER JOHN WERE STAYING AT LINDEN LODGE MOTEL, ROOM TWO TEN. MEMPHIS POLICE OFFICER WHO ACCOSTED JERRY RAY NOT IN UNIFORM AND NO INFO AVAILABLE TO INDICATE JERRY RAY REALIZED THAT PERSON WITH WHOM HE WAS SPEAKING WAS MEMPHIS POLICEMAN.

SHORTLY AFTER ABOVE CONTACT, JERRY RAY WAS ARRESTED BY

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TWO MEMPHIS PATROLMEN FOR BEING DRUNK. HE WAS TAKEN TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS AND GIVEN INTOXIMETER TEST WHICH READ POINT SEVENTEEN.

JERRY WILLIAM RAY, WM, AGE THIRTYTWO, OF ONE NINE ZERO TWO CHEROKEE STREET, ST. LOUIS, WAS ARRESTED AT ONE FIFTEEN A.M., JULY NINE, AT MAIN AND VANCE, MEMPHIS, ON CHARGE PUBLIC DRUNKENNESS. AT NINE A.M., JULY NINE, JERRY RAY APPEARED DIVISION TWO, CITY COURT, BEFORE JUDGE BERNIE WEINMAN ON CHARGE PUBLIC DRUNKENNESS. CHARGE AGAINST HIM DISMISSED. WHEN CASE CALLED, A WM IN COURTROOM OBSERVED TO APPEAR INTERESTED IN CASE AND AFTER CASE DISMISSED, LT. O. B. HOLCOMB, MEMPHIS PD, IDENTIFIED HIMSELF TO THIS WM, AND ASKED FOR HIS NAME. PERSON STATED HE WAS JOHN RAY, JERRY'S BROTHER. IN SUBSEQUENT INTERVIEW CONDUCTED THIS DATE BY MPD, JOHN RAY SAID HE AND JERRY HAD ARRIVED MEMPHIS AT SIX PM, JULY EIGHT, AND HAD CHECKED INTO LINDEN LODGE, ROOM TWO TEN. THEY PAID RENT FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY. HE SAID THEY CAME TO MEMPHIS IN HIS CAR, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE CHRYSLER NEW YORKER, MISSOURI LICENSE A E TWO DASH FIVE FIVE EIGHT. JOHN RAY INFORMED HE AND JERRY HAD BEEN TALKING TO

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as  
John Ray  
Car*

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NEWSPAPER REPORTER JERRY LIPSON, WHO IS AFFILIATED WITH CHICAGO DAILY NEWS. LIPSON HAD ADVISED THAT JOHN AND JERRY COULD POSSIBLY COME TO MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM AND SET UP OFFICE FOR PURPOSE OF OBTAINING FUNDS FOR AN ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT JAMES EARL RAY. SUPPOSEDLY THIS REPORTER TOLD JOHN HE WOULD HANDLE ALL PUBLICITY PERTAINING TO THIS FUND RAISING AND JOHN SAID THEY WERE JUST LOOKING MEMPHIS OVER AND MIGHT RENT A ROOM OR AN OFFICE WHILE HERE. JOHN FURTHER STATED THEY WERE EITHER GOING TO BIRMINGHAM OR WERE GOING TO CALL THERE TO SEE IF JAMES EARL RAY'S ATTORNEY WAS BACK FROM LONDON.

JOHN RAY FURNISHED PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND DATA TO INTERVIEWING OFFICERS, WHICH AGREES WITH THAT PREVIOUSLY COLLECTED BY BUREAU.

JERRY RAY INTERVIEWED BY MEMPHIS POLICE OFFICERS IN PRESENCE OF JOHN. REPORTEDLY, JERRY COULD NOT GIVE LEGITIMATE REASON FOR BEING IN MEMPHIS EXCEPT HE THOUGHT JAMES EARL MIGHT COME BACK TO MEMPHIS EARLY AND HE WANTED TO SEE HIM IF HE DID. JERRY SAID HE WAS LEAVING MEMPHIS AND GOING TO KNOXVILLE, TENN., WHICH HE LATER CHANGED TO SAY WHITESBURG, TENN. TO VISIT HIS

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SIX YEAR OLD SON BY A PRIOR MARRIAGE.

PERSONAL PROPERTY IN POSSESSION JERRY RAY WAS PHOTOSTATTED  
BY MEMPHIS PD. COPIES BEING REVIEWED TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT  
ANY INFO OF PERTINENCE THEREIN. SOME DATA CONSISTED OF CAR IDENTI-  
FICATION CARD AND CORRESPONDENCE WITH MARJORIE FETTERS AND VARIOUS  
NEWSPAPER CORRESPONDENTS. AIRMAIL COPY TO ST. LOUIS.

P. END.

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PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

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

MURKIN, CR.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE JULY NINE, LAST.

DEANIS NICHOLAS, DEPUTY, MADISON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, SHERIFF'S  
OFFICE, ADVISED HE HAD TALKED TO WILLIE LEE, ASSOCIATE OF  
JOHN MC CLINTOCK AND HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON, AND INFORMED  
LEE THAT THE FBI WAS INTERESTED IN TALKING TO HIM, AT WHICH  
TIME LEE STATED HE WOULD GET IN TOUCH WITH THE FBI IN ALTON,  
ILLINOIS, IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY JOE HEINTZ (PHONETIC) HAVE BEEN UN-  
PRODUCTIVE IN THE ALTON AREA. WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO  
IDENTIFY JOE HEINTZ AND INTERVIEW WILLIE LEE.

AIRMAIL COPY SENT ST. LOUIS, MEMPHIS AND CHICAGO.

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

MURKIN.

REFERENCE IS MADE TO SI TEL TO BUREAU JULY TEN LAST.

PAMELA JANE SCHNEIDER, EX-WIFE OF JOHN MCCLINTOCH  
 ADVISED JULY TEN SIXTYEIGHT MC CLINTOCH AND HERSELF LEFT FOR  
 CALIFORNIA APPROXIMATELY JULY FIFTEEN SIXTYSEVEN AND RETURNED  
 TO ALTON, ILLINOIS IN NOVEMBER, SIXTYSEVEN. SHE ADVISED SHE  
 BELIEVED HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON WAS LIVING WITH WILLIE LEE  
 IN THE ELEVEN HUNDRED BLOCK OF EAST FOURTH STREET, ALTON,  
 ILLINOIS, IN JULY AND AUGUST, SIXTYSEVEN. SHE SAID SHE  
 NEVER KNEW COVINGTON OR LEE TO WEAR A HAT OR COVERALLS. SHE  
 SAID SHE HAD HEARD COVINGTON HAD A GUN BUT DID NOT KNOW WHAT  
 KIND AND HAD NEVER SEEN IT. SHE DID NOT ASSOCIATE WITH  
 COVINGTON VERY MUCH AND HAD NEVER HEARD HER HUSBAND SPEAK OF  
 ANY BANK ROBBERIES IN HER PRESENCE. SHE FURTHER STATED SHE

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NEVER KNEW OF EITHER OF THEM TO POSSESS VERY MUCH MONEY.

SPRINGFIELD WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO INTERVIEW WILLIE  
LEE AND KEEP BUREAU ADVISED. P.

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7/10/68

**AIRTEL**

**TO: SAC, CHICAGO**

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

**SUBJECT: MURKIN**

Subject's brother, JERRY RAY, was arrested by the Memphis PD on 7/9/68 and charged with being drunk. Notes and papers found in his possession were copied by the police and copies were then made available to the Memphis Office.

Officers receiving copies of this airtel are requested to conduct necessary investigation to insure that persons listed below have no particular significance to this investigation.

**LEADS**

**BALTIMORE**

AT BALTIMORE, MD. Will contact Central Magazine Sales, Box 45, Baltimore, to determine the nature of their business and to determine whether or not JERRY RAY or the subject are known to that company.

2. Also, identify the subscriber to Telephone 327-3144, it being noted this number was written on the same scrap of paper as was the address for Central Magazine Sales.

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**CHICAGO**

Will verify that 3803 Sheridan Rd., Evanston, Ill., is a present or past address for JERRY RAY's ex-wife, GJERDIS OLSEN.

2. Will identify GLEN E. TIMBS, Telephone 729-3931, a guard in the Glenbrook Patrol Service, Glenview, Ill., and interview regarding his knowledge of the RAY family.

**ST. LOUIS**

Will identify and interview JOHNNY LEE LUCAS, MR 1-9849, who JERRY RAY claims is a friend.

2. Will identify and interview MARTY (LNU), 1514 Lee Shores Drive, Apt. B, reportedly a girl friend of JERRY RAY. *curtain*

3. Will identify and interview BARBARA (LNU), PG 1-2911, who is employed in a restaurant. *Subjok*

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

MURKIN; RM

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE DATED JULY ELEVEN LAST.

CHIEF WILLIAM PETERSON, ALTON, ILLINOIS PD, ADVISED JULY TWELVE, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT, HIS RECORDS CONTAINED NO INFORMATION PERTAINING TO JOE HENITZ (PHONETIC).

LEADS FOR QUINCY, ILLINOIS CONCERNING ASSOCIATE OF HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON HAVE BEEN SET OUT UNDER SEPARATE COVER.

ATTEMPTS TO CONTACT SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR C FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON JULY TWELVE NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT HAVE BEEN NEGATIVE TO DATE. WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO INTERVIEW WILLIE LEE AND HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON AND WILL KEEP BUREAU ADVISED.

AIR MAIL COPIES ARE BEING SENT TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, AND ST. LOUIS.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

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

By airtel 7/10/68, Memphis advised JERRY RAY was arrested by the Memphis PD 7/9/68, and charged with being drunk. Notes and papers found in his possession were copied by the police who made copies available to Memphis. Offices receiving copies of this airtel were requested to conduct necessary investigation to insure that persons whose names, etc., appeared have no particular significance to this investigation.

Among the leads set for St. Louis was one to interview JOHNNY LEE LUCAS, BR 1-9949, who JERRY RAY claimed is a friend. It is noted that BR 1 exchange is located in Illinois.

SA SPURGEON J. PETERSON determined from ED UMPHRES, Chief Special Agent, Southwestern Bell Telephone Co., SLMO, (Confidential) on 7/15/68, telephone BR 1-9949 is listed to RICHARD EARL JACKSON, 152 North 6th St., Lovejoy, Ill., and that the only JOHNNY LUCAS listed on the east side resides at 2200 Market St., East St. Louis, Ill., telephone #874-5588.

THE SPRINGFIELD OFFICE:

AT LOVEJOY AND EAST ST. LOUIS, ILLINOIS

Is requested to conduct requested investigation.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760)

MURKIN

ReBuairtel to Kansas City, dated 7/9/68.

For information St. Louis, referenced airtel contained two copies of a letter from one CLIFFORD EDMONDSON, Veterans Hospital, Topeka, Kansas. This letter had been forwarded to the Bureau from the Department who had received the letter from United States Senator STUART SYMINGTON. The letter which was dated 6/8/68 and signed by CLIFFORD EDMONDSON stated in essence that he had served time in the United States Medical Center at Springfield, Missouri, and another prisoner named KENNETH LONG had at that time told him that a guard at the prison told him that he was a member of a group who would pay to have Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING killed. EDMONDSON indicated in his letter that LONG is now at Leavenworth.

Efforts were made to contact EDMONDSON at the Veterans Hospital, Topeka, Kansas, on 7/12/68, however, GLENN HENDERSON, The Assistant Registrar, Veterans Hospital, advised SA RALPH P. HUSTON that EDMONDSON had eloped from the hospital 6/13/68. He was discharged from the hospital on 6/14/68 against medical advice as a result of his elopement. His home of record was listed as 2800 East 40th, Kansas City, Missouri, and his mother was listed as Mrs. I. E. ADAMS, residence 1315 North Lynn, Independence, Missouri.

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Mr. HENDERSON advised that EDMONDSON had been incarcerated at the Medical Center for Federal Prisoners to serve a sentence received in a court-martial for the murder of a member of the United States Air Force. EDMONDSON's conviction however was subsequently reversed due to his mental capabilities at the time of the murder. EDMONDSON had Air Force Serial No. 17460248 and is described as a Negro male, date of birth [redacted].

LEADS

ST. LOUIS DIVISION

At St. Louis, Missouri *WPC*

Will review the Air Force records pertaining to EDMONDSON, Air Force Serial No. [redacted] and report results to Kansas City. Bureau has instructed prompt handling.

KANSAS CITY DIVISION

At Springfield, Missouri

Will review records United States Medical Center re EDMONDSON.

At Kansas City, Missouri

Effort to locate and interview EDMONDSON will be held in abeyance pending results of record checks set forth above in view of possible mental abnormality on the part of EDMONDSON.



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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

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MURKIN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU JULY TWELVE LAST.

GENE ZIMMERMAN, MANAGER, ALTON CREDIT BUREAU, ALTON, ILLINOIS, ADVISED THIS DATE HIS RECORDS CONTAIN NO INFORMATION PERTAINING TO JOE HENITZ (PHONETIC) OR ANY NAME SIMILIAR.

SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR - C ADVISED JULY TWELVE LAST EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY JOE HENITZ HAVE BEEN UNPRODUCTIVE. SPRINGFIELD WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO INTERVIEW WILLIE LEE AND HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON. WILL KEEP BUREAU ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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Airtel

To: SACs Kansas City (44-760)  
St. Louis (44-775)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

ReMCairtel 7/12/68.

Unless other circumstances would preclude locating and interviewing Clifford Edmundson, you should do so immediately.

In light of his previous court martial for murder and his mental status, he should be approached with suitable caution.

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KANSAS CITY (44-760)

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN, RE: CLIFFORD W. EDMONDSON

RE KANSAS CITY AIRTEL, JULY TWELVE LAST, AND BUAIRTEL,  
JULY FIFTEEN LAST.RECORDS MPRC, SLMO, REVEAL EDMONDSON, AFSN ONE SEVEN  
FOUR SIX ZERO TWO FOUR EIGHT, SERVED IN USAF JUNE TWENTYFIVE  
FIFTYSIX TO JULY TWENTYSIX FIFTYEIGHT AND DISHONORABLY DIS-  
CHARGED AS AIRMAN THIRD CLASS PURSUANT TO SENTENCE OF GENERAL  
COURT-MARTIAL.ON DEC. TWELVE FIFTYSEVEN EDMONDSON WAS CONVICTED BY  
GENERAL COURT-MARTIAL AT GOOSE AFB, LABRADOR, FOR ON OR ABOUT  
JUNE TWENTYTHREE SIXTYSEVEN, WITH PRE-MEDITATION, MURDERED  
ANOTHER AIRMAN, BY MEANS OF SHOOTING HIM WITH A FORTYFIVE  
CALIBER PISTOL. SENTENCED DISHONORABLE DISCHARGE, FORFEITURE① - St. Louis  
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OF ALL PAY AND ALLOWANCES, AND CONFINEMENT AT HARD LABOR FOR THE TERM OF HIS NATURAL LIFE, HOWEVER, ON OCT. TEN SIXTYSEVEN PURSUANT TO DIRECTION OF SECRETARY OF AIR FORCE, FINDINGS AND SENTENCE WERE SET ASIDE. HE WAS RELEASED FROM CONFINEMENT AT MEDICAL CENTER FOR FEDERAL PRISONERS, SPRINGFIELD, MO.

EDMONDSON RECEIVED DIAGNOSIS "SCHIZOPHRENIC REACTION, PARANOID TYPE, CHRONIC, WITH ACUTE EXACERBATION AS CHARACTERIZED BY AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A LIFE HISTORY WHICH DEMONSTRATES THE ENCIPIENT SEEDS OF A SCHIZOPHRENIC TYPE PERSONALITY WITH THE EVIDENCE OF MOUNTING PARANOID TYPE OF REACTION THROUGHOUT THE YEARS CULMINATING IN A GROSS PSYCHOTIC DISORGANIZATION AT THIS TIME WITH ONLY PARTIAL AMALIORATION SEEN CURRENTLY." RECORDS INDICATED EDMONDSON HAD MADE TWO SUICIDE ATTEMPTS AND THAT IN SIXTYTHREE ELECTROSHOCK THERAPY WAS INITIATED FOLLOWING SELF-MUTILATION ATTEMPT.

DETAILED AIRTEL FOLLOWS.

AIRMAIL COPY SENT MEMPHIS.

IN VIEW OF THE CRIME FOR WHICH EDMONDSON CONVICTED AND HIS MENTAL CONDITION HE SHOULD BE APPROACHED WITH CAUTION.

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In reply to this letter, please write on the envelope:—

Number 059184 Name SNEYD

H. M. PRISON,  
HEATHFIELD ROAD,  
WANDSWORTH,  
LONDON, S.W. 13

Dear John

I will just write you  
a few lines to let you  
know everything is alright.  
I will probably be back  
shortly. my way don't come  
over for me you can't  
get in, atty. Hones couldn't  
and two ip's to expensive.  
about judge Carey wanting  
to reverse my case I  
don't want it reverse I  
will explain later but  
you know these things  
are not doing anything  
to benefit me. I would  
like for you to  
give the atty Arthur Hones  
£6000 you can get some  
of off Jerry and I will  
over

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thought it all up with  
you too when I get back.  
You mention Perry Harrison  
he is a good attorney but  
I will wait until I get back  
as I want some attorneys  
who can work together.  
so I will let Homer  
decide on some one he thinks  
would be best.  
I could appeal of extradition  
hearing but I am getting  
tired of listening to this  
lies so I will close  
it up about Tuesday. ~~But~~  
~~don't put it up to~~  
~~me until you get~~  
~~I get back saying I~~  
~~like you if I didn't~~  
~~with you saying~~  
~~I am getting married~~  
~~and you are not~~  
~~any more~~

Lord R. L. Sargent

att. address.

Arthur J. Hones

617 Irons Nelson Bldg.

Birmingham Alabama, 35203

TELEPHONE. 3244531

Don't discuss any part of this case with anyone until I  
get back especially the libel part. I think pity will have a good  
thing. If you see fu manchu or the tongue tell them am O. K. Take it  
easy.

7/15/68

AIRTEL

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

Re Chicago teletype to Director dated 7/15/68, air  
mail copies to Memphis and St. Louis re let mailed from R.O.  
SHELD to sister, St. Louis, Missouri.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau and offices designated  
are copies of the original letter as set out in referenced teletype.  
Included in this enclosure is the part of the letter that was de-  
leted by the Chicago "Daily News" when publishing.

A copy of this letter was furnished by DON HAMMERT  
(protect) Chicago "Daily News". He advised that the crossed  
out section of the letter reads as set out on the third page  
of enclosure. He also advised that JOHN RAY claimed that he  
did not understand this part of the letter.

The Bureau may desire to compare handwriting of en-  
closure with the known handwriting of the subject.

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN

"CHICAGO DAILY NEWS" BLUE STREAK EDITION, JULY FIFTEEN  
INSTANT CARRIES FRONT PAGE HEADLINE "RAY ADMITS HE IS SNEYD!"  
ARTICLE RELATES PAPER OBTAINED COPY OF TWO PAGE HANDWRITTEN  
LETTER FROM RAY TO A MARRIED SISTER WHO LIVES IN ST. LOUIS  
SUBURB SIGNED "LORD R. G. SNEYD." UNDATED LETTER SENT FROM  
LONDON'S HEATHFIELD ROAD PRISON WHERE RAY INCARCERATED. LETTER  
WAS IN RESPONSE TO A LETTER SENT TO THE PRISON BY JOHN RAY,  
A BROTHER, ADDRESSED TO JAMES EARL RAY AT HEATHFIELD ROAD  
PRISON. JOHN RAY IS CONVINCED LETTER IS GENUINE AND WAS SENT  
BY RAY DESPITE THE SIGNATURE BASED ON HANDWRITING, LANGUAGE  
OF THE LETTER AND PERSONAL COMMENTS. LETTER WRITTEN ON BLUE-  
RULED STATIONERY BEARING PRISON LETTERHEAD. PUBLISHED PORTION  
OF LETTER IS AS FOLLOWS: "DEAR JOHN, I WILL JUST WRITE YOU A

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FEW LINES TO LET YOU KNOW EVERYTHING IS ALLRIGHT. I WILL PROBABLY BE BACK SHORTLY.

ANYWAY, DON'T COME OVER, FOR ONE, YOU COULDN'T GET IN, ATTORNEY HANES COULDN'T, AND TWO, IT'S TOO EXPENSIVE.

ABOUT JUDGE CASEY WANTING TO REVERSE MY CASE, I DON'T WANT IT REVERSED I WILL EXPLAIN LATER, BUT YOU KNOW THEIR THINGS ARE NOT DOING ANYTHING TO BENEFIT ME.

IF YOU COULD, I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO GIVE THE ATTORNEY ARTHUR HANES SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS YOU CAN GET SOME OF IT OFF JERRY AND I WILL STRAIGHTEN IT UP WITH YOU WHEN I GET BACK.

YOU MENTION PERCY FOREMAN. HE IS A GOOD ATTORNEY BUT I WILL WAIT UNTIL I GET BACK AS I WANT SOME ATTORNEYS WHO CAN WORK TOGETHER, SO I WILL LET HANES DECIDE ON SOMEONE HE THINKS WOULD BE BEST.

I COULD APPEAL MY EXTRADITION HEARING BUT I AM GETTING TIRED OF LISTENING TO THESE LIARS, SO I MIGHT CLOSE IT UP ABOUT TUESDAY.

LORD R. G. SNEYD."

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SECTION OF LETTER REFERRING TO PERSONAL FAMILY MATTERS  
DELETED AT REQUEST OF FAMILY.

JOHN RAY FEELS LETTER CONSTITUTES "STRONG EVIDENCE"  
HIS BROTHER DID NOT KILL DOCTOR KING FOR HE WOULD NOT CON-  
SIDER SIGNING EXTRADITION PAPERS.