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TO DIRECTOR, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, LOS ANGELES, NEW ORLEANS,
MEMPHIS, AND SPRINGFIELD
FROM ATLANTA (44-2386)

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SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED ATLANTA APRIL NINETEEN
SIXTYEIGHT:

RE REPORTED IDENTIFICATION OF GALT AS JOHN WILLARD:

JOHN WILLARD PREVIOUSLY EMPLOYED ATLANTA APRIL OR MAY SIXTYSEVEN
IN TELEPHONE SALES. SOURCE ALSO MADE AVAILABLE A CARD HANDLED
BY WILLARD AND BEARING RECORD OF SALES IN WILLARD'S HANDWRITING.

LABORATORY REPORTS HANDWRITING COMPARISON AS REFLECTED
ON CARD IS NOT IDENTICAL WITH THAT IN LOWMYER SIGNATURE OR OTHER
KNOWN SPECIMENS AVAILABLE.

BUREAU LABORATORY REPORTED EXAMINATION OF CARD COMPLETED
BY WILLARD, LOCATED THREE LATENT FINGERPRINTS WHICH PRINTS HAVE
BEEN IDENTIFIED AS PRINTS OF WALTER A. WILLARD, FBI # FOUR FOUR
EIGHT ZERO NINE FIVE NINE. WALTER WILLARD EMPLOYED AS JOHN
WILLARD COMPLETELY ELIMINATED BY PRINTS AND HANDWRITING.

RE LAUNDRY MARK INVESTIGATION.

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ALL LEADS COVERED IN THIS AREA OF INVESTIGATION.
SAMPLE MARKINGS, WHERE PERTINENT, FORWARDED LABORATORY
FOR EXAMINATION.

RE DRIVER LICENSE:

INVESTIGATION OF THOSE PERSONS HAVING GEORGIA OPERATOR'S
LICENSE IN NAME OF GALT HAS BEEN COMPLETED WITHOUT DEVELOPING
PERTINENT DATA.

RE CITY MAP OF ATLANTA WITH INKED NOTATIONS:

EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION COMPLETED IN AREA ENCOMPASSING
HIGHLAND VIEW DRIVE AND PONCE DE LEON TERRACE VICINITY.
THIS INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED USING PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY, AKA.
GALT, AND NO PERTINENT INFORMATION DEVELOPED.

ADDITIONAL INQUIRY BEING MADE IN THAT AREA ENCOMPASSING
FOURTEENTH STREET DASH PEACHTREE AREA UTILIZING PHOTOGRAPHS.
THUS FAR, NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DEVELOPED.

RE NATIONAL NEWS RELEASE APRIL NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT:

INFORMATION MADE AVAILABLE NATIONAL NEWS RELEASE WAS
DISTRIBUTED TO ALL WIRE SERVICES, RADIO DASH TELEVISION
STATIONS, NEWSPAPERS, POLICE DEPARTMENTS, AND OTHER MEDIA
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REACHING THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

AS A RESULT OF SECOND NATIONAL NEWS RELEASE AND PREVIOUS NEWS RELEASE AND ATTENDANT PUBLICITY, PRESS INQUIRIES RECEIVED AND ANSWERED WITH NO ADDITIONAL COMMENTS.

AS A RESULT OF EXTENSIVE PUBLICITY GIVEN TO NEWS RELEASES THE GENERAL PUBLIC HAS MADE AN EXTREMELY LARGE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS AND ALLEGATIONS THAT SUBJECT HAS BEEN SEEN AT VARIOUS POINTS. THE COMPLAINTS HAVE BEEN CHECKED OUT WITH NO PERTINENT INFORMATION DEVELOPED AS TO THE WHEREABOUTS OF SUBJECT.

RE CONTACT WITH SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC):

CONTACTS CONTINUE WITH SCLC OFFICE IN EFFORT TO INTERVIEW PERTINENT STAFF MEMBERS UPON THEIR AVAILABILITY. TO DATE, NONE ARE AVAILABLE FOR SUCH INTERVIEWS AND DISPLAY OF PHOTOGRAPHS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO SAVANNAH

FROM ATLANTA (44-2386) 1P

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LATE ON APRIL NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT JOHN J. TYSON, FIVE
ZERO EIGHT ADAMS ROAD, (UVALDE ROAD), VAIDALIA, GEORGIA,
TELEPHONE FIVE THREE SEVEN DASH FOUR THREE ONE ZERO, TELEPHONICALLY
ADVISED ATLANTA OFFICE AN AUTO MECHANIC USING NAME JAMES EARL
RAY, OPERATES MECHANIC SHOP OUT OF RESIDENCE LOCATED NEAR DIXON
SAWMILL, INTO BROGDON QUARTERS, OUT OF VIDALIA.

TYSON REPORTED RAY IN AREA APPROIMATELY THREE OR FOUR
MONTHS. FURTHER ADVISED THAT FOLLOWING NEWS RELEASE THIS DATE
GIVING DESCRIPTION OF RAY, HE WENT TO RESIDENCE OF RAY AND
DETERMINED RAY HAD SCAR ON FOREHEAD AND ON RIGHT HAND.

SAVANNAH AT VIDALIA. HANDLE.

SAVANNAH ADVISED TELEPHONICALLY.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) , MEMPHIS (44-1987), ATLANTA (44-2386),
LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 5P

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RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR APRIL EIGHTEEN
SIXTY EIGHT.

RE SUSAN HARRIS FLIKEID.

SUSAN FLIKEID INTERVIEWED AT SOUTHWEST INN, CHICAGO,
ILLINOIS, THIS DATE. SHOWN GROUP OF PHOTOGRAPHS AND UNABLE
TO IDENTIFY PHOTOGRAPH OF GALT. ADVISED NEVER ENGAGED IN
MAKING OF ANY KIND OF MOVIES WITH LOU TOMENY, HOWEVER,
DID MAKE SOME STILL PICTURES WITH LOU TOMENY WHICH WERE FOR
MAGAZINES IN JANUARY, SIXTY SEVEN. THESE PHOTOS NOT
OBSCENE AND WERE FULLY CLOTHED. STATED NEVER MADE OR SOLD
ANY TYPE OF MOVIES TO ANYONE. ADVISED LOU TOMENY'S FRIEND
IS JOHNNY BONNELI AND SHE HAS NOT BEEN CLOSE TO LOU TOMENY
SINCE SUE'S ARREST ON APRIL TWENTY SEVEN, SIXTY SEVEN.
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THOMAS FLIKEID WAS SHOWN GROUP OF PHOTOGRAPHS AND UNABLE TO IDENTIFY PHOTOGRAPH OF GALT. ADVISED IN AREA OF VEGAS CLUB THERE IS A NEWS STAND LOCATED IN A STORE ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE VEGAS CLUB THAT SELLS MOVIES OF A RISQUE TYPE.

SUE HARRIS FLIKEID ADVISED ONLY PERSON RESEMBLING PHOTO OF GALT IN ANY WAY IS BILL (LNU) HUSBAND OF JUANITA (LNU). JUANITA IS WAITRESS AT RABBIT'S FOOT BAR, HOLLYWOOD AND GRAMERCY. BILL DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, THIRTY EIGHT-FORTY FIVE, FIVE FEET EIGHT, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE TO TWO HUNDRED POUNDS, WELL BUILT, HAIR BROWN, WORKS AS TROUBLE SHOOTER FOR BIG OIL COMPANY.

RE GINGER NANCE

GINGER NANCE INTERVIEWED THIS DATE SHOWN GROUP OF PHOTOGRAPHS, UNABLE TO IDENTIFY PHOTOGRAPH OF GALT BUT STATED RECOGNIZED THIS PHOTOGRAPH AS PHOTOGRAPH SHE SAW IN CHICAGO NEWSPAPER RECENTLY. NANCE SHOWN PHOTOGRAPH OF WRITING ON KLEENEX BOX STATED LOOKS LIKE MINE, BUT COULD NOT

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RECALL CIRCUMSTANCES RE. WRITING SAME. SAID IF ON KLEENEX BOX, PROBABLY COULD NOT LOCATE PAPER AT TIME IT WAS WRITTEN.

GINGER NANCE COULD NOT RECALL USING THE NAME DAY WHILE IN CALIFORNIA.

WHEN LOOKING AT WORD OLKAHOMBE, STATED THIS MEANT NOTHING TO HER AND WAS NOT SURE IF SHE WROTE THAT WORD.

NANCE STATED SHE DRINKS BEER, PREFERS SCHLITZ AND FALSTAFF. ALSO WHILE IN LOS ANGELES, RECALLS DRINKING VODKA AND SQUIRT. NANCE ADVISED BOYFRIEND IN LOS ANGELES NAMED VINCE DID NOT DRINK AND DEFINITELY NOT GALT.

BOYFRIEND NAMED RED LIKED TO PLAY POOL, LISTEN TO COUNTRY AND WESTERN RECORDS AND DRINK BEER, HOWEVER, DEFINITELY NOT GALT. RED DESCRIBED AS WHITE, MALE, LATE TWENTIES, TALL, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY POUNDS, SHORT RED HAIR, COMBED BACK, BLUE EYES.

NANCE ADVISED WHEN SHE LEFT CALIFORNIA, SHE LEFT NUMEROUS PERSONAL BELONGINGS BEHIND BUT COULD NOT RECALL

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IF SHE LEFT KLEENEX BOX BEHIND.

NANCE ADVISED SHE NEVER HEARD OF SUE HARRIS
FLIKEID MAKING OBSCENE MOVIES.

CHARACTERISTICS OF GALT DESCRIBED IN DETAIL WITH
NANCE, HOWEVER, NANCE STILL UNABLE TO RECALL ANYONE WHO
MIGHT BE GALT.

THE NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF JAMES EARL RAY MEANT
NOTHING TO NANCE, NOR SUE OR TOM FLIKEID.

SUE HARRIS FLIKEID HAS PREVIOUSLY ADVISED SHE KNOWS LOU
TOMENY, PROSTITUTE, WHO FURNISHED FLIKEID WITH NAMES AND ADDRESSES
OF CUSTOMERS. TOMENY, FLIKEID, AND OTHERS ARRESTED BY
OFFICERS LARRY CORBETT AND TERRY PIERCE, VICE SQUAD,
HOLLYWOOD DIVISION, LOS ANGELES PD. ALSO ARRESTED WAS ONE JOHNNY
BONNELI. TOMENY'S PRESENT WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN TO FLIKEID,
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS ONLY, BEACHWOOD DRIVE, HOLLYWOOD,
CALIFORNIA. LOS ANGELES VICE SQUAD OFFICERS POSSIBLY KNOW
WHEREABOUTS TOMENY. TOMENY REPORTEDLY CAME FROM NEW ORLEANS.
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IN PREVIOUS INTERVIEW, FLIKEID ADVISED MAINTAINED ADDRESS BOOKS OF CUSTOMERS WHICH WERE IN STORAGE, HOWEVER, THESE CUSTOMERS WERE PRIOR TO JANUARY, SIXTY SEVEN, CURRENT CUSTOMERS LISTED IN BOOK PRESENTLY IN HER POSSESSION. AS SET FORTH PREVIOUSLY INSTANT BOOK REVIEWED WITH FLIKEID AND NO INDICATION ANY CUSTOMER IDENTICAL WITH GALT. SOME OF THESE CUSTOMERS WERE NEVER SEEN BY FLIKEID AND WERE FURNISHED BY TOMENY TO FLIKEID. SUE FLIKEID LATER VOLUNTARILY APPEARED AT CHICAGO OFFICE THIS DATE AT WHICH TIME EVERY ENTRY IN THE CURRENT DATE BOOK WAS THOROUGHLY AND EXHAUSTIVELY GONE OVER WITH HER. FROM HER DISCRPTIONS OF CUSTOMERS AND FACTS SHE KNEW ABOUT THESE INDIVIDUALS, THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY THAT ANYONE COULD BE IDENTICAL WITH GALT AND/OR JAMES EARL RAY. BOTH SUE AND TOM FLIKEID EXPRESSED DESIRE TO BE OF ASSISTANCE TO FBI IN INSTANT MATTER BUT DID NOT HAVE ANY PERTINENT INFO IN THEIR POSSESSION. AIRTEL WITH COPY OF ADDRESS BOOK BEING SENT TO LOS ANGELES AND INTERESTED OFFICES.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS
FROM: LOS ANGELES (44-1574) 3P

MURKIN

RE LA TEL APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST, AND BUTEL ALL OFFICES APRIL NINETEEN INSTANT.

RE: JAMES EARL RAY

JAMES EARL RAY ARRESTED OCTOBER ELEVEN, FORTY NINE, LA, SUSPICION BURGLARY COMMITTED ON OCTOBER SEVEN, FORTY NINE. DESCRIBED IN RECORDS OF LAPD AND LASO AS MALE, CAUCASIAN, BORN [REDACTED] AT ALTON, ILLINOIS, FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, ONE FIVE ZERO POUNDS, SLENDER, BROWN HAIR COMBED STRAIGHT BACK, BLUE EYES, FAIR COMPLEXION, SLOW SPEAKER WITH SOUTHERN ACCENT, LABORER, TRANSIENT FROM ILLINOIS, TEN YEARS SCHOOLING, SINGLE, LAPD NUMBER ONE THREE NINE SIX FOUR EIGHT. MUG PHOTOGRAPH OBTAINED AND RAY HAS RATHER LONG, SHARPLY POINTED NOSE AS NOTED BY SEVERAL WITNESSES.

RE: IDENTIFICATION OF TV SET RECOVERED ATLANTA

MARIE MARTIN OBSERVED PHOTO OF TV AND IDENTIFIED IT AS IDENTICAL WITH SET SHE TRADED GALT. GINGER DAY, SUE HARRIS, AND TOM FLIKEID UNKNOWN TO MARTIN.

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RE: INVESTIGATION OF ADDRESSES LISTED TO PHONE NUMBERS
CALLED FROM FOUR SIX NINE - EIGHT ZERO NINE SIX, NUMBER LISTED
TO GALT AT ONE FIVE THREE FIVE N. SERRANO.

TELEPHONE NUMBER FOUR THREE SEVEN - TWO NINE FOUR ONE WAS
CALLED FROM ABOVE NUMBER DECEMBER FOUR LAST. NUMBER LISTED TO
U. S. COAST GUARD, NINETEEN PINE AVENUE, LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA.
EMPLOYEES INTERVIEWED AND RECORDS CHECKED AT U. S. COAST GUARD,
DISTRICT OFFICE, WITH NO POSITIVE RESULTS.

TELEPHONE NUMBER EIGHT TWO THREE - FIVE THREE THREE THREE
CALLED FROM ABOVE NUMBER NOVEMBER TWENTY NINE LAST. NUMBER LISTED
TO JAMAICA BAY INN, FOUR ONE SEVEN FIVE ADMIRALTY WAY, MARINA
DEL REY, CALIFORNIA. EMPLOYEES INTERVIEWED AND RECORDS CHECKED
AT INN WITH NO RESULTS.

RE: NAMES ANITA KATZWINKEL AND GINGER DAY FOUND IN MUSTANG.

JOHN ROBERT GUERIN, FORMER RESIDENT OF APT. SIX, AT ONE
FIVE THREE FIVE NORTH SERRANO AVE., LA, INTERVIEWED AND HE ADVISED
RESIDED AT THAT ADDRESS FROM JULY TWENTY EIGHT SIXTY SEVEN TO
OCTOBER ONE, SIXTY SEVEN. RECALLS SEEING WOMAN'S MAGAZINE AND ANOTHER
UNRECALLED ITEM IN APARTMENT WHEN HE MOVED THERE. THIS ITEM HAD
WRITING UNRECALLED BY HIM AND HE LEFT IT THERE WHEN HE MOVED
IN OCTOBER, SIXTY SEVEN.

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RE: MAP FOUND IN STORAGE ROOM ATLANTA.

FIELD INTERROGATION CARDS AT VAN NUYS AND BEVERLY HILLS PD'S CHECKED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATIONS CONDUCTED AT SUNSET AND PALM, SUNSET STRIP, SOMMA WAY AND ROCCA PLACE MOUNTAINOUS SEMI - HIPPIE NEIGHBORHOOD, AND BUFFALO AND OXFORD IN VAN NUYS AREA WERE UNPRODUCTIVE.

RE: CIRCULARIZATION OF BANKS ON NAME ERIC STARVO GALT.

MR. ROBERT NOVAK, FIRST WESTERN BANK, LA, ADVISED HIS BANK WOULD CHECK ALL EIGHTY BRANCHES FOR ANY ACCOUNT FOR GALT.

RE: PASSPORT OFFICE, LOS ANGELES.

U. S. PASSPORT OFFICE, LOS ANGELES FURNISHED WITH PHOTO'S OF JAMES RAY AND STOPS PLACED FOR ANY APPLICATIONS.

ALL LEADS BEING PURSUED.

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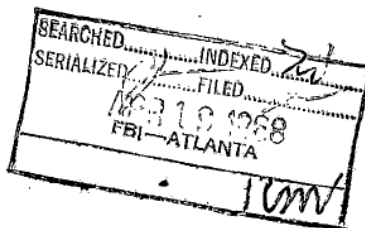
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FROM DIRECTOR 5P

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

JAMES EARL RAY, AKA. EARL JAMES RAY, W. C. HERRON, EARL JAMES,
JAMES MC BRIDE, JAMES O'CONNER, JAMES WALTON, JAMES WALYON, JIM
- FUGITIVE; UFAC - ROBBERY FIRST, BUFILE 88-41730. OO: KANSAS
CITY, KC FILE 88-9449; DETERMINED TODAY BY BUREAU TO BE IDENTICAL
WITH ERIC STARVO GALT, AGAINST WHOM FEDERAL COMPLAINT FILED APRIL
SEVENTEEN LAST IN CONNECTION WITH FATAL SHOOTING OF DR. MARTIN
LUTHER KING, JR.

JAMES EARL RAY, INMATE, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, JEFFERSON
CITY, MO., ESCAPED PEN APRIL TWO THREE, SIXTY-SEVEN. INVESTIGATION
INDICATED RAY CONCEALED HIMSELF IN A BREAD BOX AND ESCAPED FROM
TRUCK MAKING DELIVERY TO AN AUXILIARY FARM. RAY WAS SERVING TWENTY
YEARS ON CHARGE OF ARMED ROBBERY - FIRST DEGREE AND FOR OPERATING A
VEHICLE WITHOUT OWNER'S CONSENT. ON JULY TWENTY, SIXTY-SEVEN,
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FEDERAL COMPLAINT AUTHORIZED BY AUSA WILLIAM A. KITCHEN, WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI, KANSAS CITY, MO., FILED BEFORE USC, JEFFERSON CITY, MO., CHARGING RAY WITH VIOLATION TITLE EIGHTEEN, SECTION ONE ZERO SEVEN THREE, USC. WARRANT ISSUED.

INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN CONDUCTED BY CHICAGO, SPRINGFIELD, ST. LOUIS, AND KANSAS CITY OFFICES IN UNPRODUCTIVE EFFORT TO LOCATE THIS FUGITIVE. KANSAS CITY IS INSTITUTING A FULL AND COMPLETE REINVESTIGATION IN AN EFFORT TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND DATA, RELATIVES, AND ASSOCIATES OF SUBJECT, WHO MIGHT BE IN A POSITION TO ASSIST IN HIS LOCATION.

IN THIS CONNECTION, JAMES EARL RAY AND WALTER TERRY RIFE ON MARCH SEVEN, FIFTY-FIVE, BURGLARIZED THE U. S. POST OFFICE AT KELLERVILLE, ILL., AND STOLE SIXTY-SIX BLANK U. S. POSTAL MONEY ORDERS WHICH THEY PASSED DURING MARCH, FIFTY-FIVE, IN NUMEROUS STATES, WITH THE RESULT THAT BOTH WERE SENTENCED IN U.S.D.C., KANSAS CITY, MO., ON JULY ONE, FIFTY-FIVE, TO USP, LEAVENWORTH, END PAGE TWO

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KANSAS. SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS A LONER AND RIFE APPARENTLY IS ONE OF HIS FEW CLOSE ASSOCIATES, SUGGESTING POSSIBILITY THEY COULD HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATES IN MURDER OF DR. KING, AND INVESTIGATION ALSO INSTITUTED IN KANSAS CITY AIRTEL TO SPRINGFIELD MARCH ELEVEN LAST TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND INFO RE RIFE AND TO LOCATE HIM FOR INTERVIEW. THIS INVESTIGATION SHOULD ALSO BE RECOVERED AND EXPEDITED TODAY, IT BEING NOTED RIFE AND RAY HAVE BACKGROUND HISTORY IN THE QUINCY, ILL., AREA.

PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND WALTER TERRY RIFE ARE BEING FORWARDED AMSD TO BUREAU AND ALL OFFICES.

FOLLOWING IS DESCRIPTION OF JAMES EARL RAY AS FURNISHED BY FBI IDENTIFICATION DIVISION UNDER FBI NO. THREE ZERO SIX FOUR FOUR THREE A: WHITE MALE, DOB [REDACTED] AT DECATUR, QUINCY OR ALTON, ILL.; APPROXIMATELY FIVE FEET TEN; ONE SEVEN FOUR LBS., IN SEPTEMBER SIXTY-SIX; RUDDY COMPLEXION; BLUE EYES; BROWN HAIR; MEDIUM BUILD; OCCUPATIONS LABORER AND BAKER; SCARS AND MARKS--SMALL SCAR ON CENTER OF FOREHEAD AND SCAR IN PALM OF RIGHT HAND. ADDRESSES--ST. LOUIS, MO., MARCH SIXTY, TWO ZERO ONE FIVE PARK, ST. LOUIS, MO., OCTOBER FIFTY-NINE; QUINCY, ILL., JULY FIFTY-FIVE, MARCH FIFTY-FIVE, AND APRIL FIFTY; HOTEL QUINCY, QUINCY, END PAGE THREE

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ILL., MARCH FIFTY-FIVE; VICTOR HOTEL, QUINCY, ILL., MARCH FIFTY-FIVE;
EIGHT FIVE THREE WEST FULLERTON, CHICAGO, ILL., MAY FIFTY-TWO; EIGHT
ZERO FIVE ALBY STREET, ALTON, ILL., JULY FIFTY-ONE. FPC--SIXTEEN,
M OVER M, NINE OVER FOUR, U OVER W, 000 OVER IOI, TWELVE, REF NINE
OVER TWELVE. NCIC FPC--ONE SIX ONE THREE ONE ONE ZERO ZERO ONE TWO
ONE TWO I I ONE TWO I I ONE SEVEN. MILITARY RECORD--JAMES EARL RAY,
SN [REDACTED] ENLISTED U. S. ARMY FEBRUARY
FORTY-SIX, AT EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL., AND SERVED ON ACTIVE DUTY UNTIL
DECEMBER TWENTY-THREE, FORTY-EIGHT, AT WHICH TIME GIVEN GENERAL
DISCHARGE AS PRIVATE FIRST CLASS AT CAMP KILMER, N. J., BY REASON
OF INEPTNESS AND LACK OF ADAPTABILITY FOR MILITARYSERVICE. RECORDS
ALSO INDICATE HE RECEIVED TREATMENT FOR GONORRHEA AND SYPHILIS WHILE
A MEMBER OF THE MILITARY.

FOLLOWING IS A DESCRIPTION OF WALTER TERRY RIFE, FBI NO.
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FOUR FIVE FIVE EIGHT SEVEN SIX SIX, AS OBTAINED FROM FILES OF USP,
LEAVENWORTH: WHITE MALE, AGE FORTY-FOUR, DOB
 FIVE FEET NINE AND ONE HALF, ONE SIX ONE LBS., BROWN
HAIR, EYES BLUE GRAY.

Refile
KANSAS CITY IS SETTING OUT ALL PERTINENT LEADS TODAY BY
TELETYPE AND TELEPHONE FOLLOWED UP BY TELETYPE CONFIRMATION.
ALL LEADS MUST BE COVERED WITHIN TENTY-FOUR HOURS WITH BUREAU,
KANSAS CITY, AND MEMPHIS BEING KEPT ADVISED BY APPROPRIATE
COMMUNICATION OF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

SUGGEST BUREAU MAKE IMMEDIATE COMPARISON OF ANY LATENT
FINGERPRINTS DEVELOPED DURING KING INVESTIGATION WITH THOSE
OF WALTER TERRY RIFE TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL.

AIR MAIL COPIES SENT ANCHORAGE, HONOLULU AND SAN JUN.

LEGAT MEXICO CITY AND OTTAWA ADVISED.

SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF ROBBERY WITH DEADLY
WEAPON, HAS BEEN CONFINED IN STATE HOSPITAL, FULTON, MO., IN
SIXTY-SIX, AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI WASH DC RELAY MESSAGE PLAN

RELAY WAS TAKEN CARE OF BY LBN AND FOLLOWING INITIALS
WERE FROM THE FIVE OFFICES.

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BUREAU NOTIFIED OF ABOVE.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS
SAN FRANCISCO, SPRINGFIELD, ST. LOUIS
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114)

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REBUTEL TO ALL OFFICES INSTANT.

INTERVIEW OF BROTHER JERRY RAY.

JERRY WILLIAM RAY, BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AT QUINCY, ILLINOIS, WHO IS DIVORCED FROM HIS WIFE,
GJEREIS, NEE OLSON, AND WHO IS EMPLOYED AT SPORTSMAN COUNTRY
CLUB, NORTHBROOK, ILLINOIS, RECEIVES MAIL THROUGH BOX
TWENTY TWO, WHEELING, ILLINOIS, WAS EXHAUSTIVELY INTERVIEWED
AT CHICAGO OFFICE TODAY AND ADVISED THAT OVER THE YEARS
HE HAS HAD VERY LITTLE CONTACT WITH HIS OLDEST BROTHER,
SUBJECT, JAMES EARL RAY. HE FURNISHED FOLLOWING FAMILY
TREE:

FATHER, JAMES GERALD RAY, DECEASED, NINETEEN FIFTY ONE
HANNIBAL, MISSOURI; MOTHER LUCILLE MARY RAY, NEE MAHER,
WHO CHANGED HER NAME IN ABOUT NINETEEN FORTY NINE TO
LUCILLE RYAN AND DECEASED JANUARY, NINETEEN SIXTY ONE,
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI. PARENTS HAD EIGHT CHILDREN AS FOLLOWS:
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ONE. SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY.

TWO. JOHN LARRY RAY, AGE THIRTY FIVE, NEVER MARRIED, LAST KNOWN TO BE IN MC ARTHUR HOTEL, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, ABOUT FEBRUARY TWO NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT. EMPLOYED AS SOME TYPE OF TRAVELING SALESMAN AND APPARENTLY A "GENERAL DRIFTER."

THREE. JERRY WILLIAM RAY. BARTENDER.

FOUR. CAROL ANN PEPPER, NEE RAY, AGE TWENTY SEVEN, HUSBAND ALBERT PEPPER, RESIDENCE MAPLEWOOD, MISSOURI, SUBURB OF ST. LOUIS.

FIVE. FRANK DELANO RAY, WHO WOULD NOW BE TWENTY TWO YEARS, DECEASED NINETEEN SIXTY THREE ACCIDENTALLY DROWNED, WEST QUINCY, MISSOURI.

SIX. [REDACTED] (LNU), AGE ABOUT TWENTY ONE, WHO WAS ADOPTED OUT IN QUINCY, ILLINOIS, IN ABOUT FALL, NINETEEN FIFTY TWO.

SEVEN. [REDACTED] (LNU), AGE ABOUT [REDACTED] WHO WAS

AT [REDACTED]

EIGHT. MELBA RAY RYAN, AGE THIRTY, RESIDES QUINCY, ILL., ON STATE DISABILITY, MENTAL.

MATERNAL AND PATERNAL GRAND PARENTS OF SUBJECT DECEASED. MATERNAL UNCLE, WILLIAM MAHER, AGE ABOUT SIXTY, LAST KNOWN TO BE IN SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, AND WORKED IN
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GUAM AFTER WORLD WAR TWO IN ABOUT NINETEEN FORTY SIX OR SEVEN. POSSIBLY NOW DECEASED.

PATERNAL UNCLE, EARL RAY, WHO WOULD BE ABOUT SEVENTY AND WHO SERVED A TERM IN MENARD, ILLINOIS STATE PENITENTIARY, REPORTEDLY DECEASED AT SYRACUSE, NEW YORK, IN ABOUT NOVEMBER , NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT.

IDENTITY AND LOCATION OF [REDACTED] MAY BE KNOWN TO CAROL PEPPER WHO HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN INTERVIEWED IN FUGITIVE INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE SUBJECT.

JERRY STATES LAST SEEN SUBJECT APPROXIMATELY NINETEEN SIXTY FOUR WHEN IN PRISON, HAS HAD LITTLE CONTACT WITH HIM DURING HIS ENTIRE LIFE AND IS UNABLE TO MAKE AN EDUCATED GUESS AS TO SUBJECT'S POSSIBLE WHEREABOUTS.

BELIEVES SUBJECT WOULD BE AN ACTIVE WALLACE SUPPORTER.

STATES ERIC STARVO GALT PHOTOGRAPH OBTAINED FROM BARTENDER SCHOOL IN CALIFORNIA LOOKS GOOD DEAL LIKE SUBJECT.
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PARTICULARLY IN THE PHOTOGRAPH WITH HIS EYES CLOSED,
BUT DOES NOT LIKE THE PHOTOGRAPH WITH THE EYES DRAWN
IN BY ARTIST. UNABLE TO FURNISH BETTER DRAWING INFO.
JERRY WAS EMPLOYED ON ALL PERTINENT DATES THIS
CASE. VERIFIED WITH EMPLOYER.

JERRY QUESTIONED CONCERNING DISCREPANCY RE FATHER'S
DEATH AND LOCATION. REITERATED ABOVE INFORMATION CORRECT
TO BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE AS TOLD TO HIM BY HIS MOTHER AND
UNAWARE OF WHERE CAROL MIGHT HAVE OBTAINED HER INFORMATION
AS SHE LEFT MOTHER'S HOME ABOUT NINETEEN FIFTY SIX AT
AGE FIFTEEN. ALSO ADVISED THAT PRIOR TO DEATH OF FATHER
IN NINETEEN FIFTY ONE, HE WAS EMPLOYED BY THE RAILROAD
AND WORKED ON A FARM VICINITY HANNIBAL, MISSOURI.

HE ALSO ADVISED THAT EACH OF THE CHILDREN LEFT HOME
UPON REACHING AGE FIFTEEN TO SIXTEEN AND VERY LITTLE
FAMILY CONTACT THEREAFTER. AFTER PARENTS SEPARATED IN
APPROXIMATELY NINETEEN FORTY NINE, ALL OF THE YOUNGER
CHILDREN WHO WERE AT HOME LIVED WITH MOTHER.
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JERRY QUESTIONED AS TO REASON FOR BROTHER'S ACTION AND UNABLE TO FURNISH ANY REASON, STATED DURING THE THREE OR FOUR TIMES HE TALKED WITH BROTHER IN THE LAST FIFTEEN YEARS, HE EXPRESSED NO PARTICULAR OUTWARD DISLIKE FOR THE NEGRO RACE, HOWEVER, JERRY HAD FEELING THAT SUBJECT WAS NOT FOND OF NEGROES. HE STATED THERE IS NO MEMBER OF THE FAMILY THAT SUBJECT WOULD LIKELY CONTACT INASMUCH AS HE IS A "LONER". THE ONLY OCCUPATION FOR SUBJECT KNOWN TO JERRY IS THAT LEARNED BY SUBJECT WHILE IN PRISON AS A BAKER. HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF ASSOCIATES OTHER THAN HE WAS ARRESTED WITH AND SERVED IN PRISON WITH WALTER TERRY RIFE. RIFE ALSO KNOWN TO JERRY AS HE SERVED TIME IN ISP, MENARD, ILLINOIS, AT SAME TIME RIFE INCARCERATED. JERRY HAS NO KNOWLEDGE AS TO RIFE'S PRESENT LOCATION AND HAS NOT SEEN HIM SINCE HIS RELEASE FROM PRISON IN NINETEEN SIXTY, BUT IS OF OPINION RIFE COULD HAVE RETURNED TO QUINCY, ILLINOIS. IT IS NOTED JERRY SERVED TIME FOR BURGLARY AT ISP, MENARD, AND ARMED ROBBERY AT MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY.

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JERRY ADVISED TO HIS KNOWLEDGE NEVER INFORMED SUBJECT OF HIS RESIDENCE ADDRESS, HOWEVER, HAS RECEIVED MAIL FROM SUBJECT WHILE IN PRISON ADDRESSED TO POST OFFICE BOX TWENTY TWO, WHEELING, ILLINOIS. HE HAS NO REASON TO BELIEVE SUBJECT WOULD CONTACT HIM AND EXPRESSED COOPERATION.

MAJOR CASE PRINTS, PHOTOGRAPHS AND HANDWRITING SAMPLES OBTAINED AND FORWARDED TO BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES.

LEADS

ALBANY AT SYRACUSE, NEW YORK. VERIFY DEATH OF PATERNAL UNCLE EARL RAY.

ST. LOUIS. ATTEMPT TO RECTIFY DISCREPANCY RE DEATH OF FATHER. ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RE BROTHER JOHN.

SPRINGFIELD. VERIFY DEATH OF BROTHER FRANK DELANO RAY. CONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE SUSAN RYAN LNU, AND [REDACTED] LNU. LOCATE AND INTERVIEW [REDACTED] LNU. ATTEMPT TO LOCATE

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WALTER RIFE AT QUINCY, ILLINOIS.

SAN FRANCISCO. ATTEMPT TO LOCATE MATERNAL UNCLE
WILLIAM MAHER.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO DIRECTOR/44-38861/ MEMPHIS /44-1987/ ATLANTA/26-39798/
KNOXVILLE /26-18639/
FROM COLUMBIA /44-299//26-2192/

MURKIN, CR.

RE TEL CALL FROM BUREAU SUPR. CLEMENT MC GOWAN TO SAC
COLA. PM APRIL NINETEEN INSTANT CONCERNING INFO ALLEGEDLY IN
POSSESSION OF GEORGE WILBURN STRENGTH CONCERNING SUBJECT.
STRENGTH ARRESTED THIS PM AT GREENVILLE, S.C. BUFILE TWO SIX-
THREE SEVEN TWO NINE FOUR SEVEN. STRENGTH REPRESENTED TO HIS
ATTORNEY SOL ABRAMS, GREENVILLE, S.C. THAT HE WOULD FURNISH
INFO RE SUBJECT PROVIDED PENDING FEDERAL CHARGES AGAINST HIM
BE DROPPED. ABRAMS CONTACTED USA KLYDE ROBINSON, COLA, S.C.
WHO IN TURN APPARENTLY CONTACTED DEPT. SUBJECT IN INTERVIEW
WITH BUAGENTS STATED HE MET INDIVIDUAL BY NAME OF JOHN HARRISON
IN DAYTONA BEACH, FLA. IN FIFTYNINE OR SIXTY AT WHICH TIME
HARRISON STAYING AT ISLANDER MOTEL IN DAYTONA BEACH. BELIEVED
HARRISON THEN INVOLVED IN "HOT CAR RACKET".

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STRENGTH CLAIMS NEXT SAW HARRISON AT HOLIDAY INN, JOHNSON CITY, TENN. ABOUT THREE MONTHS AGO AND ON THIS OCCASION HARRISON TOLD HIM HE "HAD JOB TO DO" IN MEMPHIS AND THIS THE BASIS FOR STRENGTHS' CLAIM THAT HARRISON IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT. HE STATED PHOTO OF SUBJECT NOT LIKENESS OF HARRISON. STATED HARRISON HAS USED NAMES OF JERRY HARRISON, JERRY RAY HARRISON AND LAST NAME OF LEONARD. STRENGTH HINTED HE HAS INFO RE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF SUBJECT. WHEN PRESSED FOR SPECIFIC INFO, HE EXPRESSED DESIRE TO CALL HIS ATTORNEY JOHN GOODIN, IN JOHNSON CITY, TENN. ALTHOUGH ABRAMS PRESENT DURING INTERVIEW. STRENGTH UNABLE TO TELEPHONICALLY CONTACT GOODIN AND CONVERSED WITH WIFE OF GOODIN. STRENGTH DECLINED TO TALK FURTHER UNTIL EITHER HE OR ABRAMS COULD CONTACT GOODIN AND RECEIVE ASSURANCE FROM HIM THAT HE SHOULD DISCLOSE INFO CONCERNING SUBJECT. SUBSEQUENTLY ABRAMS CONTACTED GOODIN WHEREUPON STRENGTH INFORMED BY ABRAMS OF CONTACT AND ASSURANCE OF GOODIN THAT HE SHOULD FURNISH ALL INFO HE HAD CONCERNING SUBJECT. STRENGTH THEN DEMANDED THAT HE BE ALLOWED TO TELEPHONICALLY CONTACT GOODIN. ABRAMS REQUESTED STRENGTH PAY ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS DETAINER FROM CASH HE HAD WHEN APPREHENDED. WHEN

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ABRAMS DECLINED TO ACCEPT CHECK FROM STRENGTH, STRENGTH TERMINATED INTERVIEW. STERNNGTH STATED MAY DECIDE TO TALK FURTHER TOMORROW WHEN INTERVIEWED HE WAS EVASIVE, VAGUE, AND REFUSED TO BE SPECIFIC. HE WILL BE RECONTACTED TOMORROW AS ADMITTEDLY PRESENTLY TAKING PILLS.

KNOXVILLE AT JOHNSON CITY, TENN. WILL CONTACT ATTORNEY JOHN GOODIN AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES RE RELIABILITY OF STRENGTH. KNOXVILLE WILL FURNISH ANY INFO IN FILE POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH HARRIS.

BOTH ATLANTA AND KNOXVILLE SUTEL TO COLUMBIA ANY INFO IN RESPECTIVE FILES RE RELIABILITY OF STRENGTH.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END TOMOROXXX TOMORROW IS 4/20/68 IN THIS TEL.

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134AM URGENT 4-20-68 RJM

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS,
SPRINGFIELD, KANSAS CITY, AND NEW ORLEANS
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)(3P)

MURKIN

REMYTEL APRIL NINETEEN LAST.

DR. MARK O. FREEMAN, PH.D., CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST,
INTERVIEWED TONIGHT. HE PRODUCED APPOINTMENT BOOK NOTING
SIX APPOINTMENTS FOR ONE JAMES E. RAY, COVERING PERIOD OF
NOVEMBER TWENTY-SEVEN THROUGH DECEMBER FOURTEEN LAST. HE
ALSO HAD LISTING FOR ADDITIONAL CONSULTATION ON DECEMBER
EIGHTEEN LAST, WHICH WAS CROSSED THROUGH: AND HE EXPLAINED
THAT RAY HAD TELEPHONICALLY CALLED TO CANCEL THAT VISIT,
INDICATING HE HAD HEARD FROM HIS BROTHER AND LATTER HAD
OBTAINED JOB FOR HIM IN MERCHANT MARINE IN NEW ORLEANS.

DR. ALSO HAD LEAF FROM HIS CONSULTATION NOTEBOOK,
WHICH HE SAID HE MADE ENTRIES IN ON OCCASION OF RAY'S FIRST
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VISIT IN NOVEMBER. NOTATIONS IN THIS INDICATED PATIENT'S NAME TO BE JAMES E. RAY, ADDRESS ONE FIRE THREE FIVE NORTH SERRANO, LOS ANGELES, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER FOUR SIX NINE EIGHT ZERO NINE SIX. DATE OF BIRTH GIVEN AS

SAID HE WAS FROM EAST ST. LOUIS.

RAY WAS SEEKING PSYCHOLOGICAL HELP IN NATURE OF SELF-HYPNOSIS TO GAIN CONFIDENCE, OVERCOME SHYNESS, LEARN TO RELAX, SLEEP BETTER, AND BE ABLE TO TALK TO PEOPLE. WAS SHY, INTROVERTED, AND WITHDRAWN, BUT NOT PSYCHOTIC OR PLAGUED WITH NEUROSES. DURING SECOND OR THIRD VISIT, DR. ASKED RAY IF HE HAD ANY DEEP SEATED SECRETS HE WANTED TO GET OFF HIS CHEST, TO ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IF PATIENT HAD ANY CRIMINAL BACKGROUND OR SEXUAL PROBLEMS OR ABERATIONS. RAY ANSWERED NEGATIVELY.

RAY HAD VERY LITTLE TO CONTRIBUTE ABOUT FAMILY BACKGROUND. MOST VISITS LIMITED TO DR. PLACING RAY IN HYPNOTIC STATE AND TALKING WITH HIM TO REASSURE HIM AND HELP HIM GAIN SOCIAL CONFIDENCE.

DR. STATES CURRENT PHOTOS OF ERIC GALT EXCELLENT LIKENESS TO PATIENT RAY. BELIEVES RAY WAS REFERRED BY WILSHIRE
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BOOK COMPANY, EIGHT SEVEN EIGHT SEVEN SUNSET BOULEVARD, LOS ANGELES; OPERATED BY MELVIN POWERS, WHO DOES EXTENSIVE ADVERTISING ABOUT POWER OF SELF-HYPNOSIS. INQUIRIES AT LATTER LOCATION INDICATE MELVIN POWERS NOT AVAILABLE. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW POWERS.

DR. FREEMAN STATES RAY PAID IN CASH FOR ALL BUT ONE CONSULTATION, AND HAS RECOLLECTION RAY'S LAST PAYMENT WAS BY MONEY ORDER. INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED TO LOCATE MONEY ORDER. FEE PAID WAS TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS PER APPOINTMENT. RAY SAID HE WAS UNEMPLOYED, BUT NEVER SEEMED TO LACK MONEY DURING PERIOD OF CONSULTATIONS. ALSO SAID HE WAS SINGLE.

DR. FREEMAN INDICATED HIS OWN PROFESSIONAL TRAINING WAS AT UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, UNIVERSITY OF ZURICH, AND UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

SUBJECT ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

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1052 AM EST, URGENT 4-20-68 MJJ

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), COLUMBIA (44-299) (26-2192)

FROM ATLANTA (44-2386) 1 PAGE

MURKIN. CR.

RE COLUMBIA TELETYPE TO BUREAU, THIS DATE.

INFORMATION IN POSSESSION OF ATLANTA INDICATES GEORGE WILBURN STRENGTH COMPLETELY UNRELIABLE. HE HAS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS IN THE PAST FURNISHED FALSE INFO. IT IS NOTED CURRENT ARREST OF STRENGTH AT GREENVILLE, S.C., BASED ON BENCH WARRANT ISSUED IN ATLANTA WHICH BENCH WARRANT WAS OCCASIONED BY STRENGTH JUMPING BOND. NOTHING IN ATLANTA FILE INDICATES STRENGTH IS RELIABLE IN ANY RESPECT.

MAIL COPIES TO KNOXVILLE AND MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P

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FBI ATLANTA

1105 AM URGENT 4/20/68 TAT

TO: COLUMBIA (44299) ATLANTA (26-39798)

FROM: KNOXVILLE (44-696)

MURKIN, CR

REURTEL APRIL NINETEEN LAST.

SUBJECT GEORGE WILBURN STRENGTH'S WIFE ADVISED SUBJECT BIGGEST LIAR IN WORLD AND IN PAST HAS TALKED HIMSELF OUT OF SITUATIONS AND THEN LAUGHED AT THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS. SHE STATED THAT IN HER OPINION SUBJECT HAS ABSOLUTELY NO INFORMATION CONCERNING ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING BUT WILL TELL CONVINCING STORY TO FBI AND THEN LAUGH ABOUT IT.

SUBJECT STRENGTH'S ATTORNEY, JOHN GOODIN, JOHNSON CITY, TENNESSEE, STATED CONFIDENTIALLY THAT IN HIS OPINION THE SUBJECT IS COMPLETELY UNRELIABLE AND AN EXPERT CON MAN.

KNOXVILLE INDICES NEGATIVE RE JERRY HARRISON OR JERRY RAY HARRISON.

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KNOXVILLE INDICES CONTAIN NUMEROUS REFERENCES
FOR JOHN HARRISON AND FNU LEONARD. BASED ON INFORMATION
FURNISHED BY COLUMBIA, UNABLE TO EIDENTIFY IF POSSIBLY
IDENTICAL TO INDIVIDUAL MENTIONED BY SUBJECT.

KNOXVILLE FILE CONTAINS CAUTION STATEMENT FOR
SUBJECT FURNISHED BY ATLANTA AS "ARMED AND DANGEROUS,
UNDER PSYCHIATRIC CARE."

ATLANTA ADVISE COLUMBIA BASIS FOR CAUTION
STATEMENT RE PSYCHIATRIC CARE.

MEMPHIS ADVISED AIR MAIL.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

FROM : SAC

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/16/68

LOG OF EVENTS APRIL 15, 1968

9:05 P.M. - Claiborne called

9:30 P.M. - Sullivan contacted re flight to WDC,
DAL 338, 11:45 P.M., Ar. 1:07 Friendship

9:52 P.M. - Bill Nolan, LA, called re pictures of
GALT to arrive on DAL Flight 896, 1:18 A.M.

9:55 P.M. - R. Fugatt contacted, will handle airport runs.

10:30 P.M. - Helgeson - Bureau advised of items for Lab.;
Requested KING's itinerary 4/1-3/68.

10:30 P.M. - H. A. Sylvester WFO alerted for pickup
of Sullivan at 1:07 A.M.

10:47 P.M. - Sullivan off to airport

11:01 P.M. - Bill Hart, Detroit- Lee interviewed, would not
see Agents, talked on phone, wife says
Lee spoke of meeting someone in Atlanta who
had ditched hot car; teletype follows

2:00 A.M. - Photo of Galt received from LA

LOG OF EVENTS APRIL 16, 1968

5:50 A.M. - Beverstein and Kennerly in and out to P.O.
General Delivery window.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-2386)

FROM : SA WILLIAM E. COLOMBELL

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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(OO: MEMPHIS)

DATE: 4/19/68

Re: Investigation to be Conducted at Al's Corral, Juniper Street, Atlanta, Georgia

Re memo of SA JAMES ROSE dated 4/18/68.

The following investigation was conducted on 4/19/68, by SAs WILLIAM E. COLOMBELL and STANLEY R. KEEL:

Photographs of the subject in this case were exhibited to the below listed individuals, both of whom attended bar at Al's Corral on the evening of 4/17/68. They stated that on this particular evening, there was very little business and as is their usual practice, they paid attention to each and every patron inasmuch as they have been having trouble with under-age patrons attempting to buy liquor. Both of these individuals stated that they feel certain no one resembling the subject has patronized their night club in the past several weeks:

Mr. SEYMOUR WEISS, owner;

Mr. MAX MARSH, bartender.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SA JAMES J. ROSE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: UNSUB LOOK-ALIKE

Re Detroit teletype to Atlanta, 4/18/68. (Ser. 745)

Referenced communication indicated that an individual meeting the general description of subject GALT was observed by an employee of a grocery store in Battle Creek, Mich. This unknown individual was observed in a 1960 Chevrolet, four-door green, bearing 1968 Ga. license 41J1855.

LEAD

At Atlanta, Georgia:

Will, at the DMV, determine registered owner above auto and attempt to eliminate as subject, based on physical description and background. If information set forth appears relevant this case, advise Detroit by teletype.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SA JAMES J. ROSE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: DANCE STUDIO PHASE

Re Knoxville teletype to Bureau, 4/18/68 (Serial 735).

Referenced communication indicated JUANITA WELSH formerly dance studio instructor, reportedly left for Atlanta after working at studios in the Miami, Florida area. It is believed WELSH may have had some connection with GALT and her interview is being sought in order to determine further information concerning subject GALT and his activities.

LEAD

At Atlanta, Georgia:

Conduct, through appropriate sources, credit, identification and other investigation in attempt to determine if JUANITA WELSH resides in the Atlanta area and specifically determine if she is known as a dance instructor at local studios.

Will furnish results of investigation by teletype to Knoxville and other interested offices.

JJR:lcc

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RE: NEIGHBORHOOD OF 14TH STREET, N. E.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA MARION E. CHEEK on April 19, 1968, at Atlanta, Georgia:

Mrs. SHIRLEY KROON, Manager, Pennant Restaurant,
163 14th Street, Northeast, furnished the following
information:

She is the Manager of the Restaurant and on
the night of April 17, 1968, at about 10:30 p.m. observed
a white male, approximately 5'10" tall, 165 pounds, brown
hair, brush cut, dressed in blue trousers and dark green
short sleeved sports shirt, buttoned at the neck, in the
restaurant drinking a cup of coffee. At that time she
had neither observed an artist's sketch of GALT nor had
she heard the news releases concerning his identification.
Later that evening she saw the 11:00 news on television
and observed GALT's photograph. She is positive the
individual who was in the Restaurant at about 10:30 p.m.
was identical with GALT. She called Deputy Sheriff
JAMES FACUETT, who told her to call the FBI. She advised
she contacted the Atlanta Office of the FBI and an Agent
was supposed to see her the next day, however, she was
away from her place of business the next day and does
not know if an Agent contacted her or not.

After seeing GALT's photograph on television,
she telephoned RUTH HOLMAN, a waitress at the Restaurant,
and asked her if the individual was still there and was
told he had left. HOLMAN is unavailable except during the
evening hours. KROON displayed GALT's photograph to RUTH
CHAPPELL, the other waitress on duty, who could not effect
an identification.

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LINDA BROWN, Receptionist, Security Development Company, 235 14th Street, Northeast, and whose home address is 239 14th Street, Northeast, viewed the photograph of GALT and stated she is positive she has seen him on several occasions within the past month at the Piedmont Grill located just around the corner from 14th Street on Piedmont. She and her boy friend drink beer at the Piedmont Grill and this tavern is frequented by residents of that neighborhood. They have a jukebox and play a lot of "hillbilly" music in this tavern. She could not be specific as to the dates she saw GALT nor could she describe his dress or companions, if any.

The following residents on 14th Street viewed GALT's photograph with negative results:

BRENDA TANKERSLEY
Apartment 1
181 14th Street

JOHN ANDERSON
Apartment 6
181 14th Street

LEONARD BROGDON
Apartment 10
181 14th Street

LOIS CROOK
Apartment 12
181 14th Street

No one was located in Apartments 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, or 11, 181 14th Street, Northeast, Atlanta, Georgia. It is noted that this entire building is occupied by "hippies."

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EDGAR ORR, Apartment 4, Resident Manager at 209 14th Street, Northeast, viewed GALT's photograph and could not effect an identification.

Dr. GROVER HALL, who also has his office at 209 14th Street, Northeast, could not identify GALT. All other residents of this building were unavailable.

Miss LUCILLE VAUGHN and DAVID PEMP, 239 14th Street, Northeast, could not effect an identification of GALT.

MAYBELL CHASTAIN, Waitress at the Piedmont Grill, 14th and Piedmont, viewed GALT's photograph and could not effect an identification. She works from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and her husband is the owner. The waitresses during the evening hours are MARIE and JERRI; she did not know their last names.

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AT ATLANTA, GA.

(1) Will contact RUTH HOLMAN, Waitress, Pennent Restaurant, after 5:00 p.m. and display photograph of subject.

(2) Will contact waitresses MARIE (LNU) and JERRI (LNU) at the Piedmont Grill and display photograph of subject.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC(44-2386)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SA JOHN H. BRANDT

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re: Birth Records Pertaining to Individuals
Named GALT and GAULT

The following investigation was conducted on 4/18/68:

A review of the Macon City Directory from 1932, 35, 39-67, failed to reflect any individual named GAULT as residing at Macon, Ga.

On this date, ^{LUELLAN} ~~FRANCIS~~ KENNEDY, Clerk, Bibb County Health Department advised that according to her records, a ROBERT HARVEY GAULT, JR., w/m, was born to Mr. ROBERT HARVEY GAULT and wife, on [redacted] Address given for the parents was 115 Stonewall Place, Macon, Ga., and the attending physician was listed as W.A. WILLIAMS (deceased).

On this date the following residents of Stonewall Place who have resided there at least thirty years were contacted and stated that they did not recall any family named GAULT who may have resided in their area around 1935:

Mrs. O.P. THOMPSON, 116 Stonewall Pl.

GERTRUDE and BERTHA LOYND, 124 Stonewall Pl.

Also on this date, the following individuals advised that their records contained no identifiable information regarding a ROBERT HARVEY GAULT:

LINDSEY WRYE, Identification Officer, Macon, Ga. P.D.

MARGARET RIGGENS, Supervisor, Macon Credit Bureau

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REPORT

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IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO. 44-2386
FBI FILE NO. 44-38861
LATENT CASE NO. 91075

April 19, 1968

TO: SAC, Atlanta

RE: MURKIN

REFERENCE: Letter 4-15-68

EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Atlanta

SPECIMENS: Portable TV and numerous items from storage
room in Rooming House at 113 Fourteenth Street,
Atlanta, Georgia, Q174 through Q200, and Q203

Six latent fingerprints and one latent impression, which may be a fingerprint, impression of lower joint of a finger, or partial palm print, were developed on map of Mexico, Q194. No other latent impressions of value found or developed.

One of the latent fingerprints on the map is identical with the latent fingerprint previously reported on the rifle, Q2, and with the latent fingerprint previously reported on binoculars, Q14. Other latent prints on the map compared with latent prints previously reported in this case, but no identification effected.

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2 - Birmingham (44-1740)

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A handwritten signature of John Edgar Hoover, written in dark ink. The signature is stylized, with a large 'J' and 'H'.

John Edgar Hoover, Director

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SAC, Atlanta

April 19, 1968

Results of laboratory examination and disposition
of specimens subject of separate report.

This report confirms and supplements Butel of
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) DATE: 4/20/68
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FROM : SA JOSEPH PATRICK AYERS

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: PRESS RELEASE

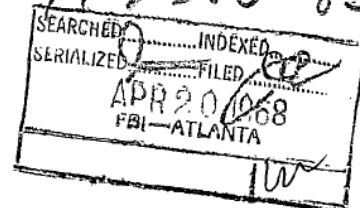
Copies of press release concerning identity
of subject as JAMES EARL RAY furnished to the following:

Mrs. MARY ANN ROBERTS, Manager, Station WYZE,
1111 Boulevard, S.E., at 3:04 p.m., on
4/19/68.

Mr. LARRY POLK, Owner of Station WYNX,
507 N. Atlanta Road, Marietta, at 4:15 p.m.,
4/19/68.

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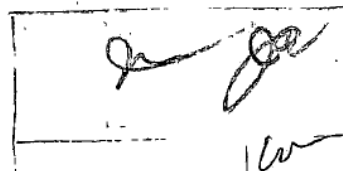
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Re Atlanta letter 4-17-68, submitting four coat hangers, Q229 through Q232, and two cardboard inserts for coat hangers, Q233 and Q234.

No latent prints of value were developed on these items.

Results of laboratory examinations and disposition of these items, as well as disposition of other material submitted, subjects of separate report.

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Re Atlanta teletype 4-17-68.

The remaining unidentified latent fingerprints and the latent impressions in this case are not identical with the fingerprints of Donald James Nissen, FBI #607320A. No palm prints are available in our Identification Division files for Nissen.

1 - Jackson

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From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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this case are not identical with fingerprints of ROBERT FRANKLIN
WILLIAMS, FBI #372 433 F. No palm prints here for Williams.

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1 - Norfolk

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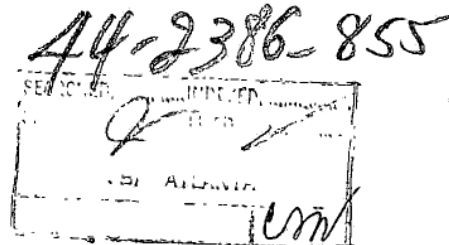
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Re telephone call from Inspector Joseph A. Sullivan,
Atlanta, to Assistant Director C. Lester Trotter, 4-19-68.

The remaining unidentified latent fingerprints and the
latent impressions in this case are not identical with the fingerprints
of Walter Albert Willard, FBI #4840959. No palm prints are available
in our Identification Division files for Willard.



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RE: AIRLINE PHASE OF INVESTIGATION

Re Miami teletype to Bureau dated 4/12/68.

Eastern Airline tickets reviewed and aliases used by unsub revealed the following information of value:

Ticket 007-222-748-263 was issued to Mr. N. P. GAULT for Flight 387, Raleigh to Atlanta, departing 9:35 a.m.; departing Atlanta Flight 249 at 9:20 p.m. for Raleigh. Contact point indicated as Atlanta Telephone Number 875-3411, Extension 619. Investigation determined above phone number belongs to Coca Cola, 310 North Avenue, Atlanta, where inquiry determined that N. P. GAULT is District Manager, Coca Cola, Raleigh, N. C.

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2-Memphis
2-Atlanta
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