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MARIA HILLBURN STATED SHE WAS CONTACTED TELEPHONICALLY
YESTERDAY BY FORMER HUSBAND WHO IS NOW RESIDING WITH
LUCILLE HASSEY, ONE THREE ZERO PATTON STREET, MONTGOMERY,
ALABAMA, TELEPHONE NUMBER TWO SIX FIVE FOUR EIGHT THREE SIX.

~~DISPATCH~~ MOBILE ATTEMPT TO LOCATE HILLBURN AND DETERMINE
ANY INFORMATION RE MONTAGNEY AND WHITE CORVAIR IN AN
EFFORT TO ELIMINATE HIM AS JAMES EARL RAY AND ADVISE ~~THE~~
~~CONCERNED~~ INTERESTED OFFICES.

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FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN.

RE BUREAU TEL TO ALL OFFICES APRIL NINETEEN LAST, AND CHICAGO
TEL TO BUREAU, ET AL, NO COPY ALBANY, APRIL NINETEEN LAST.

INTERVIEW OF BROTHER JERRY RAY. JERRY WILLIAM RAY INTERVIEWED
EXTENSIVELY AT CHICAGO APRIL NINETEEN LAST. SET OUT COMPLETE
FAMILY TREE FROM RECOLLECTION, NOTED THAT FAMILY NOT PARTICULARLY
CLOSE SINCE ALL CHILDREN LEFT HOME WHEN REACHING AGE FIFTEEN TO
SIXTEEN. JERRY LAST SAW SUBJECT NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR WHEN JAMES
WAS IN PRISON MISSOURI. DURING INTERVIEW SET FORTH IDENTITY OF
PATERNAL UNCLE AS EARL RAY, WHO WOULD BE ABOUT SEVENTY AND WHO
HAS SERVED A TERM IN ISP MENARD, ILLINOIS. UNCLE REPORTEDLY
DECEASED AT SYRACUSE, NEW YORK, IN ABOUT NOVEMBER, NINETEEN
FIFTYEIGHT.

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

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TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, KANSAS CITY,
SAN FRANCISCO AND ST. LOUIS.

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561) 5PP

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FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION SPRINGFIELD DIVISION,
APRIL TWENTY, SIXTYEIGHT.

SUBJECT'S SISTER, MELBA MARIE RYAN, INTERVIEWED, QUINCY,
ILLINOIS. ADMITS HISTORY OF MENTAL ILLNESS AND ALTHOUGH SOBER,
WAS AT TIMES RAMBLING IN CONVERSATION. MELBA DENIES ANY
RECENT CONTACT WITH SUBJECT OR KNOWLEDGE OF CURRENT WHEREABOUTS.
SHE STATED SUBJECT NON-COMMUNICATIVE RE PERSONAL LIFE, BUT ABOUT
NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT VISITED MELBA AND HER MOTHER FOR PERIOD OF
SIX MONTHS AT BOARDING HOUSE OPERATED BY MOTHER ON HICKORY STREET,
ST. LOUIS. MELBA SPECULATED SUBJECT MIGHT RETURN TO GERMANY
WHERE HE ENJOYED MILITARY DUTY AND HAD GIRLFRIEND.

WALTER TERRY RIFE RE-INTERVIEWED, DESCRIBED ACQUAINTANCE
LASTED FROM NINETEEN FORTY TWO TO NINETEEN FIFTY SEVEN, DURING
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THE TIME, SUBJECT WAS A THIEF WITH NO CLOSE ASSOCIATES, NO PERMANENT FIXED ADDRESS, ALTHOUGH HE RESIDED FOR A SHORT PERIOD WITH UNCLE, EARL RAY, WHO LATER MOVED TO CALIFORNIA AND IS NOW DECEASED. SUBJECT ALSO RESIDED VICTOR HOTEL, QUINCY, ILLINOIS, NINETEEN FIFTY FIVE. THIS HOTEL NOW OUT OF BUSINESS. RIFE BELIEVED SUBJECT USED UNKNOWN FENCE TO DISPOSE OF STOLEN PROPERTY AT PEORIA, ILLINOIS.

PHOTO OF RIFE OBTAINED AND FORWARDED INTERESTED OFFICES BY AIRTEL. NUMEROUS INDIVIDUALS CONFIRMED RIFE'S PRESENCE AT QUINCY DURING PERTINENT PERIOD AND RIFE DENIES BEING OUT OF QUINCY SINCE DECEMBER, SIXTY SEVEN.

██████████ IDENTIFIED THROUGH FOSTER PARENTS, MR. AND MRS. ██████████, AS ██████████, NOW KNOWN AS ██████████, WHOSE LAST ADDRESS, DECEMBER, SIXTY SEVEN, WAS ██████████, WHERE HUSBAND WORKED AS MUSICIAN, UNKNOWN BAND OR COMBO. ██████████ WORKED AS GO-GO DANCER, ██████████, AND ATTENDED PATRICIA STEVENS MODELING SCHOOL, ██████████, WITH ASSOCIATE, JANET VIAR. ██████████ BELIEVES SHE HAS BABY, MAY POSSIBLY HAVE GONE TO SAN FRANCISCO AND HAVE NO INFORMATION CONCERNING ANY CONTACTS

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OVER PAST SEVERAL YEARS BETWEEN [REDACTED] AND SUBJECT.

MRS. MABLE FULLER, NEE RAY, PATERNAL AUNT OF SUBJECT, QUINCY, ILLINOIS, STATED VERY LITTLE CONTACT WITH ANY MEMBER OF FAMILY. NO INFORMATION REGARDING SUBJECT'S WHEREABOUTS OR BACKGROUND. LAST HEARD THAT [REDACTED] SISTER, IN [REDACTED] AND MARRIED. UNCLE, WILLIAM MAHER, AN ADVERTISING SERVICE MAN AND PAINT CONTRACTOR AS OF NINETEEN SIXTY, BELIEVED EITHER DECEASED OR IN SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. WILLIAM MAHER BORN [REDACTED] HAS FBI NUMBER SEVEN SIX EIGHT SIX FOUR TWO.

RELATIVES OF HARVEY LOWMEYER, QUINCY, ILLINOIS, RECONTACTED AND FURNISHED NO PERTINENT INFORMATION.

FORMER GIRLFRIEND OF WALTER TERRY RIFE, KATHERINE DORRIS BUSKIRK, NOW MRS. WILBUR CONNORS, QUINCY, ILLINOIS, INTERVIEWED. SHE WAS IN PRESENCE OF RIFE AND RAY WHEN ARRESTED NINETEEN FIFTY FIVE, BUT DENIES KNOWING RAY AT THAT TIME, OTHER THAN CASUALLY AND HAS NO BACKGROUND OR CURRENT INFORMATION CONCERNING HIM. PROMISED TO COOPERATE IF SEEN.

// [REDACTED]. LOCATE AND INTERVIEW SUBJECT'S SISTER, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], CONCERNING
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WHEREABOUTS OF SUBJECT, FAMILY BACKGROUND, AND WHEREABOUTS OF BROTHER, JOHN RAY.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO PROVIDE INTERESTED OFFICES IDENTIFICATION RECORD FOR WILLIAM MAHER, FBI NUMBER SEVEN SIX EIGHT SIX FOUR TWO, TO ASSIST IN LOCATING AND INTERVIEWING HIM.

ST. LOUIS DIVISION. CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY BOARDING HOUSE, FORMERLY OPERATED BY SUBJECT'S MOTHER, HICKORY, NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT. CONDUCT NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION, ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY ASSOCIATES OF THAT PERIOD.

ST. LOUIS ALSO REVIEW SUBJECT'S MILITARY SERVICE RECORD, UNDER SERVICE NUMBER RA ONE SIX ONE SIX THREE ONE TWO NINE, AT WHICH TIME HE WAS IN COMPANY B, THREE EIGHTY SECOND BATTALION.

ASCERTAIN DUTY STATION WHILE IN GERMANY. SET FORTH LEAD FOR LEGAT BONN, TO RECONSTRUCT BACKGROUND OVER SEAS AND IDENTIFY GIRLFRIEND.

ALL OFFICES NOTE DESCRIPTIVE BACKGROUND INDICATES SUBJECT AS "COLOR MATCHER". NOTE SUBJECT FORMERLY EMPLOYED IN SHOE MANUFACTURING COMPANIES AND COPIES OF MILITARY RECORD, QUINCY,

PD INDICATE SUBJECT AS CIVILIAN COLORED HIDES. BE ALERT FOR
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BACKGROUND INDICATING SUBJECT EMPLOYED BY SHOE MANUFACTURING COMPANIES YOUR DIVISION.

SPRINGFIELD INVESTIGATION CONTINUING TO IDENTIFY FENCE AT PEORIA AND FURTHER DEVELOP BACKGROUND INFORMATION QUINCY-ALTON AREA.

FOR INFORMATION ALL OFFICES, REMAINING UNIDENTIFIED [REDACTED] BELIEVED [REDACTED] SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, NAME UNKNOWN, DETAILS UNKNOWN, AND ANY INFORMATION WHICH WOULD ASSIST IN FULLY IDENTIFYING [REDACTED] SHOULD BE EXPEDITIOUSLY FURNISHED SPRINGFIELD.

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FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN. *SUMMARY*

INQUIRY AT EIGHT FIVE THREE WEST FULLERTON AVENUE, ADDRESS GIVEN BY RAY AT TIME OF ARREST IN NINETEEN FIFTYTWO REVEALS AREA TRANSIENT IN NATURE AT THAT TIME, NO INDIVIDUALS CONTACTED HAD ANY INFO CONCERNING RAY. AT TIME OF RESIDENCE, BUILDING OWNED BY MC CORMICK THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY. INQUIRY THERE THIS DATE DEVELOPED THAT IN NINETEEN FIFTYTWO BUILDING RENTED TO PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL. ANY ROOM RENTED WOULD BE ON SUB ROSA BASIS. RECORDS SEMINARY PRESENTLY BEING CHECKED TO DETERMINE IDENTITY OF OWNER OF ABOVE BUILDING AND ANY POSSIBILITY OF ATTENDANCE OR EMPLOYMENT OF RAY AT SEMINARY.

CHECK OF APPROPRIATE PUBLIC SOURCES DID NOT REVEAL ANY LISTING FOR DRYDEN RUBBER COMPANY, WHERE SUBJECT PURPORTEDLY WORKED NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT. HOWEVER, FURTHER EXTENSIVE INQUIRY

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DEVELOPED IDENTITY OF COMPANY THAT MERGED WITH DRYDEN. INQUIRY THERE REVEALED THAT RECORDS RE PERSONNEL NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL APRIL TWENTYTWO NEXT. RECORDS WILL BE CHECKED THAT DATE.

REINTERVIEW BROTHER JERRY RAY CONCERNING INQUIRIES IN ST. LOUIS TEL TO CHICAGO APRIL TWENTY ~~INSTANT~~ DEVELOPED THAT JOHN AND JERRY RAY WERE IN ST. LOUIS FEBRUARY TWO LAST AND WERE AT SISTER CAROL'S RESIDENCE TO VISIT WITH HER. JERRY OF OPINION THAT JOHN WAS REGISTERED AT THE MC ARTHUR HOTEL BUT HAS NO INFO RE MRS. JOHN RAY AND IN FACT STATES THAT TO HIS KNOWLEDGE JOHN HAS NEVER MARRIED. ONLY INDIVIDUALS AT SISTER'S RESIDENCE WERE JOHN, JERRY, CAROL, HER HUSBAND AND CHILDREN. SUBJECT DEFINITELY NOT PRESENT. JERRY HAS NO INFO AS TO THE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF EITHER JOHN OR SUBJECT.

RE ST. LOUIS TEL TO BUREAU, ET AL, INSTANT, JERRY RAY STATES THAT JERRY RAYNES, IS STEPFATHER OF SUBJECT AND DEFINITELY NOT SUBJECT'S FATHER. REITERATED THAT SUBJECT'S FATHER DIED NINETEEN FIFTYONE.

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JERRY RAY STATES JOHN RAY HAS BEEN EMPLOYED AS PAINTER, BARTENDER, AND LABORER WITH NO SPECIFIC FIRM KNOWN. JOHN DID ATTEND BARTENDING SCHOOL, CHICAGO, DATES UNKNOWN. RECORDS TO BE CHECKED APRIL TWENTYTWO NEXT. JERRY STATES THAT THE LAST CONTACT OF WHICH HE IS AWARE BETWEEN WALTER RIFE AND SUBJECT WAS IN NINETEEN FIFTYFOUR AT LEAVENWORTH. CONCERNING SUBJECT'S GIRL FRIENDS JERRY ADVISED THAT HE KNEW OF NO PARTICULAR WOMAN FRIEND BUT THAT JAMES WOULD CONTACT HOTELS OR KNOWN HOUSES. JAMES HAS NEVER MARRIED TO HIS KNOWLEDGE.

JERRY STATES ONLY CONTACT HE IS AWARE WITH PSYCHIATRIST IS WHEN JAMES WAS IN PRISON IN MISSOURI AND HE TOLD HIM THAT HE WAS GOING TO TRY TO BE ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL AT FULTON, MISSOURI, BECAUSE OF NERVOUS CONDITION. STAYED THERE APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTH TO JERRY'S KNOWLEDGE.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELCALL THIS DATE CONCERNING SISTER SUSAN JANE DONIAN. SHE WAS CONTACTED THIS DATE. ADVISED LAST ~~SEEN~~ ^{SAW} SUBJECT APPROXIMATELY ~~THIRTY~~ ^{FIFTEEN} YEARS AGO, HAD NO KNOWLEDGE RE WHEREABOUTS OF JOHN RAY, AND IN EXHAUSTIVE INTERVIEW HAD NO OTHER

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ADDITIONAL INFO OF PERTINENCE THIS CASE.

CHICAGO RECEIVING NUMEROUS TELEPHONE CALLS BECAUSE OF
OUTSTANDING DISPLAY OF SUBJECT'S PHOTO IN NEWS MEDIA, WHICH ARE
BEING HANDLED ON AN IMMEDIATE CONTINUING BASIS.

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TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO, JACKSONVILLE AND MEMPHIS

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

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RE CG TELCALL THIS DATE RE REQUESTING JERRY RAYNES, CENTER, MO.,
STEP-FATHER OF JAMES EARL RAY BE REINTERVIEWED TO DETERMINE MARRIAGE
DATA. JERRY RAYNES UPON INTERVIEW APRIL TWENTY INSTANT ADVISED THAT
HE MARRIED LUCILLE MAHER AT JACKSONVILLE, FLA., IN SPRING OF NINETEEN
TWEENTY NINE, NINETEEN THIRTY OR THIRTY-ONE. HE WAS ABOUT THIRTY
YEARS OLD AND SHE TWENTY THREE YEARS OLD.

RAYNES STATES THAT HE WAS THE FATHER OF ALL OTHER CHILDREN AND
THAT JERRY RAY WAS BORN IN QUINCY, ILL., AS JERRY RAYNES.

JACKSONVILLE ENDEAVOR TO VERIFY MARRIAGE OF RAYNES AND MAHER.

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MRS. LENORE STEWART, THREE FIVE THREE EIGHT W. HIRSCH
CHICAGO, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED ~~XXXXXX~~ FOUR TWENTY INSTANT,
THAT HER SON GERALD HULTGREN IS LIVING IN PASCAGOULA, MISS.
BOX ONE NINE FIVE, WITH AN INDIVIDUAL NAMED E.M. RAY. RAY IS
UNKNOWN TO STEWART AS TO DESCRIPTION OR BACKGROUND.

GERALD HULTGREN, IS WHITE MALE BORN [REDACTED]
SIX FEET THREE INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY LBS IN ~~ONE~~ NINETEEN
SIXTY, SOCIAL SECURITY NO. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HAS BACKGROUND OF JUVENILE TROUBLE AND ITSMY
MATTERS, TOT JUVENILE AUTHORITIES COOK COUNTY, FOR PROSECUTION
IN NINETEEN SIXTY.

STEWART ~~W~~ST HEARD FROM HER SON AND RAY TELEPHONICALLY
ABOUT THREE WEEKS AGO. THESE TWO MEN WERE TO TAKE A TRIP TO UNKNOWN
LOCATION. EMPLOYMENT OF RAY AND HULTGREN NOT KNOWN TO STEWART.

JACKSON AT PASCAGOULA LOCATE AND INTERVIEW HULTGREN AND
RAY, DETERMINE IF RAY POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS, KANSAS CITY, CHICAGO,
LITTLE ROCK, LOUISVILLE, SPRINGFIELD.
FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN.

RE SL TELEPHONE CALLS TO BUREAU, CHICAGO, SPRINGFIELD,
LOUISVILLE, LITTLE ROCK, AND MEMPHIS, THIS DATE.

JAMES DAVID DAILEY, BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WARDELL, MO., WHITE MALE, FIVE NINE AND ONE HALF, ONE
HUNDRED FIFTY FIVE LBS., BROWN HAIR AND EYES, FBI NUMBER FOUR NINE
NINE THREE ONE FIVE ZERO, ALLEGED FORMER FRIEND AND ASSOCIATE OF
SUBJECT RAY, WHO IS ALLEGED TO HAVE HARBORED SUBJECT BRIEFLY
FOLLOWING MISSOURI PEN ESCAPE, IS OPERATOR OF RESTURANT, PORTAGE-
VILLE, MO. HE IS ALLEGED TO OWN FARM NEAR PORTAGEVILLE OR WARDELL,
MO., IN BOOTHEEL AREA AND TO BE TYPE OF INDIVIDUAL WHO WOULD HARBOR
SUBJECT. HE DENIED CONTACT WITH SUBJECT ON INITIAL INTERVIEW.
CURRENTLY BEING RE-INTERVIEWED IN EFFORT TO DETERMINE IF HE HAS
FARM AND ITS LOCATION, AS EFFORTS TO LOCATE SAME NEGATIVE TO DATE.

SURROUNDING OFFICES CONTACT SOURCES WITH KNOWLEDGE OF BOOTHEEL
AS TO ANY INFORMATION RE SUBJECT, DAILEY, DAILEY FAMILY AND LOCA-
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TION OF ANY FARM PROPERTY OWNED BY THEM. SUTEL
DAILEYS SISTER, HAZEL TERRELL, WARDELL, MO., TODAY ADVISED
HE AS SISTERS ADA GILES, ONE EIGHT ONE TWO N. WASHTENAW, CHICAGO,
AND LILLIAN JOHNSON, TWO ZERO ONE TWO SIDNEY, SLMO. CHICAGO
AND ST. LOUIS INTERVIEW RE IDENTITIES AND LOCATIONS OF DAILEYS
RELATIVES OR FARM PROPERTY OWNED BY THEM, AND ALERT TO REPORT
ANY INFO RE SUBJECT COMING TO THERE ATTENTION. SUTEL.

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TO: KANSAS CITY, MINNEAPOLIS, BIRMINGHAM

FROM: SAC CHICAGO (44-1114)

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MRS. JAMES MC KEAN, (PROTECT IDENTITY), AUNT OF JEROME CARPENTER, TODAY ADVISED CHICAGO AGENTS CARPENTER IS WM, DOB NINETEEN THIRTY SIX, AND BELIEVED PRESENTLY INCARCERATED MISSOURI STATE PRISON, JEFFERSON CITY, FOR MURDER OF UNKNOWN MALE NEGRO IN NINETEEN SIXTY ONE AT ST LOUIS. MRS MC KEAN ADVISED CARPENTER LONG TIME FRIEND AND ASSOCIATE OF SUBJECT RAY. CARPENTER MAY ALREADY BE PAROLED.

KANSAS CITY AT JEFFERSON CITY, MO. DETERMINE CARPENTER'S PRESENT STATUS ~~FOR LOCATION~~ AND INTERVIEW RE RAY'S POSSIBLE AND ASSOCIATES. CURRENT WHEREABOUTS. ALSO ADVISE APPROPRIATE OFFICES COVERING CARPENTER'S PAROLE RESIDENCE ~~IN MINNEAPOLIS AND BIRMINGHAM~~ TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW CARPENTER RE RAY'S CURRENT WHEREABOUTS AND ASSOCIATES IN EVENT CARPENTER ALREADY PAROLED.

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 FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)
 MURKIN
 RE ST LOUIS TEL DIRECTOR AND CHICAGO 4/21/~~URGENT~~
 ADA HORN, FORMERLY ADA GILES, 1517 W. BELIE, ~~TODAY~~ ADVISED ^{CG} AGENTS
 SHE AND JAMES DAILEY REARED VICINITY WARDELL, MO. AND JAMES **VERY**
 FAMILIAR WITH AREA. ~~THE~~ OWNERSHIP OF FARM OR PROPERTY IN VICINITY
 OF WARDELL BY DAILEY OR FAMILY UNKNOWN TO HER. JAMES OPERATED **HALFWAY**
CAFE, 1514 S. JEFFERSON, ST LOUIS, UNTIL ABOUT SIX WEEKS AGO WHEN
 HE MOVED TO PORTAGEVILLE, MO. ~~WHERE HE~~ ^{AND} PURCHASED UNKNOWN GAS **STATION**
 AND RESTAURANT. OTHER DAILEY RELATIVES FURNISHED BY HORN ARE:
 HAZEL TERRELL, GENERAL DELIVERY, WARDELL; LILLIAN JOHNSON, 2012
 SIDNEY, ST LOUIS #####; MAIE HOOKER, PASCOLA, MO. AND VIDA
 NEWTON, LIVING WITH HORN. BOTH HORN AND NEWTON CLAIM NO KNOW-
 LEDGE OF RAY OR DAILEY'S ASSOCIATION WITH RAY. ~~END.~~
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219 South Dearborn Street
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Mrs. Winnie J. Alston
5017 South Calumet Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Alston:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter concerning the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., murder and to advise you that it will be given appropriate attention by this office.

Your interest is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



M. W. JOHNSON
Special Agent in Charge

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TO: SAC, MILWAUKEE (44-388)
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/18/68, CLARENCE PETERSON, Asst. Dep., Amalgamated Bank, Chicago, Illinois, advised Chicago Division that unknown white male, resembling newspaper likenesses of subject GALT, appeared at his bank shortly before 12:30 p.m., 4/18/68, requesting to purchase \$10,000 certificate of deposit for cash inasmuch as unknown male would be new customer for bank. PETERSON requested identification and background data for unknown male, seemed reluctant to furnish, but produced State of Wisconsin driver's license containing name WILLIAM FERBER or WILLIAM FARBERS. When PETERSON turned driver's license over to observe signature on reverse side, he noticed an orange or brown card containing the words "National Association of Ballroom Dancers" or words to similar effect. PETERSON advised before he had an opportunity to further observe identifying data concerning this unknown male, the unknown male grabbed the driver's license contained in a plastic folder away from him. PETERSON explained to unknown male that the bank had to have some knowledge of its customers and savings account signature cards would have to be executed in order to issue the certificate of deposit. The unknown male was given blank

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signature cards which he took to a nearby lobby counter to fill out and obviously did not want PETERSON to observe the information he would place thereon.

PETERSON turned briefly to report the situation to another officer nearby in the bank and when he turned around again, the unknown male had disappeared from the bank. Examination of all waist receptacles in the bank lobby failed to locate the blank signature savings cards given the unknown male indicating that they were taken away by him.

PETERSON said he left the bank for lunch almost immediately after this incident about 12:30 p.m., and did not observe the unknown male on the streets in the vicinity of the bank and it was during his lunch period that he was reading the "Chicago Tribune" containing photographic likenesses of subject GALT whom he feels is identical to the unknown man appearing at Amalgamated Bank for the certificate of deposit. PETERSON described this unknown male as follows:

Name	WILLIAM FERRENT or WILLIAM FARRERS
Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	About 35-40
Height	5'8" or 5'9"
Weight	160-170
Complexion	Ruddy
Characteristics	Square jaw, clean shaven
Eyes	Dark
Hair	Brown
Wearing Apparel	White shirt, three-quarter length tan light weight coat

Review of Chicago classified and telephone directories failed to locate any listing identifiable with National Association of Ballroom Dancers, however, a copy of the March, 1968, issue of "Ballroom Dance Magazine",

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published monthly by Dance Magazines, Inc., 268 West 47th Street, New York, New York, discloses numerous advertisements for ballroom dancing throughout the United States, only one of which is possibly identical with National Association of Ballroom Dancers which is "Ballroom Dancers Association, Inc.," 756 7th Avenue, New York, New York.

LEADS

MILWAUKEE

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN. Will contact the Wisconsin State Bureau of Motor Vehicles and obtain all information available concerning any driver's licenses issued under the name WILLIAM FERBER or WILLIAM FARRERS, also under the name GALT or any of his known aliases to date, and set forth necessary investigative leads to resolve whether or not FERBER is identical with subject GALT.

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK. Will contact Dance Magazine, Inc., 268 West 47th Street, New York City, New York, and determine if subject GALT is subscriber to any of its publications under the name GALT or any of his known aliases. Also determine if one WILLIAM FERBER or WILLIAM FARRERS is a subscriber to any of these publications. Will also interview officials of Dance Magazine, Inc., in an effort to more accurately identify and locate the National Association of Ballroom Dancers which may issue membership cards of a brown or orange color. Will contact Ballroom Dancers Association, 756 7th Avenue, New York City, New York, to determine if subject GALT under any of his known aliases to date, is a member of that association and also whether WILLIAM FERBER or FARRERS is a member of that association.

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

Re Kansas City telephone call to Chicago, 4/19/68.

Set forth below is a summary of leads for your division which the Bureau instructed this date to be given immediate and continuous attention with the object of locating and apprehending subject JAMES EARL RAY.

Records of the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, reflect that RAY furnished the following previous places of employment when incarcerated there. Will review records and contact appropriate officials of the following concerns:

July to September, 1949, Dryden Rubber Company, Chicago, Illinois;

April to July, 1950, Neo Products Company, Chicago, Illinois;

July, 1950 to June, 1951, Arbey Corporation, Chicago, Illinois;

August, 1951 to May, 1952, Borg Erickson Corporation, Chicago, Illinois.

In a summary furnished by the Identification Division, RAY was listed as having resided in May, 1952 at 853 West

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Fullerton, Chicago, Illinois. Will contact persons at this address for information regarding RAY.

Done Will review records of the Chicago Police Department as RAY was arrested on 5/6/52 for robbery under #D90696.

Done Will review records of Cook County Jail, Chicago, Illinois, where RAY was lodged after being arrested on 5/6/52.

Done Will review records of Illinois State Prison, Joliet, Illinois, where RAY was incarcerated after being convicted and sentenced on above-mentioned robbery charge.

Done Will locate and interview subject's brother, JERRY RAY, Sportsman Country Club, 3535 Dundee Road, North Brook, Illinois, for subject's whereabouts and names of all relatives.

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REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535To: **FBI, Chicago (44-1114)**Date: **April 18, 1968**FBI File No. **44-38861**Re: **MURKIN**Lab. No. **D-560921 ET**Specimens received **4/16/68****K62 One Prinz Air Release in sealed carton****Result of examination:****Specimen K62 is, in all respects, like specimen Q119.****Specimen K62 is returned herewith. No photographs have been retained.**

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: **FBI, Chicago (44-1114)**

Date: **Apr 18 1968**

Re: **MURKIN**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **44-38861**
Lab. No. **D-560921 ET**

Examination requested by: **Chicago**

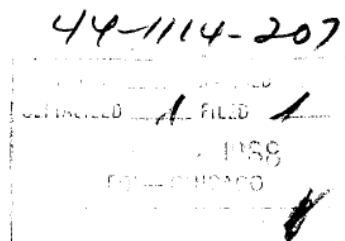
Reference: **Airtel 4/15/68**

Examination requested: **Document**

Remarks:

Enclosures (3) (K62, 2 Lab report)

- 2 - Memphis Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**
- 1 - Los Angeles (44-1574) Enclosure (Lab report)**
- 1 - Birmingham Enclosure (Lab report)**
- 1 - Atlanta Enclosure (Lab report)**



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TO: SAC, CHICAGO

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

SUBJECT: MURKIN;
CIVIL RIGHTS

A review of Tennessee birth records reflects a white male born [redacted] in Sumner County, Tennessee, an illegitimate birth, resulting the child being listed only as (NFN) HARRISON. The father was listed as JOE HARRISON and the mother as LOUCILLE PITT.

On October 12, 1949, this birth certificate was altered to reflect the child's name as JACKIE WILLARD PITT, and on October 13, 1949, a copy of this certificate was mailed to J. D. WILLIAMS, 2835 W. Modina, Chicago, Illinois.

LEADTHE CHICAGO DIVISION:AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:

Noting that this birth record was obtained confidentially, Chicago will discreetly attempt to determine if JACKIE WILLARD PITT, who is possibly identical with J. D. WILLIAMS, could be identical with ERIC STARVO GALT.

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*No action
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TO JACKSON
 FROM NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN

RE JACKSON TEL CALL THIS DATE.

RE: JOSEPH CLATON MONTAGNE (LOOKALIKE)

SPRINGFIELD OFFICE ADVISED THAT NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT ILLINOIS
 LICENSE D G THREE ONE ZERO NINE IS REGISTERED TO RAYMOND HILLBURN,
 SIX ZERO THREE NINE NORTH RIDGE, CHICAGO, FOR A NINETEEN FIFTYSEX
 DODGE, FOUR DOOR, VIN THREE TWO TWO THREE THREE ONE THREE NINE.
 AUTO REGISTRATION AND DRIVERS LICENSE CHECK RE MONTAGNE NEGATIVE.

DRIVERS LICENSE RECORDS RE HILLBURN DESCRIBE HIM AS
 RAYMOND MITCHEL HILLBURN, RECENT ADDRESS ONE TWO FIVE FOUR
 LELAND, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, DOB [REDACTED] FIVE FEET
 TEN, ONE HUNDRED SIXTYFIVE POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES,
 DRIVERS LICENSE NUMBER H FOUR ONE SIX SEVEN THREE THREE FOUR
 ZERO ONE EIGHT SEVEN, SUSPENDED SINCE THREE TEN SIXTYEIGHT.

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CHICAGO REQUESTED TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW HILLBURN RE MONTAGNE.

**JACKSON CONTACT CAPTAIN ON PASCAGOULA, MISS. PD, ORIGINAL
SOURCE OF INFORMATION AND THOURGHLY INTERVIEW.**

AIRMAIL COPIES TO SPRINGFIELD AND CHICAGO.

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Special Agent in Charge

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TO: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)
FROM: SAC, OMAHA (44-310)(P)
RE: MURKIN

Re Chicago teletype to Omaha 4/18/68.

On 4/18/68 LE (MRS. CHARLES R.) REECHER, aka Mrs. LE MORISSE, her previous married name, currently residing with her daughter BRENDA (MRS. JERRY ALLEN) WERNER, (P.O. Box 85), Nead, Nebraska, advised that both she and her daughter are in process of obtaining divorces from their husbands who travel together and are away from home almost continuously.

Mrs. MORISSE related that although married to him since 6/16/66, she had not ever come to know much about CHARLES R. REECHER and that, except for that having to do with his employments, marriage, and description, he is the only source of the information set out below, the authenticity of which she has no way to verify.

REECHER was paroled early in 1966 from the Illinois State Penitentiary where he had been sentenced for rape. She became acquainted with him when they were both employed at International Harvester, Moline, Illinois, and J.I. Case, Bettendorf, Iowa. Either through direct association or mutual acquaintances at the penitentiary, REECHER became closely associated with Chicago hoodlums "Little Caesar" (an "Italian name" not recalled by Mrs. MORISSE), MIKE (LNU) and PETER VERDINO. REECHER "thinks the world" of "Little Caesar". The "Double R" bar or tavern in Chicago is operated by MIKE (LNU) and VERDINO.

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On or about 3/24/68 REECHER and WEBER returned to Mead and during their conversations regarding his trip, REECHER told Mrs. MORISSE they had been in Chicago where PETER VERDINO had "offered him (REECHER) a contract to kill 'KING' for \$20,000" or, as an alternative, to "transport dope out of New York" for \$10,000. REECHER said he had not accepted either offer and sought Mrs. MORISSE's views concerning them which she expressed as "a ridiculous idea" for him even to consider.

REECHER and WEBER again departed Mead on or about Sunday March 31 and returned Sunday 4/7/68, reportedly by bus to Fremont or possibly Omaha, Nebraska, where they were picked up by WEBER's mother. They stayed only about 24 hours when they left again, taking Mrs. MORISSE's car, a black two-door Ford, about 1962 model, license or VIN not immediately available, and their present whereabouts are unknown to her. During that time REECHER mentioned that WEBER had a gun and that he had taken possession of it for safekeeping. She did not see a gun nor was it described to her. No reference was made by REECHER to their previous conversation about his offer of "a contract" nor to the shooting of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., which had occurred during the previous week and Mrs. MORISSE was prompted to advise the FBI of these circumstances only after long deliberation and her conclusion that she should not withhold it even though it may be without significance.

Mrs. MORISSE requested that her identity be protected in any investigation which may be undertaken with respect to the information furnished by her.

REECHER was described as white male, born [redacted] 6'2½, 230 pounds, light brown curly hair with blond streaks; blue eyes and always wears hornrimmed glasses; native of Coleta, Dixon or Sterling, Illinois; employed, since early 1966 when paroled from Illinois State Penitentiary, as welder and lift truck operator, at International Harvester, Moline, Illinois, J.I. Case, Bettendorf, Iowa, Independent Metals and Omaha Steel, Omaha.

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JERRY ALLEN WEBER was described as white male, born or 46, 6', slender build. His (adoptive) parents are LAWRENCE and EDNA WEBER who operate the Spart Time Cafe at Mead. An adopted sister is LINDA WEBER, employed as Nurse's Aid at University Hospital, Omaha. WEBER described as lazy and dependent upon his mother for pocket money.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will conduct appropriate investigation to determine the identities of "Little Caesar", MIKE LNU and PETER VERDINO and whether VERDINO in fact may have been implicated in instant conspiracy.

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TO: SAC, ALBANY
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P
MURKIN

MEMPHIS
SUMMARY 0

At about 6 p.m. on 4/4/68, while standing on the second floor balcony outside Room 306 of the Lorraine Motel, 406 Mulberry Street, Memphis, Tennessee, Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. was struck in the right side of the face by a single bullet fired from a 30-06 rifle. The bullet severed KING's spinal cord and death was almost instantaneous.

This investigation, predicated upon a specific request from the Attorney General of the United States, disclosed that the fatal shot had been fired from the bathroom of a cheap rooming house located at 422½ South Main Street, Memphis, which bathroom was located at the rear of the rooming house, and had a window overlooking the Lorraine Motel.

At about 3 p.m. on 4/4/68, an individual using the name JOHN WILLARD had rented Room 5-B in the rooming house at 422½ South Main Street and had paid one week's rent. After hearing the rifle shot at about 6 p.m. on that same day, other tenants in the rooming house observed a man presumably identical with WILLARD, fleeing from the rooming house carrying a large package which was subsequently abandoned by him on the sidewalk in front of the Canipe Amusement Co., 424 South Main Street, Memphis. A neighborhood investigation in the vicinity of 424 South Main Street disclosed that the subject had fled from the scene in a white Mustang.

Found abandoned in front of 424 South Main Street was a 30-06 Remington model 760 rifle which was determined to have been

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sold to one HARVEY LOWMEYER on 3/30/68 by Aeromarine Supply Co., Birmingham, Alabama.

Investigation at Memphis disclosed that an individual had purchased a set of binoculars at the York Arms Company in Memphis on 4/4/68. These binoculars were among the material abandoned with the rifle and recovered in Memphis. Also recovered was a brown and green herringbone bedspread. The items abandoned in Memphis were all wrapped in this bedspread. The blue bag which was inside the bedspread contained numerous items, among which were the binoculars and a set of underwear consisting of a T-shirt and shorts. The T-shirt and shorts are those on which appears the laundry mark which has been a matter of interest in this case.

A search of motel records in the Memphis area disclosed that an individual using the name ERIC S. GALT had spent the night of 4/3/68 at the Rebel Motel, Memphis, Tennessee, and was driving a 1966 white Mustang bearing Alabama License 1-38993. Investigation at Birmingham disclosed that this automobile had been purchased by ERIC S. GALT on August 30, 1968, from a private person in response to a newspaper ad. He paid a total of \$1995 cash. While in Birmingham he furnished the address of 2608 South Highland Avenue, Birmingham. This is also the address which appeared on a driver's license issued to him by the State of Alabama. The driver's license identifying data listed his birth date as [redacted] his height as 5'11", his weight as 170 and his eyes blue and hair brown.

The automobile in question, the white Mustang bearing the Alabama tags mentioned above, was recovered in Atlanta on 4/11/68 and determined to have been abandoned there prior to 9 a.m. on 4/5/68.

In connection with the evidence submitted by Atlanta, Birmingham, and Memphis, identifiable latent prints were recovered. It was on the basis of these latents that identification was made of JAMES EARL RAY. In handling future leads, all offices should be particularly interested in securing an identifying number, military, police, or FBI, in connection with suspects so that the necessary check can be made through the Identification Division.

On 4/17/68, AUSA R. MACEY TAYLOR, Birmingham, authorized the filing of a complaint charging ERIC STARVO GALT with a conspiracy to violate Section 241, Title 18, U. S. Code, and

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recommended bond in the amount \$50,000. On that same date, SAC JOSEPH H. GAMBLE filed a complaint before USC MILDRED F. SPRAGUE, Birmingham, and warrant was issued that same date.

For further information re JAMES EARL RAY, all offices are directed to press release furnished them by the Bureau on 4/19/68.

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TO: SAC, ALBANY
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

ReButel to ME 4/17/68.

COST DATA REQUEST

For information of all offices, the Bureau by retel requested of the Memphis Division as follows:

"Please furnish following information on above matter compiled or estimated through 4/30/68, and thereafter submit cumulative totals through the end of each month until further notice:

- 1) Number of man hours spent on case broken down as to regular hours, overtime hours, and total man hours by following employees (separate figures for each class of employees shown):
 - A. Special Agents
 - B. Clerical Employees
- 2) Total mileage (estimated or actual) traveled by Bucars used on case. Include mileage for cars traveling to and from other field offices on special assignment and any personally-owned cars.
- 3) Any unusual or out-of-ordinary costs, such as cost of chartering airplane, rental of special office space, leased telephone lines, etc. These should be itemized and cost of each item shown.

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2 - Memphis
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- 4) Peak number of Special Agents working on case during month for which report is submitted.

You should promptly request all Bureau offices involved in this case to furnish information requested herein to you and it should be included in your report."

Each office is requested to expeditiously furnish the Memphis Division with the above designated data within two work days after the close of each month. Secondly, each office is also requested to advise the Memphis Division even in the event each category is zero or no work is performed on this case during the month.

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

JAMES EARL RAY, aka -
FUGITIVE
UFAC - ROBBERY
(OO: KANSAS CITY)

Re San Francisco teletype to Bureau, 4/19/68.

Enclosed for each, Memphis, Atlanta, Chicago, Birmingham, and San Francisco, are 2 photographs of WALTER TERRY RIFE, FBI #455 8766.

Photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, dated 7/8/55, forwarded early this date AMSD to San Francisco by Routing Slip.

The attached photographs of WALTER TERRY RIFE ^X should be used to further eliminate RIFE as suspect in MURKIN. Numerous individuals verify RIFE as working long hours at his restaurant during each date of pertinent period.

RIFE continues to reside at 214 Lind Street, Quincy, Illinois, and has stated he will be immediately available for future interviews. He has shown a very cooperative attitude.

RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

- 3 - Bureau (44-38861)
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2 - Atlanta (Enc. 2) (2) - Chicago (Enc. 2)
2 - Birmingham (Enc. 2)
2 - San Francisco (173-65) (Enc. 2)
4 - Springfield (2: 44-561)
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AIRTEL

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

Enclosed herewith are three post cards postmarked 1960, 7/27/62, and 7/29/62, which were written by JAMES EARL RAY's brother, JOHN, aka JACK RAY, to his sister. These were made available by Mrs. SUSAN JANE RYAN DONIAN, Chicago, Illinois.

The Handwriting Unit, FBI Laboratory, is requested to compare the handwriting on the enclosed cards with all questioned handwriting in captioned case. It is requested that these cards be returned to the Chicago Division upon completion of examination since Mrs. DONIAN requested their return.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 3)
- 1 - Memphis (Info) (44-1987)
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- 1 - Atlanta (Info) (44-2386)
- 1 - Springfield (Info) (44-361)
- 2 - Chicago

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