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NCIC RECORDS REFLECT VEHICLE STOLEN PERRY, GEORGIA, APRIL ONE, LAST, PERRY, GEORGIA PD FILE ONE FOUR FIVE SEVEN.

ATLANTA AT PERRY, GEORGIA WILL DETERMINE IDENTITY
REGISTERED OWNER AND INTERVIEW CONCERNING CIRCUMSTANCES
OF THEFT AND IF JAMES EARL RAY COULD POSSIBLE HAVE STOLEN
VEHICLE.

PHOENIX AT FLAGSTAFF WILL CONTACT FLAGSTAFF PD REGARDING
DETAILS OF RECOVERY AND ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IF SUBJECT
COULD HAVE TRANSPORTED VEHICLE TO FLAGSTAFF.

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MEMPHIS ADVISED AIRMAIL.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND KANSAS
CITY (44-760)

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

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RE DALLAS TEL APRIL TWENTYSEVEN, LAST, CONCERNING INTER-VIEW OF BILLY BROWN AEBY.

EAPL HARRIS MENTIONED RETEL POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH

EARL EUGENE HARRIS, SLPD FIVE NINE FIGHT FOUR ZERO,

SENTENCED DECEMBER FOUR, FIFTYSIX, TO SERVE THIRTEEN YEARS

ON SECOND DEGREE MURDER CHARGE.

OM MARCH THIRTEFN, LAST, SLPD INTELLIGENCE UNIT RECEIVED

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION THAT FARL EUGENE HARRIS, LP FIVE NINE

EIGHT FOUR ZERO, A RECENT RELEASEE FROM MSP WAS TO START A LARGE

NARCOTICS RING IN THE ST. LOUIS AREA. HOWEVER, THEY HAVE NO CURRENT

ADDRESS OF LOCATION FOR HARRIS

ADDRESS OR LOCATION FOR HARRIS.

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KANSAS CITY AT JEFFERSON CITY, ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE

IF THIS INDIVIDUAL IDENTICAL WITH EARL HARRIS MENTIONED IN

RETEL AND FURNISH ST. LOUIS WITH BACKGROUND INFORMATION

FROM PRISON RECORDS INCLUDING ADDRESSES HE INTENDED TO RESIDE

AT TIME OF RELEASE ALONG WITH DATE OF PELEASE.

IN ADDITION, ASCERTAIN IF WALTER E. NOLAN, MSP PRISON AND ASSOCIATE OF SUBJECT, IS THE MAN MENTIONED IN RETEL AS BEING SENT TO ISOLATION WARD AS RESULT OF BEING CAUGHT WITH BULLETS IN HIS POCKET. FURNISH OTHER BACKGROUND FROM NOLAN'S PRISON RECORD THAT MIGHT BE HELPFUL IN A REINTERVIEW OF NOLAN PARTICULARLY INCIDENTS RELATIN, TO HIS ASSOCIATION WITH SUBJECT.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
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MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM MINNEAPOLIS (157-450) 1P

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RE: DONALD STOUT - SUSPECT, CO-CONSPIRATOR
RE BOSTON TEL TODAY.

MR. WILLIAM MC KINSTRY, PRESIDENT, NATIONAL CAR RENTAL COMPANY, ADVISED WE COULD LOCATE NO RECORD FOR DONALD STOUT AS EITHER A PRESENT OR PAST EMPLOYEE OF NATIONAL CAR RENTAL COMPANY.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) ATLANTA (44-2386) BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) MEMPHIS (44-1987) NEW YORK AND JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

FROM MIAMI (44-1854)

MURKIN.

RE HERTZ RENT-A-CAR ABANDONED BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT APPIL SEVEN-FIGHT LAST.

RE BH TEL TO BUREAU APRIL THIRTY, LAST.

TICKETS AT EASTERN AIRLINES (EAL), MIAMI, INDICATE PASSENGERS BOARDING EAL FLIGHTS SIX THREE FIVE AND SIX SIX TWO AT BIRMINGHAM APRIL EIGHT LAST, AS FOLLOWS, WITH EAL FIELD TICKET OFFICE (FTO) WHERE PURCHASED. DATE AND VALIDATOR (V) NUMBER WHERE AVAILABLE. UNLESS OTHER WISE SPECIFIED. FORM EX 109 4 -OF PAYMENT WAS CASH OR NOT INDICATED. FLIGHT SIX THREE FIVE: 25 MAY 3 1968

W.P. MORGAN, JR., PURCHASED APRIL EIGHT, FTO BIRMINGHAM V THIRTY SIX.

MR. D. WORNICA, ISSUED APRIL FIVE, FTO, PENSACOLA, FLA., V FIVE, INITIAL LEG FLIGHT EAL SIX TWO FOUR, APRIL FIVE, PENSACOLA TO ATLANTA, FINAL LEG APRIL FIGHT, FLIGHT SIX THREE FIVE, BH TO PENSACOLA.

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L. NONNALLY, ISSUED APRIL EIGHT, FTO PH, FINAL LEG MOBILE TO PH APRIL MINE, PAID BY CHECK.

M.W. DENT, ISSUED APRIL EIGHT, FTO BH, V TWELVF, PAID BY AMERICAN EXPRESS NUMBER ZERO ONE FOUR-ZERO FIVE SIX-SIX TWO FOUR-ONE-ONE ZERO FIVE, TRAVELED BH TO MOBILE TO BH.

#### FLIGHT SIX SIX TWO:

DALLAS M. WHITE, ISSUED FTO BH, V THIRTY TWO, APRIL SEVEN. FINAL LES JACKSONVILLE TO DAYTONA BEACH, FLA., NATIONAL FLIGHT FOUR SEVEN THREE, OPEN DATE.

J.A. GWIN, JR., ISSUED FTO BH, V THIRTY SIX, APRIL SEVEN, FINAL LEG ATLANTA TO JACKSONVILLE, ON EAL FLIGHT FOUR THREE FIVE. OPEN DATE.

MRS. J. WERR, ISSUED FTO BH, V.THIRTY SIX, APRIL SEVEN.
FINAL LEG ATLANTA TO JFK, NY, EAL FLIGHT FOUR FIVE ZERO,
APRIL EIGHT.

MR. G. MONTGOMEPY, ISSUED APRIL FIVE, MY, MY, TICKET
AGENT STAMP ILLEGIBLE, INITIAL LEG FAL FLIGHT FOUR FOUR FIVE,
MY TO ATLANTA APRIL FIVE, THEN EAL FLIGHT SIX THREE FIVE,

MM (44-1854) PAGE THREE ATLANTA TO BH APRIL SIX. FINAL LEG ATLANTA TO MY, EAL FLIGHT FOUR FIVE ZERO. APRIL EIGHT. J.E. RINGO. ISSUED FTO BH. V THIRTY SIX, APRIL SEVEN. W.J. POPE, ISSUED NY APRIL FIVE FOR TRAVEL NY TO ATLANTA. OPEN DATE AND FLIGHT WITH SUBSEQUENT TRAVEL ATLANTA TO BH. BH TO ATLANTA. ATLANTA TO MY. MISS HALLIE OLSON, ISSUED APRIL SEVEN, FTO BH, V TWENTY FIVE. MY AT EAL. ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE ADDRESS OF PASSENGER G. MONTGOMERY FROM RESERVATION RECORDS. TICKET NUMBER ZERO ZERO SEVEN-FOUR ONE ONE-THREE FOUR THRE-EIGHT FIVE FOUR AND. IF POSSIBLE, ADDRESS OF W.J. POPE, TICKET NUMBER THREE-ZERO ZERO SEVEN-FOUR ONE ONE-THREE FOUR THREE-SIX EIGHT NINE. JACKSONVILLE AT PENSACOLA. AT EAL. DETERMINE ADDRESS OF PASSENGER D. WORNICA FROM RESERVATION RECORDS. BIRMINGHAM AT EAL. DETERMINE ADDRESSES OF REMAINING PASSENGERS FROM RESERVATIONS RECORDS. ALL OFFICES THEREAFTEP SET LEADS FOR SHOWING PHOTO OF SUSPECT RAY TO PASSENGERS TO DETERMINE IF RAY OBSERVED AS PASSENGER. ARMED AND DANGEROUS. FND LCC FOR 2 MSGS RECEIVED FRI WASH DC TU® 2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

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TØ DIRECTOR 44-388861, MEMPHIS 44-1987 AND KANSAS CITY 44-760 FROM SAN DIEGO 44-387

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RE SUSPECT GERALD B. GERLT.

RE KANSAS CITY TEL TO BUREAU APRIL TWO NINE LAST.

GERALD BRUCE GERLT, FOUR NINE ONE NORTH FIRST STREET, EL CAJON, CALIFORNIA, INTERVIEWED APRIL THIRTY LAST AND ADVISED AS FOLLOWS;

GERLT, HIS WIFE, TWO STEPSONS, AND A DAUGHTER LEFT
KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, MARCH THREE ONE LAST ENROUTE CALIFORNIA
ARRIVING LEUCADIA, APRIL THREE LAST AND STAYED AT WOLVERINE
MOTEL APRIL THREE THROUGH NINE LAST, WHICH WAS VERIFIED
THROUGH MOTEL RECORDS.

DURING MONTH OF MARCH LAST GERLT, HIS WIFE, AND TWO
STEPSONS MADE ONE TRIP TO NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, IN CONNECTION
WITH HIS EMPLOYMENT, JERRY'S NURSERY AND LANDSCAPING COMPANY,
SIX FIVE FOUR ZERO STATE AVENUE, KANSAS CITY, KANSAS.

IT IS GERLT'S RECOLLECTION THEY DEPARTED KANSAS CITY,

KANSAS, MARCH TEN, LAST, STAYING AT THE GREIBERS MOTEL,

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NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, NIGHT OF MARCH TEN. HE LOADED EIGHTEEN
THOUSAND POUNDS OF NURSERY STOCK, MARCH ELEVEN, AND DEPARTED
FOR KANSAS CITY, KANSAS STAYING OVERNIGHT AT AN UNRECALLED
MOTEL, WEST MEMPHIS, ARKANSAS, MARCH ELEVEN, AND LEAVING
EARLY MORNING OF MARCH TWELVE ARRIVING KANSAS CITY APPROXIMATELY
EIGHT P.M., NIGHT OF MARCH TWELVE LAST.

GERALD JONES, PART OWNER, JERRY'S NURSERY AND LANDSCAPING COMPANY. CAN VERIFY DATES OF TRIP THROUGH RECORDS.

GERLT RECALLS NO OTHER TRIPS TO TENNESSEE SINCE SIXTYFIV:

20N MARCH FOURTEEN LAST, HE AND HIS WIFE SALLY WENT TO

FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA, WHERE FINAL PROCEEDINGS WERE FILED BY

WIFE AGAINST CHARLES WERNER.

GERLT ADVISED RACIST VIEWS OF STEPSON'S CAN BE
TRACED TO THEIR FATHER, CHARLES WERNER, ONE NINE ZERO TWO
ABBOTT STREET, FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA, WHO HAS TAUGHT THEM TO
HATE PERSONS OF NEGRO RACE.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY DISPLAYED GERLT AND COULD FURNISH NO INFO.

| DESCRIP      | TION OF GERLT. WMA, BORN                     |    |
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|              | FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA, SIX FEET, THREE FOUR O | NE |
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POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, BROWN EYES, PARENTS INEZ G. GERLT, NEE FARLOW, MOTHER, RUDY GERLT, FATHER, BOTH RESIDE FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA.

KANSAS CITY CONTACT GERALD JONES AND VERIFY DATES GERLT AND FAMILY IN NASHVILLE. TENNESSEE.

MEMPHIS, AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, VERIFY GERLT'S STAY AT GREIBERS MOTEL, MARCH TEN LAST.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS 44-1987, MINNEAPOLIS

FROM BOSTON 157-644

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RE DONALD STOUT - SUSPECT, CO-CONSPIRATOR.

RE SAN DIEGO TEL APRIL THIRTY LAST.

ROBERT MC HUGH, CITY MANAGER, NATIONAL CAR RENTAL CO.,
LOGAN AIRPORT, FAST BOSTON, MASS., ADVISED NO RECORD STOUT'S
EMPLOYMENT HIS OFFICE. MC HUGH SUGGESTED MAIN OFFICE, NATIONAL
CAR RENTAL, BE CONTACTED CONCERNING PAST AND POSSIBLE RECENT
EMPLOYMENT STOUT BY NATIONAL CAR RENTAL CO.

MINNEAPOLIS AT MAIN OFFICE, NATIONAL CAR RENTAL, FIVE
THOUSAND NORMANDALE RD., MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, CONTACT
PERSONNEL DEPT. TO DETERMINE WHETHER STOUT PRESENTLY EMPLOYED
AND OBTAIN BACKGROUND INFO WHICH WILL AID IN LOCATING STOUT.

FMPLOYEES, NATIONAL CAR RENTAL, LOGAN AIRPORT, CANNOT REC- 17 PROTECTION OF RECALL STOUT AS FELLOW EMPLOYEE. PHOTO JAMES EARL RAY DISPLAYED THIS DATE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

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RE ATLANTA AIRTEL APRIL TWENTYFIVE LAST, BUTEL APRIL TWENTYNINE LAST. AND LOS ANGELES TEL APRIL TWENTYNINE LAST.

RE LATENT FINGERPRINT FILES.

FROM LAS VEGAS (157-133) 2P

ONLY AGENCIES MAINTAINING LATENT FINGERPRINT FILES IN NEVADA ARE LAS VEGAS POLICE DEPARTMENT AND CLARK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

NEITHER DEPARTMENT CLASSIFIES UNIDENTIFIED LATENTS AND THEY ARE KEPT ONLY WITH INDIVIDUAL CASE FILE. NO EFFORT IS MADE BY EITHER DEPARTMENT TO INDEX CASES IN WHICH THERE ARE UNIDENTIFIED LATENTS.

THE ONLY WAY THEY CAN BE LOCATED IS BY COMPLETE REVIEW OF ALL UNSOLVED CASES, OR BY RECOLLECTION OF INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS SUBMITTING LATENTS. BOTH DEPARTMENTS HAVE STATED THEY HAVE INSUFFICIENT PERSONNEL TO DO A COMPLETE REVIEW IN A SHORT TIME, BUT PROMISED COOPERATION. BUREAU AND MEMPHIS WILL BE ADVISED OF ANY POSITIVE INFORMATION.

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RE MODE OF TRANSPORTATION USED BY RAY WHEN DEPARTING ATLANTA IN APRIL OR MARCH. NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT.

ALL CAR RECOVERIES IN NEVADA SINCE MARCH TWENTYTHREE LAST REVIEWED. NO CARS BORE GEORGIA LICENSE. NO CARS RECOVERED IN WHICH RAY COULD LOGICALLY BE CONSIDERED SUSPECT.

RE TELEPHONE BOOTHS. ST. FRANCIS HOTEL. LOS ANGELES.

LAS VEGAS TELEPHONE NUMBER SEVEN THREE FIVE NINE SEVEN ONE THREE IS AN OUTDOOR PAY TELEPHONE LOCATED ON THE CORNER OF ALBERT STREET AND KOVAL LANE IN LAS VEGAS. THIS TELEPHONE IS NOT IN VIEW FROM ANY OF THE SURROUNDING BUILDINGS. IN VIEW OF ABOVE IT IS NOT BELIEVED FEASIBLE TO ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY USER OF THIS TELEPHONE AT THREE TWENTYEIGHT PM DECEMBER TWENTYTHREE NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS AND INDIANAPOLIS

FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760

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MRS. TROY PATRICIA STATLER, CARBONDALE, KS., ADVISED THAT ON APPIL TWENTYSIX LAST SHE WAS IN MAHOGANY BAR, NINE ZERO ONE MORTH DORMAN ST., INDIANAPOLIS, IND. THIS BAR IS OPERATED BY JIM TAYLOR, JIM KELLY WAS WORKING AS THE BARTENDER, AND LICULLE DALTON WAS WORKING AS WAITRESS. AT ABOUT THREE THRITY PM, A MAN RESEMBLING PHOTOS OF SUBJECT CAME INTO THE BAR ALONE, ORDEPED ONE "WEIDEMAN" BEER AND LEFT TWENTY MINUTES LATER. SHE ASKED THE BARTENDER AND WAITRESS IF THEY HAD EVER SEEN THE REC. 97.

MAN BEFORE AND THEY SAID NO. SHE STATED SHE WAS TOO FRIGHTENED.

TO NOTIFY ANYONE, BUT FELT THAT SHE SHOULD CONTACT THE FBI MAN MAY BETTAT SHE HAS RETURNED TO KANSAS. SHE WAS SHOWN PHOTOS OF JAMES.

FARL RAY AND SHE FEELS HE IS THE PERSON SHE SAW IN THE BAR. SHE ADVISED THAT HE WAS WEARING BLACK TROUSERS, WHITE SOCKS, BLACK SHOES, FLUE SWEATER, HAD SCAR ON FOREHEAD, AND HAIR VERY NEAT.

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INDIANAPOLIS, CONDUCT INVESTIGATION AT MAHOGANY BAR

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TO: DIRECTOR, FRI (44-38811)

MEMPHIS AND VANSAS CITY (44-760)

FPOM: INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

PE KANSAS CITY TEL FIVE ONE SIXTY-FIGHT, JIM TAYLOP, CWNER MANDGAMY BAR, AND JIM KELLY, BARTENDWER, FOUR THENTY FOUR SIXTY-EIGHT. TAYLOR AND KELLY CAN NOT RECALL SUBJECT, NOR CONVERSATION WITH MRS. STATLER. PICTURES EXHIBITED BUT NEITHER COULD MAKE IDENTITY. WAITRESS MCT AVAILABLE.

AREA IS PUSINESS AREA- OFFICES CLOSED FOR TODAY. WAITPESS AND OFFICES WILL BE CAMVASSED AM FIVE TWO SIXTY FIGHT.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA, AND BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

FROM JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL TO BUREAU, ATLANTA, JACKSON, KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS, AND MIAMI APRIL THIRTY LAST.

SUPERVISOR JOHN WHITE, DELTA AIRLINES, JACKSON, MISS.,

ADVISED MAY ONE INSTANT THAT INBOUND-PASSENGER RECORDS ARE

MOT MAINTAINED BEYOND TWENTYFOUR HOURS. PASSENGER WEAVER

(FNUD NOT RECALLED AND UNKNOWN AT JACKSON. WHITE ADVISED

PRESENT LOCATION OF CREW OF FLIGHT ONE FIVE ONE FROM BIRMINGHAM

TO JACKSON TO DALLAS CAN BE OBTAINED AT DELTA AIRLINES, ATLANTA.

WHITE ADVISED THAT IN EVENT WEAVER PURCHASED TICKET AT BIRMINGHAM

OVER THE COUNTER IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO TAKEOFF, NO FURTHER

IDENTIFYING DATA WOULD BE AVAILABLE. IN THE EVENT WEAVER MADE

RESERVATION AND PICKED UP TICKET AT COUNTER, FURTHER DESCRIPTIVE

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INFORMATION WOULD BE AVAILABLE THROUGH SEARCH OF IBM-TYPE
MAGNETIC TAPE AT ATLANTA. HE ADVISED THAT A SEARCH OF THE
MAGNETIC TAPE NORMALLY INVOLVES A TEN-DAY WAIT FOR REQUESTED DATA.

BIRMINGHAM WILL RECHECK FLIGHT ONE FIVE ONE, APRIL EIGHT LAST,
MANIFEST FOR FURTHER IDENTIFYING DATA.

ATLANTA WILL DETERMINE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF CREW OF DELTA FLIGHT ONE FIVE ONE, WHICH DEPARTED BIRMINGHAM SIX NINETEEN AM APRIL EIGHT LAST, DESTINED FOR JACKSON AND DALLAS, AND SET OUT LEAD TO EXHIBIT PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY.

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AM COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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|        |  | RE TELEPHONE BOOTHS  | , ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS A  | NGALDS                                 |
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|        | number i   | Ky., advised SA THEO<br>n Sturgis is 333-2723  | RA D. COOK, 802 Washington<br>DORE L. RISLEY that her te<br>. Mrs. COOK is a very eld<br>years of age and resides a   | lephone<br>erly                        |
|        | St. Fran<br>advised<br>male, ag<br>area. S<br>Thanksgi | ny telephone call frocis Hotel, Los Angele that she has a son, A e 44, who resides som he stated the last tiving, 1967, at which | hat she does not recall ham anyone which emanated frs, California, on 1-12-68. LONZO F. COOK, JR., who is ewhere in the Los Angeles, me she talked to her son witime the telephone call wated that she recalls that s | om the She a white Calif. as at s from |
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In the past four or five months she received a long-distance, from some unidentified person in California. Mrs. COCK stated she did not a

in the past four or five months she received a collect call, long-distance, from some unidentified person from somewhere in California. Mrs. COOK stated she did not accept this call imasmuch as she did not recognize the voice of the caller and did not recognize the name furnished by the operator. She stated that she did know that the voice of the caller was not that of her son, and she therefore refused to accept the call. Mrs. COOK stated that her son formerly resided in Granada Hills, Calif. several years ago. He is divorced from his former wife BETTY, and BETTY is now remarried, name and place of residence unknown.

Mrs. COOK and her son, JAMES P. COOK, 1413 SE Riverside Dr., Evansville, Ind., who also happened to be present, both advised that they do not know where ALCHEO F. COOK, JR. is residing nor where he is employed. They both stated that they have no way of contacting him and the only contact they have is when he occasionally calls Mrs. COOK.

Mrs. COOK advised that she does not know JAMES MARL RAY nor anyone by the name of ERIC STARVO GALT and knows of no way that anyone could have her telephone number in Calif. other than her son. She stated that it was possible that the person placing the call which she did not accept may have been placing the call for her son. She noted that her son when she last talked to him stated he had no permanent residence and was traveling and lived at various hotels.

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#### LOS ANGELES

### AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Will check registration records of the St. Francis Hotel to determine if ALONZO F. COOK, JR., aka A. F. Cook, was registered at the St. Francis Hotel on 1-12-68.

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MEMPHIS

## AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

Will advise Los Angeles whether further investigation is desired in an attempt to locate ALONZO F. COOK, JR. for interview to determine whether or not he attempted to call his mother on 1-12-68 from the St. Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, California.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-28861), MEMPHIS, AND MOBILE (PLAINTEXT)

MEMPHIS AND MOBILE VIA WASHINGTON ()

FROM SAN JUAN (157-61) -P- 2F

MURKIN.

RE JACKSONVILLE TELETYPE APRIL THIRTY, LAST, TO BUREAU.

JAMES EARL RAY, JR., USN B NINE FOUR FIVE ONE FOUR THREE,

INTERVIEWED MAY ONE, INSTANT, AT ROOSEVELT ROADS NAVAL STATION,

PUERTO RICO. RAY IS SON OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL JAMES EARL RAY,

PRESENTLY IN U. S. ARMY, VIETNAM. MOTHER, TERESA LEE, RESIDES

FOUR ZERO THREE HONEYSUCKLE COURT, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA. RAY, JR.,

SUPRA, NOT ACQUAINTED WITH JAMES EARL RECONSTRUCTION OF MURKIN AND

DOES NOT BELIEVE RELATED. RAY'S GRANDPARENTS MR. AND MRS, RUFUS

RAY, TWO FIVE EAST SOUTH STREET, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, ORIGINALLY

FROM WASHINGTON, D. C. AND WOULD KNOW IF ANY RELATIONSHIP

EXISTS WITH SUBJECT. RAY, JR., ASSIGNED TO SQUADRON VACONE SEVEN

FOUR AND WILL RETURN TO CECIL FIELD, USN, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA,

ON ABOUT MAY TWENTY-FIVE, NEXT.

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AT MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

WILL CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO FURTHER IDENTIFY JAMES EARL RAY, SR., AND DETERMINE IF RELATED TO SUBJECT OF INSTANT CASE.

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FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO PRESS YOUR SOURCES TO DEVELOP ANY INFORMATION IN THIS CASE AND NO AVENUE OF LOGICAL MAY 3 1968 INVESTIGATION IS TO BE LEFT UNEXPLORED. AIRMAIL COPY TO

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NOTE:

This is to insure that Legat, Mexico City is maintaining pressure on this case through public interest and through investigative sources. Although we have not offered any rewards, we are aware of rewards issued in Memphis according to public pronouncements. Wide-spread publicity concerning these rewards by other interested sources should be an inducement to Mexican residents and authorities to come forward if they do have any information. Ray has been known to have been in Mexico, and he has mentioned Mexico in his conversations with persons we have interviewed.

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|          | TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)   |
|          | FACA: SAC, CHICAGO (44±1114)  |
|          | SUBJECT: MURKIN   |
| ×        | Re Chicago tel to Atlanta dated $4/26/68$ and Atlanta tel to Director, Memphis, and Chicago, $4/25/68$ , re look alike observed at R. B. Jones, Pure Oil Station, Americus, Georgia, $4/16/68$ .  |
|          | Enclosed for the Bureau and Memphis is one copy of investigative insert setting forth investigation at Pure Oil Company, Palatime, Illinois. Enclosed for the Atlanta office are two copies of the above mentioned insert. In addition, there is enclosed for Atlanta Office are two Xerox copies of the transmittal slip and credit cards submitted to Pure Oil Company by R. B. JONES on 4/18/68. |
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|          | <u>ATLANTA</u>  |
|          | AT AMERICUS, GEORGIA. Will utilize the enclosed credit slips in further interview of RANDOLPH B. JONES in an effort to establish the identity of the person he believed to be identical with subject at his gas station on 4/16/68.   |
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Investigation Pure Oil Company, Palatine, Illinois

The Atlanta Division advised on April 25, 1968, that Mr. RANDOLPH B. JONES, Pure Oil Company Dealer, Americus, Georgia, advised he sold gas to an individual on April 16, 1968, who closely resembled 1968 photo of JAMES EARL RAY. Mr. JONES described the car he believed the person to be driving as well as furnishing a physical description of this individual. He also stated that he believed the individual purchased gas on a temporary Pure Oil Credit Card, which he believes expires in August or September, 1968. He also advised that the credit card slips were purchases on April 16, 1968, and had already been forwarded to the Pure Oil Company Retail Department, Palatine, Illinois.

On April 26, 1968, Mr. CLYDE E. RHODES, Accounting Department, Pure Oil Company, Palatine, Illinois, was telephonically contacted by SA RENE J. DUMAINE, at which time he advised that the package of credit card slips mailed in by Mr. JONES on April 17, 1968, would already be in the Balance process, Accounting Department, and would take until at least April 30, 1968, to locate. He said it is possible that he would be able to locate the credit card slips mailed in on April 22, 1968. He requested that he be furnished with the Transmittal Slip number used by JONES in submitting the credit card transactions.

On the same date, Mr. RHODES was furnished with the following transmittal numbers:

4/18/68 - 7-0217999 7-0218000

4/22/68 - 7-0217997 7-0217998

The foregoing were obtained from the Atlanta Division in contact with Mr. R. B. JONES. Mr. RHODES advised that he had located all of the credit card slips submitted on April 22, 1968. A review of these slips did not reveal any

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