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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-760)

FROM : SA WALTER F. SCOTT (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/23/68

Re memo to Senior and Single Resident Agents 4/15/68.

The following establishments in Wichita, Kansas, were contacted on 4/18/68 concerning the names ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER and JOHN WILLARD and any variations of these names with negative results:

Art Linkletter's Young World Studios,  
3310 West Douglas and 5608 East Lincoln,  
Wichita, Kansas - NEIL KERSBERGEN, Manager,  
and Mrs. LEON LEWIS, Receptionist

Arthur Murray Studios,  
211 North Broadway,  
Wichita, Kansas - JEAN HUNT, Bookkeeper and  
Receptionist

Edler-Cavaness School of Professional Dance,  
135 South Hydraulic,  
Wichita, Kansas - JAMES E. CAVANESS, owner

Iris Clarke School of the Dance,  
4546 South Osage,  
Wichita, Kansas - Mrs. IRIS CLARKE, owner

Wichita School of Fine Arts  
1607 South Broadway,  
Wichita, Kansas - PAT MILLER, Dance Instructor,  
and Mrs. MARTHA RANDOLPH, Secretary.

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DATE: 4/23/68

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TO: ALL AGENTS

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

RE: MURKIN

Re Memphis teletype to Director Etal dated 4/22/68.

Referenced communication states that in connection with identification of JAMES EARL RAY as subject in instant matter, the source of his funds becomes of paramount interest. Each office was requested to review his unsub bank robbery and bank burglary matters where latents were recovered and have latents searched against latents in MURKIN case.

Probability also exists that RAY may have been involved in burglary or robbery not in FBI jurisdiction and may be matter of interest to local police departments. Offices are instructed to contact major law enforcement agencies within their divisions and determine whether or not any armed robberies or burglaries perpetrated in which latents recovered or in which unsub may fit general description of subject RAY. In connection with this, SA LEO V. EWING should contact the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department; SA OTTO T. HANDWERK, JR., Kansas City, Kansas, Police Department; SA JAMES P. HOSTY, JR., Johnson County law enforcement agencies and SA LARRY D. FINK, Independence, Missouri, Police Department. In addition, each RA and Road Trip Agent should contact law enforcement agencies in their area.

Also Agents with sources with knowledge of the boothill area of Missouri should be contacted regarding JAMES DAVID DAILEY who is an alleged former friend and associate of RAY who reportedly

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harbored RAY briefly following his escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary. DAILEY was born [redacted] Wordell, Missouri, white male, 5'9½", 155 pounds, brown hair and eyes, FBI #4993150, and is operator of a restaurant in Portageville, Missouri. He is alleged to own farm near Portageville or Wordell, Missouri, and is the type of individual who would harbor subject. Sources with knowledge of boothill area of Missouri should be contacted regarding the subject, DAILEY, DAILEY's family and location of any farm property owned by them.

The following is a complete description of JAMES EARL RAY, aka Earl James Ray, W.C. Herron, Earl James, James McBride, James O'Conner, James Walton, James Walyon, Eric Starvo Galt, FBI #306443A:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Dates of birth	[redacted]
Places of birth	Decatur, Illinois; Quincy, Illinois; Alton, Illinois
Height	Approximately 5'10"
Weight	174 pounds, September, 1966
Complexion	Ruddy
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown
Build	Medium
Occupations	Laborer, baker
Scars & marks	Small scar on center of forehead; scar in palm of right hand
Addresses	St. Louis, Missouri, March, 1960; 2015 Park, St. Louis, Missouri, October, 1959; Quincy, Illinois, July, 1955, March, 1955, April, 1950; Hotel Quincy, Quincy, Illinois, March, 1955; Victor Hotel, Quincy, Illinois, March, 1955, August, 1954; 1429 Chery, Hannibal, Missouri, March, 1955; 853 West Fullerton, Chicago, Illinois, May, 1952; 805 Alby Street, Alton, Illinois, July, 1951

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ALL LEADS TO BE COVERED IN 24 HOURS.

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

MURKIN; CR.

LOCAL NEWSPAPER AT MEMPHIS, TENN., CARRIED TODAY A UPI  
RELEASE REFLECTING STATEMENTS MADE BY ONE RAYMOND CURTIS,  
FORMER INMATE OF THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY (MSP), WHO  
CLAIMS THAT A NEW MAN AT THE PENITENTIARY HAD TOLD HIM AND  
THE SUBJECT RAY ABOUT AN ALLEGED ONE MILLION DOLLAR BOUNTY  
PLACED ON MARTIN LUTHER KING BY A BUSINESSMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

LARRY SERO, FORMER MSP INMATE NO. ZERO ONE NINE ZERO THREE  
J, NOW RESIDING MEMPHIS, TENN., VOLUNTARILY CONTACTED MEMPHIS  
OFFICE TODAY AND OFFERED TO FURNISH INFORMATION PROVIDED HIS  
IDENTITY COULD BE KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL. SERO STATED HE  
RESIDED IN MEMPHIS DURING NINETEEN SIXTYTWO WHILE A PAROLE  
VIOLATOR FUGITIVE FROM THE MSP. HE LEFT MEMPHIS DURING  
NOVEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTYTWO, MOVING AROUND THE COUNTRY UNTIL HE  
WAS ARRESTED AT TULSA, OKLA., DURING FEBRUARY, NINETEEN  
SIXTYFOUR, AND RETURNED TO THE MSP. HE REMAINED AT THE MSP  
FROM FEBRUARY, NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR UNTIL BEING EXTRADITED TO  
TENNESSEE DURING JUNE, NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR. DURING THIS FOUR  
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MONTH PERIOD AT MSP HE WAS ACQUAINTED WITH SUBJECT RAY AND WITH INMATE RAYMOND CURTIS MENTIONED IN THE UPI NEWS RELEASE. SERO STATES HE MENTIONED TO RAY AND TO CURTIS ON ONE OCCASION THAT HE HAD HEARD SPECULATION TO THE EFFECT THAT IF MARTIN LUTHER KING EVER ATTEMPTED A BOYCOTT MOVEMENT IN MEMPHIS, IT WOULD BE WORTH A LOT OF MONEY TO THE LOCAL BUSINESSMEN TO HAVE KING MURDERED. SERO STATED HE CANNOT RECALL WHO FIRST MENTIONED THIS TO HIM BUT HE DOES RECALL THAT IT WAS MERE SPECULATION, THAT NO PARTICULAR GROUP OF BUSINESSMEN WAS MENTIONED AND THAT THE STATEMENT ITSELF HAD ABSOLUTELY NO BASIS IN FACT. HE SAID THAT IF RAYMOND CURTIS AND RAY INTERPRETED IT OTHERWISE THEY WERE READING MORE INTO THE STATEMENT THAT WAS INTENDED.

SERO STATED HE HAS HEARD NOTHING FROM RAY SINCE SERO LEFT THE MSP IN NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR AND HE HAS NO IDEA WHERE HE MIGHT BE EXCEPT THAT RAY MENTIONED HAVING FRIENDS OR CONTACTS IN KANSAS CITY. SERO STATED RAY IS NOT A LONER BUT SIMPLY DOES NOT KNOW HOW TO MAKE FRIENDS. HE STATED RAY HAS A HATRED FOR NEGROES AND HAS A STRONG DESIRE TO PERFORM SOME

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NOTORIOUS ACT THAT WILL MAKE HIM FEEL IMPORTANT. HE DESCRIBED RAY AS A BORN LOSER AND QUESTIONED RAY'S ABILITY TO PLAN AND EXECUTE EVEN THE SIMPLEST CAPER. SERO IS AGREEABLE TO ASSISTING THE FBI IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE.

KANSAS CITY HAS INDICATED THAT A PCI OF THEIR OFFICE AND FORMER PRISON MATE OF THE SUBJECT IS WILLING TO TRAVEL TO ANY PLACE WHERE HE MIGHT ASSIST IN THIS MATTER. MEMPHIS HAS NO REASON TO BELIEVE SUBJECT RAY IS IN ANY PARTICULAR PLACE AND IS UNABLE TO SUGGEST ASSIGNMENT FOR THE KANSAS CITY PCI.

NUMEROUS LOOK ALIKES BEING INVESTIGATED AND ELIMINATED.

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TO : SAC, (44-760)

DATE: 4/23/68

FROM : SA JOSEPH E. HOLTSLAG, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKING

ReSAC Memo, dated 4/15/68.

AT ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI:

The following named individual dance instructors and schools of dancing have been contacted with negative results:

Peisha School of Dancing (REISHA ROUNTAS), 1904 Monterey St.

Runyan-Hibler School of Dancing (RUTH HIBLER), 2732 Renick.

Bobbie Sewell School of Dancing (BOBBIE SEWELL), 1912½ Fred.

SHARON KAY, instructor, 3219 Dale.

COLEEN CHRONISTER, instructor, 3315 Mark Twain.

JOYCE GUY, 2834 S. 21st. (instructor)

CLIFFORD KIRWIN, instructor, YMCA.

MRS. FRED HOFFMAN, Adult Program Chairman, YMCA.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, DALLAS, MEMPHIS, AND KANSAS CITY  
FROM SAN DIEGO 44-387 2P

MURKIN

MR. M. L. REEVES, SPACE TWENTY, SIX SEVEN SEVEN G STREET,  
CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED AS FOLLOWS;

DURING NINETEEN FIFTY SIX OR NINETEEN FIFTY SEVEN WHILE  
REEVES AND HIS MOTHER, LYNETTE VESTAL, WERE RESIDING AT TWO  
ONE ONE EIGHT NORTH CARROLL AVENUE, DALLAS, TEXAS, AN INDIVIDUAL  
NAMED JAMES EARL RAY WAS RESIDING WITH A WOMAN AND A SMALL CHILD  
AT TWO ONE TWO TWO NORTH CARROLL AVENUE, DALLAS.

THIS INDIVIDUAL BELIEVED TO BE IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT RAY.

INDIVIDUAL RESIDED AT ABOVE ADDRESS FOR ONLY SEVERAL  
MONTHS BUT WHILE THERE WAS BELIEVED TO BE ARRESTED BY DALLAS  
PD FOR DISCHARGING A FIREARM IN FRONT OF HIS RESIDENCE.

RESIDENCE AT TWO ONE TWO TWO NORTH CARROLL AVENUE THEN  
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OWNED BY JACK GUNNELL, WHO OWNS THE GUNNELL ELECTRIC COMPANY,  
DALLAS TEXAS.

DALLAS ATTEMPT TO VERIFY IF JAMES EARL RAY RESIDING  
TWO ONE TWO TWO NORTH CARROLL DURING NINETEEN FIFTY SIX OR  
FIFTY SEVEN IS IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT THIS CASE AND IF SO  
CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION FOR BACKGROUND INFORMATION  
IF NOT ALREADY DONE

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
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(OO: MEMPHIS)

For the information of receiving offices, Subject JAMES EARL RAY, Aka. was last known to be in the Atlanta, Georgia, area on 4/5/68. Intensive investigation by the Atlanta Office to date has not established mode of transportation utilized by RAY after 4/5/68 through checks with transportation companies, car rental agencies, etc.

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2 - Birmingham	2 - Newark
2 - Charlotte	2 - New Orleans
2 - Chicago	2 - New York City
2 - Cincinnati	2 - Norfolk
2 - Cleveland	2 - Philadelphia
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2 - El Paso	2 - St. Louis
2 - Indianapolis	2 - San Antonio
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AT 44-2386

All receiving offices are requested to check car recoveries within their respective divisions of cars stolen from the State of Georgia subsequent to 4/4/68, and consider same to have been possible mode of transportation for Subject RAY. The same consideration should be given to any cars recovered in the near future that were stolen from the State of Georgia after 4/4/68. In those instances where cars were stolen from Georgia and where the transporter of same cannot otherwise be accounted for, investigation should be conducted to determine if RAY was person who may have stolen and transported same.

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TO: DIRECTOR (42-38861) AND MEMPHIS

FROM: KANSAS CITY (44-760)

MURKIN

DAILY SUMMARY.

PHOTO TAKEN JAN. FOUR, NINETEEN SIXTY SIX OF SUBJECT IN MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY FORWARDED TO ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES BECAUSE OF DIFFERENCE IN LIKENESSES.

KANSAS CITY PCI, FORMER ASSOCIATE OF RAY, ADVISES HE IS WILLING TO ASSIST BUREAU TO LOCATE SUBJECT. FORMER PRISONMATE OF RAY AND "RACIST" LOUIS DOWDA ARRESTED MARIETTA, GEORGIA, SEPT. TWENTY EIGHT, SIXTY SEVEN. ATLANTA ADVISED.

COMPLETE DATES AND PLACES OF INCARCERATION OF RAYMOND CURTIS WITH SUBJECT FURNISHED ATLANTA. ALSO PREVIOUS UNRELIABLE STATEMENTS MADE BY CURTIS. INFORMATION RECEIVED THAT SUBJECT MAY ATTEMPT TO GET BARBITUATES AND BENNIIES FROM AEBY FAMILY IN TEXAS. NECESSARY OFFICES ADVISED.

INTERVIEWS WITH FELLOW PRISONERS CONTINUING. NAMES OF VISITORS OF SUBJECT AND MAILING ADDRESSES BEING OBTAINED MISSOURI STATE PEN. LOCAL LEADS BEING HANDLED IMMEDIATELY.

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Army	James Earl Ray #16 163 129	February 19, 1946		
Sheriff's Office Los Angeles, California	James Earl Ray #B-119908	October 11, 1949	suspicion of burglary	
Police Department Los Angeles, California	James Earl Ray #139648	October 11, 1949	suspicion 459 Penal Code (burglary)	8 months County Jail suspended; 2 years probation served; first 90 days County Jail; 146 December 30, 1949 Csl29438
Sheriff's Office Cedar Rapids, Iowa	James E. Ray #5937	April 18, 1950	vagrancy	
Police Department Alton, Illinois	James Earl Ray #7514	July 23, 1951	no operator's license - no State License - no City License	released to pay later
Police Department Chicago, Illinois	James Ray #D90696	May 6, 1952	robbery (Gun)	Grand Jury \$3000
Cook County Jail Chicago, Illinois	James Ray #131165	May 9, 1952	robbery	June 13, 1952 sentenced to penitentiary 1 to 2 years
State Penitentiary Joliet, Illinois	James E. Ray #32419	June 13, 1952	robbery	1 to 2 years
State Penitentiary Pontiac, Illinois	James E. Ray #19121	July 7, 1952 in transfer from Joliet	robbery	1 to 2 years March 12, 1954 discharged

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Sheriff's Office Edwardsville, Illinois	James Earl Ray #2640	August 30, 1954	burglary and larceny	
Police Department Hannibal, Missouri	James E. Ray #40714	March 23, 1955	investigation of breaking and entering Post Office	
State Highway Patrol Macon, Missouri	James Earl Ray #B-3376	March 23, 1955	cashing stolen postal money orders	released to Postal Inspector Kansas City, Missouri March 24, 1955
United States Marshal Kansas City, Missouri	James Earl Ray #12018	March 28, 1955	forgery United States Postal Money Order	sentenced to 15 months custody of Attorney General
Sheriff's Office Kansas City, Missouri	James Earl Ray #29637	March 28, 1955	Forgery - Government	July 7, 1955 3 years and 9 months
United States Penitentiary Leavenworth, Kansas	James Earl Ray #72498-L	July 7, 1955	Post Office Laws Forge Money Orders	3 years and 9 months May 20, 1958 conditional release March 31 1959 maximum April 5, 1958 conditional release on charge of Post Office forgery Post Office Money Orders
Police Department Saint Louis, Missouri	James Earl Ray #31071	October 10, 1959	suspicion of robbery	

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Police Department Saint Louis, Missouri	James Earl Ray #81071	October 16, 1959	suspicion of robbery stealing and fugitive other authorities	
State Penitentiary Jefferson City, Missouri	Janes Earl Ray #00416	March 17, 1960	"TC" operating motor vehicle without permission of owner robbery first "b/m DDW" (2 charges)	20 years (20, 7, 5, concurrent)
State Hospital Number 1 Fulton, Missouri	James Earl Ray #37045 C-5	September 8, 1966	Patient	

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	<p>WANTED: James Earl Ray for escape April 23, 1967            (operating motor vehicle without permission of            owner; robbery first degree "b/m of a D &amp; DW")            (will extradite) Notify Warden State Penitentiary            Jefferson City, Missouri information received            May 10, 1967.</p>			

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	WANTED BY BUREAU: James Earl Ray, also known as, James McBride, James Walyon, W.C. Herron, James O'Conner, Jim, for unlawful flight to avoid custody-robbery first Fugitive Index #121426 Bureau file #88-41730 Office of Origin Kansas City information received July 27, 1967. CAUTION: ARMED AND DANGEROUS			
	Alias: James Walton			
	WANTED BY BUREAU: Eric Starvo Galt, also known as Harvey Lowmyer, John Willard, Civil Rights-Conspiracy Fugitive Index #127540 Bureau File #44-38861 Office of Origin Memphis. Information received April 19, 1968. CAUTION: ARMED AND DANGEROUS			
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 A LITTLE ROCK AND ST. LOUIS *7:21 PM*  
 FROM: KANSAS CITY (44-760) *1:07 PM* P *7:24 PM*  
 MURKIN.

RUSSELL LEE MARTIN, MO. STATE PEN. NO. ZERO EIGHT ZERO  
ONE FOUR, LAST SERVED MSP FEBRUARY FOUR SIXTYFOUR TO  
MARCH ONE SIXTYEIGHT.

PHOTOS BEING AIR MAILED THIS DATE TO LITTLE ROCK  
 AND ST. LOUIS.

ST. LOUIS, AT MOBERLY, MO., CONTACT JAMES R. RUSSELL,  
 SAID BY FORMER PCI, KANSAS CITY, TO BE CLOSE FRIEND OF  
 SUBJECT, TO DETERMINE ASSOCIATES, ACTIVITIES AND ATTITUDE  
 TOWARD NEGROES, IT BEING NOTED PCI ALLEGEDLY HEARD RAY STATE  
 THAT NEGRO LIEUTENANT, MSP, "SHOULD BE DEAD." THIS OFFICER  
 PROBABLY WILLIAM ROBERT TURNER, BETTER KNOWN AS BILLY BOB.  
 ALSO DETERMINE IDENTITY OF ALLEGED ASSOCIATE OF HIS AND RAY  
 BY NAME OF "BOB" POWELL AND ASCERTAIN IF HE KNOWS WHEREABOUTS  
 OF POWELL.

INMATE, THOMAS BEECHER CREWS, NO. SEVEN ONE EIGHT FOUR  
 FIVE, SERVING LIFE FOR MURDER, MSP, CONTACTED. STATES HE  
 WAS IN MSP FROM FIFTYSIX UNTIL MAY, SIXTYSEVEN, WHEN HE  
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ESCAPED FROM FORDLAND HONOR CAMP. CLAIMS WENT TO SPRINGFIELD, MO. HITCHHIKING, AND VIA BUS TO ST. LOUIS. STATED HE KNOWS JAMES DALEY, PROBABLY JOHN DALEY, WITH WHOM HE WENT TO SCHOOL. STATES WENT TO HIS RESTAURANT ON JEFFERSON BLVD., ST. LOUIS, AND HUNG AROUND ONE DAY. CLAIMS DALEY ATTEMPTED TALK HIM INTO TURNING IN. SAID HE WAS ARRESTED AT HOME OF HIS BROTHER, BILL CREWS, PROBABLY TWENTY TWENTYONE PARK AVE., ABOUT THREE OR FOUR DAYS AFTER ESCAPE.

CLAIMS DID NOT KNOW RAY IN PEN ALTHOUGH PHOTO IN PAPER LOOKED FAMILIAR. NEVER TALKED TO HIM AND HAD NO PLANS TO CONTACT DALEY WHEN HE ESCAPED. STATES DALEY VISITED HIM REGULARLY AT PEN SINCE RETURN FROM ESCAPE AND KNOWS HIM AS FORMER EX-CON OF PEN, AND CLAIMS DALEY IS HELPING HIM TO OBTAIN PAROLE.

ST. LOUIS ALSO ATTEMPT CONTACT JAMES LOMA OWENS, WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS AT MSP WAS IN CARE OF WIFE, BETTY OWENS, FOUR FOUR FOUR SEVEN ROSEMARY, BERKLEY, MO. FOR INFORMATION OF ST. LOUIS, OWENS ALSO FALL PARTNER OF RAY. OWENS WAS

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DISCHARGED JANUARY TWO SIXTYFOUR.

FILE, LIQUOR APPLICATION, JACK'S PLACE, ONE NINE EIGHT  
TWO ARSENAL, ST. LOUIS, MO., OBTAINED AND BEING FORWARDED.  
JESSE C. HATHCOCK, ASST. ADMINISTRATOR, ADVISES PLACE  
OPERATING UNDER SUBTERFUGE, WOULD HAVE LICENSE REVOKED.

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 FROM: KANSAS CITY (44-760)

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FRANK GUINAN, PRISONER, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, ADVISED SUBJECT WAS CLOSELY ASSOCIATED IN PRISON WITH NEAL EDGAR AEBY. AEBY REPORTEDLY GAVE RAY THE IDEA OF ESCAPING IN A BREAD BOX FROM PENITENTIARY. AEBY AND RAY WERE TOGETHER RECEIVING BARBITUATES AND AMPHETAMINES. RAY WAS AWARE THAT SOME OF AEBY'S BROTHERS WERE INVOLVED IN NARCOTICS IN TEXAS. HE STATED ONE OF THE BROTHERS WAS ARRESTED IN DALLAS ON NARCOTICS CHARGE IN ABOUT NINETEEN SIXTY SIX. BELIEVED THIS BROTHER TO BE NAMED AUBREY AEBY. GUINAN STATED NEAL AEBY IS PRESENTLY ON STREETS AS HE RECEIVED POSTCARD FROM HIM TWO WEEKS AGO MAILED IN OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA. GUINAN SAID HAD NO IDEA WHERE RAY MIGHT GO. HE LIKED BENNIES AND AMPHETAMINES AND COULD POSSIBLY CONTACT SOME OF THE AEBYS IN TEXAS. HE ALSO REMEMBERED RAY SPEAKING OF A BROTHER IN CHICAGO, ILL. WHO OWNED A BAR AND OF THE FACT HE WOULD LIKE TO GO TO CHICAGO

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ON RELEASE AND WORK AS BARTENDER FOR HIS BROTHER.

PRISON FILE ON NEAL AEBY REVEALS WHITE MALE, BORN   
 SIX FEET TWO, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY  
LBS., BLUE EYES, BROWN HAIR, FBI NO. TWO EIGHT FIVE ONE ONE  
SEVEN FIVE, NINETEEN SIXTY ONE ADDRESS SIX SEVEN FOUR EIGHT  
PLAZA DRIVE, HOUSTON, TEXAS; DALLAS, TEXAS PD NO. TWO TWO  
SIX TWO FOUR. WIFE LISTED AS JUDY AEBY, SEVEN TWO ONE FOUR  
VILLAGE WAY, HOUSTON, TEXAS; BROTHER JAMES AEBY, DALLAS,  
TEXAS. RECORDS FURTHER REVEAL NEAL AEBY WAS EXTRADITED TO  
TEXAS APRIL NINE, LAST AND RELEASED TO TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF  
CORRECTIONS, HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS.

GUINAN STATED POSSIBILITY EXISTS AEBY COULD HAVE WRITTEN  
CARD MAILED IN OKLAHOMA CITY WHILE BEING TRANSPORTED TO  
HUNTSVILLE.

DALLAS, ATTEMPT TO LOCATE BROTHER JAMES AEBY AND INTERVIEW  
RE SUBJECT AND ANY OTHER RELATIVES WHO MAY KNOW WHEREABOUTS  
OF SUBJECT.

HOUSTON AT HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS, INTERVIEW AEBY RE SUBJECT.

HOUSTON AT HOUSTON, TEXAS, INTERVIEW JUDY AEBY RE SUBJECT

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OR ANY RELATIVES WHO MAY BE IN CONTACT WITH HIM OR KNOW  
HIS WHEREABOUTS.

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622PM 4-24-68 URGENT JLK

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS 44-1987, KANSAS CITY 44-760,  
MINNEAPOLIS, AND SPRINGFIELD  
FROM PHILADELPHIA 44-1368

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RE WFO TEL TO DIRECTOR INSTANT CONCERNING VA NSLI CHECK AT  
PHILA AND ST. PAUL.

CHECK AT VETERANS ADMINISTRATION, PHILA., PA., INSTANT, REFLECTED  
AN APPLICATION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE LIFE INSURANCE POLICY NUMBER  
N ONE NINE EIGHT SIX EIGHT THREE THREE SIX SIGNED AT FT. SHERIDAN, ILL.,  
ON FEB TWENTYONE, NINETEEN FORTYSIX, BY JAMES EARL RAY.

DOB LISTED AS [REDACTED] AT ALTON, ILL. HOME  
ADDRESS LISTED AS FIVE THREE EIGHT EAST BROADWAY, ALTON, ILL. NEXT OF  
KIN LISTED AS LUCILLE MARY RAY, MOTHER, SAME ADDRESS. ENTERED ON DUTY,  
U.S. ARMY FEB NINETEEN, NINETEEN FORTYSIX WITH SERIAL NUMBER ONE  
SIX ONE SIX THREE ON TWO NINE.

NSLI TERM POLICY WAS FOR TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS WITH A MONTHLY  
PREMIUM OF SIX DOLLARS AND FORTY CENTS PER MONTH. ALLOTMENT  
DEDUCTIONS CEASED ON MARCH THIRTYONE, NINETEEN FORTYSEVEN, AT RAY'S  
REQUEST. POLICY LAPSED MAY TWENTYONE, NINETEEN FORTYSEVEN.

ON JULY TWENTYFIVE, NINETEEN FIFTY, A SPECIAL DIVIDEND FOR  
YEAR NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT IN AMOUNT OF EIGHTYTWO DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS  
WAS SENT TO RAY AT THE ADDRESS OF TWO ONE FIVE OAK ST., QUINCY, ILL.

NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE.

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CORR LINE SIX WRD FIVE SHD BE "FORTYSIX"

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FBI CHICAGO

1139PM URGENT 4/24/68 GGE

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987), ATLANTA  
(44-2386), KANSAS CITY (44-760), DETROIT (44-989),  
NEWARK (44-854), ST. LOUIS (44-     ).  
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 3P

MURKIN.

RE CHICAGO TEL TO BUREAU, ET AL, APRIL TWENTY THREE  
LAST AND CHICAGO TEL CALL TO DETROIT, APRIL TWENTY THREE  
LAST. RE: MARJORIE FETTERS.

NEWARK DIVISION TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THAT INVESTIGATION  
THERE DEVELOPED THAT FETTERS BEGAN CORRESPONDENCE WITH JERRY  
RAY THROUGH LONELY HEARTS CLUB. NEWARK INTERVIEWING TO OBTAIN  
ALL POSSIBLE INFO.

RE: JERRY RAY.

CHICAGO DIVISION WAS CONFIDENTIALLY ADVISED APRIL TWENTY  
THREE LAST THAT JERRY RAY, SUBJECT'S BROTHER, WAS IN RECEIPT  
OF TELEGRAM AT PO BOX TWENTY TWO, WHEELING, ILLINOIS. JERRY  
PICKED UP TELEGRAM PRIOR TO CHICAGO DIVISION BEING ABLE TO  
APPROPRIATELY DISCOVER THE CONTENTS. RECORDS OF WESTERN  
UNION OUTLETS AT DES PLAINES AND EVANSTON, ILLINOIS, WHICH  
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WOULD SERVICE WHEELING, ILLINOIS, COMPLETELY REVIEWED FOR THE PAST THREE DAYS WITHOUT LOCATING COPY INSTANT TELEGRAM. MANAGER ADVISES IF TELEGRAM MAILED, ONLY COPY MAINTAINED WOULD BE BY DETROIT TRANSMITTING OFFICE. DETROIT ADVISED ALL RECORDS DESTROYED.

JERRY WILLIAM ~~RAY~~ REINTERVIEWED THIS DATE. MADE AVAILABLE ABOVE TELEGRAM WHICH WAS EFFORT OF "LIFE" MAGAZINE TO CONTACT HIM THROUGH PO BOX. JERRY CONTACTED "LIFE" THIS DATE, CLAIMED FURNISHED ONLY FAMILY INFO. WAS PAID ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS FOR STORY. NOT CERTAIN WHETHER TO BE PUBLISHED THIS WEEK OR NEXT.

ADMITS KNOWING BROTHER JOHN'S LOCATION ST. LOUIS DURING PREVIOUS INTERVIEWS BUT LIED TO PROTECT JOHN'S INVESTMENT IN ILLEGAL PURCHASE OF BAR BY AN EX-CON. STATES HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH CAROL AND THAT UNCOOPERATIVE ATTITUDE OF BOTH CAROL AND JOHN AROSE FROM EXTENSIVE INQUIRY OF NEWS MEDIA IN NEIGHBORHOOD AND THAT BOTH WERE AFRAID OF PUBLICITY ADVERSELY AFFECTING THE BUSINESS, CAUSING THEM TO SELL OUT AND MOVE.

STATED ONLY PO BOX USED IS IN WHEELING, ILLINOIS, OTHER MAIL CARE OF SPORTSMEN COUNTRY CLUB. MADE NO MENTION PO BOX  
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NORTHBROOK, ILLINOIS. MATTER NOT PRESSED PENDING OUTCOME  
INVESTIGATION AT NEWARK.

FINANCIAL MATTERS DISCUSSED. CLAIMS THAT ALL MONEY  
EARNED EXPENDED ON UNSUCCESSFUL MARRIAGE, WITH EXCEPTION OF  
PAST SEVERAL MONTHS WHERE HE HAS BEEN SENDING MONEY TO SISTER  
CAROL PEPPER FOR DEPOSIT IN HER ACCOUNT, UNKNOWN BANK. HAS  
RECORD OF AMOUNT SENT, SOME OF WHICH WOULD BE IN EXACT AMOUNT  
OF HIS WEEKLY PAYCHECK, ONE HUNDRED THIRTEEN DOLLARS.

JERRY INTERVIEWED BY SAC AND ASAC, AT WHICH TIME HE  
PROMISED HIS COOPERATION AND NOTIFICATION IN EVENT OF CONTACT  
BY SUBJECT. SAID HE DOUBTED SUBJECT WOULD CONTACT HIM OR  
ANY OTHER MEMBER OF FAMILY. STEADFASTLY MAINTAINED HE NOR  
ANY MEMBER OF FAMILY HAS ANY KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECT'S WHEREABOUTS,  
SINCE ESCAPING FROM PRISON. CLOSE AND CONTINUOUS CONTACT  
BEING MAINTAINED WITH JERRY RAY AND SISTER SUSAN DONIAN.

ST. LOUIS WILL, THROUGH LOGICAL SOURCES, ATTEMPT TO  
DETERMINE BANK WHERE SISTER CAROL MAINTAINS SAVINGS ACCOUNT  
AND APPROPRIATELY REVIEW.

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1013PM URGENT 4-24-68 JHH

TO: DIRECTOR MEMPHIS KANSAS CITY CHICAGO SPRINGFIELD AND  
MINNEAPOLIS.

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN - SUMMARY

JUNIOR RAY CONWAY, SHOT BY JAMES DAVID DAILEY NINETEEN  
SIXTYSIX, INTERVIEWED THIS DATE. COOPERATIVE, BUT UNABLE TO  
STATE ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN DAILEY AND SUBJECT.

CHECK OF SUBJECTS FINGERPRINTS AGAINST SLPD UNIDENTIFIED  
LATENTS NEGATIVE. SIMILAR CHECK BY SL COUNTY PD WILL BE  
COMPLETED TOMORROW.

U S PROBATION OFFICE RECORD FOR SUBJECT SHOWS CONDITIONAL  
RELEASE, LEAVENWORTH, APRIL FIFTH FIFTYEIGHT, RESIDENCE BLACKSTONE  
HOTEL, EIGHT ONE SEVEN CHERRY, KCMO; WORKED IN FIRE DEPT.,  
PAINT SHOP AND BAKING TRADE, INTENTION TO CONTACT BAKERY  
UNIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT, AND EVENTUALLY TO GET BAKING JOB ON SHIPS  
TO SOUTH AMERICA. WORKED ONE DAY AT COUNTRY CLUB AND FOUR DAYS  
AT BAKERY SLMO. RECORDS BEING CHECKED FOR VERIFICATION AND  
POSSIBLE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER.

WALTER NOLAN, FORMER MSP NUMBER FIVE SIX TWO NINE EIGHT,  
REQUESTED IDENTITY BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL, ADVISED HAS KNOWN  
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RAY TEN YEARS AND TO HAVE BEEN HIS CLOSEST ASSOCIATE MSP. SAID RAY WAS LONER, NO ONE REALLY CLOSE TO HIM, WAS IN CELL BY SELF, CONSIDERS ALL EX CONS POTENTIAL STOOL PIGEONS AS HE WAS QUOTE DONE IN END QUOTE BY SAME SEVERAL TIMES IN PRISON. WALKED PRISON YARD WITH HIM DAILY, BUT LEARNED ONLY OF ONE UNNAMED BROTHER IN CHICAGO AND WAS RAISED IN SMALL ILLINOIS TOWN. CLAIMED RAY ESCAPED THIRTY DAYS BEFORE REPORTED AND THAT HE HAD WALKED OUT FRONT DOOR INSTEAD OF IN BREAD BOX. RAY SPENT ALL SPARE MONEY FOR LAW BOOKS SAID IF RAY KILLED KING IT WAS EMOTIONAL THING AND COMPLETELY OUT OF CHARACTER AS RAY INDICATED NO RACIAL PREJUDICE.

SLPD RECORDS INDICATE AT TIME OF KROGER ROBBERY OCTOBER FIFTYNINE, RAY WAS WANTED BY ALTON, ILL., PD FOR ARMED ROBBERY IN WHICH ONE JOSEPH ELMER AUSTIN, WHO WAS IN CUSTODY ALTON WAS IMPLICATED.

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HANNIBAL MO PD CHIEF ADVISED FORMER POLICEMAN ROY WILLIS,  
WHO PURCHASED CAR FROM RAY FOLLOWING P.O. MONEY ORDER ARREST  
NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE, RESIGNED AUGUST FIFTYSEVEN. BELIEVED WENT  
TO MINNEAPOLIS AS INQUIRY RECEIVED FROM BF GOODRICH STORE, ONE  
THREE ZERO ZERO NORTH COLLET, MINNEAPOLIS, DEC FFFTYSEVEN AS  
PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYER.

SPRINGFIELD CHECK ALTON PD RE AUSTIN IF NOT ALREADY DONE.

MINNEAPOLIS ATTEMPT LOCATE AND INTERVIEW WILLIS.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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910PM URGENT 4-24-68 WJA

TO DIRECTOR (44-3861), CHICAGO, KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS (44-1987)  
SPRINGFIELD  
FROM INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

MURKIN.

RE SAN FRANCISCO TEL TO BUREAU, CHICAGO, INDIANAPOLIS, KANSAS  
CITY, MEMPHIS, NEW YORK AND ST. LOUIS, APRIL TWENTYTWO LAST.

RE: JOHN LARRY RAY.

RECORDS, INDIANA STATE REFORMATORY, PENDLETON, IND., DISCLOSES  
"JOHN LARRY RAYNS", AKA. JACK, PRISON REGISTRY NO. THREE FIVE TWO  
NINE SEVEN, SENTENCED TO TWO-FIVE YRS. FOR SECOND DEGREE BURGLARY  
IN KOSCIUSKO CO., IND., ON JAN. TWENTYTHREE FIFTY AND RECEIVED AT  
IND. REFORMATORY JAN. TWENTYFOUR FIFTY. RAYNS DESCRIBED AS WM ,  
BORN [REDACTED] ALTON, ILL., FIVE FT. SEVEN ONE HALF  
IN., ONE TWENTYEIGHT LBS, DARK CHESTNUT HAIR, HAZEL EYES, SALLOW  
COMPLEXION, SLENDER BUILD, BURN SCAR LEFT JAW, CUT SCAR TOP MIDDLE  
FINGER, LEFT HAND, THIRD JOINT, PECULARITY - STUTTERS. ATTENDED  
PUBLIC SCHOOL QUINCY, ILL., THIRTYEIGHT TO FORTYEIGHT. HAD WORKED  
FOR WEMMS LAUNDRY, QUINCY FOR FIVE MONTHS AND WAS FIRED. STATED  
MADE HOME WITH PARENTS, JERRY AND LUCILLE (MAHER) RAYNS, TWO ONE FOUR  
SPRING ST., QUINCY.

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FURNISHED OTHER RELATIVES AS FOLLOWS: GRANDMOTHER, MRS. MARY MAHER, ALTON, ILL.; BROTHERS JERRY RAYNS, JR., AND FRANK RAYNS, BOTH RESIDING WITH PARENTS; SISTERS MELBA, CAROL AND JANE RAYNS, ALL RESIDING WITH PARENTS.

HE WAS PAROLED MARCH TWENTYONE FIFTYTWO TO ST. OF ILL. TO RESIDE WITH UNCLE WILLIAM E. MAHER, ONE ONE ONE EIGHT E. SEVENTH ST., ALTON, ILL., AND TO WORK FOR LEE R. MOREHEAD, TWO ONE EIGHT WILLIAMS ST., ALTON. PAROLE OFFICER WAS HARVEY L. LONG, ADMINISTRATOR, INTERSTATE PAROLE COMPACT, THREE ZERO NINE ARMORY BUILDING, SPRINGFIELD, ILL. HE VIOLATED THIS PAROLE BY ABSCONDING FROM PAROLE SUPERVISOR ON APRIL TWO FIFTY TWO BY BEING ARRESTED IN HOLTVILLE, CALIF. ON DEC. THREE FIFTYTWO AS A SLEEPER ACCORDING TO FBI REPT. USING ALIAS "JOHNNY LARRY RAY; ALSO BY BEINGARRESTED FOR LARCENY APRIL SEVEN FIFTYTHREE AT QUINCY. THIS ARREST RESULTED IN A ONE TO TWENTY YR. COMMITMENT TO ILL. STATE PENITENTIARY AT MENARD, ILL.

HIS IND. DELINQUENT PAROLE STATUS WAS WAIVED ON SEPT. TWO FIFTYTWO AND THE IND. SENTENCE EXPIRED JAN. TWENTYTHREE FIFTYFIVE. HE RECEIVED HIS FINAL DISCHARGE ON MAY NINE FIFTYNINE.

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LETTER IN FILE DATED JAN. ELEVEN FIFTYFOUR FROM REV. J.L. STRZELEC, CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN, MENARD, ILL., ILL. STATE PENITENTIARY, ADDRESSED TO IND. REFORMATORY ADVISES THE CHAPLAIN WAS WRITING ON BEHALF OF "JOHN RYAN." THE CHAPLAIN STATED THAT JOHN WAS CONCERNED THAT IND. WOULD FILE A HOLD ON HIM AT ILL. PENITENTIARY. INDIANA REFORMATORY ADVISED CHAPLAIN THEY HAD NO PRISONER NAMED JOHN RYAN AND THE CHAPLAIN THEN ADVISED HE WAS WRITING CONCERNING JOHN RAYN, IND. REFORMATORY NO. THREE FIVE TWO NINE SEVEN. THE CHAPLAIN ADVISED THAT JOHN WAS SERVING FIVE TO TEN YRS. AT MENARD. THE CHAPLAIN ADVISED JOHN'S MOTHER WAS A SEMI-INVALID WITH FOUR SMALL CHILDREN. JOHN RAYN'S REGISTRY NO. AT THE ILL. STATE PENITENTIARY, MENARD, WAS TWO THREE FOUR ZERO ONE.

SPRINGFIELD AT MENARD AT ILL. STATE PENITENTIARY, REVIEW FILE JOHN LARRY RAYN OR RYAN REGISTRY NO. TWO THREE FOUR ZERO ONE.

AT ADAMS, ALTON AND QUINCY, ILL. LOCATE ABOVE RELATIVES AND INTERVIEW RE BACKGROUND AND WHEREABOUTS OF JOHN LARRY RAY.

CHECK SCHOOL RECORDS FOR JOHN LARRY RAY AT ADAMS FOR PERTINENT INFO. REVIEW URFILE TWENTYFIVE DASH SIX NINE THREE EIGHT.

AT SPRINGFIELD CHECK ANY PERTINENT PAROLE RECORDS RE JOHN LARRY RAY UNDER HIS TRUE NAME AN ALIASES.

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FOR INFO SPRINGFIELD RETEL SET LEAD FOR INDIANAPOLIS TO ATTEMPT  
TO LOCATE JAMES EARL RAY'S BROTHER IN INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION.

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900PM URGENT 4/24/68 LCC

TO KANSAS CITY

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P

MURKIN

BUREAU FILES REFLECT THAT FORMER TOP-TEN FUGITIVE GEORGE BEN EDMONDSON PRESENTLY CONFINED MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, WENT TO CANADA FOLLOWING HIS ESCAPE ON AUGUST THREE, NINETEEN SIXTY-FIVE. WHILE IN CANADA EDMONDSON USED THE NAME ALEXANDRE PETER BORMANN; OBTAINED A CANADIAN PASSPORT IN THAT NAME AND MARRIED A CANADIAN GIRL. IT IS BELIEVED THAT ERIC STARVO GALT ON JULY THIRTY-ONE LAST USED AN ADDRESS OF TWO FIVE EIGHT NINE RUE NOTRE DAME EST, MONTREAL, CANADA, AND FROM THAT LOCATION LEFT A FORWARDING ADDRESS OF FIVE ZERO SEVEN CHESTNUT STREET, KANSAS CITY.

BUREAU FILES FURTHER INDICATE THAT EDMONDSON AND SUBJECT RAY WERE BOTH CONFINED AT THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY DURING THE PERIODS JUNE SIX, NINETEEN SIXTY-TWO, TO JUNE NINETEEN, NINETEEN SIXTY-FOUR; FEBRUARY SEVENTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTY-FIVE, TO AUGUST THREE, NINETEEN SIXTY-FIVE (WHEN EDMONDSON ESCAPED). FURTHER, DURING THE PERIOD APRIL TWENTY-THREE, NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN, WHEN RAY ESCAPED

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AND JUNE TWENTY-EIGHT, NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN, WHEN EDMONDSON WAS APPREHENDED IN CANADA, BOTH WERE IN AN ESCAPE STATUS.

REFERENCE IS MADE TO KANSAS CITY LETTER MARCH TWENTY-FIVE, LAST, KC FILE (SIXTY-TWO - EIGHT SIX THREE ONE) WHICH REPORTED THAT EDMONDSON WAS CONTACTED AT HIS REQUEST BY AN AGENT OF YOUR OFFICE, AT WHICH TIME HE VOLUNTEERED TO ASSIST THE GOVERNMENT IN FURNISHING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION UPON HIS EXPECTED RELEASE FROM PRISON AND RETURN TO CANADA.

KANSAS CITY SHOULD PROMPTLY INTERVIEW EDMONDSON FOR ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION HE MIGHT POSSESS CONCERNING FUGITIVE RAY AND HIS PRESENT WHEREABOUTS. PARTICULAR EMPHASIS SHOULD BE PLACED ON THE POSSIBILITY OF RAY HAVING CONTACTED EDMONDSON IN CANADA OR EDMONDSON'S WIFE AND HER FAMILY. BUREAU FILES REFLECT THAT FOLLOWING EDMONDSON'S ARREST, HIS WIFE INDICATED TO CANADIAN AUTHORITIES SHE MIGHT COME TO THE UNITED STATES TO TAKE UP RESIDENCE NEAR THE PLACE NEAR THE PLACE HER HUSBAND WOULD BE CONFINED.

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PM URGENT 4-24-68 DRM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MEMPHIS (44-1987), ST. LOUIS, AND KANSAS CITY

FROM: LITTLE ROCK (157-1215)

RE: MURKIN

RE LITTLE ROCK TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND ABOVE-LISTED OFFICES, APRIL TWENTYTWO SIXTYEIGHT, AND BUREAU TELETYPE TO LITTLE ROCK THIS DATE.

RE: INTERVIEW OF RUSSELL LEE MARTIN.

MARTIN INTERVIEWED THIS DATE AND STATED WELL ACQUAINTED JAMES EARL RAY WHILE BOTH INCARCERATED MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY. MARTIN RECEIVED PARDON AFTER HELPING SOLVE NARCOTICS RING OPERATING IN MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY AND RELEASED APPROXIMATELY THREE MONTHS AGO. MARTIN STATED PRIOR TO RAY'S ESCAPE, RAY SOLD NARCOTICS TO OTHER INMATES AND THAT HE, MARTIN, RAN A GAMBLING GAME. MARTIN STATED RAY WAS A "LONER" AND HAD VERY FEW FRIENDS, BUT WAS CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH TWO OTHER INMATES WHO WERE BROTHERS, ONE NAMED CARL DRAKE, FIRST NAME OF OTHER BROTHER NOT KNOWN, BOTH SUPPOSEDLY

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WELL KNOWN TO ST. LOUIS, MO., PD. DRAKE BROTHERS ARE BOTH SUPPOSED TO BE OUT OF PRISON AND PRESUMED TO BE IN ST. LOUIS BY MARTIN.

MARTIN STATED THAT BASED UPON HIS OBSERVATION, RAY AND THE DRAKE BROTHERS WERE ACQUAINTED BEFORE THEY WERE SENT TO PRISON.

MARTIN STATED THAT IF RAY WERE IN BLYTHEVILLE, ARK., AREA AND KNEW THAT HE, MARTIN, WAS IN BLYTHEVILLE, RAY WOULD CONTACT HIM. MARTIN STATED THAT IF ANY INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED BY HIM REGARDING WHEREABOUTS OF RAY, HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT RA AT BLYTHEVILLE, ARK. MARTIN EXPRESSED COMPLETE COOPERATION WITH REGARDS TO RAY.

MARTIN STATED THAT TWO BROTHERS BY THE NAME OF DALEY(PH) WHO WERE FROM ST. LOUIS WOULD ALSO KNOW RAY, BUT HE DID NOT KNOW HOW CLOSE THEY WERE TO RAY.

MARTIN STATED THAT THE YOUNGER DRAKE BROTHER WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A NARCOTICS ADDICT.

ST. LOUIS AT ST. LOUIS, MO., ATTEMPT TO LOCATE DRAKE BROTHERS AND DALEY BROTHERS THROUGH ST. LOUIS PD.



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KANSAS CITY AT JEFFERSON CITY, MO., REVIEW PRISON RECORDS  
FOR IDENTITIES OF DRAKE BROTHERS AND DALEY BROTHERS AND ADVISE  
ST. LOUIS.

LITTLE ROCK WILL MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH MARTIN.

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AIRTEL - AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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

MURKIN

The following investigation was conducted on 4/22/68, by SA THOMAS F. JENKINS:

AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

LARRY DUNCAN, Estill Hotel, 1018 Broadway, furnished the following information:

On either 4/12 or 13/68, DUNCAN observed an unknown white male, driving a 1965 Volkswagen, bearing Tennessee tag JO-0987, Shelby County. DUNCAN advised that he spoke briefly with unidentified male, whom he believed resembled a photograph he had seen of ERIC STARVO GALT.

DUNCAN described this individual as:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	Middle 30's
Weight	175 pounds
Height	5'10"
Hair	Short, dark
Build	Medium
Complexion	Dark
Remarks	Man wearing white shirt and smoking cigars.

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DUNCAN also believed this individual to be a ham radio operator. DUNCAN related that he saw this individual at 11th and Hereford Streets in Kansas City, Missouri.

LEADS:

MEMPHIS DIVISION

At Memphis, Tennessee

Will contact Tennessee Bureau of Motor Vehicles and determine owner of 1965 Volkswagen, license J0-0987.

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Date: **4/22/68**Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT  
(Priority)TO: SAC, ATLANTA  
SAC, CHICAGO

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

MURKIN

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE, THIS DATE.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF CHICAGO, ON FOUR TWENTYONE SIXTY-EIGHT RAYMOND LOUIS CURTIS CURRENTLY INCARCERATED WHITFIELD COUNTY JAIL, DALTON, GEORGIA, PENDING APPEAL ON A LIFE SENTENCE FOR MURDER AND WHOM SHERIFF MAULDIN STATED IN HIS OPINION WOULD FURNISH INFORMATION THAT WOULD PROBABLY BE RELIABLE TO THE BEST OF CURTIS' KNOWLEDGE, FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATIVE LEADS:

CURTIS WHO SERVED THREE DIFFERENT SENTENCES WITH SUBJECT IN MISSOURI, STATED SUBJECT HAD FORMER CLOSE FRIEND WHO HAD JUST PREVIOUSLY SERVED TIME WITH HIM AT MENARD PRISON ILLINOIS, WHO VISITED SUBJECT FREQUENTLY AND KEPT HIM IN SPENDING MONEY.

INVESTIGATION AT MENARD PRISON ILLINOIS REVEALED THAT RAY NEVER INCARCERATED AT THAT INSTITUTION. SPRINGFIELD IN

- 1 - Bureau (AM)
- 1 - Springfield
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**POSSESSION OF INFORMATION THAT SUBJECT RAY SERVED TIME AT  
JOLIET AND PONTIAC STATE PRISONS, ILLINOIS.**

**ATLANTA IS REQUESTED TO RE-INTERVIEW CURTIS CONCERNING  
ABOVE DISCREPANCY AS TO WHERE RAY INCARCERATED.**

**CHICAGO AT JOLIET, ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY SUBJECT'S FORMER  
CELL MATE, PRIOR TO NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT.**

**SPRINGFIELD AT PONTIAC, ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY SUBJECT'S  
FORMER CELL MATE, PRIOR TO NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT.**

**ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P**

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (MAIL) AND SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN.

RE JAMES DAVID DAILEY.

REURTEL APRIL TWENTY ONE, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT.

SPRINGFIELD DIVISION NOT IN POSSESSION OF ANY INFORMATION  
CONCERNING DAILEY, HIS FAMILY, OR THE BOOTHEEL AREA OF MISSOURI.

COPIES MAILED MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTN: MOVEMENT UNIT

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS

MURKIN

The following personnel who have been on special assignment in the Memphis Division in connection with captioned matter returned to their respective offices of assignment on the dates indicated:

WILLIAM J. BILLEAUD, Springfield, 4/20/68  
O. JAMES HOLBROOK, Louisville 4/20/68  
CHARLES L. LUTES, Louisville, 4/20/68  
JAMES J. STANTON, Louisville, 4/20/68  
BETTYE B. STARK, Louisville, 4/20/68  
THOMAS L. BUCKLEY, St. Louis, 4/20/68  
SHIELDS W. SMITH, Cincinnati, 4/20/68  
EDWARD M. QUINN, Cincinnati, 4/20/68  
JEAN M. SAHND, Cincinnati, 4/20/68  
RUBY ARLENE JONES, Little Rock, 4/21/68  
LEONE J. FLOSI, Kansas City, 4/22/68  
M. BARRY CARMODY, Kansas City, 4/22/68  
FRANK J. HABERSHAW, Springfield, 4/22/68

3 BUREAU  
1 CINCINNATI  
1 KANSAS CITY  
1 LOUISVILLE  
1 LITTLE ROCK  
1 ST. LOUIS  
1 SPRINGFIELD  
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TELETYPE URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR AND PHOENIX (44-371)

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN.

RE PHOENIX TEL EIGHT FORTYEIGHT P.M., APRIL TWENTYONE  
PAST.

TO DATE MEMPHIS OFFICE HAS RECEIVED NO INDICATION OF  
CONSPIRACY OF EX-CONS AS MENTIONED BY WILSON TO LT. JACKSON.  
DL, JK, KC, AND LR ADVISED BY MAIL.

A & D.

P.

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CC: (AIR MAIL) 1 - DALLAS

1 - JACKSONVILLE

(1) - KANSAS CITY

1 - LITTLE ROCK

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TO : SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

MURKIN

The following information was telephonically furnished to SA JAMES GORDON HALL of the Baltimore Divisions Hyattsville, Maryland, RA by SA JOHN M. FLATLEY on 4/22/68:

On 4/22/68 Lt. ROBERT CALDWELL, Commanding, Robbery Squad, Metropolitan Police Department advised SA JOHN M. FLATLEY, WFO that a Negro male about 65 years old who did not identify himself came to the Robbery Squad and said he saw a man who resembled the FBI Wanted Flyer of ERIC STARVO GALT. The man told CALDWELL he saw the man working as a Chef or cook at the Golden Rule Restaurant, in Riverdale, Md., a day or two before. He said he himself has been a cook all his life and the man resembling GALT didn't seem to know what he was doing as a cook.

The Metropolitan Washington phone book, Maryland section, reflects a Golden Rule Dairy in Beltsville, Md., but no reference to a Golden Rule Restaurant.

- 22 - Baltimore
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)
- ② - Kansas City (88-9449) (AM)
- 1 - WFO

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BALTIMORE

AT HEATTSVILLE, MARYLAND

Attempt to locate and process the cook at the  
Golden Rule Restaurant to eliminate.