

were kicked over a cliff into the surf below the hotel, after which the boys would dive into the surf as it rushed through a small inlet.

He recalls RAY once had another inmate, KENNY HURT, or HURTT, in about 1966, send out about \$15.00 for him once, purportedly for the purchase of stationery for legal papers. The prison authorities watch inmate expenditures closely and at the time, the inmates were allowed only about \$23.00 per month expenditures, but RAY had some income from his illegal activities in prison and needed to conceal the money in other than his own treasury account. HURTT got RAY's money and sent it out to a Mr. and Mrs. (name unrecalled) Stationery Company in St. Louis, Missouri, but no stationery ever came to HURTT, who worried about it and thought it might have been stolen until he was told it would never come, by RAY, who had used HURTT for getting rid of the money without HURTT's knowledge of what he was doing.

Former MSP inmate does not know who RAY might contact, other than the supposed friend at Campeche he named, and he has no knowledge of his whereabouts and no knowledge of his plans to escape, or activities following escape. He does not approve of the murder with which RAY is charged, however, and desired to furnish the above information to help if he can.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P
MURKIN

Enclosed herewith to the Bureau are 3 copies of an investigative insert concerning an interview with CECIL CLAYTON LILLIBRIDGE aka CARL LILLIBRIDGE, MSP #67755. LILLIBRIDGE is currently confined in the Cole County Jail, Jefferson City, Mo. and requested his identity be concealed. Therefore his name is not being set forth on the investigative insert.

2 copies above insert are enclosed to Memphis.

1 copy above insert enclosed to San Antonio, St. Louis and Chicago.

The pertinent portion of this information has previously been furnished by teletype, however the insert is being enclosed for complete information.

It is to be noted that the prison records reveal JOHN HURTT aka KENNETH HURTT, MSP #75502, on 1/20/67, sent a

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money order in the amount of \$15.25 to the Albert J. Pepper Stationery Co., 712A Shenandoah St., St. Louis, Mo. A review of the file reflects ALBERT J. PEPPER related to subject. In view of this it is felt that all the information furnished by LILLIBRIDGE may be correct.

Kansas City office is reviewing prison records in an attempt to locate KENNETH BURT. Other leads in this matter were set out by teletype.

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338PM URGENT 5/1/68 WPK

TO DIRECTOR DETROIT KANSAS CITY AND MEMPHIS
FROM WASHINGTON FIELD 44-703 2P

MURKIN

WFO RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL ON APRIL TWENTYNINE LAST FROM
A MAN WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS JUNIUS PRICE, CAB DRIVER,
AUTORAMA NUMBER FORTY, WHO ADVISED THAT HE HAD JUST DROPPED
OFF A MAN AT THE U.S. CAPITOL WHO "LOOKED JUST LIKE THE
MURDERER OF KING". PRICE SAID HE PICKED MAN UP AT THE REGENCY
MOTEL, NEW YORK AVENUE, N.E., WASHINGTON, D.C. (WDC). HE
SAID MAN HAD A NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT OR NINETEEN FIFTYNINE
CHEVROLET, BEARING MICHIGAN LICENSE XA NINE ONE EIGHT ONE.

INVESTIGATION AT REGENCY CONGRESS INN, SIX ZERO ZERO
NEW YORK AVENUE, N.E., WDC, REVEALS A RICHARD KOLAT, ONE THREE
TWO NINE LENIWOOD ROAD, LINWOOD, MICHIGAN, IS A GUEST OF THE
INN. HE IS IN POSSESSION OF A NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE CHEVROLET,
MICHIGAN LICENSE XA NINE ONE EIGHT ONE, AND IS STAYING IN
ROOM TWO ONE ZERO. KOLAT CHECKED IN APRIL TWENTYEIGHT LAST
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WITH HIS WIFE. PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL RAY DISPLAYED TO PERSONS AT INN WHO HAD OBSERVED KOLAT, AND THEY ADVISE KOLAT DOES NOT RESEMBLE RAY. EFFORTS TO LOCATE KOLAT AT WDC ON APRIL TWENTYNINE LAST AND APRIL THIRTY LAST NEGATIVE.

DETROIT AT LINWOOD, MICHIGAN. WILL CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF KOLAT IS IDENTICAL TO RAY.

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MRH

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-760)

DATE: 4/30/68

FROM : SA THOMAS H. WEAVER P

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Bufile 44-38861

Re Oklahoma City teletype to Bureau and Kansas City,
etc., 4/24/68.

ERIC LARSON, MSP #00877, advised he worked with
RAY about ~~one year during about 1962-63~~ in the main kitchen
area of MSP, but in about 1963 LARSON was transferred to
the hospital and had little contact with RAY thereafter
and has no pertinent information regarding RAY or his back-
ground or associates.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-760)

FROM : SA HOMER E. SCHWARZ

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/30/68

Re SAC Memo to All Agents, 4/23/68.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA HOMER E. SCHWARZ:

On 4/25/68, the following major law enforcement agencies were contacted and all advised no armed robberies or burglaries perpetrated in which latents recovered, or in which Unknown Subject may fit general description of JAMES EARL RAY.

Police Department - Great Bend, Kansas - Captain DWIGHT COBB

Sheriff's Office - " " " MARION WEESE, Sheriff

Police Department - Hays, Kansas - Lt. FRED HERTAL

Sheriff's Office - Hays, Kansas - CLARENCE WERTH, Sheriff

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

SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

ReButel to ME 4/17/68.

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 *ELLY*
 - B. Clerical Employees *MALCE*
- 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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Boyd 1st day

Approved: *R.G. Jensen*
 Special Agent in Charge

Sent *10:00* M Per *10:00*

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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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FBI BIRMGHAM

901 PM URGENT 4-30-68 GDM

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, JACKSON, KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS AND MIAMI
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

MURKIN. CR. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE ATLANTA TEL TO BIRMINGHAM, BUREAU, AND MEMPHIS, THIS DATE.

SIXTY EIGHT AMERICAN MOTORS REBEL TWO DOOR, RED IN COLOR,
SIXTY EIGHT GA. LICENSE ONE - FOUR FOUR NINE ONE FOUR, VIN A
EIGHT A ONE NINE SEVEN M TWO FOUR EIGHT ONE NINE SEVEN, DETERMINED
TO HAVE BEEN ABANDONED AT BIRMINGHAM MUNICIPAL AIRPORT PARKING
LOT, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF ELEVEN P.M., APR. SEVEN, LAST, AND
SIX A.M., APR. EIGHT, LAST. INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED WITH EMPLOYEES
HERTZ RENT A CAR, BIRMINGAM, ALA., WHO FIRST DISCOVERED VEHICLE
BACKED IN TO WASH RACK, AND ADVISED THAT DUE TO DECAL NUMBER ON
REAR WINDOW AND DOORPOST, THEY IMMEDIATELY NOTICED THIS VEHICLE
TO BE A HERTZ RENT A CAR FROM ATLANTA, GA. EMPLOYEES SAID THAT
VEHICLE DOORS WERE NOT LOCKED; HOWEVER, KEY WAS MISSING FROM
IGNITION AND ONLY ITEM RECALLED IN CAR WAS ONE BOX PARTIALLY
EATEN DONUTS. EMPLOYEES STATED THAT SINCE NO IGNITION KEY

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AVAILABLE, THEY PUSHED THIS VEHICLE OUT OF THE PARKING LOT AND THEREAFTER LOCKED DOORS AND AT NO TIME WAS THIS VEHICLE CLEANED INSIDE OR WASHED ON THE OUTSIDE. THEY WERE UNABLE TO STATE IF THIS VEHICLE HAD BEEN HOTWIRED. INSTANT VEHICLE REMAINED AT HERTZ RENT A CAR, BIRMINGHAM MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, UNTIL APR. TWO SIX, LAST, AT WHICH TIME AN IGNITION KEY WAS OBTAINED FOR VEHICLE AND THEREAFTER CAR RETURNED TO HERTZ RENT A CAR, ATLANTA, GA., HAVING BEEN DRIVEN BY JESSIE SOLAMON, ROUTE ONE, RIVERDALE, GA., MILEAGE OUT FIVE HUNDRED TEN.

INTERVIEWS WITH HERTZ EMPLOYEES DISCLOSED THAT NO PERSONNEL IS EMPLOYED DURING THE HOURS ELEVEN P.M. THROUGH SIX A.M., AND NO INDIVIDUALS OBSERVED INSTANT VEHICLE ARRIVE AT AIRPORT.

ATLANTA WILL IMMEDIATELY LOCATE AND INTERVIEW SALLY WILLIS, GRAY ADVERTISING, INC., AND DETERMINE FROM HER IF SHE PERSONALLY REMOVED IGNITION KEYS FROM VEHICLE WHEN SHE RETURNED CAR TO ATLANTA AIRPORT WHERE VEHICLE WAS PARKED. ASCERTAIN WHERE SHE LAST LEFT CAR.

DETERMINE FROM HERTZ FULL PARTICULARS CONCERNING PREVIOUS RENTAL AND SPECIFICALLY MILEAGE AT TIME VEHICLE TURNED IN AND
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IF THEY CAN RECALL WHAT HAPPENED TO THE IGNITION KEYS. DETERMINE FROM HERTZ AFTER VEHICLE WAS RETURNED IF IGNITION WAS HOTWIRED.

WILL INTERVIEW JESSIE SOLAMON, ROUTE ONE, RIVERDALE, GA., CONCERNING HIS TRANSPORTING INSTANT VEHICLE BACK TO ATLANTA, AND IF HE NOTED ANY CORRESPONDENCE OR PERSONAL EFFECTS THEREIN.

RE FLIGHTS FROM BIRMINGHAM BETWEEN ELEVEN P.M., APR. SEVEN, LAST, AND SIX NINETEEN A.M., APR. EIGHT, LAST.

DELTA AIRLINES HAS FOUR FLIGHTS: NO. FIVE FIVE, WHICH LEAVES ELEVEN FIVE FIVE P.M., GOING TO MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY; NO. ONE FIVE ONE, WHICH LEAVES AT SIX NINETEEN A.M., GOING TO JACKSON, MISS. AND DALLAS; FLIGHT FIVE FOUR, WHICH LEAVES AT THREE FORTY A.M., GOING TO ATLANTA; AND FLIGHT EIGHT ONE EIGHT, WHICH LEAVES ONE FORTY FIVE A.M., GOING TO ATLANTA. ONLY OTHER FLIGHT LEAVING BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT BETWEEN THESE HOURS IS EASTERN FLIGHT SIX SIX TWO, WHICH LEAVES AT TWELVE ZERO ONE A.M., GOING TO ATLANTA, AND EASTERN SIX THREE FIVE, WHICH LEAVES AT FOUR ZERO SEVEN A.M., GOING TO PENSACOLA AND MOBILE. SEVEN PERSONS BOARDED EASTERN FLIGHT SIX SIX TWO AT BIRMINGHAM, AND FOUR BOARDED EASTERN FLIGHT SIX THREE FIVE. NAMES OF THESE PASSENGERS ARE KEPT IN

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RECORDS OF EASTERN REGIONAL OFFICE, MIAMI, ON TICKETS PURCHASED BY THEM.

MIAMI IMMEDIATELY EXAMINE THESE TICKETS, ASCERTAIN IDENTITIES OF PASSENGERS, HOW PAYMENT WAS MADE, IDENTITY OF TICKET AGENT, AND SET OUT LEAD TO HAVE THESE PASSENGERS FULLY IDENTIFIED AND INTERVIEWED TO DETERMINE IF THEY CAN RECOGNIZE RAY AS FELLOW PASSENGER. FULLY IDENTIFY CREW ON EACH FLIGHT AND HAVE THEM INTERVIEWED TO SEE IF THEY CAN IDENTIFY PHOTO OF RAY AS PASSENGER ON EITHER FLIGHT.

ATLANTA, AT DELTA AIRLINES, ATLANTA, CONDUCT SIMILAR INVESTIGATION AS THAT REQUESTED OF MIAMI CONCERNING TICKETS AND CREWS, NOTING FOLLOWING PASSENGERS BOARDED AT BIRMINGHAM:

FLIGHT FIVE FIVE, PASSENGERS GOING TO MEMPHIS WERE VAUGHN, WATSON, NASH, QUINTON, COLLINS; GOING TO KANSAS CITY WAS PASSENGER SLATTERY; CREW CONSISTED OF CAPT. KALLIES, CO-PILOT WIESE, STEWARDESSES SAPPINGTON AND COMPTON, ALL FNU.

PASSENGER (FNU) WEAVER BOARDED FLIGHT ONE FIVE ONE GOING TO JACKSON. OTHER PASSENGERS BOARDING AT BIRMINGHAM LEFT LOCAL TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND BIRMINGHAM WILL IDENTIFY THESE. CREW CONSISTED OF CAPT. MORRISON, CO-PILOT WARREN, STEWARDESSES
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CUNNINGHAM AND POWERS, ALL FNU.

BOARDING FLIGHT FIVE FOUR WERE PASSENGERS DANIEL, JOHNSON, WESSLEY, JAVIS; CREW CAPT. DAGGETT, CO-PILOT FUNK, STEWARDESSES REYNOLDS AND WATSON. ALL FNU.

BOARDING FLIGHT EIGHT ONE EIGHT WERE PASSENGERS SANDERS, NEILON, THOMPSON (A MILITARY PERSONNEL); CREW CAPT. FOSTER, CO-PILOT HAAS, ENGINEER COUGHMAN, STEWARDESSES PAYNE, LONG, BERKEY AND JUFFT, ALL FNU..

KANSAS CITY ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY PASSENGER SLATTERY AND
INTERVIEW TO ASCERTAIN IF IDENTICAL TO RAY OR FELLOW PASSENGER.

MEMPHIS ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY MEMPHIS PASSENGERS ON FLIGHT FIVE FIVE, AND CONDUCT SIMILAR INVESTIGATION.

ATLANTA IDENTIFY PASSENGERS LISTED ABOVE GOING TO ATLANTA, ON FLIGHTS FIVE FOUR AND EIGHT ONE EIGHT.

JACKSON CONDUCT SIMILAR INVESTIGATION CONCERNING PASSENGER WEAVER ON FLIGHT ONE FIVE ONE.

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TO OMAHA, AND KANSAS CITY
FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (TWO PAGES)

MURKIN, CR. OO: MEMPHIS.

RE OMAHA TELETYPE APRIL NINETEEN, LAST, AND SPRINGFIELD
TELETYPE APRIL TWENTYFOUR, LAST.

RE EARL EVERETT RAY (DECEASED).

MR. C. D. IREY, SPECIAL AGENT, C. B. & Q. RAILROAD, GALESBURG,
ILLINOIS, STATED REVIEW OF EMPLOYMENT FILE LISTED FILE ON
EARL EVERETT RAY, SUBJECT'S UNCLE, ONE SIX FOUR SOUTH ACADEMY
STREET, GALESBURG, ILL. HE SHOWED A PREVIOUS ADDRESS OF ONE
TWO EIGHT NORTH FIFTH STREET, QUINCY, ILLINOIS AND LISTED
LOUISA RAY AS HIS MOTHER. THE FILE INDICATED HE WORKED FOR
THE RAILROAD FOR PERIOD NOVEMBER FOUR, NINETEEN FORTYFOUR TO
NOVEMBER SEVENTEEN, NINETEEN FORTYFOUR, THIRTEEN DAYS. HE
LISTED FORMER EMPLOYMENT OF APRIL OF NINETEEN THIRTYFOUR TO
JUNE OF NINETEEN FORTYFOUR WITH SUNSET AMUSEMENT COMPANY,
EXCELLSIOR SPRINGS, MISSOURI, AND C. B. & Q. RAILROADS, OMAHA,
NEBRASKA. W.A. COLE, FELLOW EMPLOYEE, DOES NOT RECALL RAY.
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NAME CHECKS AT THE GALESBURG PD, KNOX COUNTY SO, AND
CREDIT BUREAU FAILED TO DEVELOP ANY INFO. FORMER RESIDENCE
AREA OF ONE SIX FOUR SOUTH ACADEMY IS NOW A CEMETARY.

OMAHA AND KANSAS CITY ARE REQUESTED TO CHECK FORMER
EMPLOYMENTS OF EARL RAY, FOR ANY INFO OF LEAD VALUE RE
SUBJECT.

COPY MAILED MEMPHIS. P.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-760)

DATE: 5/1/68

FROM : SA ARTHUR N. THOMPSON -P-

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/30/68, Mrs. TROY (PATRICIA) STATLER, P.O. Box 2, Carbondale, Kansas, advised her husband is a Technical Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force stationed at Forbes AFB, Kansas, and that she was reared in Indianapolis, Indiana. She advised that her husband works nights and, therefore, she stays up all night and sleeps with him during the daytime. She stated that on the afternoon of 4/26/68, she was in the Mahogany Bar, 901 North Dorman Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, operated by JIM TAYLOR. JIM KELLY was working as bartender and LUCILLE DALTON was working as waitress. She does not now recall any other customers in the bar at the time.

Between 3 and 4 PM, a man entered the bar and sat at the table directly in front of the juke box. She felt she had seen this man before so she kept watching him. The man entered the bar alone and talked to no one other than the waitress to order one Weideman Beer. The man put two quarters in the juke box and sat at the table for 20 or 25 minutes and left. Just before the man left the bar, she realized he resembled the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT, that she had seen in the newspaper.

She was too frightened to notify anyone and after the man left, she asked LUCILLE DALTON if she had noticed the man and told her she felt he might be GALT. LUCILLE said the man had never been in the bar before and told her to mind her own business, so she did not notify authorities. She contacted the FBI after returning to Kansas because she had discussed the incident with relatives who urged her to do so.

She observed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and she feels he is the person she saw in the Mahogany Bar.

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She said the man was well dressed wearing an expensive blue sweater, yellow linen sport shirt, black trousers, white socks, black shoes and had a wide yellow gold wedding band on his left ring finger and another ring on his right hand. She said she did not see if the man was driving a car or where he went when he left the bar.

The man acted like he did not want to talk to anyone and did not want anyone to notice him. She does not recall if the man had any scars or marks.

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Date: 5/1/68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
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(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS 44-1987, AND
INDIANAPOLIS

FROM: KANSAS CITY 44-760

MURKIN

MRS. TROY PATRICIA STATLER, CARBONDALE, KANSAS, ADVISED THAT ON APRIL TWENTYSIX LAST SHE WAS IN MAHOGANY BAR, NINE ZERO ONE NORTH DORMAN ST., INDIANAPOLIS, IND. THIS BAR IS OPERATED BY JIM TAYLOR, JIM KELLY WAS WORKING AS THE BARTENDER, AND LUCILLE DALTON WAS WORKING AS WAITRESS. AT ABOUT THREE THIRTY PM, A MAN RESEMBLING PHOTOS OF SUBJECT CAME INTO THE BAR ALONE, ORDERED ONE "WEIDEMAN" BEER AND LEFT TWENTY MINUTES LATER. SHE ASKED THE BARTENDER AND WAITRESS IF THEY HAD EVER SEEN THE MAN BEFORE AND THEY SAID NO. SHE STATED SHE WAS TOO FRIGHTENED TO NOTIFY ANYONE, BUT FELT THAT SHE SHOULD CONTACT THE FBI NOW THAT SHE HAS RETURNED TO KANSAS. SHE WAS SHOWN PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL 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, BLUE SWEATER, HAD SCAR ON FOREHEAD, AND HAIR VERY NEAT

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INDIANAPOLIS. CONDUCT INVESTIGATION AT MAHOGANY BAR
FOR ANY INFO THEY MAY HAVE RE SUBJECT.

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Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
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MEMPHIS

FROM: KANSAS CITY (44-760)

MURKIN - DAILEY SUMMARY

(ms p)
CURRENT INMATES, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, BOBBY
FRED ASHE, ERIC LARSON, ADVISED THAT THEY COULD FURNISH NO
PERTINENT INFORMATION REGARDING SUBJECT.

BERNARD TESCHANG, COOK, RENTZ PRISON KNEW RAY AS A
"HIDE OUT GUY", REMEMBERS APRIL TWENTY THREE SIXTY SEVEN
WHEN THE ^{BREAD}~~BRED~~ ARRIVED ALL MESSED UP. HE STATED THE BREAD BOX
WAS LARGE ENOUGH FOR A PERSON TO HIDE IN, BUT COULD FURNISH
NO OTHER INFORMATION REGARDING RAY'S ESCAPE.

RECORDS, PHILLIPS PETROLEUM, KANSAS CITY, REVEAL MICHAEL
ST. PIERRE RENTED BOATS AT FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, SEPTEMBER
SIXTY SEVEN USING CREDIT CARD ISSUED BY CANADIAN SHELL LTD.,
TORONTO, CANADA.

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RECORDS MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY REVEAL LEO BARNETT
PAROLED TO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA.

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FRED MILLER TRANSFERRED TO MOBERLY, MO., INTERESTED OFFICES
ADVISED.

ALL PERSONS NAMED SLATTERY LISTED IN GREATER KANSAS CITY
DIRECTORY NEGATIVE REGARDING DELTA AIRLINES FLIGHT.

INFORMATION FURNISHED BY LILLIBRIDGE REGARDING MONEY
ORDERS VERIFIED BY PRISON RECORDS.

AIRTEL RE MURKIN COST DATA FORWARDED TO MEMPHIS THIS
DATE. LOCAL LEADS CONTINUE TO BE HANDLED IMMEDIATELY.

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Special Agent in Charge

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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) -P-
MURKIN - COST DATA

Re Memphis airtel to Albany, 4/19/68.

The following is a breakdown of the number of man hours and other expenses allocated by the Kansas City Division to MURKIN:

1. A. Special Agent - 1170 regular hours and 261 overtime hours - total 1431 hours.
B. Clerical Employees - 335 regular hours and 19 overtime hours - total 354 hours.
2. Total mileage traveled in Bucars - 3703 miles.
3. Out-of-ordinary costs -
A. Photography work - \$180.00.
B. Telephone and teletype - \$310.00.
4. Peak number of Special Agents working on case during month - 95.

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FBI ATLANTA

8 13 PM EDT URGENT 5/1/68 VSC DL

TO DIRECTOR, JACKSON, KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS, MIAMI,
MINNEAPOLIS AND BIRMINGHAM
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 2P

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MURKIN

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL, APR. THIRTY, LAST, AND ATLANTA TELCALLS
TO BIRMINGHAM, MAY ONE, INSTANT.

OFFICES HAVING LEADS TO LOCATE PASSENGERS LEAVING BIRMINGHAM
AS STATED IN RETEL, REQUESTED TO DISCONTINUE INVESTIGATION
TO LOCATE PASSENGERS. INVESTIGATION HERTZ CORP., ATLANTA,
THIS DATE REFLECTED RENTAL AGREEMENT DATED APR. SEVEN,
'SIXTYEIGHT FOR 'SIXTYEIGHT AMERICAN MTRS REBEL, TWO-DOOR,

REFERRED TO IN RETEL, RENTED TO J. TERRENCE WOLKERSTORFER UNDER
SINCLAIR CREDIT CARD NO. SEVEN TWO NINE EIGHT ONE NINE THREE EIGHT THREE
APPARENTLY EMPLOYED NOTRE DAME AND AVA MARIA MAGAZINE. RENTAL AGREEMENT
REFLECTS ADDITIONAL DRIVER OF CAR JOHN TEVAHEAY, THREE ONE
SIX SPENCER ROAD, DEVON, PA. WOLKERSTORFER APPARENTLY APPEARED AT
ATLANTA AIRPORT FOUR AM, APR. NINE, 'SIXTYEIGHT, AND ADVISED
HERTZ EMPLOYEE AMERICAN REBEL AUTO LEFT AT BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT 44-760-397
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WITH HERTZ CORP. AND MILEAGE RECORDED FIVE HUNDRED
TEN MILES. CHECK-REPORT MADE IN ATLANTA BY M. STEPHENS. INQUIRY SINCLA
OIL CO., ATLANTA, REFLECTS WOLKERSTORFER RESIDES THREE TWO FOUR WOODLAWN
AVE., ST. PAUL, MINN. CREDIT CARD NOT REPORTED STOLEN TO DATE AND
NO EXCESSIVE CHARGES LISTED.

MINNEAPOLIS AT ST. PAUL, MINN., LOCATE WOLKERSTORFER RE RENTAL
OF AMERICAN MTRS REBEL, TWO-DR, AT ATLANTA, APR. SEVEN, LAST, AND
LEAVING SAME AT BIRMINGHAM. ASCERTAIN IF WOLKERSTORFER IN ANYWAY
CONNECTED WITH CAPTIONED MATTER AND IF HE AND ASSOCIATE, TEVAHEAY
POSSIBLY IDENTICAL TO SUBJECT.

ATLANTA INTERVIEWING M. STEPHENS RE CHECK-IN OF REBEL AUTO.

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8:10PM URGENT 5-1-68 DPL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38811)

MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY (44-760)

FROM: INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE KANSAS CITY TEL FIVE ONE SIXTY-EIGHT, JIM TAYLOR, OWNER MAHOGANY BAR, AND JIM KELLY, BARTENDER, FOUR TWENTY FOUR SIXTY-EIGHT. TAYLOR AND KELLY CAN NOT RECALL SUBJECT, NOR CONVERSATION WITH MRS. STATLER. PICTURES EXHIBITED BUT NEITHER COULD MAKE IDENTITY. WAITRESS NOT AVAILABLE.

AREA IS BUSINESS AREA- OFFICES CLOSED FOR TODAY. WAITRESS AND OFFICES WILL BE CANVASSED AM FIVE TWO SIXTY EIGHT.

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FBI ST LOUIS

726PM URGENT 5-1-68 JHH

TO: DIRECTOR KANSAS CITY MEMPHIS

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775) 1P

MURKIN

RE KCTEL TO BUREAU MEMPHIS TAMPA AND ST. LOUIS
FIVE ONE SIXTYEIGHT.

RE RAY FELLOW PRISONERS.

FRED HENRY MILLER, WHITE MALE, MISSOURI TRAINING SCHOOL
FOR MEN, MOBERLY, MO., NUMBER SIX SIX FIVE THREE FIVE,
INTERVIEWED THIS DATE. WAS INCARCERATED JEFFERSON CITY, MO.,
ELEVEN TWO FIFTYTWO, FROM WAYNE CO, MO., ON LIFE SENTENCE FOR
MURDER. TRANSFERRED TO MOBERLY JULY SIXTYFIVE BACK TO JEFFERSON
CITY AUGUST SIXTYSIX AND BACK TO MOBERLY TWO FOUR SIXTYEIGHT.

KNOWS SUBJECT BY SIGHT AND REPUTATION. KNOWS NOTHING
PERSONAL ABOUT HIM AND WAS NOT A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OR SPEAKING
ACQUAINTANCE.

HE IS THE ONLY FRED MILLER HE KNOWS OF EITHER IN
JEFFERSON CITY OR MOBERLY SINCE NOVEMBER OF FIFTYTWO.

NO RECORD OF FRED MILLER NUMBER ZERO TWO TWO SEVEN THREE
AT MOBERLY, THEY HAVE NO SUCH NUMBER.

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TO CHICAGO KANSAS CITY ST. LOUIS AND SPRINGFIELD
FROM DIRECTOR 2P

MURKIN

FULL COVERAGE IS TO BE AFFORDED THE RELATIVES OF SUBJECT RESIDING IN YOUR RESPECTIVE TERRITORIES. THIS WILL INCLUDE A SPOT SURVEILLANCE OF THESE PERSONS AS WELL AS A DETERMINATION OF THEIR ASSOCIATES AND INDIVIDUALS MAKING FREQUENT CONTACT WITH THEM. YOU SHOULD ALSO OBTAIN ALL LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALLS FROM THEIR RESIDENCE FOR PERIOD APRIL TWENTYTHREE SIXTY-SEVEN TO PRESENT TIME. YOU SHOULD MAKE THIS A CONTINUING PROJECT UNTIL OTHERWISE ADVISED BY THE BUREAU. IF TELEPHONE CALLS LOCATED, THEY MUST BE THOROUGHLY CHECKED OUT TO DETERMINE ANY CONTACT BY THE SUBJECT. IF GRAND JURY NOT IN SESSION TO SUBPOENA RECORDS, YOU SHOULD INSURE THAT REVIEW OF RECORDS CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED WITH FULL SECURITY AND BUREAU'S INTEREST WILL BE FULLY PROTECTED. IT WILL BE FULLY INCUMBENT UPON EACH OFFICE TO BE COMPLETELY AWARE OF ANY SITUATION IN WHICH THE SUBJECT CONTACTS RELATIVES

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OF THE SUBJECT. YOU SHOULD INSURE THAT EACH RELATIVE IS
ADEQUATELY COVERED TO POSSIBLY ASSIST IN THE SUBJECT'S
LOCATION AND APPREHENSION.

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AIRMAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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FBI DETROIT

10:20PM URGENT 5/1/68 LPS

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY.

FROM: DETROIT (44-989)

MURKIN

RE DALLAS TEL FOUR THIRTY LAST.

PHONE NUMBER SEVEN SEVEN SIX- FIVE NINE FIVE ZERO ISSUED TO
A.B. BROOKS III, TWO TWO NINE FOUR ZERO GAUKLER, ST. CLAIR SHORES,
MICHIGAN.

MRS. BROOKS ADVISED THIS DATE PHONE CALL FROM MARATHON, TEXAS,
DECEMBER SIXTEEN LAST WAS MADE BY HER GRANDPARENTS MR. AND MRS.
JOHN MC CALLUM, RURAL RTE. ONE ROSCOMMON, MICH., WHO WERE VISITING
MRS. MC CALLUM'S BROTHER AND HAD RUN INTO AN ICE STORM. PHONE CALL
ADVISED MRS. BROOKS RE ICE STORM AND NOT TO WORRY ABOUT GRANDPARENTS.

MRS. BROOKS VIEWED PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY AND STATED RAY
NOT FAMILIAR TO HER AND SHE HAS NO INFO RE HIM.

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FBI-HOUSTON

337PM URGENT 5-1-68 JLN

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), KANSAS CITY, SAN ANTONIO
FROM HOUSTON (44-1509)

MURKIN.

RE KANSAS CITY TEL APR. TWENTYNINE AND MYAIRTEL APR. THIRTY.

RECORDS OF TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS,
REFLECT WILLIAM THOMAS JACOBS, FBI TWO FIVE THREE ZERO ONE ZERO ZERO,
SOCIAL SECURITY NO. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WAS RELEASED MAY ELEVEN SIXTYSIX, FOR PURPOSE OF
RETURNING TO KANSAS CITY, MO. TO SEEK EMPLOYMENT AS TRUCK DRIVER.
ALL INVESTIGATION HUNTSVILLE AND BEAUMONT, NEGATIVE.

RECORDS AT TDC REFLECT JACOBS' RELATIVES ALL DECEASED
EXCEPT FOR ONE BROTHER, J.W. JACOBS, WHO IS IN U.S. ARMY. JACOBS
DID NOT CORRESPOND WITH ANYONE WHILE IN TDC. PRISON RECORDS
REFLECT JACOBS ADMITTING BEING COMMITTED AT LEAST THREE TIMES FOR
MENTAL OBSERVATION AT AUSTIN, TEXAS. IN ADDITION THE RECORDS
REFLECT HIS ADMITTING THAT FROM NINETEEN FORTYSIX TO FIFTYEIGHT
HIS INABILITY TO REMEMBER ANYTHING DUE TO MENTAL ILLNESS
CAUSED BY ALCOHOLISM.

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FOR INFO SAN ANTONIO, KANSAS CITY HAS INFORMATION THAT ONE WILLIAM THOMAS JACOBS CLAIMS HE WAS APPROACHED BY UNKNOWN PARTY FEB. FIFTEEN, SIXTYFIVE, AND ASKED TO KILL PRESIDENT AND MARTIN LUTHER KING. SAN ANTONIO CHECK AT STATE HOSPITAL, AUSTIN, FOR BACKGROUND AND DETERMINE IF POSSIBLE RECEIVING TREATMENT.

KANSAS CITY CONSIDER CHECKING WITH TRUCK DRIVERS UNION IN
ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE EMPLOYMENT.

IF ABOVE LEADS NEGATIVE, BUREAU REQUESTED TO CONSIDER
CHECKING BUREAU SOURCE FOUR FOR PRESENT EMPLOYMENT.

AM COPY TO MEMPHIS.

END

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FBI KAN CITY

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Kansas City (44-760) (P)

DATE: 4/30/68

FROM : SA Earl A. Payson

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following investigation was conducted by SA Payson;
All with negative results:

The names Eric Starvo Galt; Harvey Lowmeyer or Lowmyer; and John Williard were checked with the Greater West Plains Credit Bureau, West Plains, Mo., on 4/16/68, by Mrs. Marie Nale, with negative results. These names were also checked with the following law enforcement agencies with negative results: West Plains Police Department, Chief Eldon Collins, West Plains, Mo., on 4/16/68; Sheriff George Foster, Houston, Texas County, Mo., on 4/15/68; Sheriff Raymond Burleson, Alton, Oregon County, Mo., on 4/19/68; Sheriff Herman Pierce, Gainesville, Ozark County, Mo., on 4/22/68; Sheriff Chancey Sherman, Ava, Douglas County, Mo., on 4/22/68; Sheriff Rex Kelley, Hartville, Wright County, Mo., was contacted when he was met while passing through Mtn. Grove, Mo., enroute to West Plains on 4/16/68.

It should be noted that the only credit bureau outside of Springfield, Mo., which could contain entries for persons residing in Douglas, Wright, Texas, Howell, Oregon, and Ozark Counties, Mo., is located at West Plains which is the County Seat of Howell County.

CC:
(1) 44-760

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51XX 521PM URGENT 5-1-68 JGA

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS 44-1987 AND SPRINGFIELD
FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740 5P

MURKIN. ✓

RE MOBILE TEL TO BIRMINGHAM APRIL TWENTYNINE, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT,
SETTING FORTH NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE FORMER INMATES MISSOURI
STATE PRISON (MSP) AND CURRENTLY UNDER SUPERVISION STATE OF ALABAMA
UNDER INTERSTATE AGREEMENT. TWO OF THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE HILLARD
SANDERS, UNDER SUPERVISION SINCE NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR, AND JAMES W.
BROWN, REFORM, ALABAMA, UNDER SUPERVISION SINCE NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE.
BROWN INTERVIEWED AND STATES INMATE MSP FROM APRIL, NINETEEN SIXTY
THROUGH JUNE, NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE AND ACQUAINTED WITH JAMES EARL RAY
WHILE IN PRISON. BROWN FIRST MADE ACQUAINTANCE OF RAY DURING YEAR
NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE AND CLAIMS HE HAD TALKED WITH RAY PERSONALLY
AND HAD BEEN IN GROUPS WHERE RAY WAS TALKING ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS.
BROWN RECALLS THAT RAY MADE STATEMENT THAT HE WAS GLAD WHEN JOHN F.
KENNEDY WAS KILLED AND MADE SIMILAR STATEMENT AT THIS TIME TO THE
EFFECT "THAT IS ONE NIGGER-LOVING S.O.B. THAT GOT SHOT." BROWN
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STATED THAT RAY DISLIKED NEGROES AND THAT DURING TIME MARTIN LUTHER KING WAS LEADING DEMONSTRATIONS AND MARCHES HE WOULD BECOME AGGRAVATED AND UPSET WHEN READING THIS INFORMATION IN NEWSPAPERS TO THE POINT THAT HE WOULD CURSE KING AND THE NEGROES. BROWN STATED THAT RAY MADE STATEMENT THAT KENNEDY WAS RUNNING THE COUNTRY AND ESPECIALLY IN THE RACIAL FIELD AND THAT KING COULD GET THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO DO ANYTHING HE WANTED THEM TO. BROWN SAID HE HAD HEARD PRISON RUMORS THAT RAY WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE KILLED THREE NEGROES WHILE IN THE MSP.

BROWN ADVISED THAT SOMETIME DURING THE FALL, NINETEEN SIXTY-THREE, RAY MADE STATEMENT THAT HE WAS GOING TO GET MARTIN LUTHER KING WHEN HE GOT OUT. BROWN SAID HE HEARD RAY SAY SOMETHING ABOUT COOLEY (PHONETIC) OR COOLEY'S ORGANIZATION WOULD PAY TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS TO HAVE KING DEAD. BROWN SAID HE COULD FURNISH NO INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS ORGANIZATION AND RAY DID NOT MENTION IT AGAIN IN HIS PRESENCE. BROWN SAID THAT RAY SEEMED TO HAVE A SUFFICIENT SUPPLY OF MONEY AND THAT HE ALLEGEDLY GOT A CHECK OR MONEY REGULARLY FROM SOURCE OUTSIDE PRISON. HE STATED THAT RAY DID DRINK AND HE HAD DETECTED ALCOHOL ON HIS BREATH ON DIFFERENT OCCASIONS, POINTING OUT THAT CONVICTS MADE WHISKEY IN PRISON AND SOME OF THE GUARDS WOULD

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SELL WHISKEY TO CONVICTS. BROWN SAID THERE WERE NARCOTICS PASSED AROUND IN PRISON AND GUARDS WOULD BRING NARCOTICS AND SOME OF IT WAS BROUGHT IN BY VISITORS. HE SAID HE HAD NO PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE THAT RAY USED NARCOTICS. HE ALSO WAS UNABLE TO NAME ANY SPECIFIC GUARD WHO SOLD CONTRABAND.

BROWN SAID THAT RAY WAS NOT OVERLY FRIENDLY, HOWEVER, IN GROUPS HE WOULD TALK. HE NEVER DISCUSSED HIS PAST LIFE IN BROWN'S PRESENCE AND BROWN HAS NO IDEA WHERE RAY IS FROM. BROWN SAID HE HAS NOT SEEN RAY SINCE HE LEFT PRISON AND NOTED THAT RAY HAD TALKED ABOUT TUNNELING OUT OF PRISON AND GOING TO VIRGINIA AND HIDING IN A CAVE. BROWN SAID THAT RAY MADE STATEMENT THAT HE HAD A LARGE SUPPLY OF GUNS BEFORE HE WAS IN PRISON AND THE ONLY FOREIGN COUNTRY HE EVER HEARD RAY MENTION WAS LIBERIA, AFRICA, AND RAY STATED HE HAD A BROTHER-IN-LAW WORKING THERE AND THAT HE WAS MAKING LARGE SUMS OF MONEY.

BROWN SAID THAT A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF RAY WHILE IN PRISON WAS JOHNNY VALENTI (PHONETIC). VALENTI IS BELIEVED TO BE FROM BATON ROUTE, LOUISIANA AND BROWN BELIEVES HE IS STILL IN MSP. VALENTI OFTEN SPOKE ABOUT MEXICO AND COULD SPEAK SPANISH. RAY STATED ONE TIME

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HE WAS GOING TO VISIT A FRIEND OF HIS AND VALENTI'S, THIS FRIEND'S NAME UNKNOWN, WHO WAS RELEASED FROM PRISON AND GOT MARRIED AND IS BELIEVED TO BE RUNNING A CAFE NEAR MOBERLY, MISSOURI. ANOTHER FRIEND WAS JOHNNY JOHNSON WHO IS FROM THE KANSAS CITY AREA AND IS BELIEVED TO BE STILL IN PRISON AS HE WAS SERVING A TWENTY YEAR SENTENCE. ANOTHER FRIEND "NONEY" EDEN SERVING FIVE YEARS MSP. ANOTHER FRIEND, RICHARD BEEMAN, AND (FNU) MAYBERRY FROM WEST PLAINS, MISSOURI.

BROWN WAS SHOWN I. O. FOUR ONE EIGHT TWO AND STATED THAT THE CENTER PICTURE LOOKS EXACTLY LIKE HE REMEMBERED RAY IN PRISON AND OTHER PICTURES RESEMBLED HIM ALSO.

INVESTIGATION AT GADSDEN, ALABAMA REFLECTS HILLARD ALLEN SANDERS LAST EMPLOYED ALABAMA TOOL COMPANY, GADSDEN, MARCH TWENTYONE, NINETEEN SIXTYSIX. MARIE CRESS, SISTER OF SANDERS, ADVISED LAST TIME SHE HEARD FROM SANDERS WAS OVER ONE YEAR AGO AND HE WAS RESIDING WOOD RIVER, ILLINOIS. PAUL MINTON, STATE PROBATION OFFICER, ADVISED SANDERS PRESENTLY RESIDING ONE THREE SEVEN EAST ACTON STREET, WOOD RIVER, ILLINOIS.

TWO OTHER INMATES MSP INTERVIEWED AND ADVISED NOT ACQUAINTED
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NOR COULD THEY RECALL JAMES EARL RAY AT TIME INCARCERATED MSP.
THESE INMATES ARE COLUMBUS JONES, BOLIGEE, ALABAMA, AND CHARLES R.
MASHBURN, OWENS CROSS ROADS, ALA.

KANSAS CITY DETERMINE IF ABOVE INDIVIDUALS LISTED AS FRIENDS
OF RAY STILL INCARCERATED MSP AND INTERVIEW. IF RELEASED, OBTAIN
THEIR FORWARDING ADDRESS OF RECORD AND SET FORTH LEADS TO HAVE THEM
INTERVIEWED RE RAY.

SPRINGFIELD, AT WOOD RIVER, ILLINOIS, INTERVIEW SANDERS
REGARDING RAY.

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TO SACS KANSAS CITY 44-760, MEMPHIS 44-1987, TAMPA, COLUMBIA AND
NEW ORLEANS 157-10673
FROM SAC PHILADELPHIA 44-368

MURKIN

RE NEW ORLEANS TEL KANSAS CITY ET AL INSTANT RE CARLOS LEE
BILLINGS.

REPORT SA GENTRY H. LOWE, JR, JUNE SIXTEEN, SIXTYSIX, AT PHILA,
CAPTIONED, "CARLOS LEE BILLINGS, AKA; ITSP; ITSMV; UFAP - PRISON
BREACH" REFLECTS SUBJ ESCAPED MAY TWENTYFOUR SIXTYFIVE.

COPY OF REPORT WAS FURNISHED ALL OFFICES.

RAY ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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11:01 AM URGENT 5-1-68 MMW

TO KANSAS CITY 44-760, MEMPHIS, TAMPA, COLUMBIA AND PHILADELPHIA
FROM NEW ORLEANS 157-10673

MURKIN

RE KANSAS CITY AIRTEL TO DIRECTOR APRIL TWENTYSEVEN, SIXTY
SEVEN RE CARLOS LEE BILLINGS.

FOR INFORMATION OF COLUMBIA, WHO DOES NOT HAVE BELOW NOTED
REPORT, REVIEW OF NEW ORLEANS FILE ON BILLINGS REFLECTS INFORMATION
FROM LITTLE ROCK REPORT OF SA WALTER W. SMART, JR., DATED
FEBRUARY ELEVEN, SIXTYSEVEN, CONCERNING THREE ZERO TWO FURNISHED
BY BILLINGS ON THAT DATE IN WHICH BILLINGS STATED WAS IN CUSTODY
AT CHESTER, PA., IN APRIL, SIXTYFIVE AND ESAPED FROM CUSTODY
WITH TWO OTHER INDIVIDUALS, NAMES NOT MENTIONED, APPROXIMATELY
MAY SEVEN, SIXTYFIVE. FURTHER, HE PROCEEDED TO WILMINGTON, DEL.
WHERE ONE OF ESCAPEES APPREHENDED. FROM THERE HE AND OTHER
ESCAPEE WENT TO OCALA, FLA. FROM INFORMATION FURNISHED IN THIS
THREE ZERO TWO IT WOULD APPEAR BILLINGS NOT ONLY IS PRODIGIOUS
CAR THIEF AND CHECK PASSER, BUT A CON MAN AS WELL.

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IT IS ESPECIALLY NOTED THAT BILLINGS STATES IN THREE ZERO TWO IN RE COMMUNICATION THAT HE MET JAMES AND EDDIE IN COLUMBIA, S.C., IN MARCH, SIXTYFIVE. IN THREE ZERO TWO SET OUT IN REPORT OF SA SMART, HE ADVISED WAS IN CUSTODY IN APRIL, SIXTYFIVE AND DID NOT ESCAPE FROM CUSTODY UNTIL APPROXIMATELY MAY SEVEN, SIXTYFIVE.

PHILADELPHIA OFFICE WILL REVIEW FILE ON BILLINGS AND ASCERTAIN WHEN ESCAPED FROM CUSTODY, FORWARD SAME TO KANSAS CITY FOR REINTERVIEW OF BILLINGS AT SPRINGFIELD, MO.

NEW ORLEANS HOLDING IN ABEYANCE COVERAGE OF LEAD AT CANAL BANK INN UNTIL AUTHENTICITY OF BILLINGS' STORY DETERMINED.

KANSAS CITY ADVISE OTHER OFFICES IN RECEIPT OF REAIRTEL WHETHER THEY DESIRE LEADS SET OUT TO BE HANDLED AT THIS TIME OR HELD IN ABEYANCE.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Date: 5/2/68

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)TO: MEMPHIS 44-1987, TAMPA, COLUMBIA, PHILADELPHIA,
AND NEW ORLEANS 1048

FROM: KANSAS CITY 44-760

MURKIN

RE NEW ORLEANS TEL TO KANSAS CITY MAY ONE LAST.

INASMUCH AS CARLOS LEE BILLINGS ADVISED HIS
ACTIVITIES IN COLUMBIA, S. C., TOOK PLACE IN ABOUT MARCH,
SIXTYFIVE, OR EARLY SIXTYFIVE, THE LEADS SET FORTH PREVIOUSLY
BY THE KANSAS CITY OFFICE IN THIS MATTER SHOULD BE COVERED.

IT IS NOTED THAT BILLINGS WAS IN CUSTODY IN APRIL,
SIXTYFIVE, AND ESCAPED AGAIN IN MAY, SIXTYFIVE, SO IT IS QUITE
POSSIBLE THAT HIS STORY BASED ON SOME FACTS WHICH SHOULD BE
REVEALED.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA THOMAS H. WEAVER at Jefferson City, Missouri, on April 29, 1968:

A review of the records of the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) revealed that there is no inmate named WADE currently confined at the MSP.

Inmates with the last name WADE who were confined at the MSP during the time of JAMES EARL RAY's incarceration were identified through records as HAROLD WADE, # 10780; JAMES A. WADE, # 02913; JAMES DENNIS WADE, also known as DENNIS WADE FONTENNOT, # 04495, and KENNETH LEE WADE, # 08955.

HAROLD WADE is described as a white male, born [redacted], at Waynesville, Missouri; 5 feet, 10 inches; 160 pounds; brown hair, blue eyes, FBI # 788807D. His parents are listed as Mr. and Mrs. BEN F. WADE, Route # 2, Waynesville, Missouri; brothers CLARENCE and VIRGIL WADE, Route 1, Rogersville, Missouri; sister DOROTHY WADE, Route 2, Waynesville. He was received at the MSP August 8, 1963, on a 4-year sentence on check charge violation, escaped October 29, 1963, and received two years' sentence for escape, transferred to Moberly April 3, 1967, then to Fulton State Hospital August 8, 1967, and released January 20, 1968, on a Warden's release. HAROLD WADE had one violation report noted for "Investigation of Fight," February 3, 1967, but charges were dismissed and details were not available in the file.

KENNETH LEE WADE, # 08955, FBI # 568123B, was received at the MSP, June 12, 1959, the first time; later discharged, and received again August 22, 1964, until final discharge on September 8, 1965. He is a former Unlawful Flight subject of the Kansas City Division, and he worked at the MSP in the kitchen from 1962 to 1963 and in the bakery, in Food Service, February to March 1964. He is described as white male, born [redacted] St. Louis, Missouri; 5 feet, 7 inches; 150 pounds, brown hair; brown eyes, mother Mrs. MILDRED WADE, 2150 East Cottage, St. Louis, Missouri, and he listed a friend as GINNY WILLIAMS, 2151 Sandy Ridge Road, East St. Louis, Illinois.

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A letter in his file dated August 23, 1967, indicated that KENNETH LEE WADE was received at the California State Penitentiary at Chino, California, under # B-10470, on August 22, 1967.

JAMES A. WADE, # 02913, was received June 7, 1961, from Vernon County, Missouri, on checks conviction and was discharged on February 12, 1964. He is described as a white male, born [redacted] at Arcade, Kansas; 6 feet, 2 inches; 180 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes, FBI # 2481633. His wife was listed as ALENE WADE, 2531 North Minneapolis, Wichita, Kansas, and he listed sisters LEONA THOMSSON, General Delivery, Augusta, Kansas, and NAOMI KEMP, General Delivery, Wichita, and an aunt Mrs. LEE CAIN, General Delivery, Independence, Kansas.

WADE is described as illiterate and can write only his name. On August 8, 1963, he was assigned to Food Service in the kitchen at the MSP, and he had one offense report for "fighting in the kitchen" August 13, 1963, with one month loss of privileges, but the offense report with the details has been destroyed. As of September 8, 1965, MSP records indicate that WADE was incarcerated at the State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, under # 72556 on a 7-year sentence for larceny of automobile.

DENNIS WADE FONTENNOT, # 04495, FBI # 860489B, was received at the MSP March 16, 1962, from Jackson County, Missouri, on two years' sentence for burglary and stealing, and he was discharged May 2, 1963. He is described as a white male, born [redacted] at New Orleans, Louisiana; 5 feet, 8 inches; 147 pounds; brown hair; brown eyes. He is described as illiterate, has Social Security No. [redacted] and he lists no brothers and sisters, stated his father died in 1946 and that he has not seen his mother since 1946. He had no relatives or correspondents listed in his file. FONTENNOT has Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department Nos. EX 45492 and 98630 and New Orleans Police Department # 74527.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-700)
MURKIN

Re Dallas teletype to the Bureau, 4/27/68.

Referenced communication revealed subject, while in Missouri State Penitentiary, had an inmate named GREEN beaten up by two other inmates because of nonpayment for amphetamine powder. Inmate names (FNU) WADE believed to have been one of the prisoners who did the beating.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau and each receiving office is one copy of an investigative insert concerning all the inmates named WADE incarcerated at the Missouri State Penitentiary at the time subject was there.

LEADS

LOS ANGELES

AT CHINO, CALIFORNIA

Will review records of the California State Penitentiary under number B-10470 in an attempt to determine KENNETH LEE WADE's whereabouts in order to interview him regarding subject.

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AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

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