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Relatives are listed:

Sister: CHERRI PICO, 1278 East 126th, Los Angeles, California;
Brother: JOSEPH M. STEWART, Herculaneum, Missouri;
Sister: NANCY STEWART, Rt. 2, Bonne Terre, Missouri.

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AIRMAIL

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

Enclosed herewith is additional background information obtained from the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) on individuals released since 4/1/67 residing in the Los Angeles area.

In view of the fact subject spent much of his time in Los Angeles under the name ERIC GALT after his escape from MSP, it is felt the following former inmates should be contacted in the event they can furnish any information regarding him. The following is a list of these individuals and their most recent address as furnished by MSP records:

DAVID DON MC FARLIN, MSP #12241, Garden Grove, California, paroled 3/21/67.

MICHAEL KEY CLARK, MSP #12155, Los Angeles, California.

JIMMY LEE HILL, MSP #12766, Compton, California.

CALE FRANKLIN FISHER, MSP #03430, Santa Ana, California.

JOHN LESTER, MSP #76041, Los Angeles, California.

LAWRENCE ALBERT GRIDER, MSP #10214, Hawthorne, California.

CHARLES AMOS STEWART, MSP #08710, Los Angeles, California.

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The list attached hereto contains more complete background information obtained from the MSP records. It is noted that all these individuals list relatives in areas other than Los Angeles and if investigation fails to locate them in the Los Angeles area, it is requested that that office set out additional leads to locate them for interview.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38816)
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Kansas City airtel to Director, 5/1/68.

Reference communication furnished complete results of interview with CECIL CLAYTON LILLIBRIDGE (Conceal), which took place on 4/29/68, in the Cole County Jail, Jefferson City, Missouri, where LILLIBRIDGE was at that time incarcerated.

The following information is being set forth in the event the Bureau wished to put emphasis on this phase of the investigation. During interview LILLIBRIDGE stated he was a cell mate of subject at Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) in the latter part of 1966.

MSP record reveal LILLIBRIDGE in cell C-17 from 4/28/66 through 11/2/67. EARL JAMES RAY was in cell C-17 from 11/17/66 until 1/18/67. It is to be noted this is one of the few occasions RAY was not in a single cell.

LILLIBRIDGE recalled another inmate, KENNY HURTT, sent out \$15 for subject once purportedly for the purchase of stationery. LILLIBRIDGE said this money was sent to a stationery company in St. Louis, the name he could not recall but no stationery was ever received and RAY later told him it was just a method of getting money out of prison without the warden's knowledge.

Prison record reveals KENNY HURTT, MSP #75807, on 1/20/67, sent a money order in the amount of \$15.25 to the Albert J. Pepper Stationery Company, 712A Shanendoah, St. Louis, Missouri. A review of the file reflects that

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ALBERT J. PEPPER is a relative of the subject.

LILLIBRIDGE advised that subject also had aspirations of making a big haul and retiring to Mexico. RAY had replied he had stayed with peasants in Mexico before on the outskirts of a town called Campeche, located on Campeche Bay near the Yucatan Peninsula. RAY had advised to LILLIBRIDGE he had gone to this location in Mexico at least twice in the past to cool off from robberies. Subject also stated to LILLIBRIDGE that he had earned money by smuggling in small appliances such as TVs, washing machines in fishing boats, which he sold to peasants, for a profit, who did not want to pay import duty. These appliances were smuggled in from Brownsville, Texas.

Teletype from San Antonio to Director, 5/6/68, advised that approximately 500 shrimp fishing vessels operate out of the Brownsville, Texas area, all of which fish southern Gulf area, including Bay of Campeche. Such boats usually rendezvous in shallow water area commonly known as Campeche Flats within sight of Campeche, Mexico. American seamen are not allowed in port of Campeche except on emergency basis but fishermen desiring to visit places of amusement can usually arrange so clandestinely through Mexicans operating small vessels, known as "bum boats" or "Cayuceros", which bring women, liquor, marijuana, etc. out to shrimp boats from Campeche, Mexico in exchange for cash, shrimp boat equipment or anyother desired articles in possession of such fishermen.

LILLIBRIDGE also stated he had heard RAY refer to Dr. KING as "MARTIN LUTHER COON".

Reporter LEWIS LOMAX, North American Newspaper Alliance in press release dated 4/29/68, stated a phone booth used by RAY in the lobby of the St. Francis Hotel had written on the wall "down with Mexicans, niggers and MARTIN LUTHER COON".

In view of the above and in ~~view~~asmuch as the information furnished by LILLIBRIDGE, that could be checked, was found to be truthful, it is felt that an additional interview with LILLIBRIDGE should be conducted and the Bureau and Memphis are requested to send any suggestions or questions they feel would be pertinent during this interview. It is to be noted that LILLIBRIDGE will continue to be confined in the Cole County Jail until at least 5/16/68.

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TO DIRECTOR, KANSAS CITY, AND MEMPHIS
FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740-9 PAGES

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THOMAS BRITTON, HALEYVILLE, ALABAMA, REINTERVIEWED IN DEPTH CONCERNING KNOWLEDGE OF JAMES EARL RAY. BRITTON ADVISED HE WAS RECEIVED IN MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY SEPTEMBER SIXTYFIVE, AND AFTER PERIOD OF QUARANTINE, ASSIGNED TO "J" HALL DURING NOVEMBER SIXTYFIVE. FIRST MADE ACQUAINTANCE OF RAY, WHO WAS ALREADY ASSIGNED TO J HALL, AS THE "WALK BOY". ADVISED RAY'S DUTIES AS WALK BOY WERE TO TAKE ORDERS FOR CIGARETTES, CANDY, ETC., WHICH COULD BE PURCHASED WITHIN PRISON, AND TO BRING HOT WATER TO PRISONERS. SAID RAY ONLY WALK BOY IN J HALL AND THEREFORE WAS FREE TO CONTACT ANY INMATES AND COULD MOVE THROUGHOUT HALL FREELY. STATED FIRST CONVERSATION WITH RAY TOOK PLACE WHEN RAY OBSERVED HIM READING BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA POST HERALD NEWSPAPER, WHICH HE HAD SUBSCRIPTION TO WHILE IN PRISON. RAY INQUIRED OF HIM IF HE WAS FROM STATE OF ALABAMA AND SAID HE HAD VISITED OR STAYED IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA AREA IN PAST AND MENTIONED SEVERAL TAVERNS

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LOCATED IN JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA, WHICH WERE KNOWN TO BRITTON. STATED RAY NEVER MENTIONED ANY ASSOCIATES, ACQUAINTANCES, FRIENDS, RELATIVES OR EMPLOYMENTS, STATE OF ALABAMA. HE ADVISED CONVERSATION ENDED WITH RAY ASKING HIM IF HE COULD HAVE HIS BIRMINGHAM NEWSPAPERS WHEN HE FINISHED READING THEM EACH DAY, WHICH WAS AGREEABLE TO BRITTON. BRITTON ADVISED THEREAFTER RAY CAME BY HIS CELL EACH EVENING AND PICK UP HIS NEWSPAPER, WHICH HE WOULD PLACE BETWEEN THE CELL BARS.

HE SAID RAY NEVER DISCUSSED HIS FAMILY, NOR DID HE EVER INDICATE FROM WHICH PART OF THE UNITED STATES HE CAME. HE BELIEVED RAY TO BE FROM THE SOUTH ONLY BECAUSE HE NEVER INDICATED WHERE HE WAS FROM, COUPLED WITH HIS INTEREST IN A SOUTHERN NEWSPAPER.

HE STATED HE PERSONALLY GAVE RAY HIS PRESENT ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER ON ONE OCCASION, TELLING RAY TO STOP BY SOMETIME IF HE EVER GOT OUT OF PRISON AND THEY WOULD HAVE A DRINK TOGETHER. BRITTON SAID RAY DID NOT ASK HIM FOR HIS ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER AND THAT HE MERELY FURNISHED HIM THIS, KNOWING THAT HE WAS DOING A TWENTY YEAR SENTENCE AND MORE THAN LIKELY HE WOULD NEVER AGAIN SEE RAY AFTER HE LEFT PRISON. HE STATED WHEN HE GAVE

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RAY HIS ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER, RAY REPLIED, "DON'T BE SURPRISED IF I CALL YOU UP SOMETIME".

BRITTON SAID RAY WAS A VERY QUIET INDIVIDUAL, SOFT SPOKEN, NEVER LAUGHED OR ENJOYED A GOOD STORY, SOLEMN FACED, AND REMAINED TO HIMSELF MOST OF THE TIME. HE WOULD OFTEN SEE RAY IN THE PRISON YARD AND ON OCCASIONS ATTEMPTED TO STRIKE UP A CONVERSATION WITH RAY, BUT HE NEVER APPEARED INTERESTED, SO HE GAVE UP TRYING TO MAKE CONVERSATION.

THE ONLY TOPIC WHICH WOULD AROUSE RAY'S INTEREST WAS THE SUBJECT OF MONEY. HE STATED ON ONE OCCASION DURING HIS CONVERSATION WITH RAY, HE WAS TALKING ABOUT HOW HE WAS GOING TO MAKE BIG MONEY WHEN HE GOT OUT OF PRISON BY ROBBING BANKS, ETC. HE SAID RAY AT THIS TIME MADE THE STATEMENT, "I HAVE A PLAN AND WHEN I GET OUT, I AM GOING TO MAKE BIG MONEY, AND IT IS NOT GOING TO BE ROBBING BANKS." HE ASKED RAY WHAT HIS PLAN WAS, TO WHICH RAY REPLIED, "THE BUSINESS MEN'S ASSOCIATION HAS OFFERED ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR KILLING MARTIN LUTHER KING, AND HE'S FIVE YEARS PAST DUE". BRITTON SAID HE THEN ASKED RAY WHAT THE BUSINESS MEN'S ASSOCIATION WAS, TO WHICH HE REPLIED, "I DON'T

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KNOW BUT I WILL FIND OUT." BRITTON SAID THAT THIS WAS THE FIRST AND LAST TIME RAY EVER MENTIONED MARTIN LUTHER KING, NOR DID HE EVER AGAIN MENTION THE BUSINESS MEN'S ASSOCIATION IN HIS PRESENCE.

HE SAID RAY TOLD HIM HE ALWAYS WORKED ALONE AND THEREFORE LIMITED THE POSSIBILITY OF BEING CAUGHT AND SAID, "I HAVE GOT A PLACE PICKED OUT WHERE I CAN HIDE", NEVER MENTIONING WHERE THE PLACE WAS LOCATED.

BRITTON STATED THERE WAS A PRISON CIGARETTE LOTTERY GOING ON ALMOST DAILY IN J HALL AND THAT RAY WAS INVOLVED IN THIS LOTTERY DELIVERING WAGERING TICKETS AS WELL AS PICKING THESE UP AND WOULD DELIVER THE WINNINGS EACH NIGHT. HE SAID THERE WERE TWO SEPARATE LOTTERIES IN J HALL, RUN BY TWO INMATES, ONE NAMED JOHNNY VALENTI AND ANOTHER FROM ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, NAME UNKNOWN, DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, ITALIAN, AGE FORTYTHREE TO FORTYSIX, DARK COMPLEXION, WITH GUN SHOT WOUND IN FACE, AND NICKNAME "DAGO". HE SAID OTHER LOTTERY IN J HALL RUN BY INDIVIDUAL, NICKNAME "BOSTON", WHO WAS DOING TWENTY YEARS, DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, FORTYFIVE YEARS, VERY SHORT, AND OCCUPIED EITHER CELL TWENTY THREE, TWENTYFOUR OR TWENTYFIVE ON THE FLAG IN J HALL, MEANING FIRST FLOOR.

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HE SAID THAT HE DID NOT LIKE VALENTI'S ODDS, SO HE ALWAYS PLACED HIS WAGERS WITH "BOSTON". STATED RAY WOULD HANDLE WAGERS, SINCE HE COULD TALK TO ANYBODY IN CELL BLOCK AND WAS REIMBURSED BY VALENTI AND BOSTON FOR THIS SERVICE.

BRITTON ESTIMATED THAT THERE WERE APPROXIMATELY TWO DOZEN LOTTERIES BEING OPERATED IN MSP WHICH CONSISTS OF FIVE SEPARATE HALLS HOUSING PRISONERS.

BRITTON SAID THAT HE NEVER SAW RAY RUN NARCOTICS OR HANDLE CONTRABAND AT ANY TIME AND ON ONE OCCASION, RAY SHOWED HIM HIS ARMS TO PROVE THAT HE HAD NEVER BEEN ADDICTED TO NARCOTICS. HE ADDED THAT HE NEVER OBSERVED RAY WITH ANY LARGE SUMS OF MONEY.

BRITTON WAS QUESTIONED CONCERNING THE COOLEY'S ORGANIZATION², AND STATED THIS WAS A PROTECTOR AND ENFORCER ORGANIZATION THAT OPERATED IN THE PRISON. HE STATED THAT WHILE ENROUTE TO MSP, HE WAS LODGED IN THE COUNTY JAIL IN SPRINGFIELD, MO. FOR SEVERAL MONTHS AND BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH A PRISONER, FNU CRAIG, WHOM HE DESCRIBED AS A "FOUR TIME LOSER." HE SAID THAT CRAIG HAS A BROTHER WHO IS A DETECTIVE ON THE SPRINGFIELD, MO. PD. HE ADVISED THAT CRAIG HAD PREVIOUSLY SERVED TIME AT MSP AND WAS BEING RETURNED TO MSP. HE SAID WHEN CRAIG LEARNED HE ALSO WAS ENROUTE TO MSP,
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HE ADVISED HIM TO JOIN THE COOLEY'S ORGANIZATION AT MSP SINCE HE WOULD NEED TO GET ALONG WITH PRISONERS AND BY BEING A MEMBER, HE COULD OBTAIN "SPECIAL FAVORS". CRAIG ALSO INFORMED HIM THAT THE COOLEY'S ORGANIZATION WOULD SETTLE ANY GRIEVANCES HE MAY HAVE AGAINST OTHER PRISONERS AND THAT THIS WAS A VERY POWERFUL ORGANIZATION AT MSP, HAVING INFLUENCE WITH GUARDS AND COULD EVEN ARRANGE "A MURDER."

BRITTON SAID AFTER QUARANTINE, HE SAW CRAIG, WHO WAS WORKING IN MESS HALL AT MSP. HE APPROACHED CRAIG AND TOLD HIM HE DESIRED TO JOIN THE COOLEY'S ORGANIZATION AND GAVE HIM A TEN DOLLAR CANTEEN BOOK, POINTING OUT THAT MEMBERSHIP FEE TO JOIN WAS TEN DOLLARS, WHICH WOULD LAST AS LONG AS AN INDIVIDUAL WAS IN PRISON. CRAIG ADVISED BRITTON THAT HE WOULD GET HIM HIS MEMBERSHIP, AND THE SAME NIGHT, JAMES EARL RAY CAME TO HIS CELL AND SAID, "HERE IS YOUR CARD", AND NOTHING ELSE, AND THEREFORE HE ALWAYS FELT RAY WAS A MEMBER SINCE HE WAS SO TRUSTED. RAY NEVER SAID HE WAS A MEMBER, NOR DID HE ASK HIM.

HE SAID THIS MEMBERSHIP CARD WAS TYPE-WRITTEN WITH HIS NAME ON IT AND HAD THE HEADING THEREON "MEMBERSHIP, COOLEY'S CLUB". HE SAID THAT THIS CARD WAS LIKE A CREDIT CARD AND IT COULD GET A
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PERSON CREDIT OR PURCHASED OF CANDY, ETC., BUT COULD NOT BE USED FOR CREDIT WITH LOTTERIES.

BRITTON SAID THAT HE HAD TWO OR THREE DIFFERENCES WITH PRISONERS OVER WAGERS AND UPON GETTING NO SATISFACTION, HE PERSONALLY CONTACTED FNU CRAIG IN THE MESS HALL, AT WHICH TIME HE DISPLAYED HIS MEMBERSHIP CARD AND FILED HIS COMPLAINT WITH CRAIG. CRAIG INFORMED HIM THAT HE WOULD HANDLE THIS GRIEVANCE; HOWEVER, THE FEE FOR HANDLING A GRIEVANCE WAS FIFTY PERCENT OF WHAT WAS DUE A PRISONER. HE SAID THAT SUBSEQUENTLY RAY APPEARED AT HIS CELL WITH HIS SHARE OF THE CIGARETTES COLLECTED FROM HIS GRIEVANCE.

HE ADDED THAT CRAIG WAS LATER TRANSFERRED FROM THE MESS HALL TO THE CHURCH FARM OUTSIDE THE PRISON WALL. HE SAID THAT PRIOR TO CRAIG'S DEPARTURE, CRAIG CONTACTED HIM AND INSTRUCTED HIM WHO TO SEE TO TAKE CARE OF FUTURE COMPLAINTS IN THE MESS HALL, BUT BRITTON WAS UNABLE TO FURNISH ANY DESCRIPTION OR NAME OF THIS INDIVIDUAL SINCE HE NEVER FILED COMPLAINT WITH HIM AND WAS SUBSEQUENTLY TRANSFERRED TO THE RENZ FARM LOCATED OUTSIDE THE PRISON.

HE ADDED THAT THE COOLEY'S ORGANIZATION WAS OPERATING WHEN HE ARRIVED AND WAS STILL DOING BUSINESS WHEN HE DEPARTED AND HE FELT THIS OPERATION HAD BEEN STARTED BY "OLD CONS WHO ARE NOW
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TRUSTIES AND WHO RESIDE IN A HALL WHICH IS TRUSTY BARRACK".

HE SAID THAT DURING THE TIME RAY WAS ASSIGNED TO J HALL, HE ATTEMPTED AN ESCAPE, WHICH WAS UNSUCCESSFUL, AND THEREAFTER HE NEVER SAW RAY AGAIN, SINCE RAY WAS NOT RETURNED TO J HALL AND HE WENT TO RENZ FARM.

BRITTON SAID THAT THE INMATES LOCATED ON EITHER SIDE OF HIS CELL IN J HALL, FNU SPRATT, CELL ONE EIGHTYSEVEN, AND GENE LNU, CELL ONE NINETY, ATTEMPTED TO ESCAPE AND OVERPOWERED GUARD, TAKING GUARD'S UNIFORM, THEN MADE SUCCESSFUL ESCAPE. ADVISED THAT INMATE, NAME UNKNOWN, WHO OCCUPIED CELL ONE EIGHTY NINE, WAS LOTTERY PLAYER AND THAT POSSIBLY INMATE, NAME UNKNOWN, NICKNAME "COWBOY", HOLDING TENDER IN CHARGE OF CONVICTS J HALL, COULD POSSIBLY FURNISH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING RAY AND THE COOLEY'S ORGANIZATION. SPRATT, GENE LNU, COWBOY, ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY INMATES AND CRIMES FNU HALL, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, AND CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. MS# 62503

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D DESCRIBED ABOVE. WILL INTERVIEW EACH INMATE CONCERNING HIS KNOWLEDGE OF RAY AND IF NO LONGER INCARCERATED, OBTAIN ADDRESS OF RECORD AND SET FORTH LEADS TO HAVE THEM INTERVIEWED. PROTECT IDENTITY OF BRITTON WHEN INTERVIEWS ARE CONDUCTED AND IN ANY LEADS SET FORTH.

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BIRMINGHAM, DURING INTERVIEW WITH BRITTON, INFORMED HIM OF THE POSSIBILITY OF PAYMENT FOR SERVICES RENDERED, BUT NO SPECIFIC AMOUNT STATED. HE APPEARS TO BE SOMEWHAT INTERESTED; HOWEVER STATED NOT INTERESTED IN POSTED REWARD BECAUSE HE FEARED "COOLEY ORGANIZATION IF IT WERE CLAIMED.

BIRMINGHAM MAINTAINING CLOSE CONTACT WITH BRITTON FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. COUPLED WITH FACT RAY MAY ATTEMPT CONTACT. BIRMINGHAM OBTAINING TOOL CALLS ON BRITTON'S TELEPHONE AND WILL INTERVIEW BRITTON'S WIFE THIS DATE. TAVERNS MENTIONED BY RAY AS HAVING BEEN FREQUENTED BY RAY IN THE PAST BEING CONTACTED. NO ATTEMPT BEING MADE TO VERIFY NEWSPAPER SUBSCRIPTION AS THIS WOULD ALERT PRESS. JAMES BROWN EX-CONVICT BEING REINTERVIEWED.

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To: All SACs and LEGATs
From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN
OO: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

The Bureau has designated Memphis as office of origin in this case.

You were previously advised that leads in this Top Ten Fugitive case must be handled within 24 hours. The Atlanta, Birmingham, Chicago, Houston, Jackson, Kansas City, Los Angeles, New Orleans, St. Louis, and Springfield Offices are to prepare the results of their investigation to date in report form, not as an insert. At such time as the amount of investigation in these field offices does not appear to warrant individual reports, advise the Bureau and office of origin that inserts being prepared in future in lieu of reports, UACB.

All other offices will record the results in appropriate form and transmit 15 copies of each to the office of origin for inclusion in reports submitted by the Memphis Office. Should investigation increase in any such area warranting submission of individual report, do so and advise the Bureau and Memphis.

LEGATs are to submit results of investigation which can be disseminated in letterhead memorandum form suitable for dissemination. Any administrative data which cannot be disseminated is to be set forth in the administrative section of your transmittal communication. Look-alikes and other leads resolved and reported by cablegram or other communication need not be rereported as copies of these communications are being forwarded office of origin by the Bureau for administrative handling of the case.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: Memphis)

Re: Milwaukee airtel to Miami, 4-20-68.
Miami airtel to Memphis, 4-29-68.

Referenced Milwaukee airtel furnished information received from an individual in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who advised that on 3-28-68, while at the Sun Castle Motel, Pompano Beach, Florida, an establishment operated by a former FBI agent, he and his wife chanced to deal with a bellboy in the motel who apparently left the motel shortly after 3-28-68, and traveled to Tennessee to accept work as an electrician in an unknown city in Tennessee at a salary of \$500.00 a week. The individual providing the information believed the salary sounded absurd and after viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, both he and his wife felt the bellboy resembles RAY's description and photograph.

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Referenced Miami airtel set forth results of initial contacts at the Sun Castle Motel wherein it was noted that EARL B. SHIELDS was employed there through 4-1-68. SHIELDS furnished Social Security No. [redacted] and a permanent address of 15 Almond Drive, Randolph, Mass. Boston was requested to conduct investigation at this address to eliminate SHIELDS as the subject in this matter.

On 4-30-68, HERB BLONSTROM, Assistant Manager, Sun Castle Motel, 1380 South Ocean Boulevard, advised he had located an application for EARL B. SHIELDS of Randolph, Mass., Social Security No. [redacted]. The application showed SHIELDS' previous employment as Plaza East, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and previous residence at 1325 N. E. 5th Terrace, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

On 5-1-68, MARY BACHMAN, 1333 N. E. 5th Terrace, Fort Lauderdale, advised her records show that EARL SHIELDS resided in an apartment building managed by her for approximately a two-week period. She recalled SHIELDS and his roommate, DAVID WATTIER. WATTIER rented the room 3-16-68, and rent was paid through 4-6-68. After WATTIER moved in, BACHMAN met SHIELDS who informed her that he was staying with WATTIER. WATTIER is believed to have left on 3-30-68, and Mrs. BACHMAN cannot recall specifically which dates after WATTIER departed that SHIELDS remained. She believes SHIELDS stayed another day or two but the exact length of time is unknown.

When WATTIER left he was driving a dark blue automobile, make unknown, and believed to have Florida license plates. WATTIER indicated he was from Minneapolis and was en route Indiana. While at her residence, both WATTIER and SHIELDS drove in WATTIER's auto and were believed to be employed in the same motel.

Mrs. BACHMAN and her husband, ALBERT J. BACHMAN, viewed photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT and expressed the opinion that SHIELDS and GALT are not identical. Mrs.

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BACHMAN described SHIELDS as 5' 10" and heavy set.

On 5-2-68, Mrs. IRA M. WOLFE, Personnel Office, Plaza East Condominium, 4300 North Ocean, Fort Lauderdale, made available her records which contained the following:

EARL B. SHIELDS, Social Security No. [redacted] of 1313 N. W. 14th Court, Fort Lauderdale, was employed at instant condominium as an outside guard from 3/5-15/68. He listed his date of birth as [redacted], height, 5' 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; weight, 170; brown hair, blue eyes, and marital status as divorced. SHIELDS listed previous employment at Dunworth Electric, Fort Lauderdale; Hotel Kenmore, Boston, Mass., as doorman; Yankee Fisherman, Boston, Mass., as bartender; and 1280 Beacon Street, Brooklyn, New York, as bartender. He indicated in case of emergency JOSEPHINE BUTLER, 15 Almond Drive, Randolph, Mass., should be contacted.

DAVID H. WATTIER, Social Security [redacted] who furnished his address as 1325 N. E. 5th Terrace, Fort Lauderdale, was employed at Plaza East Condominium at approximately the same time as SHIELDS, having apparently begun employment 2-13-68. WATTIER listed his DOB as [redacted] 6', 170 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes. He indicated he was from Randolph, Nebraska. He listed previous employment as December, 1967, Dunworth Electric.

On 5-2-68, JOE BLEIER, Head Doorman, Plaza East, advised both SHIELDS and WATTIER worked under his supervision. Both individuals reportedly resided together and definitely came to and departed work in WATTIER's 1966 Chevelle Super Sport, light blue in color.

Both BLEIER and Mrs. WOLFE viewed photographs of ERIC STARVO GALT and both stated in their opinion SHIELDS is not identical with GALT. SHIELDS was a trouble-maker and caused employee discontent over low wages and left after an argument with the management.

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AT RANDOLPH, MASSACHUSETTS

If not previously done, contact JOSEPHINE BUTLER, 15 Almond Drive, and develop information to eliminate SHIELDS as a suspect in this case. Advise Miami if SHIELDS located or sufficient identifying data obtained to eliminate SHIELDS so that additional inquiries Miami need not be made.

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TO : DIRECTOR (44-38861)
FROM : SAC SACRAMENTO (100-427)

MURKIN, CR, OO MEMPHIS

RE LOOK-ALIKE A. D. (UNDERLINE D) STANG, JR.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO SACRAMENTO, MAY SEVEN INSTANT.

A. H. STANG, JR., A. H. STANG LUMBER COMPANY, REDDING, CALIF.,
INTERVIEWED AND ADVISED HE IS HOLDER OF P. O. BOX ONE SIX SIX ZERO,
REDDING, CALIF., AND THAT HE WAS IN PUERTO VALLARTA, MEXICO, AT LOS
GLORIAS MOTEL ON APRIL NINETEEN LAST. STANG WELL KNOWN IN REDDING,
CALIF.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF KANSAS CITY AND MEMPHIS, INFORMATION
RECEIVED THROUGH LEGAT, MEXICO CITY, REPORTING A. D. (UNDERLINE D)
STANG, JR., AT ABOVE MOTEL, WAS IDENTIFIED AS LOOK-ALIKE OF JAMES EARL
RAY.

AIR MAIL COPIES FURNISHED KANSAS CITY AND MEMPHIS. P.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (100-427)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO - Memphis)

Re San Francisco teletype to Sacramento and Seattle dated 5/6/68.

Re: Look-alike Greyhound Bus Passenger
From San Francisco North on 4/29/68

For information of Memphis, this pertains to a reported look-alike passenger on a Greyhound Bus from San Francisco north bound to Seattle on 4/29/68, in which a woman stated that on 4/29/68, she traveled from San Francisco to Seattle by Greyhound Bus and she left San Francisco at Gate 22 of San Francisco Bus Depot at 10:20 pm. While there she saw a man resembling JAMES EARL RAY enter her bus after waiting at Gate 23. She stated she believed him to have transferred to her bus from another bus rather than originating at San Francisco because of the appearance of the ticket he presented.

She also advised she did not recall seeing him after she left Portland, Oregon, on the same bus.

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On 5/6/68, investigation at Redding, California, determined that driver of bus from San Francisco to Redding was a Mr. HARRY WATKINS, who, upon interview, advised that he does not have any recollection of any such person.

Investigation also determined that HARRY WATKINS was relieved at Redding, California, as driver of this bus by one TIMOTHY NAUTA, who is a relief driver out of Klamath Falls, Oregon, and who can be contacted through the Greyhound Bus Company at Klamath Falls, Oregon.

The woman reporting this information described the individual as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Age	35-40 years
Height	5'8" to 5'10"
Build	Thin
Hair	Dark brown, badly in need of haircut, with definite widow's peak.
Remarks	Unshaven and wore mustache which covered most of upper lip.
Eyes	Blue
Clothing	Wore buckskin-colored shirt and pants, also sweater or jacket.

LEAD

PORTLAND OFFICE

AT KLAMATH FALLS, OREGON

Will contact TIMOTHY NAUTA to determine if he has any recollection of such an individual.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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~~HIM~~ ^{MAN} BEING CALLED RAY AND STATES HE GENERALLY ANSWERS
DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT.

SPRINGFIELD AT PEORIA, ILL. ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY RUSTY,
RE SUBJECT. KANSAS CITY OFFICE WILL CONDUCT INVESTIGATION
AT PEACOCK TAVERN REGARDING SUBJECT. P

5/9/68
Al Delaney Bartender 3129 Troost
Peacock Tavern
no such customer

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA THOMAS H. WEAVER:

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

On April 30, 1968, JERRY WAYNE WHITE, #10743, Missouri State Penitentiary, advised that he is a native of Georgia, and he is due to be released soon to the Federal detainer filed against him. He said that in about 1965 he worked in the kitchen at the Missouri State Penitentiary when JAMES EARL RAY was pushing a food cart to the hospital. He stated that he probably never spoke to RAY, and he does not recall having ever heard RAY speak. He advised that he has no information about RAY, his plans or his possible whereabouts.

On April 30, 1968, DONALD JOHNSON, #0987, inmate, Missouri State Penitentiary, advised that he was in the Missouri State Penitentiary during 1960-66 on one sentence, and he believes he may have known who RAY was during that time, but was not acquainted or associated with him personally. He said when he came back to the Missouri State Penitentiary in February, 1967, to begin his current 15-year sentence from Clay County, Missouri, he worked in the bread room at the Missouri State Penitentiary during the early part of 1967, and he was working the morning shift at the bread room during the time RAY escaped. He stated that he recalls RAY was working the afternoon shift in the bread room, and he does not recall seeing RAY the day he escaped. He advised that he did not see RAY very much anyway, and he did not know of any plan RAY had to escape and never heard anything before he left or afterward as to where RAY planned to go after escape. He said that he does not know whether or not an inmate aided RAY in his escape, and he does not subscribe to the theory that RAY escaped in the bread box being delivered to one of the prison farms. JOHNSON said that his shift was from 4:00 AM until 1:00 PM and he generally at about 8:00 AM took the bread box for the Renz Farm down to the dock from the bread room to be loaded onto a truck going to the farm. He said as he recalls, the day RAY

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supposedly escaped, he personally loaded the bread into the wooden bread box, personally took it down the elevator operated by an inmate to the dock, and assisted in placing the box onto the truck. He asserted that he placed the bread into an empty box, and there was nothing unusual about the box he loaded. He said that he does not believe RAY left the prison in the bread box, unless the bread box was exchanged for one in which RAY was hiding without JOHNSON's knowledge. He denied that he assisted RAY in his escape, and stated that the bread box was generally loaded with from 35 to 60 loaves of bread, which he always stacked neatly in the box. He said that he never worked directly with RAY at the prison and did not consider himself a friend of RAY. He stated that he never heard anyone at the prison speak of a bounty on Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, and he never heard RAY say anything that would reveal his feelings with regard to race or about his plans for the future. He said he never heard RAY mention Oregon, Mexico or Canada. He said that he does not believe that the bread he packed into the bread box on the day RAY supposedly escaped came to the top of the bread box. He advised that sometimes the bread sits on the truck at the dock unattended while the driver picks up other supplies to be delivered to the prison farms. JOHNSON denied having knowledge of any plan RAY had to escape and denied knowledge of his possible whereabouts.

AT TUSCUMBIA, MISSOURI:

On April 30, 1968, Sheriff WENDELL HENSLEY, Miller County Sheriff's Office, advised that the town of Lake Ozark, Missouri, is in Miller County, located on the Lake of the Ozarks. He said that he knows of no investigation being conducted at this time or recently by any law enforcement agency about "narcotics pushers" at Lake Ozark or area, and he personally has no knowledge of any peddlers of narcotics operating in this area. He said there has never been any proof of which he is aware that RAY was ever in Miller County or area.

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135 PM URGENT 5-9-68 JGA

TO DIRECTOR, KANSAS CITY, KNOXVILLE, MEMPHIS, RICHMOND, MOBILE
FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740

MURKIN

REMYTEL, MAY EIGHT, LAST.

BEATRICE BRITTON, WIFE OF THOMAS BRITTON, JASPER,
ALABAMA, INTERVIEWED YESTERDAY AND SAID NO PHONE CALLS EVER
RECEIVED BY HER FROM ANY UNKNOWN MALE ASKING FOR HER HUSBAND,
SINCE HIS RELEASE FROM MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY. ALSO STATES
NO INDIVIDUALS CAME TO HOUSE ASKING FOR HUSBAND.
SHE WAS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY ANY PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY, AND
NEVER SAW ANY WHITE MUSTANGS IN AREA WHERE SHE AND HUSBAND
RESIDE. MRS. BRITTON ADVISED FROM JUNE,
SIXTYSEVEN, THROUGH JAN., SIXTYEIGHT, THEIR FAMILY DID NOT
RESIDE AT ONE SEVEN ONE ZERO ALABAMA AVE., JASPER, ALA., WHICH
IS ADDRESS GIVEN BY THOMAS BRITTON TO RAY, BUT THEY DID MAINTAIN
THE SAME TELEPHONE NUMBER RESIDENCE IN RURAL AREA OUTSIDE
JASPER, ALA. BRITTONS HAD LIVED AT ABOVE ADDRESS
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PRIOR TO JUNE SIXTYSEVEN, AND MOVED BACK FROM RURAL RESIDENCE TO THIS SAME ADDRESS IN JAN., SIXTYEIGHT. DURING ENTIRE PERIOD SINCE HUSBAND'S RELEASE, SHE RECALLS TWO PHONE CALLS FOR HER HUSBAND, BOTH FROM AN UNKNOWN WOMAN, WHO DID NOT IDENTIFY HERSELF. ONE CALL RECEIVED ABOUT CHRISTMAS TIME, LAST, AND SECOND CALL CAME JANUARY, LAST. DURING THIS PERIOD, HER HUSBAND WAS HANGING OUT SOME AT LOCAL BARS IN AREA, DRINKING, AND MRS. BRITTON BELIEVES CALLER WAS SOME WOMAN HER HUSBAND WAS POSSIBLY "PLAYING AROUND" WITH. SHORTLY AFTER THIS TIME, HE CEASED HIS DRINKING AND GOT STEADY EMPLOYMENT. ONLY TIME THOMAS BRITTON MENTIONED SUBJECT RAY WAS AFTER RECENT CONTACT BY FBI, WHEN HE EXPLAINED REASON FOR FBI WANTING TO TALK TO HIM. WIFE STATES BRITTON NEVER MENTIONED ANYTHING ABOUT RAY DURING TIME RAY'S NAME AND PHOTOS WERE BEING SHOWN IN NEWS MEDIA. MRS. BRITTON STATED SHE WILL COOPERATE FULLY AND KEEP BIRMINGHAM ADVISED OF ANY DEVELOPMENTS INVOLVING HER HUSBAND AND / OR RAY.

GLADYS KEY, KNOWN AS "MOMA HAYWOOD," OPERATOR OF THE LITTLE WARRIOR RIVER CAFE, NOTORIOUS BEER JOINT NEAR DORA, ALA., ADVISED SHE AND EXHUSBAND, C.C. HAYWOOD, FORMERLY JOINTLY OPERATED ANOTHER BEER

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JOINT, HALF-A-MILE AWAY, KNOWN AS THE RIVERVIEW, FROM JULY, FIFTYEIGHT UNTIL SIXTYFOUR. EXHUSBAND STILL OPERATING SAME PLACE. MRS. KEY UNABLE TO IDENTIFY ANY PHOTO OF RAY AS PERSON EVER KNOWN TO HAVE FREQUENTED THE RIVERVIEW, EITHER DURING FIFTYEIGHT THROUGH SIXTY, OR HER PLACE, SINCE APRIL, SIXTYSEVEN. STATES HER PLACE OFTEN FREQUENTED BY MEN WHO WORK ON BARGES ON WARRIOR RIVER, WHICH PASSES HER FRONT DOOR. C.C. HAYWOOD NOT LOCATED YESTERDAY, EFFORTS BEING MADE TO INTERVIEW TODAY.

MAMIE MITCHELL, OPERATOR OF ROSE'S PLACE, ROUTE ONE, DORA, ALA., ADVISED SHE HAS HAD THIS PLACE SINCE SIXTYTHREE. IT WAS KNOWN AS JOHNNIE'S PLACE AND PARKER'S PLACE DURING PERIOD FIFTYEIGHT THROUGH SIXTYTHREE, AND AS MAMIE'S PLACE IN SIXTYTHREE, BEFORE BEING NAMED ROSE'S PLACE IN SIXTYFOUR. MITCHELL UNABLE TO IDENTIFY PHOTOS OF RAY AS INDIVIDUAL SEEN BY HER.

NOTING ABOVE, AND INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED ABOUT RAY BY THOMAS BRITTON, IT APPEARS THAT BRITTON'S INFORMATION IS CORRECT, AND THAT FOR RAY TO HAVE IDENTIFIED TO BRITTON, "MOMA HAYWOOD" AND TO HAVE KNOWN ABOUT TAVERN NOW KNOWN AS ROSE'S PLACE, WHICH WAS KNOWN TO RAY BY SOME OTHER UNRECALLED NAME, RAY WOULD HAVE DEFINITELY HAD TO HAVE BEEN IN AREA AND FREQUENTED

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THESE TAVERNS IN FIFTYEIGHT THROUGH SIXTY. RIVERVIEW IS IN REMOTE AREA AND DOES NOT ADVERTISE. ROSE'S PLACE IS ON OLD US HIGHWAY SEVEN EIGHT, NEAR DORA, ALA. CONCERNING THE ALL-STATE CAFE AND NIGHT CLUB, IDENTIFIED BY BRITTON AS ANOTHER PLACE REFERRED TO BY RAY IN CONVERSATIONS WITH BRITTON IN PEN, THIS IS COMBINATION CAFE AND NIGHT CLUB. THE CAFE IS ON THE GROUND LEVEL AND OPERATED BY ED AND ELEANOR HOLLIS. UNDERNEATH THE CAFE IS NOTORIOUS NIGHT CLUB AND DRINKING JOINT, WHICH IS OPERATED BY HOLLIS' BROTHER, HAROLD HOLLIS. THIS PLACE HAS BEEN IN OPERATION BY THE HOLLISES SINCE FIFTYSEVEN. BOTH ED AND HAROLD HOLLIS STATE PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECT NOT IDENTICAL WITH ANY CUSTOMER KNOWN TO THEM, EITHER DURING PERIOD FIFTYSEVEN THROUGH SIXTY, OR SINCE APR., SIXTYSEVEN. BOTH HOLLISES, MAMIE MITCHELL, AND GLADYS KEY ALL FURNISHED IO-S OF RAY, AND ALL STATE THEY WILL COOPERATE WITH FBI, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF REWARD OFFERED BY MEMPHIS NEWSPAPERS. ELEANOR HOLLIS AND HER COOK, MYRTLE NELSON, IN ALL-STATE CAFE, BOTH IDENTIFY SIXTY SEVEN AND SIXTYEIGHT PHOTOS OF RAY AS PERSON THEY HAVE SEEN IN CAFE, BUT BOTH STATE THEY ARE UNABLE TO FURNISHE ANY OTHER INFORMATION WHATSOEVER ABOUT THIS INDIVIDUAL, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION

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OR WHEN HE WAS SEEN BY THEM IN CAFE. BOTH STATE THEY WILL GIVE MATTER CONSIDERABLE THOUGHT IN EFFORT TO RECALL MORE DEFINITE INFORMATION. CONTACT WITH THESE TWO WOMEN WILL BE MAINTAINED BY BIRMINGHAM.

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TOLL CALLS CHARGED TO TELEPHONE OF BRITTON FOR PERIOD OCT., SIXTYSEVEN, TO DATE OBTAINED AS FOLLOWS: CHATTANOOGA, TENN., TWO SIX SIX - ONE FOUR ZERO EIGHT, CALLED OCT SEVENTEEN, TWO NINE, NOV. THREE, TWO SIX, TWO NINE, FEB. FOUR, ELEVEN, MARCH FOURTEEN, FIFTEEN, SIXTEEN, TWENTY, LAST; JEFFERSON CITY, MO., SIX THREE SIX - EIGHT FIVE ONE ZERO, CALLED OCT. THREE, LAST; COLLECT CALL APR. FOUR, LAST, RECEIVED FROM HOPEWELL, VA., FOUR FIVE EIGHT - FOUR SIX ONE FIVE MONROEVILLE, ALA., SEVEN FOUR THREE - SEVEN TWO THREE SIX CALLED DEC. SIX LAST.

MOBILE, RICHMOND, KANSAS CITY, AND KNOXVILLE, IDENTIFY ONLY SUBSCRIBERS OF TELEPHONE NUMBERS IN YOUR AREA, AS LISTED ABOVE, AND CONDUCT INDICES CHECK AND DISCREET INQUIRY. DO NOT INTERVIEW, AT THIS TIME, AS SUCH MIGHT COMPROMISE OR ANTAGONIZE THOMAS BRITTON, WHO IS BEING DEVELOPED AS SOURCE. BIRMINGHAM WILL CONDUCT SIMILAR INVESTIGATION CONCERNING CALLS MADE TO TELEPHONES LOCATED IN DIVISION. NOTE NO CALLS MADE TO ANY TELEPHONE NUMBER KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN ACCESSIBLE TO RAY.

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Date: 5/7/68

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(Priority)

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
OO: Memphis

Re Houston airtel to Los Angeles dated 5/2/68
re T. T. ROSS, P.O. Box 17252, Los Angeles.

Personnel, U. S. Post Office, Los Angeles,
advised 5/7/68 that P. O. Box 17252 has been subscribed
to by TERRY TARA M. ROSS, 738 South Coronado, Los Angeles
since October, 1965.

Los Angeles indices reflect that TERRY MILDRED
ROSS, aka Tara Ross, Terry M. Ross, last known address
423 West 8th Street, Los Angeles is a chronic complainant
who has periodically contacted the Los Angeles Office with
non-specific information of a rambling and incoherent nature
frequently about Russian spies and Bureau fugitives since
at least 1962.

It is noted that Los Angeles file 62-5436-2 contains
a November, 1962 letter from this individual which was
directed to True Detective Magazine, New York City, and which
states that a then Bureau fugitive regularly patronized a
Los Angeles area dance hall on Saturday and Sunday nights.
It is further noted that the handwriting in this 1962 letter
appears to be identical to that in the letter signed T. T.

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ROSS, and that both letters have identical numbers (1 through 3) at the beginning of each paragraph.

It appears that T. T. ROSS is identical to TERRY MILDRED ROSS, aka, and no further investigation re this letter is being conducted by the Los Angeles Division.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) -P-
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Atlanta teletype to the Bureau, 4/25/68.

Referenced communication enclosed six copies of an insert reflecting interview with LEWIS R. DOWDA.

Four of these are being returned to the Atlanta Office inasmuch as airtel from the Bureau dated 5/7/68 advised the Atlanta Office and other offices to put the results of their investigation to date in a report form.

2 - Atlanta (Encs. 4)

② - Kansas City

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May 7, 1968

Airtel

To: SAC, Memphis

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN
OO: MEMPHIS

ReTPairtel to the Bureau dated 5/2/68.

Bureau is in receipt of referenced communication which attaches a Xerox copy of the Company "B" roster which included subject Ray's name.

You should hold the interviewing of the names on the roster in abeyance to a future date. It will be incumbent upon the office of origin to institute any interviews of the names on the roster in the event Memphis feels this would be necessary.

Armed and Dangerous.

- 1 - Tampa (157-3231)
- 1 - Kansas City (Info)

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

DAILY SUMMARY

EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY INMATES, FNU CRAIG, FNU SPRATT, GENE LNU, COWBOY BOSTON AND DAGO BEING CONDUCTED AT MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY (MSP). NO INFORMATION RECEIVED MSP REGARDING COOLEY ORGANIZATION.

BARTENDER PEACOCK TAVERN, KANSAS CITY, MO. REMEMBERS NO CUSTOMER IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT. SPRINGFIELD ADVISED RUSTY MAY HAVE BEEN GIRLFRIEND OF SUBJECT.

MSP PRISONERS JERRY WHITE AND HAROLD JOHNSON COULD FURNISH NO PERTINENT INFORMATION REGARDING SUBJECT. DELMA RAY, HAYSVILLE, KS. AND RICHARD L. BREY, COLUMBIA, MO. ELIMINATED AS SUSPECTS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

1 - Memphis
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Approved: *[Signature]*
Special Agent in Charge

Sent *5:00 p* M Per *[Signature]*

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

Re SAtel, 5/3/68.

Re: WILLIAM THOMAS JACOBS

Retel advised that JACOBS' only known relative according to Texas State Mental Hospital records, Houston, Texas was a THELMA POWERS, sister, residing at 8125 Lamar Drive, Houston. The following checks were made in an effort to locate THELMA POWERS:

Houston City Directory
Houston Cross Reference
Telephone directory
Houston Credit Bureau
Harris County Sheriff's Office
Houston Police Department

All of the above were negative as to the name THELMA POWERS and the address 8125 Lamar Drive. There is no Lamar Drive, Houston, Texas; however, there is Lamar Street and West Lamar. Physical check of the area revealed no such number as 8125 Lamar.

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1 - Memphis (Info)
1 - San Antonio (Info)
1 - Houston
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
707 U.S Court House Building
Kansas City, Missouri 64106

May 8, 1968

To All News Editors:

Enclosed herewith are two additional photographs of James Earl Ray to supplement the news release mailed your office May 7, 1968. The photograph of Ray in dark glasses and sport shirt was taken during the year 1967 in Mexico. The other photograph of Ray in a business suit, which shows marked cleft chin, was taken during January or February 1968, in California. Any publication you can give of these photographs which may aid in speeding the location and apprehension of James Earl Ray would be appreciated by this Office.

Sincerely,

Karl W. Dissly
KARL W. DISSLY
Special Agent In Charge

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND SACRAMENTO (100-427)

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) 2P

MURKIN.

RE ATLANTA AIRTEL TO BUREAU APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST AND
SACRAMENTO AIRTEL TO BUREAU MAY SIX LAST.

RE: POSSIBLE MENTAL CONDITION OF SUBJECT.

ALTHOUGH THE SUGGESTION MADE IN RE ATLANTA AIRTEL HAD
MERIT, THIS SUGGESTION WAS MADE PRIOR TO THE IDENTIFICATION
OF JAMES EARL RAY AS SUBJECT OF THIS INVESTIGATION.

ALTHOUGH RAY CONSULTED A PSYCHIATRIST IN LOS ANGELES,
CALIF., SUBSEQUENT TO HIS ESCAPE FROM PRISON AND WHILE IN
PRISON SOUGHT PSYCHIATRIC HELP ON ONE OCCASION, INVESTIGATION
TO DATE INTO RAY'S BACKGROUND HAS FAILED TO REVEAL ANY INFOR-
MATION TO INDICATE HE HAS EVER BEEN CONFINED TO A MENTAL INSTI-
TUTION.

1 - Atlanta (44-2386) (AM)
1 - Birmingham (AM)
① - Kansas City (AM)
1 - Los Angeles (AM)
1 - San Diego (AM)
1 - San Francisco (AM)
1 - Memphis
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THEREFORE, IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, UNLESS ADVISED TO THE CONTRARY BY THE BUREAU, OFFICES RECEIVING THIS COMMUNICATION ARE TO HOLD IN ABEYANCE ANY INVESTIGATION RE CHECK OF RECORDS OF MENTAL INSTITUTIONS IN AN EFFORT TO LOCATE A COMMITMENT RECORD RE SUBJECT RAY.

ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, LOS ANGELES, SAN DIEGO, AND SAN FRANCISCO ADVISED BY AIRMAIL.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

END.

5/8/68

AIRTEL

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

Re Kansas City Airtel to Director 5/7/68, re TOM
BRITTON.

One copy of each enclosure to Memphis with
reference Airtel enclosed for assistance of Birmingham in locating
BRITTON in Birmingham area.

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1 KANSAS CITY (Info)
1 MEMPHIS

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS ATLANTA,
MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374)

MURKIN

SGT. C. A. FLYNN, N.Y. STATE POLICE, WATERLOO, N.Y.,
FURNISHED FOLLOWING INFORMATION THIS DATE:

OTIS DUNHAM, BORDER CITY ROAD, GENEVA, N.Y., FURNISHED
INFO RECEIVED FROM SON, CHARLES DUNHAM, IN TELEPHONE
CALL ON MAY SIX LAST AND MAY SEVEN LAST, WHEREIN CHARLES
DUNHAM INDICATED HE HAD INFO CONCERNING ASSASSINATION OF
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING AND THAT PRESENT IDENTIFICATION OF
KING MURDERER WAS WRONG AND THAT MURDERER IS NAMED EITHER
WESLEY, WELSTON, WESTON, OR NAME SIMILARLY SOUNDING.
CHARLES DUNHAM INDICATED HE HAS WORKED IN ATLANTA, GA.
COFFEE HOUSE, HOWEVER, IS BELIEVED PRESENTLY UNEMPLOYED
AND LIVING IN SO-CALLED HIPPIE CIRCUMSTANCES. DUNHAM'S
EMPLOYER AT COFFEE HOUSE ARRESTED ON NARCOTICS CHARGE
SUBSEQUENT TO KING MURDER AND PRESENTLY CONFINED IN MENTAL
HOSPITAL OR SOME PENAL INSTITUTION IN ATLANTA, GA. NAME OF
COFFEE HOUSE OR OWNER NOT KNOWN, BUT OWNER SUPPOSEDLY HAS
KNOWLEDGE OF KING MURDER.

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OTIS DUNHAM INDICATED HIS SON SEEMED TO BE SCARED IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION AND FEELS THAT HIS SON MAY POSSIBLY HAVE SOME INFO CONCERNING THIS MATTER. HE ADVISED HIS SON CALLED FROM ATLANTA TELEPHONE AREA CODE FOUR ZERO FOUR DASH EIGHT SEVEN FIVE DASH FIVE FOUR THREE SEVEN, WHICH IS A ROOMING HOUSE AT FOUR ONE SIX SEVENTH ST., ATLANTA, GA.

CHARLES DUNHAM DESCRIBED AS BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ROME, N.Y.; SIX FEET; TWO HUNDRED LBS.; BROWN EYES AND BROWN HAIR, AND WEARS THICK GLASSES. DUNHAM FORMERLY A MEMBER OS U.S. NAVY, HOWEVER, RECEIVED UNDESIRABLE DISCHARGE IN NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR IN VIEW OF HOMOSEXUAL TENDENCIES.

OTIS DUNHAM REQUESTED HIS NAME NOT BE MENTIONED AS FURNISHING ABOVE INFO.

ATLANTA ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW CHARLES DUNHAM CONCERNING THIS MATTER RE ANY INFO HE MAY HAVE.

RAY IS CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

ONE AM CC TO KANSAS CITY.

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Date:

5/8/68

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Via AIRTELAIR MAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) -P-

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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OO: Memphis

RE: KENNETH LEE WADE
MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY

Re Los Angeles airtel, 5/3/68.

Records of the San Quentin Penitentiary reflect that KENNETH LEE WADE, FBI #56 81 23 B, was received at San Quentin Penitentiary on 9/19/67 to serve a five year to life sentence for armed robbery committed in the Los Angeles, California area.

The following interview of KENNETH LEE WADE was conducted by SAs DALE F. NORTON and MICHAEL T. GEARY:

KENNETH LEE WADE advised that he served a sentence in the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) at Jefferson City, Missouri from 1958 through 1965, where he was confined as a result of having been convicted of a robbery charge in St. Louis, Missouri. He advised that he knew RAY from about 1960 until 1965.

WADE advised that he served about one year of his sentence and then escaped, and after being recaptured, was

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- 2 - Los Angeles (44-1574) (RM)
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987) (RM)
- 2 - Seattle (RM)
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returned to MSP and served from 1962 to 1965. He advised that RAY came to MSP with a man by the name of RAY PRUITT. *False* WADE stated that he and PRUITT were fall partners. He advised that both he and PRUITT were convicted at the same time but that PRUITT fought the conviction and did not enter MSP at the same time that he, WADE, did.

WADE advised that PRUITT and RAY may have met while both were in the City Jail in St. Louis, Missouri. WADE stated PRUITT knows RAY better than he does.

He advised that when PRUITT and RAY arrived at the penitentiary, that he, PRUITT and RAY all lived in "K Hall", and that because RAY and PRUITT were friends, he and his friends accepted the two of them and that PRUITT in effect, was RAY's sponsor. WADE advised that he and RAY worked in the bakery. WADE ~~was~~ a pastry cook and was fairly good.

WADE examined the photographs and drawings of RAY and stated that the drawing of RAY in which his eyes were open is not a good likeness in that it completely changes the appearance of RAY's eyes which are smaller and more slanted. WADE advised that his group in the prison consisted of the following individuals:

- (1) JAMES EARL RAY
 - (2) RAY PRUITT
 - (3) BOBBY BURNS
 - (4) GLEN SHURNICK or SHERNICK (PH)
 - (5) WADE
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He advised that they, the five of them, had "a little thing going for them" in that they were selling amphetamine pills and other stimulants to inmates at the prison.

He stated that while he was confined to the penitentiary, that they had a semi-riot at the jail as prison authorities sought to integrate the prison and as a result, a few Negroes were stabbed and that the jail was not integrated while he was there.

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WADE stated, "I had a beef with a Negro over a debt about amphetamine powder. This beef was in 1962. I 'piped him', that is I hit him with a pipe a few times. He was hospitalized. This beef wasn't over RAY. This clique had a thing going for it."

He advised that he figures that they made about \$1,000 a month or more selling these pills each month. He advised they paid a guard \$100 to bring the jar in and after expenses, cleared about \$1,000 a month.

WADE stated that RAY is a very quiet individual. He stated he did not know what RAY's opinions were of Negroes.

He advised RAY had a friend who sent him some narcotics. He advised he did not know any more than this about that matter.

WADE advised that RAY was close-mouthed and never discussed anything with anyone, particularly he would not discuss any ideas or plans he had about escaping.

He described RAY as having a quick temper and a violent temper, but believed that RAY was in sufficient control of himself not to let his quick and violent temper unmask him. He said it was his opinion that if somebody got into an argument with RAY about something that RAY would control his emotions so as not to attract attention to himself, but he stated RAY was the type that would and could lay for the guy and later give him a good working over.

WADE stated, "I do not believe RAY would go to booze." He advised it was his belief that RAY liked narcotics but not hard stuff, and that he would probably just use the stimulant type. He advised that RAY could handle narcotics "real good."

He stated he did not believe that RAY at this time would engage in the sell of narcotics in view of the fact that he is an escaped convict.

WADE later stated, "RAY doesn't like Negroes. I believe

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RAY is capable of killing KING. RAY could plan it." He added it was his speculation "he must have had help." He stated, "I don't believe RAY killed KING. I couldn't see RAY getting into that bag as he was an escapee."

WADE advised that he never met any of RAY's family or friends from the outside while they were in jail and RAY never met any of his family or friends from the outside either. He stated, "I have no idea where RAY may be. I have no knowledge of RAY's outside connections. I believe RAY could have saved about a good sum of money from his share of the profits of the sale of amphetamine." He advised in the event RAY was going to escape he believes the other people in the clique would loan or give RAY as much money as they had available to them. He advised that RAY used to read about foreign countries in his cell. He advised that PRUITT, who was a cell block mate, worked in the library and would bring the books to RAY. He advised that BURNS and SHURNICK each got 75 years so they are still in MSP. He advised he does not know where PRUITT is.

He advised that he is presently confined as a result of some robberies which he committed in the Los Angeles area with HAROLD KLEMP, DONALD BUSSMEYER and SAM MASSY.

He advised that all four of them had been in MSP at one time or another and he believed that KLEMP, BUSSMEYER and MASSY might know RAY. He advised that KLEMP is in Folsom Prison, BUSSMEYER is in Mc Neil Island and SAM MASSY went insane and is confined in some mental hospital in the State of California.

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LEADS

KANSAS CITY

AT MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, JEFFERSON CITY, MO.
Will review appropriate records to determine present whereabouts of RAY PRUITT, BOBBY BURNS and GLEN SHURNICK or SHERNICK (Ph), who were inmates of the prison at the time RAY was confined.

(2) Will set out leads to have PRUITT, BURNS and SHURNICK interviewed if not already done.

LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIF. Will review appropriate records of the Los Angeles County Courts to determine the present location of SAM MASSY who was arrested and convicted with KENNETH LEE WADE of robberies in the Los Angeles area in 1965 or 1966.

SACRAMENTO

AT FOLSOM PENITENTIARY, CALIF. Will interview HAROLD KLEMP who was arrested with WADE in a series of Los Angeles robberies and who was reported to be an inmate of the Missouri State Penitentiary at the time RAY was confined there.

SEATTLE

AT MC NEIL ISLAND PENITENTIARY, WASHINGTON. Will interview DONALD BUSSMEYER who was arrested with WADE in a series of Los Angeles robberies and who was reported to have been in the Missouri State Penitentiary with RAY.

Will interview BUSSMEYER to determine if he has any knowledge of RAY's present whereabouts.

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RE MIAMI TEL TO BUREAU MAY EIGHT LAST; AND BUFFALO TEL TO
BUREAU MAY EIGHT LAST.

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED MAY NINE INSTANT.

EXPANDED SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX CHECK CONTINUING.

ELIMINATION OF INDIVIDUALS WITH NAMES SIMILAR TO ALIASES
OF SUBJECT RAY CONTINUING.

ELIMINATION OF LOOK-ALIKE REPORTS CONTINUING.

CHARLES DUNHAM INTERVIEWED. HAS NO SPECIFIC KNOWLEDGE RE
ASSASSINATION. HOWEVER, SAYS HE RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM
DOUGLAS MERRELL, MANAGER, CATACOMBS, ATLANTA, GA., (HIPPIE CLUB),
THAT ONE BILLY MACK WISDOM, FBI NO. SEVEN EIGHT SEVEN FIVE ZERO
SIX D WAS POSSIBLY INVOLVED IN ASSASSINATION. WISDOM REPORTEDLY
SERVING TIME IN GA. STATE PENITENTIARY ON RECENT BURGLARY
CONVICTION. WISDOM'S INCARCERATION IS BEING VERIFIED THROUGH
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RECORDS OF DOWNTOWNER MOTOR INN, ATLANTA, REFLECT JOHN O., WILLARD, WITHEROW RD., SEWICKLEY, PA., REPRESENTING W. W. NORTON AND CO., INC., WAS REGISTERED IN THE MOTEL IN ROOM FOUR ONE ONE ON APR. ELEVEN LAST. WILLARD, WHO IS ONLY PERSON BY THAT NAME REGISTERED IN MOTEL FROM MAR. SIXTYEIGHT UNTIL APR. SIXTYEIGHT, WAS DRIVING CHEVROLET BEARING NEW YORK LIC. THREE EIGHT THREE TWO DASH W X. PITTSBURGH CONDUCT NECESSARY INVESTIGATION TO ELIMINATE.

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