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833PM URGENT 5-16-68 JJR

TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY
FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775) 1P

MURKIN.

RE KC TEL MAY FOURTEENTH LAST.

MSP INMATE JAMES D. WALLACE ALLEGATION THAT MENARD BROTHERS
MIGHT KNOW SUBJECTS WHEREABOUTS.

HAZEL MENARD, MOTHER, LOCATED TODAY, TWO SIX THREE SIX
ST. VINCENT, SLMO, SAYS SON RICHARD MENARD CURRENTLY AT
LEAVENWORTH. CLAIMED UNAWARE LOCATION OF OTHER TWO SONS, BUT
EXPECTS VISIT FROM THEM SATURDAY AND WILL TELL THEM THEN TO CONTACT
FBI.

KC INTERVIEW RICHARD MENARD AT LEAVENWORTH.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Richard L Menard
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St Louis for BR on 5/66

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Superior
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TO : FILE (157-760)

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FROM : SAC

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Following information furnished this date by
GENE BLAKE, reporter for the Los Angeles Times, Los
Angeles, California:

Movement of JAMES EARL RAY on the day before the
shooting. He was picked up by someone in Athens, Alabama,
and taken to Memphis. He registered in the rooming house
in which the shooting occurred and another man registered
under the name of SAMUEL LEWIS. LEWIS was to be the back
up man in case RAY ~~unable to kill KING on the balcony~~, and
that night LEWIS would take care of it at the rally. After
the shooting RAY walked 2 or 3 blocks to getaway car,
accompanied by a girl and a man. Getaway car not the white
Mustang but a new blue Buick, Alabama license with first two
digits "14" and driven by man named EDDIE WILBURN,
Huntsville, Alabama. Car equipped with a police radio.

Meanwhile, SAMUEL LEWIS stayed overnight in Memphis
at the rooming house. The next day he took an early bus to
Knoxville.

Meanwhile RAY driven out of town in the Buick by
EDDIE WILBURN, accompanied by two girls and a child. They
went to Kansas City, 6 1/2 hours to make the trip. The two
girls and child from Huntsville.

In Kansas City RAY stayed overnight in a home
described as being small, gray color, one bedroom, about 3
miles from central downtown Kansas City. Direction to house -
on a main street downtown intersecting a street which goes up
an incline to the right on the left side of street as you turn
on a secondary street Western Union office on left hand side.
Up hill until it levels off, then on the same street 2 1/2 to
3 miles, nice brown apartments on left hand side housing
university students, a short distance further a moving company
on the right hand of the street, behind that large grocery or
supermarket which sells beer, beyond that street that turns
off to the right, on the right hand side of that street

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a vacant lot with lots of weeds, on the left hand side two or three or four doors from the corner is the small gray house.

The next day 4/5/68 RAY flown out of Kansas City in a private plane about dusk to Belle Glade, Florida, using private field used as a training field for the military. Arrived at Belle Glade, Florida, early on the morning of 4/6/68.

Plane owned by WILLIAM PIERCE said to be a wealthy man who owns own airport in Belle Glade, Florida, and also owns a contracting company in Cuba. Not known whether he flew the plane. PIERCE also owns a motel in Palmetto, Florida, and cottages on a nearby lake - Okeechobee. PIERCE is said to be a KKK. RAY stayed in PIERCE's motel or one of the cottages and may even still be there or he may be in Cuba.

On 4/11/68 RAY got on a yacht, probably a chartered fishing boat in Key West owned by BEN THOMPSON (a BEN THOMPSON in Miami owns three fishing boats).

PIERCE frequently flies a private airplane to New Orleans. Said to know the District Attorney, Mr. GARRISON. PIERCE and WILBURN said to be related. WILBURN might be at VFW Club in Huntsville, he is believed to be a member.

A rifle supposedly left in the furnace at the Memphis rooming house.

RAY said to be wearing bifocals.

White Mustang owned by RAY not in Memphis on the day of the shooting and never left Georgia in April.

On 4/4/68 RAY made telephone calls from Memphis to Belle Glade, Florida, believed to be from a bus station with credit card issued to a RIDELL Catering Company, either a subsidiary of U. S. Rubber Company or does business with the U. S. Rubber Company in Detroit and possibly name on credit card is ROBERT BRINKLEY.

Weeks before shooting RAY stayed somewhere in Belle Glade, Florida.

The payoff came from WILBURN's pay off in Reno,

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Reno
Nevada. On the night before the killing someone hit a key note ticket for \$25,000 at the Palmetto Lodge done with the knowledge of the man who runs the Palmetto, CHARLIE CATE, 6880 Pebble Beach Drive, Reno. Another name BEN or JACK STURGIS, St. Louis, who worked in a bar on 2nd Street in Reno.

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RAY (first or last name) stayed in Clark Hotel, Room 700, on 4/17-18/68. LAMONT WHITE, Western Union in Louisiana, has sent money to Louisiana and bought two pistols under his name but pistols really went to man named FRANK. BICKLEY of Chattanooga in prison with RAY and BICKLEY in Los Angeles now. Harold's Cafe, 555 South Main Street, Los Angeles, where RAY worked as bartender week or so and a man named CONNI that knows him quite well.

~~WILLI SHEA~~ (woman) once worked at Top Rail Bar, 7th and Aldorado Street, Los Angeles, and RAY married to her at one time. She is from Missouri, now lives in North Hollywood, seems to have a lot of money, has a mother in Compton who drives a purple convertible, now lives 812 South Wesley, living with bar owner whose name may be CLARK.

SAMUEL LEWIS, back up man, discharged in 1963 from Federal Yough Correctional Agency, Milan, Michigan. Also served time in Chillicothe and Terre Haute.

LEWIS supposedly took a bus from Knoxville to Los Angeles on 4/7/68 through Memphis and El Paso. Informant turned over bus ticket dated 4/7/68 in which the routing exactly as stated, turned over to Los Angeles Office.

WILLIAM PIERCE once married to ~~ANNA LEE WILLIAMS~~, now owns a vegetable packing house in Belle Glade, Florida.

More information on the house in Kansas City - no garage, dirt driveway, living room, big deep freeze well stocked with food apparently being used as an after hours entertainment place and hiding place, one bedroom in the back.

A number of WILLIAM PIERCES in Florida, one in Miami who flies, two in Belle Glade, one in a shanty in the Negro area and the other has a machine shop. PIERCE supposed to be the man with the money.

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Informant hates RAY now because RAY beat him out of a large sum of money, about \$30,000. Scared of RAY which is the reason he won't come forward and talk to the FBI. Informant claims he carries a gun, but none seen.

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FBI MEMPHIS

558PM URGENT 5-17-68 MEN

TO DIRECTOR, 44-38861, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, MIAMI,
NEW ORLEANS, ATLANTA, DETROIT, AND LAS VEGAS
FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 3P

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IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THROUGH SECRET SERVICE, MEMPHIS, THAT
THE THREE TWENTY DOLLAR FEDERAL RESERVE NOTES PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED
TO THE LABORATORY ARE BONAFAIDE AND NOT COUNTERFEIT.

EFFORTS ARE CONTINUING TO LOCATE THE ORIGINAL U. S. POSTAL
MONEY ORDERS THAT SUBJECT USED FOR PAYMENT TO LOCKSMITHING
INSTITUTE IN NEW JERSEY. THE ORIGINALS OF THESE MONEY ORDERS
WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE FBI LABORATORY REQUESTING APPROPRIATE
EXAMINATION.

RALPH CARPENTER, EMPLOYEE OF YORK ARMS, MEMPHIS, WAS ADMITTED
MAY TEN LAST TO PSYCHIATRIC UNIT JOHN GASTON HOSPITAL, MEMPHIS,
ON COMPLAINT OF WIFE. SANITY HEARING TO BE HELD MONDAY NEXT,
AND CARPENTER TO BE COMMITTED TENNESSEE PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL AND
INSTITUTE, MEMPHIS. CONDITION DIAGNOSED AS PARANOIA WITH
GRANDIOSE FEELINGS.

IN CONNECTION WITH INFORMATION FURNISHED THE LOS ANGELES
OFFICE BY REPRESENTATIVES OF LOS ANGELES TIMES NEWSPAPER,

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WHICH INFORMATION IS REPORTEDLY ALSO BEING FURNISHED JUSTICE DEPARTMENT, THE FOLLOWING IS NOTED:

MRS. BESSIE BREWER, OPERATOR OF ROOMING HOUSE, FOUR TWO TWO AND ONE HALF S. MAIN ST., MEMPHIS, ADVISED THIS DATE THAT SAMUEL LEWIS UNKNOWN TO HER EITHER BY NAME OR AS AN ADDITIONAL REGISTRANT ON APRIL FOUR LAST.

MRS. BREWER STATES THAT NO ONE LIVING THERE HELPS MAINTAIN THE ROOMING HOUSE BY MAKING BEDS, ETC. EACH TENANT MAINTAINS HIS OWN ROOM AND MRS. BREWER CLEANS THE ROOM AFTER THE TENANT CHECKS OUT.

AN EXAMINATION OF THE ROOMING HOUSE AND THE CELLARE OF THE ROOMING HOUSE DISCLOSES THERE IS NO FURNACE. HEAT SUPPLIED IN EACH ROOM BY GAS HEATERS.

PREVIOUS INVESTIGATION, OF WHICH LOS ANGELES TIMES NOT AWARE, WOULD TEND TO PROVE BEYOND REASONABLE DOUBT THAT MURDER WEAPON WAS RECOVERED AND NOW IN POSSESSION OF MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT. PREVIOUS INVESTIGATION WOULD ALSO INDICATE THAT SUBJECT'S WHITE MUSTANG WAS IN SUBJECT'S POSSESSION AT REBEL MOTEL, MEMPHIS, ON NIGHT OF APRIL THREE LAST.

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MEMPHIS FEELS INFORMATION IS SO OBVIOUSLY INCORRECT
THAT ANY ADDITIONAL INQUIRY WOULD BE A WASTE OF INVESTIGATIVE
EFFORT; HOWEVER, OFFICES CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION SHOULD
NOT DISCONTINUE UNLESS ADVISED BY THE BUREAU.

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(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
MEMPHIS

FROM: KANSAS CITY (44-760)

MURKIN.

DAILY SUMMARY

DENTAL CHART AND COPY OF SUBJECT'S ENTIRE FILE FROM MSP FURNISHED THE BUREAU. SUBSCRIBER OF TELEPHONE NO. IN JEFFERSON CITY, MO., CONTACTED BY J. D. DAILEY IDENTIFIED AS ATTORNEY T. D. GRAHAM. BOILER MAKERS UNION, KANSAS CITY, IDENTIFIED AS SUBSCRIBER OF PHONE CALL MADE FROM GRAPEVINE TAVERN, ST. LOUIS.

CONTENTS OF LETTER FROM TOM BRITTON TO CARL MILLS, MANAGER RANZ FARM, MSP, FURNISHED BIRMINGHAM.

DEPT. OF VITAL STATISTICS, JEFFERSON CITY, MO., ADVISED NO UNIDENTIFIED WHITE MALES STATE OF MO. SINCE APRIL FIVE LAST. RECORDS FOR STATE OF KANSAS BEING CHECKED AT TOPEKA.

X-RAYS OF SUBJECT'S TEETH OBTAINED FROM MSP AND WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU.

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MSP CHRONOLOGICAL DATA SHEET, CLASSIFICATION SUMMARY,
CORRESPONDENCE, AND VISITING LIST ON INMATE WALTER NOLAN
FURNISHED ST. LOUIS.

LOCAL LEADS CONTINUE TO BE HANDLED IMMEDIATELY.

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

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

On May 15, 1968, ~~CERIL CLAYTON LILLIBRIDGE~~, also known as CARL LILLIBRIDGE, who requested that his identity as the source of this information be concealed, was contacted at the Cole County Jail, and he furnished the following information:

He knew JAMES EARL RAY for quite some time before RAY was moved into his cell at the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP). He had had some minor dealings with RAY in poker. RAY himself played very little poker, but he would lend money to inmates who did play poker at the "3 for 2" rate requiring \$3 to be repaid for every \$2 loaned. RAY was "too tight" to play poker, and even when he loaned money at the exorbitant interest rates he required some kind of collateral. If RAY was a "walk man" in the MSP, having reference to an inmate whose duties called for his moving freely around the cell block, then RAY would have been a carrier for the usual prison lotteries dealing with numbers and parleys over ball game scores, in which cigarettes were bet, and the "walk man" would deliver the numbers slips and the winners' cigarettes, and would be paid a percentage by the inmate who ran the lottery through this association, but the "walk man" would perform the service strictly for his commission and would not necessarily be "close" to the person running the lottery, but would be selected because he had access to other inmates' cells. He has no information that RAY was ever a "walk man" or ever engaged in lotteries as described above.

In his conversations with RAY he learned that RAY was more interested in Mexico than in Canada. In speaking of places to go to "cool off" or "hide out", he suggested to RAY that it would be easier for a white American to hide out in Canada than in Mexico, since his skin color and language would be the same as the natives, but RAY had spent some time in Mexico and apparently liked the area and he expressed very little interest in Canada.

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He and RAY discussed a newspaper article which was published at about the time they celled together in which an Italian criminal's escape to Italy from the U. S. was apparently accomplished through his obtaining a Canadian passport, and it was suggested and RAY was apparently aware of the custom of the Episcopal Church and Church of England and its branches in Canada of keeping baptismal records and records of birth for years, which records would be easily accessible to anyone wanting to assume a new identity. They discussed how one could go to a medium-sized Canadian city, find records of birth through an open, easily accessible church, for an individual about one's own age, verify through local inquiry or source material that some such person is deceased, then write to the Provincial capital of that province requesting a copy of the birth certificate for that person, thereby securing documentary evidence of a new identity to use in securing a Canadian passport. RAY did not express a great deal of interest in this process and made no mention of planning to use such a technique to escape or change his identity. He did not say anything about any plans to go to Canada or to Mexico and thereby to a third country, and he never mentioned any interest in Rhodesia or other country with a view of flight there in hopes of avoiding extradition. RAY did say that he had considered Australia as a place to go to avoid apprehension for a wanted person, but indicated that he had dismissed Australia as a refuge because of the sparse population and the lack of tourists. RAY told him that he had written to Queensland, apparently before 1962, to some Government agency inquiring about the type of employment available there for foreigners, but his conversation indicated he had no interest in Australia at that point.

Most of RAY'S conversation revolved around Mexico when speaking of places to go after "pulling some job". He made no mention of narcotics smuggling to Mexico, and he did not say how he planned to obtain the "big haul" he wanted to make in order to "retire", other than that he might happen onto a large supermarket with a lot of money on hand which he could rob. He did not mention any specific supermarket or area of the country in this regard. From his conversation, he felt that RAY had actual experience in and knowledge of

smuggling small appliances into the Campeche Bay area of Mexico for resale. He mentioned that there were some dollars to be made in this racket with a very small investment required. RAY's associate MATEO LOPEZ GARCIA or MATEO GARCIA LOPEZ or some similar name previously described by LILLIBRIDGE as described by RAY was a real person, and LILLIBRIDGE remembered the name he gave because it was similar to the name of a "wet back" he had known previously in prison.

RAY spoke of the possibility of obtaining colored contact lenses to wear to change the color of his eyes in avoiding detection. RAY did not say where he would try to obtain contact lenses or that he had actually ever tried to obtain them or that he had ever worn contact lenses. RAY'S eyes as LILLIBRIDGE recalls them are a faded, pale blue, or "sky blue", and he would want to darken the appearance of his eyes in changing his appearance. He told LILLIBRIDGE how he had experimented in the past on portions of his skin covered by his clothing with staining his skin a darker color using some kind of "walnut dye". He had apparently tried the dye out of curiosity to see how long the stain would last, and he told LILLIBRIDGE that the dye would "just have to wear off". As to changing his appearance, LILLIBRIDGE feels it is significant to note that RAY'S weight would vary greatly from month to month. RAY would go through periods of weight-lifting, strictly for the exercise, and he would occasionally become concerned over his weight from a health standpoint and would lose weight quickly. RAY was not a competitive weightlifter and would probably not seek out a gymnasium to practice weightlifting, but he was concerned over a heart problem he imagined that he had, and he wanted the exercise to strengthen his heart. He mentioned that he knew it would be easy to obtain a fictitious Social Security card simply by filling in a form in any name, state that he had been self-employed, and he would be mailed a new Social Security card. He did not mention any problem with regard to obtaining a driver's license under an assumed name.

RAY told LILLIBRIDGE about a shack he rented on the outskirts of Campeche, Mexico, and how he had considered the possibility of buying the shack instead of paying rent. Money and not paying more for anything than necessary was of constant concern to RAY. He told LILLIBRIDGE of the difficulty in

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Mexico for a foreigner to own any property. He told of the practice of "Rentista Papers" through which a foreigner by paying a fee could receive permission from the Mexican Government to own a small business in Mexico or purchase property on a small scale in Mexico. He mentioned how it was an effort to have anything done by local Government officials in Mexico since everyone moved so slowly, and how in order to obtain "Rentista Papers" one would apparently have to pay two or three persons "under the table" a few pesos in order to get the papers through the Government red tape, and from his conversation, it appeared that RAY never was in Mexico long enough to wait out the process of obtaining "Rentista Papers".

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AIR MAIL

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

Enclosed for the Bureau are 3 copies, and for Memphis 2 copies, of a self-explanatory insert concerning re-interview with former cellmate of subject, CECIL CLAYTON LILLIBRIDGE, who is currently incarcerated at the Cole County Jail, Cole County, Missouri.

No leads in connection with this are being set forth by the Kansas City Office. They are being left to the discretion of the Bureau or Office of Origin. Copies are being furnished the Bureau inasmuch as the Bureau may wish to disseminate them to Canada and Mexico.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) (P)
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CARL MILLS, Manager, Wrenz Prison Farm, connected with the Missouri State Penitentiary, advised prison officials that he had found the letter sent to him by ex-inmate TOM BRITTON, Jasper, Alabama. The letter was furnished to this office and reads as follows:

"July 6-67

"Hello, All.

"Please excuse me for not writing sooner, but have been so busy. You know after taking a 3 1/2 year stop in life it's pretty hard to get back into the way of life again.

"Well now I am doing just fine. Moved from town into the country. Bought a 10 acre farm with house. One of those Jim Walter shells but I worked it over, looks pretty good. I paneled it out and out. My wife and son like out here very much and really that's what counts. For the past two month I have had a trying time. My mother who is a Diabetic - spelled wrong, was operated on for cancer in Chattanooga, Tenn. had her right breast removed, weighed 18 lbs. She weighs 290, and she wont heal. Although she is in good spirit, but she has no chance, maybe 1 year.

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"Since this operation on mother I have through often of your baby, Sissy - I do hope she makes through life without much serious sickness. Tell your wife I do hope she is keeping you on the ball and getting the house in good shape. Tell Joe hello.

"Bailes was a likable fellow. I thought lot of him. I you well tell him hi for me. Mr. Mills if you find time please answer this letter.

"You might have had a hard__ to get along with men on Renz farm but I personall enjoyed my stay there. Although I am sure it will never happen again.

"Bye Bye, God Bless Solong,

"/s/ Tom Britton

"RR 5 Box 34
Jasper, Ala."

This is being furnished in order that the Birmingham office may better evaluate information being received from TOM BRITTON.

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(Priority)**To: SAC, Kansas City (44-760)****From: Director, FBI (44-38861)****MURKIN****ReKCtel 5-14-68.****Latent fingerprints previously reported this case not identical with fingerprints JAMES LAOMA OWENS, FBI #1 397 707, Missouri State Penitentiary #00184.****No palm prints Identification Division for Owens.****2 - Memphis (44-1987)**

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6:36PM URGENT 5-17-68 SMS

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, MIAMI, LAS VEGAS,
DETROIT AND KNOXVILLE
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) 9P

MURKIN.

RE LOS ANGELES PHONE CALL TO BUREAU MAY SEVENTEEN INSTANT.

RE LOS ANGELES TIMES INFORMANT - "BOB" LNU.

WILLIAM THOMAS, CITY EDITOR, LOS ANGELES TIMES,

TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED SAC LOS ANGELES TODAY AND
ADVISED PAPER HAD INFORMATION WHICH THEY FELT MIGHT BE OF
ASSISTANCE TO FBI IN THIS MATTER. SAC WESLEY G. GRAPP
AND SUPERVISOR WILLIAM JOHN NOLAN CONTACTED MR. THOMAS
AND REPORTER JERRY COHEN AT LOS ANGELES TIMES OFFICE. THEY
ADVISED EARLY IN THE WEEK, MONDAY OR TUESDAY, THE PAPER
HAD BEEN TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO SAID HE
HAD INFORMATION CONCERNING WHAT ACTUALLY HAD TAKEN PLACE IN
CONNECTION WITH THE DEATH OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. THOMAS
ADVISED THERE WERE THREE OR FOUR TELEPHONE CALLS, AND HE
MADE NOTES DURING THE CALLS, AND ON THE EVENING OF MAY SIXTEEN,
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SIXTY EIGHT, HE AND JERRY COHEN MET THIS INDIVIDUAL AT A BAR. HE ADVISED THE INDIVIDUAL GAVE THE NAME QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE, NO LAST NAME, DESCRIBED AS IN MIDDLE THIRTIES, DECENT LOOKING FELLOW, AND APPARENTLY HAD BEEN IN SEVERAL PENITENTIARIES, AS HE KNEW THE LANGUAGE VERY WELL. THOMAS ADVISED THE PAPER HAD TAKEN NO OVERT STEPS IN ATTEMPTING TO VERIFY THE STORY BUT DID HAVE REPORTERS IN KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS, HUNTSVILLE, MIAMI AND BIRMINGHAM, AND HE HAD INSTRUCTED THE REPORTERS TO CONTACT THE LOCAL FBI OFFICE AND MAKE THIS INFORMATION, AS SET FORTH IN HIS NOTES, AVAILABLE. HE ADVISED FURTHER HE CONTEMPLATED MAKING THIS INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK. HE ADVISED HIS SOLE PURPOSE WAS TO GET A STORY OUT OF THE MATERIAL, BUT DID NOT WISH TO INTERFERE IN ANY FBI INVESTIGATION.

HE ADVISED DURING HIS MEETING WITH QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE HE GOT FROM BOB A BUS TICKET DATED APRIL SEVEN, SIXTY EIGHT, ON A GREYHOUND BUS FROM KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, WHICH TICKET WAS ISSUED BY SOUTHERN GREYHOUND AT KNOXVILLE ON APRIL SEVEN SIXTY EIGHT AND HAD THE NUMBERS THREE SPACE ZERO ZERO ZERO EIGHT TWO TWO TWO NINE SPACE FOUR

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TWO. TRANSPORTATION WAS FROM KNOXVILLE TO MEMPHIS, MEMPHIS TO EL PASO, THEN TO LOS ANGELES. HE ADVISED HE HAD GIVEN QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR THE TICKET AND THIS INFORMATION AND DID NOT EXPECT TO HEAR FROM HIM AGAIN, AS QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE SAID HE NEEDED THE MONEY TO LEAVE TOWN.

SET FORTH FOR THE INFORMATION OF RECEIVING OFFICES ARE THE NOTES AS TYPED UP BY THOMAS CONCERNING HIS INTERVIEW OF "BOB".

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ONE. THE DAY BEFORE THE SHOOTING, RAY WAS PICKED UP IN ATHENS, ALABAMA, AND WAS TAKEN TO MEMPHIS.

TWO. HE REGISTERED IN ROOMING HOUSE. ANOTHER MAN REGISTERED AS SAMUEL LEWIS. PAREN LEWIS WAS SUPPOSED TO BE BACKUP MAN, KILL KING AT RALLY THAT NIGHT IF RAY MISSED HIS CHANCE ON THE BALCONY. PAREN

THREE. AFTER SHOOTING KING, RAY WALKED TWO OR THREE BLOCKS TO THE GETAWAY CAR, ACCOMPANIED BY A GIRL AND A GUY. THE CAR IS A NEW BLUE BUICK, WITH ALABAMA PLATES. FIRST DIGITS ARE BELIEVED TO BE ONE FOUR. CAR IS OWNED AND WAS DRIVEN BY EDDIE WILBURN OF HUNTSVILLE, ALA. IT IS EQUIPPED WITH A POLICE

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RADIO. PAREN SECOND MAN STAYED OVERNIGHT, TOOK EARLY BUS TO KNOXVILLE. PAREN

FOUR. RAY, TWO GIRLS AND A CHILD WERE DRIVEN OUT OF MEMPHIS BY WILBURN IN THE BLUE BUICK. WENT TO KANSAS CITY. TRIP TOOK SIX AND ONE HALF HOURS. GIRLS, CHILD, WILBURN ALL FROM HUNTSVILLE.

FIVE. IN KANSAS CITY, RAY STAYED OVERNIGHT AT A HOME. IT IS A SMALL, GRAY, SHINGLED, ONE-BEDROOM HOUSE ABOUT THREE MILES FROM CENTRAL KANSAS CITY. PAREN WE HAVE ROUGH LOCATION. PAREN

SIX. AT DUSK THE NEXT DAY PAREN APRIL FIVE PAREN RAY WAS FLOWN TO BELLE GLADE, FLORIDA, IN A PRIVATE PLANE. TOOK OFF FROM PRIVATE FIELD, ALSO USED AS TRAINING FIELD FOR MILITARY. RAY ARRIVED EARLY APRIL SIX.

SEVEN. PLANE IN WHICH RAY WAS FLOWN IS OWNED BY A WILLIAM PIERCE, A WEALTHY MAN WHO OWNS OR OPERATES AN AIRPORT IN BELLE GLADE, AND ONCE OWNED A CONTRACTING COMPANY IN CUBA. NOT KNOWN WHETHER PIERCE FLEW THE PLANE. PIERCE ALSO OWNS MOTEL IN BELLE GLADE AND COTTAGES ON THE LAKE IN NEARBY OKEECHOBEE PAREN OR MAYBE ON NEARBY LAKE OKEECHOBEE PAREN. PIERCE SAID
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TO BE KKK MEMBER.

EIGHT. THEORY: RAY STAYED IN MOTEL OR IN COTTAGE. MAY BE STILL THERE. OR IN CUBA.

NINE. ON APRIL ELEVEN, RAY GOT ON YACHT PAREN PROBABLY CHARTER BOAT PAREN IN KEY WEST. BOAT OWNED BY BEN THOMPSON. PAREN A BEN THOMPSON OF MIAMI OWNS THREE FISHING BOATS. PAREN.

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ONE. PIERCE OFTEN FLIES OWN PRIVATE PLANE TO NEW ORLEANS. SAID TO KNOW DA JIM GARRISON. ALSO MIGHT CHECK POSSIBLE FLIGHTS IN DIRECTION OF CUBA.

TWO. PIERCE AND WILBURN SAID TO BE RELATED.

THREE. LEAD TO WILBURN MIGHT BE VFW CLUB IN HUNTSVILLE, WHERE HE IS SUPPOSED TO BE A MEMBER.

FOUR. RIFLE IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN LEFT IN FURNACE OF MEMPHIS ROOMING HOUSE, AND IS BELIEVED STILL THERE. MUST REFER TO BACKUP MAN'S WEAPON.

FIVE. RAY NOW WEARING BIFOCALS.

SIX. WHITE MUSTANG BELONGING TO RAY WAS NOT IN MEMPHIS ON THE DAY OF KING SLAYING, AND HE DID NOT ESCAPE IN IT. PRESUMABLY IT NEVER LEFT GEORGIA IN APRIL.

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SEVEN. ON THE DAY OF THE KILLING PAREN, APRIL FOUR PAREN RAY MADE PHONE CALLS FROM MEMPHIS TO BELLE GLADE. CALLS BELIEVED TO BE MADE FROM A BUS STATION.

EIGHT. IN THE WEEKS BEFORE THE KILLING, RAY STAYED SOMEWHERE IN BELLE GLADE.

NINE. STORY OF PAYOFFS VERY COMPLICATED. WILBURN SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN PAID OFF IN RENO. NIGHT BEFORE KILLING, SOMEBODY HIT A KENO TICKET FOR TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS IN CAL-NEVA LODGE. RIGGED, TO PASS THE MONEY. DONE WITH KNOWLEDGE OF CHARLIE CATE, SIX EIGHT EIGHT ZERO PEBBLE BEACH DRIVE, RENO, WHO RUNS A SHIFT AT CAL-NEVA. THEN THERE IS BEN PAREN OR JACK PAREN STURGIS OF ST. LOUIS, WHO USED TO WORK BAR ON SECOND STREET, RENO. CAME INTO MONEY. ANOTHER QUOTE CONTACT. UNQUOTE.

PAGE THREE - LOS ANGELES.

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PAGE FOUR - MORE SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:

ONE. TELEPHONE CREDIT CARD SUPPOSEDLY USED BY RAY WAS ISSUED TO RIDELL CATERING, U. S. RUBBER, DETROIT. EITHER IN NAME OF RIDELL PAREN NO FIRST NAME PAREN OR A ROBERT BRINKLEY. RIDELL REPORTER LIVES IN HARPER WOODS, MICH. CALLS ON CARD REPORTED MADE FROM MEMPHIS TO BELLE GLADE, FLA., AMONG OTHERS.

TWO. SAMUEL LEWIS, SECOND MAN IN ROOMING HOUSE, DISCHARGED NINETEEN SIXTY THREE FROM MILAN, MICH. ALSO SERVED TIME IN CHILLICOTHE AND TERRE HAUTE. PAREN WARDEN AT MILAN SAYS NO
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RECORD OF LEWIS. PAREN

THREE. LEWIS TOOK BUS TO LOS ANGELES FROM KNOXVILLE ON APRIL SEVEN. CAME THROUGH MEMPHIS AND EL PASO.

THOMAS ADVISED THAT IN RELATION TO ITEM FIVE, PAGE ONE, OF HIS NOTES, THIS HOUSE IS LOCATED OFF A MAIN STREET STARTING FROM DOWNTOWN KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, DIRECTION UNKNOWN, AND FROM THE MAIN STREET A SMALLER STREET GOES TO THE LEFT, WHICH STREET HAS A WESTERN UNION BUILDING LOCATED ON IT AND GOES OFF FROM THE MAIN STREET IN THE FORM OF A STEEP HILL. TWO TO THREE MILES UP THE HILL ON THE LEFT ARE LOCATED NICE LOOKING APARTMENTS, BROWNISH IN COLOR, WHERE STUDENTS FROM SOME SCHOOL LIVE, AND JUST PRIOR TO THIS ON THE RIGHT IS THE LOCATION OF A MOVING COMPANY, NO NAME KNOWN, AND A GROCERY STORE IS LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF THE MOVING COMPANY ON THE SAME SIDE. ABOUT TWO BLOCKS BEYOND THE GROCERY STORE THERE IS A NARROW STREET WITH RAMSHACKLE HOUSES ON ONE SIDE AND VACANT LOTS ON THE OTHER. TURNING RIGHT ON THIS STREET, THE THIRD HOUSE ON THE LEFT WOULD BE THE CORRECT HOUSE INVOLVED, WHICH IS OCCUPIED BY AN INDIVIDUAL QUOTE WHO SELLS BEER AND BOOZE AFTER HOURS AND HIDES GUYS OUT. UNQUOTE. THE HOUSE IS DESCRIBED AS ONE BEDROOM.

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NO GARAGE, DIRT DRIVEWAY, SINGLE STORY AND HAS A LARGE FREEZER
IN THE LIVING ROOM.

THOMAS ADVISED FROM THE STORY RECEIVED, IT IS A
POSSIBILITY QUOTE BOB UNQUOTE IS THE SAME AS THE SAMUEL LEWIS
MENTIONED IN HIS NOTES.

EACH RECEIVING OFFICE SHOULD CAREFULLY REVIEW THE NOTES
AND IMMEDIATELY ATTEMPT TO VERIFY ANY OF THE INFORMATION SET
FORTH AND ADVISE BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND LOS ANGELES.

LOS ANGELES WILL IMMEDIATELY PURSUE EFFORTS TO PROVE OR
DISPROVE THE ALLEGATIONS SET FORTH FOR LOS ANGELES AREA.

AIR MAIL COPIES BEING FURNISHED CINCINNATI, NEW ORLEANS,
ST. LOUIS AND INDIANAPOLIS IN VIEW OF INFORMATION FURNISHED
IN THE NOTES.

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Date: 5/18/68

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
MEMPHIS
LOS ANGELES

FROM: KANSAS CITY (44-760)

MURKIN.

Ref LA tel to Bureau 5/17/68

LOS ANGELES TIMES REPORTER GENE BLAKE ADVISED THIS DATE
HE BELIEVES ^{Gray} ~~GRAY~~ *referred to by Quote Bob sanguine is* HOUSE, IN DIFFERENT AREA OF CITY THAN
PREVIOUSLY REPORTED. AGENTS CHECKED NUMEROUS POSSIBILITIES
BUT UNABLE TO LOCATE HOUSE WHERE RAY ALLEGED TO HAVE STAYED
OVERNIGHT IN KANSAS CITY. CHECK OF ALL PRIVATE AIRPORTS IN
METROPOLITAN KANSAS CITY NEGATIVE RE FLIGHT OUT BY PIERCE
PLANE.

NO RECORD WILLI SATA OR FRANK BRICKLEY IN KANSAS CITY
INDICES. WARDEN HAROLD SWENSON ADVISED NO PREVIOUS INMATE
MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY NAME FRANK BRICKLEY.

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TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, MIAMI,
LAS VEGAS, DETROIT, MOBILE, KNOXVILLE, ALBANY AND CHARLOTTE
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (P) 6P

MURKIN ✓

RE LA PHONE CALL TO BUREAU AND LA TEL MAY SEVENTEEN
INSTANT, RE LOS ANGELES TIMES INFORMANT - "BOB" LNU.

FOR INFO ATLANTA, MOBILE AND ALBANY, LA TIMES HAS HAD
CONTACT WITH ONE BOB LNU WHO SAID HE HAD INFO CONCERNING WHAT
ACTUALLY HAD TAKEN PLACE IN CONNECTION WITH DEATH OF DR. KING.
IN ADDITION TO OTHER INFO FURNISHED BY BOB LNU, HE STATED
FOLLOWING REGARDING ASPECTS OF CASE INVOLVING LOS ANGELES AREA:

ONE. RAY SOMEBODY STATED IN CLARK HOTEL, ROOM SEVEN
HUNDRED, ON APRIL SEVENTEEN DASH EIGHTEEN LAST.

TWO. LAMONT WHITE WHO WORKS FOR WESTERN UNION IN LA
HAS SENT MONEY TO LOUISIANA. BOUGHT TWO PISTOLS UNDER
HIS NAME. THEY REALLY WENT TO FRANK BRICKLEY OF CHATANOOGA,
TENN. WHO WAS IN PRISON WITH RAY. BRICKLEY SUPOSED TO BE HERE.

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THREE. HAROLD'S CAFE, FIVE FIVE FIVE SOUTH MAIN. RAY BARTENDER THERE FOR WEEK OR SO. QUEER BAR. GUY NAMED CONNIE KNOWS HIM THERE.

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FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED LA AREA THIS DATE.

JACK HERD, DAY MANAGER TOP RAIL BAR ADVISES WILLI SHEA ENTIRELY UNKNOWN. NO COCKTAIL WAITRESSES EMPLOYED BY THIS BAR, EXCEPT ON RARE OCCASIONS LIKE NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY. ON THOSE OCCASIONS, HIS OWN GIRL FRIEND OR GIRL NAMED BERNICE DOUGLAS WHO DOES NOT FIT DESCRIPTION OF WILLI SHEA HAS HELPED OUT AT BAR. MRS. NANCY BURGDORF, MANAGER FOR LAST SEVENTEEN YEARS AT EIGHT ONE TWO SOUTH WESTLAKE, REPORTS NO WILLI SHEA HAS OR IS RESIDING AT THAT ADDRESS.

LEAMONT ANDERSON WHITE, EFFEMINATE THIRTY SIX YEAR OLD NEGRO MALE, EMPLOYED BY WESTERN UNION, WHO RESIDES AT THREE EIGHT ONE SEVEN GIBRALTAR AVENUE, APT. FIVE, LOS ANGELES
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TELEPHONE TWO ONE THREE DASH TWO NINE FOUR DASH NINE FIVE THREE NINE, REPORTS HAS KNOWN FRANK BRICKLEY AND HIS BROTHER BOB BRICKLEY FIVE OR SIX YEARS. DURING THAT TIME FRANK HAS BEEN IN AND OUT OF ONE JAIL AFTER ANOTHER. BOTH FRANK AND BOB ARE HEAVY DRINKERS AND WHEN IN LA AREA HAVE FREQUENTED SKIDROW BARS NEAR FIFTH AND MAIN IN DOWNTOWN LA AND SEVENTH AND ALVARADO NEAR WESTLAKE PARK. THEIR PARENTS RESIDE IN ROSSVILLE, GEORGIA AND WHEN IN LA DURING JUNE SIXTY SEVEN THEY MADE CALLS FROM WHITE'S HOME TO FOLLOWING NUMBERS, ONE OF WHICH IS THEIR PARENTS NUMBER:

ROSSVILLE AREA CODE FOUR ZERO FOUR

TWO TWO NINE DASH TWO ONE FIVE FIVE

EIGHT SIX SIX DASH SEVEN THREE ONE ZERO

KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE CODE SIX ONE FIVE

FIVE TWO FOUR DASH ONE THREE ONE FIVE

SWEETWATER, TENNESSEE CODE SIX ONE FIVE

THREE THREE SEVEN DASH SEVEN SEVEN SEVEN FIVE

CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE CODE SIX ONE FIVE

SIX TWO TWO DASH NINE ZERO SIX SEVEN

WHITE ALSO FURNISHED TWO RECIPITS FOR PURCHASE OF GUNS BY HIM FROM WEATHERBY SPORTING GOODS, TWO SEVEN EIGHT ONE EAST FIRESTONE
END PAGE THREE

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BLVD., SOUTH GATE, CALIFORNIA FOR ONE BAYARD THIRTY TWO CALIBER, SERIAL NUMBER TWO FIVE TWO TWO ONE; AND BERETTA TWENTY-FIVE AUTOMATIC PISTOL, SERIAL NUMBER EIGHT EIGHT SEVEN TWO EIGHT ZERO, PLUS AMMUNITION FOR EACH WEAPON.

CLAIMS WHEN FRANK BRICKLEY WAS LAST IN LA AREA ABOUT SUMMER SIXTY SEVEN BOTH OF THESE WEAPONS DISAPPEARED FROM HIS RESIDENCE, AND HE SUSPECTED EITHER FRANK OR BOB BRICKLEY OR THEIR COUSIN, WHOSE NAME HE CAN NOT NOW RECALL, STOLE THEM. SAID HE HAS NEVER FILED A STOLEN REPORT. SAID ABOUT TWO MONTHS AGO HE GOT COLLECT CALL FROM FRANK SEEKING MONEY, AT WHICH TIME FRANK INDICATED HE HAD JUST GOTTEN OUT OF HOSPITAL WHERE WAS RECOVERING FROM UNDESCRIBED WOUND. WAS UNABLE AT THIS TIME TO FIND TELEPHONE COMPANY CHARGES FOR THIS CALL, BUT BELIEVES IT WAS FROM KNOXVILLE OR NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE. SAID HE IS SURE THAT NO ONE OTHER THAN FRANK OR BOB BRICKLEY OF POSSIBLY THEIR COUSIN, COULD HAVE BEEN IN POSSESSION OF INFO THAT HE HAD PURCHASED ABOVE DESCRIBED WEAPONS OR THAT HE HAD RESPONDED TO CALL FOR MONEY BY SENDING TWENTY OR THIRTY DOLLARS TO FRANK. CLAIMS LAST SAW BOB BRICKLEY LESS THAN TWO MONTHS AGO, AT WHICH TIME BOB SAID FRANK WAS IN PRISON, BUT DID NOT INDICATE SPECIFIC CHARGE OR LOCATION.

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FRANK BRICKLEY APPEARS IDENT TO FRANK WILLIAM BRICKLEY,
AKA, SUBJECT OF BUFILE SEVEN SIX DASH TWO THREE SEVEN THREE FOUR;
ATLANTA FILE SEVEN SIX DASH TWO FOUR ONE TWO: MOBILE FILE
SEVEN SIX DASH ONE ZERO EIGHT ONE, WHO ACCORDING TO MOBILE
AIRTEL JANUARY TWO FOUR SIXTY SIX APPREHENDED AUSTIN TEXAS ONE
TWO FOUR SIXTY SIX.

LAPD RECORDS INDICATE LEAMONT A. WHITE ARRESTED JULY SIXTY
FIVE LEWD CONDUCT IN VICINITY OF FOURTH AND MAIN, L.A.

PERSONNEL CLARK HOTEL ADVISE ONE RAY YOUNG, WHO GAVE HOME
ADDRESS OF ONE FIVE ONE BEACH ST., MASSENA, NEW YORK, WAS
REGISTERED ROOM SEVEN HUNDRED APRIL SEVENTEEN DASH LAST. PHOTOS
OF SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY EXHIBITED TO PERTINENT HOTEL PERSONNEL
WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

CONRAD TORRAMEO, NIGHT MANAGER, HAROLD'S BAR, FIVE FIVE
FIVE SOUTH MAIN, WHO IS KNOWN AS CONNIE, OBSERVED ALL PHOTOS
OF JAMES EARL RAY AND ADVISES NEVER EMPLOYEE OR CUSTOMER. PHOTO
DISPLAYED TO OTHER PERSONNEL, INCLUDING DAY SHIFT, WITH NEGATIVE
RESULTS.

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FOR INFO ALL OFFICES, BUREAU HAS INSTRUCTED ALL LEADS IN THIS MATTER RECEIVE IMMEDIATE AND CONTINUOUS ATTENTION.

ALBANY WILL CHECK OUT RAY YOUNG, MASSENA, N.Y. TO ELIMINATE AS SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY, AND TO DETERMINE IF KNOWS BRICKLEY BROTHERS OR LEAMONT ANDERSON WHITE, BEARING IN MIND POSSIBLE HOMOSEXUAL INVOLVEMENT.

ATLANTA REQUESTED TO CONTACT BRICKLEY'S PARENTS AT ROSSVILLE, GEORGIA TO SECURE CURRENT PHOTOS OF BOB BRICKLEY WHO MAY BE AKA ROY BRICKLEY, JR. FORWARD PHOTO TO LA TO SHOW TO LA TIMES REPORTERS WHO CONTACTED BOB LNU, TO DETERMINE IF HE IS INFORMANT IN THIS MATTER.

IDENT DIVISION REQUESTED TO ADVISE LA AND INTERESTED OFFICES OF ANY CURRENT INCARCERATION OF FRANK BRICKLEY FROM RECORDS OF FBI NUMBER ONE NINE SEVEN SEVEN NINE SIX C.

INVESTIGATION LA CONTINUING. AIR MAIL INFO COPIES FURNISHED CINCINNATI, INDIANAPOLIS, NEW ORLEANS AND ST. LOUIS.

CHARLOTTE RECEIVING COPY FOR INFO PER INSTRUCTION MIAMI.

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407AM URGENT 5-18-68 WTB

TO BUREAU..ATTENTION IDENTIFICATION DIVISION AND CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION.

ATLANTA, LOS ANGELES, LOUISVILLE, MEMPHIS, EL PASO, BIRMINGHAM,

KANSAS CITY, MIAMI, LAS VEGAS, DETROIT. INDIANAPOLIS.

FROM KNOXVILLE 44-696

MURKIN ✓

RE LOS ANGELES TEL MAY SEVENTEEN LAST COPIES OF WHICH BEING
SENT SEPARATELY BY TELETYPE TO ATLANTA, INDIANAPOLIS AND LOUISVILLE
FOR INFO.

THE FRANK BRICKLEY OF CHATTANOOGA REFERRED TO BY INFORMANT
MAY BE FRANK WILLIAM BRICKLEY AKA WILLIAM ROY BRICKLEY, WILLIAM
FRANKLIN BRICKLEY, WILLIAM FRANK BRICKLEY, WILLIAM ROY BUCKLEY,
BILL ROBERT SHAW, BILL SHAW, BILLY SHAW, BILL R. SHAW, FBI NO.
ONE NINE SEVEN SEVEN NINE SIX C ORIGINALLY FROM CHATTANOOGA, TENN.
AND WHO HAS AN EXTENSIVE CRIMINAL RECORD. HE WAS LAST KNOWN TO HAVE
BEEN IMPRISONED AT TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA AND WAS RELEASED JAN.
SIXTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN UPON COMPLETION OF SENTENCE. TERRE HAUTE PRISON
NO. TWO THREE SIX FOUR TWO DASH TH.

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BRICKLEY DESCRIBED AS WMA, BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AT CHATTANOOGA,

TENN. OR VICINITY. HEIGHT FIVE FT. EIGHT INCHES, ONE FORTY TO ONE FORTYFIVE LBS., (IN NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE), EYES BROWN, HAIR BROWN, DIM TATTOO LEFT UPPER ARM.

IT IS NOTED THAT BRICKLEY HAS SERVED TIME IN CHILLICOTHE AND TERRE HAUTE AND ATTENTION IS CALLED TO ALLEGATION THAT "SAMUEL LEWIS" SERVED TIME IN CHILLICOTHE AND TERRE HAUTE. POSSIBILITY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED THAT BRICKLEY IS TRUE IDENTITY OF SAMUEL LEWIS AND BOB, LNU, WHO FURNISHED INFORMATION TO LOS ANGELES TIMES. IDENT DIVISION REQUESTED TO AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY COPIES OF MOST RECENT PHOTOGRAPH OF BRICKLEY TO LOS ANGELES, EL PASO, MEMPHIS, AND KNOXVILLE FOR DISPLAY BY THOSE OFFICES TO WILLIAM THOMAS, CITY EDITOR, LOS ANGELES TIMES, JERRY COHEN, LOS ANGELES TIMES, AT THE EL PASO BUS STATION, MEMPHIS BUS STATION AND KNOXVILLE BUS STATION.

INDIANAPOLIS AT TERRE HAUTE REVIEW PRISON RECORDS FOR LEADS AS TO CURRENT WHEREABOUTS OF BRICKLEY AND SET OUT LEADS TO HAVE HIM INTERVIEWED. ALSO DETERMINE IF THEY HAVE A MORE RECENT PICTURE THAN THE ONE TAKEN MAY THIRTY, NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE AND IF SO, OBTAIN AND FORWARD COPIES TO INTERESTED OFFICES.

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LOS ANGELES AT LOS ANGELES...BRICKLEY WAS ARRESTED PD
LOS ANGELES, CALIF. APRIL EIGHT, SIXTYTHREE UNDER NAME BILL SHAW
NO. SIX FIVE THREE SEVEN ZERO SIX S FOR GT-AUTO AND BY SO LOS
ANGELES AS BILL ROBERT SHAW APRIL NINE SIXTYTHREE, GT-AUTO, UNDER
NO. B-NINE SIX ZERO FOUR TWO SEVEN. OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPHS IF AVAILABLE
AND IF GOOD PHOTOGRAPH CONSIDER DISPLAYING TO THOMAS IMMEDIATELY.
ALSO REVIEW RECORDS FOR LOCAL LEADS ...IT BEING NOTED THAT HE
ALLEGEDLY IS IN LOS ANGELES AREA AT THIS TIME ACCORDING TO INFO
FURNISHED BY "BOB" TO THOMAS.

ATLANTA REVIEW YOUR FILE SEVEN SIX DASH TWO FOUR ONE TWO FOR
LEADS TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW BRICKLEY.

KNOXVILLE WILL INTERVIEW RELATIVES AND KNOWN ASSOCIATES OF
BRICKLEY IN CHATTANOOGA AREA.

LOUISVILLE AT LEXINGTON AT GREYHOUND OFFICE, EIGHT ZERO ONE
LIMESTONE, REVIEW COPIES OF AUDITORS STUBS OF TICKETS ISSUED AT
KNOXVILLE, TENN. TO DETERMINE IDENTITY OF TICKET AGENT
SELLING TICKET NO. THREE SPACE ZERO ZERO ZERO EIGHT TWO TWO TWO
ZERO SPACE FOUR TWO ON APRIL SEVEN, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT AT
KNOXVILLE FOR TRANSPORTATION KNOXVILLE TO LOS ANGELES VIA
MEMPHIS AND EL PASO AND FOR ANY OTHER DATA AVAILABLE.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI KAN CITY

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-760) P

DATE: 5/18/68

FROM : SA JAMES E. RUSSELL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Los Angeles teletype, 5/17/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SAs
DONALD A. FLYNN and JAMES E. RUSSELL on 5/18/68.

AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

The areas near the moving companies at the following locations were visually determined to be inconsistent with the area described in referenced teletype:

4315 E. 9th
2001 Independence
911 Independence
922 Independence
1015 E. 8th
3426 E. 9th

The house at 3228 Norton, which address was provided by an officer of the Jackson County Sheriff's Office as the address of a local bootlegger, does not fit the description of the house described in referenced teletype.

JERRY MOORE, Air Traffic Control Specialist, Fairfax Municipal Airport, Kansas City, Kansas, advised that no record is kept of incoming and outgoing flights at Fairfax. He said that flight plans, which are not mandatory, are kept at the Kansas City Flight Service Station, Kansas City Municipal Airport, but he stated that the number of the plane should first be determined. He also stated that if the serial number of the plane is known, the flying services at Fairfax Airport can be checked to determine who serviced the plane.

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 TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, MIAMI, LAS VEGAS,
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 DETROIT & KNOXVILLE

FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 1P

MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TEL MAY SEVENTEEN LAST.

INVESTIGATION KANSAS CITY SUBURBAN AIRPORTS NEGATIVE AS TO
 PLANE OF WILLIAM PIERCE.

AGENTS ELIMINATED ALL MOVING COMPANIES IN AREA DESCRIBED BY
 LOS ANGELES TIMES REPORTER BY PHYSICAL OBSERVATION.

WARDEN HAROLD SWENSON ADVISED NO PREVIOUS INMATE MISSOURI
 STATE PENITENTIARY NAMED FRANK BICKLEY OR SIMILAR NAME AND
 MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL NEGATIVE RE FRANK BICKLEY. VARIATION
 BRICKLEY REFERRED TO RE LOS ANGELES TEL WILL BE CHECKED AM
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TO DIRECTOR, (44-38861); MEMPHIS (44-1987); KANSAS CITY; AND
OKLAHOMA CITY

FROM LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) 2P

MURKIN, OO: MEMPHIS

RE: LOOKALIKE TO JAMES EARL RAY

ON MAY SEVENTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT, MRS. PHYLLIS REED, SUMMERS, ARK.,
ADVISED AN INDIVIDUAL WHO LOOKED LIKE RAY DROVE INTO HER STATION IN
NINETEEN FIFTYSIX RED AND WHITE CHEVROLET STATION WAGON BEARING
UNKNOWN NEW MEXICO LICENSE. SHE DESCRIBED THE INDIVIDUAL AS A WHITE
MALE, ABOUT THIRTY YEARS OLD, FIVE FT. TEN INCHES TALL, STOCKY BUILD,
SHORT LIGHT BROWN HAIR, DRESSED IN CASUAL SPORT CLOTHES, POSSIBLY A
KNIT SHIRT, LIGHT COLORED PANTS, AND TENNIS SHOES

IMMEDIATELY RADIO INFO WAS DISPATCHED TO LOCAL SO'S IN OKLAHOMA
AND SOUTHWEST MISSOURI THROUGH BENTON COUNTY, ARK., SHERIFF'S
OFFICE AND ARKANSAS STATE POLICE, HUNTSVILLE, ARK. ROADBLOCKS WERE
SET UP AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES ALERTED FOR THIS INDIVIDUAL AND CAR.
ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS WILL BE IMMEDIATELY REPORTED. LIAISON IS
BEING MAINTAINED WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES THROUGH STATE POLICE RADIO.
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HUNTSVILLE, ARK., AND FAYETTEVILLE, ARK. SO. CAR AND UNSUB NOT
LOCATED AT THIS TIME.

ABOVE FURNISHED OKLAHOMA CITY AND KANSAS CITY INASMUCH AS
THEY MAY RECEIVE INQUIRIES OR LEADS IN THIS MATTER. PENDING.
CORR. TIME SHOULD BE 455.

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LAS VEGAS DETROIT MOBILE KNOXVILLE ALBANY CHARLOTTE
FROM DIRECTOR 1P.

MURKIN

RE LA TEL MAY SEVENTEEN LAST.

LATEST ARREST RECORD IDENTIFICATION DIVISION FILES FOR FRANK
WILLIAM BRICKLEY, FBI NUMBER ONE NINE SEVEN SEVEN NINE SIX C.
JUNE TWENTYFOUR SIXTYSIX, UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY, TERRE HAUTE,
INDIANA, PV, YCA, NMVTA AND ESCAPE FROM FEDERAL CUSTODY, TRANSFERRED
FROM FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA,
EXPIRATION OF GOOD TIME JANUARY SIXTEEN SIXTYSEVEN.

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*Have advised 5/18
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
 FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (44-371) (P)
 SUBJECT: MURKIN
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RE: KENNETH LEE WADE
MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY

Re San Francisco airtel to Bureau, 5/8/68, a copy of which was furnished to Kansas City.

Records of U. S. Penitentiary, McNeil Island, Washington, reflect ~~DONALD RICHARD BUSSMEYER~~ was transferred January 22, 1968, to U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.

LEAD

KANSAS CITY DIVISION
 At U. S. Penitentiary
 Leavenworth, Kansas

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 JAMES EARL RAY.

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

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Kansas City airtels to Bureau 5/7/68 and 5/8/68 as well as San Francisco airtel to Bureau 5/8/68 and Los Angeles airtel to Bureau 5/10/68.

For the information of St. Louis, referenced Kansas City airtel of 5/8/68 named seven former inmates of Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) who should be contacted to ascertain if they can furnish any information concerning the whereabouts of JAMES EARL RAY.

On 5/10/68, a review of the Los Angeles Police Department file 304218-D on ~~DENNIS WADE FONTENNOT~~ reflected that FONTENNOT is a transient drunk with arrests for drunk as recent as 12/15/67. Records fail to reflect any employment or residences in California, and FONTENNOT has been arrested for sleeping on park benches as recent as 8/1/67.

The following background and descriptive information was obtained from the Los Angeles Police Department file 304218-D:

Name	DENNIS WADE FONTENNOT
Race	Caucasian
Sex	Male
DOB	<input type="text"/>

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② - Kansas City (AM)
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1 - Memphis (Info.) (AM)
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Height	5'4"
Weight	145 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Address (1966)	605 Kemp Street Midland, Texas
Relatives	CLIFTON FONTENOTE New Orleans (1967)
FBI Number	860 489 B
Occupation	Transient
Characteristics	Common Drunk

Referenced airtel from San Francisco to Bureau 5/8/68 reflects that (FNU) WADE has been located and interviewed by San Francisco and no further efforts are being made in an attempt to identify FONTENNOT as WADE who was in the Missouri State Prison with JAMES EARL RAY.

On 5/14/68, Mrs. LEORA PICO, 1278 East 126th Street, Los Angeles, California, advised that CHERRI PICO, sister of CHARLES AMOS STEWART, used to live in common-law with her son at their residence but she has not been in Los Angeles since November, 1967, when she left for places unknown in Missouri. Mrs. PICO advised that CHARLES STEWART has not been in Los Angeles to the best of her knowledge. Mrs. PICO advised she has no idea as to the whereabouts of her son who was living with CHERRI and she has no idea as to the present whereabouts of CHERRI or her brother CHARLES STEWART.

On 5/14/68, Mrs. MARY RUSSELL, Trailer No. 60, 8111 Stanford Drive, Garden Grove, California, advised that JUDITH LEA MC FARLIN, wife of DAVID DON MC FARLIN, had spent some time as a house guest of hers in 1966. Mrs. RUSSELL advised that she has no idea where DAVID DON MC FARLIN might be but she stated that the last she heard was that JUDITH

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MC FARLIN was residing with her parents at 4331 A Lafayette, St. Louis, Missouri, telephone PR 1-3288. Mrs. RUSSELL stated that JUDITH is her Grand Neice by marriage, but she knows nothing about JUDITH's husband.

On 5/14/68, Mrs. PAULINE COMBS, 4676 West 133rd Street, Hawthorne, California, telephone 675-1047, advised that Mrs. ROSELEE GRIDER, wife of LAWRENCE ALBERT GRIDER, has not been living in California for many months. She advised that she has never met Mr. GRIDER and she has no information regarding his whereabouts. Mrs. COMBS stated that ROSELEE GRIDER was last known to reside at 1510 $\frac{1}{2}$ North Lyon Street, Springfield, Missouri.

On 5/15/68, a review of the records of the Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles Sheriff's Office failed to reflect any record for "SAM MASSY" as being arrested in Los Angeles City or County for armed robbery in 1965 or 1966. The records were further checked under the spelling MASSIE, MASSEY and MASSI with negative results.

LEADS

KANSAS CITY

AT SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI. Will locate and interview Mrs. ROSELEE GRIDER, 1510 $\frac{1}{2}$ North Lyons Street, in an effort to locate LAWRENCE ALBERT GRIDER, her husband, who was in the Missouri State Penitentiary during the same period as JAMES EARL RAY, in order that he may be interviewed regarding any information he may have pertaining to RAY.

ST. LOUIS

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI. Will locate and interview Mrs. JUDITH LEA MC FARLIN, 4331 A Lafayette Street, in an effort to locate DAVID DON MC FARLIN, her husband, who was in the Missouri State Penitentiary during the same period as JAMES EARL RAY, in order that he may be interviewed regarding any information he may have pertaining to RAY.

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Date: May 19, 1968

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
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TO NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)
FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 2P

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RE NEW ORLEANS TEL MAY THIRTEEN LAST.

BILLINGS REINTERVIEWED MAY SEVENTEEN, SIXTY-EIGHT, MEDICAL CENTER, SPRINGFIELD, MO. STATED KNEW OWNER CANAL BANK INN AS NORRIS (LNU). HE STAYED THERE ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION, THE FIRST TIME IN SIXTY-FIVE HE STAYED THREE MONTHS WITH BEN BLACKWELL OF COLUMBIA, S. C. BLACKWELL GOT JOB WITH MAC'S WELL SERVICE, HARVEY, LA., AND BILLINGS WORKED FOR NOBLE DRILLING CO., NEW ORLEANS. HE DID GIVE NORRIS BAD CHECK FOR POKER DEBT DURING THIS STAY.

LATER IN SIXTY-FIVE, EXACT PERIOD UNRECALLED, HE AGAIN STAYED OVER WEEKEND AT THE CANAL BANK INN. IT WAS ON THIS TRIP WHEN BARBER ACCOMPANIED HIM. BARBER WAS TO MEET MAN (FNU) FURIES OR FERRIES (PH) AT GUY'S INTERNATIONAL BAR, NEW ORLEANS. THIS MAN
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1--Director (44-38861)
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WAS SUPPOSEDLY THE CONTACT FOR THE MACHINE GUN. HE TOOK BARBER TO THIS BAR ON FRIDAY, THE DAY THEY ARRIVED, AND RETURNED TO THE CANAL BANK INN TO WAIT FOR HIM. WHEN HE DID NOT RETURN BY MONDAY HE DEPARTED THINKING BARBER NEVER HAD ACCESS TO ANY SUCH WEAPON.

NEW ORLEANS MAY WISH TO VERIFY EMPLOYMENT BILLINGS AT NOBLE DRILLING CO. IN SIXTY-FIVE. OWNER CANAL BANK INN MAY KNOW WHETHER BILLINGS WAS ACCOMPANIED BY ANYONE ON HIS SECOND VISIT TO INN.

ALL OFFICES SHOULD KEEP IN MIND BILLINGS HAS PAST HISTORY OF MENTAL ILLNESS.

AIR MAIL COPIES DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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