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AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM : SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (44-715) P
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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OO: MEMPHIS

RE: CHECK OF BIRTHS ON JULY 20,
1931, FOR ERIC STARVO GALT

Re Bureau teletype to Albuquerque and other offices,
4/12/68.

A check of the Bureau of Vital Statistics for all male
births on July 20, 1931, specifically for ERIC STARVO GALT, JOHN
WILLARD, and HARVEY LOWMYER, in the State of New Mexico, was made
with negative results.

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AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM : SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (44-713) P
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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OO: MEMPHIS

RE: SUSPECT ERIC STARVO GALT

Re Bureau teletype to all offices, 4/19/68, requesting check of indices, state Selective Service headquarters, city and telephone directories, Driver's License Bureau, Motor Vehicle Divisions, financial institutions, credit and criminal checks, and other logical sources, for any information re suspect GALT.

These checks made in the territory covered by this office with negative results.

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TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)(P)
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ON APRIL TWENTYTWO INSTANT, DEPUTY SHERIFF ANGEL STICKELBAULT,
SAN ANTONIO, ADVISED MAN LOOKING LIKE PICTURE OF JAMES EARL RAY
TAKEN NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT APPEARING ON WF FOUR FOUR TWO DASH A
BOARDED TRANSPORTES DEL NORTE BUS, NUEVO LAREDO, MEXICO, THREE
FIFTY A.M., APRIL SIX LAST. THEY CHANGED BUSES AT MONTERREY,
MEXICO, WHERE THEY BOARDED TRANSPORTES DEL NORTE BUS NO. TWO
EIGHT THREE DESTINED FOR MEXICO, D.F.

SUSPECT ALIGHTED BUS AT SAN LUIS POTOSI TWO P.M., APRIL SIX
LAST, AND DID NOT RETURN TO BUS.

SUSPECT APPEARED TO BE NERVOUS, WOULD NOT LOOK ANYONE IN FACE,
AND DID NOT SPEAK TO ANYONE ON BUS. APPEARED TO BE ALONE AND TO
BE READING READERS DIGEST. DID NOT SMOKE ON BUS.

SUSPECT DESCRIBED WM; THIRTYFIVE YEARS; FIVE FEET NINE TO TEN;
ONE SEVENTY TO EIGHTY POUNDS; SHORT BROWN HAIR; DARK SHIRT, LIGHT
BROWN PANTS, TRENCHCOAT, NO HAT, HUSH PUPPIES TYPE SUEDE SHOE,
CARRYING SMALL, DARK ZIPPER BAG.

INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED AT NUEVO LAREDO.

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REQUEST BUREAU ADVISE LEGAT, MEXICO, TO CONDUCT ANY
NECESSARY INVESTIGATION SUCH AS CHECKS AT BUS TERMINALS,
MONTERREY AND SAN LUIS POTOSI, ANY PERTINENT ADDITIONAL
DATA DEVELOPED WILL BE REPORTED.

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FBI ST LOUIS

117 PM URGENT 4-22-68 GMC

TO: DIRECTOR, KANSAS CITY AND MEMPHIS

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775) 2P

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RE SPRINGFIELD TEL TO DIRECTOR, APRIL TWENTY, LAST,
SETTING FORTH INTERVIEW WITH RAY'S SISTER, MELBA MARIE RYAN ✓
IN WHICH SHE SPECULATED RAY MIGHT RETURN TO GERMANY AS HE
ENJOYED MILITARY DUTY THERE AND HAD A GIRL FRIEND.

IT WAS REQUESTED THAT HIS SERVICE RECORD BE REVIEWED
FOR GERMAN DUTY STATIONS, AND THAT LEAD BE SET FORTH FOR
LEGAT, BONN, TO RECONSTRUCT BACKGROUND OVERSEAS AND
IDENTIFY GIRL FRIEND.

REVIEW OF MILITARY RECORD DISCLOSES HE WAS AT FIFTYTHIRD
QM BASE DEPOT, APO ONE TWO FOUR, NURENBERG, GERMANY, ONE DAY
AUG. TWELVE, FORTYSIX; SIX TWENTYSIXTH QM REFRIGERATION
COMPANY (M), APO ONE SIX TWO, NURENBERG, AUG. TO DEC.,
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FORTYSIX; COMPANIES C AND B. THREE EIGHTYSECOND MP BATTALION, APO SIX NINE, BREMERHAVEN, DEC., FORTYSIX, TO APRIL, FORTYEIGHT, WHICH INCLUDED TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT AT MP SCHOOL, APO SEVEN FIVE ONE, BREMEN, FEB., TO MAR., FORTYSEVEN; COMPANY B, SEVEN EIGHT NINETYSECOND INFANTRY REGIMENT, APO SEVEN FIVE SEVEN, FRANKFORT, APRIL TO JUNE, FORTYEIGHT; COMPANY B, SIXTEENTH INFANTRY, APO SEVEN FIVE XEVEN AND SIX NINE SIX (FIRTH), JUNE TO DEC., FORTYEIGHT; AND SEVEN SEVEN FORTYNINTH STAGING AREA, APO SIX NINE, BREMERHAVEN, DEC., FORTYEIGHT.

LHM AND COVER AIRTEL BEING SUBMITTED TO BUREAU THIS DATE REQUESTING RECONSTRUCTION OF BACKGROUND OVERSEAS AND ATTEMPTED IDENTIFICATION OF GIRL FRIEND.

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FBI ST LOUIS

417 PM URGENT 4-22-68 GMC

TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, KANSAS CITY AND SPRINGFIELD
FROM ST. LOUIS 44-775

MURKIN

FOLLOWING ARREST OF RAY AND WALTER TERRY RIFE, MARCH
TWENTYTWO, FIFTYFIVE, HANNIBAL, MO., FOR FORGING P. O. MONEY
ORDERS, RIFE TOLD P. O. INSPECTORS MONEY ORDERS WERE PURCHASED
FROM WINO NAMED WILLARD J. MC BRIDE, SLMO.

SPRINGFIELD DETERMINE FROM RIFE WHETHER MC BRIDE IS REAL
PERSON; EXTENT OF MC BRIDE'S ASSOCIATION WITH RAY; AND
WHEREABOUTS OR IDENTIFYING DATA TO ASSIST IN LOCATION.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/18/68

Enclosed for Memphis are six report inserts, 15 copies of each, total 90 enclosures concerning agency checks in the State of Mississippi against the name ERIC STARVO GALT. All contacts were negative.

2 - Memphis (Encs. 90) (RM)
1 - Jackson

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM: *RKM*
SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed for Memphis are 31 report inserts, 15 copies of each, total 465 enclosures.

These inserts concern negative agency contacts throughout the State of Mississippi on the names ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER (LOWMYER), and JOHN WILLARD.

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 4/18/68

FROM : *RKM* SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
RM

Enclosed herewith for Memphis are nine report inserts, 15 copies of each, a total of 135 enclosures.

These inserts relate to coverage of dance studios in the State of Mississippi concerning ERIC STARVO GALT. All were contacted with negative results.

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4:07PM URGENT 4-22-68 NJZ

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS (44-1987) PHOENIX (44-371)
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN, OO: MEMPHIS.

RE PHOENIX TEL TO BUREAU APRIL TWENTY ONE LAST
REGARDING PAUL VARNER LINDHARD.

BERNARDO CARILLO, TWO SIX ZERO FOUR EIGHT FARMFIELD
ROAD, CALABASAS, CALIFORNIA, FRIEND OF PAUL VARNER LINDHARD,
ADVISED TODAY THAT LINDHARD IS ART STUDENT AT INSTITUTO
ALLENDE, SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE, GUANAJUATA, MEXICO.
LINDHARD TELEPHONED CARILLO YESTERDAY TO ADVISE OF
TRANSMISSION DIFFICULTY NEAR MAZATLON, MEXICO, AND TODAY
CARILLO WIRED MONEY TO LINDHARD AT HOTEL PLAYA, MAZATLON,
MEXICO. CARILLO BELIEVES LINDHARD INTENDS TO VISIT UNKNOWN
FEMALE BEFORE RETURNING TO ABOVE SCHOOL.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE LEGAT, MEXICO OF
LINDHARD'S LOCATION.

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455PM CST URGENT 4-22-68 DMB

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)

MURKIN.

RE SAN ANTONIO TEL TO BUREAU AND MEMPHIS TODAY REGARDING
ANGEL STICKELBAULT.

RECORDS, MEXICAN IMMIGRATION, NUEVO LAREDO, MEXICO, REVIEWED
FOR APRIL FIVE AND SIX, LAST, BUT CONTAINED NO RECORD OF JAMES
EARL RAY OR ANY OF HIS LISTED ALIASES.

TRANSPORTES DEL NORTE, NUEVO LAREDO, MEXICO, MAINTAINS NO
PASSENGER MANIFEST. HOWEVER, THEY DO MAINTAIN RECORD OF PASSENGER
WHO CHECK BAGGAGE BUT THESE RECORDS FAILED TO CONTAIN THE NAME
JAMES EARL RAY OR ANY OF HIS KNOWN ALIASES. THEY DO CONTAIN THE
NAME A. STICKELBAULT WHICH INDICATES HE DEPARTED NUEVO LAREDO,
MEXICO, FOR MEXICO D.F., THREE TWENTY A.M. ON APRIL SIX, LAST.

GREYHOUND BUS DEPOT IN LAREDO, TEXAS, ALSO MAINTAINS SIMILAR
RECORD OF PASSENGER WITH BAGGAGE GOING TO MEXICO AND A REVIEW OF
THEIR RECORDS FOR APRIL FIVE AND SIX, LAST, FAILS TO SHOW NAME
JAMES EARL RAY OR ANY OF HIS ALIASES.

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FBI ATLANTA

4:57 PM EST URGENT 4/22/68 VSC

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, AND NEW ORLEANS, KANSAS CITY,
SPRINGFIELD

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 6 P

MURKIN

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO ABOVE OFFICES, APR. TWENTYONE
SIXTYEIGHT.

ON APR. TWENTYONE, LAST, SHERIFF G. T. MAULDIN, (NA),
DALTON, GEORGIA, ADVISED, RAYMOND LOUIS CURTIS CURRENTLY SERVING
LIFE SENTENCE FOR MURDER, ADVISED EARLIER HE SERVED TIME ON
THREE OCCASIONS WITH JAMES RAY. MAULDIN STATED CURTIS' INFO
PROBABLY RELIABLE. CURTIS INTERVIEWED WHITFIELD COUNTY JAIL,
APR. TWENTYONE, LAST, ADVISED FIRST ACQUAINTED RAY IN MARCH
FIFTYFIVE, JACKSON COUNTY JAIL, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, WHERE
RAY INCARCERATED ON POST OFFICE BURGLARY CHARGE JUST SUBSEQUENT
TO RELEASE FROM PRISON IN MENARD, ILLINOIS. CURTIS, AT TIME
UNDER ARREST FOR ARMED ROBBERY AND BANK ROBBERY. DURING THIS
PERIOD, CURTIS AND RAY CELL MATES FOR SIX TO SEVEN MONTHS. RAY
HAD FRIEND (NAME UNRECALLED), WHO VISITED HIM IN JACKSON
PRISON. FRIEND HAD BEEN CELL MATE OF RAY WHEN RAY AT MENARD,

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ILLINOIS. THIS MAN KEPT RAY IN SPENDING MONEY WHILE RAY IN PRISON AND WOULD HARBOR RAY. RAY HAD ANOTHER CLOSE FRIEND (NAME UNRECALLED) OF ITALIAN DESCENT, APPARENTLY "A BIG MAN" IN SYNDICATE. THIS ITALIAN HAD APPARENTLY OPERATED WITH RAY IN PAST AND ENGAGED WITH RAY IN HANDLING STOLEN POST OFFICE MONEY ORDERS AND TRAVELERS CHECKS. AFTER SIX TO SEVEN MONTHS AS CELL MATES, JACKSON COUNTY JAIL, RAY SENTENCED TO THREE YEARS ON POST OFFICE BURGLARY CHARGES, TRANSFERRED TO LEAVENWORTH FEDERAL PENITENTIARY. TWO WEEKS LATER, CURTIS RECEIVED SIXTEEN YEARS SENTENCE FOR BANK ROBBERY AND SENT TO LEAVENWORTH. WHILE CONFINED LEAVENWORTH DURING THIS PERIOD, RAY SPOKE OF NO GIRL FRIEND AND CORRESPONDED WITH NONE. RAY MENTIONED HE "OPERATED" FREQUENTLY OUT OF QUINCY, ILLINOIS, WHICH MEANT "ENGAGED IN BURGLARY AND PAYROLL JOBS." WHILE HE AND RAY WERE INCARCERATED, THEY ENGAGED IN CROOKED POKER GAMES AND TOOK FELLOW PRISONERS FOR MONEY. RAY GOOD POKER PLAYER AND EXCELLENT CARD HANDLER. RAY MENTIONED UNDER WORLD AND HOODLUM CONNECTIONS (NAMES UNRECALLED) IN CHICAGO, DETROIT, TAMPA, AND TIJUANA, MEXICO AREAS. SERVING SEVEN TO EIGHT MONTHS WITH RAY AT LEAVENWORTH, CURTIS TRANSFERRED U.S. PENITENTIARY, ATLANTA, GA. CURTIS SERVED U.S. PENITENTIARY, ATLANTA, AND IN JUNE, SIXTYTWO, SENT BACK MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, TO SERVE

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ON, ARMED ROBBERY CHARGES. WHILE IN STATE PENITENTIARY JEFFERSON, MISSOURI, AGAIN INCARCERATED WITH RAY. ON OCCASIONS IN SAME CELL TOGETHER IN "B" HALL AND "C" HALL. SERVED TOGETHER FROM SIXTYTWO TO SIXTYSIX. WHILE IN "B" AND "C" HALLS, THEY WERE TOGETHER IN THREE-MAN CELL, WITH THIRD INDIVIDUAL (WHOM CURTIS STATED COULD VERIFY FOLLOWING FACTS, BUT WHOM CURTIS REFUSED TO IDENTIFY). DURING THIS INCARCERATION PERIOD, PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY ASSASSINATED AND WORD CAME FROM OUTSIDE THIS PROBABLY CONSPIRACY, AND KENNEDY HAD "BOUNTY" ON HIS HEAD. CURTIS, UNABLE TO GIVE FURTHER DETAILS ON "BOUNTY". HE STATED IN SIXTYTHREE TO SIXTYFOUR, DR. KING'S MOVEMENTS BECAME TOPIC OF CONVERSATIONS AT STATE PENITENTIARY AND WORD GOT AROUND TO PRISONERS THAT "KK OF THE SOUTH" WHO APPARENTLY WENT TO BUSINESSMEN HAD RAISED ABOUT MILLION DOLLARS FOR "BOUNTY" ON KING'S HEAD. CURTIS, UNABLE TO GIVE FURTHER IDENTIFICATION OR INFORMATION OF KK OF SOUTH. FROM 'SIXTYTWO TO 'SIXTYSIX BEFORE CURTIS RELEASE, RAY MENTIONED A DOZEN TIMES "HAD HE KNOWN ABOUT A BOUNTY ON JOHN F. KENNEDY'S HEAD AND HAD HE BEEN OUT, HE WOULD HAVE COLLECTED IT". RAY STATED A DOZEN TIMES THAT "IF HE GOT OUT IN TIME AND IF KING WAS STILL ALIVE, HE WOULD LIKE TO GET THE BOUNTY ON KING". RAY NEVER MENTIONED WHOM HE WOULD CONTACT TO GET BOUNTY BUT ADVISED

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CRIMINAL ELEMENTS KNEW HOW TO CONTACT SUCH PEOPLE. ABOVE STATEMENTS BY RAY OVERHEARD BY THIRD CELL MATE MENTIONED ABOVE. RAY HAD FRIEND IN NEW ORLEANS (FIRST NAME UNKNOWN), COIN (PHONETIC) SPELLED LIKE "QUARTER OR DIME", WHO APPARENTLY A FENCE, WELL CONNECTED WITH HOODLUM ELEMENTS AND WHO IN 'FIFTYFIVE WAS FIFTYFIVE OR SIXTYFIVE YEARS OLD, WHOM WOULD HARBOR RAY. CURTIS KNEW NO CLOSE FRIENDS OF ASSOCIATES OF RAY. RAY ALLEGEDLY THRU PRISON GRAPE VINE HAD WIFE, BUT NEVER MENTIONED BY RAY; HOWEVER, FEW PRISONERS MENTION FAMILY CONNECTIONS. RAY ALSO MENTIONED GAMBLING IN LOS ANGELES. RAY WAS "HIGH LIVER" WHEN OUTSIDE AND WOULD ASSOCIATE WITH PROSTITUTES, TAKING ONE FROM TOWN TO TOWN. RAY WITH REGARD TO KING'S KILLING INDICATED HE WOULD MAKE ALL RULES AND WOULD IN ALL PROBABILITY DEMAND BOUNTY MONEY BE PUT IN BANK. RAY MENTIONED THREE FOREIGN COUNTRIES WHICH HE HAD READ ABOUT, WHICH CURTIS ASSUMED RAY WOULD GO TO IF OUT OF UNITED STATES. THESE ARE NEW ZEALAND, BRAZIL, AND SWITZERLAND. CURTIS OF OPINION, NOT OVER THREE PEOPLE WOULD BE INVOLVED IN ACTUAL ASSASSINATION. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN WELL PLANNED WITH DIVERSIONARY MEASURES AND SECOND INDIVIDUAL, NOT RAY, WOULD HAVE DRIVEN GETAWAY CAR TO ATLANTA AS DIVERSIONARY MEASURE. CURTIS WILL NOT TESTIFY, AS HE FEARS FOR HIS LIFE, IF INFO GETS OUT. HE DEMANDED IDENTITY BE PROTECTED. IN SPITE OF ABOVE, SHERIFF MAULDIN ADVISED CURTIS HAS ALSO GIVE ABOVE INFO PRIOR TO INTERVIEW BY FBI TO LLOYD GULLEDGE, REPORTER, DALTON NEWS

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CITIZEN NEWSPAPER, DALTON, GEORGIA. MAULDIN NOT PRESENT DURING THIS INTERVIEW AND DOES NOT KNOW WHAT INFO CURTIS GAVE GULLEDGE. MAULDIN STATED CURTIS THREE TO FOUR DAYS AGO RECEIVED LETTER WITH RETURN ADDRESS, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY. CURTIS KNOWS NO SPECIFIC RACIAL HATREDS BY RAY, WHO IS MEAN IF CROSSED, BUT NOT AGGRESSIVE INDIVIDUAL. HE SAID IF RAY RETURNED TO ATLANTA AFTER ASSASSINATION, IT WOULD PROBABLY HAVE BEEN TO COLLECT BOUNTY.

KANSAS CITY AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI. (1) DETERMINE THIRD CELL MATE WITH RAY AND CURTIS IN "B" AND "C" HALLS, BETWEEN 'SIXTYTWO TO 'SIXTYSIX (INDIVIDUAL ALLEGED TO BE AT MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY), VERIFY CURTIS' STORY. (2) THRU POLICE AND INFORMANT CONTACTS IDENTIFY ITALIAN WHO WAS "A BIG MAN" IN SYNDICATE BETWEEN KANSAS CITY AND CHICAGO, AND WHO STOLE POST OFFICE MONEY ORDERS AND TRAVELERS CHECKS FOR SUBJECT RAY. (3) DEVELOP INFO FROM INMATES AND OTHER SOURCES RE RAY'S ALLEGED WIFE. (4) DEVELOP INFO RE PRISON GOSSIP RE "MILLION DOLLAR BOUNTY ON KING'S HEAD".

NEW ORLEANS AT NEW ORLEANS, LA.,) DEVELOP INFO RE COIN (PHONETIC).

SPRINGFIELD AT MENARD PRISON, MENARD, ILL. IDENTIFY RAY'S FORMER CELL MATE IN MENARD STATE PRISON.

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SPRINGFIELD AT QUINCY, ILL. CONTACT INFORMANTS AND SOURCES TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND INFO RE SUBJECT.

DETROIT, LOS ANGELES, SAN DIEGO, AND TAMPA CONTACT LOGICAL INFORMANTS TO DETERMINE IF SUBJECT KNOWN TO HOODLUM ELEMENTS.

SAN DIEGO NOTE SUBJECT ALLEGEDLY VISITED TIJUANA IN PAST.

AM COPIES SENT TO CHICAGO, DETROIT, LOS ANGELES, SAN DIEGO AND TAMPA.

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457PM CST URGENT 4-2-68 DMB
TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)

MURKIN.

RE BUCALL FOUR TWENTY LAST RE LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES.

MARIO CORREO OF SEGUROS LA PROVINCIAL, S.A., NUEVO LAREDO, MEXICO, ADVISED ON APRIL TWENTYTWO, INSTANT, HIS RECORDS SHOW THAT ERIC STARVO GALT, TWO SIX ZERO EIGHT HIGHLAND AVENUE, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, WAS ISSUED AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE POLICY NUMBER FOUR EIGHT ONE FIVE FOUR THREE ON OCTOBER EIGHT, SIXTY-SEVEN AT ELEVEN A.M. POLICY ISSUED FOR THIRTY DAYS AND EXPIRED NOVEMBER SEVEN, LAST. AUTOMOBILE DESCRIBED AS SIXTYSIX FORD, EIGHT CYLINDER, TWO DOOR MUSTANG, VIN SIX T ZERO SEVEN C ONE NINE ZERO SIX FOUR SEVEN. LIMITS OF POLICY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS BODILY INJURIES PER PERSON, TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS MAXIMUM; TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS MEDICAL PAYMENTS PER PERSON, TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS MAXIMUM; ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS COLLISION, FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS PROPERTY DAMAGE. CORREO ISSUED THIS POLICY BUT STATED DUE TO THE LARGE NUMBER HE ISSUES DAILY COULD RECALL NOTHING REGARDING THIS POLICY. THIS POLICY DOES NOT INDICATE GALT WAS ACCOMPANIED BY

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ANYONE. CHECK OF LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES IN NUEVO LAREDO,,
MEXICO, NEGATIVE FOR LIFE INSURANCE POLICY UNDER JAMES EARL RAY OR
ANY KNOWN ALIASES. ALL INSURANCE AGENTS ADVISED THEY ONLY MAINTAIN
RECORDS ON CURRENT POLICIES ON WHICH THEY ARE COLLECTING PREMIUMS
AND RECORDS OF ALL EXPIRED POLICIES WOULD BE MAINTAINED IN
MEXICO, D.F.

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TO DIRECTOR /44-38861/ MEMPHIS /44-1987/ SPRINGFIELD /44-561/
ATLANTA /44-2386/ BIRMINGHAM /44-1740/
FROM CHICAGO /44-1114/

MURKIN

SUMMARY

G. E. POTTS, MC CORMICK THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, ADVISED INSTANT NO RECORD OF JAMES EARL RAY BEING CONNECTED WITH THE SEMINARY IN ANY CAPACITY. BUILDING AT EIGHT FIVE THREE WEST FULLERTON, OWNED BY SEMINARY, LISTED TO MRS. BEATRICE FOULKS FROM MARCH, FIFTY ONE TO MARCH, FIFTY THREE. NO RECORD AS TO HER PRESENT WHEREABOUTS. INQUIRY OF VARIOUS PUBLIC SOURCES, CHICAGO, DID NOT DEVELOP ANY CURRENT ADDRESS FOR MRS. FOULKS. INTERVIEW WITH SUBJECTS RELATIVES CHICAGO DID NOT DEVELOP ANY INFO RE HER NAME.

SUSAN DONIAN REINTERVIEWED THIS DATE, AGAIN EXPRESSED COOPERATION, ADVISED ORPHANAGE IN ALTON, ILLINOIS, WAS THE CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S HOME, ONE FOUR ZERO ZERO STATE STREET. SHE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER OR NOT

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[REDACTED], WOULD BE PERSON WITH RECORDS. JERRY RAYNES

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UNKNOWN TO HER BUT DID REMEMBER THAT BROTHER KILLED IN ACCIDENT USED NAME RAYNES. IT WOULD BE IMPOSIBLE FOR JERRY RAYNES TO BE FATHER OF SUBJECT. SHE MADE AVAILABLE THREE POST CARDS FROM JOHN RAY WHICH HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE FBI LAB FOR APPROPRIATE EXAMINATION. LAST KNEW OF UNCLE, WILLIAM MAHER, AS BEING IN PAINTING BUSINESS, ALTON, ILLINOIS.

PERSONNEL MANAGER, SELLER, GLOBE CORPORATION, CHICAGO, ADVISED THAT PERSONNEL RECORDS OF DRYDEN RUBBER COMPANY WHERE SUBJECT ALLEGEDLY EMPLOYED NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT, HAVE BEEN DESTROYED.

RE JERRY WILLIAM RAY

JERRY WILLIAM RAY REINTERVIEWED THIS DATE. ADVISED HE ALSO USES NAME JERRY WILLIAM RYAN AND ALL HIS LEGAL PAPERS ARE IN THE RYAN NAME.

JERRY ADVISED IF BROTHER JAMES RAY CONTACTED ANYBODY IN FAMILY BELIEVE IT WOULD BE UNCLE, WILLIAM MAHER, ONE ONE EIGHT EAST SEVENTH STREET, ALTON, ILLINOIS. MAHER'S OCCUPATION, PAINTING CONTRACTOR. SUBJECT AND JERRY RAY HAVE RESIDED WITH THIS UNCLE IN PAST BUT SUBJECT IS NOT PARTICULARLY FOND OF THIS UNCLE AND SUBJECT WOULD MORE LIKELY CONTACT UNCLE THAN EXPOSE ANY OTHER RELATIVE.

JERRY RAY STATED AN AUNT MABEL FULLER, QUINCY, ILLINOIS, WOULD BE ABLE TO GIVE NAMES OF ALL RELATIVES OF HIS FATHER'S SIDE OF FAMILY.
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JERRY RAY UNABLE TO PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION RE WHEREABOUTS OF HIS BROTHER, DID STATE HIS BROTHER AT ONE TIME TALKED OF THE GOOD LIVING IN TIJUANA, MEXICO.

CHICAGO STILL RECEIVING NUMEROUS LEADS ARISING FROM MAXIMUM COVERAGE OF INSTANT CASE IN VARIOUS NEWS MEDIA. THESE LEADS BEING HANDLED ON A CONTINUING EXPEDITE BASIS.

LEAD: SPRINGFIELD DIVISION AT [REDACTED]
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FBI CHICAGO

540PM DEFERRED 4-22-68 RMF

TO DIRECTOR /44-38861/ ATLANTA /44-2386/ MEMPHIS /44-1987/

SPRINGFIELD /44-561/

FROM CHICAGO /44-1114/

MURKIN

RE CHICAGO TELEPHONE CALL TO SPRINGFIELD THIS DATE.

RE JERRY WILLIAM RAY.

JERRY WILLIAM RAY REINTERVIEWED THIS DATE, ADVISED UNCLE,
WILLIAM MAHER, RESIDES ONE ONE EIGHT EAST SEVENTH STREET, ALTON,
ILLINOIS, OCCUPATION PAINTING CONTRACTOR. RAY STATED JAMES RAY
MAY CONTACT THIS UNCLE AS HE HAS STAYED WITH HIM IN THE PAST.
RAY OF OPINION HIS BROTHER WILL NOT CONTACT IMMEDIATE RELATIVES
BUT MAY CONTACT WILLIAM MAHER AS HE WOULD NOT BE AFRAID OF HURTING
MAHER'S REPUTATION.

SPRINGFIELD LEAD TO CONTACT MAHER SET OUT TELEPHONICALLY.

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5:57PM URGENT 4/22/68 LJH

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), KANSAS CITY AND
ST. LOUIS

FROM LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) 3P

MURKIN. C R. MEMPHIS ORIGIN.

INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM INDIVIDUAL, BLYTHEVILLE,
ARK., THAT RUSSELL LEE MARTIN, AKA RUSTY, WHILE DRINKING,
MADE STATEMENTS TO THE EFFECT THAT HE, MARTIN, WAS IN THE
MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY WITH JAMES EARL RAY. MARTIN
STATED WORKED IN BAKERY WITH RAY AND WAS THERE WHEN RAY
ESCAPED. SOURCE STATED HE ASKED MARTIN LOCATION OF RAY AND
MARTIN STATED, "YOU DON'T THINK I'D TELL YOU THAT," OR WORDS
TO THAT EFFECT. SOURCE STATED MARTIN RESIDING AT ARCADIA
MOTEL, BLYTHEVILLE, ARK.

RECORDS, ARCADIA MOTEL, REFLECT MARTIN MADE NUMEROUS
LOCAL CALLS AND MADE LONG DISTANCE CALLS ON APRIL EIGHT TO
AREA CODE THREE ONE FOUR, SIX NINE FIVE, REST OF NUMBER NOT
KNOWN, AND ON APRIL EIGHTEEN MADE TWO LONG DISTANCE CALLS
TO AREA CODE THREE ONE FOUR, THREE EIGHT FIVE AND ON
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APRIL NINETEEN, TWO CALLS TO THE SAME NUMBER AS ON APRIL EIGHTEEN.

SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY, LITTLE ROCK, ARK, . RECORDS REFLECT INDIVIDUAL NAMED MARTIN, ROOM SIXTEEN, ARCADIA MOTEL, MADE PERSON TO PERSON CALL TO AN OWEN FOX AT THREE ONE FOUR DASH THREE EIGHT FIVE DASH SEVEN SIX FOUR FOUR. INDIVIDUAL AT TELEPHONE COMPANY STATED CITY WHEREIN THIS TELEPHONE NUMBER LOCATED NOT KNOWN TO HIM AND LOCATION OF PHONE COULD BE DETERMINED FROM TELEPHONE COMPANY AT EITHER ST. LOUIS OR KANSAS CITY.

SOURCE AT TELEPHONE COMPANY STATED THAT DUE TO STRIKE, WOULD BE UNABLE TO LOCATE COMPLETE NUMBER FOR CALL MADE ON APRIL EIGHT, NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT, UNTIL PROBABLY APRIL TWENTY-NINE, NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT.

ST. LOUIS AT ST. LOUIS, WILL, AT TELEPHONE COMPANY, DETERMINE IF THREE ONE FOUR DASH THREE EIGHT FIVE DASH SEVEN SIX FOUR FOUR IS A NUMBER WITHIN YOUR DIVISION AND, IF SO, CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY OWEN FOX.

KANSAS CITY AT KANSAS CITY, WILL CONDUCT SAME INVESTIGATION AS ST. LOUIS.

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AT JEFFERSON CITY, WILL VERIFY FACT THAT RUSSELL LEE
MARTIN WAS AN INMATE, MISSOURI STATE PRISON, SAME TIME AS
RAY. IF MARTIN HAS BEEN INMATE, FURNISH PHOTOGRAPH TO
ST. LOUIS AND LITTLE ROCK.

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FBI BIRMGHAM

603 PM URGENT 4-22-68 GDM

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA, MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND KNOXVILLE
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

MURKIN; CR; OO: MEMPHIS.

CONTACT TODAY WITH POSTAL INSPECTOR'S OFFICE, BIRMINGHAM,
RESULTED IN TELEPHONIC CONTACT BY THAT OFFICE WITH T. P. DALY,
POSTAL INSPECTOR IN CHARGE, AND K. G. CAWOOD, DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT,
BOTH CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, WHO IN TURN CAUSED CHECK OF ALL CASES
INVOLVING THE CASHING OF STOLEN POSTAL MONEY ORDERS IN ALABAMA, SINCE
APRIL, ONE NINE SIX SEVEN, WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. CHECK WAS MADE
BY USING TRUE NAME AND KNOWN ALIASES OF SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY.

KNOXVILLE REQUESTED TO CONTACT INSPECTOR IN CHARGE DALY AND
SUPERINTENDENT CAWOOD, AND ASCERTAIN IDENTITIES OF ALL POSTAL
INSPECTOR REGIONAL OFFICES AND STATES COVERED BY THESE RESPECTIVE
OFFICES. ALSO ASCERTAIN FEASIBILITY OF HAVING SIGNATURES ON ALL
STOLEN POSTAL MONEY ORDERS STOLEN AND CASHED SINCE RAY'S ESCAPE
FROM CONFINEMENT (APRIL TWO THREE, SIXTYSEVEN), COMPARED BY POSTAL
INSPECTORS WITH KNOWN HANDWRITING OF RAY. RAY'S HANDWRITING IN
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POSSESSION OF POSTAL INSPECTORS FOLLOWING HIS CONVICTION FOR
FORGING POSTAL MONEY ORDERS FOR WHICH HE SERVED PRISON SENTENCE AT
LEAVENWORTH FEDERAL PRISON. THIS IS BEING REQUESTED SO THAT
BUREAU CAN GIVE CONSIDERATION TO HAVING ALL REGIONAL POSTAL
INSPECTORS IN CHARGE CONTACTED TO DETERMINE IF RAY IS IDENTICAL
WITH ANY UNKNOWN SUBJECT CASES WHEREIN STOLEN MONEY ORDERS HAVE
BEEN CASHED DURING PERTINENT PERIOD, AND WITH VIEW TOWARDS
IDENTIFYING RAY'S SOURCE OF INCOME AND WHEREABOUTS SINCE HIS ESCAPE.

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FBI NEW ORLS

635PM URGENT 4/22/68 OLP

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) 1P

MURKIN.

RE MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL TWENTYTWO INSTANT.

REVIEW OF UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERY AND BANK BURGLARY MATTERS,
NEW ORLEANS DIVISION, REFLECTS NO UNSOLVED CASE IN THESE
CATEGORIES SINCE APRIL TWENTYTHREE, SIXTYSEVEN, DATE OF
SUBJECT RAY'S ESCAPE, IN WHICH THERE ARE LATENT FINGERPRINTS
SUITABLE FOR COMPARISON.

MAJOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, NEW ORLEANS DIVISION,
BEING CONTACTED FOR INFORMATION REGARDING ANY LATENT PRINTS
IN UNSOLVED ARMED ROBBERY OR BURGLARY CASES. POSITIVE RESULTS
WILL BE FURNISHED.

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6:36 PM CST URGENT 4-22-68 OET

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS (44-1987) PHOENIX (44-371)

LITTLE ROCK (157-1215), DALLAS, KANSAS CITY, JACKSONVILLE.

FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509) 2P

MURKIN; CR. MEMPHIS ORIGIN.

RE LITTLE ROCK TEL THIS DATE.

CLARENCE EUGENE BRIZENDINE INTERVIEWED AT HOUSTON AND ADVISED
AS FOLLOWS.

BRIZENDINE AND DAVID L. WILSON ON CROSS COUNTRY RUN FOR SHAW
COMPANY SUMMER NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN. AT LEBANON, MISSOURI, POLICE
STOPPED TRUCK, WILSON DRIVING, AND CHARGED WILSON WITH DRUNK
DRIVING. BRIZENDINE WAS ASLEEP IN TRUCK BUNK AND NOT CHARGED OR
TAKEN INTO CUSTODY. BRIZENDINE SLEPT THAT NIGHT IN TRUCK CAB
AND NEXT MORNING, WITHOUT EXTRA DRIVER, RETURNED TO POINT OF
ORIGIN. HE HAS NOT SEEN WILSON SINCE AND DOES NOT KNOW WILSON'S
WHEREABOUTS. HE LEARNED WILSON WAS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS
AND HAD CALLED EMPLOYER FOR FINE PAYMENT.

BRIZENDINE KNOWS LITTLE OF WILSON'S BACKGROUND AS HE HAD
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MADE ONLY ONE PREVIOUS ROAD TRIP WITH WILSON. DESCRIBED WILSON AS QUOTE ODD UNQUOTE AND POSSIBLY AN ALCOHOLIC. WILSON ONLY TALKED ABOUT LIQUOR OF FAMILY, WHICH WAS AT FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA. HE RECALLS NO CONVERSATION WITH WILSON RE RACIAL PROBLEMS. WAS UNAWARE OF ANY PRISON CONFINEMENT FOR WILSON.

PHOTOGRAPHS, NAME AND AKA'S OF JAMES EARL RAY UNFAMILIAR TO BRIZENDINE.

KANSAS CITY AT LEBANON, MISSOURI: VERIFY ARREST RECORD OF DAVID L. WILSON AND ATTEMPT TO VERIFY BAR IN VICINITY OF JAIL WHERE WILSON MADE PHONE CALL AND ALLEGEDLY MET RAY.

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FBI ALBANY

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URGENT 4/22/68 RWP

TO: DIRECTOR (44-33861) AND SACS MEMPHIS (44-1987), CHICAGO
44-1114, KANSAS CITY, AND SPRINGFIELD

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (44-493)

MURKIN, CR. OO MEMPHIS.

RE CHICAGO TEL BUREAU APRIL TWENTY LAST, AND BUTEL ALL
SAC'S APRIL NINETEEN LAST.

FOR INFO SPRINGFIELD AND KANSAS CITY, CHICAGO IN INTERVIEW
OF SUBJECT'S BROTHER JERRY RAY DETERMINED AN UNCLE EARL RAY
WHO WOULD BE ABOUT SEVENTY AND WHO HAD SERVED A TERM IN
ISP, MENARD, ILLINOIS, REPORTEDLY HAD LIVED IN SYRACUSE, N.Y.,
AND DIED IN ABOUT NOVEMBER NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT. RECORDS
BVS, SYRACUSE, NEW YORK, TODAY DISCLOSED NO RECORD OF EARL RAY.
CITY DIRECTORIES AND APPROPRIATE CREDIT AND CRIMINAL RECORDS
DISCLOSED NO RECORD OF EARL RAY.

SPRINGFIELD OFFICE CHECK RECORDS ISP, MENARD, ILLINOIS,
FOR RECORD OF EARL RAY AND FURNISH IDENTIFYING INFO.

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TELETYPE BEING SENT CHICAGO TO SHOW LEAD SET OUT FOR
SPRINGFIELD.

ALBANY AT ALBANY WILL CHECK RECORDS OF NYS DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH, BVS, FOR RECORD OF DEATH OF EARL RAY IN ABOUT NOVEMBER
NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT, AT VICINITY SYRACUSE, N.Y.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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653PM URGENT 4-22-68 ELN

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS

FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760)

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS. DAILY SUMMARY.

KANSASCITY PRESENTLY CONTACTING ALL MAJOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT ANY CURRENT ROBBERIES OR BURGLARIES COMMITTED IN WHICH LATENTS RECOVERED FOR UNSUB FITTING GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT.

NUMEROUS TELEPHONE CALLS CONTINUE FROM LOCAL CITYZENS RE SUBJECT DUE TO EXTENSIVE PUBLICITY THIS AREA. THESE BEING HANDLED IMMEDIATELY.

ON RELEASE PROGRESS REPORT FROM USP, LEAVENWORTH, KS. DATED APRIL, FIFTYEIGHT, IT STATES AS FOLLOWS: "ON SEPTEMBER TWELVE, FIFTYSEVEN, RAY WAS APPROVED FOR OUR HONOR FARM BUT WAS NEVER ACTUALLY TRANSFERRED TO SUCH ASSIGNMENT DUE TO FACT THAT HE DID NOT FEEL HE COULD LIVE IN HONOR FARM DORMITORY BECAUSE THEY ARE INTEGRATED. DUETO THIS FACT HE WAS NEVER PLACED UNDER SUCH STATUS. HE WAS ASSIGNED TO BAKERY WHERE HE REMAINED UNTIL RELEASED."

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FENCE HANDLING POSTAL MONEY ORDERS AND TRAVELERS CHECKS, KANSAS CITY AREA, BELIEVED TO BE JAMES HARVEY BRADLEY, JR., CURRENTLY SERVING FIFTEEN YEARS IN FEDERAL PENITENTIARY, LEAVENWORTH, KS., BEING INTERVIEWED RE SUBJECT.

LAWRENCE EUGENE WRAY, CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF SUBJECT IN MISSOURI STATE PEN, AND PCI SINCE JANUARY FOUR SIXTYEIGHT, WAS PAROLED FROM MSP MARCH TWENTYSIX SIXTYEIGHT, AND IS REPORTEDLY RESIDING KANSAS CITY AREA. HE IS BEING CONTACTED IN THIS MATTER. OTHER INMATES, MSP, CONTINUE TO BE INTERVIEWED AND NO INFORMATION RE BOUNTY FOR KING'S ASSASSINATION RECEIVED AS YET.

SCHOOL TEACHER, NORTH KANSAS CITY, MO., REPORTED GERALD B. GERLT MADE TRIPS TO TENNESSEE WITH CITIZENS BAND RADIO IN CAR DURING MARCH, SIXTYEIGHT. MADE NUMEROUS DEROGATORY REMARKS AGAINST COLORED RACE. MOVED AWAY FROM THIS AREA UNANNOUNCED MARCH TWENTYNINE SIXTYEIGHT. REPORTEDLY RESIDING EL CAJON, CALIF. SAN CIEGO ADVISED.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS; ESCAPE PROPENSITIES.

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FBI MIAMI

731PM EST 4-22-68 URGENT RGT
TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) ATLANTA (44-2386) CHARLOTTE (44-1365)
AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM MIAMI (44-18549 (P)

MURKIN

RE CHARLOTTE TEL TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND MIAMI,
APRIL TWENTYTWO INSTANT.

CHARLOTTE STATES PETER S. GILCHRIST, CHARLOTTE, N.C.,
ADVISED APRIL TWELVE LAST HE TRAVELED ATLANTA TO HOUSTON BY
EAL FLIGHT ONE THREE THREE, LEAVING ATLANTA ELEVEN ZERO FIVE
AM. UPON VIEWING PHOTOGRAPH JAMES EARL RAY, ADVISED HE WAS SURE
RAY WAS PASSENGER ON THIS FLIGHT AND TRAVELED WITHOUT LUGGAGE.
ONLY DIFFERENCE WITH RAY AND PASSENGER WAS COLOR OF HAIR
WHICH WAS BLOND. HE ADVISED THERE WERE FORTYFIVE - FIFTY
PASSENGERS ON FLIGHT AND INsofar AS HE KNOWS INDIVIDUAL
BELIEVED TO BE RAY WAS THE ONLY PERSON TO LEAVE PLANE AT
HOUSTON. GILCHRIST DID NOT KNOWN NAME OF INDIVIDUAL.

EAL RECORDS FOR FLIGHT ONE THREE THREE, ATLANTA TO
HOUSTON, APRIL TWELVE LAST, INDICATED TWENTYEIGHT PASSENGERS-
DEPARTED HOUSTON INCLUDING GILCHRIST.

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ATLANTA AT EAL, DETERMINE FLIGHT PERSONNEL OF FLIGHT ONE THREE THREE, ATLANTA TO HOUSTON, APRIL TWELVE LAST, AND EXHIBIT PHOTO OF SUBJECT IN ORDER TO DETERMINE IF SUBJECT ON THIS FLIGHT.

MIAMI HAS LIST OF PASSENGERS USING EAL TICKETS AND TICKET NUMBERS FOR EXCHANGE PASSENGERS IF NECESSARY THESE PERSONS BE IDENTIFIED AND INTERVIEWED.

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FBI ATLANTA

9:07 PM 4-22-68 URGENT JWE
TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND RICHMOND
FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN

CHECK OF PASSENGER MANIFEST DATE FOR DELTA AIRLINES,
ATLANTA, REFLECTS ONE NORM PERRY TRAVELING AS PARTY OF ONE,
GIVING PHONE NUMBER AS FOUR SIX TWO DASH TWO THREE EIGHT TWO,
BOARDED DELTA FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA, APRIL
SIX, LAST, FLYING UNDER TOURIST CLASS, WITH DESTINATION LISTED
AS LONDON, ENGLAND. FLIGHT FLEW DIRECT FROM ATLANTA, GEORGIA,
TO DULLES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, VIRGINIA, AND FROM THERE DIRECT
TO LONDON, AND SUBSEQUENTLY TERMINATING IN FRANKFURT, GERMANY.
CHECK WITH SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE REFLECTS NUMBER FOUR SIX TWO
DASH TWO THREE EIGHT TWO UNDER AREA CODE FOUR ZERO FOUR WOULD BE
A RISING FAWN, GEORGIA, NUMBER AND UNDER AREA CODE NINE ONE TWO
WOULD BE A NAHUNTA, GEORGIA, NUMBER. ATTEMPTS TO CONTACT
INDIVIDUALS AT THIS NUMBER IN RISING FAWN AND NAHUNTA NEGATIVE;
HOWEVER, CONTACT WITH INFORMATION OPERATORS THOSE LOCATIONS
REFLECT NO PERRY LISTED IN THEIR PHONE DIRECTORIES. EFFORTS
CONTINUING ATLANTA TO MAKE CONTACT AT THESE PHONE NUMBERS.
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RICHMOND AT DULLES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, IMMEDIATELY
CONTACT CUSTOMS AGENTS AND EMPLOYEES, DELTA AIRLINES, TO
DETERMINE IF PERRY FLEW TO LONDON FROM DULLES ON APRIL SIX
LAST AND ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP ALL BACKGROUND INFORMATION CON-
CERNING THIS INDIVIDUAL.

END.

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FBI MEMPHIS

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CEFBI MEMPHIS

FBI LOS ANG.

9:28PM URGENT 4-22-68 DPK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, WASHINGTON FIELD,
NEW YORK, ATLANTA, AND KANSAS CITY
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

RE WILSHIRE BOOK COMPANY.

MELVIN POWERS, OWNER-MANAGER, WILSHIRE BOOK COMPANY,
EIGHT SEVEN TWO ONE, SUNSET BOULEVARD, LOS ANGELES: HIS OFFICE
SECRETARY, FRIEDA FREEDMAN, AND FIVE OTHER EMPLOYEES (ENTIRE
STAFF) WERE INTERVIEWED AND PHOTOS OF RAY WERE EXHIBITED TO THEM.
NONE HAS ANY RECOLLECTION OF RAY AS EVER HAVING BEEN PATRON OF WILSHIRE
BOOK COMPANY. POWERS SAID BECAUSE MANY OF BOOK TITLES THEY
PUBLISH DEAL WITH SELF-HYPNOTISM, WILSHIRE BOOK COMPANY RECEIVES
TELEPHONE INQUIRIES SEEKING HELP IN THAT FIELD. THESE CALLERS ARE
REFERRED TO DR. MARK O. FREEMAN, WHICH POWERS FEELS WAS PROBABLY
PROCEDURE FOLLOWED WITH REGARD TO JAMES E. RAY.

RECHECK OF ALL AVAILABLE BOOK ORDERS COVERING PERIOD OF
DECEMBER SIXTY SEVEN TO PRESENT FAILED TO REFLECT ANY ORDERS UNDER
NAMES OF RAY OR GALT.

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POWERS SAID HIS PREVIOUS LISTS, COVERING ALL MAIL ORDER PURCHASES, PRIOR TO DECEMBER LAST, ARE CURRENTLY MAINTAINED BY KEN OLSEN, OF WILLA MADDERN, INC., TWO ONE FIVE PARK AVENUE SOUTH, NEW YORK CITY, TELEPHONE SPRING SEVEN SEVEN FOUR SIX ZERO. HE SAID NY OFFICE SHOULD BE SURE AND MENTION IN CONTACTING OLSEN THEY WISH TO CHECK MAILING LISTS BOTH FOR MELVIN POWERS AND WILSHIRE BOOK COMPANY, AS HE IS NOT SURE WHETHER OLSEN MAINTAINS ONE OR TWO SEPARATE LISTS.

NEW YORK REQUESTED TO ASCERTAIN IF SUBJECT AS RAY OR GALT IS ON MAIL ORDER LIST.

RE MONEY ORDER PHASE, BANK OF AMERICA, LOS ANGELES

HELOISA KELLER, INDIVIDUAL WHO SOLD SUBJECT MONEY ORDERS AT BANK OF AMERICA, HOLLYWOOD AND WESTERN BRANCH, ON FEBRUARY TWO SIX LAST, WAS SHOWN PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY. SHE STATED SHE COULD NOT RECALL THE TRANSACTION OR WAS THE INDIVIDUAL IN THE PHOTOGRAPH FAMILIAR TO HER.

RE RABBITS FOOT CLUB PHASE

BO DELMONTE AND JAMES E. MORRISON, BARTENDERS, RABBITS FOOT CLUB, HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA ADVISED INDIVIDUAL RESEMBLING SUBJECT FREQUENT CUSTOMER AT BAR. THEY STATED THIS INDIVIDUAL BELIEVED TO HAVE USED NAME QUOTE DOUG COLLINS END QUOTE WHEN PURCHASING KEY TO
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KEY CLUB OPERATION AT BAR. NO KNOWLEDGE AS TO ASSOCIATES OR PRESENT LOCATION.

RE LARSON BOOK STORE PHASE

LOUISE LARSON, LARSON BOOK STORE, HOLLYWOOD, ADVISED AFTER VIEWING PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECT THAT HE WAS FORMER CUSTOMER AT STORE. SHE COULD NOT RECALL ANY SPECIFIC TRANSACTIONS REGARDING SUBJECT NOR ANY DESCRIPTIVE DATA OTHER THAN THAT ALREADY KNOWN.

ST. FRANCIS HOTEL PHASE

MANAGER, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, ADVISED THAT NO INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFIABLE WITH SUBJECT HAS BEEN IN HOTEL SINCE HIS DEPARTURE ON OR ABOUT MARCH SEVENTEEN LAST. ANONYMOUS COMPLAINANT HAD ADVISED THAT SUBJECT WAS AT ROOM FIVE ZERO SEVEN. MANAGER STATES TENANT AT ROOM FIVE ZERO SEVEN IS FEMALE NURSE HAS BEEN TENNANT FOR APPROXIMATELY TEN YEARS.

U.S. POSTAL MONEY ORDER PHASE

JAMES EARL RAY, AKA ERIC S. GALT, UTILIZED U.S. POSTAL MONEY ORDER NUMBER ONE NINE ONE SIX TWO ONE ONE ZERO SEVEN EIGHT OF THE AMOUNT FIFTEEN DOLLARS IN PAYMENT TO THE LOCKSMITHING INSTITUTE, BLOOMFIELD, NEW JERSEY. THIS MONEY ORDER DATED MARCH EIGHT LAST. THIS MONEY ORDER WAS ONE OF SERIES SOLD AT U.S. POST OFFICE,
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SANTA MONICA - WESTERN STATION. DURING PERIOD FEBRUARY ONE LAST THROUGH APRIL FOUR LAST U.S. POSTAL MONEY ORDER SERIES ONE NINE ZERO EIGHT ONE EIGHT THREE EIGHT FIVE SIX THROUGH ONE NINE ZERO EIGHT ONE EIGHT THREE NINE NINE NINE WERE SOLD AS WELL AS U.S. POSTAL MONEY ORDER SERIES ONE NINE ONE SIX TWO ONE ZERO ZERO ZERO ZERO THROUGH ONE NINE ONE SIX TWO ONE ONE NINE NINE NINE. FURTHER INVESTIGATION DETERMINED THAT INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PURCHASER OF U.S. POSTAL MONEY ORDER AND TO WHOM THE FUNDS WERE TO BE RECEIVED AS WRITTEN ON THE MONEY ORDER, COULD BE OBTAINED ONLY BY REVIEW OF THE CANCELLED MONEY ORDERS AT MONEY ORDER DIVISION, U.S. POST OFFICE, G.A.O. BUILDING, FOUR FOUR ONE G STREET, WASHINGTON, D.C.

WFO REQUEST TO REVIEW BOTH SERIES OF MONEY ORDERS FOR ANY THAT MAY HAVE BEEN UTILIZED BY SUBJECT.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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JACKSVLE

32 PM EST URGENT 4-22-68 JLC

TO: DIRECTOR, CHICAGO , MEMPHIS, ST. LOUIS.

FROM: JACKSONVILLE (44-769) 1P

MURKIN. CR. OO MEMPHIS

RE ST. LOUIS TELETYPE TO BUREAU , ETAL., APRIL TWENTY, LAST.

RE MARRIAGE OF RAYNES AND MAHER.

RECORDS , BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS, FLORIDA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, WERE CHECKED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS FROM A PERIOD OF NINETEEN TWENTYSEVEN THROUGH NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN UNDER THE NAMES OF JERRY RAYNES AND RAINES.

A PERIOD OF NINETEEN TWENTYNINE THROUGH NINETEEN THIRTYTHREE WAS CHECKED UNDER THE NAME JERRY RAY WITH NO RECORD IDENTIFIABLE.

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REUR TELEPHONE CALL INSTANT DATE.

JAMES HENRY PICKENS INTERVIEWED THIS PM. ADVISED APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN THIRTY PM THIS DATE DRIVING VICINITY FEDERAL BUILDING AND CITY AUDITORIUM MEMPHIS TENN. SAW TWO INDIVIDUALS STANDING TOGETHER ON SIDEWALK OPPOSITE AUDITORIUM AND DIAGONALLY ACROSS FROM FEDERAL BUILDING. UNSURE OF NAMES OF STREETS OR DIRECTIONS INVOLVED. MEN WERE STANDING AT A TRAFFIC LIGHT OF THE SIDEWALK AJJOINING A PARKING LOT ACROSS STREET FROM AUDITORIUM. STATES ONE OF TWO GREATLY RESEMBLED PICTURE OF JAMES EARL RAY DISPLAYED AT CONCLUSION TV SHOW "FBI" LAST PM. PARTICULARLY NOTICED STRAIGHT POINTED NOSE.

MAN LOOKED FRIGHTEN OR NERVOUS. FURTHER DESCRIBED THE MAN AS WHITE MALE, THIRTYFIVE TO FORTY, FIVE FT. EIGHT, ONE SIXTY TO ONE EIGHTY, LONG DARK BROWN HAIR, NEATLY DRESSED IN WHITE SHIRT AND DARK SUIT. WORE NO TIE TOP BUTTON OF SHIRT LOOSE. BADLY IN NEED OF SHAVE.

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SECOND MAN NOT OBSERVED WELL BUT CARRIED BLACK CASE, TYPE USUALLY USED FOR MUSICAL INSTRUMENT AND WAS ABOUT THREE FEET IN LENGTH. SECOND MAN DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, FIVE FT. EIGHT, WEARING DARK SUIT, NO FURTHER DETAILS OBSERVED.

PICKENS TURNED CORNER AND DID NOT OBSERVE FURTHER. HE HAD NOT SEEN FROM WHICH DIRECTION MEN HAD COME BUT THEY STOOD ON SIDEWALK ADJOINING PARKING LOT.

PICKENS HESITATED CALLING FBI TO AVOID INVOLVEMENT UNTIL WELL INTO ARKANSAS.

BACKGROUND DATA ON PICKENS: RESIDENCE ROUTE ONE BOX TWO FIVE A, COVINGTON, TENN., PHONE NINE ZERO ONE DASH FOUR SEVEN SIX DASH SIX TWO SEVEN ZERO, EMPLOYER POWER NAIL CO., ROUTE TWO TWO, PRAIRIEVIEW, ILL., SALESMAN, BORN [REDACTED] AT BARNSVILLE, OHIO.

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

MURKIN CR 0/1 SUMMARY

JOHN LARRY RAY, BROTHER OF SUBJECT, LOCATED OPERATING GRAPVINE TAVERN, ALLEGEDLY OWNED BY CAROL PEPPER, ONE NINE EIGHT TWO ARSENAL, RESIDING ONE NINE ZERO ZERO A CHEROKEE, SLMO. HE WAS UNABLE TO FURNISH ADDITIONAL INFO RE FAMILY, EXCEPT UNCLE WM MAHER, ONE ONE ONE EIGHT EAST SEVENTH, ALTON, ILL. KNEW OF JERRY RAYNES, CENTER, MO., BUT REFUSED TO ACKNOWLEDGE HIM AS FATHER. CLAIMED HAD SEEN SUBJECT TWICE IN TWENTY YEARS, ONCE WHEN SUBJECT GOT OUT OF ARMY AT QUINCY, ILL., AND THREE YEARS AGO AT MO PEN. EXPRESSED WONDER SUBJECT BEING HAUNTED AS ALL HE HAD DONE WAS KILL A QUOTE NIGGER UNQUOTE AND THAT THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN NO INTEREST IF KING HAD BEEN WHITE. STATED SUBJECT WOULD HAVE NO REASON TO CONTACT HIM, AND WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO LOCATE HIM ANYWAY.

MRS ROSEMARY WHIRLEY LOCATED. COOPERATIVE. FORMER NEIGHBOR OF CAROL PEPPER, NOT RELATED. DOES NOT KNOW SUBJECT. FURNISHED LOCATION OF JOHN LARRY RAY ABOVE.

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RE-DONE NEIGHBORHOOD NINETEEN THIRTEEN HICKORY, WHERE SUBJECTS MOTHER LIVED AT DEATH, (JAN TWENTY FIVE SIXTYONE, VERIFIED) UNPRODUCTIVE.

CAROL AND ALBERT PEPPER DECLINED FURTHER INTERVIEW.

EWING, MO. SCHOOL RECORD SHOWS JIMMY RAYNS BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FATHER JERRY RAYNS, ENTERED FIRST GRAD SEPT THIRTY FIVE, ATTENDED TO END EIGHTH GRADE MAY FORTY THREE. NO RECORD OF TRANSCRIPT FURNISHED ANY HIGH SCHOOL. HOUSE NO LONGER EXISTS. FAMILY MOVED TO QUINCY, ILL. SOME TIME PRIOR TO FIFTY TWO FOLLOWING DESERTION BY JERRY RAYNES.

INTERNATIONAL SHOE CO., SLMO HAS MICROFILM RECORD EMPLOYMENT JAMES EARL RAY AT WOODRIVE, ILL., PLANT, MAY TWENTY FORTY-FOUR TO LAYOFF DEC TEN FORTY FIVE FROM WHICH HE DID NOT RETURN. NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE.

ARMY RECORD FOR SUBJECT REVIEWED FOR LOCATION OF ASSIGNMENTS IN GERMANY AND LEADS SET FOR LEGAT BONN, IN VIEW OF SPECULATION OF SISTER, MELBA, HE MIGHT GO THERE. FOLLOWING RESIDENCE FOR SUBJECT NOTED IN RECORD: FIVE THREE EIGHT BROADWAY, ALTON, ILL. AT ENTER, FEB FORTY SIX. TWO ONE FIVE AND ONEHALF OAK, QUINCY, ILL., AT DISCHARGE, DEC. FORTY EIGHT, ALSO JULY FIFTY; TWO ILL., AT ONE FOUR SPRING, QUINCY, JULY FIFTY TWO. CLAIMED ONE YEAR HIGH SCHOOL, NO DATE AND PLACE GIVEN, AND EMPLOYMENT INTERNATIONAL SHOE, HARTFORD, ILL., FORTY FOUR DASH FORTY FIVE. CORR. FOURTH LINE FROM BOTTOM, DISREGARD ILL., AT - AT END OF LINE.

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