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TO: SAC, PHOENIX (44-371) (ME - AIR MAIL)

FROM: SAC, EL PASO (157-186) (P)

MURKIN Re: Suspect LON R. HUMMEL

RE PX TEL, APRIL TWENTY FOUR, LAST.

MRS. LEE NOLAN, PRESIDENT, CROWN PLASTIC PRODUCTS, INC., ADVISED AS FOLLOWS ON APRIL TWENTY FOUR, LAST:

LON R. HUMMEL, SON OF FORMER COLLEGE CLASSMATE OF MRS. NOLAN IN IOWA, WAS EMPLOYED BY CROWN PLASTIC PRODUCTS FROM MARCH, SIXTY SEVEN TO APRIL THIRD, LAST. HUMMEL DEPARTED EL PASO APRIL SIX, LAST, ENROUTE TO WINSLOW, ARIZONA, WHERE HE PLANNED TO CONTACT JOHN TATE, JR., ONE ONE THREE ELM ST., APT. B, WINSLOW. HUMMEL PLANNED TO FIND WORK WITH TATE IN THE LUMBER BUSINESS. HUMMEL WAS DRIVING HIS WHITE FORD BRONCO WITH SIXTY EIGHT TEXAS LICENSE PLATES WHEN HE DEPARTED EL PASO.

HUMMEL DID NOT RESEMBLE JAMES EARL RAY IN ANY WAY, ACCORDING TO MRS. NOLAN, WHO DESCRIBED HUMMEL AS FOLLOWS:

WHITE MALE, BORN MAY THIRTY ONE, FORTY THREE, CUSHING, IOWA, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE POUNDS, BROWN EYES, LIGHT BROWN HAIR, THINNING ON TOP, FAIR COMPLEXION, IOWA DRIVER'S LICENSE.

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POSSIBILITY EXISTS VEHICLE AND IDENTIFICATION PAPERS
COULD HAVE BEEN STOLEN FROM HUMMEL IF HUMMEL WAS NOT PERSON
WHO ACTUALLY REGISTERED AT MOTEL IN QUESTION IN PHOENIX.

PHOENIX CONTACT JOHN TATE, JR. AT WINSLOW, ARIZONA,
ADDRESS TO ASCERTAIN ACTIVITIES OF HUMMEL IN THAT AREA AND
TO DETERMINE DESTINATION OF HUMMEL IN ORDER THAT HUMMEL MAY
BE LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED TO ELIMINATE HIM AS POSSIBLE
IDENT WITH JAMES EARL RAY. *copy air mail to Memphis.*

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