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Re Milwaukee airtel to Miami, 4/20/68.

For the information of Boston, information was received from Mr. DANIEL S. KELLY, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who advised that on 3/28/68, while at the Sun Castle Motel, 1380 S. Ocean Blvd., Pompano Beach, Fla., an establishment operated by former FBI Agent, they chanced to deal with a bellboy of the motel who apparently left the motel shortly after 3/28/68, to travel to Tennessee to accept work as an electrician in an unknown city in Tennessee, at a salary of \$500 per week. KELLY thought the salary sounded absurd, and later viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, both he and his wife felt the bellboy resembled RAY's description and photograph.

On 4/29/68, HERB BLONSTROM, Assistant Manager Sun Castle Motel, 1380 S. Ocean Blvd., Pompano Beach, Fla. was contacted re information contained in referenced airtel. BLONSTROM advised that based on this data, the

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individual referred to would probably be EARL B. SHIELDS of 15 Almond Dr., Randolph, Mass., Social Security Number [REDACTED] SHIELDS was employed from 3/28/68 to 4/1/68, as a bellboy. Talking to SHIELDS, BLONSTROM learned that he was divorced and was contemplating re-marriage. He reportedly had several children. He seems to recall SHIELDS mentioned sometime about going to Tennessee, but the name of the city is unknown.

BLONSTROM was unable to locate the employment application for SHIELDS and admitted his records were extremely disorganized. His motel has highly transient help and in fact the supervisor for SHIELDS at the time has since departed. BLONSTROM viewed a photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT and said he did not believe this photograph was identical to SHIELDS. He indicated SHIELDS has more hollow cheeks and a wider nose, although the hairline and eyes are similar. BLONSTROM is continuing efforts to locate SHIELDS' application and to identify individuals at the motel who would have known SHIELDS.

Records of the Pompano Beach and Ft. Lauderdale Police Departments and Broward County Sheriff's Office are negative regarding SHIELDS.

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Conduct investigation at 15 Almond Dr., in effort to further identify SHIELDS so that he can be identified or eliminated as the subject in this matter.

MIAMI

AT POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA

Maintain contact with the Sun Castle Motel in effort to further identify SHIELDS.