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TO: SAC, BIRMINGHAM
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) P
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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On 5/31/68, J. L. CAMP, Route 1, Silver Creek, Georgia, operator of the County Line Tavern, advised that 5 or 6 weeks ago, a man came to the tavern after having been picked up as a hitch-hiker by a Mr. BALDWIN. The man had no luggage and when he indicated need for employment, CAMP offered him a job on CAMP's nearby farm. The man gave only the name of JERRY MOSELEY, and when asked concerning relatives or next of kin, indicated only that he had a mother in Gadsden, Alabama. He said the man seemed to be inexperienced in farm work, and after remaining there a time, asked permission to go to Alabama, supposedly to pick up his clothing. He returned within a few days, indicating he had been unable to locate his mother, and did not return with any clothing. He occasionally mentioned having also been in Birmingham, Alabama, in the past, and having worked for a cafe of some type. CAMP allowed the man to stay in a small house trailer next to the tavern, and while there, he was not visited by anyone, and never mentioned any relatives or friends by name.

On 5/27/68, CAMP allowed MOSELEY to work as a bartender in the tavern, and observed him making mistakes in customer's change. On the morning of 5/28/68, MOSELEY was noted to be missing and that is the last he has seen or heard of this person. He later determined that \$26 was missing from the previous day's proceeds.

On 5/30/68, CAMP observed a picture of JAMES EARL RAY, aka ERIC GAULT, in a newspaper, and decided that MOSELEY bore a resemblance to RAY. He described MOSELEY as being a W/M, age 28-30, 155 lbs., 5' 11", with dark brown or black hair, and had

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what appeared to be acne on his face. He stated at times the man acted in a manner to indicate he might have been mentally unbalanced. He did not know how the man left, but he had no automobile, and assumed that he hitchhiked a ride with someone.

On 5/31/68, HENRY BALDWIN, Route 1, Aregon, Georgia, advised he had picked up a man as a hitchhiker several miles south of the County Line Tavern, 5 or 6 weeks ago. The man was hitchhiking north, and he transported this person as far as the County Line Tavern. He understood that the owner of the tavern had later offered the man a job. He said when he picked him up, the man had no luggage and did not advise him concerning his name. He said after observing a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, that there appeared to be some resemblance, although in his mind, he did not believe they were the same persons. He said judging by the man's actions, and his mode of travel and conduct, he believed very likely that the man was wanted.

LEADS:

BIRMINGHAM

AT GADSDEN, ALABAMA

Will contact local authorities and review local PD and other source records for any record of a JERRY MOSELEY in an effort to positively determine whether there was such a person as MOSELEY, and to make a conclusion as to whether he could be identical with subject, RAY.

AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

Will checks records, Birmingham PD, for any record of JERRY MOSELEY that could be identical with suspect.

CONSIDER SUBJECT ARMED & DANGEROUS.