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TO MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM JACKSONVILLE (44-769) 2P

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ON APRIL TWENTY-THREE, INSTANT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (PROTECT), ADVISED DONALD [REDACTED] AND VIRGINIA MATTOX RESIDE HINDS AVE., WOODLAND ESTATES, AND RECEIVE MAIL AT P. O. BOX ONE ZERO SEVEN TWO. [REDACTED] ADVISED NO ONE UNDER NAME OF JAMES EARL RAY OR HIS ALIASES CURRENTLY RECEIVING MAIL IN CRYSTAL RIVER POST OFFICE.

ON APRIL TWENTY-THREE, INSTANT, MRS. VIRGINIA MATTOX, P.O. BOX ONE ZERO SEVEN TWO, CRYSTAL RIVER, ADVISED NEITHER SHE NOR HER HUSBAND ACQUAINTED WITH ANYONE NAMED JAMES EARL RAY OR HIS ALIASES AND ONLY VISITORS SHE AND HER HUSBAND HAVE HAD IN RECENT MONTHS WERE DAVID MATTOX, HER BROTHER-IN-LAW, AND HIS WIFE JOANN, FROM MIAMISBURG, OHIO, WHO WERE IN CRYSTAL RIVER FROM LAST MARCH AND DEPARTED FOR APRIL SIX, LAST.

DONALD MATTOX IS WHITE MALE, AGE THIRTY-FOUR, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE FIVE FIVE TO ONE SIX ZERO POUNDS, BLACK HAIR, SLENDER BUILD, AND DRIVES SIXTY-SIX CADILLAC.

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*Donp Zachary
has already
identified Bert
Smith -
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MRS. MATTOX ADVISED SHE WAS FORMERLY MARRIED TO BERTRIM H. SMITH, P.O. BOX TWO TWO ONE TWO ONE, MEMPHIS, TENN., AND HAS CUSTODY OF THE SEVEN CHILDREN OF THAT MARRIAGE. SHE HAS EXPERIENCED CONSIDERABLE TROUBLE WITH SMITH OVER THE CHILDREN SINCE THEIR DIVORCE. SMITH DRINKS HEAVILY, ALMOST AN ALCOHOLIC, AND IS PRONE TO DO ODD AND UNUSUAL THINGS.

MRS. EFFIE BLACK, NEIGHBOR OF MATTOX, ADVISED SHE HAD OBSERVED NO RECENT VISITORS AT MATTOX'S RESIDENCE.

CHECK OF MATTOX RESIDENCE DURING NOON OF APRIL TWENTYTHREE, INSTANT REFLECTED NO ONE AT THAT ADDRESS.

ABOVE INDIVIDUALS EXHIBITED RAY'S PHOTOGRAPH AND ADVISED RAY UNKNOWN TO THEM.

MEMPHIS AT MEMPHIS WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW BERTRIM H. SMITH, P.O. BOX TWO TWO ONE TWO ONE TO DETERMINE WHETHER HE WAS INDIVIDUAL WHO FURNISHED OR WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR FURNISHING INFORMATION TO INSPECTOR N.E. ZACHARY, MEMPHIS PD, AS SET FORTH IN REF TEL.

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