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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO, KANSAS CITY,
MEMPHIS (44-1987, ST. LOUIS, LOS ANGELES, LAS VEGAS, AND SPRINGFIELD
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RE HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER, SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA.

LOHMEYER REINTERVIEWED AT SAN JOSE BY BUREAU AGENTS TODAY. HE IS UNABLE TO RECOGNIZE ANY PHOTOGRAPH OF JAMES EARL RAY, HOWEVER, NAME EARL RAY IS FAMILIAR TO LOHMEYER. HE IDENTIFIED ONE NINE FIVE FIVE PHOTOGRAPH OF WALTER TERRY RIFE AS INDIVIDUAL HE KNEW IN QUINCY, ILLINOIS, PRIOR TO ONE NINE FIVE FIVE. ALSO ADVISED HE KNEW JOHN RAY AND HIS BROTHER, JERRY RAY. THESE PEOPLE ALSO USED NAME RYAN. LOHMEYER SERVED TIME AT MENARD, ILLINOIS, WITH JOHN RAY AND LONNIE RIFE, BROTHER OF WALTER.

DURING PERIOD ONE NINE FIVE FIVE TO ONE NINE FIVE EIGHT THE RAY (RYAN) FAMILY CONSISTING OF MOTHER AND SISTER OF JOHN RAY MOVED FROM QUINCY TO ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI. DURING THIS PERIOD ONE OF RAY FAMILY, POSSIBLY JERRY OR EARL RAY, WAS ARRESTED IN MISSOURI FOR CRIME INVOLVING POSTAL MONEY ORDERS ACCORDING TO LOHMEYER. LOHMEYER WORKED IN PRISON KITCHEN WITH JOHN RAY WHEN RAY WAS EIGHTEEN

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TO NINETEEN YEARS OF AGE. STATES RAY HAD STRONG PREJUDICE AGAINST
NEGROES BUT ^LEXPA_AINED THIS WAS GENERAL FEELING AMONG WHITE INMATES.

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ALL OFFICES CONSIDER RAY BROTHERS AND RIFE BROTHERS AS POSSIBLE
ACCOMPLICES OF JAMES EARL RAY.

SPRINGFIELD AND ST. LOUIS ATTEMPT TO FURTHER IDENTITY JOHN LARRY
RAY (RYAN) AND ASCERTAIN CURRENT ACTIVITIES.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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