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TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO AND MEMPHIS - PERMITTENT FROM NEWARK (44-854)

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JERRY RAY, SUBJECT'S BROTHER

DURING DISCUSSIONS

JERRY RAY INDICATED THE FOLLOWING-

SINCE SUBJECT HAD TO SERVE EIGHTEEN YEARS IN PRISON, HE CERTAINLY HAD NOTHING TO LOOSE IF SOMEONE DID OFFER HIM A LOT OF MONEY AND WOULD GET HIM OUT OF THE COUNTRY TO KILL A PERSON HE DIDN'T LIKE ANYWAY THIS ANSWER WAS TO A DIRECT QUESTION "DID YOUR BROTHER KILL KING"?

THAT SUBJECT RECEIVED SOME MONEY IN ADVANCE WHICH HE MAINTAINED
IN A SAFE DEPOSIT BOX AT UNKNOWN LOCATION, WHICH WAS WITHDRAWN WHEN
"SUBJECT LEFT". IT IS TO BE NOTED THAT FROM WHERE HE LEFT WHEN HE
WITHDREW THE MONEY COULD NOT BE CLARIFIED SUBJECT'S
BROTHER JERRY INDICATED SUBJECT RECEIVED EITHER ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND OR

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FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS

"IT BROKE SUBJECT'S HEART TO ABANDON THE MUSTANG". JERRY RAY AT NO TIME DURING DISCUSSIONS

MADE A STATEMENT THAT HE HAD DIRECT KNOWLEDGE THAT SUBJECT KILLED KING OR WHO MADE THE MONEY AVAILABLE.

JERRY RAY'S INFORMATION.

NEWARK FEELS PERHAPS THIS INFORMATION COULD BE USED IN DIRECT

INTERVIEW OF SUBJECT, HOWEVER TO APPROACH JERRY RAY ABOUT ABOVE WOULD

UNDOUBTEDLY STOP THE FLOW OF INFORMATION AVAILABLE FROM JERRY RAY.

JERRY INDICATED

THAT HE WILL VISIT HIS BROTHER IN ST. LOUIS AND FEEL THEY WILL HAVE NO TROUBLE OBTAINING A GOOD ATTORNEY BECAUSE OF THE PUBLICITY.

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SINCE SIX SEVEN LAST NEWARK HAS CONSISTENTLY BEEN IN INFORMATION FURNISHED

BY JERRY RAY

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CABLEGRAM

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TO LEGAT, LONDON

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

MURKIN

THE FOLLOWING IS BEING SET FORTH FOR THE INFORMATION AND INVESTIGATIVE ASSISTANCE OF LEGAT, LONDON:

JERRY RAY, SUBJECT'S BROTHER

JERRY RAY

ENDICATED THE FOLLOWING: SENCE SUBJECT HAD TO SERVE EIGHTEEN
YEARS IN PRISON, HE CERTAINLY HAD NOTHING TO LOOSE IF SOMEONE
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CABLEGRAM TO LEGAT, LONDON RE; MURKIN

ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND OR FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS

'IT BROKE SUBJECT'S HEART TO ABANDON THE MUSTANG. " JERRY RAY AT NO TIME DURING DISCUSSIONS MADE A STATEMENT THAT HE HAD DIRECT KNOWLEDGE THAT SUBJECT KILLED KING OR WHO MADE THE MONEY AVAILABLE. NEWARK OFFICE DOES NOT DOUBT WORD BUT HAS NO WAY TO EVALUATE JERRY RAY'S INFORMATION. NEWARK OFFICE FEELS PERHAPS THIS INFORMATION COULD BE USED IN DIRECT INTERVIEW OF SUBJECT, HOWEVER TO APPROACH JERRY RAY ABOUT ABOVE WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY STOP THE FLOW OF **I**NFORMATION AVAILABLE FROM JERRY RAY.

JERRY INDICATED THAT HE WILL VISIT

OBTAINING A GOOD ATTORNEY BECAUSE OF THE PUBLICITY.

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in an effort to clarify any variations

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CABLEGRAM TO LEGAT, LONDON RE: MURKIN

IN INFORMATION FURNISHED BY

JERRY RAY

NORMAN MC CABE, DIRECTOR OF SECURITY, RCA, CAMDEN, NJ, ADVISED THAT MANUFACTURER'S SERIAL NUMBERS AS FURNISHED OF TWO ONE SIX V S THREE ONE TWO AND J I S ZERO ZERO SIX P ARE NUMBERS FOR RCA BATTERIES AND NOT FOR TRANSISTOR RADIOS. THE FIRST NUMBER IS THE BATTERY SERIAL NUMBER AND THE J I S NUMBER IS A VOLTAGE DISCLOSURE CODE NUMBER. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO TRACE SUCH NUMBERS. MC CABE ADVISED THAT INSIDE THE CASING OF RCA PRODUCED TRANSISTOR SETS IS PLACED ON A PIECE OF GLUED PAPER THE SERIAL NUMBER, MODEL NUMBER, AND BATTERY INSTRUCTIONS OF THE SET. OCCASIONALLY A SERIAL NUMBER OR IDENTIFICATION NUMBER IS PLACED ON THE PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARD OF THE SET. THESE NUMBERS MUST BE OBTAINED TO EFFECT ANY POSSIBLE TRACING OF AN RCA MADE TRANSISTOR RADIO. THE ACTUAL POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING WHERE THE RADSO WAS SOLD IS REMOTE BUT IF RCA COULD OBTAIN THE umbers they will do everything possible in this regard the numbers are obtained at least the date and place

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OF MANUFACTURE CAN BE ESTABLISHED. MC CABE ADVISED
THAT THE TRACING OF A TRANSISTOR RADIO MANUFACTURED
BY THAT COMPANY WILL BE DONE BY RCA AT INDIANAPOLIS
AND HE SUGGESTED THAT TO EXPEDITE SUCH A TRACING ANY
FUTURE CONTACTS THIS REGARD BE HANDLED AT INDIANAPOLIS.

NEW YORK OFFICE,

JUNE NINE, LAST, A LONG DISTANCE
PERSON-TO-PERSON CALL WAS PLACED FROM JIM TATUM,
HOUSTON, TEXAS, TO SUBJECT, JAMES EARL RAY, LONDON
ENGLAND. CALL WAS PLACED FROM FOLLOWING NUMBER.

CALLER EVENTUALLY CONTACTED CANON ROW POLICE
HEADQUARTERS, PHONE NUMBER NINE THREE ZERO - ONE ONE
ONE THREE, LONDON, ENGLAND, AND AFTER BEING DENIED
ACCESS TO RAY, ASKED TO SPEAK TO SOMEONE WHO COULD
FURNISH INFORMATION REGARDING RAY. HE WAS REFERRED TO
CHIEF OF DETECTIVE SUPERINTENDENT BUTLER BY THE MIGHT
STATION OFFICER, HOWEVER, DECLINED TO CALL BUTLER.
HOUSTON OFFICE DENTIFYING JIM TATUM AND DETERMINING
HIS INTEREST IN SUBJECT MAY.