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TO DIRECTOR (44-19861), BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS (44-1977) AND SPRINGFIELD.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) /3P/

MURKIN

RE: HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER.

REBUTEL TO SAN FRANCISCO AND MEMPHIS, THIS DATE, AND BUREAU PRESS RELEASE CONCERNING JAMES EARL RAY.

LOHMEYER REINTERVIEWED THIS DATE BY BUREAU AGENTS AND DOES NOT RECOGNIZE PHOTOGRAPH OF ERIC STARVO GALT, AKA. NAMES JAMES EARL RAY FAMILIAR TO LOHMEYER BUT HE CANNOT LINK THIS NAME WITH GALT'S PHOTOGRAPH. LOHMEYER WHO WAS REARED QUINCY, ILLINOIS, SERVED SENTENCE ILLINOIS STATE FARM, VANDALIA, APPROXIMATELY ONE NIME FIVE ZERO, AND ILLINOIS STATE PENITENTIARY, MENARD, ONE NINE FIVE FIVE TO ONE NINE FIVE EIGHT, ASSOCIATES NAME JAMES EARL RAY WITH QUINCY. LOHMEYER KNEW WALTER TERRY RIFE AS LOCAL CROOK IN QUINCY.

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TO QUINCY PD. LOHMEYER DESCRIBED WALTER RIFE WMA, THIRTYNINE YEARS,

DARK, LATIN APPEARANCE. LOHMEYER BELIEVES RAY AND RIFE WILL HAVE

SIGNIFICANCE TO HIS BROTHER, THOMAS LOHMEYER,

LAST KNOWN

EMPLOYED AT A

LOHMEYER UNABLE TO RECOGNIZE NAMES

JAMES MC BRIDE, JAMES WALTON, W. C. HERRON, JAMES O'CONNER, ALIASES

OF RAY.

ROBERT KELLY,

EARL HYLAND, AND JOHN O'DEAR, ALL OF

MAY KNOW RAY. LOHMEYER HAS NOT LIVED IN QUINCY SINCE ONE NINE FIVE FIVE AND HAS MADE ONLY ONE BRIEF VISIT TO ILLINOIS APPROXIMATELY THREE YEARS AGO.

NEWSPAPER THIS DATE AND COULD NOT RECOGNIZE THIS PHOTO. UPON FURTHER RECALL, LOHMEYER STATED THAT HE DID RECALL A JOHN RAY FROM QUINCY WHO DID TIME AT THE ILLINOIS STATE PENITENTIARY AND IS DESCRIBED AS A WMA, AGE THIRTYEIGHT, FIVE FEFT NINE INCHES, ONE SIX FIVE POUNDS, WELL BUILT AND WHO ACCORDING TO LOHMEYER HAS A BROTHER FIRST NAME UNKNOWN.

LOHMEYER ADVISED THAT THE RAY FAMILY MOVED FROM QUINCY TO ST.

LOUIS, MISSOURI, AND THAT BROTHER OF JOHN RAY DID SERVE IN THE

PENITENTIARY.

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SPRINGFIELD, FORWARD PHOTOGRAPHS WALTER

PHIS, BIRMINGHAM, AND SAN FRANCISCO, IN ORDER PHOTOGRAPHS CAN BE

EXHIBITED WITNESSES AND TO HARVEY LOHMEYER AT SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA.

ALSO OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPH VINTAGE ONE NINE FIVE FIVE IF AVAILABLE FOR

RAY AND FORWARD SAN FRANCISCO. SPRINGFIELD RECONTACT THOMAS LOHMEYER

AND OTHERS SUGGESTED BY HIM AND INTERVIEW CONCERNING RAY.

SAN FRANCISCO WILL CHECK ALL LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES SAN FRANCISCO AREA FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING RAY.

OTHER STATIONS NOTIFIED SEPARATELY.

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