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1159AM 5-2-68 URGENT AMB
TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND NEW ORLEANS
FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740 (P)

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WHEN INTERVIEWED MAY ONE, LAST, NEAR TUSCALOOSA, ALA.,
██████████ PRESENTLY UNDER SUPERVISION ALABAMA STATE
PAROLE BOARD, ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

RE COOLEY (PH) OR COOLEY'S ORGANIZATION:

██████████ WAS CONFINED MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, JEFFERSON
CITY, MO., FROM ██████████, SIXTY, TO RELEASE ON PAROLE, ██████████
██████████ SIXTY FIVE. WHILE THERE HE BECAME FAIRLY WELL ACQUAIN-
TED WITH SUBJECT RAY, AND DURING SIXTY THREE, RAY WAS VEHEMENT
IN HIS RACIST ATTITUDE TOWARDS VICTIM. DURING FALL OF SIXTY
THREE, HE MADE STATEMENT THAT HE WAS GOING TO ██████████ MARTIN LUTHER
KING WHEN HE GOT OUT. ██████████ DURING CONVERSATION THEN WITH RAY
HEARD RAY SAY SOMETHING ABOUT THAT COOLEY (PH) OR COOLEY'S
ORGANIZATION WOULD PAY TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS TO HAVE KING DEAD.
NO FURTHER INFORMATION IN ██████████ POSSESSION RE THIS.

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BIRMINGHAM FILES NEGATIVE RE THIS INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANIZATION. SUGGEST BUREAU ATTEMPT THROUGH FILE SEARCH TO IDENTIFY COOLEY AND OR ORGANIZATION. IF NOT IDENTIFIABLE, SUGGEST BUREAU MAY DESIRE CORRESPOND EACH CONTINENTAL OFFICE FOR THIS PURPOSE.

RE [REDACTED]

IN INTERVIEW, [REDACTED] RECALLED RAY CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF [REDACTED] BELIEVED FROM BATON ROUGE, LA., ORIGINALLY, AND POSSIBLY STILL CONFINED IN PRISON. RECALLED THAT [REDACTED] COULD SPEAK SPANISH AND HE AND RAY TALKED ABOUT VISITING MEXICO. ON ONE OCCASION RAY STATED THAT WHEN RELEASED HE WAS GOING TO VISIT A MUTUAL FRIEND OF HIS AND [REDACTED] NAME UNKNOWN, WHO HAD BEEN RELEASED, WAS MARRIED AND BELIEVED OPERATING A CAFE NEAR MOREPLY, MO.

NEW ORLEANS, AT BATON ROUGE, LA., ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY [REDACTED] AND IF NOT NOW LOCATED THERE, SET OUT APPROPRIATE LEADS FOR INTERVIEW, IF NOT PREVIOUSLY DONE. IT IS RECALLED THAT BANK RECORDS, BIRMINGHAM, CONTAIN NOTATION THAT SUBJECT, AS GALT, WHEN RELEASING HIS SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX ON DEC. THIRTEEN, SIXTY SEVEN, WAS THEN IN BATON ROUGE, ALTHOUGH ENVELOPE BEARING POSTMARK NOT RETAINED BY BANK.

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AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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