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11:09 PM URGENT 4/24/68 LBN

TO DIRECTOR MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM, LOS ANGELES, KANSAS CITY, SPRINGFIELD AND MIAMI AND JACKSONVILLE..

FROM ATLANTA (44-2386)

MURKIN.

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION, APRIL TWENTYFOUR, SIXTYEIGHT:

NEW AND USED CAR DEALERS IN ATLANTA AND SUBURBAN AREAS HAVE BEEN CONTACTED AND SHOWN PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY. SUCH CHECKS CONCLUDED TODAY AND ALL NEGATIVE. PROJECT OF CONTACTING INDIVIDUALS ADVERTISING AUTOMOBILES FOR SALE THROUGHT NEWSPAPER ADS BETWEEN MARCH TWENTYFOUR AND APRIL FIVE LAST UNDERWAY, NEGATIVE TO DATE, CONTINUING. REC-38 44-38861-1922

CAR RENTAL AGENCIES IN ATLANTA AND SUBURBAN AREAS EX-116 CONCLUDED TODAY WITH PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY EXHIBITED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

CONTACTS WITH CREW MEMBERS ON EASTERN AIRLINES FOREIGN 12 APR 25 1968 FLIGHTS THREE TWO ZERO AND THREE TWO EIGHT ON APRIL FIVE LAST CONCLUDED EXCEPT FOR ONE STEWARDESS WHO WILL BE INTERVIEWED APRIL TWENTYFIVE NEXT. SUCH CHECKS ARE NEGATIVE.

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cc - Long - Thurm. Rosen

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STORAGE GARAGES, CITY OF ATLANTA, CONTACTED AND RAY'S PHOTOGRAPH EXHIBITED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. ALL OPEN PARKING LOTS VICINITY OF ONE ONE THREE FOURTEENTH STREET HAVE BEEN CONTACTED WITH PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY SHOWN TO OWNERS AND ATTENDANTS WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

REMAINING CREW MEMBERS OF EASTERN AIRLINES FLIGHT ONE THREE THREE, APRIL TWELVE LAST INTERVIEWED REGARDING A PASSENGER RESEMBLING RAY WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. THEY CONFIRMED INFORMATION FURNISHED APRIL TWENTYTHREE, SIXTYEIGHT, BY OTHER CREW MEMBERS WHO STATED [redacted] WAS IN ERROR BY STATING ONLY ONE PASSENGER DEBARKED AT HOUSTON, TEXAS. THEY STATED NO ONE ON PLANE RESEMBLING RAY.

JIMMIE DELTON GARNER, GARNER'S SISTER AND WOMAN LINEN CHANGER AT ONE ONE THREE FOURTEENTH STREET, REINTERVIEWED THIS DATE AND FURNISHED NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

LEWIE RAYMOND DOWDA CONFINED COUNTY JAIL, MARIETTA, GEORGIA, [redacted] INTERVIEWED. DOWDA WAS ACQUAINTED WITH RAY AT MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY FOR THREE

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YEARS, ENDING [redacted], SIXTYSIX, WHEN DOWDA RELEASED. DOWDA STATED RAY WAS DOPE ADDICT, USING INJECTIONS AND WAS ADDICTED PRIOR TO INCARCERATION. RAY USED AMPHETIMINE. DOWDA STATED [redacted] GUARD [redacted] WAS FRIENDLY WITH RAY AND BELIEVED BY SOME TO BE SELLING THE AMPHETIMINE. DOWDA CLAIMED RAY HAD UNKNOWN OUTSIDE SOURCE OF INCOME TO SUPPORT A THIRTYFIVE TO FORTY DOLLAR PER WEEK DOPE HABIT AS WELL AS FIFTEEN TO TWENTY DOLLARS PER WEEK OTHER EXPENDITURES. DOWDA CLAIMS THREE NEGRO PRISONERS KILLED IN PRISON AFTER PROTESTING DENIAL OF BLACK MUSLIMS TO WORSHIP. CLAIMED RAY KILLED THE NEGROES OR KNOW WHO DID. DESCRIBED RAY AS RACIST WHO FELT ALL NEGROES IN THAT PRISON SHOULD BE KILLED AND SAID RAY MADE SEVERAL STATEMENTS TO EFFECT IF PRICE WAS RIGHT WOULD KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING. DOWDA STATED RAY'S CLOSEST FRIEND IN PRISON WAS NEIL ABBEY (PHONETIC) WHO HANDLED DOPE AND GOT RAY A JOB IN THE KITCHEN. DOWDA DOES NOT KNOW NEIL ABBEY'S PRESENT WHEREABOUTS BUT ABBEY WAS AT ONE TIME CHIEF COOK AT THE PRISON. ANOTHER END PAGE THREE...

CHECK ON alleged murderers

Check Abbey to determine current whereabouts & possibility Ray has been in contact with Hing.

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CLOSE FRIEND WAS DONALD DEAN RIGGER FROM CALIFORNIA [redacted]

[redacted] DOWDA STATED RAY WOULD ONLY HAVE AN ADDRESS FOR HIM IN CARE OF DOWDA'S FATHER, CHARLES ALFRED DOWDA, FORMELY [redacted] SANFORD, FLORIDA, BUT PRESENTLY [redacted] DELAND, FLORIDA. DOWDA DENIES CONTACT IN ANY MANNER WITH RAY SINCE DOWDA'S RELEASE. STATED ANOTHER FORMER INMATE, PAUL ALVIN LAIL, JR., AKA PAUL ALVIN CARTER, [redacted] WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, WAS FRIENDLY WITH RAY AND DOWDA SAW LAIL EARLY MARCH, SIXTYEIGHT, BUT NO MENTION MADE OF RAY. DOWDA HAS NO IDEA WHY RAY WOULD GO TO ATLANTA.

MIAMI, CONTACT PAUL ALVIN LAIL, JR., WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, TO DETERMINE IF RAY HAS CONTACTED HIM.

JACKSONVILLE, CONTACT CHARLES ALFRED DOWDA, [redacted] DELAND, FLA. TO DETERMINE IF RAY HAS CONTACTED HIM.

KANSAS CITY AT JEFFERSON CITY, MO., INTERVIEW GUARD, [redacted] CONCERNING RAY. ALSO DETERMINE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF INMATE NEIL ABBEY (PHONETIC) AND DONALD DEAN RIGGER AND

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SET OUT LEADS FOR THEIR INTERVIEW CONCERNING POSSIBLE CONTACT

BY RAY.

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