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TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

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Enclosed is copy of letter addressed to JAMES EARL REY, Nashville State Penitentiary for Men, Nashville, Tennessee, dated 4/15/69, signed FREINDLY VAR, furnished this office by W. E. HOPTON, Director, Tennessee Bureau ofCriminal Identification, Nashville, Tennessee. The envelope bears the return address of FREINDLY VAR, Main Post Office, 300 Los Angeles Street, General Delivery, Los Angeles, California, 90053, but does not bear a postmark. The reverse side of the envelope bears a special delivery stamp, Nashville, Tennessee, dated 4/17/69, 6 AM.

Mr. HOPTON advised that RAY has filed motion for a new trial which has been set for hearing in Memphis on 5/26/69, and in all probability RAY will be returned to Memphis for hearing on the motion. He has requested assistance of this office in identifying FREINDLY VAR, to determine if this individual is related to RAY, and any information concerning her connection with RAY, in order that appropriate security measures can be taken in any transportation of RAY out of Nashville.

Warden LAKE RUSSELL, TSP, Nashville, informed HOPTON that he has no record of receipt of a telegram or letter to RAY from VAR, but did receive a telephone call from an individual who identified herself as VAR on 4/15/69, who requested permission to talk with RAY. She was not permitted to do so and then informed RUSSELL that she was an aunt of RAY and was being supported by the Baptist Church in Los Angeles and that the church was paying for the telephone call to Nashville. She refused to furnish RUSSELL with her address.

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Will furnish any information re VAR known to that office and if not known will attempt to identify her through logical sources and at the Bank of America, 7th & Spring Street, or through contact with the Baptist Church which might have funds to assist indigents.

Memphis indices contain no references to FREINDLY VAR, nor is there any information available to show any relationship between correspondent and RAY.