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TO: DIRECTOR ; MEMPHIS AND CHICAGO

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN

RE JERRY RAYNES, FATHER;

RAYNES REINTERVIEWED TODAY. BOUGHT SMALL ACREAGE AND HOUSE WHERE RESIDES [redacted] CAROL VISITS NEARLY EVERY WEEKEND. BRINGS GROCERIES AS HE RARELY LEAVES PLACE. SHE TOLD HIM SHE HAD BEEN CONTACTED BY FBI WHO INDICATED POSSIBILITY RAY MIGHT HAVE BEEN IN SL FOLLOWING ESCAPE.

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NOW RECALLS THAT DURING RECENT OVENIGHT VISIT BY JERRY AND JOHN RAY, BOTH WERE DRINKING AND JERRY MENTIONED SOMETHING ABOUT SUBJECT HAVING BEEN IN CHICAGO SUMMER SIXTY SEVEN FOLLOWING ESCAPE. UNABLE TO REMEMBER ANYTHING MORE SPECIFIC ABOUT STATEMENT, AND END PAGE ONE

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INDICATED HE MIGHT HAVE MISUNDERSTOOD.

STATES LAST SAW RAY FIFTY EIGHT FIFTY NINE; THAT RAY LIVED WITH MOTHER WHEN IN SL, NOT WITH HIM; AND THAT HE KNOWS VERY LITTLE ABOUT SUBJECT. EXPRESSED BELIEF SUBJECT WAS SET UP ON KING KILLING BY SOMEONE ELSE, AS RAY WAS ROBBER, NOT KILLER. DOES NOT BELIEVE RAY WOULD KILL ANYONE UNLESS UNDER INFLUENCE OF NARCOTICS. DOES NOT BELIEVE RAY SMART ENOUGH TO PLAN KING JOB ALONE. BELIEVES SUBJECT NOW DEAD, PROBABLY KILLED BY PRINCIPAL.

RAYNES FEARFUL OF PUBLICITY. AFRAID NEGROES MIGHT ATTACK HIM IF HIS RELATIONSHIP TO RAY KNOWN.

NOTE RAYNES HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS [redacted] MIND WANDERS AND HAS DIFFICULTY RECALLING SPECIFIC INFORMATION, TIMES, ADDRESSES, EVEN OF RECENT EVENTS. HAS VICIOUS FEMALE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG OWNED BY JERRY RAY.

SL WILL REINTERVIEW JOHN LARRY RAY TOMORROW RE ALLEGED JERRY RAY STATEMENT SUBJECT WAS IN CHICAGO LAST SUMMER.

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WILL EXHIBIT PHOTO OF [redacted] FOR IDENTIFICATION OF [redacted] MENTIONED IN PREVIOUS INTERVIEW.

CHICAGO REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW JERRY RAY REGARDING ABOVE ALLEGED STATEMENT

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS

END.

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