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TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM ST. LOUIS

MURKIN - SUMMARY

RE [redacted] RAY AND JAMES LAOMA OWENS ENTER JEFFERSON-GRAVOIS BANK SL SUMMER SIXTYSEVEN.

CURSORY CHECK OF ALL CHECKING SAVINGS AND INSTALLMENT LOAN ACCOUNTS UNDER RAY NAME AND ALIASES AND JAMES LOAMA OWENS AT JEFFERSON-GRAVOIS BANK SL BY BANK [redacted] TODAY UNPRODUCTIVE. CHECK IN DEPTH OF ALL BANK RECORDS, INCLDUING SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES, WILL BE MADE TOMORROW.

RE EX CONS [redacted] AND [redacted]

[redacted] TODAY ADVISED HE AND [redacted] VISITED [redacted] LAST NIGHT. ALLEGED [redacted] TOLD OF FBI INTERVIEW. BOTH [redacted] AND [redacted] GAINED DEFINITE IMPRESSION [redacted] HAD HARBORED RAY AFTER ESCAPE, THO [redacted] DID NOT ADMIT TO SUCH IN SO MANY WORDS.

RE [redacted] [redacted] RRINTERVIEWED EXHAUSTIVELY. AGAIN DECLINED TO FURNISH SPECIFIC INFO RE DEEP SOUTH BANK ALLEGEDLY ROBBED BY UN-NAMED MAN AND RAY, JUNE JULY SIXTYSEVEN, ON GROUND WANTED FEW MORE DAYS TO DETERMINE IF SOMEONE ELSE AWARE OF SAME, SO HE WILL NOT BE FINGERED AS SOURCE. INSISTED SAW ACCOUNT OF ROBBERY IN CHICAGO

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TRIBUNE, BUT NOW PLACES TIME AS MUCH AS MONTH FOLLOWING HIS RELEASE JUNE TWENTY THIRD. NOTE CG CHECK OF TRIBUNE WAS TO END JULY SIXTY-SEVEN. PLACES VISIT OF UN-NAMED MAN FEW DAYS OR WEEKS AFTER TRIBUNE ARTICLE. NOW CLAIMS MAN TOLD HIM ON FIRST VISIT RAY WAS ACCOMPLICE. PLACES SECOND VISIT WITHIN THREE OR FOUR WEEKS OF FIRST, INSTEAD OF SIX WEEKS AGO, AS ORIGINALLY STATED. NOW SAYS MAN JUST CAME FOR CUP OF COFFEE, SECOND VISIT, AND THAT RAY OR TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLAR LOAN MADE ON PREVIOUS VISIT NOT MENTIONED. WHEN CONFRONTED WITH DISCREPANCIES STATED "AS I'VE TOLD YOU, MY BRAIN DON'T WORK RIGHT". STATED MAN MUST HAVE OBTAINED [redacted] ADDRESS FROM RAY AND RAY [redacted] NOW SAYS STATE LINE RIVER WAS MISSISSIPPI AND CITY WHERE BANK ROBBED ON EAST SIDE OF RIVER.

TOLD OF VISIT BY [redacted] WHO HE KNOWS AS [redacted] AND ANOTHER MAN LAST NIGHT. SAID [redacted] ASKED FOR FOOD MONEY. [redacted] GAVE HIM THREE OR FOUR DOLLARS. THEY TALKED OF RAY BEING RED HOT NOW AND BOTH MEN LEFT.

[redacted] EMPHATICALLY DENIED HARBORING RAY, OR KNOWING WHEREABOUTS SINCE ESCAPE. WHEN ADVISED OF REPORT RECEIVED RAY SEEN NEAR HIS RESIDENCE HE STATED IF HE WAS, HE NEVER CAME INSIDE OR CONTACTED HIM IN ANY WAY.

[redacted] CLOSED AS [redacted] UNRELIABLE. BEING CONSIDERED POSSIBLE HARBORER.

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RE CAROL PEPPER SISTER.

CAROL PEPPER RE-INTERVIEWED TODAY. SPECIFICALLY DENIED CONTACT BY OR KNOWLEDGE OF RAY WHEREABOUT SINCE ESCAPE, OTHER THAN WHAT READ IN PAPERS AFTER START OF THIS CASE. SAYS BROTHER JERRY IS ONLY MEMBER OF FAMILY WHO HAS NOT MOVED SINCE ESCAPE, AND IS ONLY ONE WHOSE PRESENT MAILING ADDRESS KNOWN TO RAY. SAYS GRAPEVINE TAVERN BARELY MAKING ESPENSES AND MAY NOT CONTINUE.

RE JOHN LARRY RAY, BROTHER.

JOHN RAY ONLY PERSON OPERATING GRAPEVINE TAVERN TODAY AND COULD NOT BE INTERVIEWED BECAUSE OF CUSTOMERS.

RE JERRY RAYNES, FATHER.

SOURCES AND SPOT CHECK DISCLOSED NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY.

FELLOW PRISONER INTERVIEWS AND LOOK ALIKE RESOLUTIONS CONTINUING.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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