

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)(P)

FROM : SA EDWARD J. CARNEY, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/17/68

Los Angeles teletype to the Bureau 5/14/68 set forth results of a re-interview with MARIE MARTIN in which MARTIN advised that after JAMES EARL RAY made his first trip to New Orleans to obtain the children of RITA STEIN, RAY said he had visited friends in the Industrial Canal area of the Chef Menteur Highway in New Orleans. No further identification was made of these friends by RAY

You will recall RAY has been definitely established to have resided at the Provincial Motel in New Orleans during the period 12/17-19/67, this being his first known trip to New Orleans and was the trip on which he picked up the children of RITA STEIN.

You will further recall that RAY has also been placed in New Orleans on the approximate date of 3/21/68 and his next known whereabouts was in Atlanta on 3/24/68.

The Industrial Canal stretches from Lake Pontchartrain to the Mississippi River, a distance of several miles, and the point at which the Industrial Canal crosses Chef Menteur Highway is a highly industrialized area and is not conducive to a neighborhood check in an effort to ascertain the identity of RAY's friends.

It is felt that any friends that RAY might have contacted in New Orleans would probably be ex-convicts and individuals with whom he has served time. It is conceivable that these individuals are presently on probation or parole.

LEADS:

Will, at the U. S. Probation and Parole Offices, 500 St. Louis Street, conduct appropriate investigation to determine the identities of any ex-cons who reside in the area of the



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Industrial Canal and Chef Menteur Highway.

Will at the Probation and Parole Offices for the State of Louisiana at 418 Royal Street, conduct same investigation as set forth above.

Will at the appropriate New Orleans PD district covering the Industrial Canal, Chef Menteur Highway area, contact appropriate officers to determine if these persons possess any personal knowledge of ex-cons who may be living in the described pertinent area.

As assistance in covering the above leads, there is set forth below a list of prisons and jails in which RAY has been incarcerated, together with the date he was received at these institutions:

Cook County Jail, Chicago, Ill, 5/9/62

State Prison, Joliet, Ill. - 6/13/52

State Prison, Pontiac, Ill. - 7/7/52

U. S. Marshal, Kansas City, Mo. - 3/28/55,
at which time was sentenced to 15 months in
custody of Attorney General

U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Ks. - 7/7/55 4/1/57 56

State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Mo. - 3/17/60 7/4/66

State Hospital, Fulton, Mo., where he was a
patient

RAY escaped from the State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Mo., on 4/23/67 and has been at large since that time.

The Agent receiving these leads may desire to refer to the Identification Record of RAY under FBI #306 443A, located in 157-10673-460.