

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

FROM : ASAC SYLVESTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/29/68

Re memo SA HARRIGAN 5/28/68.

I want names of those who are in the general area of the Industrial Canal and Chef Menteur Highway.

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TO : SAC (157-10673) (P)

FROM : SA KEVIN J. HARRIGAN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/28/68

Re Los Angeles teletype to the Bureau and Memphis and Birmingham dated 5/14/68 and New Orleans memo of SA EDWARD J. CARNEY, JR., dated 5/17/68.

Contact with several Federal and State Parole and Probation Officers and with various New Orleans police personnel, including various detectives, indicated that numerous ex-convicts could possibly reside in the general area referred to as covering the Industrial Canal and Chef Menteur Highway area of New Orleans. There are presently approximately 1,500 persons under combined State and Federal Parole and Probation supervision from the New Orleans area. Several of these probably reside in the general area referred to as the Industrial Canal and Chef Menteur Highway area.

It has been noted from review of subject's "rap sheet," as furnished by the Identification Division, that JAMES EARL RAY was incarcerated in the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Ks., from July, 1955 until April, 1958. He returned to prison in March, 1960, this time to the Missouri State Penitentiary, where he remained until his escape in April, 1967. Consequently, since RAY has spent approximately eleven of the last thirteen years in two prisons, it is felt he may possibly have become friendly with some ex-con during this time at one of the aforementioned prisons, and who might possibly reside in the Industrial Canal and Chef Menteur Highway area; therefore, efforts to identify such an ex-convict was limited to persons who may have served time with subject at either Leavenworth or the Missouri State Prison.

It has been further noted from a review of subject's file that RAY allegedly told a girl friend, MARIE MARTIN, that when he made his first trip to New Orleans to pick up the children of RITA STEIN, he had visited friends in the



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Industrial Canal area of Chef Menteur Highway. No specific mention of any ex-con was ever made by RAY and it can only be guessed that if he did visit friends here, they may have been ex-cons.

SUGGESTED LEAD:

It is suggested that Office of Origin in this matter may desire to identify ex-cons who were serving at Leavenworth and at the Missouri State Penitentiary during the same time RAY was incarcerated. In all probability, since RAY spent approximately seven years at the Missouri State Penitentiary prior to his escape, if he met any ex-cons from the New Orleans area, this would probably have been done during his incarceration at Missouri State Penitentiary.

Office of Origin should consider contacting prison officials for identities of ex-cons who might reside in the New Orleans area and who were released subsequent to RAY's escape April, 1967.

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