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The Bureau may wish to give consideration to the following potential investigative leads and suggestions:

In view of subject RAY's statements to associates that he had previously been employed as a river man and cook on board a water vessel and his knowledge of various "beer joints" located in close proximity to the terminus of the navigable Warrior River, on which large barges operate, it is suggested that subject's photograph and description be published in "The Waterways Journal," Room 701 Chemical Building, 721 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo., which is considered the "bible" for all employers and employees who work on the major rivers.

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It is noted RAY was working in the Missouri Penitentiary bake shop at the time of his escape. In view of the possibility RAY may seek employment as a baker, it is suggested that RAY's photograph and description be circularized in all publications designed for or directed to the baking industries. It is also suggested that similar circularization be given to all baking unions.

In view of the fact that RAY may have been employed aboard a barge on the Inland Waterways System, the Bureau is requested to consider circularization and/or contact with Coast Guard stations and cutters patrolling the navigable river system. It is noted Coast Guard personnel board and inspect craft on the rivers and might be in a position to

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locate RAY or former associates of RAY.

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Inasmuch as RAY was known to have been interested in locksmithing and tinkering with locks in his spare time and was once enrolled in a correspondence course from the Locksmith Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey, it is suggested that the Bureau consider having Newark recontact the Locksmithing Institute regarding all correspondence course applications from 4/5/68 to the present time to ascertain if RAY may have reapplied for enrollment in a locksmithing course under an assumed name, and identify other locksmithing schools and publications.

It is noted that RAY expressed a great interest to fellow convicts while confined in Missouri State Penitentiary in baseball and baseball news and was considered an avid baseball fan. Therefore, it is suggested that the Bureau may wish to contact the J. J. Taylor Spink Publishing Company of St. Louis, Mo., publishers of "The Sporting News," the recognized "bible" of baseball fans, to ascertain if "The Sporting News" would consider publishing an article and photograph of RAY.

In line with the above suggestion, it is suggested that the Bureau instruct all divisions having major and minor league baseball teams contact appropriate officials of these clubs to insure circularization of concession stand operators and security personnel and other appropriate individuals in view of the fact that RAY may attend professional ball games.

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It is suggested that the Bureau may wish, in light of the successful results achieved in previous Bureau cases of major proportion, to consider contacting the Saturday Evening Post and Reader's Digest magazines, which have international circulation, to ascertain if these magazines would publish an article concerning RAY's fugitive status.

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The Bureau may wish to explore the feasibility of taking fingerprint pictures of all thumb impressions of all persons who applied for permanent visas to Canada and Mexico from March until the present time and submit these to the Identification Division for comparison with subject's thumb prints.

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It is noted that the Bureau previously directed that Birmingham, Atlanta, Memphis and several other southern divisions personally contact all laundries and cleaning establishments within their respective territories regarding RAY's fugitive status, as well as the reward being offered for his apprehension. It is, therefore, suggested that the Bureau may desire to have all divisions contact all cleaning and laundry facilities within their respective areas, noting, however, that in the divisions with extremely dense population centers, the use of mailing lists may be more feasible than personal contact.

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