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454P EDT URGENT 4/30/68 VSC

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 2P

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MURKIN

FOR INFO KANSAS CITY, 'SIXTYSEVEN CADILLAC DEVILLE CONVERTIBLE, VIN F SEVEN ONE ONE TWO SEVEN NINE FIVE, WITH 'SIXTYSEVEN-'SIXTYEIGHT FLORIDA LICENSE ONE W ONE SEVEN NINE ONE THREE ZERO, LOCATED ABANDONED ATLANTA AIRPORT, NOV. THIRTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN. CAR AT AIRPORT ANYWHERE FROM THIRTY - SEVENTYFIVE DAYS. CADILLAC STOLEN MONTRE CANADA, AUG. TWENTYFIRST, 'SIXTYSEVEN, AND LATER REGISTERED IN MIAMI, FLORIDA, AUG. TWENTYNINTH, 'SIXTYSEVEN TO MICHAEL ST. PIERRE, TWO ONE FIVE ONE N.W. ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH ST., MIAMI, FLA., WHICH IS ADDRESS OF THE FAMOUS DOOR LOUNGE. INVESTIGATION AT LOUNGE REFLECTS ST. PIERRE UNKNOWN; HOWEVER, OCCUPANTS RECALL ST. PIERRE POSSIBLY RECEIVED MAIL FROM PHILLIP SIXTYSIX PETROLEUM CO., WHICH MAIL RETURNED TO POSTMAN.

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INVESTIGATION, ATLANTA, REFLECTS K. C. TAYLOR OF PHIRE MAY 7. 1968 PETROLEUM CO. KANSAS CITY, WOULD BE APPROPRIATE PERSON TO CONTACT IN ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY ST. PIERRE. IT IS NOTED SUBJECT RAY

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REPORTEDLY LEFT MONTREAL, CANADA AREA SOMETIME DURING AUG. 'SIXTYSEVEN
AND POSSIBILITY RAY UTILIZED STOLEN CADILLAC FOR TRANSPORTATION TO
SOUTH.

KANSAS CITY IMMEDIATELY CONTACT PHILLIP PETROLEUM AND ATTEMPT
TO IDENTIFY ST. PIERRE. THEREAFTER, SET OUT LEADS TO LOCATE ST. PIERRE
WITH INSTRUCTIONS THAT PHOTOS OF RAY BE DISPLAYED IN AN EFFORT TO
IDENTIFY HIM OR ELIMINATE HIM WITH STOLEN CADILLAC.

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P
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Enclosed herewith to the Bureau are 3 copies of an investigative insert concerning an interview with [redacted] aka [redacted] MSP # [redacted]. [redacted] is currently confined [redacted] and requested his identity be concealed. Therefore his name is not being set forth on the investigative insert.

2 copies above insert are enclosed to Memphis.

1 copy above insert enclosed to San Antonio, St. Louis and Chicago.

The pertinent portion of this information has previously been furnished by teletype, however the insert is being enclosed for complete information.

It is to be noted that the prison records reveal JOHN HURTT aka KENNETH HURTT, MSP # [redacted], on 1/20/67, sent a

- 4-Bureau (Enc. 3)
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- 1-St. Louis (Enc. 1)
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money order in the amount of \$15.25 to the Albert J. Pepper Stationery Co., 712A Shanendoah St., St. Louis, Mo. A review of the file reflects ALBERT J. PEPPER related to subject. In view of this it is felt that all the information furnished by [REDACTED] may be correct.

Kansas City office is reviewing prison records in an attempt to locate KENNETH HURTT. Other leads in this matter were set out by teletype.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA [REDACTED]

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

On April 29, 1968, a former inmate of the Missouri State Penitentiary advised as follows:

He knew JAMES EARL RAY at the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP). From his conversations with RAY, he learned that RAY's maximum ambition in life was to make a "score" of about \$20 - \$30,000.00, after which he would go to Mexico to "hide out", living simply on the loot at the favorable Mexican exchange rate. RAY had spoken to him about his previous trips to Mexico, following "two or three" armed robberies, involving small scores, where he would "cool off" and live on beer, beans and milk. RAY spoke of Campeche Bay, near the Yucatan Peninsula, and he spoke of living with peasants on the outskirts of the town of Campeche, Mexico. RAY also spoke of a cheap "red light district" he favored located in the town of Torreon or Torrejon (phonetic), which the former MSP inmate thought was located in north central Mexico. Cost was a factor in anything RAY did, and he apparently lived frugally and budgeted his money carefully.

RAY did not like Negroes in general, but he expressed no particular feeling toward MARTIN LUTHER KING, although he has heard RAY refer to Dr. KING as "MARTIN LUTHER COON". RAY read enthusiastically, especially the weekly news magazines available at the MSP, and he would react in an outspoken manner opposing H. RAP BROWN and STOKELY CARMICHAEL when he read of their activities, as well as in opposition to publicity Dr. KING received in certain instances.

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The former MSP inmate never heard of any bounty mentioned with regard to Dr. KING at the MSP or elsewhere. He believes he has heard RAY speculate that there might be some money available through some splinter group for the murder of BROWN or CARMICHAEL, but he never heard him speak in this regard about Dr. KING. RAY did not mention specific groups or any knowledge of any real payoff information. He recalls RAY's telling him, during the time [REDACTED] that while he was on the minor construction detail at the MSP, one of the guards referred to the Negro inmates working on the detail as "boy", and the Negroes went on a "sit-down" strike, and induced about two of the white inmates to join their strike, and when one of the Negroes referred to RAY as "gray", he got into a fight with that inmate, although the prison officials never learned of the fight, and the former MSP inmate's knowledge of the fight was as a result of RAY's telling him, and he does not know whether or not it is true.

RAY was a hypochondriac in that he took six or seven different kinds of pills daily, imagining that he had a "cranial depression" and a "rapid palpitation of the heart". He would use former inmate's watch with a second hand and time his pulse. He was able to obtain "pills" from going on sick call as well as through inmate sources in the MSP. The former inmate had some pills he had obtained for treatment of his arthritis, from which he obtained no relief, and RAY took these pills, thinking that he might some day have arthritis, and the pills might ward off future effects of that affliction. He believes RAY was selling amphetamine all the time he was in the MSP, but former inmate does not know his source.

RAY mentioned a traffic for the sale of small appliances in Mexico, due to the tariff Mexicans had to pay for such items they purchased legally, and he spoke of having smuggled such items into Mexico. He said he was acquainted with a man who operated a small scale smuggling business, who lived near the town of Campeche, Mexico. RAY mentioned this man so often that former inmate recalls his name: either [REDACTED] or [REDACTED], who apparently had lived for some time in the United States, and who spoke English. He believes this is the man RAY referred

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to as the owner of a small fishing boat, and he would smuggle things from Brownsville, Texas, into Mexico through Campeche Bay. He believes RAY made trips on this boat with the man, and apparently Mexican Nationals are not checked upon entering Mexico through Campeche Bay in fishing boats. He does not believe RAY could speak Spanish, other than for basic words for basic needs. He heard RAY mention a brother in St. Louis, Missouri, and he believes some of RAY's trips to Mexico were with either the brother or with someone he had participated in armed robberies with, name not given. RAY indicated he had invested a little money in TV sets and washing machines which were transported to Mexico by his friend with the fishing boat. RAY said he had been to Mexico City "a couple of times", and he apparently liked Mexico City, but said it was a "tourist trap", and he could not afford to stay there.

RAY's only reference to working had to do with past bartending jobs. He believes RAY said he had tended bar somewhere in Peoria, Illinois, and at some other town in southern Illinois, exact location not known. He never mentioned Oregon or Canada, that former inmate recalls.

RAY never mentioned to him his plans for escape or specific plans to hide out any particular place, but his conversation indicated he wanted to "make the one big score" and retire in Mexico. He mentioned that he and another man, name not mentioned, drove to Mexico, apparently Campeche, one time, in an old model Chevrolet, specific routes not mentioned. He does not know how RAY made his other trips to Mexico he claimed to have made. He said that he had lived in a rented three-room shack on the outskirts of Campeche, within walking distance of the town, and from his conversation, former inmate gathered that this was during the late 1950's. RAY said he had been in Arizona before, but he did not mention any of the Mexican-United States Border towns, other than Brownsville, Texas.

He recalls RAY mentioned having watched a "fire dance" done by small Negro boys at a hotel in Acapulco, Mexico. He indicated he had not stayed at the hotel where the performance was, since it was too expensive, but stayed at an unnamed cheaper hotel, and he indicated that live coals

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were kicked over a cliff into the surf below the hotel, after which the boys would dive into the surf as it rushed through a small inlet.

He recalls RAY once had another inmate, KENNY HURT, or HURTT, in about 1966, send out about \$15.00 for him once, purportedly for the purchase of stationery for legal papers. The prison authorities watch inmate expenditures closely and at the time, the inmates were allowed only about \$23.00 per month expenditures, but RAY had some income from his illegal activities in prison and needed to conceal the money in other than his own treasury account. HURTT got RAY's money and sent it out to a Mr. and Mrs. _____ (name unrecalled) Stationery Company in St. Louis, Missouri, but no stationery ever came to HURTT, who worried about it and thought it might have been stolen until he was told it would never come, by RAY, who had used HURTT for getting rid of the money without HURTT's knowledge of what he was doing.

Former MSP inmate does not know who RAY might contact, other than the supposed friend at Campeche he named, and he has no knowledge of his whereabouts and no knowledge of his plans to escape, or activities following escape. He does not approve of the murder with which RAY is charged, however, and desired to furnish the above information to help if he can.

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-818)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

J.P.H.

RE: Bureau airtel to New Haven, 4-30-68;
New Haven teletype to the Bureau, 4-11-68;
WFO teletype to Director and New Haven, 4-9-68

Re New Haven teletype, 4-11-68, relative to information furnished by _____ complainant, reflects inquiry conducted re 1966 Mustang, Missouri registration _____ had been observed with rifles on the rear seat.

The operator of this vehicle was HENRY L. POHL, a representative of E.C. Bishop & Sons, Inc., a highly reputable manufacturer of gun stocks from Warsaw, Mo., destined to Winchester Firearms, New Haven.

In view of the foregoing, no further investigation was conducted.

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Re: Telephone call to Springfield from Inspector THOMAS E. BISHOP, SOG, 4/24/68.

_____ wife of _____ was contacted at the residence of her father, _____ Lexington, Illinois, on 4/30/68. _____ advised she and her husband were at the _____ residence the weekend of 4/20-22/68. She advised that on the night of 4/21/68 or early morning of 4/22/68 her husband was awakened by the dogs barking outside the farm residence which is located up a farm lane one-half mile from the main rural road. She advised her husband and her father, _____ upon making a search of the outside area, found that the _____ 1967 Oldsmobile Delta "88", cream colored with black vinyl top, had been broken into. _____ advised nothing was missing from the car and no one was located or seen in the area. _____ advised her husband left alone from the _____ residence on the morning of 4/22/68 en route Detroit, Michigan.

_____ advised that in a short period of time, _____ returned to the _____ residence. Upon his return,

- 3 - Bureau (44-38861)
- 2 - Chicago (44-1114)
- 2 - Cleveland
- 2 - Detroit
- 2 - Indianapolis
- 2 - Louisville
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 2 - Miami
- 2 - New Orleans
- 2 - St. Louis (44-775)
- 2 - Kansas City (44-760)
- 2 - Springfield (44-561)

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Special Agent in Charge

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██████████ stated he had found a note in the recessed area of the speedometer of his car. ██████████ pointed out that the speedometer has been broken; therefore, her husband was not normally attracted to the speedometer). She related this note was made up of words cut from newspapers and pasted on the back of a pocket calendar (unable to describe the calendar). ██████████ said the note read in substance, "If you go to the police or the FBI you will be killed." ██████████ advised her husband, after returning with the note, proceeded en route Detroit, Michigan, and after a short period of time had elapsed, he telephonically contacted her, stating he was at the Holiday Inn, Bloomington, Illinois. ██████████ stated her husband informed her that upon reaching the road one mile north of the ██████████ residence, and Route 66, he saw a 1966 or 1967 Chevrolet, tan in color, no license information, with two men in the car, parked along the road. ██████████ stated her husband told her that this car followed him en route Bloomington. However, they did not turn into the Holiday Inn when he did. ██████████ advised her husband then told her he was proceeding on to Detroit, Michigan,

██████████ advised upon discussing above with her parents, her mother, ██████████, stated she had noticed a late model, tan car, making several trips on the main rural road near the ██████████ residence on the early morning of 4/22/68.

██████████ advised that on the night of 4/22/68 her husband telephonically contacted her, but he would not disclose his location as he stated he was afraid to mention his location over the phone. She related her husband told her that he stopped at a rest stop area after leaving Indianapolis, Indiana. Upon leaving his car and walking the direction of the men's restroom, he saw a tan automobile occupied by two men driving very slow. He stated at this time the rider in this automobile fired a shot at him. ██████████ told his wife the shot just missed his ear and he, ██████████, hit the ground where he laid as if he had been hit. ██████████ stated that the tan car disappeared and he has not seen it since.

██████████ stated her husband believesthis action was due to his being in the men's restroom at the Gulf Truck Stop, Lebanon, Tennessee, on 3/27/68, where he allegedly overheard five men planning to kill Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ██████████ stated her husband told her that one of the men in the restroom was RAY, whom he recognized after RAY's photograph was published. She stated he further informed her that he would be able to recognize the other men he saw in the restroom. ██████████ advised she recalls being at the Gulf Truck Stop at Lebanon, Tennessee, on 3/29/68. She stated upon their leaving the truck stop, her husband did not mention to her anything of hearing of the plan to kill KING. She stated she does recall her

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husband remarked, "If King goes back to Memphis he will be killed." [redacted] advised her husband did say he wanted to see CARL STERN of NBC, Washington, D.C, whom he knew but did not state why he desired to see STERN.

[redacted] advised her husband returned to the [redacted] residence at Lexington, Illinois, on Friday, 4/26/68, where he stayed until the morning of Saturday, 4/27/68, at which time [redacted] and his mother-in-law had an argument over [redacted] son by a previous marriage. [redacted] told [redacted] to leave, which he did.

[redacted] stated she told her husband she had contacted Mr. DONALD T. SULLIVAN, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Springfield Office of the FBI, and that he, [redacted], should call Mr. SULLIVAN and set up an appointment; that Mr. SULLIVAN had informed her he would make an appointment to meet [redacted] at any location or at any time when [redacted] was available. [redacted] stated her husband told her he was afraid to attempt to meet with FBI Agents, as he felt he was being followed. [redacted] stated she was unable to convince her husband to make arrangements for a meeting with the FBI. She advised her husband is very much interested in obtaining protection.

[redacted] advised of some of her husband's activities, which are not concerning the murder of Dr. KING. She advised that she does not know all of her husband's business and that she is sure he has not told her all he knows.

[redacted] advised her husband is acquainted with [redacted] of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who told [redacted] in the summer of 1967 that there were several businessmen in the area of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who were taking up a collection to obtain money to have KING assassinated. [redacted] advised her husband is well acquainted in the Baton Rouge and Denham Springs, Louisiana, area. She stated he was, in the summer of 1967, connected with [redacted]

[redacted] She related [redacted] lives in Dallas, Texas. She related [redacted] had an equipment rental business and while [redacted] and [redacted] were attempting to rent the equipment they were trying to gain financing for a recreational park in Louisiana similar to "Six Flags Over Texas." She related that some way they came in contact with a [redacted] and [redacted] of Miami, Florida, who advised they could finance same but were not interested, in a recreational park but would be interested in financing a horse racing track. [redacted] advised [redacted] obtained [redacted] to help locate his land which could be used as a horse racing park. He also obtained sanction of the sheriff, (FNU) IRWIN and [redacted] both of Slidell, La; however, "things got out of hand" and an article

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appeared in "Life" magazine, and the Governor of Louisiana placed a stop to the entire operation.

[REDACTED] advised her husband is in telephonic contact with her daily but declines to furnish information as to his location over the telephone, as he is very afraid. [REDACTED] was advised to inform her husband if he has any information he desires to furnish to the FBI, he can contact any FBI Field Office, who will then arrange for an interview with him.

For information receiving offices, Inspector THOMAS E. BISHOP, SOG, on 4-24-68 advised he had received a telephone call from CARL STERN, Washington, D. C., NBC Office, who told him that a man [REDACTED] whom he had met on one occasion while covering a story in the South, had, on 4-24-68, telephoned him from someplace around Toledo, Ohio. [REDACTED] informed him he was en route to the home of his wife's parents in Lexington, Illinois. He then told STERN a "fantastic tale" about him, [REDACTED] overhearing a conversation on 3-29-68 in Lebanon, Tennessee, concerning the killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING. Apparently [REDACTED] was of the impression that the people involved in the conversation knew he had overheard them, and they had taken his license number. [REDACTED] believed there had been at least one shot fired at him since that time. [REDACTED] informed STERN he had vital information concerning KING's murder and called STERN for advice as to what he should do. STERN advised [REDACTED] to call the Springfield Office of the FBI and they would make arrangements to have someone meet him at his convenience in their territory. According to Mr. STERN, BISHOP stated that [REDACTED] is afraid to approach any office and may desire to have someone meet him at a location other than an office.

The files of the Springfield Office contain the following references to [REDACTED], however, it cannot be determined at this point whether or not they refer to [REDACTED] of Lexington, Illinois:

On 11-19-65 [REDACTED], 6'1" - 2", 175 lbs., employed [REDACTED] near Edwardsville, Illinois, and [REDACTED] at Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, Illinois, [REDACTED]

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In 10-66

[REDACTED] had represented himself as an employee of [REDACTED], of Illinois, registering at two motels at Bloomington, Illinois, and had skipped without properly checking out and without paying for his room. [REDACTED] could not be located at that time but was described as a white, male, 35 - 40, 5'10" - 6', 150 lbs., dark brown hair, medium build and medium complexion. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] whose FBI No. was given as [REDACTED] was twice a patient at hospitals, one as a patient at the Patton State Hospital concerning which fingerprints were furnished by the State Bureau of Identification, Sacramento, California, on [REDACTED] 60 and subsequently again on [REDACTED] 60, was a patient at Atascadero State Hospital, California. That individual was described as white, male, approximately 6'3", 190 lbs., fair complexion, hazel eyes, brown hair and was considered to have suicidal tendencies.

A check through NCIC on 4-30-68 indicated [REDACTED] was not currently wanted.

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F.B.I.
Washington, D.C.

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I ^{know} let you that here we have an american
tourist, about 33 years, that perhaps he is the slayer of
Dr. KING, or has some of the kind, he crossed the border --
about the 15th of april, he said that he crossed in Douglas
but I dont believe nothing, and I also did not asked him
questions, but he wants to ~~live~~ ^{live} here, he said that he's got
a pension of the government of \$ 237.00 dollars, and that
he was in africa during the ind. war, he's got a white Buick
car, his wife, a boy about 7 years, and a small baby about
11 months. he also says that during the war he was a Mayor

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the little town of Gussimops, and I am going to name you
the person that can introduce you to him, his name is --
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sending some body to take a look at him, that person must
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[REDACTED]

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel, 4/29/68.

For the information of HQ, NO, and AQ, referenced airtel advised that on 4/28/68, a representative of CIA advised Bureau that a _____

_____ had advised the American Embassy, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, that he believed he had seen an individual whom he thought to be ERIC STARVO GALT at the Bristol Hotel, Lagos, Nigeria, on the afternoon of 4/23/68. The individual was identified as _____ who is reportedly an employee of the _____ (address unknown).

A check of the files of the Passport Office USDS, concerning _____ was made on 5/8/61 by SA _____ with negative results.

- 3 - Bureau
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 2 - New Orleans (157-10673)
- 2 - Houston
- 2 - Albuquerque (47-715)
- 1 - WFO

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Files, Passport Office, however, disclose that one [REDACTED] was issued Passport [REDACTED] at New Orleans, Louisiana, on 10/4/67 for proposed travel to Nigeria for one year to work. The name [REDACTED] appears under purpose of travel. In application 10/3/67 at New Orleans, he stated intended depart NYC via KLM/Pan American Airways/Swissair about 10/6/67, not by organized tour. According to a notice published in the Federal Register on 3/16/67, this passport was valid for 3 years for all countries except Cuba, Mainland China, North Korea, and North Vietnam.

This individual stated he was born [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] and file reflects his birth certificate has been seen by passport authorities. He gave his permanent residence as [REDACTED] Farmington, N. M., and arranged pick up his passport in New Orleans. Listed father as [REDACTED], born [REDACTED], and mother as [REDACTED] born [REDACTED]. He stated he was last married [REDACTED] to [REDACTED], born [REDACTED] marriage not terminated. In event of death or accident, he requested that [REDACTED] his wife, be notified at his permanent residence. He identified himself with N. M. driver's license [REDACTED]

Following description appeared in his file:

Height:	5'10"
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Hazel
Occupation:	Welder . . .

On the basis of photograph comparison, [REDACTED] does not appear to be identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

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[redacted] Nigerian Desk, Office of Inter-African Affairs, Department of State, advised on 5/1/68 that the [redacted] or the [redacted] in Nigeria are unknown to him. He stated that there are many small American companies with contracts and sub-contracts in Nigeria. He suggested that the Department of Commerce be contacted to identify and locate such companies.

On 5/1/68, [redacted] Foreign Service Office, USDS, attached to the African Division, Bureau of International Commerce, U. S. Department of Commerce, advised SA [redacted] he could locate no record for a [redacted] of the U. S. doing business in Nigeria. He stated, however, that the [redacted], has address of [redacted] Lagos, Nigeria; further that the [redacted] has offices at [redacted] Houston, Texas, and at [redacted] New Orleans, Louisiana.

HO and-NO conduct investigation through [redacted] to determine if [redacted] is identical with [redacted], and if [redacted] is residing at Bristol Hotel, Lagos, Nigeria.

Copies of this communication are being furnished to AQ in the event further information is required in that Division to eliminate [redacted] as a suspect in this matter.

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Handwritten initials and date: NY 5-25-68

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) - ST. LOUIS (44-775) KANSAS CITY (44-760)

SPRINGFIELD (44-561) AND NEWARK (44-854)

FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 3P

Handwritten signatures: M. J. ... and C. J. ...

MURKIN

[REDACTED]

EX-110 REC-79 44-38861-3006

RE BROTHER JERRY RAY. JERRY TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTS

CASE AGENT DAILY AND IS PHYSICALLY CONTACTED BY ANOTHER AGENT

ON A DAILY BASIS. HIS EMPLOYER AND COUNTRY CLUB MANAGER COMPLETELY COOPERATIVE AND WILL ADVISE OF ANY UNUSUAL ACTIVITY

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ON PART OF JERRY. IN ADDITION SECURITY GUARD SERVICE FOR COUNTRY CLUB MAKES HOURLY CHECKS DURING EVENING TO DETERMINE THAT JERRY AT WORK.

AS PREVIOUSLY NOTED JERRY IS MAINTENANCE MAN FOR COUNTRY CLUB FROM ELEVEN PM UNTIL FINISHED NEXT MORNING, THEREBY HAS ACCESS TO FOUR PRIVATE PHONES AND SEVEN PAY PHONES LOCATED ON COUNTRY CLUB PREMISES. THE PAY PHONE IN THE COTTAGE WHERE JERRY RESIDES IS UTILIZED BY ALL OTHER MEMBER OF THE COTTAGE. IN LETTER TO MARJORIE FETTERS, CAMDEN, N.J., JERRY MAKES COMMENT INDICATING THAT PAY PHONE USED DURING CONTACT WITH HER.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

IN THIS REGARD OFFICES RECEIVING THIS TELE FURNISH PHONE NUMBERS OF RELATIVES AND KNOWN ASSOCIATES. NEWARK FURNISH PHONE NUMBER OF MARJORIE FETTERS. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF TELEPHONE COVERAGE EFFECTED.

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RE ASSOCIATES AND INDIVIDUALS MAKING FREQUENT CONTACTS WITH RELATIVES. ██████████ COOPERATING WITH THIS OFFICE.

██████████ VERY APPREHENSIVE OF CONNECTION WITH SUBJECT BECOMING KNOWN. ALSO, DUE TO INFORMATION SET FORTH IN "LIFE" MAGAZINE, ██████████ CONCERNED OVER POSSIBLE LOSS OF BUSINESS FROM RESULTING NOTORIETY ██████████

██████████ ACCORDINGLY, NO DIRECT CONTACT WITH ██████████ ASSOCIATES CHICAGO WILL BE MADE PENDING ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION DEVELOPING ANY ASSOCIATION OR POSSIBILITY SUBJECT AWARE OF ██████████ LOCATION, UACB.

FROM INTERVIEWS AND INVESTIGATION, JERRY RAY FRIENDLY WITH EMPLOYEES AT COUNTRY CLUB BUT HAS ONLY TWO CLOSE ASSOCIATES, BOTH EMPLOYEES. ONE IS SINGLE AND RESIDES IN SAME COTTAGE AT COUNTRY CLUB. THE OTHER MARRIED RESIDES IN MT. PROSPECT, ILLINOIS. ALSO DURING BRIEF MARRIAGE THIS AREA, JERRY DID NOT DEVELOP ANY ACQUAINTANCES OR ASSOCIATES AMONG EX-WIFE'S FRIENDS OR RELATIVES. AM CC TO MEMPHIS.

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Date: 5/2/68

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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
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ReLegat, Mexico airtel, 4/23/68.

Re ERIC STARVO GALT at Puerto Vallarta,
Mexico, October - November, 1967

The following investigation was conducted by SA

On 5/1/68, Mrs. MARY E. SCHRADER, LaPorte, Texas advised that she and her husband stayed at the Hotel Rio in Room 206, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico for about four or five days in late Oct., 1967. She stated she did not recall anyone by the name of ERIC STARVO GALT or other aliases of this name staying there at the same time. She was unable to identify the photograph of the subject as anyone that she had seen during her stay in Mexico.

On 5/1/68, LEWIS R. SCHRADER, LaPorte, Texas was interviewed at his place of employment, where he is employed on San Leon, Texas. Mr. SCHRADER stated that he and his wife were on a vacation trip during late Oct., 1967 and stayed at the Hotel Rio (room unrecalled) Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico. He stated he did not recall anyone staying there at the time by the name of ERIC STARVO GALT and was unable to identify the photograph of the subject as anyone he had seen.

4 - Bureau - Bishop
(1 - Legat, Mexico (173-1))

2 - Memphis
1 - Houston, EX-110

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The following investigation was conducted at Galveston, Texas on 5/1/68 by SA [REDACTED]:

Mrs. VIVIAN FRIEDBERG, [REDACTED], advised she stayed at the Hotel Rio in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, sometime in about October, 1967 for a period of about four or five days. She was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. E.N. COLLINS, JR. Shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and told that he may have used the name of ERIC GALT, she stated she does not recall that she noticed this person at the Hotel Rio or elsewhere during her visit to Mexico. She does not recall her room number in this hotel and does not believe she held any conversation with GALT.

She stated also her sister lives in Houston, Texas at [REDACTED] and is employed in [REDACTED] telephone number [REDACTED]

Mrs. E.N. COLLINS, JR., [REDACTED], Houston, Texas advised that during her trip to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico in October, 1967 when she was accompanied by her sister, VIVIAN FRIEDBERG, she can recall no male who looked like the pictures of JAMES EARL RAY, aka Eric Starvo Galt. It is her recollection most of the residents at Hotel Rio were elderly people and not fit the description of RAY, aka Galt. She was unable to recall the number of the room at the Hotel Rio in which they stayed.

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Date: 5/3/68

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Via AIRTEL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, EL PASO (157-186) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

RE: CARL RAY, ALLEGEDLY OF PECOS, TEXAS

On May 3, 1968, Supervisor [redacted], Los Angeles Office, telephonically advised as follows by FTS:

On this date, an individual who generally resembled subject RAY tried to turn in two Frontier Airlines tickets at the United Airlines Counter, Los Angeles, California, for a ticket to Hawaii. When the ticket agent took his credit card and the tickets to look them over, the individual walked away.

The items left with the ticket agent were a Frontier Airlines Air Travel Credit Card #31038, issued April 26, 1968, to CARL RAY of the Ray Land and Cattle Company, Route 4, Box 869, Pecos, Texas, and two Frontier Airlines tickets purchased May 1, 1968 at Denver, Colorado, one to C. RAY and one to Mrs. C. RAY, for passage between Las Vegas, Nevada, and St. Louis, Missouri.

On May 3, 1968, SA [redacted] telephonically advised Supervisor [redacted] of the Los Angeles Office the following information by FTS:

- 3 - Bureau
- 1 - Birmingham (44-1740) (Info.)
- 2 - Denver
- 2 - Los Angeles (44-1574)
- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 1 - El Paso

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Approved: [Signature] Special Agent in Charge

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Investigation at Pecos, Texas, disclosed [redacted] such post office box as 863 and disclosed that there are no rural routes out of Pecos. Investigation also disclosed that the U.S. Post Office at Pecos, Texas, has no recollection of receiving any mail bearing the names C. RAY or CARL RAY or Mrs. C. RAY or Mrs. CARL RAY. Credit and criminal checks at Pecos, Texas, were negative concerning CARL RAY or the Ray Land and Cattle Company. Local Sheriff's Office, Pecos, Texas, checked telephone book and city directory for Pecos and small towns surrounding Pecos without locating any record for a CARL RAY, C. RAY, or Ray Land and Cattle Company.

Supervisor [redacted] advised SA [redacted] by FTS that he would contact the Denver Office and furnish information developed at Pecos, Texas, to the Denver Office.

No further investigation is being conducted in this matter by the El Paso Office.

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Date: 5/3/68

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231) (P)

MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Kansas City airtel, 4/27/68, enclosing FD 302s concerning _____

Re airtel requested Tampa to locate and interview parents of _____ or _____ who were reportedly operating trailer park in Ft. Myers, Fla., in 1965.

The following contacts were made by SA _____ in the Ft. Myers, Fla., area on May 2 and 3, 1968, in an effort to locate a family by the name of _____ who operated a trailer park in Ft. Myers, in 1965, or to locate a record of _____ or _____. All contacts were negative:

_____, Lee County Zoning Board, Lee County Courthouse

_____, Lee County Tax Collector's Office, Lee County Courthouse. (It is noted that _____ advised that a family by the name of _____ had never obtained a permit to operate a trailer park in Lee County.)

_____, Lee County Clerk's Office, Land Records, Lee County Courthouse

- 3 - Bureau
- 2 - Memphis
- 2 - Kansas City (44-760)
- 2 - Tampa
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[REDACTED], Lee County Clerk's Office,
Land-Lease Agreements, Lee County Courthouse

[REDACTED], Better Business Division,
Ft. Myers-Lee County Chamber of Commerce

[REDACTED], Caloosa Trailer Park, 1209 N.
Tamiami Trail, North, Ft. Myers, Fla.

[REDACTED], Hidden Cove Trailer Park,
2961 Frierson St., Ft. Myers.

[REDACTED], Palm 'N Pine Trailer Town,
1016 Superior, Ft. Myers

[REDACTED], Sun-N-Fun Trailer
Park, Rt. 80, Ft. Myers, Fla.

[REDACTED], Ft. Myers Trailer Park
and Supply, 311 Cleveland Ave., Ft. Myers

[REDACTED]
Florida Mobile Home Association, 311
Cleveland Ave., Ft. Myers. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that his organization keeps records of all major trailer parks and, in his capacity as Manager of the Ft. Myers Trailer Park and Supply Co., for the last 12 years, he has become familiar with all trailer parks in the area of Ft. Myers. He stated he feels that had a family by the name of [REDACTED] operated a trailer park for any length of time in the Ft. Myers area, he would know about it. He stated he cannot associate the name of [REDACTED] with any trailer park operation in Lee County.)

[REDACTED], Identification Officer, Lee
County SO

[REDACTED], Records Clerk, Ft. Myers PD

[REDACTED] County Credit Bureau.

The Ft. Myers telephone and city directories shows no listing under the name of [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] nor a Barber Trailer Park.

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)
SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

Re calls by subject, Highway 10, Texas
ReDLtel, 5/1/68.

Subscriber to telephone number [redacted], Nordheim, Texas, is L.W. KARNEI, [redacted], Nordheim. AMELIA KARNEI advised she was called by her daughter, GLADYS MUELLER HAMILTON, [redacted], Alpine, Texas on or about 12/17/67. Mrs. KARNEI was shown the picture of JAMES EARL RAY and stated other than seeing this photo on television she was not familiar with him.

Subscriber to telephone [redacted], Victoria, Texas, is [redacted], Victoria. [redacted] stated the only person from whom she could have received a long distance phone call in December was a man named [redacted] who is a truck driver and frequently calls her from cities throughout the state. [redacted] was shown the picture of RAY and stated she did not know him.

GARY E. SMITH, currently residing at the Christopher Motel, Victoria, was shown the photo of JAMES EARL RAY. SMITH stated that he takes the Birmingham to Atlanta flight every other week and he cannot at this time say that he has ever seen JAMES EARL RAY on that flight.

Telephone number [redacted] was called from Alpine, Texas on 12/17/67.

C. C. Bishop

- 3 - Bureau
 - 2 - Memphis
 - 1 - Birmingham (Info)
 - 1 - Houston
- JSW/sjm
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DELORES SANTOS, [REDACTED] Houston, Texas, advised that the above phone call is as reference to a phone call that she received from JULIO CESAR ESPARZA, student, Sulross State College, Alpine, Texas. She was displayed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, aka and advised that the person is unknown to her.

Telephone number [REDACTED] was called from Alpine, Texas on 12/15/67.

GEORGE BANKS, Negro, advised that while in Alpine, Texas in December, 1967 he called Mr. ARTHUR BANKS, [REDACTED] Houston, Texas. GEORGE BANKS at that time was en route from Seattle, Washington to Houston, Texas. Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, aka were displayed to BANKS, however this person is unknown to him.

Mr. ARTHUR L. FUNK, [REDACTED] Houston, subscriber to telephone number [REDACTED], advised that in December, 1967 he received a telephone call from his sister from Sanderson, Texas at which time she was enroute from El Cajon, California to Houston. He advised that the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, aka is unknown to him.

JAMES E. CLARK, [REDACTED], advised that in December, 1967, Mr. BILL EVANS, neighbor of CLARK, telephoned his, EVANS' wife at the CLARK residence. EVANS is a truck driver. When EVANS is on the road he calls his wife at the CLARK residence. Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were displayed to CLARK and he advised these photographs were unknown to him.