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RE HARVEY EDWARD LOHMEYER, SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA.

LOHMEYER REINTERVIEWED AT SAN JOSE BY BUREAU AGENTS TODAY. HE

IS UNABLE TO RECOGNIZE ANY PHOTOGRAPH OF JAMES EARL RAY, HOWEVER, NAME

EARL RAY IS FAMILIAR TO LOHMEYER. HE IDENTIFIED ONE NINE FIVE FIVE

POHOTOGRAPH OF WALTER TERRY RIFE AS INDIVIDUAL HE KNEW IN QUINCY,

ILLINOIS, PRIOR TO ONE NINE FIVE FIVE. ALSO ADVISED HE KNEW JOHN RAY AND

HIS BROTHER, JERRY RAY. THESE PEOPLE ALSO USED NAME RYAN. LOHMEYER

SERVED TIME AT MENARD, ILLINOIS, WITH JOHN RAY AND LONNIE RIFE, BROTHER

OF WALTER.

DURING PERIOD ONE NINE FIVE TO ONE NINE FIVE EIGHT THE

RAY (RYAN) FAMILY CONSISTING OF MOTHER AND SISTER OF JOHN RAY

MOVED FROM QUINCY TO ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI. DURING THIS PERIOD ONE

OF RAY FAMILY, POSSIBLY JERRY OR EARL RAY, WAS ARRESTED IN MISSOURI

FOR CRIME INVOLVING POSTAL MONEY ORDERS ACCORDING TO LOHMEYER.

LOHMEYER WORKED IN PRISON KITCHEN WITH JOHN RAY WHEN RAY WAS EIGHTEEN

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TO NINETEEN YEARS OF AGE. STATES RAY HAD STRONG PREJUDICE AGAINST NEGROES BUT EXPAINED THIS WAS GENERAL FEELING AMONG WHITE INMATES.

ALL OFFICES CONSIDER RAY BROTHERS AND RIFE BROTHERS AS POSSIBLE ACCOMPLICES OF JAMES EARL RAY.

SPRINGFIELD AND ST. LOUIS ATTEMPT TO FURTHER IDENTITY JOHN LARRY RAY (RYAN) AND ASCERTAIN CURRENT ACTIVITIES.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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