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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, JACKSONVILLE, AND LOS ANGELES

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

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SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED MAY TWENTYNINE INSTANT.

[REDACTED] INTERVIEWED AT USP, ATLANTA, AT HIS REQUEST THIS DATE. STATED PERSON HE BELIEVED CLOSELY RESEMBLED SUBJECT IN ATLANTA SEPTEMBER DASH OCTOBER SIXTYSEVEN, AND SEEN AT REGENCY HYATT HOUSE BY [REDACTED] AND ONE [REDACTED] WHITE MALE, ABOUT THIRTY, NOW REPORTEDLY [REDACTED] IN DAYTONA BEACH, FLA. STATES ONE [REDACTED] (LNU) ATTEMPTED TO SELL THIS PERSON A RIFLE IN ATLANTA EARLY DECEMBER SIXTYSEVEN. COULD NOT FURTHER IDENTIFY [REDACTED] OTHER THAN DRIVES SIXTYSIX RED MUSTANG CONVERTIBLE, WHITE MALE, BLOND, VETERAN, TWENTY TO TWENTYONE YEARS, NO KNOWN EMPLOYMENT. FIXED TIME AS BEFORE HE, [REDACTED] WAS ARRESTED IN [REDACTED] VERIFIED FROM APD RECORDS AS [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] ALSO STATED TWO HIPPIES [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] WOULD KNOW [REDACTED] AND FURNISHED DIRECTIONS AS TO THEIR RESIDENCE. LANDLORD STATED TWO HIPPIES HAD RESIDED AT [REDACTED] ATLANTA, FOR TWO WEEKS.

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LEAVING JAN. TWENTYEIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT, GIVING NAMES AS MR. AND MRS.

[REDACTED] THIS IS IN CONFLICT WITH DATES FURNISHED BY [REDACTED]
AND IT IS NOTED MEMPHIS HAS ESTABLISHED SUBJECT IN LOS ANGELES
NOV. SEVENTEEN SIXTYSEVEN TO JAN. SIXTYEIGHT.

JAMES P. THORNTON, CURRENTLY RESIDING ATLANTA WITH JERRY Q.
DUTTON, INTERVIEWED AND STATED HE ARRIVED ATLANTA MAY FOUR LAST
FROM LOS ANGELES. PRESENTLY WORKING FOR [REDACTED]
THORNTON STATED HE RESIDED WITH PARENTS, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], GARDEN GROVE,
CALIF., FROM DATE OF DISCHARGE FROM U. S. ARMY ON JUNE FIFTEEN
LAST TILL DEPARTURE TO COME TO ATLANTA. WORKED FOR [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], ANAHEIM, CALIF., FROM TIME OF DISCHARGE
TILL LEAVING CALIF. [REDACTED] IS BRANCH OF [REDACTED]
STATED HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO ATLANTA AT OWN REQUEST BECAUSE HE
LIKES THE SOUTH.

THORNTON STATED THAT PRIOR TO ENTERING U. S. ARMY JUNE
FIFTEEN NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE, HE LIVED WITH PARENTS, HAVING MOVED
TO LOS ANGELES FROM BIRMINGHAM OCTOBER NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR.
FROM APRIL SIXTYFOUR TO OCTOBER SIXTYFOUR RESIDED WITH JAMES
MC DANIELS, FORMERLY ASSOCIATED WITH NATIONAL STATES
RIGHTS PARTY, BIRMINGHAM. FROM JAN. SIXTYFOUR TO APR. SIXTYFOUR,

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LIVED AT NSRP HEADQUARTERS ON SOUTH BESSEMER RD. , BIRMINGHAM.
THORNTON ADMITTED PAST AFFILIATION WITH NSRP AND LATER WITH
AMERICAN STATES RIGHTS PARTY AFTER HIS AND DUTTON'S SPLIT WITH
NSRP. STATED HE GAVE UP ALL QUOTE POLITICAL ACTIVITY UNQUOTE
WHEN ENTERING MILITARY SERVICE. ADMITTED HIS FEELINGS REMAIN
ABOUT THE SAME AS PLATFORMS OF NSRP AND ASRP BUT STATED SUCH
PHILOSOPHIES HAVE NO CHANCE IN U. S. TODAY. DEFINED SUCH
PRINCIPLES AS QUOTE CONSERVATIVE UNQUOTE AND REPATRIATION OF
JEWS AND NEGROES TO OTHER COUNTRIES. DENIED HE EVER
HAD OR WOULD CONDONE VIOLENCE OR MURDER. DENIED DUTTON OR OTHER
ASSOCIATES WOULD CONDONE VIOLENCE. STATED THAT JESSE B. STONER
AND DR. EDWARD R. FIELDS, PAST AND PRESENT LEADERS
IN NSRP WOULD NOT PERPETRATE VIOLENCE DIRECTLY BUT MIGHT MASTER-
MIND OR PLAN VIOLENCE. DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF ANY VIOLENCE IN
WHICH THEY WERE INVOLVED.

WHILE LIVING IN LOS ANGELES JUNE TO MAY ONE LAST, THORNTON
WORKED PART TIME AT WALLACE FOR PRESIDENT HEADQUARTERS.
WHEN FIRST WORKED THERE, THE HEADQUARTERS WERE LOCATED ON LINCOLN
BOULEVARD, ANAHEIM. THE HEADQUARTERS CLOSED ABOUT JANUARY LAST
AND A NEW HEADQUARTERS OPENED ON CHAPMAN BOULEVARD, ORANGE,
CALIF., ABOUT ONE MONTH AGO. STATED HE HELPED BY DISTRIBUTING
LITERATURE IN BEHALF OF WALLACE AND WORKED FOR A TIME AS A
DEPUTY REGISTRAR. STATED JOHN ORTMANN, YORBA LINDA, CALIF.,

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WAS CHAIRMAN AND MRS. DERRY (PHONETIC) ELLISON, ORANGE CO., WAS ALSO EMPLOYED IN WALLACE HEADQUARTERS. DENIED KNOWING NAMES OF OTHER WORKERS.

THORNTON WAS SHOWN PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY AND DENIED SEEING OR KNOWING HIM. HAS SEEN RAY'S PHOTO IN NEWSPAPERS. DENIED KNOWING OR HEARING OF ERIC GALT OR JAMES EARL RAY AT WALLACE HEADQUARTERS OR ANY OTHER PLACE OTHER THAN IN CONNECTION WITH INSTANT MATTER.

JACKSONVILLE, AT DAYTONA BEACH, FLA. DETERMINE IF [REDACTED] IN THAT AREA [REDACTED] ONE [REDACTED], AND IF SO, INTERVIEW.

LOS ANGELES CONTACT JOHN ORTMANN AND MRS. DERRY ELLISON IF NOT ALREADY DONE. DETERMINE IF THEY KNOW SUBJECT. ASCERTAIN IDENTITIES OF OTHER WORKERS AT WALLACE HEADQUARTERS DURING TIME SUBJECT RESIDED LOS ANGELES AND INTERVIEW. VERIFY THORNTON'S RESIDENCE, EMPLOYMENT, AND EXHIBIT SUBJECT'S PHOTO TO PARENTS, FELLOW EMPLOYEES, AND ANY OTHER ASSOCIATES OF THORNTON'S.

ATLANTA WILL CONTINUE TO ATTEMPT TO CHECK OUT STORY OF [REDACTED]

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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