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Title: JAMES EARL RAY;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING,JR.
(DECEASED) - VICTIM

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT - ROBBERY

Synopsis:

Inmates and officials at the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) unable to furnish any information regarding "Cooley Organization" or gang inside MSP. Inmate JAMES D. WALLACE, MSP #75682, advised he saw RAY and "fall partner" JAMES L. OWENS in Jefferson - Gravios Bank, St. Louis, Mo., during summer, 1967. Inmates unable to furnish any information regarding "bounty" on Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING,JR. MSP Warden advised RAY received $2.00 per month official pay at the prison. Additional information set forth regarding RAY'S escape from MSP in bread box. Foreman, MSP Prison Farm, admitted receiving letter and phone call from prior inmate TOM BRITTON. Investigation failed to determine any pertinent information regarding type of magazines or newspapers read by RAY at MSP. FBI Laboratory unable to identify handwriting on 176 applications to the Belsaw Locksmithing Institute, Kansas City, Missouri, for months April and May, 1968, with known samples of RAY's handwriting. Interviews conducted in effort to locate PAUL O. BRIDGEMAN, MSP #10134, set forth. Attorney PHILLIP BAKER, Independence, Missouri, advised that in January of 1963 he was appointed to represent RAY in his application for Writ of Habeas Corpus. This hearing was unsuccessful. BAKER received letter from JERRY RAY and a money order from fellow inmate, MSP, for $100.00 to cover RAY's legal fees, which were $50.00. BAKER in turn returned a check for $50.00 to RAY at MSP. Attorney DAVID BRYDON, Jefferson City, Missouri, advised ex-MSP inmate J. D. DAILEY contacted him in attempt to obtain parole for inmate THOMAS

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CHEWS, because CHEWS was reportedly suffering from tuberculosis. RAY purchased radio at HSP inmate canteen on 4/21/67. He paid $9.75 for this radio. Channel Master Transistor Radios, Model 6502, are sold by the canteen and are the only radios ever selling for $9.75. When radio purchased, inmate's number is etched on it at the canteen and a "slip" is given to the Treasurer's Office. No Serial Numbers maintained on the radios sold by the canteen.

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DETAILS:

I. INTERVIEWS WITH FELLOW INMATES AND OFFICIALS AT MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

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The following investigation was conducted by SA ROWEN B. AYERS:

On May 6, 1968, EARL KNIGHT, MSP 65078, serving life for murder from New Madrid, Missouri, said he did not know JAMES EARL RAY. He said he was at Fordland (honor camp) on April 3, 1967. He said he came to the penitentiary in August of 1951 and was out on July 11, 1967, by escape. He said he never heard of a bounty for the killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING and never heard of any time of a mutual organization for protection, profit or otherwise. He said he had never heard of the COOLEY gang or anyone by the name of COOLEY.

On May 6, 1968, MAJOR BERNARD J. POIRY, Assistant Warden in charge of Security, said that the person who escaped by using a uniform and going out the gate was MERLE RAY WINFORD, number 10177. He was apprehended in Kansas City, Missouri, the next day. He said JIMMY Z. BRADLEY also attempted to escape by using a ladder and a uniform. He did not get away from the walls. He also said that the only person who had ammunition in his pockets was a "TEX" HARRIS and another inmate by the name of HAWKINS. He said he also traced some ammunition to the shop where BRADLEY worked, but could not "pin" them on him. He said RAY was never involved in any of these matters.

MAJOR POIRY said he had no information regarding any COOLEY or COOLEY gang, but would attempt to develope information in this regard through his inmate contacts.

On May 14, 1968, MAJOR POIRY further advised he has developed no information in regards this alleged organization or group.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA ROWEN B. AYERS:

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

On May 14, 1968, Mr. HARRY LAUF, Records Officer, Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP), advised there have been 20 persons by the name of COOLEY in the MSP over the years. None are in any of the branches of the prison at this time. The last COOLEY to be released was JESSIE J. COOLEY, JR., MSP #11653, who was released on August 26, 1967. He was received on February 17, 1966, and transferred to the Algoa Reformatory on March 22, 1967. He said intense inquiry among inmates and custodial personnel has failed to reveal anyone, regardless of the period of their incarceration or employment, who has ever heard of a "COOLEY organization" or similar in the MSP.

Mr. LAUF further stated there have been no brothers in the Penitentiary by the names of JAMES and LARRY RAYE. He said, however, that JAMES DUANE WRAY, #06720, who is still in the MSP, is the brother of LAWRENCE EUGENE WRAY, MSP #14014, who is on parole. He has previously been contacted in connection with this case.

On May 14, 1968, JAMES DUANE WRAY, #06720, H Hall for his safety, was contacted. He said he did not know JAMES EARL RAY except by reputation and may have seen him. He said he is the brother of LAWRENCE EUGENE WRAY. He said he has lived in practically every hall in the MSP since he arrived in April of 1963. He said he does not know of any organization of inmates as such, and has never heard of anyone by the name of COOLEY or COOLEY's Organization or similar.

On May 14, 1968, Mr. HARRY LAUF said prison records reflect there were three brothers in the MSP by the name of MEHAD. These were RAYMOND OWEN MEHAD, FBI #4 718 237,

out on January 23, 1963, MSP #69079; RICHARD LAWRENCE MENARD, MSP #63823 and #68650, FBI 4 496 848, out June 16, 1965; and LOUIS GENE MENARD, MSP #67431, FBI 517 988 A, out April 3, 1967. All three have listed their address as care of their mother, HAZEL MENARD, 2104 South 8th Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

The record of THOMAS BRITTON, FBI #5 008 037, indicates he used the alias of WILLIAM RAY in 1949, according to Mr. LAUF.

On May 14, 1968, RAYMOND PRUITT, Clerk, inmate, was recontacted. He was questioned further about the existence of the COOLEY gang, organization, or COOLIE, etc. He said he has been in the Penitentiary for 12 years and there is no organization as such and he never heard of the COOLEY gang, or similar.

On May 14, 1968, JIMMY Z. BRADLEY, MSP #71844, who said he did not desire that some of the information he furnished be attributed to him, said that he has been in the Penitentiary since 1956 and has been involved in every "racket" there is in the Penitentiary and also has attempted to escape and has helped others. He said he never heard of COOLEY or COOLEY's gang or organization or similar. He has never heard of a bounty on MARTIN LUTHER KING. He never heard of RAY using any type of uniform to effect an escape although he did. He never heard of RAY having any ammunition in his pockets on the grounds although "TEX" MORRIS, probably not known to RAY, did. He said JOHN STOUT had nothing to do with furnishing amphetamines to RAY, and he would not disclose who did. He said STOUT was fired two years before RAY escaped, and had nothing to do with it. He indicated STOUT may have been fired for some dealings with him (BRADLEY). BRADLEY said that recently, since the appearance of an article about RAY in "Life Magazine", the C Hall tender named JIMMY WALLACE (phonetic), told him that he had seen RAY last summer in St. Louis with "two other ex-cons". He said he did not know the details or the names of the "ex-cons". He said WALLACE probably would be willing to furnish the information he has and in this regard he did not desire his name to be used.

BRADLEY said he has not developed any other information which might aid in locating RAY.

On May 14, 1968, JAMES D. WALLACE, MSP #75682, born in 1933, said he is the clerk of C Hall. He said he "fell" from St. Louis in 1959 for Armed Robbery and other charges. He was paroled in 1965 and was returned for violation by reason of drunk driving on March 11, 1968.

He said he was raised with JAMES L. OWENS, the "fall partner" of JAMES EARL RAY. He said he knew OWENS in the Penitentiary and saw him on three or four occasions in St. Louis, Missouri, while he was out. He said he recalled that he was C Hall tender when RAY tried to go over the walls and his ladder or rope or something broke about 1966. He said he was not a good friend of RAY's in the Penitentiary and knew him only to speak with him. He said he saw RAY in St. Louis sometime during the summer of 1967. He said it was probably the early part of the summer. He said RAY was with OWENS. He was just coming out of the Jefferson-Gravois Bank, located at the same address. RAY and OWENS were just entering the bank. He stopped and said to them that he was glad he got his money out before they got in. He said RAY laughed and said that "they were putting in". He said his wife was waiting in a car at the curb and he did not stop to talk and he went on out and drove off.

He said he had no way to fix the date. He said he reflected, at the time, that RAY must have escaped because he knew he had attempted to escape and had been "set back" on parole and he had too much time to have been released.

He said he saw OWENS on other occasions. He recalled that in 1966 he went to take a Missouri State Driver's license examination. OWENS was there and they got to talking about the Penitentiary and the examiner made OWENS leave because he apparently thought he was getting answers to the questions. He said the people at the examining station mentioned that OWENS had been there before and caused them some trouble.

WALLACE said that RAY had the reputation of being the type of person who served his time without comment and did not "mess" in the affairs of other people. He said he did not think that RAY would kill anyone as he is just not the type. He also said he has never heard of any organization in the Penitentiary and has never heard the name of COOLEY used in connection with any type of business or "racket" inside the walls and he did not know anyone by that name.

He said that inmates have over the years used cigarettes as medium of exchange in lieu of money and they make "parlay" bets on baseball games, horse races and other types of contests similar to bets made with money outside. He said he knew of no "lottery" as such involving cigarettes, but he said this might exist. He said there are "cliques" of prisoners who connive together for various reasons, and who become close associates, but there is no wide-spread organization and never has been to his knowledge. He said he certainly would be in position to know about it if there was and would have no hesitation in saying so if such existed.

On May 14, 1968, Major BERNARD POIRY, MSP Custodial Staff, in charge of security for the past 25 years, said he has been unable to develop information regarding the identity of "Dago" or of any organization such as the COOLEY gang or similar.

On May 14, 1968, Mr. HARVEY MILLER, Guard, inside, said he has worked inmates inside of the walls on maintenance for the past 23 years. He said he knew JAMES EARL RAY on sight, but not otherwise. He said he never heard of COOLEY or any organization of that type. He could not identify "Dago".

On May 14, 1968, BRADLEY, mentioned above, said DAGO could be JOHN PAUL SPIKA, who is in the Penitentiary. However, he does not have any scar resembling a bullet wound in the face, but he does have the nickname of "Dago". He said he has known other inmates called "Dago", but he could not otherwise identify them and could not recall any with a scar as described.

On May 14, 1968, BERCIA LEE BARBARICK, MSP #12587, born June 25, 1918, said he was admitted to the MSP in 1959. He was in until 1965; released and returned on a murder charge in 1966. He said he knew RAY on sight, but that is all and he knew nothing of his habits, associates or escape. He said a guard told him that some "kid" had seen RAY last summer sleeping on a hill near Jefferson City with a "long beard". He also said that there is an organization in the MSP which wanted KING killed. He said it was not the "COOLEY organization", of which he had never heard, but the KKK. He said he did not hear any mention of this before Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING was murdered and he could not identify anyone who has mentioned it since.

He said he had heard nothing concerning any bounty and knew of no lotteries.

On May 14, 1968, Mr. MC CORMICK WILSON, City Judge and Attorney, said he was appointed to represent JAMES EARL RAY in connection with an attempted escape by RAY in 1966. He said he talked to him at the Penitentiary and once in court. He said he also arranged to have him examined at State Hospital #1. He said he received no fees of any sort and was relieved on the case because he was appointed as an Assistant Attorney General. He said WILLIAM QUIGG completed the case.

On May 14, 1968, WILLIAM QUIGG, Central Missouri Trust Company, said he represented RAY by appointment of the court. He said he received no fees of any sort, and knew nothing about him, his background, associates, or whereabouts.

On May 14, 1968, Mr. W. C. SHELEY said that JAMES EARL RAY was represented in connection with a writ of habeas corpus case in January of 1963 by PHILLIP LEE BAKER.

On May 14, 1968, Mr. WADE EAKIN, no kin, Secretary, Missouri Bar Association, Jefferson City, Missouri, said that PHILLIP LEE BAKER is an attorney and lives at 214 South Spring, Independence, Missouri.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA THOMAS H. WEAVER:

At Jefferson City, Missouri

On May 13, 1968, GENE BARNES, Missouri Department of Corrections #72271, advised that during about 1965 and 1966, he celled in the same hall in the Missouri State Penitentiary, where BARNES is currently confined, with JAMES EARL RAY. He said that he spoke with RAY, but did not consider himself to be a close friend of RAY, and he could suggest no inmates who were close to RAY. BARNES stated he escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) in 1959 in a guard's uniform, but this was before RAY came to the MSP, and he does not believe RAY knew about his escape. He said that RAY never mentioned to him any "bounty" on Dr. KING, and he heard no rumors about the existence of such a "bounty" discussed in the MSP. He stated that none of his conversation with RAY gave him any indication as to RAY's feelings about persons of other races, and he recalls that RAY also talked with Negro inmates while in the MSP. He advised that he knew RAY tried to escape previously, and he heard about his escape in April 1967. He assumed that RAY went out of the prison in a bread box from the prison bakery, but he never heard who helped him and has no information from anyone who knew specifically that RAY did escape in a bread box. He said RAY never attempted an escape in a prison guard's uniform to his knowledge. He stated that RAY did not tell him of any plan to escape and never discussed with him any plans of what he would do if he did get out of the prison. He said that RAY possibly was a user of amphetamine, but he has no information that he sold amphetamine. He stated that in his conversation with RAY, no mention was made of contacts or plans RAY had on the outside, and they merely discussed prison gossip and matters going on in the penitentiary. He said he never heard of "Cooley's Organization" and never heard RAY mention such an organization, which he doubts exists. He stated RAY stayed to himself and minded his own business while in the MSP. He advised that any "walk man" who would move freely about the cell block, such as RAY was for a time, briefly, would be the logical inmate to handle "numbers" for lottery on cigarettes, but he does not know that RAY acted for anyone in a "numbers lottery," and if

he did he would not necessarily be close to anyone running the lottery, but merely avail-ble. He said that "Dago" is not known to him, and he never knew an inmate named EDWARD McCLELLAN. He advised that he never heard any talk among inmates about a "Business Man's Organization" which offered money for killing certai n individuals. He said RAY never mentioned family or outside friends to him, and he has no information as to where RAY may have gone on escaping from the MSP. He stated RAY never mentioned escape routes out of the country to him and never mentioned Canada, Mexico, or Australia to him.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA ROY L. HUMPHREYS, JR.:

At Leavenworth, Kansas

On May 17, 1968, Inmate RICHARD L. MENARD, USP #A83068L, advised he is serving a 15 year sentence for bank robbery from St. Louis. He said he began serving his sentence in May, 1966.

MENARD said he knew JAMES EARL RAY from about 1961 to 1965 when both were inmates at the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP), Jefferson City, Missouri. He said RAY was still in the MSP when he was released. He said he knew RAY as a good friend, but did not cell with him or work in the same place with him.

MENARD said he did not have any conversations with RAY concerning escape or what RAY would do if he did escape. He said to his knowledge, RAY did not plan or consider escape.

MENARD said he did not know RAY to be race minded and said he was surprised that RAY would consider killing for racial reasons.

MENARD said RAY's closest friend at the MSP was CARL DRAKE, who is presently released and residing at 2634 St. Vincent, St. Louis, Missouri.

RAY talked about having a brother in St. Louis and apparently this brother was connected in some way with the supplying of drugs to RAY. DRAKE was connected closely with RAY in the supplying of drugs in the MSP. Two other inmates were also connected with this business, JIM BRADLEY of St. Louis, Missouri and BOBBY ASHE of Kansas City.

MENARD said it was hard to estimate what RAY's take per month on the drug sales was, but it would probably run an average of $200.00 per month. Some months it might be nothing and others it might run up to $1,000.00. He said this would depend on the source of supply and ability of suppliers to get drugs into the penitentiary.

He said inmates were able to obtain money for drugs by having guards bring in money to them for a percentage.

MENARD said he preferred not to discuss details of the drug supply as he did not see how this could be connected to the whereabouts of RAY. He said he would co-operate fully in the location of RAY, but did not wish to become involved in any investigation of the non-narcotic drug trade at the MSP, as such, for obvious reasons.

He stated that should the information he furnished be of value in the location of RAY, he would appreciate it if the fact he had co-operated be made a matter of record in his file for parole consideration and for consideration of any agencies holding detainers against him.

MENARD said he would be alert for information he could learn from inmates at the USP at Leavenworth, which would relate to the whereabouts of RAY and would contact the FBI through Penitentiary personnel, if he was successful in learning information of value.

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RE: CARL M. CRAIG

The following investigation was conducted by SA JAMES A. MITCHELL:

AT SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI:

On May 17, 1968, CARL M. CRAIG, inmate, County Jail, advised he was just released from the Missouri State Prison, Jefferson City, Missouri, May 1, 1968, and had been there since October 29, 1965, serving a five-year sentence from Greene County for burglary. He celled in K Hall and worked in the Main Dining Room. RAY celled in either J or K. He did not cell with him and was not close to him. He never talked to him at length at any time and the only time he saw him was at sick call. RAY always complained of stomach trouble. He knows nothing about his friends or what he might have talked about to others at the prison. He is aware that many of the inmates would come forth with some "manufactured" information about him in the hope of gaining a parole. Many of them would say anything if they thought it would help their own case.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA ROWEN B. AYERS on May 17, 1968:

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

Mr. HAROLD SWENSON, Warden, Missouri State Penitentiary, advised that in Food Services, RAY received $2.00 per month official pay. He said in industries the pay might run as high as $12.00.

Mr. M. J. STEWART, Treasurer, said the ledger sheets of RAY'S account reflected all items received and disbursed by him together with the sources of each. The first column "cash credit" indicates the amount received from the state. He said there was nothing unusual about RAY'S account. He said checks can be drawn up to $20.00 for the commissary. Any amounts sent out over $20.00 require approval by the warden. The check is usually sent with a letter stating the purpose of the payment outgoing, he said.

JAMES WALLACE, previously interviewed, was upset about being recontacted. He said he should have not furnished any information in the first place as he did not want to get involved. He said, after calming down, that he was raised in South St. Louis and OWENS used to "hang around" that area a great deal and he met him there and associated with OWENS until he went to Illinois to prison. He said there was not any doubt in his mind about having seen OWENS and RAY together in St. Louis at the bank, and it would have had to be in the summer of 1967. He said his wife was with him. She is BETTY WALLACE, 1031 Lynch, St. Louis, Missouri. He now recalled that they parked the car in the parking lot and both walked into the bank so she should have seen OWENS and RAY. He said they maintained a joint checking account in the bank and his wife had a savings account in the bank (Jefferson-Gravois). He could not fix the date.

The records of the Identification Division, searched by HARRY LAUF, reflected a CHARLES MARTIN WALLER, #68389, served a sentence of 50 years. No WALTERS was found with this sort of sentence.

J. RAYMOND BILLS, Board of Pardons and Paroles, stated that WALLER was paroled on June 13, 1967, and resides at 204 East Lindenwood Boulevard, Kansas City, Missouri. His parole officer is WILLIAM LEWIS, Kansas City, Missouri.

RONALD WESTBERG, Missouri State Penitentiary, #71859, said he knew RAY well. He said he was working in Food Services in the vegetable room when RAY escaped and he knew all about it. He said another inmate was going to escape in the bread box, but he and RAY decided, since RAY had more time, that RAY would go. He said the other inmate gave RAY some money and some clothing he had acquired to make the escape, and RAY went with the cooperation of the other inmate covering him and "for him". WESTBERG said under no circumstances would he divulge the identity of this other inmate since he is a good friend of his and still in the prison. He said there was no conspiracy and no mention had ever been made of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING and he doubts that RAY had anything to do with that murder. He said it was a case of law enforcement attempting to get a "scapegoat".

ED WEATHERS, Missouri State Penitentiary #76239, assigned to the hospital, said he was out of the penitentiary from June of 1966 to August of 1967 when he was returned for parole violation. He said he knew RAY to talk to him, but knew nothing of his escape and could furnish no information concerning his whereabouts. He said he has heard of a lot of cliques in the penitentiary that make bets, handle amphetamines, etc., but he knew of no organization called Cooley or similar and had never heard of any bounty on Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

Warden HAROLD SWENSON, Missouri State Penitentiary, advised he could locate no record of FRANK BICKLEY, in or out of the penitentiary.

Sgt. DORSEY ARNOLD, Missouri State Highway Patrol, Jefferson City, Missouri, advised no record for FRANK BICKLEY could be located.

On May 18, 1968, Assistant Warden JESS ELLIOTT, Missouri State Penitentiary, and JAMES R. DOYLE, Identification, advised they could locate no FRANK BRICKLEY as ever having been in the Missouri State Penitentiary.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent ROWEN B. AYERS, on May 15, 1968:

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

It was determined that telephone number 636-8510 is the residence of Mr. CARL MILLS, Foreman, Renz Farm, Missouri Department of Corrections.

Mr. MILLS advised Deputy Warden JESS ELLIOTT he recalled the telephone call last fall from TOM BRITTON, a former inmate at the farm who had become friendly with the family. He said this call was in the nature of a "hello" message to see how the MILLS were. He also said he had received a letter from TOM BRITTON which he furnished. This letter was from Rural Route #5, Box 34, Jasper, Alabama and dated July 8, 1967 and was personal in nature. Mr. MILLS did not know JAMES EARL RAY.

Photograph and background data regarding JAMES DUANE WRAY were obtained. Background data sheet regarding EVAN DALE UNDERWOOD, #12927 reflects:

KITTY UNDERWOOD	301 School Street, Sikeston, Missouri
ETHEL UNDERWOOD	200 South Frederick, Cape Girardeau, Missouri
PAUL SCOWDEN	Rural Route, Box 126, Waterloo, Illinois
DARRELL UNDERWOOD	200 South Frederick, Cape Girardeau, Missouri

A detainer in favor of the Sheriff's Office of Greene County, Missouri at Springfield was filed June 2, 1967. There is no indication whether UNDERWOOD was released to the detainer. His emergency address was Mrs. KITTY UNDERWOOD, 857 Bingham, Memphis, Tennessee, (which has proven to be a non-existent address). UNDERWOOD was received November 15, 1966 and discharged September 22, 1967. His FBI# 784454C.

Mr. DANTON STEELE, Captain of the Guards, Missouri State Penitentiary, said he has been employed "inside the walls" at the penitentiary for 13 years. He said he could not recall VELANTI. He said he knew JAMES EARL RAY, and knew of no relationship between RAY and VELANTI. He said he did not know of any COOLEY organization or similar. He said there are countless small cliques of inmates who have various "rackets" going and cigarettes have always been used as a medium of exchange, in lieu of money, which is not allowed inside the walls. He said RAY is not the type of person who would have killed MARTIN LUTHER KING, and he was not a "leader" of any type in the penitentiary. His claim to fame was his various attempts, finally successful, to escape. He said RAY was never a "walk boy" in J Hall or any other hall. He said the best he could recall was that he either was a maximum security or assigned to food services all the time he was in.

Mr. STEELE said he also has been told the name of the inmate who aided RAY in escaping by putting bread over him in the "bread box". However, he was unable to recall it. He said "it would come to him", and he would immediately advise.

Mr. J. RAYMOND BILLS, Board of Pardons and Paroles, said that MARVIN D. JANSEN, #56900 was arrested February 19, 1968 at Wyandotte, Kansas and bond was set at $2,500.00. At that time he was living at 9305 State Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas.

ERNEST BAGBY, #31013, B-9, serving double life for murder from Moberly, Missouri, said he came to the penitentiary in 1926 and was released the same year on a seven months to one year sentence. He was returned, on his present sentence, in 1927; paroled October 12, 1944; back on parole violation in 1947. Paroled on November 13, 1956 and returned on February 18, 1957. He said he has been mattress inmate foreman, but is now working as hall tender. He said JOHNNY VELANTI worked under him. He said RAY never did. He knew RAY on sight, but never associated with him and he never saw VELANTI with RAY and knew of no relationship between them.

BAGBY said he has known almost all the Negroes who have been in the penitentiary the past forty years and has associated closely with them. He said he could recall of two incidents involving racial conflict. One was when some Negroes were sent to F Hall to live a few years ago and some of the white inmates assaulted them in a tunnel, killing one. He said the other was when several Negroes started dropping in on the T.V. room where white prisoners were accustomed to gather and a fight started. He said RAY was not involved in either instance and he never heard of any of the Negro inmates making any comments about RAY except, since the murder of Doctor KING to remark they hoped he was caught. He also said he has never heard of any COOLEY organization or similar, and knew of no lotteries as such. He said inmates make bets using cigarettes to pay off. He said these bets usually involve athletic contests.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA JAMES A. MITCHELL:

AT SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI:

LAWRENCE ALBERT GRIDER

On May 21, 1968, LAWRENCE ALBERT GRIDER was contacted at 1510½ North Lyon at which time he stated that he was just released from the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, in January of this year after serving 31 months for molesting a minor. He stated that while he was at the prison he did know JAMES EARL RAY on sight and spoke to him whenever their paths crossed. He stated that he never had any intimate conversations with RAY at any time and that he adopted the policy that he was going to do his "time" and not bother about anyone else's problems at the institution. He never conversed with RAY at length about anything and RAY never told him aything about himself. He stated that he has absolutely no information that would be of benefit to the FBI. He commented that he thought that much of the information furnished by inmates at the prison was manufactured and that too much reliance could not be placed upon it.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent HOWELL B. AYRES:

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

On May 24, 1968, Major BERNARD J. POINY, Assistant Warden of Custody, Missouri State Penitentiary, said he had no idea whatever regarding the type of literature RAY may have enjoyed while in the penitentiary. He said he would make logical contacts in an attempt to determine this information.

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The following investigation was conducted by SAs THOMAS J. CONNOLLY, and RAY HOMESLEY at Kansas City, Kansas, on May 24, 1968:

MARTIN MARION JANSEN, 717 Miami, was interviewed at the 813 Club, 813 Osage, Kansas City, Kansas, and advised he was in prison for 24½ years and is now on parole. He advised most of this time was served at Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, but he was at the Prison Farm at Moberly, Missouri from June, 1966 until his parole in June, 1967.

JANSEN was shown the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY taken in the Fall of 1967 in a business suit with the cleft on the chin and he stated the face is familiar, but he cannot recall anything specific about the man. He stated he does recall two brothers by the name of LARRY and JIMMY WRAY, and an inmate by the name of (first name unknown) RHEA, serving time while he, JANSEN, was in Missouri State Penitentiary.

JANSEN stated he cannot recall anything at all regarding JAMES EARL RAY and therefore could furnish no pertinent information.

KC 44-760

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent THOMAS H. WEAVER:

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

On June 4, 1968, JAMES STIDHAM, register #65993, Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP), who advised he has been an inmate at the MSP for 17 years, advised he does not know JAMES EARL RAY and has never heard of him. He stated he has no information regarding RAY, gambling in the MSP, or anything else about which the FBI might desire to question him.

On June 4, 1968, ROBERT BURNS, register #75811, an inmate at the MSP, advised he would have nothing to say regarding JAMES EARL RAY, any possible inmate organization, or anything else pertaining to present or former inmates or inmates' activities at the MSP. He said he would not say whether or not he ever heard of JAMES EARL RAY.

KC 44-760

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent THOMAS H. WEAVER:

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

On June 4, 1968, Captain DONALD GYRICK, Administrative Assistant to the Warden, Missouri State Penitentiary, advised that inmates on discharge from the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) are given new clothing to wear. He said this clothing includes an elastic, stretch-type belt, and the new clothing would bear no laundry marks. He stated that inmate clothing is laundered in the prison laundry, but this clothing is prison garb not taken out by the inmates on discharge from the MSP.

KC 44-760
RBA:mlb
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The following investigation was conducted by SA ROWEN B. AYERS:

On May 31, 1968, HAROLD WHITE, 624 Lafayette Street, said he did not know RAY. He noted he has not been at the penitentiary since July 24, 1965. He said he worked for about four months in the main kitchen, but spent most of his time in the cold storage room.

WHITE was "slightly intoxicated" and was not fully aware of what the purpose of the interview was. He is a Negro.

On May 31, 1968, JAMES R. DICKSON, formerly Inside Captain at the Missouri State Penitentiary, advised he resigned on May 28, 1964. He is running the Jeffersonian, a night club, at 1009 N. Dunklin Street. He resides at 217 Center Street.

DICKSON said he recalls RAY and recalls when he "hid out." He said RAY was the type of person who did not give anyone any trouble. He said if RAY had amphetamines they came from NEAL AEBY. He said AEBY was a "big supplier." He said he had never heard of RAY either using or selling amphetamines, and he did not know his contacts. He said there are a few "big shot" convicts who are in various rackets inside. He said the leader is ROBERT BURNS, serving 75 years, from St. Louis. He said BURNS has some type of organization to give "protection" to inmates both inside and outside of the penitentiary. He said he never heard this organization referred to as "Cooley" or similar. He said he knew this because he would get rumors that such and such convict was "in trouble" for not paying bills or for some other reason. He would call BURNS to his office and explain to him what he wanted done. BURNS would not admit to anything, but within a short time the "heat" would be taken off the inmate about whom the conversation had taken place. He said this applied to ex-convicts putting pressure on relatives outside the penitentiary, like making phone calls to threaten them if such and such did not take place. He said he also understood this "organization" would guarantee the inmates that if they got into trouble inside the walls, an attorney would be obtained for them by this group.

He said another of the "wheels" is JIMMY V. BRADLEY who is serving life, and was one of the known peddlers of amphetamines and other contraband. He said other names and

incidents might occur to him, and he would advise. He said his information is that most of the contraband in the penitentiary was coming from Kansas City and the State of California.

Mr. DICKSON said no one has contacted him about RAY and no attempt has been made by RAY to contact him. He said he might "run into" some inmate with good contacts in the St. Louis and East St. Louis, Illinois areas who might, for a price, be able to develop information concerning the most logical whereabouts of RAY. He said he personally believes RAY is dead.

KC 44-760
WCM:mlb
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The following investigation was conducted by IC WILLIAM C. MC DONALD at Jefferson City, Missouri:

On May 29, 1968, Mr. JOSEPH R. KEENE, Mail Room, State Department of Corrections, Missouri State Penitentiary, (MSP) advised that he had talked with members of the mail room and is unable to furnish any information re magazines or newspapers subscribed to by JAMES EARL RAY, MSP #00416.

KC 44-760
RBA:gah
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The following investigation was conducted by SA ROWEN B. AYERS:

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

On May 27, 1968, Major B. J. POIRY, Assistant Warden in Charge of Custody, said he had been unable to determine any particular reading item which was of interest to RAY.

On May 27, 1968, Mr. JOE KEENE, Mail Room, said no magazines or similar publications were received for RAY after his escape, and he had no information regarding his reading habits. He did recall he received legal papers frequently for him.

On May 27, 1968, FRANK HAYNES,#07844, said he was out of the penitentiary at Moberly when RAY escaped. He said he knew RAY and had worked with him in the kitchen. He said he had no idea where RAY is or where he intended to go or how he escaped.

On May 27, 1968, Captain D. STEELE said he recalled now that the person who helped RAY escape, and covered him with bread, according to information he developed after the escape, was GEORGE JONES, Missouri State Penitentiary #05516.

JONES was reinterviewed on May 27, 1968. He was definitely antagonistic on this occasion in contrast to the first interview. He said he would furnish no information if he had it, and was not sorry to see MARTIN LUTHER KING killed, and would do nothing to aid in the capture of RAY.

On May 27, 1968, Captain DONALD WYRICK said he had determined from one of his inmate informants that the person who aided in the escape of RAY was DONALD RAY JOHNSON, #10987.

JOHNSON was recontacted and again denied being actually implicated in the covering of RAY or transporting the bread box to the landing, knowing RAY to be in it. He said he did not know if RAY had a radio when he escaped or not.

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KC 44-760
THW:rmb
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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent THOMAS H. WEAVER:

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

On May 9, 1968, a review of the files of the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) as furnished by Mrs. HELEN BACON and BOB LOOTEN, Classifications Office, failed to reveal any inmate of the MSP named ORR who was on the Trash Detail during the time JAMES EARL RAY was in the MSP.

On May 10, 1968, Warden HAROLD SWENSON, MSP, advised Investigative Clerk WILLIAM C. MC DONALD that "COWBOY", an inmate, would be MELVIN OLIVER GRIDLEY, #02503.

On May 10, 1968, a review of the records of the MSP as furnished by HARRY LAUF, Records Office, revealed that GRIDLEY, #02503, was transferred from the MSP on July 10, 1967, to the Missouri Training Center for Men at Moberly, Missouri.

On May 10, 1968, Major B. J. POIRY, Assistant Associate Warden of Custody, MSP, advised that an inmate with the nickname "BOSTON" would be MSP inmate #01658.

On May 10, 1968, HARRY LAUF, Records Office, MSP, advised that MILTON ZAVALCOFSKI, #01658, received November 10, 1960, on a 20-year sentence from Laclede County for Robbery was transferred to Moberly on April 8, 1968.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 5/20/68

CARLOS LEE BILLINGS, inmate, Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, was advised of the identity of JAMES A. MITCHELL as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He was told the purpose of the interview was to clarify certain statements he had made on April 26, 1968. He was furnished a warning and waiver form which he read and executed. He then furnished the following oral information:

He has stayed at the Canal Bank Inn, Westwego, Louisiana, on more than one occasion. The first time he stayed there in 1965 with BEN BLACKWELL, the brother of JOHNNIE BLACKWELL, he had mentioned previously. They stayed for about three months and this was before he had met BARBER, the soldier from Ft. Jackson, South Carolina, and who was supposed to have access to a machine gun. BEN BLACKWELL worked for Mac's Well Service, Harvey, Louisiana, during the time they stayed together at the Canal Bank Inn. BILLINGS stated that he worked for the Noble Drilling Company during this time and this company wæ located in New Orleans.

He returned to the Canal Bank Inn later in the year 1965, but he does not recall when and it was this time that BARBER accompanied him. He stayed here because he knew the owner from the previous stay with BLACKWELL. He called the owner NORRIS and on his first stay he did give him a $165.00 worthless check drawn on the Guaranty Bank and Trust Company, Westwego, Louisiana. This was in payment for a poker debt in a game held at a club called "On The Hill". This club was also owned by NORRIS, last name unknown.

He was mistaken when he previously indicated that it was the owner of the Canal Bank Inn who knew about the machine gun. Theman BARBER was to contact was in New Orleans. He was to meet him at Guy's International Bar in New Orleans. This place is operated by a woman, name

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On 5/17/68 at Springfield, Missouri File # KC 44-760

by SA JAMES A. MITCHELL:bjc Date dictated 5/18/68 1144

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unknown, the wife of GUY, who died. The last name of the man BARBER was to meet was FURIES or FERRIES (phonetic). He was supposed to have an airplane which he kept at a small airport in New Orleans, Louisiana. Beechcraft airplanes are sold at this same airport. He never did meet this man and apparently neither did BARBER. He recalled checking into the Canal Bank Inn on a Friday and leaving the following Monday. He took BARBER to Guy's International Bar soon after they arrived on Friday and he never returned to the Canal Bank Inn. He then decided he did not contact the man or he knew nothing about access to a machine gun in the first place.

He never told NORRIS he was from Carolina, but BLACKWELL did tell him he was from Columbia, South Carolina, which was correct. He admitted his memory is not the best but since this happened in 1965 he cannot recall specific details.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/28/68

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CARLOS LEE BILLINGS, inmate, Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, was advised of the identity of JAMES A. MITCHELL as a Special Agent of the FBI. He was informed that the purpose of the interview concerned information received from NORRIS CARMERDELLE to the effect that BILLINGS resided in Apartment 6, 315 Laurossini Street, which apartment was rented by ENIS HEAD, who is from Tennessee. BILLINGS occupied this apartment, according to CARMERDELLE, from May to December, 1965. CARMERDELLE had no information about HEAD. BILLINGS was furnished a Warning and Waiver Form which he read and executed and furnished the following oral information:

He has never heard of a man named ENIS HEAD and he never lived with him in Apartment 6, 315 Laurossini Street, which is the Canal Bank Inn. He stated that he and BEN BLACKWELL moved into the apartment and took it over from two other men who had stayed in the apartment but left to work off shore. In June, 1965, BLACKWELL paid the rent to CARMERDELLE and it was about this time that he, BILLINGS, left and returned to Columbia, South Carolina. In Columbia he stayed with JUNE TAYLOR for about one month. He then returned to New Orleans and stayed at a motel, name unrecalled, located on Chef Menteur Highway under his true name. He stayed at this motel for about 1 to 1 1/2 months and spent his time gambling at Slidell, Louisiana, which is 20 miles from New Orleans. He went by and visitied BLACKWELL at the Canal Bank Inn and he still occupied Apartment 6 but he had someone else living with him who was not there at the time he left. BLACKWELL at this time was going with a woman by the name of DORIS (last name unknown) who had a home in Westwego, Louisiana. She had a 17 year old daughter and 5 other children. Her husband, name unknown, had been killed in the oil fields. He said she was an attractive woman for her age which he judged to be about 35. BLACKWELL met her at the Canal Bank Inn and her identity would be known to CARMERDELLE. He believes that this woman did work as a cocktail waitress at the Jung Hotel in New Orleans.

After this BILLINGS stated he went to Dallas, Texas and lived in Irving, Texas. He lived at 1627 Cooper Street in Irving with a female he did not desire to name. He stated at the time he was employed by the Shedd Bardish Foods, Inc.

On 5/20/68 at Springfield, Missouri File# KC 44-760

by SA JAMES A. MITCHELL : ssc Date dictated 5/22/68

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He commented that the woman he was living with was a Registered Nurse. He advised that he had been to Dallas on one trip previous to this one and lived with a girl he declined to name who worked at the Carousel Club in Dallas, Texas. He stated that she was a widow and that she had murdered her husband. This woman was about 25 years of age and had one child, a girl, 7 years old.

BILLINGS stated that he is very faint on dates and places but he believes that after he left Dallas he traveled to Las Vegas, Nevada where he stayed at the Horseshoe Club under the name of ROBERT JAMES, Dallas, Texas. He stated that while here he sent a telegram to his wife in Pennsylvania and she and their son came out to visit him. They bought a 1964 Buick and with his family traveled to Artesia, New Mexico. They arrived in New Mexico about July, 1965 at which time he opened a fruit stand in the 4900 block of Main Street which he called Roberts Produce. They lived right behind the fruit stand. In August, 1965, he sent his wife home because she was always trying to get him to surrender which he did not want to do. He stated that he drove them as far as Wilmington, Delaware and then called his brother to come after them.

He sold his Buick in Las Vegas and obtained a Plymouth Valiant. He sold this Plymouth to a Ford dealer in Artesia, New Mexico and obtained a new Ford truck and a 1962 Chevrolet. After he took his wife to Wilmington, Delaware he traveled to Hartford, Connecticut where he got a job with Williams Ford where he was in charge of a used car lot. He obtained this job in the name of JAMES ROBERTS and as such he had charge of carrying the night deposits to the bank. He worked at this place two weeks and on one evening instead of taking the night deposit to the bank he took it to the motel room, took out the money, left the checks in the bag and absconded.

He then traveled to Batavia, New York for the purpose of gambling at the race track in this town. He said this was the last part of 1965. While traveling to the races at Batavia he actually lived in Buffalo, New York at a hotel under the name of Laurent Riquier. This was some stolen identification which he had found. He stayed in this area for two weeks during which time

he bought a new Corvette and left the Chevrolet on a parking lot and called the owner of the Chevrolet in Artesia, New Mexico and told him where it was located. He then returned to New Orleans where he continued his gambling activities in Slidell and Covington, Louisiana. He sold the Corvette in Baton Rouge, Louisiana to the Love Motor Sales for $900.00. He stayed in a motel in New Orleans that he believes was called Monte Leon under the name LAURENT RIQUIER. He stated that still BLACKWELL was staying at the Canal Bank Inn. He wished to emphasize that he did not stay at the Canal Bank Inn continuously from May to December, 1965 as CARMERDELLE indicated.

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MTG:jal

AT SAN QUENTIN, CALIFORNIA

RE: KENNETH LEE WADE

The following investigation was conducted by SAs DALE F. NORTON and MICHAEL T. GEARY, on May 17, 1968.

KENNETH LEE WADE stated he had no reason to lie to the FBI. He advised "I don't even know why I am talking to you guys. After I talked to you the last time, I got plenty of heat in the yard. Some of the men told me that I shouldn't have spoken to you. The grapevine will know that the FBI was back again today and I expect to get more heat."

WADE advised that prison time is getting pretty heavy and he stated that he does not know whether he will be able to make this sentence. WADE stated that he needs help to get a reduction of sentence or transfer to another less strict institution in the State of California, and that he desired to be cooperative hoping that his cooperation could be of value both to the FBI and to himself.

WADE stated that he had escaped in 1959 from the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP). WADE stated that he was working on the prison farm at the time he walked away. He stated that he had $1500 in cash in his pocket at the time he escaped. He stated it was his opinion that any man escaping from prison would have or would try to have on his person as much cash as possible as this money would enable him to move away from the scene of the escape and to purchase items of clothing, et cetera, that would make him less conspicuous. He stated he imagined that RAY also had money in his pocket at the time he escaped from the penitentiary.

WADE stated that RAY impressed him as being the type of person that did not and would not trust anyone. He stated this was another factor which led him to believe that RAY would have taken whatever money he had with him at the time of his escape. He stated that in the event RAY had any money with anyone, that it would be with an individual that RAY had absolute trust in.

WADE stated RAY earned $1.50 per month from his bakery work. WADE reported it was his recollection that $15 or $20 per month could be furnished an inmate by his friends and/or family outside the prison for the prisoners' personal use in the purchase of commissary items.

WADE stated that any money that RAY had over and above his salary and the money received from the outside would be money that RAY would not want the prison authorities to know about. He stated that RAY would keep this money in some safe hiding place.

WADE reported RAY was extremely conservative in the handling of his money. WADE advised that he, WADE, gambled a great deal and when he was completely broke, would ask RAY for a loan and that RAY always had the money to loan him.

WADE reported RAY from time to time would play in a prison card game but that even his card playing indicated his conservative bent in the handling of his personal funds.

WADE reported that the money their clique earned from the sale of pep pills and stimulants could be either in currency or services such as commissary chits or leather goods or other prison items.

WADE stated money could be sent out of the MSP by using guards who had been bribed by prisoners to act as couriers involving items leaving or entering the prison.

WADE stated he did not desire to identify any guard as that guard might still be available and usable by present MSP inmates.

WADE advised it was his recollection that an MSP guard earned about $260 per month at the time he was confined. He stated it was not difficult to bribe a guard as they were usually in need of money due to the low pay scale.

WADE reported that the clique engaged in the sale of

"Bennies" and antephamine hydrochloride.

He advised that they paid a prison guard $100 to bring in a 1,000 pill bottle of "Bennies". He stated each pill was then sold for $1 which resulted in a profit of $900 per bottle.

He advised that the antephamine hydrochloride was also brought into the prison by a guard who had been bribed. He advised that the usual package of antephamine hydrochloride weighed 2 ounces, and that the guard was paid $100 for bringing it in.

He advised that when the antephamine was received in the prison, it was immediately cut with 1 ounce of powdered sugar thus making the shipment total 3 ounces. He advised that it was sold by the spoonful and that 16 level spoonsful were obtained from each ounce. He advised, therefore, a total of 48 spoonsful were available for sale at $100 per spoon, making a $4800 gross income possible.

He advised that they usually got one jar of "Bennies" and one package of antephamine a month. He stated, therefore, their total income would run approximately $5800 per month less $200 for the cost of bribing the guard to bring it in plus whatever the pills and antephamine cost on the outside.

He advised that frequently inmates who had been paroled or discharged would send the stuff back through guards whom they knew to be reliable couriers.

WADE stated he has no knowledge of RAY's whereabouts. He stated he has no knowledge of how RAY obtained his money except to believe that he undoubtedly received some of it from his participation in the group that was selling stimulants. He advised that he has no definite knowledge as to how RAY got his money out of MSP except he feels certain that RAY carried some of it if not all of it out at the time of his escape. He said if RAY did not take it all with him, he was very sure that he would get it from the person he had left it with.

WADE stated RAY always had money. RAY was conservative in the use of his money and "We wondered what he did with his money". WADE stated RAY spent very little money while he was in prison.

WADE reported that RAY would not place any "prison earnings" in his account and claimed he did not know how RAY handled his prison earnings. He reported that how RAY handled hismoney was RAY's personal matter and no one would inquire as to how the other person handled his money.

WADE stated it was speculation on his part, but he believed that RAY could have had as much as $5,000 available to him at the time he escaped. He reported this money could be on RAY's person,or part of it on his person and the rest with some safe individual. WADE reported this was guess work on his part, but he feels certain that RAY would not have gone out of MSP without having some money available to him.

WADE stated a Lieutenant DICKSON or DIXON (phonetic) was discharged by the MSP about 1965 and that this man had been used by WADE and his associates to bring in and take out items of value.

WADE stated RAY was a close friend of a WILLIE SHOW or SCHOAF (phonetic), a parolee in 1964 or 1965 from MSP, who originally came from the Chicago, Illinois area. He advised that after WILLIE SHOW had been paroled, that he sent "some stuff" back in to us.

He advised it was his recollection that SHOW was GLEN SHURNICK's(phonetic) fall partner.

WADE stated that he had no reason to lie. He said that frankly his main interest was in trying to help himself. He advised that the information he had furnished was the truth. He stated that he has not seen RAY since he was discharged from the MSP. He advised he has absolutely no knowledge of RAY's present whereabouts, his connections on the outside, and no knowledge of his financial position.

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II. PENITENTIARY RECORDS

KC 44-760
ME 44-1987
THW:WSA
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The following investigation was conducted by SA THOMAS H. WEAVER:

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

On May 10, 1968, Warden HAROLD SWENSON, Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP), advised IC WILLIAM C. MC DONALD that the only inmate he knows of with the nickname "COWBOY" is MELVIN OLIVER GRIDLEY, MSP #02503.

On May 10, 1968, HARRY LAUF, Records Office, MSP, advised that GRIDLEY was transferred to Moberly Medium Security Prison on July 10, 1967, and according to his records is still assigned there.

On May 10, 1968, a review of the MSP file for CHESTER SPRATT, MSP #04253, indicate that he was once assigned to cell J-187. He was received February 9, 1962, on a rape charge from Shannon County, Missouri and was discharged June 6, 1967. His post-release plans called for him to work with his sister, Mrs. GERTRUDE SPURGEON and her husband, on their farm at Eminence, Missouri. SPRATT has a daughter and son-in-law, DOROTHY and HERBERT MARLER, 312 Hyde Park Drive, Rt. 4, Arnold, Missouri. He is described as white male, born March 31, 1912, 6'3½", 200 lbs., blue eyes, and brown hair.

On May 10, 1968, a review of the file for CARL M. CRAIG, MSP #11127, reveals he was received October 29, 1965 from Greene County, Missouri, for five year sentence for burglary and he was discharged May 1, 1968. He has FBI # 260 920 C, and had been in the Missouri Penitentiary on two previous convictions. His record shows he was a suspect in the selling of benzedrine at the MSP and he had been assigned to the Church Farm of the MSP. His mother is listed as IDA CRAIG, 1315 W. Thoman Street, telephone UN 5-2123, Springfield, Missouri. His sister and brother-in-law, are Mr. and Mrs. CLAY ALLEN, 1360 E. Florida, Springfield, Missouri. He has a brother, KENNETH CRAIG, address not given, Springfield, Missouri, and a brother, ED CRAIG, Rt. 1, Springfield, Missouri. He also listed a girl friend, DEBORAH

PRESTON, 1607 E. Brower, Springfield, Missouri, and a girl friend MAUDE M. PRESTON, 908 W. 10th, Rolla, Missouri. His post-release plans indicate he would live in Springfield with his mother and might be employed by Gene Sikes Sawmill, Springfield. He was in custody Sheriff's Office Springfield, Missouri, # S-3666, as of February 9, 1965. He is described as white male, 6'½", 148 lbs., black hair, hazel eyes.

KC 44-760

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent HOWEY B. AYERS:

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

On May 22, 1968, Mr. HARRY LAUF, Missouri State Penitentiary, advised that JOHN WILLIAM MEYERS, MSP #05348, was released April 5, 1965, and not a parolee. His mother is LILLIAN MEYERS, 1401 30th Avenue, Gulfport, Mississippi; and he had a friend--Mrs. IRENE COLLINS, 5447 West Chicago Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

NATHAN J. MURRAY, MSP #04725, was paroled on July 2, 1964, and discharged from parole on January 4, 1967. The last address was Mr. JOHN A. ZITZELANICH, 3177A Oregon, St. Louis, Missouri.

KC 44-760
THW:ksw
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The following investigation was conducted by SA THOMAS H. WEAVER:

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

On June 7, 1968, Mr. HARRY LAUF, Records Office, Missouri State Penitentiary, advised that there is not now and never has been, according to his records, any inmate at this institution named WARREN RAY. He said that his records on inmates named RAY include no RAYs with any combination of names including the name WARREN, and including the spelling of the last name as "WRAY". He said his records show RAY EUGENE WARREN, Missouri State Penitentiary #69963, was received at the Missouri State Penitentiary June 9, 1955, and was released April 13, 1968.

KC 44-760
WCM:bjc
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The following investigation was conducted by Investigative Clerk WILLIAM C. MC DONALD:

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

On May 9, 1968, Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) records were checked for ROBERT BOSHERS. The following information was obtained:

ROBERT BOSHERS, MSP# 02908,(True Name) ROBERT GILBERT BOSHERS, was received at the MSP, June 6, 1961, from Gasconade County to serve a four year sentence on charge of Burglary in the Second Degree. He was discharged October 5, 1963.

BOSHERS is described in this file as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Born	May 28,1938,St. Louis, Missouri
Height	6'
Weight	175 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Medium
Build	Medium
Occupation	Laborer
Education	7th grade
Tattoo	BOB, upper right arm; butterfly inner right forearm; Twin hearts with 489 38 8509, upper left arm; Dagger and Scroll, inner left forearm
Marital Status	Divorced
Arrest Record	Probation, El Reno, Parole, Forgery, four years
Social Security Number	488 38 8509
FBI#	754495C
Selective Service Number	23 106 38 218

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Relatives listed are:

Grandfather	AREL GORDIEN, 1911 South 11th, St. Louis, Missouri
Brother	WILLIAM BOSHERS, same address
Mother	LILA HICKS, address unknown
Sister	MARY BOSHERS, address unknown
Sister	BETTY MCCLAIN, address unknown
Ex-wife	RACHEL BOSHERS, no address
Sons	JIM and ROBERT, no address
Daughters	KATHY and ROXEY, no address

Records reflect that the United States Marshal was to take custody of BOSHERS at the MSP on October 5, 1963, at the time he was discharged.

This file reflects that BOSHERS is probably an alcoholic.

KC 44-760
WCM:LAC
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The following investigation was conducted by IC WILLIAM C. MC DONALD at Jefferson City, Missouri:

On May 8, 1968, Missouri State Penitentiary records were checked for EDWARD MC CLELLAN. This individual could not be identified from a record check.

III. INVESTIGATION AT DELSAW LOCKSMITHING INSTITUTE

On May 28, 1968, Mr. BILL COMPTON, Manager, Belsaw Locksmithing Institute, 315 Westport Road, Kansas City, Missouri, furnished one hundred seventy-six enrollment applications that were received at this institution during April and May, 1968. He advised that they may be utilized by the FBI for handwriting and/or typewriting examinations and requested that they be returned to the Belsaw Institute when they are of no further use to the FBI. Mr. COMPTON advised that their files contain no record in the name of JAMES EARL RAY or any of his known aliases.

The 176 applications were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory on May 28, 1968, for examination inasmuch as it is known that JAMES EARL RAY was interested in locksmithing and had previously taken a locksmithing course at another correspondence school.

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REPORT
of the

FBI LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Re: MURKIN
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Date: June 3, 1968
FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-680529081 JK

Specimens received 5/29/68

K278 through K453 One hundred seventy-six applications to the Nelsaw Locksmithing Institute, Kansas City, Missouri, for the months of April and May, 1968, bearing known handwriting of various individuals

Result of examination:

The handwriting, hand printing and typewriting appearing on K278 through K453 were compared with respective portions of known and questioned items submitted in connection with the "MURKIN" investigation, but no identification could be made.

IV. EFFORTS TO LOCATE PAUL BRIDGEMAN

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The following investigation was conducted by SA ROWEN B. AYERS:

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

On June 3, 1968, HARRY LAUF, Records Office, Missouri State Penitentiary, advised that PAUL OSBORN BRIDGEMAN, MSP #10134, also known as PAUL JAMES BRIDGEMAN, was received from Jackson County, Missouri on April 23, 1965 to serve five years. He was discharged by commutation on January 16, 1968; not paroled.

On June 3, 1968, Mr. HERBERT BUNKER, Classification Office, Missouri State Penitentiary, furnished the institution file for BRIDGEMAN from which the following was noted:

He was transferred to Moberly on March 7, 1966; reassigned to the Missouri State Penitentiary on May 22, 1967 and Renz Farm May 22, 1967 as of May 16, 1967. On June 7, 1967, he received $10.00 from WAYNE ROTHBERG who was put on his visiting list. The file indicated his parents were deceased and that WAYNE ROTHBERG was the guardian of his child. He resided at 8228 Holmes, Kansas City, Missouri. However, as of March 13, 1967, there was a letter from Mr. ROTHBERG, indicating his address as 8603 Beuregard, Dallas, Texas and he was employed by the RoCo Auto Supply Company.

Also, there was a letter in the file indicating that GREEN and GREEN of West Plains, Missouri (Attorneys) were representing IRENE BRIDGEMAN, mother of inmate. BRIDGEMAN was born at Winchester, Indiana on April 13, 1940. He was married when 18 years of age to a CAROLYN BROOKER who apparently took one child and deserted him and he had no contact with her after November of 1963. He had no visitors. Communications were reflected only with ROTHBERG. He attended Salem, Arkansas high school to 10th Grade, and has served time in Illinois.

Warden HAROLD SWENSON, on June 3, 1968, said that

ROTHBERG was a real problem to him in connection with BRIDGEMAN. He said there was an apparent homosexual relationship existing between the two and he caught ROGHBERG smuggling currency to BRIDGEMAN through another inmate.

A Classification Sheet and photograph of BRIDGEMAN were obtained.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA RAY HOMESLEY at Kansas City, Missouri:

LEE CHAPMAN, Clerk, Records Bureau, Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, made available the arrest record concerning PAUL JAMES BRIDGEMAN, Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department #104182. This record indicates the following arrests:

On March 13, 1964, BRIDGEMAN was arrested for investigation for larceny but was released by the #1 Detective Unit. On November 6, 1964, a pick-up order was issued for investigation concerning robbery. On December 8, 1964, BRIDGEMAN was arrested for robbery and sentenced to five years, Missouri Department of Corrections, on February 8, 1965.

The record indicates BRIDGEMAN was received at the Missouri State Penitentiary April 23, 1965, from Jackson County, Missouri, and was discharged from the Penitentiary on January 16, 1968. On February 8, 1968, BRIDGEMAN was arrested for disturbing the peace, which charges were dismissed at the request of the complaining witness on February 12, 1968.

A review was made of the file maintained by the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department concerning PAUL JAMES BRIDGEMAN, which indicates the arrest on March 13, 1964, was for investigation in connection with the larceny of a cash register at the Oak Hotel, 414 East 8th Street, Kansas City, Missouri. On this date BRIDGEMAN listed his employment as the Princeton Hotel, 3241 Paseo, Kansas City, Missouri, as clerk. A sister by the name of JANET CAWVEY was listed as nearest relative but no address shown. An associate was shown as CLARENCE ROUNDS, white male, age 40, 414 East 8th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

On December 8, 1964, BRIDGEMAN was arrested for investigation of robbery at Clark Service Station, 4241 Blue Parkway on November 6, 1964, and the Clark Service Station at 7441 Troost also on November 6, 1964. At the time BRIDGEMAN was arrested, he was driving a 1960 Dodge two-door hardtop, Missouri license SW5-897, and was accompanied by

NICHOLAS E. EDWARDS, white male, born June 11, 1942, residing 1201 East 8th Terrace, Kansas City, Missouri. EDWARDS was released by the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department. An associate in addition to EDWARDS was shown as WAYNE ROTHBERG, 5000 Oak, Kansas City, Missouri.

On February 8, 1968, BRIDGEMAN was arrested at 85th and Troost for disturbing the peace by fighting in the Old Fortress Tavern at that address. The complainants were ROBERT G. NELSON, 524 Benton, and JERRY D. HENDRICKSON, 12811 13th Street, Grandview, Missouri. BRIDGEMAN listed his employment as K. W. Dart Company, 3541 Gardner, North Kansas City, Missouri, and his address as 3653 Skyline Drive, Mission, Kansas. He listed nearest relative as KATHY BRIDGEMAN of 3653 Skyline Drive, Mission, Kansas.

The Missouri Departmentof Corrections report concerning BRIDGEMAN maintained in the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department files shows BRIDGEMAN's parents moved to Warrensburg, Illinois, when he was six months old and seven years later moved to Salem, Arkansas, where they resided five years. BRIDGEMAN's parents were divorced when he was fifteen years old but were later reunited. BRIDGEMAN's parents, JAMES and IRENE BRIDGEMAN, were involved in a murder - suicide in 1962.

The records show BRIDGEMAN married CAROLYN BROOKER in 1961 and two children were born to this union. The wife, CAROLYN BROOKER, allegedly took one of the children and deserted the home; and BRIDGEMAN's son is reported to be residing with friends in Kansas City, Missouri.

The Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department records reflect the following description:

Name	PAUL JAMES BRIDGEMAN
Alias	PAUL BRIDGEMAN
Birth	April 13, 1940
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	6'1"
Weight	195

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Eyes	Blue
Hair	Blond
Sister	JANET CAWVEY Lanton, Missouri
Former Employments	Clerk, Princeton Hotel, 3241 Paseo, Kansas City, Missouri (1964); Concrete finisher for Flemly Dirckson, Bloomington, Illinois
Associates	NICHOLAS E. EDWARDS 1201 East 8th Terrace Kansas City, Missouri; WAYNE ROTHBERG 8228 Holmes Street Kansas City, Missouri (ROTHBERG is reported to be the guardian of BRIDGEMAN's son.)

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Mr. W. N. DANIELS, Manager, Roe Village Apartments, Roeland Park, Kansas, advised JACQUELINE KLINE and SANDRA LAUGEN moved into this apartment development on January 15, 1968, and moved out May 24, 1968. He advised JACQUELINE KLINE had a boy friend by the name of BRIDGEMAN, who he believes resided with KLINE during the time she rented an apartment at Roe Village. He advised KLINE was arrested on a bad check charge about May 1, 1968, by the Johnson County Sheriff's Office.

DANIELS furnished for review an application which indicates JACQUELINE KLINE was employed as a practical nurse for Mrs. E. TAVERNERO, 6314 Baltimore, Kansas City, Missouri. She listed references as FAYE ANTHONY, 305 West 109th Terrace; and EILEEN GOLDMAN, 2512 West 75th Place.

DANIELS also furnished an application for review concerning SANDRA M. LAUGEN, which indicates her parents reside at 3131 Quincy Drive, Kansas City, Missouri. References were listed as Mrs. ALBERT BELL, 1251 West Gregory; and SANDRA PALSKY, 4340 Jefferson, Kansas City, Missouri.

DANIELS advised KLINE furnished a forwarding address as 11161 East 43rd, second floor, Kansas City, Missouri. He advised he believes LAUGEN is employed for an insurance company operated by a man by the last name of COHEN in Kansas City, Missouri. He stated LAUGEN has a retarded child and receives child support.

Photographs of PAUL BRIDGEMAN taken March 13, 1964, by the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, and also photograph taken April 23, 1965, by the Missouri Department of Corrections, were displayed to DANIELS and he advised this is the individual who did reside with JACQUELINE KLINE at the Roe Village Apartments. Various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were displayed to DANIELS and he advised this individual is not familiar to him, and he does not recall seeing anyone of a similar appearance at Roe Village.

On 6/3/68 at Roeland Park, Kansas File # KC 44-760

by SA RAY HOMESLEY RH:gah
SA WILLIAM G. BROOKHART Date dictated 6/5/68

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The following investigation was conducted by SA RAY HOMESLEY and SA WILLIAM G. BROOKHART on June 4, 1968:

Mrs. OLLIE GRAULICH, 8230 Holmes, Kansas City, Missouri, advised she does not know anyone by the name of WAYNE ROTHBERG residing at 8228 Holmes, Kansas City, Missouri. She advised to her knowledge no one by that name has resided at that address for the last few years.

An effort was made to contact individuals residing at 8228 Holmes Street, but there was no one home on June 3, 1968. The mailbox lists the name of F. R. and C. L. BARTKOSKI.

IDAMAE HARBOLT, Manager, Twin Oak Apartments, 5000 Oak Street, Kansas City, Missouri, advised WAYNE M. ROTHBERG resided at this address for approximately six months and moved in August, 1964. She stated she believes an aunt of ROTHBERG's by the name of FANNY WALKER also resided at the Twin Oak Apartments in 1964. She stated, however, WALKER has also moved from this address and she has no forwarding address for WALKER. She advised ROTHBERG listed employment with the Inland Underground Storage, Kansas City, Kansas.

KAYE HAMMOND, barmaid, Old Fortress Tavern, 85th and Troost, Kansas City, Missouri, advised she recognizes the photograph of PAUL BRIDGEMAN but she does not believe he has been in the tavern for approximately two months. HAMMOND viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and advised she does not know this individual.

JAMES DUARDI, owner, Old Fortress Tavern, 85th and Troost, Kansas City, Missouri, advised that PAUL BRIDGEMAN frequented this tavern up until about two months ago and apparently left town. He stated he does not know for sure that BRIDGEMAN has left town but he has not seen BRIDGEMAN for about two months and since BRIDGEMAN came to the tavern frequently, he assumes BRIDGEMAN left town. DAUGHERTY advised also that MIKE HEAD frequents this tavern and BRIDGEMAN and HEAD frequently played pool at the tavern. He stated he does not believe HEAD is closely associated with BRIDGEMAN and HEAD still frequents the Old Fortress Tavern.

FAYE ANTHONY, 305 West 109th Terrace, Overland Park, Kansas, advised she is a friend of JACKIE KLINE and she talked by telephone with KLINE last Sunday morning, June 2, 1968. She stated KLINE did not mention leaving town and she has no idea concerning KLINE's present whereabouts. She stated JACKIE KLINE was dating PAUL BRIDGEMAN and she believes BRIDGEMAN's family is in Bloomington, Illinois. She stated she could furnish no information concerning the whereabouts of BRIDGEMAN but she believes BRIDGEMAN left town one month or six weeks ago.

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Mrs. ROSE LONDON, 2511 West 75th Place, Prairie Village, Kansas, advised JACKIE KLINE has worked as a nurse for a number of years and has been placed in several employments by Mrs. LONDON, who operates a nurses' registry from her home.

Mrs. LONDON advisod KLINE knew an individual who was serving time at the Missouri State Penitentiary and KLINE at one time was keeping the son of this individual. She stated at one time KLINE considered adopting the son of the individual who was serving time at the Missouri Penitentiary, but for some reason never did so. Mrs. LONDON statdd KLINE told her sometime in the winter of 1968, that the individual was being released from the Missouri State Penitentiary and that KLINE was going to meet him when he was released. She stated KLINE later told her that she had met this individual when he was released from the Penitentiary, and she got the impression that KLINE's relationship with this individual became rather close after he was released from prison.

LONDON stated a few weeks ago KLINE told her she was in trouble because this individual had stolen checks from her car, which checks were drawn on KLINE's bank account. LONDON said KLINE advised her that she was in trouble because of these checks and was being charged by Johnson County authorities for cashing bad checks. She said KLINE advised that this individual had used KLINE's name on the checks. She stated about four days ago KLINE called and asked if LONDON could find a replacement for her because she was leaving town. She stated also KLINE called last Sunday, June 2, 1968, and indicated she was leaving town late that evening, and mentioned Omaha, Nebraska, and Iowa but did not indicate specifically where she was going. Mrs. LONDON stated she asked KLINE whether she was going to meet this individual and KLINE stated she was not going to meet the individual because of all the trouble he had caused her.

Mrs. LONDON stated KLINE also asked whether or not she would recommend her for another position and Mrs. LONDON indicated she would inasmuch as she had had no complaints from employers concerning KLINE. Mrs. LONDON advised if she gets any inquiry concerning KLINE, she will advise the Kansas City FBI Office.

On 6/4/68 at Prairie Village, Kansas File # KC 44-769

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Mr. R. E. WEBB, Manager, Netherlands Hotel, 39th and Main, Kansas City, Missouri, advised that JACKIE KLINE moved into Room 206 on May 22, 1968, and moved out June 2, 1968. He advised his records show a previous address as 7547 Rainbow, Prairie Village, Kansas, and her business address as 6314 Baltimore, Kansas City, Missouri. He stated KLINE was driving a 1968 Chevrolet, Kansas license J/O 93043.

WEBB advised KLINE made two long distance telephone calls to Minneapolis, Minnesota, on May 29 and 31, 1968, which were charged to her hotel bill. WEBB stated inasmuch as these calls were station to station, his records do not reflect the number called. He stated KLINE also called local telephone numbers HE 2-7200, WE 1-5322 and WE 1-8149.

On 6/4/68 at Kansas City, Missouri File# KC 44-760

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SANDRA LAUGEN was interviewed at her mother's residence, 3131 Quincy Drive, Kansas City, Missouri. She advised she presently resides at 116 East 43rd Street, Kansas City, Missouri, telephone WE 1-8149, and is employed for the National Central Life Insurance Company, 38th and Summit, Kansas City, Missouri.

LAUGEN advised she resided with JACKIE KLINE at the Roe Village Apartments. During this time KLINE was dating PAUL BRIDGEMAN. She stated Bridgeman stole some blank checks from KLINE's automobile and some of these checks were cashed by BRIDGEMAN. The checks were drawn on the Roeland Park State Bank, Roeland Park, Kansas. She stated, however, KLINE was identified as cashing one of these checks and as a result, was placed on one year probation by the Johnson County, Kansas, authorities. She stated about the time KLINE was charged for the bad check in Johnson County, Kansas, BRIDGEMAN left town. She does not know BRIDGEMAN's whereabouts. She stated, however, JACKIE KLINE kept in touch with BRIDGEMAN by long distance telephone calls. She stated these calls were made on a telephone at the Roe Village Apartments #CO 2-5355. LAUGEN stated this telephone was obtained by KLINE, using the name KAYE ROSENBERG. She stated also BRIDGEMAN traveled while he resided in Kansas City, Missouri, and mentioned Bloomington, Illinois, and Dallas, Texas. She stated she believes an individual in Dallas, Texas, cares for BRIDGEMAN's son and BRIDGEMAN made a number of trips to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to meet this individual.

LAUGEN advised she knew PAUL BRIDGEMAN had served time at the Missouri State Penitentiary and JACKIE KLINE had mentioned that possibly she and LAUGEN would be questioned inasmuch as BRIDGEMAN served time at the penitentiary while JAMES EARL RAY was there. LAUGEN stated she does not recall RAY's name being mentioned by BRIDGEMAN and she does not know whether BRIDGEMAN was ever closely associated with RAY.

LAUGEN advised BRIDGEMAN was arrested March 19, 1968, while driving JACKIE KLINE's car, a 1968 white two-door

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Malibu 307. She stated KLINE purchased this car from Pappas Chevrolet, and it was financed through the Commerce Trust Company, Kansas City, Missouri. She stated BRIDGEMAN posted bond when he was arrested March 19, 1968, and KLINE had to furnish money to recover the car since it was impounded by the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department. She stated BRIDGEMAN was charged with drunk driving and having no driver's license.

LAUGEN advised the only friends BRIDGEMAN had in Kansas City, Missouri, were JACKIE KLINE, JIM DAUGHERTY, Old Fortress Tavern, and MIKE HEAD, an individual who frequented the Old Fortress Tavern.

LAUGEN stated she talked to KLINE on Sunday and KLINE advised she was leaving town and did not want anyone to know where she was going. LAUGEN stated she assumes KLINE drove the 1968 Chevrolet, and she does not know whether KLINE was going to meet BRIDGEMAN.

LAUGEN described JACKIE KLINE as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Female
Age	25
Hair	Red (dyed)
Height	5'4"
Weight	200
Eyes	Brown
Parents	Deceased.

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Mrs. KATHERINE TAVERNARO, 6314 Baltimore, Kansas City, Missouri, advised JACQUELINE KLINE was employed for her as a nurse for eleven months at the salary of $102 per week. She stated KLINE last worked on Sunday, June 2, 1968, at which time she had her car packed and stated she was leaving town. TAVERNARO stated KLINE did not indicate where she was going but indicated possibly Omaha, Nebraska, or Des Moines, Iowa. She advised KLINE told her that she had gotten into trouble because of a bad check and was going to a new town to start over. She stated KLINE advised her that PAUL BRIDGEMAN had stolen some of her checks from the glove compartment of her car and had cashed these checks, and for that reason she was in trouble with the police.

TAVERNARO advised KLINE was not questioned concerning her association with PAUL BRIDGEMAN but she got the idea that BRIDGEMAN had left town four to six weeks ago but KLINE was still in touch with BRIDGEMAN. She stated KLINE had remarked some time ago that it was thirty degrees where BRIDGEMAN was now located and TAVERNARO got the idea that possibly BRIDGEMAN was in Minnesota. TAVERNARO stated BRIDGEMAN did not work while he was in Kansas City, Missouri, and KLINE supported BRIDGEMAN.

TAVERNARO advised KLINE left her house about 7:30 p.m., June 2, 1968, and she has had no information from her since that time. She advised KLINE is registered with a nurses' registry operated by ROSE LONDON, 2511 West 75th Place, Prairie Village, Kansas.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA RAY HOMESLEY and SA WILLIAM G. BROOKHART:

On June 3, 1968, Miss LOUISE DRAKE, Personnel Office, K. W. Dart Company, 3541 Gardner, North Kansas City, Missouri, advised she could locate no record concerning PAUL OSBORNE BRIDGEMAN or PAUL JAMES BRIDGEMAN being employed for the company at any time.

On June 3, 1968, Mr. J. L. BUCHANAN, Superintendent, Shawnee Mission Post Office, Shawnee Mission, Kansas, advised he has no record of PAUL BRIDGEMAN or KATHY BRIDGEMAN residing at 3653 Skyline Drive. BUCHANAN advised Skyline Drive is in the Roe Village Apartment Development and the numbers run from 4700 to 5300, and there is no 3653 Skyline Drive.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA RAY HOMESLEY and SA WILLIAM G. BROOKHART on June 4, 1968:

R. L. STIRTON, Patrolman, Roeland Park Police Department, Roeland Park, Kansas, advised he has no record in his files concerning PAUL BRIDGEMAN or JACQUELINE KLINE.

STIRTON caused a check to be made with the Johnson County Sheriff's Office and determined that JACQUELINE KLINE, alias JACQUELINE GOLDSTEIN, was arrested May 3, 1968, on a felony check charge. He determined KLINE was sentenced to one year probation and is under the supervision of WILLIAM HECK, Probation Officer, Johnson County, Kansas.

WILLIAM HECK, Probation Officer, Johnson County, Olathe, Kansas, advised JACQUELINE KLINE is residing at the Netherlands Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri, and is employed for a Mrs. TAVERNS, telephone number EM 1-2118.

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V. MISCELLANEOUS

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The following investigation was conducted by SA THOMAS J. CONNOLLY on May 10, 1968:

AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Mrs. MARJORIE GORDON, Secretary to the President and Personnel Manager of the Gordon Johnson Industries, Inc., 2519 Madison, advised that MARVIN W. HEEREN is an international salesman for the Gordon and Johnson International Company and has been since June 1958. She advised that his territories include Mexico and South America as well as territory overseas. He does no selling in the United States.

Mr. MARVIN W. HEEREN, 10606 Westbrooke Drive, Shawnee Mission, Kansas, advised he is salesman for Gordon Johnson International Company, made numerous trips out of the country, many of which were in Mexico. He stated that during the week April 1 through 7, 1968, he was in Kansas City at work during the work days and at home on the weekend and that on April 8, he flew to Jacksonville, Florida, where he met a customer in the poultry processing business by the name of MIKE PENYADO from Jamaica, who had come to this country to study some poultry processing plants in Gainesville, Georgia. He stated that he and PENYADO flew from Jacksonville to Atlanta on April 9 and arrived at approximately 5:00 pm and he placed PENYADO on a Greyhound Bus for Gainesville, Georgia, and then he himself checked into the Downtown Motel in Atlanta, where he stayed April 9 and 10 and checked out on the morning of April 11. He stated that Wednesday night, the tenth, PENYADO stayed in the motel with him. He stated that he was unable to conduct any business on the ninth, due to the fact all business establishments were closed because of the funeral of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. While in Atlanta he visited a friend of his, Vice President of the Trust Company of Georgia in Atlanta, Mr. GEORGE T. BROWN.

The following is a description of MARVIN W. HEEREN; white male, born February 14, 1926, Luverne, Minnesota, 5'10½", 150-55 lbs., hazel eyes, black hair, U.S. Navy 1944-46, U.S. Navy # 9731684, occupation poultry processing equipment salesman, June 1958, Gordon Johnson Company.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA ROY L. HUMPHREYS, JR.:

At Wathena, Kansas:

Re Telephone Number 913-989-4468

On May 7, 1968, it was ascertained that the above telephone number was the number of Mrs. FLOYD HONTZ, Route 1, Wathena, Kansas.

On May 7, 1968, Mrs. FLOYD HONTZ, Route 1, Wathena, Kansas, advised she resides at this address with her children, the oldest of whom is a senior in high school. She said she has had telephone number 989-4468 since May, 1967, and this is currently her number.

Mrs. HONTZ stated she does not recall receiving a telephone call from Beaumont, Texas, in December, 1967, or at any time since she has had this number. She stated she has no relatives in Texas and can recall no one calling at her residence from the Texas area in December, 1967. She said her children were not on a trip away from home at that time and no one called them to her knowledge or recollection.

Mrs. HONTZ viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, and stated she did not recall ever meeting anyone who resembled him and said she knew no one who used any of the known aliases of RAY.

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The following investigation was conducted at Kansas City, Missouri by IC WILLIAM F. ROHR on May 15, 1968:

A review of Kansas City, Missouri Police Department file #94249 disclosed JAMES WILSON BROWN, described white, male, born January 3, 1916, Alabama, 5'6½", 176 lbs., FBI # 504 977 3, was arrested by the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department on November 23, 1959 for investigation - hold for homicide. This arrest disclosed BROWN shot and killed a man in Kansas City in what was termed a "lover's quarrel." The victim had been dating BROWN's girlfriend and thereafter BROWN shot and killed victim. BROWN gave a signed statement admitting this murder and on March 6, 1960, this charge was reduced to murder second at which time BROWN entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to a period of 20 years to be served at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri. It was noted that from the date of arrest, November 23, 1959, until date of sentencing, March 6, 1960, BROWN was incarcerated in the Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Kansas City, Missouri.

Upon arrest BROWN furnished the following list of relatives:

Mother	ANNIE BROWN, Gordo, Alabama, Route #3
Brother	SAM BROWN, residence same
Brother	ALFRED A. BROWN, Birmingham, Alabama
Brother	TILLMAN BROWN, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

No other arrests for BROWN in the Kansas City area.

A review of Kansas City, Missouri Police Department file 92747, disclosed JOHNNY VELANTI, also known as RAYMOND DUTTON JACKSON, MELODY RENO LA VALLE, ROY DOUGLAS TAYLOR, CARL DUTCHIN VON DEMERON, MILES SWIFTWATER, "RENO". VELANTI described white male, born November 20, 1925, Virginia, 5'8", 175 lbs., FBI # 416 361 2.

VELANTI was arrested by the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department on February 10, 1959 for investigation - recent activities. It was determined that VELANTI held up a hotel clerk in Kansas City and he furnished a signed statement admitting same. VELANTI was tried by a jury for this holdup and tried under the habitual criminal statute and was found guilty by the jury, sentenced to 20 years to the Missouri State Pentientiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, date not given. This file disclosed that after the jury returned the guilty verdict and the Judge sentenced him to 20 years, he walked in front of the jury box and cried out "Twenty years is a hell of a long time" and slashed his wrists with a razor blade.

File also contained a newspaper article which disclosed VELANTI, while incarcerated in the Jackson County Jail, Kansas City, Missouri awaiting trial, had fashioned a gun from a bar of soap and covered it with black shoe polish which made this gun look real. The gun was located during a routine search of VELANTI's cell.

At the time of arrest by the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, VELANTI advised the arresting officers that he had no father and that he did not know his mother's name.

A copy of the FBI identification record of BROWN and VELANTI were obtained as were photographs of these two individuals.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA RAYMOND B. HOWE:

AT INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI

On May 21, 1968, Attorney PHILLIP LEE BAKER, 214 South Springfield Street, Independence, Missouri, advised that in January, 1963, he was appointed by Judge GIBSON, U. S. District Court, to represent JAMES EARL RAY at the Missouri State Penitentiary in his application for Writ of Habeas Corpus. He stated that previous to this, RAY had filed application for appointment of counsel as an indigent pauper. This Writ of Habeas Corpus was to bring the warden into court to show why he was being detained. The hearing was unsuccessful.

BAKER advised that prior to the hearing and sometime during 1963, he talked to RAY at the Penitentiary and he believes this is the only time he spoke with him at the Penitentiary and the only other time he saw him was at the hearing which was held in Jefferson City, Missouri. After the hearing, RAY indicated to him he was going to appeal. BAKER stated he did not wish to represent RAY any further and his records show that on September 23, 1963, he wrote RAY at the Penitentiary to confirm his understanding to appeal and advising him that he should handle it himself.

BAKER stated he remembers nothing unusual in his conversations with RAY. They mainly talked of the hearing. He has not been in contact with RAY since September, 1963, and could furnish no information as to his whereabouts. He did advise that in about August, 1963, RAY sent him a $50.00 fee for representing him in this matter. Also, he received a letter dated July 24, 1963, from another inmate, Missouri State Penitentiary, JOHN W. MYERS, Registry #038486J, Hall F, Cell 90. This inmate advised that BAKER had been recommended to him by RAY and he requested BAKER to handle his case in the same manner he handled RAY's case.

BAKER said he sent MYERS a letter in August, 1963, advising him he would be unable to handle his case. BAKER also produced a letter dated July 10, 1963, that he received from JERRY RAY, 1713 Lafayette, St. Louis, Missouri. This letter states as follows:

> "I visited my brother James Ray this past Sunday and he said you represent him. Also, he said he was going to mail you $49.75 plus later on send you some money and you are supposed to send it to me.
>
> "He will let you know when he sends it. He will also let me know.
>
> "/s/ Jerry Ray"

BAKER advised that this was the extent of his contact with RAY and can furnish no further information regarding him. However, if such information comes to his attention, he will immediately contact the FBI.

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After interview with attorney PHILLIP LEE BAKER at Independence, Missouri, SA RAYMOND B. HOWE returned to the office and checked subject's file to determine if there was a recording of subject's sending $50 to attorney PHILLIP LEE BAKER. Prison records failed to substantiate this. In fact, they show that on June 19, 1963, PHILLIP LEE BAKER, 516 Guitar Building, Columbia, Missouri, sent a money order of $50 to JAMES EARL RAY. Because of this, SA HOWE recontacted attorney PHILLIP LEE BAKER the same date.

BAKER advised that his file reveals that he received a letter from JAMES EARL RAY dated May 19, 1963, from the Missouri State Penitentiary stating he was going to sign over $50 to BAKER and the money would be sent to him when money orders can be sent out. He advised that he got a letter dated June 11, 1963, postmarked June 11, 1963, from JAMES EARL RAY indicating that a relative was sending him $100. He stated he received another letter dated June 7, 1963, postmarked June 12, 1963, from the Missouri State Penitentiary enclosing a check or money order (BAKER could not tell from this letter) for legal fees. This letter was unsigned, however, the return address listed NATHAN J. MURPHY, Missouri State Penitentiary #04725, Hall K, Cell 91. BAKER advised that his records revealed that on June 17, 1963, he sent RAY a check for $50 which was the excess over his legal fees.

BAKER stated he could not remember any further details of these transactions, however, he would continue to review his files and check records and see if he could furnish any information which would be more helpful in this matter. BAKER supposed that maybe he was supposed to send the $50 to JERRY RAY instead of back to the subject in view of the letter he received from JERRY RAY on July 10, 1963, however, he could not elaborate on this.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA JAMES P. HORTON:

AT SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

On May 16, 1968, JOHN T. THOMASON, Greene County Parole Officer, Greene County Court House, advised that on September 26, 1967, IVAN DALE UNDERWOOD, appeared before Judge BARBOUR, Springfield, Missouri in connection with insufficient fund check and was released. THOMASON advised the record shows a money order was received from UNDERWOOD making restitution on the insufficient funds check on February 28, 1968 and a return address is 5105 Minnesota Avenue, Apartment B, St. Louis, Missouri and this is the most recent information in the file.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent ROWEN B. AYERS:

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

On May 22, 1968, Mr. DAVID BRYDON, Attorney, to whom a phone call was made by J. D. DAILEY from St. Louis, Missouri, on November 30, 1967, said this call related to his attempting to obtain a parole for THOMAS BEECHE CREWS, MSP #71845, doing life for murder and robbery. He said DAILEY said he was motivated by humanitarian reasons, but he also believed CREWS had stashed some money from a robbery and DAILEY may have hoped to share in that. He said CREWS is still in the penitentiary and is suffering from tuberculosis.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA THOMAS H. WEAVER:

AT COLUMBIA, MISSOURI:

On May 3, 1968, Chief of Police PAUL CHEAVENS (NA), Columbia Police Department, was telephonically advised by SA WEAVER of the statement from a witness in St. Louis, Missouri, that one individual driving a 1964 Chevrolet bearing a license issued to RICHARD L. BREY, 1505 West Worley, Columbia, resembled the subject. Chief CHEAVENS said that he would cause investigation to be conducted to determine if the person driving the above-described car could be identical with subject.

On May 3, 1968, Chief CHEAVENS advised SA ROWEN D. AYERS that RICHARD L. BREY, 1505 West Worley, Apartment 2, taught school at Hickman High School in Columbia until about March 1968. He said that he thought BREY was fired, and indications were that he had gone to Mexico, Missouri. He stated it was thought that BREY was single and had come from around Springfield, Missouri, and apparently not much was known about him among teachers at the high school, but there was no indication of any remote possibility that he would be identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

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WCM:jab
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The following investigation was conducted by IC WILLIAM C. MC DONALD:

At Jefferson City, Missouri:

On May 6, 1968, 1967 Columbia, Missouri, City Directory was checked for RICHARD L. BRAY. There was no record. However, RICHARD L. BREY, 1505 West Worley, Columbia, Missouri, was located and his occupation was listed as a teacher.

On May 6, 1968, Missouri Motor Vehicle Department, Driver's License Section records were checked for operator's license issued in the name of RICHARD LEE BREY. The following information was obtained:

RICHARD LEE BREY, 408 South Glennwood, Columbia, Missouri, was issued Missouri operator's license SN 3919619, on September 19, 1964. He is described on his application as a white male, born June 7, 1942, in Greene County, Missouri; height 5' 8"; weight 145 pounds; black hair, brown eyes, occupation - teacher.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 1, 1968

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Mr. DONALD BUNKER, Director, Classification and Assignments, Missouri State Penitentiary, who maintains personnel files on inmates of the Missouri State Penitentiary, advised that a visitor's card is issued to a person desiring to visit inmates by the Warden. This contains the signature of the visitor. When this person makes a visit, the card of the inmate is "pulled" by the matron in the visiting room, who checks the card upon presentation. The person visiting signs the register of visitors. This is a sheet of paper in columns. This is checked on the inmate's file, according to date, and when such entries are made on the inmate's card for all visitors each day, the sheet signed by the visitor is destroyed.

Mr. BUNKER said, therefore, the only signature of a visitor is that contained on the inmate's official visitor's card. He said, if it did not agree, in the opinion of the checking matron, no visit would be allowed, and trouble might result both to the inmate and the visitor.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent GEORGE C. SCRUGGS, JR.:

MAMIE HOOKER was located at the residence of her son, JAMES HOOKER, in a remote area of Laclede County, Missouri, on May 16, 1968. She advised that JAMES DAVID DAILEY was the son of her half-brother and something over 20 years ago he has been sentenced to the Missouri State Penitentiary. Mrs. HOOKER advised since his release from the penitentiary, he has lived in the St. Louis area and she has lived at Pascola, Missouri; therefore, she has had no contact or association with DAILEY and does not know any of his friends or associates or have any information concerning his activities. She stated it has been approximately nine years since she has seen DAILEY.

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VI. CHANNEL MASTER TRANSISTOR RADIO, MODEL 6502

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The following investigation was conducted by SA RAY HOMESLEY:

Re: Employment of EARL EVERETT RAY, subject's uncle, prior to 1944 at Sunset Amusement Company, Excelsior Springs, Missouri

Chief PATTERSON, Police Department, Excelsior Springs, Missouri, advised on May 1, 1968, that the Sunset Amusement Company, was owned and operated by KENNETH GARMAN and had winter quarters at Excelsior Springs, Missouri. He said GARMAN sold the business and he does not know whether any employment records were retained. He said JOHN LODWIK, SR., Attorney, formally did some of the legal work for GARMAN.

JOHN LODWIK, SR., Attorney, Excelsior Springs, Missouri, stated GARMAN sold the Sunset Amusement Company a number of years ago and retired to Florida. He stated to his knowledge there were no old employment records retained and he does not know the whereabouts of GARMAN.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/4/68

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Mr. M. J. STEWART, Treasurer, Missouri State Penitentiary, said the ledger of JAMES EARL RAY, MSP #00416, reflected he bought a radio from the inmate canteen of the Missouri State Penitentiary on April 21, 1967. This is reflected by a sales slip for that date. He said he can tell a radio was purchased because this is a coded item. He paid $9.75 for this radio. He said there was no means, from his books, to establish the make or the serial number of the radio purchased. RAY's balance, after the purchase, was $4.16.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/4/68

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Mr. HARRY F. LUECKENHOFF, Acting Manager, GORDON SOUND SYSTEM, Jefferson City, Missouri, said no serial numbers were maintained on items sold to the Missouri State Penitentiary, including 34 Channel Master Model 6502. He said the serial number is located in back of the knob on a piece of paper and is actually the final inspection number and is easily removed.

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Mr. PAUL STUEDER, Manager, SHOW-ME ELECTRONICS, INC., 609 Jefferson, Jefferson City, Missouri, advised he supplies items to GORDON SOUND SYSTEM. He said no serial numbers are maintained on items supplied to the retailer, including Model 6502 Channel Master transistor radios.

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Mr. HUGH DALLAS, Business Manager, Missouri State Penitentiary, advised his office handles the purchase of radios for the inmates' canteen. He said no serial numbers are maintained by his office, but on occasion, are furnished by the supplier. He examined his books and said the penitentiary purchased 48 Model 6502 Channel Master radios on September 7, 1968, from Central Missouri Distributing Company, Jefferson City, Missouri, for $350.40, and the serial numbers are reflected thereon. He said ten of this same model and make were purchased from Gordon Sound System on August 16, 1966, for $73.00, and no serial numbers are given. The last purchase of this radio was on October 29, 1968, from Gordon Sound System, Jefferson City, Missouri, of 24 radios with a sale price of $175.20, and no serial numbers are indicated. He said there was no means, through his records, of establishing the serial numbers.

Mr. DALLAS said the inmates have never been furnished with Pepsodent tooth brushes, but could purchase same at the canteen. He said they are not allowed to have such items as "Right Guard."

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Central Missouri Distributing Co.

RADIO, TELEVISION & ELECTRONIC PARTS — BATTERIES

Phone 636-3149 — 324 EAST CAPITOL AVENUE
P.O. BOX 838 — JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI ☑

Phone 442-4909 — 120 SO. EIGHTH ST.
P.O. BOX 862 — COLUMBIA, MISSOURI ☐

DATE 9/7/66

SOLD TO MO. State Prisons
STREET Inmates Canteen
CITY City

SHIPPED TO
SHIPPED FROM

TERMS 2% 10 NET 30 ☐ NET 30 ☑ pickup

YOUR ORDER NO.

PACKED BY

AMOUNT

BACK ORDERED	Quantity Ordered	Shipped	Delivered	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	
	48	48		6502 C M Radios	7.50	360.00
				Ser # 186968 Ser # 186943 Ser # 386373		
				186947 187078 386353		
				187080 186945 386372		
				187002 186941 386375		
				186944 187077 386372		
				187095 186963 386477		
				187001 187100 386476		
				186948 187076 386371		
				187206 386407 386358		
				186946 386386 386356		
				186942 386425 386372		
				187077 386351 386371		
				187210 386353 386374		
				186962 386355 386349		
				187077 386371 386377		
				186966 386321 386376		

NO MERCHANDISE RETURNED WITHOUT OUR PERMISSION
PAST DUE ACCOUNTS SUBJECT TO SERVICE CHARGE

SALESMAN

PURCHASER

	360.00
Postage & Ins.	
TOTAL	360.00
SALES TAX	1201

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INVOICE

GORDON SOUND SYSTEM

113 W. HIGH ST. — TELEPHONE 636-7281
JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI 65101

SOLD TO Missouri State Penitentiary
Prison Canteen Fund
Jefferson City, Missouri

DATE OF ORDER
DATE SHIPPED 8/16/60
INVOICE NO. 57696
YOUR ORDER NO.
TERMS

COMMERCIAL PRINTING CO.

QUANTITY SHIPPED	QUANTITY ORDERED	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	EXTENSION	TOTAL
	10	#6502 Channel Master Radios	7.30		73.00

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INVOICE

GORDON SOUND SYSTEM

113 W. HIGH ST. — TELEPHONE 636-7281
JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI 65101

SOLD TO Prison Canteen
Jefferson City, Mo.

COMMERCIAL PRINTING CO.

DATE OF ORDER 10/29/66
DATE SHIPPED
INVOICE NO. 58133
YOUR ORDER NO. 3809
TERMS

QUANTITY SHIPPED	QUANTITY ORDERED	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	EXTENSION	TOTAL
	24	#6502 ChannelMaster Radios	7.50	175.20	175.20

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Date 6/4/68

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Mr. JAMES SCHULTE, Manager, Inmate's Canteen, Missouri State Pneitentiary, advised when a radio is purchased by an inmate, his number is etched on the radio and a slip is given the Treasurer's office to code in the purchase on his account, so that he will not buy any more radios. He said he was not employed at the canteen in April of 1967. He said C. R. LUCKE has been there since July of 1966, and TOM ROBERTS has been employed for about eight years. He said PAT RACKERS was in charge in April of 1967. He said that normally one of the civilians does the etching; however, on occasion the inmates have done this. He said the inmates who were employed were GUS LYONS and AL PHASON.

He said the canteen has had only one etching device since the sale of radios was permitted about 1966. He said this is a VIBRO-GRAVER, Burgess Vibro-Crafters, Grayslake, Illinois, Model V-73. He said it has no serial number.

He said no serial numbers are maintained on radios sold by the canteen. He said the canteen still has ten or eleven Channel Master Model 6502s. He said this is the only radio which has ever been sold to inmates for $9.75 each. He said no new orders for this radio have been made since about 1966 or the first of 1967.

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Mr. TOM ROBERTS, Schott Road, a patient at the Memorial Community Hospital, furnished the following information:

He is employed in the Inmate Canteen at the Missouri State Penitentiary. Sometimes he engraves an inmate's number on transistor radio purchased by the inmate. He was so employed during April 1967.

Mr. ROBERTS used a "Vibro-Graver" identified as the one in use at the Inmate Canteen during 1967 to engrave the number "00416" on the top of a "Channel Master" transistor radio case in an area marked #4 and with the initials "TR."

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AL PHASON, Register #10499, Missouri State Penitentiary, furnished the following information:

He has in the past worked in the Inmate Canteen at the Penitentiary where he sometimes engraved inmate's numbers on transistor radios purchased by the inmates. He was so employed during 1967.

PHASON used a new electric engraver furnished him to engrave the number "00416" on the back of a "Channel Master" transistor radio case in an area marked #2 and marked with the initials "AP."

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Mr. CLARENCE R. LUCKE, Storekeeper, Inmate Canteen, Missouri State Penitentiary, furnished the following information:

He was working in this canteen in April 1967. He often engraved inmates' register numbers on transistor radios purchased in the canteen by the inmates. He used a Model V-73 "Vibro-Graver" of the Burgess Vibrocrafters, Inc., to do the engraving.

Mr. LUCKE furnished for the use of the Federal Bureau of Investigation the "Vibro-Graver" used in the inmate canteen. He initialed the "Vibro-Graver" as the one which has been in use here since he came to the inmate canteen in July 1966. He is positive that the bit on the engraver now is the same bit which was on the engraver when he came here in 1966.

Mr. LUCKE used another engraver furnished him to engrave the number "00416" on the back of a "Channel Master" transistor radio case in an area marked #1, and marked with the initials "CRL."

The only persons he knows of who might have placed an inmate's number on a transistor radio purchased in the canteen in about April 1967, would have been himself, Mr. PAT RACKERS, since resigned, Mr. TOM ROBERTS, civilian employee presently confined in Memorial Community Hospital in Jefferson City, and two inmates who worked then in the canteen, AL PHASON and GUS LYONS.

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GUS LYONS, Register #01696, Missouri State Penitentiary, furnished the following information:

He has in the past used the electric engraver in the Inmate Canteen at the Penitentiary to engrave an inmate's number on a transistor radio purchased by the inmate. He could have made some number enxravings on radios in 1967.

LYONS used a new electric engraver furnished him to engrave the number "00416" on the back side of a "Channel Master" transistor radio case in an area marked #3 and marked with the initials "GL."

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Mr. PATRICK D. RACKERS, P.O. Box 2019, who is employed as an auditor for the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, from the Auditing Department, Kelly Springfield Tire Company, Box 300, Cumberland, Maryland, furnished the following information:

He was in charge of the Inmate Canteen at the Missouri State Penitentiary in April 1967. When inmates purchased radios at the canteen, the inmate's register number was engraved on the radio, usually by the civilian personnel employed at the canteen, with an electric engraving device known as a "Vibro-Graver." The employee who usually handled the engraving operation was Mr. CLARENCE R. LUCKE; however, it is possible that inmates employed in the canteen at that time, AL PHASON and GUS LYONS, or himself, or another civilian employee, TOM ROBERTS, would have done engraving on radios purchased by inmates. He knows of no other persons who would have done any engraving.

Mr. RACKERS used the "Vibro-Graver" obtained from the Missouri State Penitentiary Inmate Canteen on May 29, 1968, to engrave the number "00416" on the top of a "Channel Master" transistor radio case in an area designated #5 with the initials "P.R."

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