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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242) (P)
RE: MURKIN
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Re Butel, 4/25/68, to El Paso, Houston and San Antonio, advising that each office should determine from telephone company the long-distance calls placed at each public telephone on Highway 90 and Interstate Highway 10 over which subject and CHARLES STEIN allegedly traveled 12/15-17/67. Subject reportedly made eight long-distance telephone calls while in Texas.

Set forth by field divisions are some of the telephone calls made from the San Antonio Division, 12/15-17/67, which were obtained from available Southwestern Bell Telephone Company records. The various field division will determine from the subscriber or person receiving the call, the identity of the caller. If the caller was JAMES EARL RAY, aka, obtain

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| 5-Bureau | 2-Little Rock |
| (2-Legat, Mexico City) | 3-Los Angeles |
| 2-Albuquerque | 2-Memphis (44-1987) |
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| 2-Baltimore | 3-New York |
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all available information. Further, determine if the subscriber or the person receiving the call has any knowledge of JAMES EARL RAY.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU

The Bureau is requested to furnish Legat, Mexico City two copies of this airtel and set forth the same lead for Legat, Mexico as set forth for the other recipient offices listed above.

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>CALLING NUMBER</u> | <u>CALLED NUMBER</u> | <u>PLACE AND/OR PERSON CALLED</u> |
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| <u>LEGAT, MEXICO</u> | | | |
| 12/16/67 | 223-8252 | 1227 | Sabinas, Coahuila, Mexico |
| 12/17/67 | 278-9068 | 1250 | Rosita, Coahuila, Mexico |
| 12/15/67 | 223-7920 | 427056 | Records show to "Lerdo, Mex." Place "Monty" |
| 12/16/67 | 223-8252 | 427056 | Monterrey, Mexico |
| 12/17/67 | 223-8252 | 468515 | Mexico City |
| <u>ALBUQUERQUE</u> | | | |
| 12/16/67 | 563-9704 | 505-877-9947 | To JENNY SHOUP |
| <u>ATLANTA</u> | | | |
| 12/15/67 | 875-9087 | 404-544-2190 | Columbus, Georgia |
| <u>BALTIMORE</u> | | | |
| 12/15/67 | 563-9793 | 301-675-0381 | |
| 12/16/67 | 563-9719 | 301-675-0381 | |
| <u>CHICAGO</u> | | | |
| 12/16/67 | 223-8252 | 312-847-4122 | |
| 12/16/67 | 432-9322 | 312-533-1084 | |

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| <u>DALLAS</u> | | | |
| 12/16/67 | 278-9012 | 214-247-6949 | |
| 12/17/67 | 432-9277 | 214-295-5689 | |
| 12/16/67 | 278-9194 | 214-351-6970 | |
| 12/15/67 | 223-8148 | 214-374-6379 | |
| 12/15/67 | 278-9041 | 214-465-0015 | |
| 12/15/67 | 278-9086 | 214-748-5851 | |
| 12/17/67 | 278-9194 | 806-362-7797 | |
| 12/16/67 | 278-9030 | 806-364-0709 | |
| 12/16/67 | 278-9066 | 806-364-4789 | |
| 12/15/67 | 223-0300 | 806-373-1108 | |
| 12/15/67 | 223-7271 | 806-385-5322 | |
| 12/17/67 | 278-9068 | 806-765-5963 | |
| <u>DENVER</u> | | | |
| 12/17/67 | 379-9059 | 303-641-1586 | Gunnison, Colorado |
| <u>DETROIT</u> | | | |
| 12/17/67 | 379-9953 | 517-867-3781 | Gustine |
| 12/17/67 | 432-9447 | 616-236-5598 | Miss SNEAA WATKINS Tolman, Michigan |
| <u>INDIANAPOLIS</u> | | | |
| 12/15/67 | 674-9919 | 317-473-7263 | |

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| <u>DATE</u> | <u>CALLING NUMBER</u> | <u>CALLED NUMBER</u> | <u>PLACE AND/OR PERSON CALLED</u> |
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| 12/15/67 | 875-9079 | 317-963-2331 | Sharpville, Indiana |
| 12/17/67 | 379-9925 | 219-456-2832 | Fort Wayne, Indiana |

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| <u>JACKSON</u> | | | |
| 12/17/67 | 674-9919 | 601-475-7722 | <i>Miss Pt.</i> |
| 12/17/67 | 432-9005 432-9005 | 601-762-3813 | <i>Pascagoula</i> |
| <u>JACKSONVILLE</u> | | | |
| 12/17/67 | 875-9055 | 904-433-1459 | Pensacola, Fla. |
| <u>KANSAS CITY</u> | | | |
| 12/15/67 | 674-9761 | 913-539-4300 | |
| <u>LITTLE ROCK</u> | | | |
| 12/16/67 | 223-7271 | 501-375-6561 | |
| 12/16/67 | 432-9005 | 501-624-4536 | VELMA THOMPSON |
| 12/17/67 | 432-9277 | 501-835-3481 | WORKMAN |
| <u>LOS ANGELES</u> | | | |
| 12/15/67 | 223-8266 | 213-231-5482 | |
| 12/17/67 | 988-7491 | 213-429-9378 | |
| 12/17/67 | 223-7271 | 213-663-3675 | |
| 12/16/67 | 379-9092 | 714-540-7240 | Santa Ana, Calif. |
| <u>MEMPHIS</u> | | | |
| 12/15/67 | 223-8080 | 901-947-1819 | Memphis, to RUBY SIMONS or SIMORS |
| <u>NEW HAVEN</u> | | | |
| 12/17/67 | 223-7689 | 203-754-6121 | Waterbury, Conn., from Miss JAMES, Room 319, Palace Hotel |

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Calling No.</u> | <u>Called No.</u> | <u>Place and/or Person Called</u> |
|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <u>NEW YORK</u> | | | |
| 12/16/67 | 432-9407 | 212-588-7147 | |
| 12/16/67 | 379-9059 | 914-343-3240 | Middletown, N.Y. |
| <u>OKLAHOMA CITY</u> | | | |
| 12/17/67 | 674-9919 | 405-771-3268 | |
| <u>OMAHA</u> | | | |
| 12/17/67 | 379-9084 | 515-388-4928 | |
| <u>PITTSBURGH</u> | | | |
| 12/17/67 | 432-9595 | 304-727-8137 | St. Albans, West Virginia |
| <u>SAN FRANCISCO</u> | | | |
| 12/17/67 | 223-7765 | 415-654-4366 | |

Unless pertinent information is developed during the course of the investigation requested above which pertains to the San Antonio Division, it is not necessary to advise the San Antonio Division of the results.

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Date: 5/22/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL _____ AIRMAIL
(Priority)TO: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)
FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P)MURKIN
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Re Houston airtel to Bureau, 5/3/68.

TELEPHONE CALLS MADE FROM THE HOUSTON DIVISION,
12/15-17/67

Re Houston airtel set out six leads for the Jackson Division at various cities in Mississippi concerning telephone calls made during period set out above. These phone calls originated at public telephones in Interstate 10 over which subject and CHARLES STEIN allegedly traveled 12/15-17/67.

The following investigation was conducted by SA STEPHEN B. KING at Jackson, Mississippi:

Numerous attempts to locate [redacted]

[redacted] Jackson, have been negative. [redacted] was contacted 5/21/68. He advised that he is an iron worker assigned to Local #469, Vicksburg, Mississippi, he is single, 24 yrs. of age, resides alone, and is away from his home in continuous travel status. [redacted]

[redacted] advised that in December, 1967, he did receive a phone call from a female acquaintance who is originally from the Meridian, Mississippi, area. He furnished her name as

2 - Houston
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
② - Jackson
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SYLVIA SNOWDEN of Houston, Texas. He requested that in the event the FBI contacts SNOWDEN, that his identity be concealed from her as the source of information. He advised that in December, 1967, when he talked to SNOWDEN, she told him she was living with a man by the name of JIMMY (last name unknown by [redacted]).

[redacted] searched his billfold and furnished the phone number of Miss SNOWDEN as 453-2874, Houston, Texas.

[redacted] advised that he has resided in Jackson, Mississippi, all his life. Photos of JAMES EARL RAY were exhibited to him, and he was unable to furnish any information concerning RAY.

LEADS:

HOUSTON

AT HOUSTON, TEXAS

Will contact SYLVIA SNOWDEN, phone #453-2874, and attempt to identify the man she allegedly resides with named JIMMY (LNU). Houston is requested to conceal the identity of [redacted] as the source of information in this matter.

JACKSON

AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

Will, when completed, submit report concerning all other investigation in the Jackson Division, including the telephone number survey.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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| REPORTING OFFICE HOUSTON | OFFICE OF ORIGIN MEMPHIS | DATE 5/17/68 | INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 4/5 - 5/14/68 |
| TITLE OF CASE JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE, I.O. # 4182, W.F. # 442-A, TOP TEN FUGITIVE; DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., (DECEASED) - VICTIM | | REPORT MADE BY SA JAMES S. WEIR | TYPED BY SJM |
| | | CHARACTER OF CASE CR - CONSPIRACY; UFAC - ROBBERY | |

REFERENCE: Buairtel, 5/7/68.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Since the inception of this investigation, all investigative leads developed by Houston have been set forth upon receipt. The leads are not being restated in this report.

LEAD:

HOUSTON

AT HOUSTON, TEXAS

Will continue investigation and set forth leads upon receipt.

Accomplishments Claimed: None

| <p>APPROVED _____ SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</p> <p>COPIES MADE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 - Bureau (44-38861) 2 - Houston (44-1509) <p>SEE COVER PAGE B</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Jackson</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dissemination Record of Attached Report</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th>Agency</th> <th>Request Recd.</th> <th>Date Fwd.</th> <th>How Fwd.</th> <th>By</th> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </table> | Agency | Request Recd. | Date Fwd. | How Fwd. | By | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | <p style="text-align: center;">DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;">157-9586-534</p> <div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px auto; width: 80%;"> <p>SEARCHED <i>WAC</i> INDEXED _____ SERIALIZED <i>WJ</i> FILED <i>WJ</i> MAY 23 1968</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>185</i></p> </div> <p>Notations</p> |
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- 2 - Memphis (44-1987)
- 1 - Atlanta (Info) (44-2386)
- 1 - Birmingham (Info)(44-1740)
- 1 - Chicago (Info) (44-1114)
- ① - Jackson (Info)
- 1 - Kansas City (Info) (44-760)
- 1 - Los Angeles (Info) (44-1574)
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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Copy to:

Report of: SA JAMES S. WEIR
Date: May 17, 1968

Office: Houston, Texas**Field Office File #:** 44-1509**Bureau File #:** 44-38861

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

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION -
ROBBERY

Synopsis:

Two white males using names W. DAVIS and E. CHIDLAW departed Memphis 1:47 AM, 4/5/68 via Delta Flight 157 non-stop to Houston. Prior to flight departure two white males taken to Memphis Municipal Airport by taxi from William Len Hotel, Memphis and subsequently identified from hotel records as VINCENT WALKER, San Francisco and LAWRENCE RAND (or REND), Kansas City, Kansas. Delta Airlines hostesses, limousine driver and logical hotel inquiries unable to identify DAVIS or CHIDLAW. Elimination of look-alikes set forth. Name of JOHN WILLARD located in records for Itaska Dance Studio, League City, Texas. Manager recalls WILLARD at studio in April, 1967 taking four weekly lessons. Telephone company records reflect 969 telephone calls from pay phones along I.S. 10, Houston Division, 12/15-17/67. NEAL AEBY, former inmate Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) with subject stated subject worked in Bread Room, MSP, as slicer; subject because of stomach trouble quit smoking and partial to egg diet. Houston Bartending School, labor unions, ship departures, credit, criminal, street and telephone directories negative for subject. SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS:

This investigation is predicated on the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, April 4, 1968 at Memphis, Tennessee.

On April 5, 1968 at approximately 12:05 AM, J.W. FARRIS, a Yellow Cab Company driver, Memphis, Tennessee, advised the FBI that he made a pickup of a white male at the William Len Hotel. FARRIS was directed to go in the first instance to West Memphis, Arkansas. Shortly thereafter he was re-directed by his passenger to drive to the Memphis Municipal Airport. Upon arriving at the airport, FARRIS was told by his passenger to wait while the passenger checked flight departure schedules. According to FARRIS, this passenger also made an inspection of the inside and immediate area outside the airport terminal. FARRIS then was directed by his passenger to return to the William Len Hotel and there to wait for the passenger. Shortly thereafter the passenger returned accompanied by another white male and FARRIS was directed to take them to the Memphis Municipal Airport.

Investigation by the FBI determined the following:

Records of the William Len Hotel revealed that a VINCENT WALKER, 449 Steiner Street, San Francisco and a LAWRENCE RAND, or REND, 2532 Polk, Kansas City, Kansas, checked into that hotel at 2:38 PM, April 4, 1968 and checked out at approximately 12:10 AM, April 5, 1968.

Investigation by the FBI has determined that WALKER and RAND, or REND, were identical to the individuals that Yellow Cab Driver J.W. FARRIS transported to the Memphis Municipal Airport.

Inquiry at Delta Airlines, Memphis, determined that two individuals utilizing the names W. DAVIS and B. CHIDLAW departed Memphis at 1:47 AM, April 5, 1968 via Delta Airlines enroute, Houston, Texas. These individuals had no reservations for that flight.

Mr. GLEN PARNELL, Reservations Manager, Delta Airlines, Houston, Texas on April 5, 1968 advised that the names of W. DAVIS and B. CHIDLAW had been computered into Delta Airlines records at 1:55 PM, April 4, 1968 which indicates their tickets were purchased shortly before that time and they were booked as a party of two. They traveled on Flight 157 non-stop, Memphis to Houston.

They departed Memphis at 1:30 AM, April 5, 1968 and arrived at 2:50 AM, April 5, 1968. Their names were added to the manifest and no addresses were listed.

On April 5, 1968 Miss SUSAN KRAUSE, one of two stewardesses aboard Delta Flight No. 157, Memphis to Houston, referred to above, advised as follows. She stated that her flight was late in arriving at Memphis. She had gone to the operations division to pick up forms and upon her return to the plane she went about her normal business. Miss KRAUSE advised that the names of passengers aboard the plane are not taken and the only thing she looks for is the envelope of the passenger that contains the ticket showing the passenger's class of travel. Because of the late hour of the departure of the flight from Memphis, the lights inside the cabin were turned down for the convenience of the majority of the passengers and she was not able to get a close look at anyone and was unable to recall the passengers W. DAVIS and B. CHIDLAW.

On April 5, 1968, VICKIE MC LUCAS, Delta stewardess for Delta Flight 157, Memphis to Houston, Texas, referred to above, advised as follows: While Flight 157 was at the Memphis Airport several passengers came aboard and the lights were turned down low for the convenience of other passengers; consequently, she did not pay any specific attention to any of the passengers coming aboard. Miss LUCAS advised that she was unable to recall passengers named W. DAVIS and B. CHIDLAW as members of the passenger list, Flight 157, Memphis to Houston, April 5, 1968.

On April 8, 1968 JIM HAYDEN, Limousine Service, which service handles the Houston Municipal Airport, advised that his records disclose LUPY DELAO who is currently working for Delta Airlines at the Houston Municipal Airport was on duty at the airport when the Delta Flight arrived at 2:50 AM and his records disclosed that DELAO had six persons whom he transported in his limousine to downtown Houston, which persons presumably were from the Delta flight mentioned above.

LUPY DELAO, 1815 Louis, telephone CA 8-6119 advised that he did in fact transport passengers from the Delta flight which arrived at 2:50 AM and he recalled that there were six adult white males who requested transportation in his limousine. He stated he dropped three of the men at the Sheraton Lincoln Hotel in downtown Houston, two of the men were dropped at

the Rice Hotel in downtown Houston and one man was dropped at the Downtowner Motel in Houston, Texas. DELAO advised that the two men he dropped at the Rice Hotel indicated at first that they intended to be dropped at the Downtowner Motel however when getting in the vicinity of the Rice Hotel changed their minds and asked to be dropped off at the Rice Hotel. DELAO stated that these two men had very little luggage and each one carried only a small handbag. DELAO stated he could not furnish any descriptive data regarding the two men he dropped off at the Rice Hotel and did not in fact know if they actually stayed at the Rice Hotel or one of the other hotels in the area. DELAO stated that he would have arrived at the Rice Hotel at approximately 3:30 AM as this is the amount of time it normally takes to drive to the Rice Hotel from the airport via the route he took.

On April 8, 1968, Mr. JOHNNY RAGLEY, Credit Manager, Rice Hotel, personally checked all available logical records in an effort to identify two individuals who may have checked in the Rice Hotel approximately 3:30 AM on April 5, 1968. Further all available records were checked for the following names:

JOHN WILLIARD
VINCENT WALKER
LAWRENCE RAND or REND
W. DAVIS
B. CHIDLAW

No records were located which could possibly be identified with the two individuals possibly identical with the suspects who reportedly flew from Memphis to Houston, Texas on the morning of April 5, 1968.

Similar record checks were made at the Milby Hotel which is located across the street from the Rice Hotel and at the Downtowner Motel also in the vicinity of the Rice Hotel and the results of the checks were negative.

Records of the Houston Police Department, Harris County Sheriff's Office, Houston Credit Bureau and Houston street and telephone directories checked for any information for the above listed individuals were negative.

I. INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY LAUNDRY TAG MARK 02B-6

On April 10, 1968 HORACE F. KUHLEMAN, owner, Kuhleman Machinery Company, 2210 Taft, advised that the following laundry and cleaning concerns utilized the thermo seal marking machine which is manufactured by the Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York. KUHLEMAN has the exclusive franchise for the thermo seal marking machine for the territory of southeast and south Texas. It has been determined through KUHLEMAN that his distributorship area is inclusive of the Houston Division. Companies are:

Pilgrim Cleaning and Laundry, Galveston, Texas
Hi-hat Cleaners, Houston, Texas
Pilgrim Cleaners, Homestead Road, Houston
Pilgrim Cleaners, Baytown, Texas
Fame Cleaners, Pasadena, Texas
Wilkins Laundry, Conroe, Texas
Monarch Laundry, Houston

Mr. KUHLEMAN telephoned each of the above concerns and determined from the owner the type of laundry tag used.

KUHLEMAN's inquiry resolved the pertinent fact that none of the above cleaning or laundry establishments utilized the "dash" preceding the last digit six.

II. PERSONS CONSIDERED AS POSSIBLE SUSPECTS BUT ELIMINATED THROUGH INVESTIGATION

1. WILLIAM LEO BEIER Beaumont, Texas Police Department No. 23655

Inspector SNELL, Beaumont Police Department, on April 9, 1968 advised that BEIER was arrested on April 8, 1968 for investigation. BEIER had no identification and claimed he was an ex-convict from the State of Washington.

The Identification Division, FBI, advised that fingerprints of WILLIAM LEO BEIER, FBI No. 271131D are not identical with latent fingerprints developed in this investigation.

2. JAMES HERMAN SILVER

Information was received by the FBI, Houston, Texas that SILVER had been imprisoned at Leavenworth Penitentiary and that he has a strong dislike for Negroes and had visited Memphis in the past several times. He was described as an expert shot. On April 10, 1968 his whereabouts were unknown.

On April 10, 1968 a comparison of SILVER's fingerprints by the Identification Division, FBI, determined that his prints were not identical with those developed in this investigation and was eliminated as a suspect.

3. DONNIE LEON HARDEN

Information furnished by the Dallas Division, FBI, made DONNIE LEON HARDEN a possible suspect in this investigation.

Investigation by the FBI at Jackson, Mississippi determined that DONNIE LEON HARDEN, an employee of the Ingalls Ship Yard, Pascagoula, Mississippi, was at work on his job at that ship yard on April 4, 1968. He worked an hourly shift from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM.

4. CLAUDE CHESTER MC CLAREN, JR.

Mexican Police, Mexico City, Mexico, furnished the following information: CLAUDE CHESTER MC CLAREN, JR., US Passport Z155489 arrived in Mexico City from Tegucigalpa, Honduras April 8, 1968. He was enroute Houston, Texas. Airport police noticed a close resemblance of MC CLAREN to sketches of the suspect killer of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

On April 19, 1968 CLAUDE C. MC CLAREN, JR. was interviewed at Commodore Cove, Shreveport, Texas, where he was employed as a heavy equipment operator. He furnished the following information:

He is working with his brother, CARL MC CLAREN on a construction job at Commodore Cove, Freeport building beach type homes. Their employer is the Drexel Industry located at 1500 Bank of the Southwest Building, Houston, Texas, and JAKE CLEGG is associated with this company. He presently resides at 119 Jolley Boat Lane, Commodore Cove, Freeport, Texas and his permanent address is 5405 Wichita Street, Ft. Worth, Texas which is the home of his sister, JUSTINE PRESTON. For the past two years, he has worked in Honduras returning to the U.S. in December, 1967 and lived in Ft. Worth for awhile. He began his employment at Freeport sometime around March 27, 1968. He went to Honduras on March 30, 1968 leaving Houston, Texas via National Airlines and from New Orleans, Louisiana flew to Honduras via Sahsa

Airlines. He remained at the Hotel Bolivar, San Pedro Sula, Honduras from March 30, 1968 to April 7, 1968 at which time he flew from Honduras to Mexico City, Mexico via Tan Airlines and from Mexico City to Houston, Texas via Pan American arriving in Houston April 7, 1968 thus was in Honduras from March 30, 1968 to April 7, 1968.

The following description of CLAUDE CHESTINE MC CLAREN, JR. was obtained through observation and interview:

| | |
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| Race | White |
| Sex | Male |
| Date of birth | [REDACTED] |
| Place of birth | Ft. Worth, Texas |
| Height | 5'9" |
| Weight | 145 lbs. |
| Hair | Brown |
| Eyes | Brown |
| Marital status | Single |
| Complexion | Tanned |
| Military service | U.S. Navy, August, 1954 - September, 1958 |
| Serial No. | 451-57-24 |

It was noted from observation that MC CLAREN does not resemble the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT.

5. JOHN A. GAULT

On April 12, 1968 the Miami Office of the FBI after reviewing records of Eastern Airlines determined that a JOHN A. GAULT employed by Associated Pipeline Contractors, Houston, Texas, had departed Greensboro, North Carolina on Eastern Flight 621 on April 9, 1968 destined for Atlanta, Georgia. He departed Atlanta, Georgia on Flight 341 on April 9, 1968 and traveled to Houston, Texas. GAULT was interviewed at Houston, Texas and it was determined that he is 24 years old and is in fact employed by Associated Pipeline Contractors and he in no way resembles JAMES EARL RAY, also known as.

6. DON TURNER

Information furnished by the Conroe Police Department, Conroe, Texas was the basis for investigation of DON TURNER. Mr. KEN ANDREWS, Springville, New York, advised the Conroe Police Department that on April 13, 1968 while driving from Conroe to California, he picked up a person furnishing the name DON TANNER at Benson, Arizona. TANNER was dressed in an Army uniform. Because of TANNER's statements ANDREWS became suspicious of him. - 7 -

Information furnished by the Los Angeles Office determined that TANNER was eliminated on the basis of information furnished by SHIRLEY KAHN who stated that DONALD TANNER was a friend and associate of her son and that TANNER was not identical with JAMES EARL RAY, also known as.

7. HENRY RICHARD GILES

Information furnished to the FBI determined that GILES had been under observation at Vera Cruz, Mexico in mid-April, 1968. He had been seeking information concerning travel to Cuba and had come to Mexico by the coast having entered Mexico at Tampico. He represented himself as being an employee of Braselton Construction Company, Corpus Christi, Texas.

On April 20, 1968, BILLY BRASELTON, Braselton Construction Company, Corpus Christi, Texas confirmed that HENRY ROBERT GILES is an employee of that company. He was not aware of GILES' visit to Mexico or Cuba. GILES upon interview April 20, 1968 advised he left Corpus Christi on April 16, 1968 by Trans-Texas Airways and traveled to Vera Cruz, Mexico. He departed Vera Cruz on April 17, 1968 by bus traveling to Mexico City. He returned to Corpus Christi, April 18, 1968 via Braniff Airlines. He denied making any inquiries while in Mexico regarding travel to Cuba. He was born August 6, 1918 at Corpus Christi.

8. G.L. GALLAGHER
5505 Briar Drive, Houston, Texas

Information received by the FBI at Miami, Florida alleged that G.L. GALLAGHER, a visitor at the C Ranch Hotel, Miami, April 23, 1968 resembled a photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT, also known as.

On April 23, 1968 SHIRLEY MAYON, Domestic, residence of G.L. GALLAGHER, 5505 Briar Drive, Houston, advised that Mr. and Mrs. GALLAGHER are presently in Florida on a vacation. GALLAGHER is an executive with an oil company at Houston, Texas.

9. Driver of Auto Bearing Louisiana License
25E930

An anonymous call received by the Dallas Division claimed that the driver of the above described automobile bore a strong resemblance to ERIC STARVO GALT. A check of Louisiana license records, Baton Rouge, Louisiana reflected that the above mentioned Louisiana license checked out to a car leased to Texas Services, Inc., Alexandria, Louisiana. Inquiry at Alexandria, Louisiana, determined that Texas

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Services is a licensee of Hertz Rent-A-Car, Alexandria, Louisiana. Inquiry at Hertz Rent-A-Car determined that the aforementioned automobile had been turned back to the Hertz Main Office at Brian, Texas, approximately three months ago.

Inquiry at Hertz Rent-A-Car, Brian, Texas on April 24, 1968 revealed that the aforementioned automobile bearing 1968 Louisiana license 25E930 is maintained by Capps Car Rental, 3717 Inwood Road, Dallas, Texas.

10. TOM ROSELL

Information furnished by the FBI, San Francisco Office, made TOM ROSELL a possible suspect. A Miss TRUDIE WALMARK, San Francisco, California stated she had attended a study group at the First Baptist Church, Market and Octavia Streets on April 22, 1968. While at that meeting she met a man named TOM ROSELL who stated he came from Beaumont, Texas. It was her opinion that ROSELL closely resembled photographs of JAMES EARL RAY.

On April 24, 1968 inquiry made at 405 Threadneedle Street, Beaumont, Texas determined that TOM ROSELL is a resident at that address. ROSELL's mother stated that her son was enroute to San Francisco and was probably in that city by now. She stated that her son is employed as a barber at Beaumont, Texas. Beaumont street and telephone directories confirm that ROSELL is a barber with residence at 405 Threadneedle Street, Beaumont.

11. GRAHAM ROBERT SMITH

Information furnished the San Francisco Office of the FBI was as follows:

Deputy Sheriff ANGEL STICKE GAULT regarding passengers who left Nuevo Laredo on April 6, 1968 enroute to Monterrey, Mexico made SMITH a possible suspect. SMITH was described as age 22, a British subject studying at Rice University, Houston, Texas.

On April 29, 1968 Mrs. ATKINSON, Secretary, Office of the Dean of Men, Rice University, advised GRAHAM ROBERT SMITH is an Abraham scholar and a British exchange student studying economics at Rice University. Rice University

records reflected that SMITH was at Rice University until on April 4, 1968 departing Houston April 5, 1968 over Easter vacation for the purpose of making a mountain climbing trip to Mexico.

On May 4, 1968 photographs of GRAHAM ROBERT SMITH were sent to San Antonio for the purpose of eliminating SMITH as a suspect.

12. EARL RAY,
RAY EARL
WARREN RAY
RAY WARREN

On April 29, 1968, A.E. BROWN, Hampshire, Texas, advised that his ex-wife presently resides at 170707 Jamiaca Boulevard, Spring Valley, California adding she had received a letter in 1960 from a person who was then incarcerated at the Missouri State Prison, Jefferson City, Missouri. BROWN was not sure of the name of the person who had written to his then wife but he seemed to recall it as EARL RAY or any of the following: RAY EARL, WARREN RAY or RAY WARREN. In the letter received by his wife was a photograph which BROWN claimed closely resembled that of the 1960 photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, suspect in this investigation. BROWN's former wife, DORIS DEAN JONES was interviewed at San Diego on April 29, 1968. She stated that she formerly knew a RAY EUGENE WARREN who during 1954 or 1955 had been incarcerated at St. Louis City Jail for a period of one year prior to being sentenced to a 30 years sentence at State Prison, Jefferson City, Missouri. She stated that in her opinion RAY EUGENE WARREN was not identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

13. CHARLES RAY JOHNSON

Information received by the FBI at Tampa, Florida made CHARLES RAY JOHNSON a possible suspect. JOHNSON had been described in information furnished to the Tampa Office as being employed by Heart of America Shows, a traveling carnival.

On May 1, 1968 the following investigation was conducted at Houston:

V.E. BROWN, Business Manager, Ted Corey, Owner and P.L. PATTERSON, Concessions Owner, all with Heart of America Shows advised that they could find no record for a CHARLES

RAY JOHNSON as an employee with that show. They advised that Heart of America has no other branch shows on the road. They further advised that they had been operating in the State of Texas for the past month. Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY displayed to them were not identified as being similar with any show personnel.

14. JAMES W. HAMMONS

Information received by the FBI, Pittsburgh, is as follows. A Mr. KELVIN PLYER, Gulf Service Station, operator, Bartow, West Virginia, stated that on April 22, 1968 two white males driving a 1961 or 1962 white Chevrolet Impala, Louisiana license unknown, purchased gas and tires at PLYER's service station using Gulf Credit Card No. 1312681552. The purchaser signed the purchase slip in the name JAMES HAMMONS. On May 2, 1968 PLYER concluded after reading in the newspaper descriptive data concerning JAMES EARL RAY that HAMMONS might possibly have been RAY.

On May 8, 1968 JIM ABSHIER, Agent in Charge, Security Division, Gulf Oil Corporation, Houston, Texas advised as follows: Gulf Credit Card No. 1312681552 is issued to a JAMES W. HAMMONS, Route 1, Antler, Oklahoma. On April 22, 1968 HAMMONS made a purchase at Bartow, West Virginia for an automobile, Louisiana license 9H067.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

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1. JAMES STEDMAN

On April 11, 1968, NORVIL WILSON, construction superintendent, Houston, advised that the previous day he had overheard JAMES STEDMAN stated that he, STEDMAN, had an idea who killed MARTIN LUTHER KING but he hoped he was wrong.

STEDMAN is employed by the T.R. Waldrop Company, air conditioning contractors who are sub-contracting on an apartment project. Houston. Waldrop records reflect STEDMAN was born [redacted] and was employed by Waldrop since February 27, 1968. He came to Houston from Memphis, driving a 1962 Chevrolet station wagon, Tennessee license KN 3666, Shelby County with wife listed as BETTY. STEDMAN is a diabetic.

On April 12, 1968 STEDMAN was interviewed on his job. when tactfully approached for any information or observation about the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING he replied he,

his family and friends in Memphis were capable of committing the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING but he had no idea or information regarding the murder. When confronted with the alleged statements he made he stated he may have been shooting off his mouth but still contended he had no information. When pressed for identities of possible suspects he became antagonistic and stated he wanted to talk to an attorney if agents persisted in questioning him.

At the outset when agents identified themselves STEDMAN thought the inquiry regarding him was due to arrears on car payments to a finance company. With this in mind, STEDMAN was advised of the reward for information identifying the killer of MARTIN LUTHER KING. STEDMAN quickly advised he was not a stoolie.

STEDMAN denied Klan affiliation.

As a result of interview, STEDMAN became extremely upset and belligerent and indicated that he now had reason to get a permit to buy a gun in order to kill anyone who might give him trouble.

2. Investigation at Dancing Schools,
Houston Division

On April 18, 1968 Mrs. ITASKA WEINSTEIN, 5503 Yacht Club Drive, Dickinson, Texas, operator of the Itaska Dance Studio, Highway 3, League City, Texas, furnished the following information. Mrs. ITASKA WEINSTEIN had been contacted on April 16, 1967 regarding any information she might have in her records indicating that ERIC STARVO GALT, also known as, might have been a student at her dance studio.

On April 18, 1968 Mrs. WEINSTEIN stated that she had researched her records and located a 3 x 5 card bearing the name of JOHN WILLARD, no address or description. She stated that the card had been completed by herself and merely shows that a man named JOHN WILLARD appeared for four dancing lessons, three lessons being on a Wednesday and one on a Friday, month and date not indicated. Mrs. WEINSTEIN does recall that these lessons for JOHN WILLARD were given before her annual recital which is held in May, and to the best of her recollection this person took the dancing lessons during April, 1967. She stated she has no other record pertaining to a JOHN WILLARD and was unable to locate any record which could contain his signature or handwriting.

Her overall impression of JOHN WILLARD as best

she can recall was that he was not neat, lacking in personality and was an extremely poor dancer. She recalls him as being quiet and difficult to teach because he had poor balance. No one else at her studio at the present time would know him. She stated that it was possible that SHIRLEY CARROLL, formerly a bookkeeper for Mrs. WEINSTEIN at the studio might have had contacts with JOHN WILLARD when he came for lessons and may have conversed with him. She stated that SHIRLEY CARROLL resides at an address in care of J.L. HOECK, Patton Road, Box 81A, Forest Hill, Maryland. Mrs. WEINSTEIN was shown photographs of ERIC GALT, also known as James Earl Ray, and she commented that the photograph of GALT with his eyes closed most closely resembled the JOHN WILLARD that she vaguely recalls. She stated the eyes drawn into the photograph do not resemble those of the man who took lessons from her. In addition the hair of the JOHN WILLARD that she knew was not as dark as that in the photograph and his complexion was olive, not fair.

During their very limited conversations WILLARD stated he worked "at NASA" and did not get off from work until 5:30 PM. He also stated that he was called back to work on overtime on occasion. She stated that he did not appear to be a highly educated man, definitely not the "engineering type". WILLARD had remarked to Mrs. WEINSTEIN that he went from work to his apartment or room, took a shower, changed clothes and then came for his dancing lesson. She recalled that he usually wore a white shirt and dark pants but on one or two occasions wore a suit. At no time did Mrs. WEINSTEIN observe a badge or identification tag with WILLARD's photograph on it as do all employees working at NASA possess. WILLARD had stated to Mrs. WEINSTEIN that he owned a record player and he once borrowed one of her records. He had mentioned that he had bought a record of Fred Astaire Dance Instructions which he said he purchased at the NASA Bay Shopping Center, Webster, Texas. Mrs. WEINSTEIN recalled that she told JOHN WILLARD that she would not dance with him while teaching him ballroom dancing as it was against her policy. On at least two occasions JOHN WILLARD brought with him a woman who acted as his partner while he took lessons. This woman was described as name "LOU", age in her 40s and definitely older than JOHN WILLARD, height 5'4", average build, dressed in ordinary cotton dresses, not slacks, with hair being dark with a reddish cast and had a poor personality. To the recollection of Mrs. WEINSTEIN, WILLARD's dancing partner supposedly worked as a waitress, cafe or establishment unknown.

According to Mrs. WEINSTEIN, WILLARD told her that he, after having taken this woman to a lesson or two, would not be able to bring her back with him because she worked too late and she wanted him to pick her up after work. Mrs. WEINSTEIN although not ever seeing WILLARD drive a car was confident that he had one but she was unable to describe it other than to say it must have been an older car. Although she is not certain she thinks that perhaps on the last time that she gave him a lesson WILLARD told her he was going to "visit his mother". She can recall no further information regarding JOHN WILLARD. Mrs. WEINSTEIN further furnished the following descriptive data concerning JOHN WILLARD:

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| Sex | Male |
| Race | White |
| Height | Approximately 5'9" - 10" |
| Age | In his 30s |
| Hair | Brown, ordinary cut, combed straight back |
| Eyes | Gray or brown, definitely not blue, and did not wear glasses |
| Build | Stocky, but not fat or heavy |
| Complexion | Olive |
| Teeth | Cannot recall |
| Carriage | Posture not good, slouched and not that of a well groomed man |
| Speech | Average, no accent |
| Jewelry | May have worn ring and wrist-watch |
| Shoes | Black, round toed, not alligator; feet of average size |
| Habits | Cannot remember if he smoked; does not remember habit of pulling ear |
| Dress | When wearing slacks, wore belt and slacks much too long, dragging on floor, belt worn low |
| Miscellaneous | Did not seem clean or well educated |

On April 19, 1968 Special Agents LEON F. BROWN and HENRY L. WILLIAMS contacted the following employees and proprietors of restaurants and bars on Old Galveston Road north from Webster to South Houston:

CECIL RAMSEY, Goliad Bar
7722 Old Galveston Road

Mrs. W. MULDER, Mulder's Courts,
7806 Old Galveston Road

Mrs. BEATRICE PAIGE, Ellington Motel
7822 Old Galveston Road

RICHARD GALIMBO, WW Rance Bar,
9002 Old Galveston Road

BARBARA FRENCH, Eunice's
9136 Old Galveston Road

NELSON BLAND, Singing Wheel,
603 N. Commerce (Webster)

JEAN BRADFORD, Five B's Cafe,
16516 Old Galveston Road

JIMMY STUBBS, Lone Star Beer Salesman,
Pasadena

NELL KAMPER, Coconut Grove Lounge
9322 Old Galveston Road

Shangri-La Inn, NINA ESPEANSE
9410 Old Galveston Road

S.L. HARLOW, Hollywood Inn
10638 Old Galveston Road

FAYE ETZEL, Roy's Tune-Up,
10010 Old Galveston Road

The following investigation was conducted by SAs
TIMOTHY DONOVAN and KENNETH B. JACKSON on April 19, 1968:

Mr. M.L. CASSIDY, Proprietor, League City Bar,
Old Galveston Road, League City, Texas, advised he had not
known of a female named "LOU" working at this bar in recent
years and that photographs of ERIC GALT was unfamiliar to
him.

MARGARET MOORE, Manager, Diamond Apartments, 628
Highway 3; Mariner Apartments, 1100 E. Main; Todd-Diamond
Duplexes, 7th and Danna Streets, all League City, Texas,
advised after viewing photograph and description of ERIC
GALT that GALT was unknown to her.

Mrs. JULIUS LOOSIER, Hacienda Cafe, 3817 Highway 3, Dickinson, Texas, advised one LUCILLE G. MERKA who was more commonly referred to as "LU" worked as a waitress at this cafe for about two months, terminating about September 4, 1965. LU was a white female, age about 40-43, 5'6", dark hair, slender build. She was married to one LUM HOLLAN or HALLAN of Dickinson for awhile prior to her death from cancer in a hospital about one and one half to two years ago in Beaumont, Texas. Mrs. LOOSIER was unable to identify photograph of ERIC GALT as anyone she had known or seen before.

The following persons were contacted in efforts to locate and/or identify the unknown waitress described only as first name "LOU". Each of these persons reviewed subject's Wanted Flyer and each advised they could offer no information concerning "LOU" or subject.

L.B. WRIGHT, owner, Flintlock Inn,
810 Nasa Boulevard

ELIANE HUDSON, Manager, Monterrey House,
914 NASA Boulevard

D.W. ROBINSON, Manager
BETTY COPELAND, Berger Town Restaurant
No. 2, 918 NASA Boulevard

RAYMOND E. HANKAMER, JR., Manager,
Holiday Inn Motel, 1300 NASA Boulevard

LESLEY C. BARCLAY, Manager, Sveden House
Restaurant, Nassau Bay Shopping Village

BARRY FLEISHCHMANN, Manager, Nassau Bay
Hotel, 1622 NASA Boulevard

On April 19, 1968, Mrs. LOUISE CASEY, Waitress, Nassau Bay Hotel, 1622 NASA Boulevard was interviewed at the hotel. Mrs. CASEY furnished the following information concerning herself:

Mrs. CASEY advised that she was born LOUISE ANETTE BOLEENO, October 19, 1928 at Buffalo, New York. The following physical description was noted:

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| Height | 4'11" |
| Weight | 100 lbs. |
| Eyes | Green |
| Hair | Blond with reddish tint |

Mrs. CASEY advised that she has been employed by the Nassau Bay Hotel as a waitress since May, 1965 and at no time has she dated anyone. Mrs. CASEY advised she has been married to RICHARD CASEY for 19 years and has a 17 year old son. She advised that subject's name and photograph were completely unfamiliar to her, with the exception of recent press coverage and that at no time has she ever taken dancing lessons. Mrs. CASEY advised she currently resides at 98 Bayou Lane, Kamah, Texas, and that her husband RICHARD is employed as an engineer by Link, Temple and Vault, contractors at the Manned Spacecraft Center. Mrs. CASEY advised that during the spring and summer of 1967 she was employed full-time working evenings in the Club Seville at the Nassau Bay Hotel. Mrs. CASEY advised she has never been arrested and that the only time she has ever been fingerprinted was in 1951 or 1952 when she was employed as a part-time clerk at the Post Office in Buffalo, New York, during the Christmas season. She advised subsequently she and her husband have resided at Columbus, Ohio; Baltimore, Maryland; Granada Hills, California; and League City, Texas, prior to her present residence. She advised she and her husband moved to League City in February, 1965 and while at League City lived at the Diamond Apartments, 613 Texas Highway No. 3. Mrs. CASEY advised the only other waitress in the area that she knows whose first name could be LOU is Mrs. LOUISE WALLACE who is also employed as a waitress at the Nassau Bay Hotel.

The following investigation was conducted by SAs FRANK M. IVEY and DAVID W. HEDGECOCK:

On April 19, 1968 BARRY FLEISCHMANN, Manager, Nassau Bay Hotel, 1622 NASA Boulevard, advised that he employs two waitresses whose first name is "LOU". He advised that Mrs. LOUISE CASEY is employed as a waitress in the hotel restaurant and Mrs. LOUISE WALLACE is employed in the hotel coffee shop.

Mrs. LOUISE CASEY was interviewed on April 19, 1968 and it was determined she is not identical with the (LOU) (Last Name Unknown) previously determined in this case. Mrs. LOUISE WALLACE was on a day off on April 19, 1968 and efforts to locate her at her home, 1410 Farm-Market Road 518, Kemah, Texas met with negative results.

the following investigation was conducted in this case at Dickinson, Texas by SA HOLLIS Q. BOONE and SA M. CLAY BLACKMAN on April 19, 1968:

Attempts to locate a waitress by the name of LOU (Last Name Unknown) were negative and photograph of subject was shown to all persons interviewed also with negative results. In the course of this investigation the following persons were contacted:

FRED GRIEGER, Deputy Sheriff,
Galveston County Sheriff's Office

ROBERT BRUCE, Galveston County Sheriff's
Office

MARY WILD, Mary's Cafe

CARLO EMMETT, T&C Night Club and Motel

LAVON BOOTH, Colonial Rooms
All 1967 room receipts were reviewed

E.R. COOK, owner, rooming house,
4401 Gore

Mrs. PRESTON G. NORTHRUP, Northup Trailer
Park, Highway 517

LUCILLE GRAHAM, Railroad Cafe

Mrs. JACKIE ROSS, Railroad Cafe

Four Seasons Beauty Salon, TINA VAN HOY

FRANK BOSTICK, Bostick Restaurant,
Texas City, Texas

LINDA SKEPTER, Pete's Cafe
LaMarque, Texas

Closed accounts, Security Savings and Loan and Miss VIRGINIA WEIGELT, Citizens State Bank, were checked for possible accounts of subject with negative results.

On April 23, 1968 BARRY FLEISHMAN, Resident Manager, Nassau Bay Hotel advised as follows:

Mrs. WALLACE has been employed by that hotel as a waitress for an extended period. She was not at work April 23, 1968. He described her as being in her middle or late 40s, married and has seven children. Her husband is an invalid. Mrs. WALLACE is definitely not a "swinger" but on the contrary, is a quiet, stable and refined person

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who is a dedicated housewife and mother with outside employment to support her family. She is not the type who would be interested in or have the time for extra marital affairs in view of her heavy responsibilities as housewife to an invalid and mother of seven children.

On April 19, 1968 the following individuals were interviewed by SA PHILIP W. SWISHER and SA OTTO VAN RY, and were exhibited photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, also known as. All individuals interviewed advised after viewing photographs of RAY they had never seen him.

LOU KENNEDY, 1805 Wesley, Houston, Texas, employed as a waitress at Denny's Restaurant, 3137 Southwest Freeway. White female, 5'2", medium build, hair brown with reddish tint, date of birth November 2, 1934, place of birth Dickens County, Texas.

LOU RAWZA, 5209 Clay, employed as a secretary for E.O. Henson Company, 5209 Clay, Houston, Texas. Previous employment at Astoria Lounge, 1106 St. Emanuel, Houston. White female, 5'5", complexion medium, build medium, eyes brown, hair brown, date of birth [redacted] place of birth [redacted].

Mrs. ADA CAMARON, Manager, Larabee Apartments,
1914 Larabee Road

ALICE ENTEGERMEIR, Assistant Manager
King Kastle Restaurant, 5114 Nasa Road

R.L. FARMER, Manager, Ebb Tide Apartments,
4521 Nasa Road

J.F. PASCHALL, Manager, Dobbs House
Restaurant, 1311 Nasa Road

The following investigation was conducted by SAs JOHN LEONARD RYAN and GEORGE T. SULLIVAN on April 19, 1968 on Nasa Highway 1. All bars, restaurants, and cafeterias on Nasa No. 1 were contacted to determine if the proprietors or employees of these establishments knew a waitress by the name of LOU, who is described as a white female, age 40, 5'4", brown hair with red tint. The following individuals were also contacted to determine if they had ever seen the individual known as ERIC STARVO GALT or JOHN WILLARD or LOWMYER. These individuals were unable to furnish any positive information.

LEON DYER
JAMES H. ROSSER, proprietor
1705 Second Street
Seabrook, Texas

Paul's Cafeteria
1913 NASA #1
ELLEN PERRY, Waitress
PAUL HAYES, Manager

Lake Side Seafood
6031 NASA #1
P.C. LARRYBEE, Proprietor

The Lake House
5500 NASA #1
Mrs. HAROLD LEHMAN, Assistant Manager

Clear Lake Motel
5222 Nasa #1
H.W. WHITE, Manager

Eric Restaurant
5014 NASA #1
ERIC WILLIAMS and JAMES BOLDS, proprietors

Pier 7 Diner
4525 NASA #1
EVELYN SMITH, Manager

The Landing Apartments
4420 NASA Road #1
ED RAY, Manager

Port of Call Apartments
#1 Porifito Strip
MARION PETERS, Manager

Ramada Inn Restaurant
NASA Road #1
V.LITTLE, Manager
DIANA HANDS, Bookkeeper

On April 19, 1968 the following persons were contacted at their respective establishments by SAs WILLIAM G. MORRISSEY and JOHN MICHAEL MC CABE in Seabrook, Texas with negative results. Wanted Flyer 442 dated April 17, 1968 was exhibited to these individuals and they were

questioned regarding subject's possible whereabouts in Seabrook during April, 1967 and their knowledge of a waitress named "LOU" who allegedly is from the Texas Gulf Coast area.

C.J. ESHLEMAN
1309 Todville Road

B.A. HEIMANN
1618 Todville Road

R.A. MILLER
1705 Todville Road

HARRY FRIEDMAN
1901 Todville Road
Spaceway Apartments

B.L. GUNDERSON
1921 Todville Road

ALICE JACKSON
Bayview Apartments, Incorporated.
1822 Todville Road

Todville Apartments
905 Todville Road
RICHARD E. PEACOCK

Wes Nuecke's Bar
618 Todville Road

J.S. FOVILE
519 Todville Road

RACHEL MC DOWELL's Restaurant
Box 342-906 Todville Road

LEON DYER's Bar
313 Todville Road

JOSEPH HACK's Beer Lounge
~~112 11th Street~~

LEO MASTERS
Pier 8 Market
104 Houston Street

Regatta Inn
Highway 146
PHILLIP LONG

OSCAR SCHWARTZ
Crossroads Coffee House
1011 Meyer Street

A.L. WILCOX
Chief, Seabrook Police Department

RALPH ANGELINO
Fox and Hounds Club
Highway 146

On April 19, 1968 the following persons were contacted at their respective establishments by SAs WILLIAM G. MORRISSEY and JOHN MICHAEL MC CABE in Kemah, Texas with negative results:

R.B. OLIVER
Constable, Kemah, Texas, Precinct 7
6th Street and Harris Street

BEN BLACKLEDGE, Mayor of Kemah
Rocket Lounge, 610 2nd Street
Bradford Apartments, 610 3rd Street

TIM HOMER
JIMMIE WALKER's Edgewater Inn

JAMES COOPER
Key Largo Restaurant

WESLEY VAN COURT
Clear Creek Inn
606 3rd Street

SYLVIA D. Motel
Texas Avenue
L.E. MARTIN

DONALD FRY
Don's Place
312 Texas

DON COURTS
406 Texas

HAZEL CONTLIN
Chatterbox
401 Texas

Kemah Motel
503 Kipp
EDNA OLIVER

SAM ATLEDGE
Halls Lounge
701 Highway 146

STEVE ROBINSON
Robinson's Restaurant

Del Mar Lounge
601 2nd Street
JAMES BREWSTER

Moonshot Cafe
605 2nd Street
I.P. DICKSON

Cabana Motel
Kipp Street
MARY CEDAR

Pirate's Cove
609 2nd Street
JACK CAMPBELL
LOUIS WILSON

On April 26, 1968 information from the Baltimore Office, FBI, set forth results of the interview of SHIRLEY CARROLL who in 1967 had been employed by Itaska Dance Studio as a bookkeeper, League City, Texas. Miss CARROLL stated that she did not recognize photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, also known as, as being anyone whom she had ever met and specifically not anyone that she could associate with a person named JOHN WILLARD or in any way with a person who attended the Itaska Dance Studio at League City, Texas. She further stated that the name JOHN WILLARD was not familiar to her. She stated that she vaguely recalled an individual who appeared bashful and quite backward who had taken lessons at the Itaska Dance Studio but this individual was not a person named JOHN WILLARD and the person that she vaguely recalls does not in any way resemble ERIC STARVO GALT, also known as JAMES EARL RAY.

On April 19, 1968 STEVE GERON, Manager, Home Entertainment, Inc. (record shop), 18091 Upper Bay Road, Nassau Bay, was exhibited photo and description of JAMES EARL

RAY. He was unable to identify this photo. He searched his records under the name and aliases of RAY and was unable to locate any record under these names. GERON explained that he had been manager only since January, 1968. Previous manager was DAVID WEINBRENER, now with Sterling Electronics.

On April 19, 1968, DAVID WEINBRENER, Salesman, Sterling Electronics, 4201 Southwest Freeway, was exhibited photo and description of subject and stated he could not identify this individual as having been a patron of Home Entertainment, Inc. during the time he was manager. WEINBRENER stated Home Entertainment, Inc. opened for business in Nassau Bay about June 7, 1967 under his management. He remained there as manager until the latter part of 1967.

Mrs. NORMA DRESZER, Clerk, and Mrs. JOYCE MURPHY, Owner, Melody Lane Music Shop, Clear Lake City Shopping Center, on April 19, 1968 were exhibited photo and description of subject and were unable to identify as a patron of this store. Name and aliases searched against records with negative results.

The following investigation was conducted by SA PENROD W. HARRIS:

AT CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

On April 16, 1968 HENRY RODRIGUEZ, Assistant Manager, Arthur Murray School of Dancing, 809 N. Shoreline, advised this school of dancing was closed for some months, and reopened in December, 1967. He was unable to locate any record of a person attending this school under the surname GALT, LOWMEYER, LOWMYER or WILLARD.

On April 16, 1968 DAVE HOSKINS, operator, Dave Hoskins Dancing School, 4415 Gollihar, advised he has had no persons taking dancing lessons from him in the past four years, having surname GALT, LOWMEYER, LOWMYER or WILLARD.

It is noted the above two dancing schools are the only schools in Corpus Christi at which ballroom dancing is taught.

The following dance studios were contacted in Houston, Texas, by SA TIMOTHY J. DONOVAN on April 15, 1967, in an effort to determine if ERIC STARVO GALT had ever been on record as attending these schools:

1. Academy of Flamenco,
5134 Richmond
Mrs. JIMMY GILBERSON -

2. Vivian King Adams School
5238 Palm Center,
Mrs. VIVIAN KING ADAMS
3. Alexander Joy School
3102 Beechamp
Mrs. EVA MILLER
4. Allegro Ballet of Houston
ELLA MAE HORN
2707 Saye Road
5. Pat Herring Alston Dance Studio
3804 Broadway
PAT HERRING ALSTON
6. Dance City U.S.A.
5134 Richmond
Mrs. BETTY GILBERSON
7. Mary Jo Dance Studio
1734 West 34th Street
MARY JO CARIVELLA
8. McDowell
420 Little York Road
BILLY MC DOWELL
9. Twin Dance Studio
907 East Southmore
MARY MC COWAN
10. Westbury Dance Studio
10903 Chimney Rock
KAREN MAINERD
11. Eleanor Eason Studiok
824 Wakefield
Mrs. EMONONE
12. Herzog Studio
7909 Hillcroft
Miss KERRY
13. Linkwood School of Ballet
8827 Timberside
Mrs. LUISA
14. London International
5134 Richmond
BETTY GILBERSON

15. Lobella School of Dancing
8409 Winkler
JEAN LOBELLA

16. Emmons
1520 Foley
Mrs. EMMONS

The results of these interviews were negative.

The following persons were contacted on April 15, 1968 and advised they had no records of ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER or JOHN WILLARD as ever being students at their respective establishments:

EVELYN IRETON
Jane Browning Dance Studio
5415 South Braeswood

Mrs. W.L. GURGANUS
Buddy & Tina's School
of Dance
8122 Ley Road

ROBERT H. CALVERT
Calvert Ballroom Dance
Instructors
4114 Portsmouth

MIKE GOMEZ
Lane Conway Dance Studio
909 Marshall Street

Mrs. JAMES ALPHIN
Cribo Dance Studio
1022 Edgebrook

CLAIRE KOTCHY
The Kotchy School of Dancing
2010 Peden

RUDOLF KROELLER
Rudolf Kroeller Dance Studio
3419 Graustark

Mrs. PEGGY POUNDERS
LeChateau DeBallet
1105 Meyer

BETTY GILBERTSON
Patsy Swayze School of Dancing
5134 Richmond Avenue

Mrs. ELIZABETH SMITH
Smith Dance Studios
9121 Kenilworth

BETTY GILBERTSON
Nancy Stevens Dance Club
5134 Richmond Avenue

BETTY TAYLOR
Betty Taylor School of Dance
2527 Robinhood

The following investigation was conducted by SA
CARLOS L. KIRBY, JR.:

The following were contacted on April 16, 1968
with negative results as to anyone under the names of ERIC
STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOWMYER or JOHN WILLARD:

CAROLYN EHMAN
Carolyn Ehman Dancing Academy
4116 Broadway
Galveston, Texas

MARY GABRILES
Gabriles School of Dancing
1920 45th Street
Galveston, Texas

MYRTLE GRIEGO
Griego School of Dancing
1506 39th Street
Galveston, Texas

ISABEL MC KENNA
McKenna School of Dancing
4602 Avenue S
Galveston, Texas

MARC LIGON
Marc Ligon School of Ballet
920 8th Avenue North
Texas City, Texas

MARION GARNER KING
Marion Garner Studio of Dance
402 8th Avenue North
Texas City, Texas

ITASKA WEINSTEIN
Itaska School of Dance
Highway #3
League City, Texas

On April 17, 1968 Mrs. JANE S. LEE, owner, Lee Jan School of Dance, 208 N. Coulter, Bryan, Texas, advised there is no dance studio catering to adults in the local area or for that matter in any of the towns within the College Station Resident Agency territory.

The following dance studios were contacted by SA G.R. SCHWEICKHARDT on April 15, 1968 and furnished a description of subject and names GALT, LOWMYER and WILLARD and all advised that they had never had anyone by that name take dance lessons at their studio.

Arthur Murray Dance Studio
1945 West Gray
BEA DE MARCO

Asbury School of Dancing
2819 Hillcroft
HUGH F. ASBURY

Fred Astaire Dance
5734 Richmond
BETTY GILBERTSON

Ballet of Houston
3416 Louisiana
THELMA SEMENONA

Emma Mae Horn Dance Studio
2707 Sage Road
Houston
EMMA MAE HORN

Houston Get Acquainted Dance Club
5134 Richmond
BETTY GILBERTSON

Joy's School of Dance
3102 Beauchamp
Mrs. CHARLES FRENCH

Vivian King Dance Studio
5283 Palm Center
VIVIAN KING ADAMS

Niland School of Dance
7150 Bellfort
MARY NILAND

HALLY R. PRICHARD School of Dance
HALLY PRICHARD

PRICHARD stated 15 years ago they had a TOMMY
GALTS who is a long-time Houston resident.

Barbara Lee Rankin Ballet
2010 Peden
CLARA KOTCHETOUSKY

Taylor Dance Art Studio
1616 Gessner
DON TAYLOR

Vergie Lee Dance Studio
1520 Foley
ETHEL EMMONS

The Wiekert School
3706 Colgate
AILEEN LANGERMAN

Whitney School of Dance
DERIDRE WHITNEY

Stevens of Hollywood
Westheimer
LAD STEVENS

The following investigation was conducted by SA
G.R. SCHWEICKHARDT and SA JOHN H. SCHULTE:

On April 19, 1968 Sergeant JERRY FOWLER and
Court Dispatcher JINNY GILLASPIE of the Webster Police
Department, advised that they checked their records under
the names GALT, WILLARD and LOWMYER and could find no one
having been arrested by the Webster Police Department.
FOWLER advised that they have only one rooming house in
Webster, and that is Mrs. LUCILLE ADLER's rooming house.
He also advised that there are no restaurants or bars off the
main highway passing through Webster.

Mrs. LUCILLE ADLER, 305 Houston Street, was exhibited photograph of subject and furnished the three aliases of subject, and advised she has never rented to anyone by that name.

The following individuals were contacted at League City, Texas, furnished aliases, description and exhibited photo of subject, and all advised that they had never seen him or heard of his name. All were asked about a waitress by the name of LOU and none could furnish any information as to her.

City Water Department
Mrs. W.B. HALEY

Mrs. H.W. HEWITT
1014 East Main
Rooming House

The League City Police Department
JANET WATERS
Dispatcher
Patrolman LINDSAY CARLTON

Dorothy's Kuntry Kitchen
DOROTHY SMITH

FRANK LUTRETE
224 Dallas

Mr. W.L. RIGSBY
300 Illinois

Mrs. LOUIS DAMMERNHAYNE
909 Louisiana

FAYE GUBERT
Oak Park Trailer Park

WAYNE MILES
League City Trailer Park

JOHN GHIRARDI
707 South Kansas

Mrs. J.C. KNIGHT
621 Second Street

F.H. FERGUSON
117 South Kansas

C.B. MANLEY
Box 35

HENRY ANDERSON
Chart Room

Mrs. LEE BLACK
1824 East Main

LINDSEY CARLETON, Webster Police Department, advised that he arrested an ELEAN LUCRETIAN GALT at 223 Maple, Kemah, Texas on March 29, 1968 and issued her a traffic ticket.

On April 19, 1968 SAs SCHWEICKHARDT, JOHN H. SCHULTE and MC CABE interviewed ELEAN L. GALT and she advised that she is employed by General Electric, Apollo Division, at Seabrook, Texas. She has never known anyone fitting suspect's description. She advised that she is from Harlingen, Texas and her father's name is JOHN GALT who she said has been already contacted by the FBI.

On April 19, 1968 ITASKA WEINSTEIN was recontacted and at that time she stated that she now recalled that a man named JAMES ELLIS also took dancing lessons from her during the period that JOHN WILLARD, another one of her students, was taking lessons. Mrs. WEINSTEIN was unable to recall if WILLARD and ELLIS had ever met. She definitely recalls that they did not at any time ever take lessons from her at the same time. Mrs. WEINSTEIN stated that as a matter of fact she now is unable to definitely state that the previous information she had furnished regarding JOHN WILLARD is correct and is perhaps descriptive data pertaining to JAMES ELLIS. She stated to the best of her recollection ELLIS is employed at NASA and resides at either League City or Webster.

Mrs. WEINSTEIN also said that her clientele is almost complete children to whom she teaches ballet type dancing. She stated that she dislikes giving ballroom dancing lessons and the only ones she could recall having taken ballroom lessons were JAMES ELLIS and JOHN WILLARD.

On April 19, 1968 JAMES M. ELLIS was interviewed at the NASA Security Office and he advised as follows:

JAMES ELLIS resides at a trailer park at 404 Third Street, Space No. 5, League City. He was born December 8, 1931 at Atlanta, Georgia. He is employed as an experimental metalsmith, Technical Services Shop, NASA. He has been employed at NASA since August 24, 1966. ELLIS stated that he commenced dancing lessons at Itaska Dance Studio, League City, in the spring approximately March or April and continued them through approximately September, 1967. He was shown several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY; however, none were identifiable to him as anyone whom he had ever seen or had known at any time. He stated that he does not know or recall the name of JOHN WILLARD as a person he knew nor was he aware of a person by this name who was taking dance lessons from ITASKA WEINSTEIN at the Itaska Dance Studio during the spring of 1967.

ELLIS stated that he usually took his dancing lessons at the Itaska Dance Studio at approximately 6:00 PM in the evening. He stated that he usually left his employment, went to his apartment where he cleaned up, changed clothes and then went to the dance studio. He stated that during the period that he was taking dancing lessons he did date a girl who was a waitress whose name was ROSE. He recalled that he had mentioned to ITASKA WEINSTEIN that he had quit dating ROSE because she worked a late shift and expected him, ELLIS, to drop by and pick her up when she completed work. He said that this became a difficulty in that he had to get up in the morning at an early hour to get to work and he did not think she was worth it.

Records of the NASA Security Division, checked April 19, 1968 reflect that JAMES M. ELLIS was issued a Manned Spacecraft Center (MSC) decal No. 69413 on August 24, 1966. His car is described as a 1959 Chevrolet Biscayne, white over gray, Alabama license 473575. His occupation was shown to be that of a metalsmith, Technical Services Shop, NASA. He was described in these records as 6'2", 160 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes.

JOHN PUFFER, Security Division, NASA, made available records of all temporary badge permits from the period March, 1967 to date. Also made available were temporary vehicle passes from the period of March through May, 1967. A review of these records failed to reflect any registration for JAMES EARL RAY, *aka.*

On April 22, 1968 ERNIE GILLIAM, Procurement Officer, NASA, made available records of all contractors and sub-contractors who have during the year 1967 and

1968 worked on NASA projects. A review of the payroll records maintained by the Procurement Division, of all employees working for prime and sub-contractors, failed to reflect the name of JAMES EARL RAY, also known as.

3. Bartender's School Records
Houston, Texas

On April 17, 1968 DON HOWE, Manager, Bartending School of Houston, 3619 Fannin, advised his records from 1966 to the present date contain no reference to JAMES EARL RAY, also known as.

4. Alleged Employment at Ingall's Ship Yard
Pascagoula, Mississippi

ERIC STARVO GALT allegedly claimed employment in 1967 at the Ingall's Ship Yard, Pascagoula, Mississippi. An employment record was located for one INEZ COWART GALT for the period 1944 at Ingall's Ship Yard. A subsequent address for GALT was at Houston, Texas.

On April 20, 1968 records of Hughes Tool Company, Houston, Texas were reviewed and information obtained reflecting that INEZ COWART GALT was employed by that company in 1945. The address for GALT as of 1945 was 2501 Galveston Highway, Houston, Texas.

MARY RICE, Manager, Oak Court Apartments, 2501 Galveston Road, stated that she had been the manager of these apartments since 1961 and has no records as to tenants for any time prior to 1961. She stated that INEZ COWART GALT is unknown to her and that name along with the name ERIC STARVO GALT, also known as, is not contained with her records.

Mr. HASTING MEADOWS, 606 Dell Court, Houston, Texas, owner of Oak Court Apartments, since 1960, advised that the name INEZ COWART GALT and ERIC STARVO GALT, also known as, are unknown to him and he has no records for these apartments prior to 1960. MEADOWS advised that the Oak Court Apartments prior to his purchase of them had several owners, the identities of which are unknown to him at this time. He stated that it is highly improbable that any records are available dating back to 1945. Houston street, city, telephone directories, police department, sheriff's office records and credit bureau records contained no identifiable information for the name INEZ COWART GALT.

5. THOMAS JOSEPH COX

On April 17, 1968 the FBI at Birmingham received information that a person named THOMAS JOSEPH COX may have known a person who fits the description of the artist conception of the logical suspect in this investigation. THOMAS JOSEPH COX was described as a member of the Seafarers International Union working on ships out of Houston, Texas owned by the American Bulk Carriers, New York, New York. According to information received by Birmingham, COX allegedly brought an individual to a motel in Birmingham who used the name of SHAW GALT (phonetic). This occurred in September, 1967.

On April 18, 1968 THOMAS JOSEPH COX was interviewed aboard the vessel "The Hudson", an oil tanker directed to be docked at the Humble Docks, Baytown, Texas. COX was shown photographs of ERIC STARVO GALT, also known as, and COX stated that these photographs are not familiar or identifiable by him as being anyone whom he, COX, has ever known. He, COX, said that the last time he was in Birmingham, Alabama was in March, 1966 and that at that time he stayed at a rundown motel on the road towards Mobile, Alabama. He stated that the name SHAW GALT is completely unfamiliar to him. He stated the only person he could recall knowing that he could consider as having come from Birmingham was a girl he can recall only as CONNIE whom he met in Houston. He stated he dated her when he came to port at Houston. He recalled that CONNIE had a family in Birmingham. COX advised that the fact that he was not in Birmingham in September, 1967 could be verified through records of the Coast Guard, Washington, D.C. through his, COX's Z Number, Z976491-D-3.

Information received by the FBI, Phoenix, April 21, 1968 was furnished by DAVID L. WILSON alleging that JAMES EARL RAY was seen by WILSON during the summer of 1967 in an unrecalled city in Missouri. Information furnished by WILSON noted that at that time WILSON was a truck driver for the Willis Shaw Company and had with him a co-truck driver named GENE BRIZENDINE.

On April 22, 1968 CLARENCE EUGENE BRIZENDINE, truck driver for Willis Shaw, Elm Springs, Arkansas was interviewed and advised as follows: BRIZENDINE and DAVID L.

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WILSON were on a cross country haul for Shaw Company enroute to the West Coast. At Lebanon, Missouri while WILSON was driving their truck was stopped by law enforcement officers. WILSON was charged and arrested for drunk driving. BRIZENDINE at the time of the arrest had been asleep in the truck bunk and was not charged by the arresting officer. He was not taken into custody. BRIZENDINE said that he remained in the truck that evening sleeping until the next morning and then because he was left without a driver to assist in the cross country run he turned the truck around and returned to the point of origin. BRIZENDINE stated that he has not seen WILSON since the time of WILSON's arrest when he was taken into custody. BRIZENDINE stated that he later heard from now unrecalled sources that WILSON had been fined \$100 for drunk driving and had attempted to contact Willis Shaw Company for money to pay the fine. Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, also known as, were displayed to BRIZENDINE and he advised that the photographs were not familiar or recognizable to him as being identifiable with anyone whom he, BRIZENDINE has ever known.

6. WILLIAM THOMAS JACOBS

WILLIAM THOMAS JACOBS in 1965 alleged that he had been approached by an individual on February 25, 1965 and asked to kill the President (of the United States) and MARTIN LUTHER KING.

On April 30, 1968 Inspector SNELL, Beaumont Police Department, advised their records reflect WILLIAM THOMAS JACOBS was last handled at Jefferson County, Beaumont, Texas on March 25, 1965 when he was sentenced to two years, Texas Prison System, Huntsville, Texas Unit, Department of Public Safety No. 183303.

A check of Texas Department of Correction records, Huntsville, Texas May 1, 1968 reflect that WILLIAM THOMAS JACOBS, FBI No. 2530100 was released from detention, May 11, 1966 for the purpose of returning to Kansas City, Missouri to seek employment. These records reflect that JACOBS

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reflected that JACOBS had a sister named THELMA POWERS allegedly residing at 8125 Lamar Drive, Houston. A check of the following records failed to reflect any information for THELMA POWERS:

Houston City Directory
Houston Cross Reference
Houston Telephone Directory
Houston Credit Bureau
Harris County Sheriff's Office
Houston Police Department

An effort to locate 8125 Lamar Drive revealed that the address is non-existent. There is in Houston a Lamar Street and West Lamar Street, however, there is no address of an 8100 block on either street.

On May 9, 1968 JACK HEARD, Assistant Director, Texas Department of Corrections (TDC) Huntsville, Texas, advised as follows:

On March 25, 1965 WILLIAM THOMAS JACOBS received a two year sentence at TDC. His minimum discharge date was June 6, 1966. JACOBS lost no time and caused no trouble. On January 12, 1966 in view of his good behavior, he was transferred to the Texas Department of Corrections Pre-Release Unit, Huntsville and was given a trustee status. As such he picked up another month which accounts for his release on May 11, 1966. On May 11, 1966 JACOBS was discharged from the TDC with no parole involved. TDC records contain no subsequent information regarding JACOBS.

7. Labor Union Checks

The following labor unions were contacted and checked for any information identifiable with a member named JAMES EARL RAY, also known as:

JOHN LIGHTFOOT at Seafarers International Union
of North America

International Association of Fire Fighters

International Association of Machinists, Local
15, RAY BLOCKLOCK

International Association of Machinists,
District Office

International Brotherhood of Pulp-Sulphite
and Paper Mill Workers

International Organization of Masters Mates
and Pilots-Local 20

International Union of District 50 - United
Mine Workers of America JUDITH ELMORE

International Union of Operating Engineers,
Mr. CARTER

Iron Workers Union Local 84

Laborers International Union Local 18
Mrs. LYLES

Lathers Local Union 224

Lithographers and Photoengravers International
Union Local 265

Millwright's Local Union, 2232 Mr. BELL

Movie Operators Union Local 279, JOYCE GRIMM

National Maritime Union

Oil Chemical and Atomic Workers International
Union, Locals 4-227, 4-367

Painters Local Union 130, Mr. COLEMAN

Pile Drivers and Marine Diving Local Union 2079

HELEN EARNEST, Secretary, Asbestor Workers
Local No. 22, 6001 Gulf Freeway

DORIS BAKER, Secretary, Boiler Makers Union
No. 74, 8303 Leander

HELEN BOND, Secretary, Boiler Makers Union
Local No. 469, 3506 Harrisburg

JOYCE LINTZ, Secretary, Brewery Workers
Union Local No. 111, South Coast Building

MALCOLM SCHAFFER, Financial Secretary,
Bricklayers Union No. 7, 2017 Clay

Mrs. MAURINE MITCHELL, Secretary,
Carpenters and Joiners Unions of
America, 1800 McGowen

VANCE FRIDGE, Financial Secretary,
Carpet and Linoleum Layers Local No. 1863,
1705 Bell

J.O. DEMPSEY, Financial Secretary
Cement Masons Local No. 681
3130 North Freeway

LESLIE MEINER, Secretary, Electrical Workers
Union No. 66, 2506 Sutherland

JOAN BLAKE, Secretary, Communications
Workers of America Local No. 6222,
1520 Pease

Electrical Workers Union, 2501 Crawford
MAXLEE ZIESMER

Mrs. CLEO JONES, Teamsters Local 968,
626 E. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ Street

Mrs. LEE NORRIS, Houston Building and
Construction Trades, 2704 Sutherland

Mrs. ALMA HERRING, Houston Building and
Construction Trades, 2704 Sutherland

KENNETH TRAMMELL, IATSE Local 615,
615 Louisiana

ILA Locals 872, 1231, 1272, 1271, 1273
1330, 1331, 1525, 1727, 1581 and 1351
(B. CAPITI, JACK CONINE, ELBERT RAYMOND,
LEE WIGGINS, C. BARNETT and FRANK BURNS
AFL-CIO. E. KIMMEL, 2404 Sutherland

United Steel Workers of America, Mrs. LUCILLE
ZMARZLY

AF of L Local 26, J.R. BROWN

L. KRZESIENSKI, Sheet Metal Workers Local 54

R.B. MOON, Sales Drivers Local Union No. 949

A.B. COOPER, Roofers and Waterproofers and
Pipe Wrappers Local 116

D.J. HOFER, AF of L-CIO Local 455

PAT KERSH, Pipe Fitters Local 211

Information developed by the FBI determined that ERIC STARVO GALT stayed alone at the Hotel Rio, Room 212, Merelos 86, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico during the period October 19 to November 6, 1967 and from November 7 until November 13, 1967 at the Hotel Tropicana. One of the U.S. residents who was visiting at the Hotel Rio during the time that GALT resided at this hotel was Mr. and Mrs. LU (MARY E) SCHRADER, 3126 Highway 146, LaPorte, Texas. Another was Mrs. E.N. COLLINS, JR; and Mrs. VIVIAN FRIEDBERG, 5711 LaFitte, Galveston, Texas.

The following investigation was conducted by SA FRANK M. IVEY:

On May 1, 1968 Mrs MARY E. SCHRADER, 3126 Highway 146, LaPorte, Texas advised that she and her husband stayed at the Hotel Rio in Room 206, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico for about four or five days in late October, 1967. She stated she did not recall anyone by the name of ERIC STARVO GALT or other aliases of this name staying there at the same time. She was unable to identify the photograph of the subject as anyone that she had seen during her stay in Mexico.

On May 1, 1968 LEWIS R. SCHRADER, 3126 Highway, 146, LaPorte, Texas was interviewed at his place of employment, Ebasco Construction Company, where he is a pipe-fitter employed on the construction site of the Houston Lighting and Power Company, San Leon, Texas. Mr. SCHRADER stated that he and his wife were on a vacation trip during late October, 1967 and stayed at the Hotel Rio (room unrecalled) Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico. He stated he did not recall anyone staying there at the time by the name of ERIC STARVO GALT and was unable to identify the photograph of the subject as anyone he had seen.

The following investigation was conducted at Houston, Texas on May 1, 1968 by SA B. PERKOWSKI, JR.:

Mrs. VIVIAN FRIEDBERG, 5711 LaFitte Avenue, advised she stayed at the Hotel Rio in Puerto Vallarta,

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

She stated also her sister lives in Houston, Texas at 5208 Mt. Houston Road and is employed in the office of Dr. HAROLD SCHAFFNER at 5105 San Jacinto, telephone number JA 3-9812.

Mrs. E.N. COLLINS, JR., 5208 Mount Houston Road, Houston, Texas advised that during her trip to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico in October, 1967 when she was accompanied by her sister, VIVIAN FRIEDBERG she can recall no male who looked like the pictures of JAMES EARL RAY, also known as Eric Starvo Galt. It is her recollection most of the residents at Hotel Rio were elderly people and not fit the description of RAY, also known as Galt. She was unable to recall the number of the room at the Hotel Rio in which they stayed.

8. Telephone Calls From Pay Telephones
December 15 - 17, 1967 Along Inter-
State Highway 10, Texas

CHARLES STEIN when interviewed by agents of the FBI at Los Angeles in April, 1968 alleged that while traveling by automobile in the company of JAMES EARL RAY from Los Angeles to New Orleans in mid-December, 1967 RAY made approximately six telephone calls most of which were made while traveling through Texas. He recalled that one call may have been completed as STEIN had to wait for quite a while for RAY to return to the car. In the other instances RAY was gone for such a short period of time from the car that STEIN was of the opinion that the calls were not completed. STEIN was unable to recall the exact location from which RAY made the alleged completed phone call, but he was of the opinion that it was in the area "just west of Houston" at a service station type establishment just off of U.S. Interstate Highway 10. The call was made at night, from a phone booth located on an access road paralleling the freeway near a liquor store and gas station at a point where the freeway is eight lanes wide with a fence separating

the freeway from the access road; STEIN further defined the time of the call as at approximately 9:00 PM on December 16, 1967 and was probably made to New Orleans, Louisiana.

On April 26, 1968 Everett Collier, Vice President and Editor, Houston Chronicle, a daily Houston newspaper, advised as follows:

LOUIS LOMAX and CHARLES STEIN had arrived at Houston at 4:15 PM, April 25, 1968.

LOMAX is a controversial TV personality from the Los Angeles area who had his own TV show until March, 1968. He has also authored a book entitled "The Negro Revolt".

LOMAX and STEIN, accompanied by a Chronicle reporter, searched the area west of Houston in an attempt to locate the phone booth from which JAMES EARL RAY allegedly made a call on the evening of December 16, 1967 and the search was unsuccessful. According to COLLIER, the Chronicle reporter, who accompanied LOMAX and STEIN on their search, described STEIN as being extremely vague and not at all sure of the area where the call was allegedly made.

COLLIER also advised that the North American Newspaper Alliance (NANA) has been trying to get in touch with LOMAX on April 26, 1968 for the purpose of writing a story on April 26, 1968 about STEIN's trip from Los Angeles to New Orleans with RAY.

COLLIER stated that he thought NANA was controlled by columnist DREW PEARSON.

On April 27, 1968 DON MICHAELS, Houston Chronicle, advised that he dropped LOUIS LOMAX and CHARLES STEIN at San Antonio at 4:30 PM on April 26, 1968. They intended to rent a car in San Antonio and indicated to MICHAELS that they would turn the car in at San Antonio when through.

MICHAELS made the observation that both LOMAX and STEIN appeared to be "lost" as far as their operation is concerned. MICHAELS further commented that, in his opinion, STEIN is taking LOMAX "for a ride". MICHAELS learned from comments made by STEIN that STEIN had slept most of the way on the December cross-country trip, California to Louisiana when he accompanied RAY.

On April 28, 1968 HUGH AINSWORTH, Newsweek correspondent, Houston, Texas, contacted Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Houston, and advised that LOUIS LOMAX and CHARLES STEIN had identified a coin telephone located at an Enco Station, Route 90, Uvalde, Texas as one allegedly used by JAMES EARL RAY to make a telephone call to New Orleans between the hours of 6:00 PM and 9:00 PM, December 16, 1967. The telephone number was identified as being BR 8-9048. AINSWORTH requested that toll calls from this telephone be checked by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company to determine if any calls had been made to the New Orleans area on December 16, 1967. AINSWORTH requested that he be advised of the result of this check.

On April 26, 1968 a subpoena was issued for the records of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Houston, Texas to be made available before the Grand Jury, Laredo, Texas on May 20, 1968. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company made available their records, period December 15 - 17, 1967 for all coin operated telephones along Highway 90, U.S. Interstate Ten. Subsequent to a review of these records by agents of the FBI, a representative of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company was advised that the subpoena had been complied with and records need not be furnished on May 20, 1968.

On the basis of the aforementioned review of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company records the following data was obtained:

Telephone calls, Houston Division, December 15-17, 1967 emanating from pay telephones along Interstate Highway 10 to:

| | |
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| New Orleans Division | 380 |
| Indianapolis | 1 |
| Kansas City | 1 |
| Little Rock | 5 |
| Los Angeles | 16 |
| Mobile | 4 |
| Oklahoma City | 9 |
| San Francisco | 3 |
| San Diego | 4 |

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| Denver | 1 |
| Louisville | 1 |
| Memphis | 4 |
| Miami | 1 |
| New York | 2 |
| Norfolk | 1 |
| Omaha | 1 |
| Philadelphia | 2 |
| Sacramento | 1 |
| Seattle | 1 |
| Springfield | 3 |
| St. Louis | 1 |
| Tampa | 1 |
| Atlanta | 1 |
| Albuquerque | 2 |
| Boston | 2 |
| Charlotte | 2 |
| Chicago | 3 |
| Cincinnati | 3 |
| Detroit | 1 |
| Cleveland | 3 |
| El Paso | 3 |
| Jackson | 6 |
| Jacksonville | 2 |
| Las Vegas | 1 |

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| Dallas | 59 |
| San Antonio | 46 |
| Phoenix | 1 |
| Houston | 391 |
| Total | <u>969</u> |

All of the above field divisions were furnished the telephone number called in their division, date called and number and place from which call emanated.

The following investigation was conducted by SAs WILLIAM J. FLANAGAN and KENNETH B. JACKSON on April 25, 1968 at Houston, Texas.

JERRY F. MC PHERSON, Manager, Holiday Inn, 9799 Katy, reviewed records for the period December 14-20, 1967; D.J. GRAVINK, Manager, Howard Johnson Motor Lodge, 7953 Katy, reviewed records for the entire year 1967; LOWELL MASON, Assistant Manager, Cactus Court, 7631 Katy, records for December, 1967. Each advised no record of CHARLES STEIN or of JAMES EARL RAY by name or aliases as occupants of motel unit during respective periods indicated.

The following investigation was conducted by SAs FRANK M. IVEY and WILLIAM G. MORRISSEY on April 25, 1968 at Houston, Texas.

Registration records of the following motels along Katy Freeway west (I.S. 10) were reviewed through the following persons for the period December 16-18, 1967 for CHARLES STEIN and/or JAMES EARL RAY by name or aliases. No record was located:

Field Inn
TED DEMETRE, Manager
9821 Katy Freeway

Yupon Motel
Mrs. NORA WILSIE, Manager
8615 Katy Freeway

Western Skies Motel
DAVID PEERY, Manager
7809 Katy Freeway

Robinhood Motor Lodge
ROSE PATTON, Assistant Manager
7611 Katy Freeway

9. Associates of JAMES EARL RAY

Information developed by the Kansas City Office, FBI determined that NEAL EDGAR AEBY had been closely associated in Missouri State Penitentiary with JAMES EARL RAY while RAY was incarcerated at that institution until his escape April 23, 1967.

On April 25, 1967 NEAL EDGAR AEBY also interviewed at Ramsey Unit, Texas State Department of Corrections, Houston, Texas. AEBY advised as follows:

He and JAMES EARL RAY had been inmates at Missouri State Penitentiary for about five years. He and RAY had handled minor narcotics while in prison in order to get money for commissary items. AEBY stated that he had never known RAY to be a user of hard narcotics. AEBY has three brothers, BILL AEBY, Box 64, Segoville, Texas who also was a friend of RAY and who had served time with RAY at Missouri State Penitentiary; AUBREY AEBY, address unknown, Dallas, Texas; and JAMES AEBY who owns and operates a filling station, Dallas, Texas and who has never been arrested.

AEBY advised that he arrived at Ramsey No. 1 on April 24, 1968 after having been transferred from Missouri State Penitentiary to the TDC, Huntsville, Texas. AEBY stated that while enroute to Huntsville he was lodged in a jail in Oklahoma City for one night where he mailed a postcard to FRANK GUINAN, an inmate, Missouri State Penitentiary.

AEBY advised that his ex-wife JUDY possibly resides in the Houston area but he has not seen her for several years and does not know where she could be located.

AEBY stated that JAMES EARL RAY had very few friends while in the Missouri State Penitentiary. He described RAY as being "very deadly". He stated that RAY was not a loud rabble rousing type individual and that RAY never expressed any hatred for the Negro race but if anyone wronged him in any way RAY would immediately contrive means to get even. AEBY stated that he was a chief cook while at Missouri State Penitentiary and that RAY worked under him

as a slicer in the bread room. AEBY advised that RAY on two occasions, once in 1962 and again in 1966 attempted to escape from Missouri State Penitentiary but in each case he was unsuccessful. In one instance the ladder broke and in the other instance the rope which he was using failed to support him and he fell and fractured his arm. After serving time in solitary RAY was again returned to the bread room.

AEBY stated that RAY had mentioned to him that he, RAY, had a brother in St. Louis and that he, RAY, was from St. Louis. AEBY advised that he did not know the names of RAY's brother or where he could be located. When questioned about the escape route utilized by RAY in 1967 AEBY advised he would not divulge this escape route as the route is still good and could be used by other prisoners. AEBY advised that he hated the warden at Missouri State Penitentiary and hoped that he was receiving considerable "heat" as a result of RAY's escape. Regarding the escape of RAY, AEBY stated that it would have been the "smart thing to do" to have an outside man waiting to assist RAY in leaving the territory. AEBY would not admit that he knew of any outside man so assisting RAY in his escape. AEBY did not state whether or not RAY had had any inside help in his escape.

AEBY advised that in 1963 or 1964 RAY had a nervous breakdown while at Missouri State Penitentiary and RAY developed a bad stomach which necessitated RAY eating special foods. AEBY on numerous occasions would cook eggs for RAY because of RAY's stomach. He stated RAY was partial to eggs. He recalled that while at Missouri State Penitentiary RAY quit smoking probably because of his stomach ailment. He recalled too that RAY enjoyed tinkering with mechanical things and that RAY had built an air conditioner out of spare parts for RAY's jail cell. RAY was also handy in the repair of radios, parts for which he would obtain from the penitentiary machine shop. AEBY stated that he did not believe that RAY would go to Mexico or leave the country and he stated that he hoped that RAY would never be caught. AEBY stated he would in no way render assistance that would aid in the capture of RAY and he would furnish no further information regarding RAY.

JUDY CAROL PETERS, nee Thomas, also known as Judy Carol Aeby, 10205 W. Hardy, Houston, no telephone, interviewed on April 26, 1968 and furnished the following information:

She was married to NEAL EDGAR AEBY for approximately two years in 1960 and 1961. When he was arrested and returned to Missouri in 1961, she came to Houston and has not seen AEBY since that time. She last contacted him on April 19, 1962 advising him of the birth of their daughter. She has divorced AEBY and has not corresponded with him since that date. Subject RAY is unknown to her and she has not been contacted by any of AEBY's associates during the past six years. She stated AEBY does not know her exact address and could not locate her himself.

The only relative of AEBY who subject RAY might contact would be brother AUBREY AEBY, Dallas, Texas. She does not know the whereabouts of AEBY's relatives and never was closely associated with them.

PETERS promised complete cooperation and will immediately advise the FBI of any information received regarding RAY.

10. GEORGE WILLIAM RUSSELL

GEORGE WILLIAM RUSSELL, a salesman for Pat Lape Mobile Homes, 3712 Telephone Road, Houston, Texas when interviewed on April 26, 1968 advised that JAMES EARL RAY was unknown to him by name or photograph. RUSSELL had been incarcerated at Missouri State Penitentiary from May, 1958 to December, 1966. He was released in 1966 and had come to Houston from St. Louis, Missouri in approximately November, 1967. RUSSELL also stated that the name NEAL EDGAR AEBY was also unknown to him.

Information was received by the FBI, Birmingham, that ERIC STARVO GALT had once indicated that he had been employed as a barge working out of St. Louis, Missouri between that city and New Orleans, Louisiana.

On April 11, 1968 COURTNEY ALLEN, Vice President, Sioux City and New Orleans Barge Lines, Houston, Texas advised records of that company, 1953 to date, contained no employment record for an ERIC STARVO GALT.

11. Check of Ship Departures, Houston Division

The following investigation was conducted by SA PENROD W. HARRIS:

AT CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

On April 11, 1968 REUBEN TRAYNHAM, Inspector in Charge, U.S. Customs, Oil Industries Building, advised as follows: His agency receives a list of crew members and passengers of all U.S. vessels departing from Corpus Christi and vicinity direct for foreign ports. Since April 3, 1968 there has been only one such departure, a Marine Sea Transport Service vessel. TRAYNHAM checked the list of crew members and passengers and advised it did not contain the name ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOWMYER or JOHN WILLARD or any logical variations of these names.

On April 11, 1968 MARGIE LE BARRON, U.S. Customs, advised her files reflected no American vessels have sailed from Galveston since April 4, 1968. She stated several foreign vessels have sailed from Galveston since April 4, 1968 but her files would not contain the crew and passenger lists as these are maintained by the agency that handles these vessels. She furnished the following list of foreign vessels that have sailed since April 4, 1968 together with the agencies that handled these vessels:

"TRADE CARRIER"
Gulf Motorship, Inc.
Texas Building
Galveston, Texas

"MANBALDO"
Texas Transport & Terminal
U.S. National Bank Building
Galveston, Texas

"MANILA MARU"
Dalton Steamship Corporation
U.S. National Bank Building
Galveston, Texas

"ILICE"
Strachen Shipping Co.
U.S. National Bank Building
Galveston, Texas

"NEW YORK MARU"
Dalton Steamship Corporation
U.S. National Bank Building
Galveston, Texas

"HONNOR"

Texas Transport and Terminal
U.S. National Bank Building
Galveston, Texas

"BOLIVA MARU"

Kerr Steamship Company
Cotton Exchange Building
Galveston, Texas

"NORSLAND"

Hansen and Tideman
Cotton Exchange Building
Galveston, Texas

The above listed agencies were contacted on April 11, 1968 and their crew and passenger lists were reviewed with negative results as to anyone by the names of ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER, HARVEY LOWMEYER or JOHN WILLARD.

RUSSELL ZOET, Supervisory Customs Maritime Officer, Houston, Texas advised on April 11, 1968 that five ships of American registry sailed from the Port of Houston during the period April 4-11, 1968, all going foreign direct. Crew and passenger lists contained no name identifiable with GALT, LOWMEYER or WILLARD. By law there is no coast-wise passenger service from Houston or any other Texas port.

Inspector L.D. TURNER, JR., U.S. Customs, Beaumont, Texas and PERCY E. WALLACE, JR., Inspector, U.S. Customs, Port Arthur, Texas, April 11, 1968, were contacted and advised as follows:

A check of all departing ships, U.S. registry, April 4-10, 1968 failed to reflect the names of GALT, LOWMEYER or WILLARD as either crewmen or passengers.

12. Airline Checks

On April 5, 1968, DAVID MAC DONALD, Ticket Supervisor, National Airlines, Houston, advised that National Airlines and American Airlines were the only carriers flying a direct route from Houston to San Francisco. Mr. MAC DONALD was furnished the names of the possible suspects and advised that none of these names appeared on the National Airlines, Houston to San Francisco passenger manifesto for April 5, 1968.

On April 5, 1968 JOSEPH CUTLIP, Reservations Salesman, American Airlines, Houston, was furnished the names of the possible suspects and advised that none of these names appeared on the American Airlines, Houston to San Francisco or Dallas to San Francisco passenger manifesto for April 5, 1968.

On April 23, 1968 the following stops were reset and the most current Wanted Flyer No. 405 942 G regarding JAMES EARL RAY, also known as, along with his IO, were furnished to the following:

Braniff Airlines
JOHN HARE, Agent in Charge

KLM
Ursula Plumbee, Station Agent

Pan Am
LEE ROJAS, Airport Customer Service Manager

Aeronaves de Mexico
ALBERTO ROJAS, Manager

The above comprise those airlines that furnish international transportation from Houston International Airport.

13. Criminal, Credit, Street and Telephone
Directory Checks on All Known Names
for James Earl Ray

On April 11, 1968 the following individuals advised their files contained no record concerning HARVEY LOWMEYER (or HARVEY LOWMYER):

Mrs. DORA KUHN
Credit Bureau of Greater Houston

Mrs. LOIS MOERBY
Records Division
Houston Police Department

Mrs. POLLY KIRKBRIDE
Identification Division
Houston Police Department

HO 44-1509

Lieutenant REX FULLERTON
Identification Division
Harris County Sheriff's Office

Mrs. MARY C. SMITH
Voter Registration Section
Harris County Tax Office
Houston, Texas

A review of the Houston telephone and city directories reflects no listing of an individual by the name of HARVEY LOWMEYER or HARVEY LOWMYER.

Houston indices negative concerning HARVEY LOWMEYER or HARVEY LOWMYER.

AT CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

The following investigation was conducted by SA PENROD W. HARRIS:

On April 10, 1968 the following persons checked their respective records under the names ERIC STARVO GALT and LOWMEYER and LOWMYER and advised they were unable to locate any record under any of these names:

GORDON LEWIS, Retail Merchants Association

W.L. BURCH, Identification Officer,
Nueces County Sheriff's Office

JEFF BAGWELL, Identification Officer,
Corpus Christi Police Department

EVELYN MILLER, Clerk,
Local Draft Board 97

In addition, the current Southwestern Bell Telephone Company directory for Corpus Christi and the Corpus Christi City Directories for the years 1960 through 1967 were checked under these names, but no listing was located.

On April 10, 1968, Mrs. ROMA FERGUSON, Auto License Department, office of Assessor and Collector of Taxes, advised that auto licenses in Nueces County are listed by license number only and not by name of the person to whom issued. Accordingly, there is no manner in which it can be ascertained if a particular person has an automobile license issued in this county.

On April 10, 1968, D.L. ASKEY, Voter Registration, Tax Collector's Office, advised as follows: Voter registration lists for Nueces County are maintained by alphabetical lists for each of the 106 precincts. Without knowing the address of a particular person, it would be necessary to check each precinct list to ascertain if the person has registered to vote. The voter registration lists are not presently available for examination in view of the fact they are being cross-checked and verified in connection with the approaching primary election.

On April 10, 1968, BEATRICE GARZA, Clerk, Driver's License Division, Texas Department of Public Safety, 1402 S. Port, informed that no alphabetical list is maintained at this office regarding persons who have sought or to whom have been issued, Texas Driver's Licenses. She did not know whether or not alphabetical listings are maintained at the Driver's License Division of the Department of Public Safety at Austin, Texas but was of the opinion they are.

On April 10, 1968 pertinent telephone and city directories within the College Station Resident Agency were checked regarding the names of HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER and ERIC S. GALT with negative results.

On April 10, 1968 RAYMOND BUCHANAN and on April 12, 1968 MARY ARNOLD, Tax Assessor-Collector for Brazos and Walker Counties, respectively, advised no voters registration appear concerning the above names.

On April 11, 1968 BENNIE WILLIAMS, Chief Communications Officer, Department of Public Safety, Bryan, advised he caused checks to be made at Tax Assessor-Collectors Offices in Madison, Grimes, Montgomery, Polk, Trinity and San Jacinto Counties on the above names, with negative results. Similar checks were made through each respective law enforcement agency in the above counties, all negative.

The following sources of information were contacted on the dates indicated for any record of the names HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOWMYER, ERIC GALT, ERIC GAULT and JOHN WILLARD:

AT ANAHUAC, TEXAS

On April 11, 1968

HAZEL MOOR
Chambers County Sheriff's Office
Current telephone directory

JACQUELINE MC DANIEL
Voter registration records

AT LIBERTY, TEXAS

On April 11, 1968

Deputy Sheriff M. TIPPITT
Liberty County Sheriff's Office

Chief of Police A.L. REGISTER
Police Department

On April 12, 1968

STEVE DAVIS
Retail Merchants Credit Bureau

LOLA GRILLIETTE
Selective Service System

On April 11, 1968

MAY CLAYTON
Voter registration records

On April 11, 1968

Current telephone and city directory

AT DAYTON, TEXAS

On April 12, 1968

Chief of Police HD. LOVINGS
Police Department

On April 10, 1968

Current telephone directory

AT CLEVELAND, TEXAS

On April 12, 1968

Chief of Police W.W. MOORE
Police Department

ERNESTINE CAIN
Retail Merchants Credit Bureau

Current telephone and city (1965) directory

AT NEDERLAND, TEXAS

On April 10, 1968

WALTER DE CUIR
Police Department

ANN GOSS
Retail Merchants Credit Bureau

Current telephone directory

AT PORT NECHES, TEXAS

On April 10, 1968

Chief CHARLES R. BENEFIELD
Police Department

Current telephone directory

On April 16, 1968 JOYCE NIELSEN, Clerk, Voters Registration Records, Galveston County, Galveston, Texas, advised her files made no reference to ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOWMEYER or JOHN WILLARD.

On April 12, 1968 ELSIE THRASH, Clerk, Local Board 49, Galveston, Texas, advised her files made no reference to GALT, LOWMYER, LOWMEYER or WILLARD.

On April 15, 1968 GERRY BARBER, Credit Bureau of Texas City and the Mainland, Texas City, Texas and LILLIAN VAUGHAN, Credit Bureau of Greater Galveston, Galveston, Texas advised their files made no reference to GALT, LOWMYER, LOWMEYER or WILLARD.

On April 12, 1968 all city and telephone directories covering the towns in Galveston County, Texas were reviewed with negative results as to ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER, HARVEY LOWMEYER or JOHN WILLARD.

On April 12, 1968 all banking institutions, Galveston County, Texas, all police departments, Galveston County, Texas as well as Galveston County Sheriff's Office, Galveston, Texas were contacted with negative results as to ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER, HARVEY LOWMEYER and JOHN WILLARD.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN G. HOUSTON at Port Arthur, Texas:

On April 16, 1968 Mrs. ELIZABETH BUCKINGHAM, Identification Division, Port Arthur Police Department, advised she was unable to locate any arrest record identifiable with a RICHARD GALT.

On April 16, 1968, FLOYD MARCEAUX, Credit Bureau of Port Arthur, stated he was unable to locate a credit record for a RICHARD GALT.

On April 16, 1968 BEN JOHNSON, Secretary, National Maritime Union (NMU), 333 7th Street, advised he was unable to locate any record for a RICHARD GALT.

On April 16, 1968 TOMMY GLADWELL, Business Agent, Seafarers International Union, 1348 7th Street, stated he did not have any record for a RICHARD GALT; Mr. GLADWELL advised all records are destroyed after a five year period.

A review of the 1967 City Directory for Beaumont, Port Arthur, Orange and Vidor, Texas, failed to reflect a listing for ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER or JOHN WILLARD.

A review of the current telephone directories for the following cities also failed to reflect a listing for the above mentioned individuals:

Jasper, Texas
Beaumont, Texas
Orange, Texas
Bridge City, Texas
Port Arthur, Texas
San Augustine, Texas
Woodville, Texas
Spurger, Texas
Hemphill, Texas
Bronson, Texas
Pineland, Texas
Cleveland, Texas
Kirbyville, Texas
Liberty, Texas
Dayton, Texas

Credit and criminal checks, Port Arthur and Beaumont, Texas negative concerning GALT, LOWMEYER or WILLARD.

On April 11, 1968 Inspector L.G. TURNER, JR., Beaumont, Texas advised a review of all ships departing the Beaumont-Port Arthur, Texas area for foreign ports since April 4, 1968 failed to reflect a passenger or crew member under the name of JOHN WILLARD, HARVEY LOWMEYER or ERIC STARVO GALT.

The following investigation was conducted by SA GEORGE P.D. HUDNOR on April 10, 11, and 12, 1968 and listed below are the names of those individuals with their titles, agencies and locales, who were contacted in order to have their records reviewed for the names of ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER or any similar name. All record checks were negative.

April 10, 1968 At Orange, Texas

DAN GRAY
Officer, Identification Division
Orange Police Department

GLENDA ROBINSON, Clerk
Identification Division
Orange County Sheriff's Office

ROSEMARY AARON, Clerk
Tax Assessor and Collector's Office

JUDY SMITH, Clerk
Retail Merchants Association

April 11, 1968 At Jasper, Texas

BUTCH NIGER
Dispatcher
Jasper County Sheriff's Office

ALTON WRIGHT
COP, Jasper Police Department

ESTELLE HINSON
Clerk, Jasper Credit Bureau
(Credit bureau covers Jasper and Newton Counties)

MARTIN LINSEY
Tax Assessor and Collector
Jasper County, Texas

HO 44-1509

At San Augustine

N.L. TINDALL
Sheriff, San Augustine County
Sheriff's Office

BILL MC CALLUM
Chief of Police, San Augustine Police Dept.

DOYLINE BENNEFIELD, Clerk
Retail Merchants Association

Mrs. JIMMIE ALFORD
Tax Assessor and Collector
San Augustine County, Texas

At Hemphill, Texas

MUTT BARLOW
Deputy, Sabine County Sheriff's Office

VIRGIE SPEIGHTS
Retail Merchants Association
Sabine County, Texas

PAUL SMITH
Tax Assessor and Collector
Sabine County, Texas

At Newton, Texas

CURTIS HUMPHREYS
Sheriff, Newton County Sheriff's Office

BILL DAVIS
Chief of Police, Newton Police Department

ELIZABETH SMITH
Chief Deputy
Tax Assessor and Collector's Office
Newton County, Texas

April 12, 1968 At Woodville, Texas

JOHN GRAMMER
Chief of Police, Woodville Police Department

RICHARD COLE
Deputy, Tyler County Sheriff's Office

PETE THORNTON
Tax Assessor and Collector, Tyler County, Texas

At Kountze, Texas

CURTIS DAVIS
Dispatcher, Hardin County Sheriff's Office

WILLIE BEAN
Tax Assessor and Collector's Office
Hardin County, Texas

The following investigation was conducted by SA
G.R. SCHWEICKHARDT and SA JOHN H. SCHULTE:

On April 19, 1968, Sergeant JERRY FOWLER and
Court Dispatcher JINNY GILLASPIE of the Webster Police
Department, advised that they checked their records under
the names GALT, WILLARD and LOWMYER and could find no
one having been arrested by the Webster Police Department.
FOWLER advised there are no restaurants or bars off the
main highway passing through Webster.

The following investigation was conducted by SA
CARLOS L. KIRBY, JR.:

On the dates indicated the following advised they
have recovered no vehicles which were stolen in the State
of Georgia subsequent to March 23, 1968:

MAURICE HARR
Captain, Galveston Police Department
Galveston, Texas on May 2, 1968

LEO ADAMS
Identification Officer, Galveston County
Sheriff's Office, Galveston, Texas
May 2, 1968

RANKIN DE WALT
Chief of Police
Texas City, Texas Police Department
May 2, 1968

RICHARD DUROUX
Acting Chief of Police
LaMarque, Texas Police Department
May 2, 1968

They further advised they maintain no latent finger-
print file.

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TO: ALL FIELD DIVISIONS

FM: DIRECTOR F.B.I. 5-22-68

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ALL OFFICES COVERING STATE CAPITALS, IF NOT ALREADY DONE, WILL AT DRIVERS LICENSE BUREAUS CHECK ALL DRIVERS LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR MONTHS OF APRIL AND MAY, CONCERNING ALL MALE CAUCASIANS OVER THIRTY YEARS OF AGE AND UNDER FIFTYFIVE YEARS, IN VIEW OF FACT IT IS POSSIBLE SUBJECT SECURED DRIVERS LICENSE USING ANOTHER NAME OTHER THAN ALIASES KNOWN. AS RESULT OF REVIEWING THESE APPLICATIONS, YOU SHOULD CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF ANY SUCH INDIVIDUAL IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT.

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TO: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Jackson airtel to the Bureau dated 5/14/68.

Enclosed herewith for Jackson are four (4) photographs of ROBERT WAYNE PHILLIPS taken by FBI, Chicago. Enclosed for Memphis are two (2) photographs of PHILLIPS.

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- 2 - Jackson (Enc. 4)
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Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

DATE: 5/21/68

FROM : SA LEON ROSS GRABEN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 5/20/68, Mr. D. F. LIONBERGER, Manager, Avis Rent-A-Car, Biloxi-Gulfport Airport, Gulfport, Mississippi, advised that his office was presently under audit and during the course of the examination of Rental Agreements executed during the year 1967, two Rental Agreements were located in the name of "JAMES E. RAY". He said he desired to bring this to the attention of the FBI as it was possible that this RAY could be identical with the JAMES EARL RAY who killed Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. He said he had no reason to believe this RAY to be identical with the RAY who killed Dr. KING other than by name.

Mr. LIONBERGER made available copies of the two Rental Agreements, numbered 7161294 and 7161295, both of which reflects that the car rentals were made on 3/31/67. (It should be noted that JAMES EARL RAY reportedly was in prison at this date.) He said RAY rented one car and after having trouble with the first car, he rented a second car which was returned on 4/2/67. He said both cars were rented at the Broadwater Beach Motel in Biloxi, Mississippi.

Mr. LIONBERGER and his employees, JOAN CROSBY and ORA CARVER, were exhibited the IO of JAMES EARL RAY. All stated they could not recall the RAY who rented the cars in question and further stated they could not recall having ever seen JAMES EARL RAY.

The two Rental Agreements are being filed in the IA of this file. This memo is being submitted for the information of the case agent and any action deemed appropriate.

LRG:lrg
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*Airtel sent to
Memphis & Knoxville
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TO JACKSON
FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 2P

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ATTORNEY PHILLIP BAKER, INDEPENDENCE, MO., ADVISED HE REPRESENTED SUBJECT IN HIS APPLICATION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS IN SIXTY-THREE. HEARING WAS UNSUCCESSFUL AND RAY PAID HIM FIFTY DOLLARS ATTORNEY'S FEES. HE ALSO ADVISED HE RECEIVED LETTER JULY, SIXTY-THREE, FROM JERRY RAY, ST. LOUIS, STATING JAMES RAY WAS GOING TO SEND HIM MONEY AND LATER ON SEND MORE WHICH BAKER WAS TO SEND TO JERRY RAY. MSP RECORDS FAILED TO REFLECT ANY PAYMENT FROM SUBJECT TO BAKER AND IN FACT, RECORDS REVEALED JUNE NINETEEN, SIXTY-THREE, BAKER SENT FIFTY DOLLARS TO RAY. BAKER, UPON REINTERVIEW, ADVISED IN LETTER FROM RAY DATED MAY, SIXTY-THREE, HE INDICATED MONEY ORDER WOULD BE SENT TO HIM AND HE SHOULD TAKE FIFTY DOLLARS OF IT. ANOTHER LETTER FROM RAY POSTMARKED JUNE ELEVEN, SIXTY-THREE, INDICATED RELATIVE WAS SENDING MONEY ORDER

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*Hurley adv on 5/23/68
- that mother of John W. Myers
resides at 1401 30th Ave.
She has current Chicago
address for son but
could not locate it. Hurley
to re-contact on 5/24 for
this info.*

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FOR ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS. LETTER POSTMARKED JUNE TWELVE, SIXTY-THREE, UNSIGNED, ADVISED ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR CHECK WAS ENCLOSED FOR LEGAL FEES. THIS LETTER BORE RETURN ADDRESS NATHAN J. MURPHY, INMATE NO. ZERO FOUR SEVEN TWO FIVE, MSP. BAKER, ON JUNE SEVENTEEN, SIXTY-THREE, SAID HE SEND RAY CHECK FOR FIFTY DOLLARS WHICH WAS IN EXCESS OF HIS FEE. BAKER CONTINUING TO CHECK HIS RECORDS FOR ANY INFO WHICH MAY BE OF HELP. HE ADVISED RAY RECOMMENDED HIM TO PRISONER BY NAME JOHN WILLIAM MYERS, MSP, WHO CONTACTED HIM IN JULY SIXTY-THREE. BAKER REFUSED TO HANDLE CASE.

RECORDS, MSP, JEFFERSON CITY, MO., REFLECT FORMER INMATE JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, AKA. JOHN WILLIAM MYERS, MSP NO. ZERO THREE EIGHT FOUR EIGHT, WAS DISCHARGED FROM MSP APRIL FIVE, SIXTY-EIGHT, PROBABLE RESIDENCE NOT GIVEN, BUT WHEREABOUTS CAN PROBABLY BE DETERMINED THROUGH EITHER MOTHER, LILLIAN MEYER, ONE FOUR ZERO, ONE HUNDRED THIRTY AVE., GULFPORT, MISS., OR FRIEND, MRS. JUNE COLLINS, FIVE FOUR FOUR SEVEN W. CHICAGO AVE., CHICAGO. FORMER INMATE, NATHAN J. MURPHY, MSP NO. ZERO FOUR SEVEN TWO FIVE, WAS PAROLED JULY TWO EIGHT, SIXTY-FOUR FROM MSP, TO RESIDE WITH HIS WIFE, NAME NOT LISTED, TWO EIGHT THREE SIX LADS AVE., ST. LOUIS, AND WAS DISCHARGED FROM PAROLE JAN. FOUR, SIXTY-SEVEN, AT WHICH TIME COULD BE REACHED THROUGH JOHN A. ZITZEZANICH, THREE ONE SEVEN A OREGON ST., ST. LOUIS.

JACKSON INTERVIEW MOTHER OF MEYER TO LOCATE HIM FOR INTERVIEW RE SUBJECT. SEPARATE TEL TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS, CHICAGO AND ST. LOUIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Jackson [redacted]

DATE: 5/17/68

FROM : SA FRANCIS G. HONAN

- CI SI R (Prob)
- PCI PSI R
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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact **5/17/68**

Titles and File #s on which contacted **MURKIN; JN 157-9586**

Purpose and results of contact

NEGATIVE Informant was contacted concerning **CARL MURPHY, JR.,**
 POSITIVE **Lee County, Tupelo, Miss. and stated that MURPHY is**
 STATISTIC **and always was a "bootlegger" and petty thief in Miss.**

Informant stated that MURPHY has been tried in Lee County, Miss. for murder which has resulted in a hung jury. Informant stated that MURPHY is not capable of participating or planning in captioned case.

Informant further stated that he has never known MURPHY to be involved with any Klan organizations or racial incidents and doubts very much if MURPHY would ever get involved in the Klan.

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| REPORTING OFFICE KANSAS CITY | OFFICE OF ORIGIN MEMPHIS | DATE 5/15/68 | INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 4/5/68 - 5/10/68 |
| TITLE OF CASE JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE, I.O. #4182, W.F. #442-A, TOP TEN FUGITIVE; DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., (DECEASED) - VICTIM | | REPORT MADE BY SA RAYMOND B. HOWE | TYPED BY rmb |
| | | CHARACTER OF CASE CR - CONSPIRACY; UFAC - ROBBERY | |

REFERENCE:

Memphis report of SA JOE C. HESTER dated 4/30/68.

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Will continue efforts to locate JAMES EARL RAY.

Handle all leads immediately.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

At the outset of this investigation, the Kansas City Division conducted the following extensive investigation concerning

Accomplishments Claimed: None

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ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER, and JOHN WILLARD with negative results:

All Federal, State, County, and City agencies, this area; all Credit Bureaus and law enforcement agencies, plus Bureau of Vital Statistics, Driver's License and Motor Vehicle Departments for both Missouri and Kansas, Selective Service records for Missouri and Kansas for birth date 7/20/31; all logical residences and rooming houses on Chestnut Street, Kansas City, Missouri; voter registration records; Department of Public Welfare; Liquor Control Board records; Bartenders and Truck Drivers Unions; Marriage and Divorce records; all utility companies; records of Workmen's Compensation, U. S. Department of Labor; financial institutions; all dancing schools and academies; all logical laundry and dry cleaning establishments, this area, contacted.

All Criminal, Racial, Security Informants, and Sources in hippie and drug traffic areas contacted with negative results.

Also, numerous look-alikes have been reported, located, interviewed, and eliminated as possible suspects.

All above information is on file, Kansas City office, however, the negative information not pertinent in this investigation is not being set out in this report.

It is to be noted that JAMES EARL RAY escaped, Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, on 4/23/67. Because of this, an Unlawful Flight to Avoid Confinement investigation has been conducted by the Kansas City Office. When information received from the Bureau on 4/19/68 that GALT and RAY were identical, all pertinent information regarding subject was furnished the Bureau and all offices by teletype and information from the UFAC file was included in the Civil Rights case, and it continues to be investigated under that caption.

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The following investigation was conducted by
IC WILLIAM C. MC DONALD at Jefferson City, Missouri:

On May 1, 1968, Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) records were checked for RAY EUGENE WARREN. The following information was obtained:

RAY EUGENE WARREN was received at the MSP on June 9, 1955, to serve a 10 year sentence on charge of robbery first degree by means of a dangerous and deadly weapon under court case #1941-C. He completed this sentence and began an additional 20 years sentence on July 11, 1961, on charge of robbery first degree by means of a dangerous and deadly weapon, court case number 1945-C. He was assigned MSP number 69963. WARREN was discharged by commutation of sentence from April 13, 1968. Relatives listed on WARREN's correspondence and visiting list are wife DORIS WARREN, 3330 Sims, St. Anne, Missouri; brother-in-law BILL SCOTT, same address; sister, BETTY WARREN, Route 2, Box 187, Robertson, Missouri. Records reflect that WARREN was visited by his mother and brother, PAUL WARREN, Robertson, Missouri, and brother, SCOTT WARREN, Pomona, California. While WARREN was in the MSP, he was in the following cells:

From November 6, 1959, until January 4, 1960, G70;

From January 4, 1960, until July 1, 1960, G89;

From July 1, 1960, until August 31, 1960, C20;

From August 31, 1960, until October 31, 1960, E80;

October 31, 1960, until January 6, 1961, E33;

January 6, 1961, until March 17, 1961, F96.

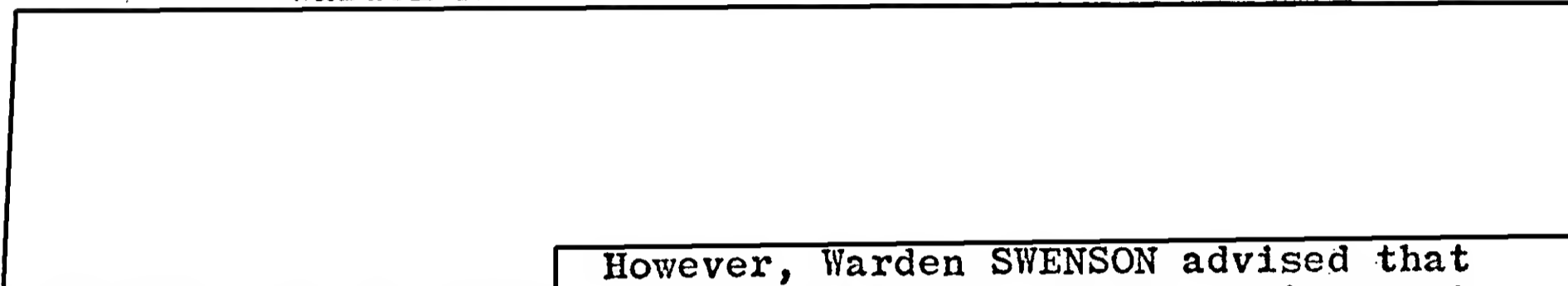
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Warden HAROLD SWENSON advised confidentially that



However, Warden SWENSON advised that WARREN is to be living with his brother, SCOTT L. WARREN at 17902 Edmond Place, Covina, California.

SINCE WARREN WAS SENTENCED TO THE MSP FOR A TOTAL PERIOD OF 30 YEARS ON CHARGE OF ROBBERY WITH A DANGEROUS AND DEADLY WEAPON AND IS EXTREMELY NERVOUS, HE SHOULD BE APPROACHED WITH CAUTION AND POSSIBLY CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

All inmates and former inmates that have furnished information regarding subject requested that their identity be concealed by the Bureau for fear of retaliation from other prisoners because of their furnishing information to law enforcement agencies.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: RAYMOND B. HOWE Office: KANSAS CITY
Date: May 15, 1968
Field Office File No.: 44-760 Bureau File No.: 44-38861
Title: JAMES EARL RAY;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
(DECEASED) - VICTIM

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

Synopsis:

JAMES EARL RAY reportedly escaped from Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) on 4/23/67, where he was serving a twenty-year sentence for Robbery First and Operating a Motor Vehicle Without Permission. It is believed he escaped by hiding in a box delivering bread to a prison farm located approximately five miles from the main prison. Subject's brother, JOHN RAY, St. Louis, Missouri, visited him at the prison on 4/22/67. Interviews with fellow inmates and prison officials reveal subject to be a "loner" and was called the "hide-out guy", because he would stay hidden within the confines of MSP for a matter of days at a time. Subject reportedly used amphetamines and barbiturates while in prison. RAY preferred to cell alone at prison, was very quiet, and made few friends. Reports conflict as to any homosexual activity on his part. One inmate stated he read "girlie" books and even engaged in selling and renting books at MSP. He reportedly was "very tight" with his money and used it mainly to support his drug habit. Reports conflict on his anti-Negro sentiments, however, at one time in U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, he stated he could not live in a dormitory that was integrated. At MSP, RAY always worked in kitchen or bakery. Subject had made previous attempts to escape from MSP, but was unsuccessful. Because of these attempts, he was given a psychiatric evaluation in October, 1966. This revealed he had no physical disease or defects requiring treatment. He was diagnosed as having a sociopathic personality, anti-social type with anxiety and depressive features, but no mental disease or defect within the meaning of the Missouri State Code. GEORGE BEN EDMONDSON, former

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escapee from MSP, who was located in Canada and is currently incarcerated at MSP, advised that RAY associated with all the St. Louis inmates at the prison and is familiar with the procedure to get Canadian passports, which are easy to come by in Montreal, Canada. Handwriting samples were obtained from prison records and forwarded to FBI Laboratory, which resolved that the "GALT" writings have been identified as being prepared by JAMES EARL RAY. One former cellmate of subject advised that RAY had told him that he had hidden out on two previous occasions on the outskirts of a town called Campeche, Mexico, and that he smuggled small appliances to that area from Brownsville, Texas. Pertinent information from prison records and interviews concerning other suspects or look-alikes in this matter set forth. IN VIEW OF CRIME FOR WHICH SUBJECT BEING SOUGHT, HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS REGARDING ESCAPE

On April 22, 1968, Warden HAROLD SWENSON, Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, furnished the following reports from their office concerning the escape by inmate JAMES EARL RAY, number 00416, on April 23, 1967, to Special Agent ROWEN B. AYERS.

In addition to these reports, Warden SWENSON advised that their records reveal this inmate had a visitor at the prison by the name of JOHN RAY, St. Louis, Missouri, on April 22, 1967. JOHN RAY had visited him eight times prior to this visit. The only two other individuals listed by subject on his visitors' list at Missouri State Penitentiary were MARY MAHER, St. Louis, Missouri, grandmother, and JERRY RAY, St. Louis, Missouri, brother. Records show the grandmother did not make any visits to the prison, and JERRY made five, the last being in 1965.

Department of Corrections
INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

To: M. J. ELLIOTT, ASSOCIATE WARDEN-CUSTODY

Date: MAY 3, 1967

D. G. Steele
From: CAPTIAN DANTON STEELE

Subject: INVESTIGATION ESCAPE OF JAMES EARL RAY #00416

Working upon the premise that Inmate James Earl Ray #00416 made good his escape from the institution, Sunday, April 23, 1967, by concealing himself in the Renz Farm bread box and riding out the Sally Port on the Renz Farm truck, I have interviewed all concerned with the Renz Farm bread run and have formed the opinion that Inmate Ray did effect his escape via the Renz Farm bread run and the means of his escape has remained a mystery for ten days because of gross dereliction of duty involving three and possible five prison personnel.

The Renz Farm truck, driven by Guard Officer Alfred Burkhardt came through the Sally Port at approximately 8:00 A.M. to pick up the Renz Farm bread, made the pick up and came back through the Sally Port at approximately 8:16 A.M. When the truck arrived at Renz Farm and was unloaded it was discovered by Mr. Bernard Paschang, civilian cook, that the bread was torn and crushed to the extent that only a few loaves were usable and the rest had to be fed to the chickens. To my knowledge, up until the time of this report, there has been no notification from any Renz Farm source of the condition of the bread delivery of that date to any officer or official of the penitentiary. Mr. Paschang did state to me that after he heard of Inmate Ray's disappearance he did make the remark that "Ray probably came out in the bread box". When asked why he did not report this to someone, Mr. Paschang said he did report it to Officer Burkhardt and to someone in the office. (He could not remember who.) He also said he told Mr. Jim Stone, Civilian Cook, when he came to work the next day.

Mr. Jim Stone, civilian cook at Renz Farm, said he saw the bread the next day and it looked like it "had been shoveled into the box". He said it was not fit for use and was fed to the chickens.

Sergeant John Setser was the officer in charge of Renz Farm, Sunday, April 23, 1967, and he stated that he could not recall Mr. Paschang notifying him of the condition of the bread upon arrival at Renz Farm. (This seems a rather weak statement.)

Guard Officer Ezra Sheldon states that he definitely remember checking the Renz Farm bread box and although he did not handle the bread it was neatly stacked almost to the top of the box. (The box holds 60 loaves, Renz Farm ordered 40 loaves, the box should have been two-third full.)

CONCLUSIONS:

Inmate Ray evidently made good his escape via the Renz Farm bread truck. He must have used a false bottom for the bread to be stacked as neatly as Officer Sheldon said it was. No one at Renz Farm admits seeing the false bottom. Why should the inmate dispose of the false bottom when the bread was mangled beyond use?

Department of Corrections
INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

To: M. J. ELLIOTT, ASSOCIATE WARDEN-CUSTODY

Date: MAY 3, 1967

From: ^{DeS} CAPTAIN DANTON STEELE

Subject: PAGE -2-

Civilian cook Bernard Peschang and whoever else in an official capacity that was aware of the bread delivery are guilty of gross negligence and dereliction of duty and should be appropriately disciplined.

Refer to my report of April 24, 1967, subject inmate James Earl Ray. If inmate Ray did escape via the Reas Farm bread run, then there is a discrepancy in Guard Officer Johnnie Petree's statement that he let him out of the kitchen when the mainline turned out for recreation yard and never saw him again. Guard Officer Petree was on duty at the Kitchen Gate all this time.

SUGGESTION

Officer Alfred Burkhardt is on his regular day off this date and I was unable to contact him. I suggest that he be interviewed in the atmosphere of the Warden's office and acquainted with what we already know. Maybe he can clear this thing up. Someone seems to have been doing some covering up.

cc: Warden
Mr. Kern
Capt. Steele
File

From the desk of: [Signature] Report
05-11-67 R. Swenson - Warden
Bob Jones - Kitchen - says he
must have seen Ray in kitchen
Bobby Powell, friend of Burkhardt,
not in on it, but Benon app
about it
Plain in bread delivery to
Reas Farm
Bernhardt - Prisoner
Mr. P O R - 4267
Mr. Stanley Burkhardt - 04870
Bobby Powell - 13174
George Jones - 05516

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To: M. J. ELLIOTT, ASSOCIATE WARDEN-CUSTODY

Date: MAY 4, 1967

From: 
CAPTAIN DANTON STEELE

Subject: SUPPLEMENT TO ESCAPE INVESTIGATION REPORT OF MAY 3, 1967

Captain Leroy Casey and myself interviewed Guard Officer Alfred Burkhardt this date and obtained his account of the Renz Farm bread run on Sunday, April 23, 1967.

Officer Burkhardt stated that when he reached the Kitchen dock that morning he unloaded his empty bread box and went to the bread room in the main kitchen via the elevator. He checked the Renz Farm box and noted that his bread was loaded, accompanied the inmate who wheeled the box to the loading dock, and watched the box removed from the cart and loaded on the truck by the kitchen inmate and the inside truck driver inmate. Officer Burkhardt stated that he did not observe the inmates straining under any extra load. He then proceeded to the Sally Port and was present when Guard Officer Ezra Sheldon examined the bread box. Officer Burkhardt noted at this time that the bread was still neatly stacked near the top of the box as it was when he left the bread room.

He then proceeded to the Renz Farm, stopping on the way at Mr. Carl Mill's residence to deliver Mr. Mill's bread which was in a separate box. Officer Burkhardt stated that he went to the rear of the truck and inmate Lloyd R. Reno #10970, who rode the cab of the truck with him, got in the back of the truck and handed him Mr. Mill's bread, which he delivered. He did not at this time notice anything amiss in the truck.

When he reached the Administration building he backed up to the Front Door, went to the rear of the truck and watched the Renz Farm kitchen inmates unload the bread. He stated that at this time one of the inmates commented that the bread was sure in a mess. He said that he never looked at the bread or gave it a thought as to why the bread would be messed up but that he did ask the inmate if he thought they would have to go after another load. The inmate assured him that they could use the bread and he dropped the matter.

Officer Burkhardt emphatically states that he never saw the bread after it reached the Renz Farm. Mr. Bernard Peschang never reported the condition of the bread to him, and that he had never heard of the condition of the bread from anyone else. He was asked why it didn't seem strange to him that, after seeing the bread neatly stacked in the Sally Port, it should be in a mess upon arriving at his destination. He said he just never thought anything about it any further than checking as to whether or not he would have to return for more bread.

Captain Leroy Casey, in the course of his investigation of Inmate James Earl Ray's escape, talked to Officer Burkhardt on the telephone Monday, April 24, 1967. Officer Burkhardt, at that time, told Captain Casey that he, arrived at the Renz Farm with all the bread he had left the walls with. Later Captain Casey talked with Officer Burkhardt in person and was told by the officer that he actually had not seen the bread after it reached the farm but assumed it was all there because they didn't run out of bread and there were no complaints. 7

Department of Corrections
INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

Subject: RAY, James, #00416-J
To: E.J. POIRY, MAJOR

Date April 24, 1967

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CONCLUSIONS:

Guard Officer Johnnie Petree was negligent of his duty in not trying to locate Inmate Ray when he did not report for work at 11:00 A.M. and in not reporting the absence of Inmate Ray to Control Center and to Officer Harold Schaffer who relieved him at 12:00 P.M.

Guard Officer Harold Schaffer was negligent to a lesser extent in not knowing to whom he spoke to over the telephone on a matter as important as a missing inmate, also for not reporting to Control Center, especially since Inmate Ray is well known as being escape prone.

The daily call sheet for the kitchen is made out by Kitchen office inmates and signed by the guard officer on duty. Whether this procedure is directed by civilian cooks is not clear. The call sheet is delivered in the evening (for the next day) by the inmate-first-cook. This call sheet should be directed by and signed by the civilian cook in charge and countersigned by the guard officer. Inmates should be required to honor the call sheet unless cancelled by the civilian cook.

All off duty kitchen and dock workers are allowed to eat their meals in the kitchen. This creates too much traffic and confusion. The Kitchen Gate Officer would be able to better control the traffic if only duty workers were allowed in the kitchen.

The large number of outside people both inmate and civilian allowed inside the walls on weekends is definitely a security risk, especially when the regularly assigned Round Gate and Front Door officers are not on duty. Definite procedures should be set up.

cc: Warden Swenson
Mr. Elliott, A.W.C.
file

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/24/681

On April 21, 1968, Major BERNARD J. POIRY, Custodial Officer, Missouri State Penitentiary, said he has been unable to recall the name of the person who told him about RAY escaping in the bread container from the prison bakery in April of 1967. He said, however, the person who allegedly helped by putting a card board cover over him was not GEORGE OWENS, but GEORGE JONES, who is still in the penitentiary and employed in the bakery. He said there is no doubt in his mind but that RAY escaped via the bread truck.

Major POIRY also said that he received information on April 21, 1967, from the prison "grapevine, no source identifiable, that the talk in the pen is that RAY made contact with [REDACTED], who was released from the penitentiary on a writ, and that probably [REDACTED] was the "brains" behind the KING murder. He said there was absolutely no information to confirm this report and he has no information that [REDACTED] and RAY even associated together in the penitentiary.

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On 4/21/68 at Jefferson City, Missouri File# KC 44-760

by SA ROWEN B. AYERS : SS Date dictated 4/22/68

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Date 4/24/681

GEORGE HAROLD JONES, Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) #45516, who has been in the MSP since 1957 from St. Louis, Missouri advised he is now head baker at the penitentiary. He said he was working in the bakery with JAMES EARL RAY when the latter escaped in April of 1967, but he has never been contacted in connection therewith. He said he also worked in the bakery when RAY was working in the kitchen. He said they were acquainted for six or seven years. He said he never talked to RAY about his plans to escape and did not know how RAY escaped. He said a man could conceal himself in the bread boxes used in 1967. He said they were wooden boxes about 4 1/2' by 2 1/2'.

He said however if a man concealed himself in one of the boxes the officials of the penitentiary would have known about it as soon as the box was delivered without bread. He said after RAY was missing, the officials continued their search for him for about 12 or 13 days on the theory he had "hid out" as he had done before. He said inmates were forbidden to take sandwiches out of the eating areas because officials thought they might take food to RAY. He said he was making a sandwich one afternoon and a lieutenant asked him what he was going to do with it. He said he was going to take it to RAY, in a kidding manner. The officer said "he knew RAY went over the wall". He did not recall the identity of the officer.

JONES said he did not know RAY's friends. He said he never heard of a RAYMOND LEWIS CURTIS. He said RAY is not the type of person who would kill MARTIN LUTHER KING. He said RAY never talked about Negroes or anything else and he believes "they have the wrong guy".

JONES said that he never heard of RAY using drugs and he knew RAY was not a homosexual. He said he could not furnish any information as to the whereabouts of RAY or could he name anyone who could.

On 4/22/68 at Jefferson City, Missouri File # KC 44-760

by SA ROWEN B. AYERS : ssc Date dictated 4/23/68

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

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

On April 23, 1968, Major BERNARD POIRY, Assistant Associate Warden of Custody, Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP), advised that a thorough search of the property room at the MSP failed to reveal any personal effects of JAMES EARL RAY left behind after his escape. He said that he usually goes through any personal effects left behind by an escapee for leads, but he cannot recall whether or not he ever saw anything left behind by RAY. He stated that if other inmates know an inmate has escaped, they will strip his cell of anything worthwhile. Major POIRY advised that he will continue to search for any personal property of RAY and will advise if such is located.

On April 29, 1968, Mr. BERNARD PESCHANG, Route 2, a cook at the Renz Prison Farm, Missouri State Penitentiary, advised that he had worked at the kitchen at the MSP in about 1963-64 when RAY was working there pushing a food cart to the hospital. He recalled at the time that RAY was known as the "hide-out guy" from a previous occasion when he hid inside the prison for some time before being found. He recalls that on a Sunday morning, during April, 1967, the bread truck arrived at the Renz farm when PESCHANG was there as the cook, and the bread was "messed up". RAY had hidden out again once while PESCHANG was at the Renz farm, and when he saw the bread box with the "messed up" bread, he thought then, without knowing why, that "JIMMY RAY must be out again". He did not know at the time, he said, that RAY was working in the bread room at the main prison, and he has no idea who might have helped RAY escape on this occasion. When he heard later that RAY had indeed escaped, he recalled the "messed up" bread and notified his superiors at the Renz farm. The bread box used to transport bread in an open truck from the main prison to the farm had contained sufficient bread to be used on the day it was received, but it was a large enough box that a man in a cramped position could have been hidden under some layers of loaves.

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PESCHANG said that he has no idea who RAY's close friends were, and as he recalled, RAY "got along" but was not close to anyone. He knew RAY was unhappy in prison, from working with him at the kitchen at the main prison, and he had heard RAY say that he would "make it to South America" if he ever got out of prison. He said he never heard RAY make any statements to indicate he was unusually prejudiced against Negroes, and he did not seem to be the type to have it "in" for anyone, but was just "for JIMMY RAY". He said that the bread in the bread box on the day RAY reportedly escaped, was turned around and turned over, and not neatly stacked as it usually was on arrival at the farm. He does not believe any incidents at the time occurred which would indicate any guard had anything to do with helping RAY escape, and he could not be certain that RAY got out in the bread box, but it would have been possible.

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Mr. HAROLD SCHAEFFER, 630 Adams, Jefferson City, Missouri, employed at the Missouri State Penitentiary from 12:00 PM to 8:00 AM as tower watch on Tower 14, formerly gate guard in the Penitentiary Kitchen (and bakery) said he worked on the latter assignment for about two years in the period between 1965 and 1967, and knew JAMES RAY.

He recalled that he went on duty at 11:00 AM on April 23, 1967. He said RAY worked in back of the kitchen as a bread slicer who packed the bread boxes. He worked alone. He said he did not know RAY well. He said RAY would have had to leave the penitentiary, if he escaped in a bread box, sometime before 11:00 AM, as the bread goes to the farms early in the morning, or at least before 11:00 AM. He said the other guard on duty with him was ROBERT HIGGINS who now lives some place in Arizona.

He recalled that about 3:00 PM he was contacted by Warden SWENSON who told him that RAY had escaped and wanted to know what he knew about it. He said he did not know RAY had left, as he had no occasion to check on him. He said he was "bawled out". He said a search continued inside the walls for RAY for several days.

SCHAEFFER said he did not know any associates of RAY, and had no dealings with him. He denied that he had ever furnished RAY with any amphetamine, or any other type of contraband.

He said he has heard very little talk about RAY, either following his escape or since the allegation appeared in the papers that RAY was being sought for the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. He said he could furnish no information concerning his whereabouts or of anyone who might have such information.

Mr. SCHAEFFER said he knows "WHITEY" DOWDA. He said about eight months ago, DOWDA was in Jefferson City, Missouri with his new wife, and stayed for a couple of nights. He formerly worked in the penitentiary kitchen, and would

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have known RAY, according to Mr. SCHAEFFER. He said he was walking on Capitol Avenue and DOWDA came by and asked him if he wanted a ride to his car. He went with DOWDA and another guard by the name of JOHN PETREKE or PETREE, or similar, to a tavern and a few beers. PETREKE asked DOWDA if he and his wife wanted to stay all night at the PETREKE residence. He did not know if the invitation was accepted. He said DOWDA was on his way to California at the time. He was driving a Volkswagen which he said belonged to his wife. He said he was with DOWDA for about 1½ hours. He said he observed DOWDA at the front gate of the penitentiary talking to the door man, but did not see him go in. He said he did not know how well RAY knew DOWDA.

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Mr. STEPHAN I. KRAL, Elston, Missouri, Officers' Dining Room Supervisor, Missouri State Penitentiary, formerly guard at Renz Farm, said it was his regular job in 1967 to drive the truck to the main prison for bread five days a week, except weekends. He said the truck leaves Renz Farm about 8:00 a.m., and gets the bread no later than about 8:30 a.m. He said the empty box is taken from Renz Farm and taken to the loading dock. At that place the driver gives the order for bread. The inmates take the empty box on an elevator to the bakery and a box is loaded with the order. It is then brought back to the dock. The driver is supposed to check it to be sure it contains nothing but bread. He said the box was about 4 by 3 feet. He said it holds about 100 loaves of bread and they are packed 15 loaves to each layer. He said he always ran his arm down inside the box to count the layers. He said the truck then goes out to the truck tunnel. There a guard again checked to be sure there was nothing under or around the truck, including the box and under the hood. He, if satisfied, signaled the tower and the exit gate was released and the truck went back to the farm. He said the truck made several stops for lights, intersections, etc., en route and one would have no difficulty getting off the truck. He said the box was large enough to hold a man.

Mr. KRAL said that he heard some talk, after RAY escaped, that some officers had seen RAY "practicing a little yogi", that is, curling up in corners, and similar. He said he presumed he was doing this to see if he could fit in the bread box, but he had no personal information in this regard. He also said he "heard" that Renz Farm had been receiving more bread than requested for two or three days prior to April 23, 1967.

Mr. KRAL said the entire delivery trip from Renz to the Penitentiary and back did not continue until after 9:00 a.m.

He said he did not know what procedures of checking were followed on April 23, 1968, as this was a weekend and both the regular driver and regular tunnel checker were off duty.

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Mr. ALFRED BURKHARDT, 305 Boonville Road, formerly employed by the Missouri State Penitentiary, said he was the relief driver of the "bread truck" for Renz Farm on April 23, 1967. He said he picked up the bread about 8:30 a.m. He noted the box was on the platform (loading dock). He said this was unusual because usually the empty is taken from the truck and the full box returned. He said he recalled it had been there the day before. He said he was supposed to check the box to be sure it contained nothing but bread. He said the box was about 3 by 2-1/2 feet. He said he had heard that someone tried to get into one of these boxes, after RAY's escape, and could not do it with room for bread. He said the box is checked at the dock, and at the tunnel. He said, however, that it was not "probed." He said the check was visual. He said the box was delivered to Renz Farm and he heard no more about it.

However, he "heard" the next day that civilian cook at Renz Farm complained "that the bread had been all messed up." He also "heard" that there was no shortage of bread on April 23, 1968. He said he also "heard" that some of RAY's clothing had been found on the loading dock a week or two after the escape. He said the only thing unusual about this particular trip and perhaps the 22nd, was that the box was on the dock when he arrived there.

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WARRANT OF ARREST

On April 24, 1968, an amended complaint, as authorized, was filed by Special Agent ROWEN B. AYERS before United States Commissioner W. C. SHELEY at Jefferson City, Missouri, charging JAMES EARL RAY with Unlawful Flight to Avoid Confinement in connection with the commission of a crime of Robbery First, in violation of Title 18, Section 1073, United States Code. Bond returnable was set by the United States Attorney at \$5,000.00 to the United States Commissioner at Jefferson City, Missouri.

Mr. SHELEY issued a warrant on the above complaint on April 24, 1968, which has been transmitted to the Office of the United States Marshal at Kansas City, Missouri.

HANDWRITING SAMPLES

On April 20, 1968, one copy of a letter in the handwriting of JAMES E. RAY dated October 24, 1966, was furnished to the FBI Laboratory for comparison purposes. The letter was from RAY to Dr. EARL C. KEPLER, Biggs Building, Fulton, Missouri, and was furnished to Special Agent ROWEN B. AYERS by Dr. G. B. PETERSON, State Hospital No. 1, Fulton, Missouri, on April 19, 1968.

On April 27, 1968, thirty-four pages containing purported handwriting and hand printing of JAMES EARL RAY were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory, also for comparison purposes. These items were contained in the Missouri State Penitentiary file of RAY and were furnished to Special Agent ROWEN B. AYERS on April 26, 1968, by Mr. HARRY LAUF, Records Officer, Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri.

On May 6, 1968, twenty-two pages of handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY as obtained from the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, and one copy of a form dated April 4, 1958, signed by JAMES EARL RAY, obtained from U. S. Probation Officer, Kansas City, Missouri, were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for comparison purposes. The twenty-two pages of handwriting samples were obtained by Special Agent MAX E. RICHARDSON and the form from the U. S. Probation Officer, Kansas City, Missouri, was obtained by Special Agent THOMAS J. CONNOLLY.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 24, 1968

Re: MURKIN
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FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-561271 JK

Specimens received 4/22/68

K171 Missouri State Penitentiary form dated 10/24/66,
bearing known handwriting of JAMES E. RAYALSO SUBMITTED: Copies of two-page report of psychiatric
examination dated 10/24/66

Result of examination:

The "Galt" writings considered together and specimen K171 can be identified as having been prepared by the same individual.

Because of the limited questioned material and the lack of comparable letters and letter combinations, it could not be determined whether the "Harvey Lowmyer" signature on the Q72 gun invoice was prepared by JAMES E. RAY, K171.

Specimen K171 is being retained.

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To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: May 1, 1968
FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-561775 JKRe: MURKIN
CR

Specimens received 4/29/68

K211 Various documents comprising thirty-four pieces of paper bearing purported known handwriting and hand printing of JAMES EARL RAY, obtained from his file at Missouri State Penitentiary

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the questioned hand printing appearing on items attributed to Eric S. Galt was prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, K171 and K211.

Because of the presence of characteristics which cannot be explained on the basis of the known handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY, it cannot be definitely determined whether the "Harvey Lowmyer" signature on Q72 was prepared by this individual; however, significant handwriting similarities were noted.

Specimen K211 has been photographed and is temporarily retained.

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Lab. No. D-562610 JK

Specimens received 5/7/68

K257 Twenty-one sheets of paper and one copy of a form dated 4/4/58, bearing known handwriting and hand printing of JAMES EARL RAY

ALSO SUBMITTED: One "Inmate Request To Staff Member" form for JACK M. RAY, No. 59602

Result of examination:

The additional known handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY, represented by K257, does not sufficiently augment the known handwriting of this individual previously received to permit the identification of the "Harvey Lowmyer" signature on Q72 with this individual.

K257 is temporarily retained.

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INTERVIEWS WITH FELLOW INMATES AND OFFICIALS

AT MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY,

JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

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Date 4/24/681

Mr. BEN GOODIN, Salesman, Schantzmeier Ford, Southwest Blvd., Jefferson City, Missouri, advised that he formerly was chef at the Missouri State Penitentiary and knew JIMMY RAY well, actually being his boss for about six years. He said RAY was a good friend of a blond inmate by the name of [redacted]. He said [redacted] hated Negroes. He said that sometime about a year ago, [redacted] came through Jefferson City driving a Volkswagen. He stopped to see GOODIN and had a female with him he introduced as his wife. He told GOODIN he had a Mustang and his father operated a resort in Florida and he was manager of a chicken fry cafe in either Atlanta, Georgia, or Montgomery, Alabama. He asked GOODIN not to indicate to his wife that he had been in the "pen".

GOODIN said that sometime later [redacted] telephoned him from California, and said that he needed money and asked GOODIN to send him some. He refused, and [redacted] called a second time and GOODIN refused. He said he has not heard from him since.

GOODIN stated that since [redacted] was a "racist" that he might be an accomplice of RAY in the murder of Doctor KING. He also thought that both RAY and [redacted] were mixed up in "peddling dope" in the penitentiary, but he could never prove it. He said [redacted] had a detainer from Florida which was dropped. He said he knew RAY wanted to escape and he "killed" a request by RAY for a transfer to a farm because of this. He said RAY was "strictly a loner" and very quiet. He knew of no personal feelings on the part of RAY in connection with Negroes. He knew of no other close friends RAY may have had.

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On April 22, 1968, RAY PRUETT, number 2195, Clerk, K Hall, said that he knew JAMES RAY well and visited him on occasion in the hall. He said he considered RAY as a "neighbor". He said that RAY never used any type of drugs except for medicine, had no ill feelings toward the Negro race and had no abnormal sexual habits. He said he first met RAY in jail in St. Louis about 1959 and knew him all of the time they were in the penitentiary except for a brief period he, PRUETT, was on parole.

He said that RAY is the type of person who has no enemies. He never said anything bad about anyone and minded his own business. He was very quiet; interested all the time in escaping and caused no one any trouble. He said RAY had no friends as such, but talked to a few persons. His primary interest was baseball. He did not mention his family and was very conservative in regards to spending money. He did not gamble, according to PRUETT. PRUETT said that if RAY would say he killed Dr. KING that he, PRUETT, would not believe him. He said that RAY is just not the type. He said he could furnish no information regarding the possible whereabouts of RAY and had no information concerning who might have aided in his escape from prison.

He said RAY is not the type of person to have committed the crime of killing Dr. KING, in his opinion.

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On April 22, 1968, BILLY EDWARD MILES, number 02185, serving life in the Missouri State Penitentiary said he was interviewed by reporters with the permission of Warden SWENSON and he has been quoted, without the use of his name, about his knowledge of RAY. He said he has known RAY since February of 1961, and knew nothing of his family or background although RAY mentioned having a brother and sister. He said he celled in K-Hall four cells away from RAY and worked in the bakery with him. He said no one is actually a "friend" of RAY's as he had no close friends. He said the person nearest to being his friend is an ex-convict from St. Louis, Missouri, discharged about 1965 by the name of CARL DRAKE. He said RAY and DRAKE got along well. He said he believed he was as close to RAY as anyone else, but he could not say he was a good friend. He said he attended baseball games with RAY and RAY was interested in following games on T.V. and in the papers. He did not use drugs and MILES denied that he knew RAY as a homosexual or possessed of abnormal sexual behavior otherwise. He said RAY was always looking for means to escape, but did not discuss his plans. He never mentioned where he would go should he escape. MILES believed RAY was above average, for a convict, in mentality. He said some of the inmates believed he was "crazy" for his escape attempts. He said, for a time, he and RAY operated a book shop together. He said they made some money off of this. This shop consisted of obtaining various paper back books and selling and trading them for small amounts. He denied that RAY was in any way connected with the sale or use of dope and did not know of his doing any gambling. He said RAY talked to Negroes, but did not associate with them and expressed no animosity towards them. He said RAY was very retiring and self conscious. He could not imagine RAY taking dancing lessons, or spending money foolishly.

MILES said RAYMOND LEWIS CURTIS was not known to him.

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On April 22, 1968, JIMMY Z. BRADLEY, in the Missouri State Penitentiary as JAMES Z. BRADLEY, number 71844, said he has been serving a life sentence since December of 1956. He said he knew RAY as an employee in J Hall for a time and knew he lived in K Hall. He said he spoke to RAY on occasion and observed his activities in K Hall. He said RAY lived in K Hall for at least two years and always desired to cell alone. He said he, BRADLEY, was in solitary when RAY escaped and knew nothing of it.

He said that RAY was exceptionally quiet and rather an "odd person". He said he knows that RAY took mild drugs such as amphetamine and had very small veins and it was difficult for RAY to "mainline" his shots. He said RAY always believed he was ill, and used drugs on occasion as a matter of medicine. However, whenever he could he purchased amphetamine and barbituates. BRADLEY said RAY probably had a source within the penitentiary for these drugs, but he declined to discuss the matter further. He said RAY never sold such.

BRADLEY said that RAY is very quiet and would be very hard to locate. He said he would not know where to locate him and could furnish no information as to who might. He said he did not believe RAY would kill anyone unless his life was in jeopardy. He said that no one could say he is a friend of RAY's because RAY had no associates who he would consider as "friends". He said RAY is the type of person who might find employment on a ranch, a chicken farm, or a lumber camp or similar. He said if RAY took dancing lessons this would be completely out of character for him. He said RAY spent money only when he had to and "did not mess around with anyone".

BRADLEY said RAYMOND LEWIS CURTIS is unknown to him.

The following is the mailing list for JIM Z. BRADLEY, number 71844, as obtained from his file on April 23, 1968:

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Wife

MAXINE BRADLEY, 135 St. George,
St. Louis, Missouri, age 23.

Mother

PHIE BRADLEY, 1724 A. So. 14th,
St. Louis, Missouri, age 49.

Father

JOHN B. BRADLEY, 1023 Lafayette
Street, St. Louis, Missouri,
age 58.

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JEROME (NMN) CARPENTER, Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) #0304, serving life for murder from June 15, 1961, stated he has been confined and has worked in the psychiatric section of the prison. He said he has known JAMES EARL RAY in prison since about 1963, but does not know him well. He said he used to live in Quincy, Illinois and attended school with JERRY RAY, brother of JAMES. He said he knew the father of the RAY boys as JERRY RAY. He recalled that when he was about 15 years of age, his mother ran away with JERRY RAY and went to St. Louis, Missouri. He said they separated about two years ago and his mother moved back to Quincy and lives at 630 North 6th Street. He did not know what happened to JERRY RAY. He said his mother also wrote to him from 1818 South 12th Street in St. Louis, Missouri. She used the name of RUBY CARPENTER and RUBY RAY and worked as an inspectress at various hotels such as the Jefferson, Coronado and the Park Plaza in St. Louis.

He said he knew JIMMY CARPENTER who left the penitentiary some time ago. He said he did not know if this CARPENTER knew JAMES RAY or not. JEROME CARPENTER said he only saw the mother of JAMES RAY once and that was when she came to the home of his grandmother to find out what happened to her husband and his mother.

He said he heard of RAY escaping from the penitentiary but did not know the details. He said RAY was a quiet, meek person who was very soft spoken. He said he rarely saw RAY in the penitentiary and did not know him in Quincy, Illinois. He said he could furnish no information as to the whereabouts of RAY.

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ORLAN EUGENE ROSE, Inmate No. 73723, Missouri State Penitentiary, said he first came to the Missouri State Penitentiary in 1958. He said he first met RAY in jail at Kansas City, Missouri in 1955, and celled with him and WALTER RIFE prior to the time that all three went to Leavenworth, Kansas.

but he said at the Jackson County Jail, Leavenworth, and Jefferson City, Missouri, RAY gave no indication of abnormal sexual behavior.

He described RAY as quiet, a loner, and "not a loud mouth". He could not picture RAY, he said, as being vicious. He said RAY liked to follow baseball. He said they both lived in K Hall and associated together. He said they talked every day. He said RAY "did not fool" with as many as five men in the penitentiary. He said RAY used amphetamines when he could get them. He paid from \$2.00 to \$5.00 a shot. He did not get into debt and did not gamble.

He said he was in maximum security when RAY escaped and knew nothing of the details. He said the rumor inside is that RAY did not escape in a bread truck, but he had no information as to how he did escape.

He said RAY has a half-sister in St. Louis, Missouri with his mother. He said RAY did not like his mother as she left him and started living with an ex-convict out of Illinois. He said RAY has a brother and some half brothers. He believed his mother is living and re-married after the ex-convict died. She may have had some property "which she lived up".

ROSE said the inmates call him "The Jew" in the penitentiary, but he said RAY was "tighter" with his money than ROSE. He said he could not imagine RAY spending any money for dancing lessons or leaving a gun behind him someplace because of this characteristic.

ROSE said he did not know any RAYMOND LEWIS CURTIS, nor did he know of this person as an associate of RAY's.

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On April 22, 1968, Warden HAROLD SWENSON, in addition to furnishing a copy of the entire files of the Missouri State Penitentiary, furnished an article handed to him on April 22, 1968 by ORLAN ROSE which is:

Warden Swenson:

Would you look the attached article over and consider turning it over to a reporter of the Kansas City Star newspaper. I have a feeling that Jimmy Ray might give himself up if he happens to read what I have written. If you do release the article I give you full permission to reword it as you see fit as long as it contains the same line of thought.

There is a possibility that he might get killed before it is ever learned whether or not he is actually guilty of ~~shooting~~ shooting Doctor King. If this would happen, it would be another Oswald case in the eyes of the world.

If you do not think it appropriate to release this article to the news media, just tear it up, however, knowing Jimmy as I do there is a very faint possibility that he would give himself up if he were to read what I have written. I am sure that he will be reading either the K.C. Star or the St. Louis papers wherever he is.

The above & the attached ⁴⁻²²⁻⁶⁸ 4-page statement handed to Capt. W. Zwick by Colonel Rose-73723, then to me - JRS

"IF JAMES EARL RAY IS GUILTY, WHO IS REALLY TO BLAME?"

"For quite a number of years I have been one of the very few close friends of James Earl Ray. Because of this I would like to say a few things about him since everyone else who discusses him reveals that he is either anti-social, a loner, an escape artist, seeks recognition, etc. If this sort of unfavorable publicity continues to be brought out against him there is a very good chance that he might end up like Lee Harvey Oswald without ever having been given a chance to prove his innocence or guilt before a trial court. If this happens it will be a disgrace in the eyes of the world and bring about the same amount of doubt and criticism that arose after Oswald was killed in cold blood by a fanatic who decided to take the law into his own hands.

I first met Jimmy in the Kansas City jail during 1955 where he was being held on a forgery charge. His accomplice on the forgery charge was another man named Walter Rife and we all three lived in the same cell together and passed many hours shooting the breeze while playing

prison hospital and lifted weights during his off duty hours while Jimmy and I either walked the yard or watched the ball games together. It is true that Jimmy is sort of a loner, but this is not unusual in a penitentiary. Being a loner doesn't mean that he didn't have many friends. Jimmy always wore a smile and laughed softly at the various occurrences during our time together in jail and while we were at Leavenworth. His friendly smile alone made him many friends and got him many greetings, but he just wasn't one to mix or join a group bull session as is most usually the case in jail or prison. He would rather stroll around the yard with one or two persons and discuss clothes, travel, baseball, or the enjoyment he got while working as a painter just prior to his arrest. It must have been one of the best paying jobs he ever had because he was always talking about it. If I remember correctly, I believe him and Rife lived in the Pickwick Hotel during the time they both worked for the painting contractor. He liked nice clothes and was always very neatly dressed during his court appearances. He would sometimes mention his brother, but I never heard him ever

floor where he would deliver bread each weekday for outside delivery. We both lived on the same tier in K Cellhouse and would often talk with each other after our jobs were over. It was during these conversations that I finally learned what I think to be the main reason behind his personality change. He told me that two police officers had framed him on the robbery charge he was serving the twenty years on. He swore up and down that he was innocent of the crime, but that he did not have the money to hire lawyers to prove his innocence or carry his case into the United States Supreme Court. I later learned that the two police officers were not above planting evidence in order to convict an exconvict, and that their conscience must have bothered them because they both resigned from the police force shortly after Jimmy was convicted. Anyway, Jimmy made several attempts to get his case reopened without making any headway. Escape was continually on his mind and after four different attempts, he finally made it.

As far as him being prejudice toward any person or race, I have never heard him ever mention one thing against anyone in all our time

yourselves in his place, on the run from 200 million persons, without a known friend or voice raised in your behalf, and a hundred thousand dollar reward placed on your head. If you were innocent, how would you feel?

In closing, I would like to say that if this article reaches a newspaper and is published and read by Jimmy, I would like to advise you, Jimmy, as a friend to make immediate arrangements for your personal protection by contacting a Judge or Lawyer and give yourself up so that you can be given a fair trial. Don't put it off until you are recognized by some trigger ~~happy~~ happy nut like Jack Ruby who wants to make a name for himself. You realize that you are on the top wanted list with a large reward on your head. You know that the odds are against you because of this. You can't win. In the meantime, while you are thinking this over, if you happen to be cornered by police officers, for Christs sake don't hold a shootout. Grab a phonebook and call a judge or lawyer.

There's no need for me to mention my name because you know who I am. You do have some friends. Turn yourself in, but use discretion in doing so.

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The following investigation was conducted at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, by SA WILLIAM N. OUSELEY:

JAMES HARVEY BRADLEY, Jr., an inmate of the Penitentiary, number 84515, stated he was presently serving a 15 year sentence stemming from charges against him for violation of United States Postal laws. BRADLEY's cooperation was solicited relative to his knowledge of JAMES EARL RAY and FBI wanted Flyer 442-A was displayed to BRADLEY. BRADLEY immediately stated that RAY was unknown to him by name or face.

It was pointed out to BRADLEY that the FBI was in possession of reliable information that RAY had criminal contacts in Kansas City, including contacts with fences of stolen merchandise. BRADLEY admitted that over the years

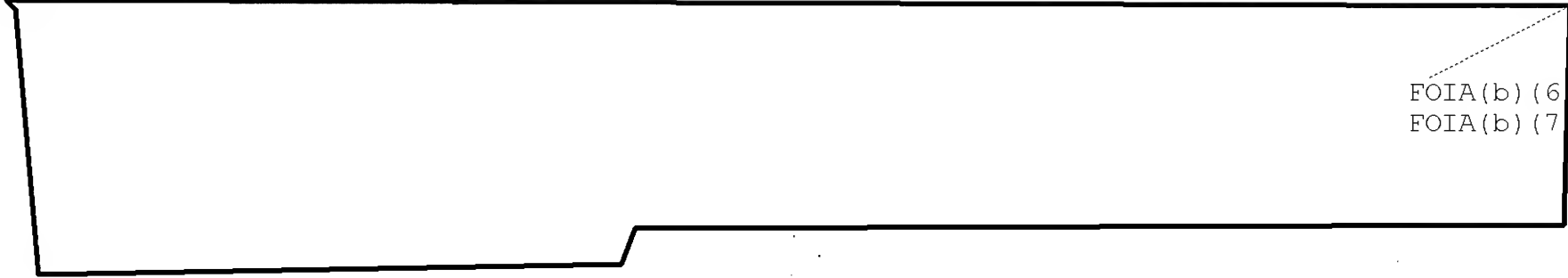
[REDACTED] and possibly at sometime he did meet RAY, however, he has absolutely no recollection of RAY and he feels he has never even met the man.

BRADLEY indicated that in view of the nature of the crime RAY is alleged to have committed, and the resulting disorder that it brought about, he would not hesitate in cooperating if he had any knowledge whatsoever concerning RAY. BRADLEY stated he has followed newspaper accounts of this case and saw the pictures of RAY when RAY was first identified, however, none of it meant anything to him as regards RAY being anyone he has ever known. BRADLEY indicated that he personally has heard no talk among other inmates concerning RAY, that is, talk to the effect that RAY was known to inmates BRADLEY has been in contact with the short time BRADLEY has been at the Penitentiary.

It is noted that JAMES HARVEY BRADLEY, JR., more commonly known as JUNIOR BRADLEY, is now 41 years old and

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

At Jefferson City, Missouri:

On April 23, 1968, Captain DON WYRICK, Assistant to the Warden, Missouri State Penitentiary, advised a review of RAY's file with regard to a June, 1965 violation involving taking prohibited items into the hospital at the MSP, the name of the patient he was supposedly taking the items to was not given in the violation report, prepared by Captain DANTON STEELE, MSP, following RAY's search by Guard HOMER BELL. MSP records show HOMER BELL resigned in July, 1967, and his address was Box 275, Dixon, Missouri, telephone SK 9-6401.

On April 23, 1968, in interview with inmate FRANK JOSEPH GUINAN, #09297, MSP, GUINAN advised that RAY was addicted to "bennies" and amphetamine, and RAY and NEAL AEBY, another inmate, were receiving this material at the MSP through a guard named STOUT, who was later transferred to one of the farms and later fired for smuggling a watch into the prison farm. GUINAN said that STOUT's wife operates a beauty parlor in Jefferson City.

GUINAN said he believes there was an elderly con, about 65 or 70, named JIMMY CARPENTER who would have known RAY, but he never knew them to cell together. He said he believes he read in the St. Louis newspapers that CARPENTER is presently confined in the St. Louis County Jail. He stated that all the time he knew RAY, the latter was always in a single cell.

On April 23, 1968, ABBIE LOOTEN, Secretary, Associate Warden of Custody, advised that her records show JOHN LEWIS STOUT, 812 East High, Jefferson City, who was last assigned at the Renz Farm as a MSP guard resigned on March 4, 1966. It was noted that the Jefferson City telephone directory listed Marvelle Beauty Shop at 812 E. High Street.

On April 23, 1968, JOHN L. STOUT, 1020 East High Street, advised that he was formerly a guard at the MSP, and he knew JAMES EARL RAY as just another inmate there. He said he did not know RAY or NEAL AEBY any better than the other inmates under his control at the MSP. He stated that RAY worked in the bakery and AEBY in the kitchen at the MSP, and would have

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had the opportunity to associate together in their work, but he never saw RAY associating with anyone in particular, as RAY was a "loner" in his opinion. STOUT stated that he was transferred from the walls to a farm in about 1966, and has not seen either RAY or AEBY since that time. He advised that he had heard rumors about RAY and AEBY taking "dope", but he has no personal knowledge that they were in fact taking "dope" and he never saw either one of them acting as if they were under the influence of any "dope". He was accused of bringing "dope" into the MSP by prison officials while he was there, but he steadfastly denied having been involved in smuggling "dope" or anything else into the prison and would continue to do so. Neither RAY nor AEBY have contacted him since they left the MSP and he has not seen nor heard from either of them since about 1966.

On April 23, 1968, Captain DANTON STEELE, MSP, advised that he vaguely recalls RAY and the incident wherein he had a violation through attempting to take prohibited items to the hospital to some patient, allegedly. He made no record of the name of the supposed patient RAY was taking the items to, and he cannot recall if any name of a patient was ever given.

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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 Federal Bureau of Investigation. He was told the purpose of the interview concerned a report he had made sometime ago to the FBI that he had been offered \$50,000. to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING by two individuals identified only as JAMES and EDDIE. This took place in Columbia, South Carolina, in about March, 1965. He was furnished a warning and waiver form, which he read and executed. He then furnished the following oral information:

In early 1965, in Columbia, South Carolina, he met a soldier stationed at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, who was to be discharged within a few days. His name was JIM or GLENN BARBER, but he is not sure of the first name or the spelling of the last name. He had just returned from Panama, and he believes he held the rank of Corporal. BARBER had marijuana and pep pills in his possession and was a very convincing talker. BARBER had met a female in Columbia named [redacted]. She worked as a waitress at a lounge he believes was called the "Downtown," located near Chubby's Steak House in Columbia. She was from a little town twenty miles south of Columbia, name unknown. [redacted] roomed with a girl named [redacted] somewhere on Bull Street in Columbia. Both girls were prostitutes, and BILLINGS lived part of the time with [redacted] worked at a night club there called the "Red Rooster."

[redacted] had met two men known as JAMES and EDDIE and had filled a prostitution date with JAMES for \$50. The initial meeting took place in some club, name unknown, located near Chubby's Steak House, possibly the "Downtown." [redacted] told JIM she had to leave because she had a date with a soldier from Fort Jackson, South Carolina, named BARBER. JAMES asked her to ask BARBER if he could get ahold of any weapons, whereupon she told him BARBER had a machine gun.

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JAMES expressed an interest in buying it from BARBER and told her to pass this on to him, which she agreed to do. The prostitution date was filled in a motel in town, name unknown.

The following night, at the V.F.W., he, JAMES, EDDY and BARBER met. [REDACTED] were present, as well as two other girls who worked at the "Red Rooster," but this was their night off. He does not recall their names. This was the first time he had met JAMES and EDDY. The men went outside and BARBER gave them each a stick of marijuana which he had brought back from Panama. They all sat in JAMES's white 1964-65 Lincoln Continental and smoked marijuana. The Lincoln had a Tennessee license plate beginning with the number 2, which designates Memphis. JAMES was always smoking big cigars and wore a large diamond ring. He understood JAMES has money in Mississippi and Tennessee. He owns land in Clarksdale, Mississippi, has a big car lot in Memphis and a night club. In the old days he was a bootlegger. JAMES despises the Negro race and, particularly, any with Communist leanings.

While in the car, JAMES told BARBER he understood he had a .50-caliber machine gun and BARBER said he did. JAMES asked if he wanted to sell it and he said, "Yes." Either JAMES or EDDIE asked where the machine gun was and how long it would take to get it. BARBER said three days because it was in Westwego, Louisiana, in care of a friend who ran a night club, The Canal Bank Inn. He never heard this man's name. JAMES or EDDIE asked BARBER if he had any ammunition for it, and he said he had a whole belt. One of the men then offered him a thousand dollars for the machine gun.

They all met again the next night at the largest drive-in restaurant in Columbia, name unrecalled. JAMES or EDDIE asked him if he had ever used the machine gun before, and he said he used one while in military service. It was agreed that BILLINGS would take BARBER to Westwego, Louisiana, which is on the west bank of New Orleans, to get the machine gun. They were to meet JAMES and EDDIE on a certain unrecalled date in Columbia and collect \$1,000. for the machine gun. The meet was to be at some unrecalled motel. BILLINGS stated he has trouble remembering things that happened this long ago.

He drove BARBER to get the machine gun at the Canal Bank Inn, and BARBER contacted some man outside of his presence who reportedly told him the weapon had not arrived. He and BARBER stayed in an apartment house at the rear of the Canal Bank Inn for two days waiting for the weapon to arrive, but it never did. He became irritated with BARBER and then felt BARBER never had such a weapon. BILLINGS returned alone to Columbia, South Carolina, and he understood BARBER was going to his home in Fort Myers, Florida. BARBER's parents reportedly lived in and operated a trailer park at Fort Myers. BILLINGS stated that at the time all this was going on he had and was driving a 1959 Chevrolet convertible, maroon in color, bearing a Maryland Temporary Tag. He bought the car under his true name from Luby's Chevrolet in Baltimore, Maryland.

Upon his return to Columbia he met with JAMES and EDDIE and informed them he did not get the weapon. He was told the plan was for him and BARBER to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING for \$50,000. \$5,000. was to be in advance, with the remaining \$45,000. to be paid to them in Greenville, South Carolina. JAMES said KING had to be "wiped out" because J. EDGAR HOOVER had reported KING to be a confirmed Communist and the most notorious liar of our day. The killing was to take place along a scheduled march from Selma, Alabama, to Montgomery, Alabama. The machine gun was to be placed in the back of a paneled truck and driven to a spot on the Selma-to-Montgomery route. When the front line of marchers, including Dr. KING, approached the spot, the rear doors of the truck would be opened and the marchers machine-gunned. The truck was to come from some other state and purchased legally in the name of a deceased person. They would then drive the paneled truck away from the line of march to a country road where a passenger car would be parked. The truck would be abandoned and then they would travel into Montgomery, Alabama, by a devious back-roads route. They would then travel to Greenville, South Carolina, where they would meet JAMES and EDDIE. JAMES would tell them how to get to Sydney, Australia, via Mexico, on a freighter.

JAMES has a friend who formerly lived in Mississippi but now has a sheep ranch in Broken Bow, Australia. This man would help set them up in a bar or some other type of legitimate business.

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When he told JAMES and EDDIE that BARBER could not produce the machine gun, they said the plan had been dropped because MARTIN LUTHER KING announced he was not going to participate in the march.

He described JAMES as white male American, age 40; 5 feet, 10 inches; 210 pounds; blue eyes; brown hair, graying on the sides. JAMES lives on a farm eight miles from Memphis, in Mississippi.

EDDIE described as white male American; 6 feet, 1 inch; 180 pounds; brown hair; age 38, good dresser, residence Memphis, Tennessee.

BARBER described white male American, 22; 5 feet, 8 inches; 170 pounds; black hair; husky build, and good looking. He believes BARBER a psychiatric case and believes this was the reason he was discharged from the military.

He has seen JAMES and EDDIE since the above incident; however, he is not going to say more unless the Government dismisses an Interstate Transportation of Stolen Motor Vehicle charge against him. He has two detainers against him, and one is a State detainer. The federal detainer is from U. S. District Court, Montgomery, Alabama, and this detainer prevents him from making parole. He is eligible for parole on his current 5-year sentence in September 1968. He might get a parole to a State detainer, but parole would not be favorably acted upon with a federal detainer on file. If this detainer were removed he would furnish the full names of JAMES and EDDIE and where they could be located, in addition to subsequent contacts he has had with these men. He was told that no promises of any kind could be made in this regard.

A photograph of JAMES EARLY RAY, FBI # 306443A, taken at the Missouri Department of Corrections, Jefferson City, Missouri, on March 17, 1960, was shown to BILLINGS, and he stated that he does not know this individual either by name or photograph.

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trying to get his original Interstate Transportation of Stolen Motor Vehicle conviction set aside on the grounds he was incompetent at the time. He was at the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, but was recently transferred to the Medical Center because he has been seeing a red man with a green coat and alligator shoes. This red man is responsible for all his troubles. He is not visible to him now, but he does see him when he is alone, but not since he arrived here in February 1968.

The following is a description of BILLINGS as obtained through observation and interview:

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| Race | White |
| Sex | Male |
| Nationality | American |
| Height | 6' |
| Weight | 190 lbs. |
| Hair | Brown |
| Eyes | Blue |
| Born | July 15, 1932, in North Carolina (no town) |
| FBI # | 368794A |
| Wife | OMA BILLINGS Box 214, Toughkenamon, Pennsylvania |
| Mother | VIRGINIA BILLINGS |
| Father | P. B. BILLINGS (Address same as above) |

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MELVIN LEMONS, Secretary to the Director, Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, advised CARLOS LEE BILLINGS, FBI # 368794A, is at the Medical Center [redacted] with the long-term goal of an eventual return to the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.

He stated on April 2, 1968, the Medical Center directed a letter to the U. S. Probation Office at Little Rock, Arkansas, stating that although [redacted]

LEMONS stated that while BILLINGS was at the Medical Center on a previous occasion [redacted]

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LEO HOLDEN PARKER, No. 15254, Missouri State Penitentiary, received April 19, 1968, to serve 15 years for Armed Robbery-1st said he was released on parole to Dismas House in St. Louis, Missouri, on June 1, 1967, after serving 13 years for murder in Illinois. He said he was arrested on July 18, 1967, for having kidnaped a boy and girl and robbing them of money and their car. The car was recovered in St. Louis, Missouri. He said this crime was committed on July 11, 1967, and he was arrested on July 18, 1968, and subsequently tried.

He noted the newspaper articles stated that the kidnaper had mentioned being recently escaped from prison and among other things had blue eyes. He has brown eyes. He said, while in jail, he talked to everyone he could to find out what prisoners had escaped from Illinois and Missouri. He was told be a prisoner at the St. Louis Jail that JAMES RAY had escaped. This was in September of 1967. He said this prisoner, whose name he could not recall if he ever knew it, said that RAY had been in St. Louis all summer; had a car; was using or pushing narcotics and was living and eating in a garage and had been making money by various hold-ups. PARKER said he tried to get his attorney to send for a photograph of RAY, but this was not done.

PARKER said that he did not see a photograph of RAY until this last week when pictures were published of him in newspapers in connection with the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. He noted the close resemblance between him and RAY. He said he thinks RAY is responsible for the crime for which he is serving time and he is therefore desirous of doing everything he can to help locate RAY.

PARKER said a large blow-up picture of him was used in his trial, but the picture had been "touched up" to remove facial scars. He noted he has tattoos on his arms that would show and yet the witnesses did not recall them. He said he believed the victims had been influenced in identifying him by the St. Louis Police. He claims he had a good alibi and did not commit the crime, but was convicted on his record and from biased testimony based on faulty identification of

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photograph, although the record indicates it was a court room identification.

PARKER said the victims were RITA BROCKELMAN, 1502 A Montgomery, St. Louis, Missouri, and GEORGE MC QUADE, JR., 4708 Plover, St. Louis, Missouri. He said the case was investigated by JOHN LEPPING and EDWARD ALLERS, Fifth District, St. Louis Police Department.

PARKER said he was in jail at St. Louis for ten months, and all this time he talked to whoever he could to find out who might have been the real perpetrator of this crime. He said he was on the fourth floor to December of 1967, and thereafter on 23 on the main custodial floor. He said, however, that prisoners mingled pretty much throughout the whole building and he does not know the names of anyone he talked to. He said he would continue to search his memory for the name of the person who told him RAY had been in St. Louis during the Summer of 1967, and was there as late as September of 1967.

PARKER said there was publicity of this case in the St. Charles, Missouri, Daily Banner of July 12, 1967, which carried interviews with the victims, and he has a deposition in which Miss BROCKELMAN testified the kidnaper had blue eyes and was very positive of this fact. He also noted the victims were let out about two miles from Alton, Illinois, where he believes RAY formerly lived. He noted the descriptions of him and RAY are practically identical except for marks and eyes.

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GEORGE BEN EDMONDSON, Inmate, Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, at first said he did not know JAMES RAY. He was shown various pictures of RAY and then said he recognized him as an associate of an inmate he knew as RAY CURTIS. He said he had served time with CURTIS both in the penitentiary and in jail at Springfield, Missouri, and read an article of an interview with CURTIS in regard to RAY within the past few days.

EDMONDSON said his wife did not know RAY and he personally had no dealings with RAY inside or outside of the penitentiary, and did not discuss escapes or anything else with him.

EDMONDSON said he obtained a Canadian passport in Montreal, Canada under the name of ALEXANDER PETER BORMANN for the reason he spoke German, and is going to adopt that name eventually. He said his wife is GINETTE BORMANN, nee La-Ferte, and she is residing with her parents at 11075 Blvd., Plaza, Montreal North, Quebec, Canada. He said she visits him on occasion, about every other month, but she does not plan to visit again as he expects to be released on a decision of the Missouri Supreme Court within a matter of about 30 days, and he will then go to Canada and join her.

EDMONDSON said it is very easy to get a Canadian passport and the procedure is probably known to every fugitive from the United States. He said all that is needed is \$5.00, plus someone to sign as a "guarantor", plus either a Baptismal Certificate or a Birth Certificate. He said he obtained his by sending in his marriage license and his wife's birth certificate. He said Baptismal records are available as are "guarantors" in the Rue Notre Dame area. He said most of the certificates emanate from the Saint Justin Parish and it costs about \$50.00 to obtain the necessary papers to back up the passport application.

He said there are a lot of "floaters", such as prostitutes and other "hustlers" in the Notre Dame area and they are the ones with whom to make contact. He said there

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is a definite pipe line in this regard. He said it usually would take about a week or ten days to get the necessary papers, and within a few days the passport would be received.

He said it is important to evaluate the contacts to know if 2500 Rue Notre Dame is east or west. He said neither is a good section, but east is French and west is English. He said the English are working people, but the French are "hustlers". He said the address could be considered as "downtown". He also said, if the passport was obtained on a Baptismal record, he might be able to furnish further information which might be helpful.

EDMONDSON said he believed that it would be no problem for RAY to hide out from Police and officials, but he would have to hide from the "whole literate public", which he said he knew from personal experience is not easy. He said, in his opinion, since RAY has been connected with the assassination of Dr. KING, he has no place to go, and no place to hide.

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

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

JOHN KENNETH HURTT, Missouri Department of Corrections number 75502, an inmate at the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP), advised that he celled in the same hall at the MSP as did JAMES EARL RAY for about two or three weeks in about 1966. He said that he was not close to RAY and that he knows of no close associates RAY had in the MSP. He stated that RAY was "always planning an escape", but he does not know who helped RAY escape in April, 1967, if anyone did help him, and he had no advance knowledge of RAY's escape in April, 1967. He advised that he has no information as to what RAY's plans were once he was able to escape, and he has no idea where he might go on escape or where he might try to hide. He said that he never heard of any bounty on the life of Dr. KING, and he never heard RAY mention such a bounty or say anything to indicate one way or the other his feelings regarding the Negro race.

RAY did say that he had a close friend who owned a paper company or office equipment company in Kansas City, Missouri, as HURTT recalled, and he said that RAY had him send a money order to this stationery company supposedly for ordering some paper. He said RAY gave him cigarettes in return for HURTT's sending about a \$15.00 money order to the stationery company, apparently because RAY did not want the records to show he was sending out the money. RAY was always talking about this same man who owned the stationery company, as RAY said, and it was this person who HURTT thought RAY said lived in Kansas City, and he thought that he sent his money order to Kansas City; however, he believes the name was PEPPER, and it is possible that he sent the money order to St. Louis, Missouri, rather than Kansas City, and he cannot recall the exact address. He advised that at any rate, the paper never came, and he asked RAY about delivery, and RAY told him that he had arranged for direct delivery to him and the paper would not be coming to HURTT. He said RAY never told him the money order had been sent to his brother-in-law. He added that this was the only time he ever sent any money out for RAY, and it was the only time RAY asked him to

do this for him. This would have been in about 1966, after RAY got out of solitary confinement following his return to the MSP from the State Hospital in Fulton, Missouri, as HURTT recalled. HURTT said that he was in solitary confinement when RAY escaped in April, 1967.

HURTT advised that he never heard of "Cooley's Organization", and he has been in the MSP for fifteen years. He said that he is not acquainted with any inmates named ORR or MC CLELLAN, and he does not recall any such inmates being assigned to jobs with RAY or celling near him. He stated that he never heard RAY speak of Mexico, Canada, Australia, or New Orleans. He advised that RAY celled with CARL LILLIBRIDGE when RAY returned to the MSP from Fulton, but he knows of no other cellmates RAY had. He said that he has no information to indicate RAY was involved with the sale of amphetamine in the MSP.

On May 9, 1968, and May 10, 1968, Warden HAROLD SWENSON and Major B. J. POIRY, Assistant Associate Warden of Custody, MSP, advised that they have no knowledge of "Cooley's Organization" and have been unable to identify it with any segment of the population at the MSP or to verify its existence, past or present.

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AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

The following investigation was conducted by
Investigative Clerk WILLIAM C. MC DONALD:

On May 8, 1968, Mrs. LILLIAN WILLENBRINK, Secretary
to Warden HAROLD SWENSON, Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP),
advised that the only "Indian barber" in the MSP is ROMAN
SAGE, #14319, the "F-Hall" barber.

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

On May 9, 1968, ROMAN SAGE, #14319, who is of
Indian heritage, advised that he did not arrive at the MSP
until October 13, 1967, which is his first sentence here,
and he did not know JAMES EARL RAY and has no information
regarding him.

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

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

On May 9, 1968, HOWARD NUNN, #68889, inmate at the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP), advised that he was in K-Hall at the MSP during the time RAY celled there in 1967. He said that he was in K-Hall at the time RAY escaped in April, 1967. He said that he did not know any inmates named MC CLELLAN or ORR, and he does not know if inmates with those names were in the MSP at the time RAY escaped. He stated that he never worked directly with RAY, but he did see him in the MSP and spoke with him. He said he went to work at the bakery at the MSP following RAY's escape, but he never heard any talk in the bakery about RAY or his escape while he was there and he has no information as to the identity of any inmate who may have aided RAY in his escape. NUNN said that he was working at the tag plant when RAY escaped, and he did not know of his plan to escape or his plans following escape. He recalled that RAY was a "loner" who did not speak unless he was spoken to, and RAY never discussed his future plans to him. He said that he has no information regarding any "bounty" for the death of Dr. KING, and he never heard RAY speak of such a "bounty" or of Dr. KING. He stated that he got the impression that RAY had lived in New Orleans, Louisiana, as he did speak of New Orleans in his conversation, but he cannot recall any specific comments RAY made concerning New Orleans. He said he does not recall RAY's speaking of Mexico or Canada, and he has no idea where RAY might be located. He said that he recognizes a 1967 photograph of RAY in coat, white shirt, and tie, as RAY, with a fuller face. He stated that RAY never mentioned any assassination plans, and he felt that RAY was the non-violent type, since he was so quiet. He said he never heard of "Cooley's Organization" at the MSP.

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

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

On April 30, 1968, DONALD JOHNSON, #19987, inmate, Missouri State Penitentiary, advised that he was in the Missouri State Penitentiary during 1960-66 on one sentence, and he believes he may have known who RAY was during that time, but was not acquainted or associated with him personally. He said when he came back to the Missouri State Penitentiary in February, 1967, to begin his current 15-year sentence from Clay County, Missouri, he worked in the bread room at the Missouri State Penitentiary during the early part of 1967, and he was working the morning shift at the bread room during the time RAY escaped. He stated that he recalls RAY was working the afternoon shift in the bread room, and he does not recall seeing RAY the day he escaped. He advised that he did not see RAY very much anyway, and he did not know of any plan RAY had to escape and never heard anything before he left or afterward as to where RAY planned to go after escape. He said that he does not know whether or not an inmate aided RAY in his escape, and he does not subscribe to the theory that RAY escaped in the bread box being delivered to one of the prison farms. JOHNSON said that his shift was from 4:00 AM until 1:00 PM and he generally at about 8:00 AM took the bread box for the Benz Farm down to the dock from the bread room to be loaded onto a truck going to the farm. He said as he recalls, the day RAY

supposedly escaped, he personally loaded the bread into the wooden bread box, personally took it down the elevator operated by an inmate to the dock, and assisted in placing the box onto the truck. He asserted that he placed the bread into an empty box, and there was nothing unusual about the box he loaded. He said that he does not believe RAY left the prison in the bread box, unless the bread box was exchanged for one in which RAY was hiding without JOHNSON's knowledge. He denied that he assisted RAY in his escape, and stated that the bread box was generally loaded with from 35 to 60 loaves of bread, which he always stacked neatly in the box. He said that he never worked directly with RAY at the prison and did not consider himself a friend of RAY. He stated that he never heard anyone at the prison speak of a bounty on Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, and he never heard RAY say anything that would reveal his feelings with regard to race or about his plans for the future. He said he never heard RAY mention Oregon, Mexico or Canada. He said that he does not believe that the bread he packed into the bread box on the day RAY supposedly escaped came to the top of the bread box. He advised that sometimes the bread sits on the truck at the dock unattended while the driver picks up other supplies to be delivered to the prison farms. JOHNSON denied having knowledge of any plan RAY had to escape and denied knowledge of his possible whereabouts.

AT TUSCUMBIA, MISSOURI:

On April 30, 1968, Sheriff WENDELL HENSLEY, Miller County Sheriff's Office, advised that the town of Lake Ozark, Missouri, is in Miller County, located on the Lake of the Ozarks. He said that he knows of no investigation being conducted at this time or recently by any law enforcement agency about "narcotics pushers" at Lake Ozark or area, and he personally has no knowledge of any peddlers of narcotics operating in this area. He said there has never been any proof of which he is aware that RAY was ever in Miller County or area.

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

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

On April 29, 1968, BOBBY FRED ASHE, MSP #01562, inmate, Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP), advised that he knew JAMES EARL RAY at the MSP, but was not well acquainted with him. He said he would doubt that anyone was "well acquainted" with RAY, as he was a quiet individual who did not become involved in any of the prison rackets. He stated he never knew of RAY to be involved in the sale of "pills" or amphetamine, or to operate or play in poker games. He advised that he never knew RAY to express strong opinions on any subject, including racial matters, and he never heard of a bounty mentioned regarding Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. He said he knows nothing of RAY's family, background or associates and has no information regarding his escape or plans following his escape. He advised that RAY was not known, so far as he knows, as a "kid" or a "punk" in the prison, and he doubts that RAY was ever a cellmate of JIMMY CARPENTER.

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

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

On April 29, 1968, a former cellmate of JAMES EARL RAY at the Missouri State Penitentiary, CECIL CLAYTON LILLIBRIDGE, also known as Carl Lillibridge, Missouri State Penitentiary number 67755, advised as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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The following investigation was conducted by
Special Agent PRINCE G. MELTON:

AT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS:

A former inmate, JULIUS MAURICE BLOCK, of the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, currently incarcerated Federal Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, advised on April 30, 1968, that he had worked in the bakery at the Missouri State Penitentiary while JAMES EARL RAY was an inmate at the penitentiary and also a bakery worker. RAY was a friend of BOB POWELL and an inmate recalled only as J. R. RUSSELL, believed to be from Farmington, Missouri.

POWELL intimated that RAY was planning an escape from the penitentiary and his escape was finally effected with a large bread box--POWELL, RUSSELL, and possibly others assisting in the loading of the bread box containing JAMES EARL RAY. When the bread truck came in, a remark was made by POWELL about sending something to the farm, and a rather heavy bread box was loaded on the bread truck.

RAY on one occasion made the remark concerning a Negro guard known as Lt. BILLY BOB "That's one Nigger that should be dead." RAY on one occasion referred to a male Negro cook as "that black son-of-a-bitch."

RAY was characterized as a loner and one who seemed to live in his own world. RAY was known to purchase the physical favors of homosexuals while still in the Missouri State Penitentiary, although it was believed that RAY would seek sexual relations with women outside the prison walls.

Prior to the time that RAY escaped in the bread box, POWELL was overheard telling RAY that he wanted RAY to go to Doe Run, Missouri, where a girl named FRANKIE BARBARA (phonetic) resided. POWELL wanted RAY to "beat that bitch real good, but don't kill her." POWELL wanted RAY to tell FRANKIE that the beating had come from POWELL. Apparently FRANKIE BARBARA had been POWELL's girl friend, and when she stopped corresponding with POWELL, POWELL became quite upset.

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It was also believed that RAY had stabbed one inmate while still in the Missouri State Penitentiary down on the dock by the garbage cans, but his identity was never discovered by prison officials. It was believed that POWELL held this inmate while RAY stabbed him with a knife. It was not believed that this was a mortal wound, but simply an assault with a knife.

It was indicated that RAY used to steal locks from different doors in the bakery and kitchen area and practiced picking these locks later.

RUSSELL was described as a white male, age 35, about 5'10", 160 pounds. POWELL was a nice-looking, well built, white male with black hair.

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The following investigation was conducted by
Special Agent PRINCE G. MELTON:

AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI:

On May 1, 1968, STERLING JUNIOR HILL, 9104 Walnut, phone JA 3-0790, advised that he was an inmate in the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri, while JAMES EARL RAY was also an inmate in that institution. HILL advised that he was employed in the prison hospital, at first preparing dentures and later as supervisor of nursing. HILL advised that he was never a close friend of RAY, and they actually resided on opposite sides of the prison. RAY was in the hospital a few times on sick call, but was never actually checked in to occupy a bed. RAY just picked up his medication and left. HILL said, therefore, that although he knew RAY to speak to him, he had never had an extended conversation with RAY and actually knew very little concerning RAY's personal life or friends at the prison.

He remembered RAY as a "loner", who always acted like he was troubled. He remembered that RAY seldom smiled, and he judged that RAY was preoccupied with his own thoughts. After RAY escaped, HILL thought that probably RAY was thinking about his escape plans rather than the events closer at hand. He viewed the photographs of RAY and indicated they were good likenesses, recalling that RAY did cock his head a little to one side.

HILL said he would have no idea as to RAY's whereabouts, since RAY had never mentioned any escape, any friends inside or outside the prison, and had never given any possible itinerary if he left the prison. HILL said that since someone would probably make some money for turning RAY in, he himself would contact this Bureau if he ever does see RAY on the outside. HILL said that his own nickname was "Shotgun" while he was in the prison at Jefferson City, Missouri.

It will be observed that the whereabouts of STERLING J. HILL was obtained through JUNE A. HILL, Attorney (no relation),

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Legal Aid and Defender Society of Greater Kansas City, 1029 Oak. Attorney HILL had arranged for inmate HILL's release on the basis of improper legal representation when HILL was originally tried. Attorney HILL said the State then decided that it would not retry HILL because of the time that he had already served. STERLING HILL can also be contacted in care of his sister, Mrs. JUANITA BOSTON, 8120 Main, Kansas City, Mo., phone EM 1-7658.

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

On May 2, 1968, RICHARD BEMAN, MSP # 07694, serving life for murder, Missouri State Penitentiary, since September 30, 1960, said he has worked in the main dining room, the main kitchen and the hospital at the penitentiary. In April of 1967, he said, he was working in the hospital.

He said he knew RAY on sight and spoke to him and that was all. He said he worked for a time with RAY in the kitchen, but did not associate with him in K Hall and he did not know RAY's associates. He said RAY was very quiet and he had no information on the personal habits or beliefs of RAY. He never heard of any bounty for the killing of Dr. KING, or rumors to that effect. He could furnish no further information.

Police Departments at Jefferson City, Columbia and Sedalia, Missouri, and both the Identification and Laboratory Sections of the Missouri State Highway Patrol have been requested to compare any latents on hand or received with the prints of RAY. Only the Missouri State Highway Patrol had such. To date, checks in this regard have been negative, according to Lieut. KENNETH MILLER, Missouri State Highway Patrol Laboratory, who so advised on May 6, 1968.

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

On April 24, 1968, Mr. DONALD BUNKER, Classification Office, Missouri Department of Corrections, advised that NEAL EDGAR AEBY, No. 137626, was received at the Department of Corrections, Huntsville, Texas under that number as of April 10, 1968. He is former Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) No. 03927, and was discharged August 1, 1967. His emergency address was care of Mrs. JUDY AEBY, 6714 Village Way, Houston, Texas. The file indicated he was not expected to live long because of cancer and Hodgkins disease. His brother, BILLY AEBY, No. 03546, was discharged July 12, 1966.

On April 24, 1968, Lt. WILLIAM ROBERT TURNER, also known as "BILLY BOB", a Negro, advised that he was the first Negro officer at the MSP to have general jurisdiction over the whole yard, including white cells. He said, for this reason, some of the inmates resented him.

Lt. TURNER said he knew "JIMMY" RAY as an inmate and observed him in the yard on many occasions. He said the only inmate he ever saw RAY with on more than isolated occasions, was a NEAL AEBY, who was a cell mate of FRANK JOSEPH GUINAN. He noted GUINAN received a card signed "NEAL" which he believed to be from AEBY. It had no message except greetings "to a wonderful friend".

TURNER said it was his opinion that AEBY was a person who would be willing to kill Negroes. He did not believe RAY would. He said he had occasion to sit on a discipline board before which AEBY appeared. He said AEBY tried to "snow the board" and he, TURNER, recommended rather a harsh punishment for him. He said this word could have gotten to RAY, who may have resented it.

TURNER said that RAY was very quiet and got along well with the Negro population, but did not associate with them. He said AEBY did not get along well with them at all and continually "bad mouthed" them. He also recalled that AEBY had a cancer condition and may have had a lung removed. He said he was also suffering from some other type of disease and always was very pale. He said the sketch, which first appeared concerning the assassin of Dr. KING more closely resembled AEBY than RAY.

Lt. TURNER said he circulates among the entire prison population all the time and supervises recreation periods in the yard. He said he never heard of any bounty on Dr. KING and he would have heard of this had there been any conversations in this regard in the penitentiary.

Lt. TURNER further recalled that he was on duty in the yard on April 23, 1967. He said an inmate came to him and advised him there had been an escape and perhaps two from this institution. He said he went to Major BERNARD POIRY, in charge, and gave him this information. They then called all known "escape artists" to the control center. However, for some reason, RAY was not included. All of the known "escape artists" were accounted for. They then took a roll call of all inmates and at the time discovered that RAY, and only RAY, was missing.

He said the inmate who advised him of the escape is J. C. FLETCHER. He said this escape was called to his attention between Noon and 1:00 PM. He said FLETCHER did not know who had escaped.

Lt. TURNER said he has talked to many inmates in the penitentiary regarding both RAY and possible hate groups such as the Ku Klux Klan in the penitentiary. He said there are a few Black Muslims, but otherwise there is no indication of any "hate groups".

TURNER said he is acquainted with JIMMY CARPENTER, released, and he could not recall ever seeing RAY with this person. He did not know RAYMOND LEWIS CURTIS either as an inmate or associate of RAY's.

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Lt. TURNER recalled that RAY operated a magazine service by himself. He charged twenty five cents to let inmates read magazines or paper back books he acquired. He said many inmates used cigarettes instead of money for exchange medium in the penitentiary and as a result RAY usually had a lot of cigarettes from his book business. He said, no doubt, RAY sold some of the cigarettes for cash.

Lt. TURNER said that JIMMY BRADLEY may have known RAY, but he did not think so. He said BRADLEY, doing life, could be described as a "top-con" in that he is a "fast operator" and always is able to accumulate money through various "prison rackets". He recalled that BRADLEY was in solitary confinement when RAY escaped.

Lt. TURNER said that RAY did not have the reputation of being a drug user, including amphetamine and there was nothing to indicate he had any abnormal sexual problems. He opined that the killing of Dr. KING by RAY is hard for him to believe as he "just is not the type".

On April 24, 1968, THOMAS BEECHER CREWS, Hospital, Missouri State Penitentiary, No. 71845, serving life for murder said he came to the MSP in 1956. He escaped from Fordland Honor Camp, Fordland, Missouri in May of 1967. He hitchhiked to Springfield, Missouri and took the bus to St. Louis. He said he had slightly over \$100.00 when he left Fordland. He said he "just happened on to James Dailey in St. Louis". He said he did not know any JOHN DAVID DAILEY. He said he went to school with DAILEY and has known him all his life. He said DAILEY operated a cafe on Jefferson Boulevard. He said DAILEY tried to talk him into turning himself in. He said he drank coffee at Dailey's off and on for one day and then went to the home of his brother, BILL CREWS, probably 2021 Clark Avenue, where he was arrested.

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He said he did not know JAMES EARL RAY in the MSP, although he said the photograph of RAY in the newspapers looked familiar. He said he never heard that DAILEY would hide out anyone. He said he did not know any associates of RAY. He said he did not know ROBERT POWELL or JAMES OWENS. He said he had not seen DAILEY since 1955 until May of 1967. He said, however, that DAILEY has been visiting him since that time and attempting to get him a parole. He said he believed that JAMES DAILEY was in the MSP many years ago. He said he knew nothing of DAILEY's contacts with other inmates or of his activities at any of the roads near the Honor Farms as he has never been in any except Fordland.

On April 24, 1968, the visitor's card of CREWS was examined. It did not have anyone by the name of DAILEY listed thereon.

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

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

On April 30, 1968, JERRY WAYNE WHITE, #10743, Missouri State Penitentiary, advised that he is a native of Georgia, and he is due to be released soon to the Federal detainer filed against him. He said that in about 1965 he worked in the kitchen at the Missouri State Penitentiary when JAMES EARL RAY was pushing a food cart to the hospital. He stated that he probably never spoke to RAY, and he does not recall having ever heard RAY speak. He advised that he has no information about RAY, his plans or his possible whereabouts.

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PENITENTIARY RECORDS

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/24/681

Dr. D. B. PETERSON, MD, Superintendent of State Hospital Number One, Fulton Missouri, advised that JAMES EARL RAY was confined in the maximum security unit of the hospital for mental evaluation from September 8 to October 21, 1966. He said mental evaluation was requested by RAY'S attorney after the latter had been charged with attempting to escape (within the walls) of the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri.

Dr. PETERSON furnished a negative of photo taken of RAY. He also furnished a letter written to the hospital by RAY in his handwriting.

Dr. PETERSON likewise furnished a diagnostic evaluation of RAY. He explained that this item is confidential, and the contents thereof can be made available only by subpoena duces tecum which should be addressed to him.

On 4/19/68 at Fulton, Missouri File # KC 44-760

by SA ROWEN B. AYERS - MD Date dictated 4/21/68

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CERTIFICATE
24 October 1965

We certify that this is a report of psychiatric examination pursuant to the provisions of Section 552.020 RSMo 1963, as ordered by the Circuit Court of Cole County, Cause No. 6203, in the case of JAMES EARL RAY, a 38 year old, single, Caucasian male, who was admitted to Fulton State Hospital on 8 September 1966.

I. PERTINENT HISTORY

Reason for Admission: Pre-trial examination pursuant to Section 552.020 by Circuit Court Order of Cole County alleged to be charged with the crime of attempted escape.

Legal Status: Subject was transferred to this hospital for pre-trial evaluation from the Missouri State Penitentiary, where he was serving a sentence of twenty years, having been convicted of the crimes of first degree robbery and two charges of operating a motor vehicle without the permission of the owner. In addition to the sentence, he is serving, he now has a charge against him of attempted escape.

Pertinent Social History: According to accompanying information received from the Missouri State Penitentiary, at or about 9:00 p.m. on 11 March 1966, the subject attempted to escape and actually had hidden out inside the penitentiary walls until he was discovered at approximately 12:10 a.m. on 13 March 1966 attempting to make his way to the roof from which he apparently planned to scale the prison wall. He had placed a dummy in his bed to cover up for his absence at the 9:00 a.m. count on 11 March and had taken a 14 foot iron rod with a metal hook on the end with which he was able to scale several feet of one of the walls inside the penitentiary. He had cut a hole through a security screen on a window and had been hiding out from search parties on various areas of the roof.

Mr. James Ray was born on 10 March 1928 in Illinois. The record indicates that he completed ten grades of school and entered the Army in February 1946, where he served until December 1948, at which time he was discharged because of a lack of adaptability. His FBI record comprises one and one half pages and shows numerous arrests for a variety of charges. He has served sentences in various penal institutions on conviction of such charges as robbery, forgery of postal money orders, and car theft. He has been incarcerated in one or another penal institution a good part of his adult life.

II. PHYSICAL STATUS

There is no physical disease or defect which requires treatment at this time.

Laboratory Data: 9 Sep 66: Urinalysis essentially negative. Hematology within normal limits. Serum bromides negative. Blood sugar and blood urea nitrogen were within normal limits. VDRL nonreactive.
13 Sep 66: Chest x-ray reported as negative.

II. MENTAL STATUS

Orientation: He is oriented for time, place and person.

Memory: His memory is unimpaired for both recent and remote events.

Speech and Mental Activity: He is coherent, alert, relevant and there are no hallucinations or delusions.

Mood and Affect: He appeared to be somewhat tense and anxious and at times showed some mild depression but not of psychotic proportions.

Insight and Judgment: He has a good verbal assessment of reality but in the past he has used poor judgment.

Psychological Testing: Psychological tests indicate that he has an IQ of 105 which places him within the average range of intellectual functioning. Tests also showed some degree of depression. The psychological tests showed no evidence of a psychosis.

IV. COURSE IN HOSPITAL

He has made a good hospital adjustment and has not been a management problem.

V. CONDITION AT PRESENT

Unchanged.

VI. DIAGNOSIS

Sociopathic Personality, Antisocial Type with anxiety and depressive features.

VII. DISCUSSION

Patient has been observed, studied and tested. No symptoms or signs indicating a mental disease or defect could be found. Although he showed signs of anxiety and depression, these could not be considered of psychotic proportions.

VIII. FINDINGS

- 1) That the accused has no mental disease or defect within the meaning of Section 552.010.
- 2) That the accused has the capacity to understand the proceedings against him and can assist in his own defense.
- 3) That the accused did know and appreciate the nature, quality and wrongfulness of his conduct.

IX. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that he be returned to the Missouri State Penitentiary.

[Handwritten signature]
 E. C. Hopley, M.D.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/24/681

Mr. HAROLD SWENSON, Warden, Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, furnished the cell assignments of JAMES EARL RAY and RAYMOND LEWIS CURTIS.

RAY was in the penitentiary from March 17, 1960 to April 23, 1967, when he escaped.

He occupied the following cells:

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| April 12, 1960 - July 28, 1960 | B-24 |
| July 28, 1960 - March 15, 1961 | K-178 |
| March 13, 1961 - November 22, 1961 | K-118 |
| November 22, 1961 - May 25, 1962 | E-224 |
| May 25, 1962 - June 8, 1962 | B-16 |
| June 8, 1962 - July 23, 1962 | E-66 |
| July 23, 1962 - August 10, 1962 | K-15 |
| August 10, 1962 - August 15, 1962 | K-161 |
| August 15, 1962 - March 8, 1963 | K-168 |
| March 8, 1963 - October 22, 1965 | K-172 |
| October 22, 1965 - December 16, 1965 | K-2 |
| December 16, 1965 - March 4, 1966 | J-42 |
| March 4, 1966 - March 14, 1966 | CB-6 |
| March 14, 1966 - June 11, 1966 | EB-9 |
| June 11, 1966 - September 8, 1966 | State Hospital #1 |
| October 21, 1966 | Returned |
| November 17, 1966 | C-17 |
| November 17, 1966 - January 18, 1967 | C-17 |
| January 18, 1967 - April 23, 1967 | K-135. |

RAYMOND LEWIS CURTIS, #04849, served from May 15, 1962 to June 27, 1966, when he was paroled. He occupied the following cells:

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| June 21, 1962 - June 29, 1962 | C-46 |
| June 29, 1962 - July 1, 1962 | C-45 |
| July 1, 1962 - July 19, 1964 | J-134 |
| July 19, 1964 - September 5, 1964 | C-60 |
| September 5, 1964 - September 24, 1964 | C-58 |
| September 24, 1964 - September 26, 1964 | F-6 |
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Date 4/25/68

Mr. M. J. STEWART, Treasurer, Missouri State Penitentiary (inmates' accounts), stated money orders had been received by JAMES EARL RAY at the Missouri State Penitentiary as follows:

| <u>1963</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Sender</u> |
|--------------------------|---------------|--|
| February 20 | \$ 35.00 | JOHN RAY, 1807 Galle, St. Louis, Missouri |
| April 16 | 65.00 | " |
| May 23 | 25.00 | JERRY RAY, Box 337, Glenview, Illinois |
| June 19 | 50.00 | PHILLIP L. BAKER, 516 Guitar Building Columbia, Missouri |
| June 19 | 50.00 | JOHN RAY, 1807 Galle St. Louis, Missouri |
| July 10 | 15.00 | JERRY RAY, Box 337, Glenview, Illinois |
| August 15 | 1.00 | West Publishing Company |
| August 20 | 30.00 | JERRY RAY, Box 337, Glenview, Illinois |
| August 28 | 35.00 | JERRY RAY, 1713 Lafayette St. Louis, Missouri |
| <u>1964</u> January 3 | 5.00 | Mrs. M. FULLER, 2601 Chestnut, Quincy, Illinois |

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| <u>(1964)</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Sender</u> |
|---------------|------------------------|---|
| January 13 | 1.50 (return draft) | Circuit Court St. Louis, Missouri |
| February 17 | 1.00 (return draft) | West Publishing Company |
| March 25 | 10.00 | Mrs. MARY MAHER, 1324 Lami, St. Louis, Mo. |
| May 27 | 40.00 | JERRY RAY, Box 269 Glenview, Illinois |
| July 9 | 15.00 | JERRY RAY, Box 93 Flossmarr, Illinois |
| August 31 | 20.00 | JERRY RAY, 1324 Lami, St. Louis, Mo. |
| December 24 | 10.00 | Mrs. M. FULLER, 2601 Chestnut, Quincy, Illinois |
| <u>1965</u> | | |
| March 11 | 1.00 | JERRY RAY, Box 82, Wheeling, Illinois |
| April 5 | 4.50 | JERRY RAY, Box 82 Wheeling, Illinois |
| May 18 | 8.50 | JERRY RAY, 1819 Park Ave., St. Louis, Missouri |
| June 14 | 8.50 | JERRY RAY, 1819 Park Ave., St. Louis, Missouri |
| August 11 | 1.50 | JERRY RAY, Box 22, Wheeling, Illinois |
| September 1 | 13.50 | JERRY RAY, Box 22, Wheeling, Illinois |
| December 8 | 1.50 | JERRY RAY, Box 22, Wheeling, Illinois |

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(1965)
December 20

\$ 10.00

MABEL FULLER,
2601 Chestnut,
Quincy, Illinois

1966
February 10

1.00

JERRY RAY, Box 22
Wheeling, Illinois

March 24

8.50

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April 1

8.50

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May 17

3.50

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May 27

10.00

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July 7

4.50

Circuit Court
St. Louis, Missouri

August 18

6.75

JERRY RAY, Box 22,
Wheeling, Illinois

December 20

5.00

MARY MAHER,
1819 Park,
St. Louis, Missouri

December 20

5.00

JERRY RAY, Box 22,
Wheeling, Illinois

1967
February 3

15.00

JOHN RAY, 2010 Shenandoah
St. Louis, Missouri

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/29/68

M. J. STEWART, Treasurer, Missouri State Penitentiary, Inmates' Bank, furnished the following data from the file of former inmate JAMES EARL RAY. He said this represented all of RAY's financial transactions, through the penitentiary facility from March 20, 1960, to the present. He said there were no means by which the reasons for withdrawals could be established. He said he would determine from whom money orders were received.

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Name Ray, James Ear

Number 00416-J

| Date of Reference | Earnings Dr. or Cr. | Earnings Balance | Cash Credit | Withdrawal | Cash Balance | Total Balance |
|-------------------|--|------------------|-------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| MAR 22'60 | | | 3.06 + | | | 3.06 ° |
| MAR 22'60 | | | | 3.00 - | | .06 ° |
| MAY 19'60 | 3.00 + | | | | | 3.06 ° |
| JUN 7 CP | | | | 3.00 - | | .06 ° |
| JUN 20'60 | 3.00 + | | | | | 3.06 ° |
| JUL 5 CP | | | | 3.00 - | | .06 ° |
| JUL 21'60 | 4.00 + | | | | | 4.06 ° |
| AUG 17 CP | | | | 3.00 - | | 1.06 ° |
| AUG 19'60 | 4.00 + | | | | | 5.06 ° |
| SEP 6 EX | <i>To: James H. McAtter, Circuit Court Clerk</i> | | | 2.25 - | | 2.81 ° |
| SEP 22 MO | | | 10.00 + | | | 12.81 ° |
| SEP 23'60 | 4.00 + | | | | | 16.81 ° |
| OCT 6 MO | | | 10.00 + | | | 26.81 ° |
| OCT 17 CP | | | | 20.00 - | | 6.81 ° |
| OCT 21'60 | 5.00 + | | | | | 11.81 ° |
| OCT 27 CM | | | | .50 - | | 11.31 ° |
| NOV 16 CP | | | | 6.00 - | | 5.31 ° |
| NOV 18'60 | 5.00 + | | | | | 10.31 ° |
| NOV 18'60 | | | | .50 - | | 9.81 ° |
| NOV 23 CM | | | | 1.00 - | | 8.81 ° |
| NOV 28 JE | | | | 1.50 - | | 7.31 ° |
| DEC 16 CP | | | | 3.00 - | | 4.31 ° |
| DEC 19'60 | 5.00 + | | | | | 9.31 ° |
| DEC 27 MO | | | 5.00 + | | | 14.31 ° |
| DEC 28 MO | | | 5.00 + | | | 19.31 ° |
| JAN 17 CP | | | | 6.00 - | | 13.31 ° |
| JAN 20'61 | 6.00 + | | | | | 19.31 ° |
| JAN 24 EX | <i>To: Best Publishing Company</i> | | | 1.25 - | | 18.06 ° |
| FEB 6 EX | <i>To: James H. McAtter, Circuit Court Clerk</i> | | | 1.25 - | | 16.81 ° |
| FEB 17 CP | | | | 10.00 - | | 6.81 ° |
| FEB 21'61 | 6.00 + | | | | | 12.81 ° |
| FEB 28'61 | | | | .50 - | | 12.31 ° |
| MAR 16 CP | | | | 6.00 - | | 6.31 ° |
| MAR 22'61 | 7.00 + | | | | | 13.31 ° |
| APR 7 MO | | | 5.00 + | | | 18.31 ° |
| APR 17 CP | | | | 15.00 - | | 3.31 ° |
| APR 18'61 | | | | .50 - | | 2.81 ° |
| APR 24'61 | 8.00 + | | | | | 10.81 ° |
| MAY 15 CP | | | | 6.00 - | | 4.81 ° |
| MAY 19'61 | 9.00 + | | | | | 13.81 ° |
| JUN 19 CP | | | | 10.00 - | | 3.81 ° |

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| Date of Reference | Earnings Dr. or Cr. | Earnings Balance | Credit Cash | Withdrawal | Cash Balance | Total Balance |
|-------------------|------------------------|---------------------|----------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| | | | | | | 3.81 ° |
| | | | | | | 13.81 ° |
| JUN 22'61 | 10.00 + | | | 10.00 - | | 3.81 ° |
| JUL 17 CP | | | | | | 14.81 ° |
| JUL 21'61 | 11.00 + | | | | | 19.81 ° |
| JUL 25 MO | | | 5.00 + | | | 16.56 ° |
| AUG 7 EX | | | | 3.25 - | | 16.06 ° |
| AUG 11'61 | | | | .50 - | | 6.06 ° |
| AUG 14 CP | | | | 10.00 - | | 18.06 ° |
| AUG 21'61 | 12.00 + | | | | | 3.06 ° |
| SEP 15 CP | | | | 15.00 - | | 15.06 ° |
| SEP 20'61 | 12.00 + | | | .50 - | | 14.56 ° |
| OCT 4'61 | | | | 1.00 - | | 13.56 ° |
| OCT 16 CM | | | | 10.00 - | | 3.56 ° |
| OCT 18 CP | | | | | | 15.56 ° |
| OCT 20'61 | 12.00 + | | | | | 16.56 ° |
| NOV 6 MO | | | 1.00 + | | | 15.56 ° |
| NOV 13 CM | | | | 1.00 - | | 5.56 ° |
| NOV 17 CP | | | | 10.00 - | | 17.56 ° |
| NOV 22'61 | 12.00 + | | | .50 - | | 17.06 ° |
| NOV 30'61 | | | | 3.00 - | | 14.06 ° |
| DEC 1 CP | | | | .88 - | | 13.18 ° |
| DEC 4'61 | | | | | | 23.18 ° |
| DEC 7'61 | | | 10.00 + | | | 24.81 ° |
| DEC 18'61 | 1.63 + | | | | | 34.81 ° |
| DEC 19 MO | | | 10.00 + | | | 32.41 ° |
| DEC 19'61 | | | | 2.40 - | | 31.41 ° |
| MAR 1 CP | | | | 1.00 - | | 29.01 ° |
| MAR 29'62 | | | | 2.40 - | | 26.01 ° |
| APR 2 CP | | | | 3.00 - | | 23.01 ° |
| MAY 1 CP | | | | 3.00 - | | 17.01 ° |
| JUN 7 CP | | | | 6.00 - | | 16.51 ° |
| JUN 8'62 | | | | .50 - | | 16.01 ° |
| JUN 28'62 | | | | .50 - | | 6.01 ° |
| JUL 2 CP | | | | 10.00 - | | .51 ° |
| JUL 10 EX | | | | 5.50 - | | 2.01 ° |
| JUL 13'62 | 1.50 + | | | | | 1.51 ° |
| AUG 6'62 | | | | .50 - | | 3.01 ° |
| AUG 15'62 | 1.50 + | | | | | 4.51 ° |
| SEP 12'62 | 1.50 + | | | | | 4.01 ° |
| SEP 13 CM | | | | .50 - | | 5.51 ° |
| OCT 10'62 | 1.50 + | | | | | 15.51 ° |
| OCT 18 MO | | | 10.00 + | | | |

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To: J. W. Kennedy Company

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| Date of Reference | Earnings Dr. or Cr. | Earnings Balance | Credit Cash | Withdrawal | Cash Balance | Total Balance |
|-------------------|------------------------|---------------------|----------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| (1962) | | | | | | 15.51 ° |
| OCT 19 CM | | | | .50 - | | 15.01 ° |
| NOV 13 MO | | | 40.00 + | | | 55.01 ° |
| NOV 14 '62 | 1.50 + | | | | | 56.51 ° |
| NOV 20 CM | | | | .50 - | | 56.01 ° |
| DEC 4 '62 | | | | 2.40 - | | 53.61 ° |
| DEC 5 JE | | | | 2.50 - | | 51.11 ° |
| DEC 13 '63 | 1.50 + | | | | | 52.61 ° |
| DEC 14 CP | | | | 20.00 - | | 32.61 ° |
| JAN 15 '63 | 1.50 + | | | | | 34.11 ° |
| JAN 16 CP | | | | 20.00 - | | 14.11 ° |
| JAN 22 '63 | | | | .50 - | | 12.87 ° |
| JAN 22 '63 | | | | .74 - | | 20.37 ° |
| FEB 7 MO | | | 7.50 + | | | 21.87 ° |
| FEB 15 '63 | 1.50 + | | | | | 1.87 ° |
| FEB 18 CP | | | | 20.00 - | | 36.87 ° |
| FEB 20 MO | | | 35.00 + | | | 35.62 ° |
| MAR 6 EX | | | | 1.25 - | | 37.12 ° |
| MAR 14 '63 | 1.50 + | | | | | 26.87 ° |
| MAR 19 EX | | | | 10.25 - | | 26.27 ° |
| MAR 21 '63 | | | | .60 - | | 25.02 ° |
| APR 8 EX | | | | 1.25 - | | 26.52 ° |
| APR 12 '63 | 1.50 + | | | | | 16.52 ° |
| APR 15 CP | | | | 10.00 - | | 81.52 ° |
| APR 16 MO | | | 65.00 + | | | 79.02 ° |
| APR 24 '63 | | | | 2.50 - | | 80.52 ° |
| MAY 14 '63 | 1.50 + | | | | | 74.52 ° |
| MAY 16 CP | | | | 6.00 - | | 67.52 ° |
| MAY 20 EX | | | | 7.00 - | | 92.52 ° |
| MAY 23 MO | | | 25.00 + | | | 93.12 ° |
| JUN 3 MO | | | .60 + | | | 12.87 ° |
| JUN 10 EX | | | | 80.25 - | | 14.37 ° |
| JUN 13 '63 | 1.50 + | | | | | 8.37 ° |
| JUN 17 CP | | | | 6.00 - | | 108.37 ° |
| JUN 19 MO | | | 50.00 + | | | 6.12 ° |
| JUN 19 MO | | | 50.00 + | | | 21.12 ° |
| JUN 24 EX | | | | 102.25 - | | 22.62 ° |
| JUL 10 '63 MO | | | 15.00 + | | | 16.62 ° |
| JUL 12 '63 | 1.50 + | | | | | 15.37 ° |
| JUL 15 CP | | | | 6.00 - | | 16.87 ° |
| JUL 22 EX | | | | 1.25 - | | 10.37 ° |
| AUG 14 '63 | 1.50 + | | | | | |
| AUG 15 CP | | | | 6.00 - | | |

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|-------------------|------------------------|---------------------|----------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| | | | | | | 10.87 ° |
| AUG 15 MO | | | 1.00 + | | | 11.87 ° |
| AUG 20 MO | | | 30.00 + | | | 41.87 ° |
| SEP 13'63 | 1.50 + | | | | | 43.37 ° |
| SEP 16'63EC | | | | 20.00 - | | 23.37 ° |
| OCT 10'63 | 1.50 + | | | | | 24.87 ° |
| OCT 14'63CP | | | | 20.00 - | | 4.87 ° |
| OCT 14'63CM | | | | 1.00 - | | 3.87 ° |
| OCT 28'63MO | | | 35.00 + | | | 38.87 ° |
| NOV 6'63 | | | | .50 - | | 38.37 ° |
| NOV 12'63 | 1.50 + | | | | | 39.87 ° |
| NOV 15'63CM | | | | .62 - | | 39.25 ° |
| DEC 5'63 | 2.00 + | | | | | 41.25 ° |
| DEC 12'63 | 1.50 + | | | | | 42.75 ° |
| DEC 16'63CM | | | | .50 - | | 42.25 ° |
| JAN 3'64MO | | | 5.00 + | | | 47.25 ° |
| JAN 6'64EX | | | | 1.75 - | | 45.50 ° |
| JAN 13'64MO | | | 1.50 + | | | 47.00 ° |
| JAN 14'64 | 1.50 + | | | | | 48.50 ° |
| FEB 10'64EX | | | | 1.25 - | | 47.25 ° |
| FEB 13'64 | 1.50 + | | | | | 48.75 ° |
| FEB 17'64CP | | | | 6.00 - | | 42.75 ° |
| FEB 17'64MO | | | 1.00 + | | | 43.75 ° |
| MAR 12'64 | 1.50 + | | | | | 45.25 ° |
| MAR 25'64MO | | | 10.00 + | | | 55.25 ° |
| APR 15'64 | 1.50 + | | | | | 56.75 ° |
| APR 17'64CP | | | | 15.00 - | | 41.75 ° |
| MAY 13'64 | 1.50 + | | | | | 43.25 ° |
| MAY 14'64CP | | | | 10.00 - | | 33.25 ° |
| MAY 27'64MO | | | 40.00 + | | | 73.25 ° |
| JUN 11'64 | 1.50 + | | | | | 74.75 ° |
| JUN 15'64CP | | | | 15.00 - | | 59.75 ° |
| JUN 22'64EX | | | | 55.25 - | | 4.50 ° |
| JUL 9'64MO | | | 15.00 + | | | 19.50 ° |
| JUL 13'64 | 1.50 + | | | | | 21.00 ° |
| JUL 15'64CP | | | | 10.00 - | | 11.00 ° |
| AUG 14'64 | 1.50 + | | | | | 12.50 ° |
| AUG 17'64CP | | | | 6.00 - | | 6.50 ° |
| AUG 31'64MO | | | 20.00 + | | | 26.50 ° |
| SEP 11'64 | 1.50 + | | | | | 28.00 ° |
| SEP 14'64CP | | | | 15.00 - | | 13.00 ° |
| SEP 28'64CM | | | | .50 - | | 12.50 ° |
| OCT 6'64 | | | | .50 - | | 12.00 ° |
| OCT 14'64 | 1.50 + | | | | | 13.50 ° |
| OCT 15'64CP | | | | 6.00 - | | 7.50 ° |
| OCT 16'64CM | | | | .50 - | | 7.00 ° |
| NOV 13'64 | 1.50 + | | | | | 8.50 ° |
| DEC 10'64 | 1.50 + | | | | | 10.00 ° |

To: James McArthur

To: Street Publishing Company

To: Jerry Ray

Name Ray, James Earl

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| Date of Reference | Earnings Dr. or Cr. | Earnings Balance | Credit Cash | Withdrawal | Cash Balance | Total Balance |
|-------------------|------------------------|---------------------|----------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| | | | | | | 10.00 ° |
| DEC 14'64CP | | | | 6.00 - | | 4.00 ° |
| DEC 24'64MO | | | 10.00 + | | | 14.00 ° |
| DEC 30'64 | 6.00 + | | | | | 20.00 ° |
| JAN 6'65EX | | | | 18.25 - | | 1.75 ° |
| JAN 14'65 | 1.50 + | | | | | 3.25 ° |
| JAN 25'65 | | | | 1.25 - | | 2.00 ° |
| FEB 10'65 | 1.50 + | | | | | 3.50 ° |
| MAR 11'65 | 1.50 + | | | | | 5.00 ° |
| MAR 11'65MO | | | 1.00 + | | | 6.00 ° |
| MAR 15'65CP | | | | 6.00 - | | .00 ° |
| APR 5'65MO | | | 4.50 + | | | 4.50 ° |
| APR 15'65 | 1.50 + | | | | | 6.00 ° |
| APR 20'65CP | | | | 6.00 - | | .00 ° |
| MAY 12'65 | 1.50 + | | | | | 1.50 ° |
| MAY 18'65MO | | | 8.50 + | | | 10.00 ° |
| MAY 19'65 CP | | | | 10.00 - | | .00 ° |
| JUN 11'65 | 1.50 + | | | | | 1.50 ° |
| JUN 14'65MO | | | 8.50 + | | | 10.00 ° |
| JUN 15'65 CP | | | | 10.00 - | | .00 ° |
| JUL 2'65 | | | 1.50 + | | | 1.50 ° |
| JUL 15'65 | 1.50 + | | | | | 3.00 ° |
| JUL 19'65CP | | | | 3.00 - | | .00 ° |
| AUG 11'65MO | | | 1.50 + | | | 1.50 ° |
| AUG 12'65 | 1.50 + | | | | | 3.00 ° |
| AUG 16'65CP | | | | 3.00 - | | .00 ° |
| SEP 1'65MO | | | 13.50 + | | | 13.50 ° |
| SEP 15'65 | 1.50 + | | | | | 15.00 ° |
| SEP 16'65CP | | | | 15.00 - | | .00 ° |
| OCT 15'65 | 1.50 + | | | | | 1.50 ° |
| NOV 15'65 | 1.50 + | | | | | 3.00 ° |
| NOV 17'65CP | | | | 3.00 - | | .00 ° |
| DEC 8'65MO | | | 1.50 + | | | 1.50 ° |
| DEC 13'65 | 1.50 + | | | | | 3.00 ° |
| DEC 14'65CP | | | | 3.00 - | | .00 ° |
| DEC 20'65MO | | | 10.00 + | | | 10.00 ° |
| DEC 28'65 | 6.00 + | | | | | 16.00 ° |
| JAN 13'66 | 1.50 + | | | | | 17.50 ° |
| JAN 17'66CP | | | | 10.00 - | | 7.50 ° |
| FEB 9'66 | 1.50 + | | | | | 9.00 ° |
| FEB 10'66MO | | | 1.00 + | | | 10.00 ° |
| FEB 14'66CP | | | | 10.00 - | | .00 ° |
| MAR 11'66 | 1.50 + | | | | | 1.50 ° |
| MAR 24'66MO | | | 3.50 + | | | 10.00 ° |
| APR 1'66CP | | | | 10.00 - | | .00 ° |
| APR 1'66MO | | | 8.50 + | | | 8.50 ° |
| MAY 2'66CP | | | | 6.00 - | | 2.50 ° |

To: Jerry Ray

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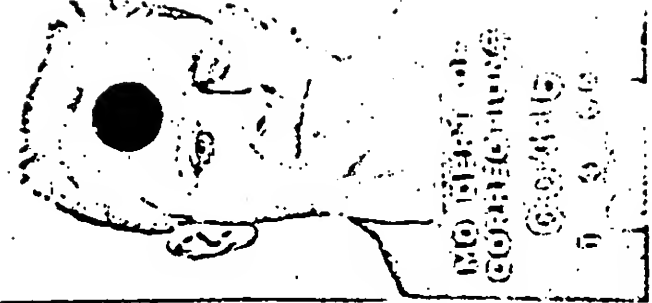
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Name Ray, James Earl

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| Date of Reference | Earnings Dr. or Cr. | Earnings Balance | Cash Credit | Withdrawal | Cash Balance | Total Balance |
|---|---------------------|------------------|-------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| | | | | | | 2.50 ° |
| | | | 3.50 + | | | 6.00 ° |
| MAY 17'66MO | | | 10.00 + | | | 16.00 ° |
| MAY 27'66MO | | | | | | 13.00 ° |
| JUN 1'66CP | | | | 3.00 - | | 11.75 ° |
| JUN 20'66EX | | | | 1.25 - | | 5.75 ° |
| <i>To Alfred Hitchcock's magazine -></i> | | | | | | |
| | | | | 6.00 - | | 10.25 ° |
| JUL 1'66CP | | | 4.50 + | | | 4.25 ° |
| JUL 7'66MO | | | | 6.00 - | | 11.00 ° |
| AUG 1'66CP | | | 6.75 + | | | 5.00 ° |
| AUG 18'66MO | | | | 6.00 - | | 13.35 ° |
| SEP 1'66CP | | | 8.35 + | | | 10.45 ° |
| SEP 13'66 | | | | | 2.90 - | 9.10 ° |
| NOV 2'66 | | | | | 1.35 - | 7.00 ° |
| NOV 16'66 | | | | | 2.10 - | 2.60 ° |
| NOV 18'66 | | | | | 4.40 - | 1.95 ° |
| NOV 23'66 | | | | | .65 - | .65 ° |
| DEC 2'66 | | | | | 1.30 - | 2.15 ° |
| DEC 9'66 | | | | | | 7.15 ° |
| DEC 13'66 | 1.50 + | | | | | 12.15 ° |
| DEC 20'66MO | | | 5.00 + | | | 22.15 ° |
| DEC 20'66MO | | | 5.00 + | | | 18.05 ° |
| DEC 22'66 | | | 10.00 + | | | 17.55 ° |
| DEC 23'66 | | | | | 4.10 - | 15.55 ° |
| DEC 30'66 | | | | | .50 - | 21.55 ° |
| JAN 6'67 | | | | | 2.00 - | 15.45 ° |
| JAN 10'67 | 6.00 + | | | | | 16.95 ° |
| JAN 13'67 | | | | | 6.10 - | 16.35 ° |
| JAN 17'67 | 1.50 + | | | | .60 - | 15.60 ° |
| JAN 20'67 | | | | | .75 - | 15.35 ° |
| JAN 27'67 | | | | | .25 - | 30.35 ° |
| FEB 3'67 | | | | | | 30.00 ° |
| FEB 3'67MO | | | 15.00 + | | | 32.00 ° |
| FEB 10'67 | | | | | .35 - | 30.00 ° |
| FEB 14'67 | 2.00 + | | | | | 26.65 ° |
| FEB 24'67 | | | | | 2.00 - | 28.65 ° |
| MAR 10'67 | | | | | 3.55 - | 27.15 ° |
| MAR 13'67 | 2.00 + | | | | 1.50 - | 23.15 ° |
| MAR 17'67 | | | | | 4.00 - | 21.90 ° |
| MAR 17NT | | | | | 1.25 - | 20.90 ° |
| MAR 31'67 | | | | | 1.00 - | 16.20 ° |
| MAR 31'67CP | | | | | | 15.20 ° |
| APR 7'67 | | | | | 1.25 - | 13.95 ° |
| APR 7'67CP | | | | | 4.70 - | 15.95 ° |
| APR 14'67 | | | | | 1.00 - | 14.61 ° |
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The following investigation was conducted by SA THOMAS H. WEAVER at Jefferson City, Missouri, on April 29, 1968:

A review of the records of the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) revealed that there is no inmate named WADE currently confined at the MSP.

Inmates with the last name WADE who were confined at the MSP during the time of JAMES EARL RAY's incarceration were identified through records as HAROLD WADE, # 10780; JAMES A. WADE, # 02913; JAMES DENNIS WADE, also known as DENNIS WADE FONTENNOT, # 04495, and KENNETH LEE WADE, # 08955.

HAROLD WADE is described as a white male, born [redacted] at Waynesville, Missouri; 5 feet, 10 inches; 160 pounds; brown hair, blue eyes, FBI # 788807D. His parents are listed as Mr. and Mrs. BEN F. WADE, Route # 2, Waynesville, Missouri; brothers CLARENCE and VIRGIL WADE, Route 1, Rogersville, Missouri; sister DOROTHY WADE, Route 2, Waynesville. He was received at the MSP August 8, 1963, on a 4-year sentence on check charge violation, escaped October 29, 1963, and received two years' sentence for escape, transferred to Moberly April 3, 1967, then to Fulton State Hospital August 8, 1967, and released January 20, 1968, on a Warden's release. HAROLD WADE had one violation report noted for "Investigation of Fight," February 3, 1967, but charges were dismissed and details were not available in the file.

KENNETH LEE WADE, # 08955, FBI # 568123B, was received at the MSP, June 12, 1959, the first time, later discharged, and received again August 22, 1964, until final discharge on September 8, 1965. He is a former Unlawful Flight subject of the Kansas City Division, and he worked at the MSP in the kitchen from 1962 to 1963 and in the bakery, in Food Service, February to March 1964. He is described as white male, born [redacted] St. Louis, Missouri; 5 feet, 7 inches; 150 pounds, brown hair; brown eyes, mother Mrs. MILDRED WADE, 2150 East Cottage, St. Louis, Missouri, and he listed a friend as GINNY WILLIAMS, 2151 Sandy Ridge Road, East St. Louis, Illinois.

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A letter in his file dated August 23, 1967, indicated that KENNETH LEE WADE was received at the California State Penitentiary at Chino, California, under # B-10470, on August 22, 1967.

JAMES A. WADE, # 02913, was received June 7, 1961, from Vernon County, Missouri, on checks conviction and was discharged on February 12, 1964. He is described as a white male, born July 1, 1926, at Arcade, Kansas; 6 feet, 2 inches; 180 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes, FBI # 2481633. His wife was listed as ALENE WADE, 2531 North Minneapolis, Wichita, Kansas, and he listed sisters LEONA THOMSSON, General Delivery, Augusta, Kansas, and NAOMI KEMP, General Delivery, Wichita, and an aunt Mrs. LEE CAIN, General Delivery, Independence, Kansas.

WADE is described as illiterate and can write only his name. On August 8, 1963, he was assigned to Food Service in the kitchen at the MSP, and he had one offense report for "fighting in the kitchen" August 13, 1963, with one month loss of privileges, but the offense report with the details has been destroyed. As of September 8, 1965, MSP records indicate that WADE was incarcerated at the State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, under # 72556 on a 7-year sentence for larceny of automobile.

DENNIS WADE FONTENNOT, # 04495, FBI # 860489B, was received at the MSP March 16, 1962, from Jackson County, Missouri, on two years' sentence for burglary and stealing, and he was discharged May 2, 1963. He is described as a white male, born July 10, 1930, at New Orleans, Louisiana; 5 feet, 8 inches; 147 pounds; brown hair; brown eyes. He is described as illiterate, has Social Security No. 439-40-8790, and he lists no brothers and sisters, stated his father died in 1946 and that he has not seen his mother since 1946. He had no relatives or correspondents listed in his file. FONTENNOT has Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department Nos. EX 45492 and 98630 and New Orleans Police Department # 74527.

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The following investigation was conducted by
IC WILLIAM C. MC DONALD at Jefferson City, Missouri:

On May 6, 1968, Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) records were checked for IVAN UNDERWOOD. The following information was obtained:

IVAN UNDERWOOD, MSP # 12927, was discharged on September 22, 1967.

In October 1967 his wife KATHLEEN was receiving or had applied for Aid to Dependent Children in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

The Sheriff, Greene County, Missouri, placed a detainer regarding UNDERWOOD on June 26, 1967. He was discharged on September 22, 1967, without any indication that the detainer had been honored.

The following was taken from UNDERWOOD's mailing list:

Wife: KITTY UNDERWOOD, 301 School Street, Sikeston, Missouri;
Mother: ETHEL UNDERWOOD, 200 South Fredrick, Cape Girardeau,
Missouri

Brother-

in-law: PAUL SCOWDEN, Rural Route 2, Box 127, Waterloo, Illinois;

Sister: MILDRED SCOWDEN (Same Address)

DARRELL UNDERWOOD, 200 South Fredrick, Cape
Girardeau, Missouri

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

At Jefferson City, Missouri

On April 23, 1968, Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) records were checked and the following information obtained regarding LEWIS RAYMOND DOWDA:

LEWIS RAYMOND DOWDA, MSP #08207, was received March 12, 1964, from Jasper County to serve a five year sentence on a charge of Robbery First Degree W/D and DW. He was discharged December 23, 1966.

Relatives listed in this file are:

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| Father | S. C. DOWDA, Route 2, Box 486A, Sanford, Florida |
| Mother | INA DOWDA, Route 2, Box 486A, Sanford, Florida |
| Uncle | BUD DOWDA, Manager, Orange Hotel, Orlando, Florida |
| Sister | RAMONA P. WEHUNT, 204 Hamilton Court, Marietta, Georgia |
| Aunt | LUCY RANDALL, 11 South Bumby, Orlando, Florida |
| Girl friend | CARROL L. PERNNELL, 204 Hamilton Court, Marietta, Georgia |
| Friend | MERVIN WEEDMAN, 2112 St. Xivier Street, Louisville, Kentucky |

He is described as follows:

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| Race | White |
| Sex | Male |
| Date of birth | August 11, 1936 |
| Place of birth | Lacota, Florida |
| Height | 5' 10" |
| Weight | 144 lbs. |
| Hair | Blond |
| Eyes | Blue |

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Build
Complexion
Occupation
Tattoos
Scars and marks

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Slender
Ruddy
Cook
Numerous
Tip of middle finger
right hand cut
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The following investigation was conducted by
IC WILLIAM C. MC DONALD at Jefferson City, Missouri:

On April 22, 1960, Missouri State Penitentiary,
(MSP) records were checked and the following information
obtained regarding CARL BENTON DRAKE:

DRAKE was received at the MSP, February 5, 1960,
and assigned #00189, from St. Louis City to serve an 8 year
sentence on charge of Robbery First Degree b/m of D & DW
(three charges). He was discharged June 1, 1965.

He is described as a white male, born May 1, 1925,
at Greenville, Kentucky, height 5'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", weight 148, brown hair,
blue eyes, ruddy complexion, slender build, occupation
construction, bricklayer and truck driver, FBI #1729B, prior
MSP #72030.

Relatives listed:

Wife, BETTY DRAKE, 1308 Mill Street,
Poplar Bluff, Missouri;

Mother, OLA DRAKE, 2118 N. 9th, St.
Louis, Missouri;

Brother, JAMES DRAKE, 2118 N. 9th, St.
Louis, Missouri;

Mother-in-Law, Mrs. LELA PLACE, 1308 Mill Street,
Poplar Bluff, Missouri.

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

At Jefferson City, Missouri:

On April 23, 1968, Missouri State Penitentiary (USP), records were checked for information re RUSSELL MARTIN. The following was obtained:

RUSSELL MARTIN, true name RUSSELL LEE MARTIN, was last received at the MSP, February 4, 1964, from Pemiscot County to serve a seven year sentence on charge of Fraudulent Check. He was assigned #08014. He was discharged on March 1, 1968.

MARTIN is described in this file as a white male, born March 15, 1924, at Kennett, Missouri, 5'8", 164 pounds, gray hair, brown eyes, complexion ruddy, medium build, occupation - boiler room, scar on right temple; scar on abdomen, FBI No. 2 378 841, previous MSP numbers 65071 and 07471.

In 1963, when he was released from the MSP he married a woman named MAY ABBOTT and lived at Pascola, Missouri.

MARTIN violated two separate paroles and once escaped the Church Farm.

Conduct violations reflect that since 1961, he was in bed with another inmate, refusing a reasonable order, and other violations which necessitated the subject being placed in punitive segregation because he became involved in serious difficulty with other inmates, at which time he apparently related to the warden incriminating information against fellow inmates.

MARTIN's cell assignments under MSP #08014 are as follows:

February 4, 1964 to March 26, 1964 - State

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March 26, 1964 to August 10, 1965 - Rec. Cell

August 10, 1965 to November 18, 1965 - BB 21

November 18, 1965 to November 22, 1965 - B-Basement

November 22, 1965 to January 7, 1966 - BB 32

January 7, 1966 to April 6, 1966 - CB Dorm.

April 6, 1966 to May 25, 1967 - Fordland.

May 25, 1967 to March 1, 1968 - CU-19

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

At Jefferson City, Missouri:

On April 22-23, 1968, Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) records were checked and the following information obtained:

JACK FOX LAMPHERE, MSP #06726, was received April 26, 1963, from Jackson County on charge of Robbery 1st Degree 2 charges, to serve a two year sentence. He was paroled on September 5, 1967.

Cell assignments at the MSP:

April 26, 1963 - 1-F;
April 26, 1963 to May 31, 1963 - 1-F;
May 31, 1963 to January 7, 1966 - F-89;
January 7, 1966 to January 8, 1966 - A Hall
January 8, 1966 to May 31, 1966 - A-51
May 31, 1966 trans to Moberly

His FBI No. is listed as 397 852 A.

The emergency address is listed as Father, CLARK LAMPHERE, 626 1/2 S. Grant, Ft. Collins, Colorado.

JAMES HUGH CARPENTER, MSP #01761, was last received at the MSP, November 23, 1960, from St. Louis City to serve a ten year sentence on charge of Robber 1st Degree b/m of a Dangerous and Deadly Weapon; Assault with Intent to Rob (With Malice). He was discharged on May 1, 1967.

CARPENTER is described as a white male, born November 9, 1910, at Jonesboro, Arkansas, 5'9", 150 pounds, gray hair, blue eyes, slender build, medium complexion, occupation - cook, FBI No. 230-243, Social Security No. 429-28-1592, Army Serial No. 67393144. He is listed as being an alcoholic.

Relatives listed are:

Brother

EARL CARPENTER, Jonesboro or Nuttleton, Arkansas (Emergency Address)

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| Half-Brother | JOHN WATERS, California |
| Half-Brother | NATH WATERS, Jonesboro, Arkansas |
| Half-Brother | BUD WATERS, Kennett, Missouri |
| Half-Brother | VERNON WATERS, California |
| Half-Brother | GLEN WATERS, Jonesboro, Arkansas |
| Friend | EULA HOWELL, 2102 Lafayette, St. Louis, Missouri; |
| Nephew | DON DEETER, 2201 Park Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri |

Violation reports reflect:

January 12, 1959, Sodomy
August 25, 1959, Assault Officer
May 4, 1960, Eating on Main and Short Lines

His Cell assignments under last number are as follows:

December 22, 1960 to January 13, 1961 - F-35
January 13, 1961 to February 7, 1962 - C-68
February 7, 1962 to May 31, 1962 - C-90
May 31, 1962 to August 9, 1962 - C-96
August 9, 1962 to February 8, 1963 - E-228
February 8, 1963 to July 10, 1963 - B-35
July 10, 1963 to April 18, 1964 - B-75
April 18, 1964 to August 28, 1964 - C-46
August 28, 1964 to September 1, 1964 - K-62
September 1, 1964 to December 11, 1964 - CB-8
December 11, 1964 to December 29, 1964 - K-68
December 29, 1964 to January 27, 1965 - K-125
January 27, 1965 to April 30, 1965 - K-83
April 30, 1965 to February 17, 1966 - K-67
February 17, 1966 to March 18, 1966 - E-122
March 18, 1966 to April 15, 1966 - C-15
April 15, 1966 to April 28, 1966 - K-178
April 28, 1966 to July 26, 1966 - K-69
July 26, 1966 to August 8, 1966 - CB-28
August 8, 1966 to May 1, 1967 - F-41

RAYMOND LOUIS CURTIS, also known as RAYMOND CURTIS, was received at the MSP, May 15, 1962 from Oregon County, to serve a ten year sentence on charge of robbery. He was paroled June 27, 1966. He was given a new number 12347, which sentence is to be deferred until completion of parole on number 04849. The subsequent sentence resulted in an escape conviction in 1964.

Relatives listed in this file are as follows:

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| Mother | J. W. CURTIS, Box 21, Tunnel Hill, Georgia |
| Brother | JACK CURTIS, Box 21, Tunnel Hill Georgia |
| Sister-in-law | BETTY CURTIS, same address |
| Brother-in-law | ANTHOR SCHODROF, 12442 S. Fairview, Blue Island, Illinois |
| Sister-in-law | GLORIA SCHODROF, same address |
| Wife | VIOLET CURTIS, 9609 Marion Avenue, Oak Lawn, Illinois |
| Brother | HERMAN CURTIS, Route 2, Box 18, Juneau, Wisconsin |
| Brother-in-law | KENNETH MARTIN, 3538 W. Columbus Avenue, Chicago, Illinois |

CURTIS is described as a white male, born June 1, 1926, at Dalton, Georgia, 6'3", 176 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes, slender build, medium complexion, numerous tattoos on arms.

Cell assignments previously furnished.

JERRY WILLIAM RYAN, MSP #71354, was received at the MSP July 21, 1956, to serve a five year sentence on charge of Armed Robbery; Breaking Jail (5,2) from Adair County. He was paroled August 1, 1958.

Records reflect that RYAN was previously incarcerated in the State Penitentiary, Menard, Illinois, to serve a two-five year sentence on charge of larceny.

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He is described as a white male, born July 16, 1935, at Quincy, Illinois, 5'10 1/2", 146 pounds, dark brown hair, brown eyes, medium complexion, FBI No. 862 651 A, occupation - Spray painter.

Relatives listed in this file are as follows:

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| Mother | LUCILLE RYAN (RAY marked out) 701 1/2 Washington or 307 1/2 Kentucky, Quincy, Illinois |
| Father | JERRELD (LNU), no address |
| Sister | CAROL RYAN, 701 1/2 Washington or 307 1/2 Kentucky, Quincy, Illinois |
| Grandmother | MARY MAHER, same address as mother |
| Uncle | WILLIAM MAHER, 1118 E. 7th, Alton, Illinois |
| Brother | JOHN RYAN, #23401, Menard Branch, Illinois State Penitentiary |

At the time of RYAN's parole from the MSP there was a detainer on file in favor of Division of Supervision of Paroles, Springfield, Illinois.

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The following investigation was conducted by
Investigative Clerk WILLIAM C. MC DONALD:

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

On April 29, 1968, Missouri State Penitentiary
(MSP) file #73896, was reviewed regarding GEORGE WILLIAM
RUSSELL, incarcerated from May 5, 1958 and released
December 9, 1966, for cell assignments:

January 14, 1960 to September 20, 1961 - C-23;

September 20, 1961 to December 12, 1962 - C-104;

December 12, 1962 to June 28, 1963 - E-77;

June 28, 1963 to February 4, 1964 - C-57;

February 4, 1964 to February 11, 1964 - C-37;

February 11, 1964 to March 28, 1964 - G-17;

March 28, 1964 to November 9, 1965 - C-127

November 9, 1965 to Renz Farm and Moberly,
discharged December 9, 1966.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/2/681

Mr. FREEMAN HOLT, Treasurer's Office, Missouri State Penitentiary, advised that the ledger of JOHN HURTT, also known as KENNETH HURTT, MSP # 75502, indicates a money order in the amount of \$15.25 was sent on January 20, 1967, to ALBERT J. PEPPER, Stationery Co., 712 A. Shanandoah, St. Louis, Missouri, by HURTT.

On 4/30/68 at Jefferson City, Missouri File # KC 44-760

by IC WILLIAM C. MC DONALD - LAC Date dictated 4/30/68

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

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

On May 6, 1968, Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) records were checked for information on inmates released with California addresses since April 1, 1967. The following information was obtained:

DAVID DON MCFARLIN, MSP #12241, was received June 10, 1966 and discharged October 24, 1967.

Relatives listed on his mailing list are:

Wife: JUDITH LEA MCFARLIN, 8111 Stanford Drive, Garden Grove, California;
Mother: CHRISTINE DAVIS, Senath, Missouri;
Stepfather: O.L. DAVIS, same address.
MARIE and JOHN SLAUGHTER, 2833 Park Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

MICHAEL P. CLARK, MSP #12155, was received at the MSP May 27, 1966, and discharged May 10, 1967.

Relatives listed in this file are:

Mother: J.L. CLEVELAND, % DOROTHY RAUCH, P.O. Box 238, Dumas, Texas, or Box 431, Cactus, Texas;
Stepfather: JAMES CLEVELAND, same address;
Girlfriend: ELIZABETH ALEXANDER, 1771 Ellwell, Milpitas, California.

CLARK indicated that he would be employed in California by BUD RAU, 445 Laurel Avenue, Hayward, California.

JIMMIE LEE HILL, aka, MSP #12765, was received October 12, 1966 and discharged March 1, 1968.

Relatives listed in this file are:

Wife: ELIZABETH ANN HILL, % 72- East Compton Blvd., Compton, California;
Father: BILL HILL, General Delivery, DeWitt, Arkansas.

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Records reflects that on March 5, 1968, HILL was incarcerated in the Correctional Training Facility, North Solidad, California, #03960.

CALE FRANKLIN FISHER, MSP #03439, was received September 18, 1961 and discharged July 3, 1967.

Relatives listed in this file are:

Mother: MARVEL FISHER, 3185th Street, Aurora, Illinois;
Sister: CAROL SMITH, 272 Beach Street, Aurora, Illinois;
Sister: SHIRLEY FOREMAN, RFD #1, Box 107, Plainfield, Illinois.

JOHN RAY LESTER, aka, MSP #76041, was received September 25, 1959 and paroled October 31, 1967. In California he was to live at 19259 Hickory, El Verano, California.

Relatives and friends listed are:

Mother: EDNA F. LESTER, 111 Napa Street, Sonoma, California;
Father: JOHN W. LESTER, same address;
Brother-in-law: HERB COHN, P.O. Box 808, Boyes Springs, California;
Sister: Mrs. HERB COHN, same address;
Aunt: NOLA HEAD, 2012 Franklin, Santa Rosa, California;
Brother-in-law: JAMES BARRY, Rt. 22, Box 213, Parkville, Missouri;
Friend: DONNIE RISLER, 3622 A McRee, St. Louis, Missouri;
Friend: Mrs. JOHN A. KEMOE, 1822 Morris, Lincoln Park, Michigan;
Friend: Mrs. T. PINCH, 125 Taft Avenue, Hempstead, New York.

LAWRENCE ALBERT GRIDER, MSP #10214, was received May 5, 1965 and discharged January 12, 1968.

Relatives listed are:

Wife: ROSELEE GRIDER, & PAULINE COMBS, 4676 W. 133rd Street, Hawthorne, California.
Daughter: PATSY KAY and RITA JUDY GRIDER, 1015½ N. Lane, Springfield, Missouri.

CHARLES AMOS STEWART, MSP #08716, was received June 18, 1964 and discharged February 7, 1968.

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Relatives are listed:

Sister: CHERRI PICO, 1278 East 126th, Los Angeles, California;
Brother: JOSEPH M. STEWART, Herculaneum, Missouri;
Sister: NANCY STEWART, Rt. 2, Bonne Terre, Missouri.

Docket No. 19148
Judge Charles E. Whittaker

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

PRESENTENCE REPORT

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| NAME | James Earl Ray | CITIZENSHIP | United States |
| ADDRESS | Transient | MARITAL STATUS | Single |
| AGE | 27 years (Born March 10, 1928) | NUMBER OF DEPENDENTS | None |
| SEX | Male | OFFENSE | Forgery of U. S. Postal Money Order |
| RACE | White | | |

I. OFFENSE:

This defendant on April 1, 1955 entered a plea of guilty to an Information in one count which charges that he on or about March 21, 1955 at Kansas City, Missouri knowingly, wilfully, unlawfully, and feloniously forged a material endorsement on a U. S. Post Office Department Money Order No. 7-42,239,597. On this same date a companion, Walter Terry Rife, entered a plea of guilty in Docket No. 19149 to an Information in one count charging him with the forgery on March 21, 1955 of postal money order No. 7-42,239,568. Imposition of sentence as to defendant and his companion was deferred and this presentence investigation was ordered.

The facts of the case are as follows: On March 7, 1955 the U. S. Post Office at Kellerville, Illinois was burglarized and sixty-six blank U. S. Postal Money Orders, Serial Nos. 7-42,239,535 to 7-42,239,600 inclusive, and the office validating stamp were stolen. On March 8, 1955 at Alton, Illinois an unsuccessful attempt was made to cash one of these stolen money orders. On March 21, 1955 one of the stolen money orders, order No. 7-42,239,597, was presented to Askin's Clothing Company, 1206 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, by an unknown person in payment for a suit of clothes which was never picked up after alterations had been made. This money order, which was in the amount of \$75.00, was made payable to Willard J. McBride with the purchaser being shown as Vernon McBride. On this same date an unknown person presented stolen money order No. 7-42,239,568 to the Chaffee Office Machine Company, 1410 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, in payment for a used portable Remington typewriter. This money order, too, was in the amount of \$75.00 payable to Willard J. McBride with the purchaser being shown as Vernon McBride. The manager of this firm, being suspicious of this transaction, directed an employee to follow the customer. The employee noted the model and make of the automobile entered by the customer and the license number of the car. Later when this money order was ascertained

to have been stolen a description of the customer and his automobile was given to post office inspectors who alerted the Missouri State Highway Patrol. A highway patrolman on March 23, 1955 at Hannibal, Missouri arrested in this automobile Walter Terry Rife, James Earl Ray, and a woman companion who has been released. Thirty-four of the money orders stolen from the Kellerville, Illinois Post Office were found hidden under the dash above the glove compartment in this automobile. All of them had been stamped with the validating stamp. Some were made out ready for cashing while others were not.

On March 24, 1955 Rife executed a statement for postal inspectors in which he admitted he had prepared, forged and uttered the postal money order presented to the Chaffee Office Supply Company in Kansas City. He admitted preparing the money order which was uttered on forged endorsement at Askin's Clothing Company, Kansas City, Missouri. He admitted that he had prepared the face of the money orders made ready for cashing and which were found in the automobile in which he was arrested. He admitted cashing numerous other money orders on forged endorsements in the states of Florida, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Missouri. He recalled unsuccessfully attempting to cash the money order at Alton, Illinois on March 8, 1955. In his statement he admits that he purchased in Quincy, Illinois the stolen money orders. They were sold to him by an unidentified man for \$20. On March 24, 1955 Ray, declining to execute statement for postal inspectors, did verbally state that he had participated with Rife in the cashing of the stolen money orders in the various states. He denied actually knowing that the money orders were stolen. However, he admittedly presumed that they were for he had been told by Rife that they had been purchased for \$20. He admitted that it was he who forged and uttered the money order presented at Askin's Clothing Company in Kansas City, Missouri. He stated that he purchased for \$1 in St. Louis, Missouri from a "Wino" named Willard J. McBride the identification he and Rife used in uttering the money orders.

The two money orders uttered by Rife and Ray in Kansas City, Missouri and as well the money order Rife attempted to utter in Alton, Illinois have been recovered. As noted previously thirty-four of the money orders were recovered in the automobile. On April 16, 1955 when reinterviewed by postal inspectors Rife and Ray gave particulars relating to the cashing of twenty-seven additional stolen money orders located by the Regional Accounting Office. The particulars are as set out in the following table:

| <u>Last three digits</u> | <u>Cashed by</u> | <u>Cashed at</u> | <u>Second Endorser</u> | <u>Date of earliest discernible bank stamp</u> | <u>Amt.</u> |
|--------------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------------|--|-------------|
| 538 | Rife | St. Louis, Mo. | (Illegible) | Mar. 10 | \$50 |
| 543 | Ray | do | Downs Men's Shop | Mar. 9 | \$55 |
| 547 | Ray | Hot Springs, Ark. | EssRay Art Galleries | Mar. 21 | \$75 |
| 548 | Rife | do | Brown's Dept. Store | Mar. 21 | \$75 |
| 550 | Rife | St. Petersburg, Fla. | Topp's | Mar. 15 | \$75 |

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| 552 | Rife | Memphis, Tenn. | Borg & McCargo | Mar. 11 | \$25 |
| 557 | Ray | New Orleans, La. | Wright Tailors | ? | \$75 |
| 558 | Rife | do | Schneiders | Mar. 21 ? | \$75 |
| 559 | Rife | do | Todd's Sportswear Shop | Mar. 18 | \$50 |
| 560 | Rife | Hot Springs, Ark. | None apparent* | Mar. 21 | \$50 |
| 561 | Ray | do | Dinos (?) J. C. Ross | Mar. 21 | \$75 |
| 562 | Rife | do | Lockwood's Men's Store | Mar. 23 | \$50 |
| 577 | Rife | do | Pfeifers of Arkansas | Mar. 21 | \$75 |
| 578 | Ray | do | Biles Music Co. | Mar. 21 | \$75 |
| 582 | Rife | Daytona Beach, Fla. | Squires, Inc. | Mar. 16 | \$50 |
| 583 | Ray | do | C. K. Slaughter | Mar. 15 | \$50 |
| 585 | Rife | St. Petersburg, Fla. | (Ivan O. Whipple I. Zucker) | Mar. 16 | \$50 |
| 586 | Ray | do | Arnold's Mens Wear | Mar. 14 | \$75 |
| 587 | Ray | do | Dunoffs Footwear | Mar. 14 | \$50 |
| 589 | Rife | do | Isabelle Abrams | ? | \$75 |
| 591 | Ray | Tampa, Fla. | Rio Liquors Inc. | Mar. 16 | \$50 |
| 592 | Rife | do | Knox (?) Bar & Luncheonette | Mar. 18 | \$75 |
| 593 | Rife | do | The Hub | Mar. 14 | \$50 |
| 595 | Ray | Tallahassee, Fla. | Alford Bros. Inc. | Mar. 12 | \$50 |
| 596 | Ray | St. Petersburg, Fla. | Kings Credit Clothing | Mar. 14 | \$50 |
| 598 | Ray | Daytona Beach, Fla. | (Illegible) | Mar. 15 | \$75 |
| 599 | Rife | Hot Springs, Ark. | Chas. Hearn(?) | Mar. 21 | \$75 |

*Both Rife and Ray say no money orders cashed by them in banks.

Two of the stolen money orders have not yet been recovered. They, however, are accounted for as Ray has admitted cashing one of them at a luggage store in Kansas City, Kansas and Rife admits cashing one of them at Miami Beach, Florida.

It is pertinent to note that following the apprehension of Rife and Ray postal inspectors obtained from the room which they occupied a quantity of merchandise they had acquired by passing the stolen money orders. Found in their room were a typewriter, several pieces of luggage, a radio, a camera, a wristwatch, a considerable quantity of new wearing apparel for men, and other items. They have authorized the postal inspectors to return this merchandise to the stores or individuals from whom it was obtained.

II. PRIOR RECORD:

Defendant's F. B. I. Fingerprint Return No. 306 443 A reveals the following arrests and dispositions:

10-11-49

Sheriff's office, Los Angeles, California - suspicion of burglary. 12-30-49 sentenced to 8 months in county jail for burglary. Served 90 days and released on probation for period of 2 years. Defendant states that he was drink-

ing in the rear of a cafe when he was seen by the cafe manager. He ran from the scene and was later apprehended. He says that after being placed on probation he went to Chicago, Illinois to reside and that he reported to a probation officer in Los Angeles, California by mail.

4-18-50 : Sheriff's office, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. - vagrancy. Disposition not shown, but defendant states he was released and instructed to leave town.

7-23-51 : Alton, Illinois Police Department - no operator's license, no state license, no city license. Released to pay later. Defendant states he was fined \$55 and required to purchase the necessary licenses.

5-6-52 ✓

Handwritten notes:
Huckup
1 & 2 yrs all

Chicago, Illinois police - robbery. 6-13-52 sentenced to term of 1 to 2 years in Illinois State Penitentiary, Joliet, Illinois. Defendant reluctantly admitted to the writer that while intoxicated he held up a taxicab driver. On 7-7-52 he was received at the Illinois State Prison, Pontiac, Illinois in transfer from Joliet, Illinois institution. He was released by minimum expiration on 3-12-54.

8-30-54 ✓

Handwritten notes:
Burglary
E. Alton

Sheriff, Edwardsville, Illinois - burglary and larceny. Defendant states that he burglarized a cleaning shop in East Alton, Illinois but denies stealing anything. Although no disposition has been made on this charge of burglary he apparently is not wanted.

3-23-55 :

Hannibal, Missouri police for instant offense. Released to federal authorities following day.

III. FAMILY HISTORY:

Defendant

This defendant, age 27, was born March 10, 1928 in Alton, Illinois.

He is an only child. He resided in the parental home in Alton until age 18. During that time, however, he frequently visited with his paternal grandparents in Quincy, Illinois. When about age 18 he entered the army. Following discharge from military service in 1948 he resided for a short time in Quincy, Illinois. He then moved to Chicago, Illinois where he resided for a period of about six months before moving to Los Angeles, California. As noted in the section, Prior Record, he was convicted of burglary and sentenced to jail in Los Angeles. When released on probation from that sentence he returned to residence in Chicago where he lived alone until he was committed in June of 1952 to the Illinois State Penitentiary. Since his release from the Illinois State Penitentiary in March of 1954, he has been rather transient living principally in Quincy, Illinois.

Father

49. He was an employee of the Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy Railroad and reportedly had no arrest record.

George Ray reportedly died of a heart condition in 1947 at age about

Mother

Lucille (nee Maher) Ray died of a liver condition in 1949 at age 51.

Other relatives

in Quincy, Illinois.

Defendant refuses to identify his several aunts and uncles who reside

IV. HOME AND NEIGHBORHOOD:

When not incarcerated defendant, has lived principally in Alton and Quincy, Illinois. Since his release from the Illinois State Penitentiary in March 1954 he has been rather transient. His last known residence for any period of time was at the Virginia Hotel in Quincy, Illinois.

V. EDUCATION:

Defendant states that he completed the 1st through the 8th grades at St. Mary's School in Alton, Illinois. He states that in 1952 while residing in Chicago, Illinois he attended the Academy of Adults and obtained the equivalent of a two-year high school education.

VI. RELIGION:

Defendant denies any affiliation. His mother was Catholic, and his father was Protestant. While in military service he infrequently attended Catholic services.

VII. INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES:

None.

VIII. HEALTH:

Defendant is 5' 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " tall, weighs 170 lbs., has a ruddy complexion, blue eyes, and brown hair. There are no apparent marks or scars of identification. He apparently is in good health. He states that before becoming involved in the instant offense he was in the process of petitioning for admittance to a Veterans Hospital in Illinois for a general physical checkup. He denies a history of surgery other than a tonsillectomy in Chicago in 1952. He denies a history of venereal disease or the use of narcotics. He states that he is a "moderate drinker."

IX. EMPLOYMENT AND MILITARY HISTORY:

Defendant states that at Alton, Illinois on February 19, 1946 he enlisted in the U. S. Army. He received his basic training at Camp Crowder, Missouri. He was then transferred to Camp Kilmer, New Jersey to await transportation to the European Theater of Operations. He states that he left the continental limits of the United States for Germany in July of 1946. Overseas he was attached to the 382nd Military Police Battalion. He admits that he was once AWOL for a period of two days which resulted in a suspended sentence to confinement for a period of sixty days. He returned to the United States from Germany in December of 1948 and was, he states, on December 23, 1948 given a general discharge under honorable conditions.

Defendant states that his last employment was with an uncle whom he refuses to identify but who resides in Quincy, Illinois. He worked for this uncle as a painter for a period of time in the summer of 1954.

He claims that from August 1951 to May 1952 he was employed by the Borg Erickson Corporation, Chicago, Illinois. This employment was terminated when he was arrested for robbery, which eventually resulted in a penitentiary sentence.

He states that from July of 1950 to June 1951 he was employed by the Arbey Corporation, Chicago, Illinois. He was discharged from this employment for absenteeism caused by his arrest in Alton, Illinois for vagrancy when visiting in that city.

He claims that from April 1950 to July of 1950 he was employed as a laborer at a wage of 90¢ per hour by the Neo Produce Company, Chicago, Illinois. He claims to have left this employment to accept more lucrative employment.

From July 1949 to September 1949 defendant states he was employed as a laborer at a wage of \$1.10 per hour by the Dryden Rubber Company, Chicago, Illinois. He quit this job to move to California.

He purports that from May 1944 to December of 1945 he was employed at a wage of 65¢ per hour by the International Shoe Company, Hartford, Illinois. He indicates he was laid off by this employer in a general reduction of forces and that he then entered the army.

X. RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES:

None.

XI. SUMMARY:

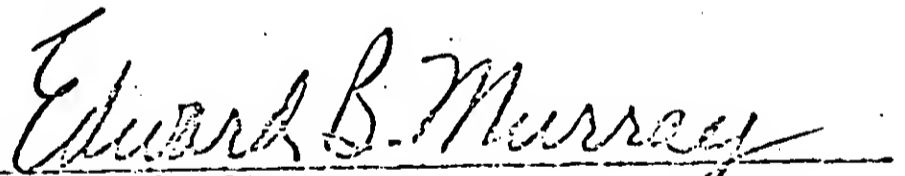
This defendant, white male, age 27, no dependents, has entered a plea of guilty to an Information in one count which charges that he at Kansas City, Missouri

on or about March 21, 1955 forged a stolen U. S. Postal Money Order. This money order was one of sixty-six such orders stolen in a burglary of the U. S. Post Office, Kellerville, Illinois on March 7, 1955. Defendant emphatically denies the burglary of the post office. He states that his companion in the instant offense, Walter T. Rife, whom he met at a bar in Quincy, Illinois, suggested that he accompany Rife and cash the money orders which Rife reportedly had purchased from an unknown person. Defendant states that he purchased for ~~SI~~ the identification he and Rife used in uttering these stolen orders in various states. When arrested for the instant offense defendant was in possession of thirty-four money orders which had been stolen from the Kellerville, Illinois Post Office. He admits the forgery and uttering of fourteen money orders. His companion, Rife, has admitted the forgery and uttering or attempting to utter eighteen of the stolen money orders.

Approximately one year before becoming involved in the instant offense defendant was released from service of a sentence of one to two years for armed robbery in the Illinois State Penitentiary. In August of 1954 he burglarized a cleaning establishment in East Alton, Illinois. Although he admittedly was charged with burglary he apparently has never been before the appropriate court and apparently is not presently wanted on this charge. In 1949 in Los Angeles, California he was convicted of burglary and sentenced to eight months in the county jail. After serving ninety days of this sentence he was released on probation for a period of two years.

Defendant shows absolutely no remorse at this time. He anticipates receiving a substantial sentence for the instant offense. In writer's opinion he is a confirmed criminal and a menace to society when in the free world.

Respectfully submitted,


Edward B. Murray
U. S. Probation Officer

EBM:lo

Total known forged money orders, including
two uttered at Kansas City, Missouri -
\$1,805.

R. H. J.

Full report

UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY
LEAVENWORTH, KANS.

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KANSAS CITY, MO.

CLASSIFICATION STUDY

Committed Name **RAY, James Earl**
True Name **SMITH**
Aliases

Reg. No. **72498-L**

FBI No. **300 2502**
Soc. Sec. No:

Date Classified, **8-10-55.**

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|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Sentenced | 7-1-55 | Offense | FO Laws: Forge Money Order |
| Sent. Begins | 7-1-55 | Sentenced | 3 Years & 9 Months |
| Date Com. | 7-7-55 | Judicial Dist. | WD Missouri |
| Elig. Parole | 9-30-56 | Committing Judge | Charles E. Whittaker |
| Elig. Min. Exp. | 5-20-58 | Detainers | |
| Supervision Exp. | 10-20-58 | | |
| Sent. Exp. | 3-31-59 | | |
| Com. Fine | | | |
| Prob. to follow | | | |

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|-------------------------------|-------------|----------------|---------------------|------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Age | 27 | Date birth | 3-10-18 | Birthplace | Alton, Ill. | Race | White |
| Citizenship | U.S. | Marital Status | Single | | | Education Status | 9 Gr. |
| Selective Service Reg.: Place | | | Quincy, Ill. | Date | | Classification | 5-A |

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|---|-----------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Military Service: | | | | | | |
| Entered | Discharged | Service | Rank | Type Dschg. | Serial No. | |
| 2-19-46 | 12-23-48 | Army | Pvt. | (Honorable) | AR 615-369 | RA 16165129 |
| Foreign service from July 18, 1946 to Dec. 21, 1948. | | | | | | |
| Ineptness and lack of adaptability for military service. | | | | | | |

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|--------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-------------------|--|
| Employment Record: | | | | | | |
| From | To | Employer | Address | Occupation | Wages | |
| 5-44 | 12-45 | International Shoe Co., | Hartford, Ill. | | .65¢ hr. | |
| 7-49 | 9-49 | Dryden Rubber Co., | Chicago, Ill. | Laborer | \$1.10 hr. | |
| 4-50 | 7-50 | Hec Products Co., | " " | " | \$.90 hr. | |
| 7-50 | 6-51 | Arbay Corp., | " " | | | |
| 8-51 | 5-52 | Borg Erickson Co., | " " | | | |

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|--------------|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Residences: | | | Place of Residence | Quincy, Ill. - legal. |
| From | To | Address | | With Whom |
| 12-48 | - | Quincy, Illinois. | | Self. |
| 3-28 | 2-46 | Alton, Ill. | | Parents. |

Committed Name

RAY, James Earl

Reg. No. 72498-L

Relatives and Interested Persons

| Name | Relation | Age | Marital | Address |
|-------------------------|----------|-----|---------|--------------------------------|
| George Ray | Fa | | 1 | Deceased. |
| Mary Ray | Mo | | 1 | Deceased. |
| Lusille Ryan | Aunt | | 1 | 801 N. 12th, Quincy, Illinois. |

Names preceded by "C" are approved correspondents, by "V" approved visitors.

Codefendants

Walter Rife, #72497-L Leavenworth, Kansas.

Attorney of Record James Tierney

USPO Springfield, Ill.

Reports Rec'd: U. S. Atty Pros. Agency USPO SJA Review

Sources

Pending Verifications

- 4. Military Service.
- 8. Presentance Investigation Reports.
- 9. U.S. Attorney's Reports.
- 10. Prosecuting Agency Reports.
- 13. Prior Records.
- 14. F.B.I. Record of Arrests.

- 1. Correspondence from Aunt.

ADMISSION SUMMARY
(Continued)

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| DATE | PLACE | OFFENSE | DISPOSITION | SOURCE |
|----------|---------------------|---|--|------------|
| 11-10-40 | Los Angeles, Calif | Susp Burg | 8 mo jail - 2 yr prob | FBI & File |
| 4-18-50 | Cofer Springs, Iowa | Vag | Susp sen - 6 mo | FBI & File |
| 7-23-51 | Anton, Ill | No operator lic- no st. lic- no city lic | Rel | FBI & File |
| 5-4-52 | Chicago, Ill | Robb | 1-2 yr SP Pontiac, Ill #19121 - disch 3-12-54 | FBI & File |
| 8-30-54 | Edwardsville, Ill | B & L | Inq pend | FBI & File |
| 3-23-55 | MINNEAP, MO | PO FORGE MONEY ORDERS | CURRENT OFFENSE | |

OFFENSES
1-Susp Burg
1-Vag
1-No op lic
1-Robb
1-B & L
5-Total

SUMMARY
ESCAPE
NONE

DISPOSITION
1-SP
1-Jail
1-Susp
1-Rel
1-Inq pend
5-Total

Committed Name RAY, James Earl

Register Number

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FRESH OFFENSES:

Official Version: On April 1, 1955, Ray entered a plea of guilty to an information in one count charging him with forging the endorsement of a U.S. Post Office money order and he was sentenced to serve one and a half years. On July 1, 1955 another information was filed against him in three counts, charging offenses at Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas. He was also charged in an information with an offense connected with a money order at Tallahassee, Florida. He received a total of three and three-fourths years for these various offenses.

The facts which were brought out in this case indicate that on March 7, 1955 the U.S. Post Office at Kellerville, Illinois was burglarized and sixty-six blank U.S. Postal Money Orders and the office validating stamp were stolen. The following day at Alton, Illinois an unsuccessful attempt was made to cash one of these stolen money orders. Several other money orders were cashed at various places, and it was finally learned that Ray and his co-defendant, Walter Terry Rife, our 72497-L, were the persons who were attempting to cash these money orders. At the time of their apprehension thirty four of the money orders which had been stolen from the post office were found hidden under the dash above the glove compartment in the automobile, all of which had been dated and stamped with the validating stamp and some which had been made out ready for cashing while others had not.

Through questioning and admissions on the part of Ray and Rife, all of the sixty six money orders were accounted for with the exception of two, and Ray has admitted cashing one of them at a luggage store in Kansas City, Kansas and Rife admits cashing one of them at Miami Beach, Florida. Thus the entire group of sixty six money orders has actually been accounted for. Following their apprehension the Postal Inspectors obtained from the room occupied by Ray and Rife a quantity of merchandise they had acquired by passing the money orders and this merchandise was eventually returned to the persons from whom it was secured by this fraud.

Inmate's Version: Other than to admit that he had gone on a spree of cashing these money orders, Ray had no further information to give and no statement to make.

Previous Institutional Adjustments: Ray was committed to the Illinois State Penitentiary on July 13, 1952 to serve one to two years for robbery. On May 6, 1952 he had held up a Red Top cab driver at gun point and took from him \$11.00 belonging to the cab company, and then ordered the cab driver out of the cab and drove off in the cab. He was apprehended shortly thereafter by police who shot him during the capture and he admitted his guilt. He claims that he was heavily intoxicated at the time and had used a pipe in place of a gun, placing it at the back of the driver's body. He had a good adjustment at the Pontiac Division of Illinois State Prison, was assigned to their honor farm where he worked as a cook in the farm dormitory and as a helper in the officer's quarters. He was considered an average worker and had no punishment reports. He was discharged by expiration of sentence March 12, 1954.

FAMILY BACKGROUND:

Committed Name

Register Number 72493-4

are both now deceased. He says his father died of a heart attack in 1947 and his mother died in 1948 of causes not given. He claims that he is an only child.

PERSONAL HISTORY:

It would appear that Ray was born at Alton, Illinois March 10, 1928 the only child of parents and resided in the parental home in Alton until about 18 years of age. However, during this period of time he frequently visited with his paternal grandparents in Quincy, Illinois. When he was about 18 years of age he joined the U.S. Army where he remained from February 19, 1946 until December 27, 1948 when he received an honorable discharge under Article of War 315-369 incapacity and lack of adaptability for military service. He had foreign service from July 18, 1946 to December 21, 1948. Following discharge from military service he resided for a short time at Quincy, Illinois and then moved to Chicago where he stayed for about six months and then went on out to Los Angeles, California. He was convicted of a burglary in Los Angeles and when released on probation from that sentence he returned to Chicago where he lived alone until he was committed to the Illinois State Penitentiary in 1952. Since his release from the Illinois State Penitentiary he has been rather nomadic, but considers Quincy, Illinois as his residence.

Ray claims that he completed eight grades at St. Mary's School in Alton, Illinois and that while residing in Chicago in 1952 he attended the Academy of Adults and obtained the equivalent of a two year high-school education.

Ray has not had much of an employment history. The last employment he had was with an uncle in Quincy, Illinois and he refused to reveal the name of the uncle to the U.S. Probation Officer. However, he gave us the name of William Baker, 1113 E. 7th St., Alton, Illinois. He also gave us the name of an aunt, Lucille Ryan, 801 W. 12th St., Quincy, Illinois. Neither of these parties has answered our inquiry. He claims that from August, 1951 to May of 1952 he was employed by the Berg Erickson Corp., in Chicago, Illinois and that employment was terminated when he was sent to the penitentiary for robbery. Other employment prior to this is listed under the employment section of page one of the classification study.

Ray has never been married.

EVALUATION, RESOURCES & PLANS:

Ray has no property and says he has no particular plans for the future at this time. He would like to work on a farm, pointing out that he was a trusty at the Illinois State Penitentiary. He admits drinking to excess at times. Just what motivates him to commit crime is not known.

ADMISSION UNIT REPORT:

This man has a good attitude towards his sentence. He has no resentments and states that he feels as though the Court gave him a break. His adjustment in the population should be good. States that he had no difficulties while on a previous sentence in Illinois. This man seemed to be a rather nervous person while being interviewed but was cooperative with the program while in this unit. He states that he would like to work in the kitchen as a helper. He stated that he worked on the farm while serving time at Pontiac, Ill. He keeps himself clean

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72498-J

and his quarters orderly.

ASSOC WARDEN RECOMMENDS: CLOSE custody, no transfer.

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RAJ/bb

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7-22-55 0 20 55

MEDICAL

HISTORY: Ray has had good health in the past. His tonsils were removed in 1951. Complaints of chronic difficulty in breathing through his nose, frequent headaches, thinks he may be allergic to the climate in this region. Specifically denies history of narcotic addiction, venereal disease, major mental illness, tuberculosis or convulsive disorder. Presently rates himself as able to do hard work.

PHYSICAL FINDINGS: He is a 27 year old white male, of medium physique, weighing 168 pounds and 71 inches tall. Examination of the heart, lungs and cardiovascular system is negative. Blood Pressure: 118/74. Vision: 20/25. Audiogram within average limits.

DENTAL CONDITION: Average; needs one extraction, three fillings, and a prophylaxis for complete dental restoration.

LABORATORY: Urinalysis negative. VDRL and Kohnler non-reactive.

DIAGNOSES:
1 missing tooth.
4 carious teeth.
Dental calculus.
Slight refractive error.
Allergic rhinitis. (?)

WORK: Regular duty.

ADMISSION INSPECTION: 7-7-55
PHYSICAL EXAMINATION: 7-12-55
REPORT DICTATED by RCS: 7-24-55

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VOCATIONAL: OCCUPATIONAL OCCUPATIONS: Pontiac, Illinois, 1952-54, Farm Kitchen

WORK HISTORY: This man has no trades or skills, is not interested in Vocational training or self-improvement programs. States that he has worked irregularly in factories as a laborer but never for longer than 19 months. He is single and has no dependents. His only interests are to work in the Culinary Dept. here and he appears amenable to this for the present at least.

PRINCIPLE OCCUPATION: Laborer

WORK RECOMMENDATION: Dining Room.

EDUCATIONAL: EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: This man claims to have completed 10 grades of public school at the age of 16 in Alton, Illinois. Not interested in educational work while here.

STANDARDIZED ACHIEVEMENT TEST RESULTS: Subject was given the interpartial test form I which indicated a grade equivalent of 6.2.

EDUCATIONAL RECOMMENDATION: Encourage participation in educational program on a High School level.

R. R. H.

| PSYCHOMETRIC | RATING | TEST | I.Q. | DMV. | SCATTER |
|------------------------|---------------------------|-------|------|------|------------|
| Intelligence | Average | USPHS | 103 | 20 | Average |
| Manipulative Dexterity | | | | | Percentile |
| Hand.....RS | Min. rate of manipulation | | | | ? |
| Finger.....RS | " " " " | | | | ? |

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CATION
DELICIOUS OBSERVATION
TERRIBLE APPEARANCE
GENERAL ENCOURAGEMENT

BY PREFERENCE
NONE
INDIFFERENT
ATTENDANCE AT SERVICES.

Committed Name **RAF. James Earl**

Register Number **72498-1**

COMMITTEE ACTION SHEET

CUSTODY

MEDIUM. Although there are charges pending he has no detainers against him and no escape record and as the Committee did not consider him to be an escape hazard he was placed in medium custody.

TRANSFER

NONE. His residence and prior state penitentiary term qualifies him for this institution. He says he was on the farm on the state sentence.

SOCIAL PAROLE

USUAL SERVICES. No immediate social problems.

MEDICAL

REGULAR DUTY. No treatment indicated.

EMPLOYMENT

GENERAL MAINTENANCE. Fire Department. He was offered nursing but states he does not like to work around sick people. He should be considered for training later.

EDUCATIONAL

He has a G.E. of 8.2 and an I.Q. of 103.

RELIGION

RELIGION. Recommend attendance at services.

PROGRAM PLANNING

He has no release plans at this time.

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The following investigation was conducted by Investigative Clerk LEONARD L. AYRES on April 26, 1968:

AT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS:

CARL F. ZARTER, Administrative Assistant, U. S. Penitentiary (USP) made available USP file number 72498-L pertaining to RAY, which, reflected as follows:

RAY was received at USP-L July 7, 1955, and given Conditional Release on April 5, 1958.

USP records fail to reflect any visit for RAY at USP during his incarceration there.

USP record reflects the following approved correspondents:

Aunt

Mrs. LUCILLE RYAN
1135 South 10th
St. Louis, Missouri,
or

1913 Hickory Street
St. Louis, Missouri

Half-brother

JOHN RYAN
State Penitentiary
Menard, Illinois,
Number 23401

Friend

JERRY RYAN
Box 113
Lancaster, Missouri

RAY directed Special Purpose Letters to the following:

WILLIAM E. MAHER, 1118 East 7th St., Alton, Illinois,
The last letter being on March 24, 1958;

U. S. District Court, Kansas City, Missouri, May 23, 1957;

U. S. Supreme Court, Washington, D.C.,
Judge C. WHITTAKER, June 27, 1957;

Social Security Administration, Kansas City, Missouri,
March 3, 1958.

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RAY, while incarcerated at USP, according to USP files, associated with inmate J. R. KELLER, No. 72614-L (as of January 23, 1957).

ZARTER advised USP records reflect that former USP inmate J. R. KELLER, USP No. 72614-L, and the USP records pertaining to KELLER, on February 20, 1957, were transferred to the Federal Prison Camp, Florence, Arizona.

RAY, while incarcerated, USP, Leavenworth, is known to have completed "a course" in Spanish.

The USP commissary records, pertaining to RAY as contained in this USP file, reflect as follows:

RAY, at time of commitment to USP, Leavenworth, on July 7, 1955, had \$159.60. On August 2, 1955, he received an additional \$3.50, however, origin of this amount not reflected this file. Effective May 15, 1957, RAY was approved to earn \$10.00 per month meritorious earnings at USP, and this amount was deposited in RAY's account at USP. The only additional money reflected as being deposited in this account was \$5.00 on February 3, 1958, the origin of the \$5.00 not reflected this file.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
BUREAU OF PRISONS

UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

RELEASE PROGRESS REPORT

Committed Name

RAY, James Earl

Reg. No. 72498-L

Date April 1958

Released by Conditional Release April 5, 1958. Supervision ends 10-2-58.
Earned 45 Days AGF (Rate B)
FBI No: 306 443 A.

Ray is being released from this institution by reason of Conditional Release. He was sentenced in the U. S. District Court on July 1, 1955 in Kansas City, Missouri. He was received at this institution on July 7, 1955. Ray was eligible for parole consideration on Sept. 30, 1957, but he has never filled application for a parole interview. At the time of initial classification, Ray was placed under medium custody and assigned to the Film Department. He remained on such assignment until Sept. 15, 1957 when he was reassigned to the Paint Shop. On Sept. 12, 1957, Ray was approved for our Honor Farm but was never actually transferred to such assignment due to the fact that he did not feel he could live in an Honor Farm Community because they are integrated. Due to this fact, he was never placed under such status. He was assigned to our Bakery where he remained until released on CR. Ray has no detainers on file against him and has received a total of one disciplinary report. This report occurred on Sept. 13, 1957 when he was reported for lack of interest in his job. For this report, he was placed under thirty days restriction and given a job change.

On Nov. 1, 1956 Ray was approved for AGF only and remained under such status until his release. He was also granted a monetary award of \$10 per month for April of 1957 thru June 1958 on a 1/15 basis.

Release plans call for Ray to return to his place of conviction in Kansas City, Missouri where he will reside alone. He was referred to our Employment Placement Service who in turn referred him to Mr. Robert Lark, Employment Counsellor, Mo. State Employment Service, 1411 Walnut Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

Ray is being released with a total of \$99.33 in his personal account, \$61.70 is being given to him in cash. The remaining \$37.63 is being forwarded to the USPO, Kansas City, Missouri. Ray was also given a \$1 for bus fare to Kansas City.

He will be under supervision until Oct. 2, 1958.

DESTINATION:

Kansas City, Missouri

U. S. P. O.:

Kansas City, Missouri

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SPECIAL PROGRESS REPORT

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Reg. No.

Date

RE: ANNUAL REVIEW

Ray is a twenty-eight year old white, single offender, serving three years and nine months for Post Office Forgery, Money Orders. At initial classification, Ray was assigned to work in the Fire Department. However, approximately a month later on September 15, 1955, he was reported for not being dependable and lack of interest in his job, for which he was given thirty days restriction. He has forfeited no good time and has no detainers. He has earned no extra good time. His conditional release date is May 20, 1958.

Ray has worked in the Fire Department, Paint Shop, and Bakery since his admission classification in July, 1955. He has been on his present assignment in the Bakery since March 8, 1956, and is regarded as an outstanding worker as a bench hand assigned to night duty.

During the past year he has completed Spanish, Composition, Typing, and Culinary Sanitation. He is presently enrolled in Applied English and Elementary Vocabulary.

He states that he corresponds fully with an Aunt, Mrs. Lucille Ryan, 701 1/2 Washington St., Quincy, Illinois. He has not received any visits.

Ray is a Catholic by preference who does not attend services, nor does not desire religious instructions. He is indifferent toward his religious obligations.

Ray was interviewed prior to the preparation of this report and indicated at that time that he was satisfied with his present assignment. He stated that his Supervisor was putting in a request to place him on meritorious service. His release plans were discussed with him, but he stated a person could not make plans nineteen months ahead. However, he did state that when he had completed his conditional release, he planned to go to Denver, Colorado, as he felt that that climate would be better for his health. There appears to be practically no family contacts in this case other than with this one Aunt. He apparently lacks foresight, or is afraid of the future, as he absolutely refuses to look forward. He claims that he can do his time better if he doesn't think. He further claims that he doesn't have any trouble at this time, has all the economic security that one needs, and apparently is enjoying his present situation.

Review of his medical and psychiatric file discloses that he has not been seriously ill since the last report; he has shown no evidence of mental illness, and has required no significant attention from the medical department.

RESIDENCE: Quincy, Illinois

USFO: Springfield, Illinois GD:cao October 9, 1956

COMMITTEE ACTION: Continue Present Program.

WALTER G. SARTORIUS, CHAIRMAN
BEN B. STEWART, MEMBER
E. B. ROBINSON, MEMBER
J. RAYMOND BILLS, SECRETARY

CIRCUIT AND CRIMINAL COURTS
MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY
INTERMEDIATE REFORMATORY
MEDIUM SECURITY PRISON
WOMEN'S PENITENTIARY

STATE OF MISSOURI

BOARD OF PROBATION AND PAROLE

December 20, 1966

R 12/21

Board of Probation and Parole
Box 267
Jefferson City, Missouri

Re: RAY, James Earl
#00416-J

Gentlemen:

This 38 year old white male was seen for psychiatric evaluation on December 13, 1966. He was admitted here in March of 1960, to serve a twenty year sentence for armed robbery. This is his first admission to this institution. In 1952, he served a year and one half in an Illinois Penal Institution for robbery and in 1955, he served two and one half years in Leavenworth for transporting stolen goods across the state line.

He is presently charged with an escape attempt in March of 1966 and has recently been returned after an evaluation at the Fulton State Hospital. He has requested an independent psychiatric evaluation following their evaluation. This examiner only recently received this request from the Cole County Circuit Court signed by Judge Riley requesting such an evaluation. However, the inmate expressed his desire to have someone conduct an independent "psychiatric evaluation who was not connected with the administration." We informed him that we would communicate his wishes to the court and possibly someone else might be found.

Ray is an interesting and rather complicated individual. He reports that within the last year, he has had considerable difficulties from a physical point of view, involving a number of somatic complaints such as pain in the "solar plexes," tachycardia and "intracranial tension." ~~When~~ we commented that these were rather large words, he reported that he had been reading up in the medical literature. He then stated that he thought at times that he had cancer or heart trouble but that he no longer feels this way. On certain days, he has rather severe head pains but this is only intermittent. He is now on librium and works intermittently on a construction job.

Ray was born in Alton, Illinois, where his father worked for the railroad. Both parents are now deceased. He has two younger sisters. He reached

the second year in high school, worked eighteen months at the International Shoe Company, entered the service in 1945 and remained there for three years. His highest rank was that of PFC. He has never been married although he has lived for brief periods of time with women. This man's basic problem revolves around what appears to be an increasingly severe obsessive compulsive trend. He states that at the age of ten, he awoke one night and thought he had lost his eye sight. He became quite fearful. These various fears confront him from time to time and in a typical obsessive compulsive way, he feels that he must do certain things in order to undo what he feels is going to occur and might result in harm to him. For instance, he describes a feeling of fear which can be alleviated if he takes his glass of water which he is drinking and sets it on the table and moving it back and forth several times. He also describes at length some rather marked obsessive compulsive features but is reluctant to go into them in detail. Indeed, he just started to discuss this with the people at Fulton prior to his being sent here. He appears worried and his brow is creased. It is evident that this man does have an underlying obsessive compulsive personality. He is of the opinion that his escape attempt was the result of undue anxiety and tension with the need to actually do something. He is fearful that this might lead into more serious difficulties.

At the present time, there is no evidence of delusions, hallucinations or paranoid ideas. There is evidence of a rather deep underlying obsessive compulsive personality trend which he has really never discussed at any length with anyone. This is not psychotic in nature but severely neurotic. Within the last year or so, there is evidence that he has become overly concerned about his physical health and some of his obsessive compulsive concerns have moved in this direction. We would not deny the fact that there may be some physical difficulties although he reports that this was the primary focus of his work-up at the state hospital as well as here and that very little has been found.

At the present time, it is doubtful that he is in a position to be considered for parole. His psychiatric condition must be evaluated by an independent psychiatrist and according to the court, he has the right to have this done. Where they will find this independent psychiatrist is somewhat difficult to determine in this area although they might order him to the University and have it done there. It is felt that he is in need of psychiatric help and that should any serious parole consideration be given, some type of psychiatric help should be considered, that is help, which he can receive on the outside during his parole period. He is becoming increasingly concerned about himself. We question whether or not he is beginning to be a bit depressed although he denies this. We hesitate to go into this to any greater degree at the present time until the court decides what action it will take in regards to assigning an independent psychiatrist for evaluation.

Sincerely yours,

Henry V. Guhleman, Jr., M. D.
Psychiatric Consultant

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| DATE | NAME RAY, James Earl (LAST NAME FIRST) | NO. & INST. W-00416-J | PAGE 1 |
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| 6-3-65 | Reassigned to Bakery; reclassification in June, 1967. | | |
| 6-17-65 | Trying to smuggle contraband into hospital. 3 days in P.S.; 6 days loss. | | |
| 8-30-65 | Parole Notice: The Board has set case for a hearing in November, 1965. | | |
| 10-21-65 | to K-Hall as Cleaner; reclassification in June, 1967. | | |
| 10-22-65 | K-Cleaner; #3982-Class. Comm. | | |
| 10-22-65 | K-2 | | |
| 11-5-65 | Parole Notice: Scheduled for review in November, 1966. | | |
| 12-16-65 | K-10 | | |
| 3-7-66 | <i>Wants outside assignment. Not at this time. Jan.</i> | | |
| 3-4-66 | J-42 | | |
| 3-14-66 | Max. Security; #4076-Class. Comm. | | |
| 3-14-66 | CB-6 | | |
| 4-12-66 | To be delivered before the Magistrate Court, Cole County, Jefferson City, Missouri on April 14, 1966 to be arraigned on escape charge. | | |
| 6-11-66 | BB-9 | | |
| 7-14-66 | S- ADVISED WILL REMAIN IN MAX. SEC. PENDING OUTCOME OF TRIAL. P.D.K. | | |
| 8-23-66 | To be delivered before Cole County Circuit Court on Sept. 6, 1966. | | |
| 9-8-66 | By order of Circuit Court of Cole County this inmate has been taken to the State Hospital No. 1, Fulton, Missouri on an Out-Count. | | |
| 10-21-66 11-16-66 | <i>Went from Fulton</i> to Inside Construction; reclassification in June, 1967. | | |
| 11-17-66 | <i>Inside Const.; #4247-Class. Comm.</i> | | |
| 11-17-66 | C-17 | | |
| 12-28-66 | Parole Notice: Scheduled for review in November, 1967. | | |

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

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TRANSCRIPT OF SERIAL RECORD

00416
 Register Number 00416 Name James Earl Ray
 Age 32 Height 5 ft. 11 ins. Weight 163 Length of Foot 12 Inches
 Hair Dr Brn Eyes Blue Complexion Medium Nativity Ill.
 Trade Baker Religion Catholic Education 10th
45 Mos. 1955
 Former Imprisonment Under Same Name
Leaventhworth Fed P, Kansas, Trns stolen Property across state
Line,
 Emergency Address MOTHER: Lucille Ryan, 1913 Hickory St, St Louis, Mo.

PRESENT SENTENCE

Operating a Motor Vehicle w/o the Permission of the Owner;
 Offense EX-TC Robbery 1st Deg. b/m of D & DW: (2 chgs.)
(20, 7, 5, Conc.)
 County St. Louis City Sentence 20 Yrs. Feb. 19, 1960 Term of Court February 1960
 Received 3-17-1960 Jail Time 27 days
 Expiration Date _____ Full Time 3-16-1980 3/4 Time 3-16-1975

Alias _____
 True Name _____ Race White
 Date of Birth 3-10-28 Place of Birth Alton, Ill.
 City State
 Build Medium Marks, Scars, Tatoos Clear
 Martial Status Single Probation _____
 Escapes _____ AWOL _____ Draft Board Number _____
 Military Service ARMY Service Serial Number 16163129
 Type Military Discharge General Social Security Number Unknown

Remarks:

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4-11-60 To Cleaning Plant; reclassification in March, 1962.
 4-12-60 B-24
 4-12-60 Cleaning Plant; #2717-CC
 7-28-60 K-178
 3-13-61 K-118
 11-22-61 Attempting to escape walls; To Admn. Segr. for 6 months.
 11-22-61 E=3rd floor, Segr. #3996-Disc. Comm.
 11-22-61 E-224
 1-31-62 The Board has set your case for a hearing in November, 1963.
 5-24-62 To State; no plans for reclassification.
 5-25-62 State; #3125-CC
 5-25-62 B-16
 6-7-62 To Vegetable Room; reclassification June, 1963.
 6-8-62 Veg. Room; #3135-CC
 6-8-62 E-66
 7-23-62 Refusing to work; Yard and show privileges denied 1 month.
 Transfer to Bakery.
 7-23-62 K-15
 7-23-62 Bakery; #3167-Disc. Comm.
 8-10-62 K-161
 8-15-62 K-168
 3-8-63 K-172
 9-6-63 Delivered to U.S. District Court, Jefferson City, Missouri.
 10-1-63 Denied parole by the Board.
 11-2-64 Wants job change. O.K. when replacement is found. SJL.
 12-22-64 Wants Moberly; Placed in file. WN.
 6-3-65 Reassigned to Bakery; reclassification in June, 1967.
 6-17-65 Trying to smuggle contraband into hospital. 3 days in P.S.;
 6 days loss.
 8-30-65 Parole Notice: The Board has set case for a hearing in
 November, 1965.

10-8-65

PRE-PAROLE PROGRESS REPORT

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Social Data: The subject states he is in fairly good health.

Institutional Adjustment: He was received March 17, 1960. He is assigned to the Bakery where he has received good to excellent ratings on his work and training reports. He received only one conduct violation in the last 3 years. In 1961 he did attempt to escape.

Family Relations: His brother, Jerry, corresponds regularly and visits occasionally. He sometimes hears from his brother, John.

POST RELEASE PLANS

He prefers to live with his brother, Jerry Ray, Box 22, Wheeling, Illinois. Another home possibility would be with his brother, John Ray, in St. Louis, Missouri. He would accept almost any type of employment. He claims three years experience in bakeries

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and kitchens.

SUMMARY

This is a 37 year old single white man from St. Louis, serving 20, and 5 years concurrently for operating a motor vehicle without the permission of the owner, and robbery first degree by means of a dangerous and deadly weapon (2 charges). He has now completed about 5 1/2 years of his sentence on this third incarceration. Institutionally he has done well enough to merit consideration for parole. He denies use of narcotics and claims to be a light drinker. His record of arrests dates over a 16 year period. He seems to be pretty well established in this type of anti-social behavior. He will probably continue to make a fair institutional adjustment. Prognosis for making a successful adjustment in society is considered marginal at best. He may be able to serve a short parole without too much difficulty.

Carl White
Associate Warden-Treatment

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The following investigation was conducted by SA RICHARD T. WINTERMAN:

On April 19, 1968, DOROTHY SHANDORF, United States Marshal's Office, Kansas City, Missouri, advised that records of that office reflect on Marcy 28, 1955, JAMES EARL RAY, Marshal's #12018, FBI #306443-A; and WALTER T. RIFE, Marshal's #12109, FBI #4558766, were fingerprinted on a charge of forgery. Miss SHANDORF stated there was no further information concerning this matter in records of the U. S. Marshal's Office.

On April 19, 1968, ELMER E. ROGERS, Assistant Business Representative; and KATHRYN CARLSTON, Secretary, American Bakery and Confectionery Workers Union Local 218, AFL-CIO, 19 West Linwood Boulevard, Kansas City, Missouri, advised that most of the bakers and apprentice bakers employed in the greater Kansas City area are employed through that office. They reviewed records of all persons who were employed through that local or who applied for work through that local during 1967 and 1968, and were unable to find any such person who might be identical with JAMES EARL RAY or WALTER TERRY RIFE on the basis of names and known aliases and physical descriptions. Both were shown a photograph of RAY and stated they could not identify this individual as anyone with whom they had had contact. They stated they would be alert to the appearance at that office of anyone who might be identical with RAY or RIFE and would immediately contact the Kansas City FBI Office.

They further stated that there is also a union known as the Bakery and Confectionery Workers Union Local 218, not affiliated with the AFL-CIO, located in the VFW Building, 34th and Broadway, seventh floor, Kansas City, Missouri. The latter union handles mostly miscellaneous bakery workers other than bakers and apprentice bakers.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA
DONALD A. FLYNN:

AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI:

On April 19, 1968, Miss FLORENCE BONNER, Recording Secretary to CARL J. LE VAN, Bartenders Local Union #420, 216-A West 12th Street, provided records which failed to reflect any information identical with JAMES EARL RAY or any of his known aliases.

On the same date, Mr. B. M. FITZGERALD, Financial Secretary - Treasurer, and Business Agent of Miscellaneous Hotel Employees Union Local 655, AFL - CIO, 216-A West 12th Street, provided his files which also failed to reflect any information identical with JAMES EARL RAY or any of his known aliases.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA RAY HOMESLEY:

Detective KENNETH VILANDER and Captain WAYNE MILLER, Police Department, Raytown, Missouri, were advised that subject mentioned Raytown, Missouri, to a fellow inmate prior to 1966. VILANDER and MILLER advised Wanted Flyers and Identification Orders concerning RAY have been received and the men in the Police Department will be alerted for any information that RAY was ever in Raytown, Missouri, or had any associates here.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA RAY HOMESLEY on May 2, 1968:

AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

LEE CHAPMAN, Clerk, Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, furnished the arrest record of DENNIS WADE FONTENNOT, Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, #98630, which reveals he was arrested on October 14, 1961, for safekeeping and released. On October 30, 1961, FONTENNOT was arrested for burglary and stealing a box of tools. On February 23, 1962, he was sentenced to two years in Missouri State Prison, (MSP). Records show he was released from MSP on May 2, 1963, and on May 3, 1963, was arrested for being drunk in Kansas City, Missouri. He was fined \$10.00 on May 4, 1963, and released.

FONTENNOT is described as follows:

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| Race | White |
| Sex | Male |
| Height | 5'4 1/2" - 5'6" |
| Weight | 140-145 pounds |
| Eyes | Brown |
| Hair | Black |
| Date of Birth | July 10, 1930 |
| Place of Birth | New Orleans, Louisiana |
| FBI Number | 860489B |
| Occupation | Laborer, (unemployed) |
| Residence | Helping Hand, 523 Grand, Kansas City, Missouri, (October, 1961)(floater) |
| Relatives | None listed. |

CARMELA ABATO, Clerk, Credit Bureau of Kansas City, Missouri, advised on May 2, 1968, that no record could be located concerning DENNIS WADE FONTENNOT, alias JAMES DENNIS WADE.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA THOMAS J. CONNOLLY on May 3, 1968:

AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI:

Mr. RAY E. ENWRIGHT, Chief of Security, Bendix Corporation, 2200 Bannister Road, Kansas City, Missouri, advised that his files indicate that LARRY C. SIMPSON, 14505 East 37th, Independence, Missouri, was hired by Bendix on March 13, 1963, and has lived at the above address since January 9, 1964. The records further indicate that SIMPSON received his ACQ clearance May 31, 1963, and is presently employed as an apprentice tool-room machinist. ENWRIGHT stated that the payroll records for Bendix indicate that SIMPSON worked all day each day for the week April 1 through April 5, 1968, from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM. ENWRIGHT advised that due to the security precautions at Bendix, Simpson would have to clock himself in and out.

ENWRIGHT displayed a photograph of LARRY C. SIMPSON taken for the security badges at Bendix and he bore no resemblance to the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA RAY HOMESLEY:

Sergeant R. N. STANSBURY, Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Kansas City, Missouri, advised an inmate by the name of GLEN BUCKLEY indicated he served time with RAY at Missouri State Prison and can help locate RAY.

GLEN JEFFERSON BUCKLEY, inmate, Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Kansas City, Missouri, advised on May 3, 1968, that he served in the Missouri State Prison from the first part of 1965 until October, 1967, on a bad check charge from Liberty, Missouri, but he believes he is to be released on a bench parole by Judge BRADY. BUCKLEY said if the FBI could get him released early he believes he could locate JIMMY RAY.

BUCKLEY said LARRY RAY was the "tender" of C Hall at MSP where both he (BUCKLEY) and JIMMY RAY were assigned for a while. BUCKLEY said he got to know LARRY and JIMMY pretty well and traded radios, watches and miscellaneous items with LARRY. He said he believes LARRY was serving time on a burglary or larceny charge at Springfield, Missouri, and had a detainer filed against him at Topeka, Kansas. He said LARRY RAY was released from MSP about August, 1967, and he believes is in Topeka, Kansas. BUCKLEY said both LARRY and JIMMY RAY hated Negroes and spoke of the KKK as being a good organization. He said JIMMY RAY also talked about Jackson, Mississippi, and he believes RAY had spent some time in Jackson, Mississippi.

BUCKLEY stated JIMMY RAY was in the hospital at the time he escaped. He said RAY went out on a trash barrel on the back of a truck. He said this was a Sunday as that is the day the back gates are not locked to allow the trash truck to get out. BUCKLEY said he learned this information from (FNU) OAR or ORR (phonetic) who was on the trash detail. BUCKLEY also named inmates HOWARD NUNN (phonetic) and EDWARD MC CLELLAN (phonetic) as being assigned to C Hall at the same time as was LARRY and JIMMY RAY.

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BUCKLEY said he believes, if he was out, he could go to Topeka, Kansas and through another individual find LARRY RAY, whom he believes would know JIMMY RAY's whereabouts.

BUCKLEY is described as follows:

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| Name | GLEN JEFFERSON BUCKLEY |
| Race | White |
| Sex | Male |
| Date of Birth | May 19, 1921 |
| Place of Birth | Oklahoma |
| Height | 5' 10 1/2" |
| Weight | 177 pounds |
| Hair | Black |
| Eyes | Brown |
| Wife | BOBBIE N. BUCKLEY, 725 South Cottage, Independence, Missouri |

BUCKLEY stated he did not want his name given out to anyone as the person furnishing this information.

Sergeant STANBURY advised on May 5, 1968, that BUCKLEY was being released on Monday, May 6, 1968. He said BUCKLEY left a note at the jail indicating he was very sure RAY is in Mississippi. Also, BUCKLEY said he knows just about the place and is sure he can find RAY. STANBURY said BUCKLEY's telephone number after he gets out will be CL 2-3079.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA W. YATES WEBB on April 19, 1968:

AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Mrs. MARGARET A. HAYES, Night Clerk, Blackstone Hotel, 1817 Cherry, Kansas City, Missouri, advised that she has been employed in this position since May 2, 1967. She was shown photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and stated that this photograph was not familiar to her and she does not recall ever seeing this individual in the hotel. Mrs. HAYES stated she is positive that this person has not been a registered guest in the hotel since she has been there.

Mrs. HAYES made available the registration cards for the period April 24, 1967 to present date. These cards were reviewed and there was no record of anyone being registered there under the name of JAMES EARL RAY or any of his known aliases.

Miss GLADYS HANSON, Day Clerk, advised she has been employed there since 1965 and does not recall JAMES EARL RAY being registered there as a guest during the time of her employment. She looked at the photograph of RAY and said that she does not recall seeing this person in the hotel. She stated that the hotel changed hands on September 10, 1965, and that they have no registration cards for the periods prior to that date. She said that the hotel is now owned by Mr. WILLIAM HEMMELSTEIN and Associates and Mr. HEMMELSTEIN's telephone number is EM 1-1278. She explained Mr. HEMMELSTEIN did not stay at the hotel and knew nothing of the guests in the hotel. He only visits the hotel occasionally to check receipts and the books.

The following persons who have been guests at the hotel for a period of time were contacted and shown photograph of RAY with negative results.

Mrs. ELVA WILSON, Room 400, resident since 1946
PATRICK HADLEY, Room 212, resident for 10 years
HARRY HILL, Room 300, resident since 1958
ATTILIO POLLI, Room 322, resident for 5 years

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The following investigation was conducted at Leavenworth, Kansas, by IC LEONARD L. AYRES:

On February 8, 1968, Mr. GEORGE E. SEUFERT, Records Control Supervisor, U.S. Penitentiary (USP), Leavenworth, Kansas, advised that the file concerning WALTER TERRY RIFE, had been sent to the GSA Federal Records Center, Kansas City, Missouri.

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

On February 20, 1968, Mr. WILLIAM CABY, Reference Supervisor, GSA Federal Records Center, Kansas City, Missouri, made available USP, Leavenworth, Kansas, file #72497-L concerning WALTER TERRY RIFE, which contained the following information:

RIFE described white male, date of birth April 19, 1924, 69 1/2", 161 pounds, brown hair, blue-gray eyes, FBI #4558766.

RIFE was sentenced in the Western District of Missouri, Kansas City, Missouri, on July 1, 1955, to a period of three years for violation of the Post Office laws, forging money orders, and was committed to the USP, Leavenworth, Kansas, on July 7, 1955.

RIFE received a conditional release on September 27, 1957, at which time he was taken into custody on a detainer lodged by the State Parole Office, Springfield, Illinois, charging parole violation. RIFE was then sent to the Illinois Penitentiary at Menard, Illinois, #22674, and was scheduled to be released from this institution approximately July 23, 1960.

During period of incarceration, the following individuals were on RIFE's correspondents list:

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| Mother | ROSIE S. RIFE, Age 68, 400 College Avenue, Quincy, Illinois |
| Sister | Mrs. VIOLA MAYFIELD, 2716 Cherry Street, Quincy, Illinois |
| Sister | Mrs. MONAN LEE CRAWFORD, 813 North Main Street, Harrisburg, Illinois |

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| Niece | Miss DALENE CRAWFORD, 332 East Locust Street, Harrisburg, Illinois |
| Brother | FLOYD RIFE, 279 Indian Hills, Quincy, Illinois |
| Friend | KATHERINE DORIS BUSKIRK, 321 South 7th, Quincy, Illinois |

It was noted that the friend, KATHERINE DORIS BUSKIRK, was the only frequent correspondent of RIFE while confined at the USP, Leavenworth, Kansas, and it was also noted that RIFE planned to marry BUSKIRK upon his release from the penitentiary.

RIFE had no release plans insofar as work or residence upon his release from the USP, Leavenworth, since he knew that a detainer had been filed for Parole Violation from the State of Illinois.

No other pertinent information contained in file.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA JAMES ALLEN BENBROOK:

Mr. WILLIAM R. RUDDELL, Postal Inspector, Kansas City, Missouri, related that WILLIAM KENNETH KNIGHT is not known to him as a fence, that it is his belief that JAMES EARL RAY and his partner, WALTER TERRY RIFE, when apprehended in 1955 were passing postal money orders and not fencing them, and also that RAY and RIFE were probably those persons who actually burglarized the post office in Illinois from where the postal money orders were obtained although they stated they had purchased these money orders from an unknown individual.

Mr. RUDDELL said he knew of no fence handling money orders in 1955 in the Kansas City area who RAY or RIFE may have contacted.

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The following investigation was conducted by
IC WILLIAM C. MC DONALD at Jefferson City, Missouri:

On April 19, 1968, Missouri Motor Vehicle Department,
Driver's License Section records were checked for operator's
license issued in the name of JAMES EARL RAY and known aliases.
There is no record on file that appears to be identical with
RAY.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA RAY HOMESLEY:

At Kansas City, Missouri:

Kansas City, Missouri City Directory and Telephone Directory reveals no listing for Robby's Bar, 1964 to present, and there is no Taylor Street in Kansas City, Missouri. A City Directory for Kansas City, Kansas reveals a Taylor Avenue, but the numbers begin with the 1200 block and there are no bars listed on the street.

JOHN HAMMER, Liquor Control Board, 414 East 12th Street, Kansas City, advised on April 26, 1968, that he had reviewed his files on individuals of the last name COLE, but did not locate anyone, having worked for Robby's Bar, or a bar with a similar name sounding like Robby's.

HAMMER advised one MARY L. PORTER applied for clearance on March 27, 1964, for work as a waitress. She was born October 16, 1942, and resided at 4835 Brooklyn, Kansas City, Missouri in 1964. HAMMER stated he does not have any current information regarding PORTER and that his file is in storage.

1967 Polk Directory for Independence, Missouri, shows MARY L. PORTER, waitress, Mark Go, Kansas City, Missouri and residing at 2332 Scott Avenue, Independence, Missouri. Kansas City, Missouri directory shows MARY L. PORTER, waitress at Mark-Ninety Drive-In, residing Independence, Missouri. The Mark Ninety Drive-In is located at 8950 Wornall Drive, telephone number EM 1-3902.

Contact of this drive-in revealed PORTER works evenings, coming in at about 4:30 PM.

MARY L. PORTER was contacted April 26, 1968, at Mark Ninety-Drive-In, and she stated she has never been married, and has no information regarding a MARY PORTER formerly married to ROBERT DALE PORTER.

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CLARA LE VAN, Office Manager, Waitress Union Local 503, 216A West 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, advised on April 26, 1968, she has no record of a MARY PORTER currently working as a waitress. One MARY LOUISE PORTER, 5025 Michigan, Kansas City, Missouri, worked at the Wishbone and La Louisiana Restaurants in 1965, but has not paid dues since that time and therefore is not an active member.

HELEN DONLEY, Credit Bureau of Greater Kansas City, 1110 Grand, advised on April 26, 1968, that records reveal a credit report dated September 24, 1965, for ROBERT DALE PORTER and wife, MARY PORTER, 3819 Wyandotte, Kansas City, Missouri, which reveals MARY PORTER has been employed for four or five months at the Town Topic Sandwich shops, 6648 South Benton, owner, CLAUDE J. SPARKS, telephone number GR 1-5018. The record shows he is age 37 and in the U.S. Army for approximately 10 years, stationed at Amarillo, Texas. No credit established. The record shows a divorce was filed in Kansas City on May 17, 1966.

Circuit Court records, Jackson County Courthouse, Kansas City, Missouri, reveal under number 678415, that MARY MARTHA PORTER, 3315 Baltimore, Kansas City, Missouri, filed a petition for divorce May 16, 1966. She was represented by Attorney CHRIS KAHMANN, 432A Altman Building and the petition shows MARY MARTHA PORTER and ROBERT DALE PORTER of the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP), were married February 27, 1964, at Maysville, Missouri. That ROBERT PORTER has wholly disregarded his duties as a husband, being convicted of a felony at Cameron, Missouri in March 1964, and being sentenced to a seven year sentence at MSP. Also MARY MARTHA PORTER learned after marriage that PORTER had been convicted on seven or eight occasions in various states. A degree of default was granted to MARY MARTHA PORTER on June 21, 1966.

LEE CHAPMAN, Clerk, Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, furnished an arrest record regarding ROBERT DALE PORTER, number 102954, FBI No. 590 482, which shows he was arrested Kansas City, Missouri on September 3, 1963, on investigation of armed robbery and was released to the Clinton County Sheriff's Office, Missouri. Police Department records show PORTER has an arrest record dating back to 1946. No record was located for MARY MARTHA PORTER.

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A check on April 26, 1968, of the address at 3819 Wyandotte, Kansas City, Missouri, reveals that this address is now a parking lot.

The 1967 Polks Directory lists MARY M. PORTER at telephone number LO 1-6749, and one JOHN F. COATES, JE 1-3719. A telephone call was made to each of the numbers and it was determined the numbers are no longer listed to this individual.

A check was made on April 26, 1968, of the address 608 East 9th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, and it was determined that the Emery Hotel has been demolished and a new building housing the Langley Optical Company is at that address.

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The following individuals were contacted by SA RAY HOMESLEY, on May 1, 1968, in an attempt to identify (FNU) SLATTERY who took Delta Flight #55 from Birmingham to Memphis and Kansas City, on April 7, 1968:

GEORGE B. SLATTERY, 8441 Flora, Kansas City, Missouri.

Mrs. HELEN SLATTERY, 1004 East 29th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

Mrs. MARGARET H. SLATTERY, 5628 Locust, Kansas City, Missouri.

Mrs. PANSY MOSER (SLATTERY), 632 Hardesty, Kansas City, Missouri.

Mrs. MARGARET L. SLATTERY, 600 West 96th Terrace, Kansas City, Missouri.

Mrs. SUSAN BROWN, Reservations Clerk, Delta Airlines, Kansas City, Missouri, advised she has no way of identifying passenger SLATTERY on Delta Flight #55 from Birmingham to Memphis and Kansas City, on April 7, 1968. She advised Delta Airlines records are maintained at Atlanta, Georgia, including credit records of passengers.

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

Mr. LYLE ROBINSON, 1017 Orchard Street, Liberty, Missouri, advised the Kansas City FBI Office by telephone on April 22, 1968, that his wife, ROSE ROBINSON, is a fifth grade teacher at the Forest Hill Elementary School, North Kansas City, Missouri, and taught a boy that made statements to the effect that MARTIN LUTHER KING should be shot. ROBINSON said also the boy's father, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] North Kansas City, Missouri, made trips to Tennessee March 4-5, 1968, and March 14-15, 1968. Also the boy reported that the family was moving to California, but when school authorities contacted the mother, she denied they were moving. However, the family did move to El Cajon, California, on March 29, 1968. [REDACTED] was reported to have a Citizens Band radio in his truck.

[REDACTED] North Kansas City, Missouri, also telephoned the Kansas City FBI Office and advised that his wife [REDACTED] teaches at the Forest Hill Elementary School and related substantially the same information as did Mr. LYLE ROBINSON. He stated he did not want he or his wife's name used as the person furnishing the information. He also related that the boy making the statements about MARTIN LUTHER KING is apparently emotionally disturbed. [REDACTED] stated that the [REDACTED] family operated a cafe on Armour Road in North Kansas City, Missouri, and lived in a trailer behind the cafe.

On April 22, 1968, Miss HELEN DONLEY, Clerk, Credit Bureau of Greater Kansas City, 1110 Grand, Kansas City, Missouri, furnished a report dated September 12, 1967, regarding [REDACTED] This report shows the [REDACTED] have been on file at the credit bureau since April, 1955. He is shown as age 38 in 1967. Records show the following residence:

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1910 Armour Road, North Kansas City, Missouri
North View Trailer Court, Falls City, Nebraska
6020 Kansas Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas
1800 South 55, Falls City, Nebraska
2521 South 49, Falls City, Nebraska
Box 733, Alpine, California
1601 Armstrong, Kansas City, Kansas

Former Employment:

Claycomo Restaurant, North Kansas City, Missouri
Northview Skelly Station, Falls City, Nebraska,
January, 1967

Jerry's Nursery, 6540 State, Kansas City, Kansas,
February, 1967, to September, 1967

Loans:

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| 11/30/67 | Rosedale State Bank, Kansas City, Kansas, \$4177.60, secured by 1964 Great Lakes Home |
| 7/28/67 | Rosedale State Bank, Kansas City, Kansas, \$2357.79, unsecured note |
| 10/26/67 | Metropolitan National Bank, Kansas City, Missouri, \$5687.00, secured by a 1967 Cadillac DeVille, \$250.00 guaranteed by B and G Motors, Kansas City |

On April 22, 1968, LEE CHAPMAN, Clerk, Kansas
City, Missouri, Police Department, advised that no record
for [redacted] North Kansas City,
Missouri, could be located.

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Reverend BILLY MAX WUELLNER, Bethel Community Church, 21st and Military Avenue, Baxter Springs, Kansas, voluntarily appeared at the Joplin, Missouri Police Department, and furnished the following information:

On Wednesday, April 3, 1968, at approximately 2:30 PM, he attended a church board meeting at the Blue Castle Restaurant in Baxter Springs, Kansas. Around 1:45 PM, he was sitting in his church office, and LYNN RAY CLEVELAND walked into his office, unannounced, stating he wanted to rest and play the piano. He also requested a prayer session and during their brief conversation, CLEVELAND indicated he had been in [redacted]. He stated he was en route to Springfield, Missouri to contact a friend. CLEVELAND was observed to be hitchhiking and was not accompanied by anyone.

He indicated he had been on the road for approximately five days, and Reverend WUELLNER observed CLEVELAND did not have any luggage, however, was carrying a dark color tweed top-coat. He left the church office shortly before 2:30 PM, indicating he was hitchhiking to Springfield, Missouri. Reverend WUELLNER advised he could furnish no further information except to state this was the only time he had observed CLEVELAND, and further noted CLEVELAND could play the piano quite well.

Reverend WUELLNER personally confronted CLEVELAND at the City Jail in Joplin, Missouri on the night of April 9, 1968, and positively identified CLEVELAND as being the individual referred to above. He conversed with CLEVELAND, and stated there was absolutely no doubt in his mind whatever as to CLEVELAND being the individual referred to above; nor was there any doubt in his mind as to the fact he left the church shortly before 2:30 PM on April 3, 1968, as he, Reverend WUELLNER went directly from the church to his board meeting at the Blue Castle Restaurant.

Reverend WUELLNER added he could furnish no additional information and knew of no background data regarding CLEVELAND.

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On April 10, 1968, fingerprints and palm prints were obtained from LYNN RAY CLEVELAND at the Joplin, Missouri Police Department, and retained as possible evidence.

While being printed, it was observed that CLEVELAND was very near sighted, having to squint and move his eyes close to a sheet of paper to read any normal printing or handwriting.

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A review of the personal property in the possession of LYNN RAY CLEVELAND, when arrested by the Joplin, Missouri Police Department, revealed he had the following items on his person.

1. One five-cent piece.
2. One black billfold, containing the following items:
 - a. Receipt #2925 from One-Hour Martinizing, 1838 N. Glenstone, Springfield, Missouri, with notation "Promised Friday, 9:00 AM".
 - b. Small religious pamphlet, entitled "Is There Any Hope?"; bearing stamp "Southern Avenue Baptist Church, 3084 Southern Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee" "Dial-A-Devotion 323-2653". This pamphlet published by Faith, Prayer and Tract League, Grand Rapids, Michigan.
 - d. Library card #72 18575 in the name of LYNN R. CLEVELAND, 1870 N. Broadway, for the Public Libraries of Springfield and Greene County, Missouri.
 - e. Card bearing the printed notation Kirkwood Hotel, Kirkwood 22, Missouri, and the hand printed telephone number TH1-9791.
 - f. Identification card, First Assembly of God, 528 E. Main, Norman, Oklahoma, Reverend B. R. BRUMMETT, Pastor.
 - g. Identification card, Central Presbyterian Church, 20th and Arch Street, Little Rock, Arkansas.

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- h. Identification card, GEORGE BRITAIN, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Grants, New Mexico.
- i. Slip of paper containing the names LARRY HAYNES, RICHARD OLIVER, Missionary Pastor, 49 E. 15th Street.
- j. Slip of paper containing the name JERRY C. MURPHY, 806 N.W. 45th Street, Des Moines, Iowa.
- k. Identification card, American National Red Cross, St. Louis, bi-State Chapter, 212 E. Lockwood Avenue, Webster Groves, Missouri. This card contains the name ROSEMARY GAEBLER, Service To Military Families, printed in the lower left corner of the face of the card. The reverse side of this card contains the handwriting, Travelers Aid, Greyhound Bus Depot, 809 N. Broadway.
- l. Identification card, Haley Motor Company, Inc., 3rd and Marquette, N.W., Albuquerque, New Mexico. The hand-printed name GLEN SKIPWORTH appears on face of card.
- m. Social Security Application card in the name LYNN RAY CLEVELAND, Social Security Number 465-48-2060. The card issued on January 2, 1968 for twenty-one days. Under the address of Social Security Office is address 907 Walnut (no city), telephone #FR4-2263.
- n. One key, bearing numbers 806 and 074233.
- o. Slip of paper containing the hand printed name BILL WILLIAMS, LA 1-5341, Dallas; and the name Rev. CLYDE BOX, Brookhollow Bapt., DeSoto, Texas.

- p. Slip of paper containing printed name and handwritten name ROBERT BECKS - Baptist.
- q. Slip of paper containing the hand printed name Reverend PAB MYERS, Box 253, Courtland, Alabama.
- r. Identification card, Mills Hotel, 442 N. Union Avenue, Ozark, Alabama, showing Mr. and Mrs. E. E. TIDWELL as managers.
- s. Weekly Gold Pass #11656, for the week of January 22 through 28, 1968, transit Bi-State System, good for free transportation service in Missouri-Illinois central fare area.
- t. Identification card, Calvary Temple Assembly of God, Springfield, Missouri, S. H. ROBINSON, Pastor.
- u. Guest card on Good Shepherd Refuge, 601 2nd Street, Albuquerque, New Mexico. This card is stamped December 18, 1967, and notes one LYNN R. CLEVELAND, St. Louis, Missouri, occupied bed #1-4 on December 4, 1967. The name Brother "EDWARDS" appears on the face of this card.
- v. Identification card Northvale Baptist Church, Durand Avenue, Harrison, Arkansas, J. A. KUHN, Pastor.
- w. Identification card, Dr. WILLIAM C. REED, Podiatrist, Suite 1405-A, The Stevens Building, 17 N. State, Chicago 2, Illinois.
- x. Guest card, Good Shepherd Refuge, 601 2nd Street, Albuquerque, New Mexico, showing LYNN R. CLEVELAND occupied bed #13, on November 21, 1967. The name Brother "GREGORY" appears on the face of this card.

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A Thermofax record was made of the front and reverse sides of all above items, copies of which have been retained.

3. Three pamphlets on the Shepherd of the Hills Farm, Branson, Missouri (no dates or notations thereon).
4. One Standard Service Station map of the United States and Eastern United States (no notations, addresses or dates thereon).
5. CLEVELAND, when arrested, was wearing blue pants, short sleeved white shirt, brown loafers, black socks, one blue suit coat (did not match pants), one blue tie, one dark color tweed coat, and a belt. All clothing was old and well worn.
6. One gold color safety razor, found in pocket of coat.

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Detective Captain WALTER FLENNER, Joplin, Missouri Police Department, furnished the following information:

One LYNN RAY CLEVELAND was arrested by officers of the Joplin Police Department on April 9, 1968, and booked in the City Jail on charge of "Hold for Investigation - Homicide Other Cities". He advised the basis for the arrest was the fact some woman had observed CLEVELAND hitchhiking and felt he resembled the artist's conception of the slayer of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., which recently appeared in the local newspaper.

Captain FLENNER advised there was no other information and no evidence linking CLEVELAND with the slaying of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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Detective Captain WALTER FLENNER, Joplin, Missouri Police Department, furnished the following information:

On April 10, 1968, LYNN RAY CLEVELAND appeared in Municipal Court, Joplin, and pled guilty to a charge of Vagrancy. On April 10, 1968, CLEVELAND was sentenced to three days in the City Jail.

On April 10, 1968, one Reverend KEN RAGSDALE, Bolivar, Missouri, telephonically contacted Captain FLENNER and stated he recalled serving dinner to CLEVELAND on April 5, 1968 at approximately 3:30 PM at Bolivar, Missouri. Reverend RAGSDALE telephonically contacted the Police Department due to news accounts pertaining to the arrest of CLEVELAND. Captain FLENNER advised he did not secure any additional information from Reverend RAGSDALE, however, it was his opinion CLEVELAND had appeared in Bolivar, Missouri without funds, and sought assistance through the local ministers at Bolivar, Missouri.

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LYNN RAY CLEVELAND was contacted at the Joplin, Missouri Police Department, and prior to being interviewed, was advised of his rights as indicated on a duly executed warning and waiver form. He stated he had no objection to orally answering questions, and he was told he was being questioned due to the fact an individual had reported him as resembling an artist's conception of the assassin of Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., the artist's conception having recently appeared in a local newspaper.

CLEVELAND was questioned in the presence of Detective Captain WALTER FLENNER, Joplin, Missouri Police Department, and furnished the following information:

CLEVELAND stated he did not shoot the Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., nor had he been in Memphis, Tennessee or Birmingham, Alabama at any time during the past two weeks. He stated he was not aware that Reverend KING had been murdered until two or three days after the incident, when he recalled someone talking about it. He advised he could furnish no information whatsoever as to the murder.

As to his exact whereabouts on April 4, 1968, he advised he was a traveling Baptist minister and evangelistic singer, and did not maintain any permanent residence. He advised he was unemployed and knew of no way to verify his whereabouts at any time unless some minister recalled being in contact with him on a certain date. He noted that for the past two to three weeks he had been intermittently at Springfield, Missouri, and when arrested by the Joplin, Police Department, on April 9, 1968, was hitchhiking from Springfield, Missouri to Tulsa, Oklahoma. He recalled he spent the night of April 8, 1968, sleeping in a truck at the Queen City Truck Stop in Springfield, Missouri. Efforts were made to trace his whereabouts, and when he could not furnish any definite information as to times, dates and places, he admitted having formerly been an inmate at the Terrill State Hospital, Terrill, Texas, on three different occasions in 1965 and 1966. He stated he entered the hospital because of "nerves".

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While he could not, in any way be exact, he vaguely recalled having left Springfield, Missouri during the latter part of March, 1968, and hitchhiked West. He noted, since he did not have any money, he normally contacted ministers at any town he was in, volunteering his services as a Baptist minister, and further noted he was an evangelistic singer and could play the piano at revival meetings. He stated this is the way he secured his food and enough money to live on.

On or about March 28, 1968, he recalled being in Kingman, Arizona, and in contact with individuals at the Assembly of God church. He believes he left Kingman, Arizona on or about March 28, 1968, hitchhiking back to Springfield, Missouri, and estimates arrival in Springfield, Missouri on or about April 4, 1968. After arriving in Springfield, he stated, to the best of his recollection, he spent the night at Hoff's Hotel on Olive Street in Springfield, Missouri. He stated the night before was spent at the Church Rectory somewhere in Oklahoma, exact location unrecalled.

When questioned as to the pamphlet in his possession, entitled "Is There Any Hope?" which bears the stamped address of The Southern Avenue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, he advised he recalled having been in Memphis, Tennessee about one month ago and believed he stayed over-night at the bus station. He stated he was only passing through the area hitchhiking as he does continually, but believed he was in contact with a Catholic priest who bought him some breakfast at Memphis, Tennessee. He could not recall the name of the priest and knew of no one in Memphis who could verify this information. He noted he may have hitchhiked through Birmingham, Alabama a month or so ago, but did not stay overnight there and could furnish no information concerning anyone he might have contacted, or any place he might have stayed in Birmingham, Alabama.

CLEVELAND noted he had been in Springfield, Missouri more than any place else during the past several weeks, and while in Springfield, normally stayed at the YMCA, a small hotel across from the YMCA, the Midway Hotel, Calvary Mission, Hoff's Hotel, and the State Hotel. He could think of no other

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locations other than the Queen City Truck Stop, where he might have stayed in Springfield, Missouri. As to individuals with whom he was acquainted in Springfield, who might be able to furnish information pertaining to him, he furnished the following:

Reverend BARCLAY,
Northwest Baptist Church,
Springfield, Missouri;

Reverend TOM GEARS,
Pythian Street Baptist Church,
Springfield, Missouri;

RICHARD RUBLE,
1871 N. Broadway,
Springfield, Missouri.

CLEVELAND stated he presently had no room rented in Springfield, Missouri, and reiterated since he traveled continually, he had no way to positively establish his whereabouts on any given day.

As to prior arrests, he admitted having been arrested at Springfield, Missouri two or three weeks ago on a charge of investigation, and at Creve Coeur, Missouri, approximately one year ago; this also being on an investigation charge. He stated both arrests were because he had no personal identification on his person, or in his possession. As pertains to his having no identification, he stated his identification was stolen from him several months ago. He observed he also lost his glasses several months ago, and noted he is extremely near sighted.

CLEVELAND advised he left his home in Palmer, Texas in 1956 or 1957, and had not returned to Palmer, Texas at any time during the past year. He advised during the past year he had continually been on the road and the only place he had lived more than a few days at a time was at St. Louis Missouri where he resided at 2337 Whitmore Place, and was acquainted with one JIM FISHBACK who resided at that address. He stated he had not been in St. Louis, Missouri during the past month, and therefore no one in that area could furnish any information as to his whereabouts on a given date during the past two weeks.

CLEVELAND advised he recalled leaving a suitcase at the Greyhound Bus Station in Springfield, Missouri about one month ago, and doubted if the suitcase was still there. He noted this contained personal clothing and he knew of no other clothing he had stored at any location.

The following description of CLEVELAND was obtained through observation and interview:

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| Name | LYNN RAY CLEVELAND |
| Race | White |
| Sex | Male |
| Date of birth | 8/5/34 |
| Place of birth | Palmer, Texas |
| Height | 5'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ " |
| Weight | 155 pounds |
| Build | Slender |
| Hair | Brown (receding and thin)(long sideburns) |
| Eyes | Blue |
| Scars and marks (permanent) | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch horizontal scar, right upper arm; 3 inch scar inside left forearm. |
| Home Address | 701 Main Street, Palmer, Texas |
| Parents | Mr. and Mrs. GARLAND FRANCIS CLEVELAND, 701 Main Street, Palmer, Texas. |
| Education | Claims lacked three months receiving BA Degree at Baylor University, Waco, Texas |
| Occupation | Baptist minister and evangelistic singer |
| Marital status | Single |
| Military Service | None |
| Miscellaneous | Claims formerly confined at Terrill State Hospital, Terrill, Texas during 1965 and 1966. |

After furnishing the above information, and being unable to furnish any definite information as to his whereabouts on any given date during the past two weeks, CLEVELAND was contacted by Reverend BILLY MAX WUELLNER, Baxter, Springs, Kansas, who identified CLEVELAND as having been at his church at 2:30 PM on April 3, 1968. When Reverend WUELLNER related the incidents to CLEVELAND, he was able to recall same, and recalled that he left Baxter Springs, Kansas, hitchhiking to Springfield, Missouri. His memory refreshed, he recalled he arrived in Springfield on the night of April 3, 1968, where he obtained \$20 at the Western Union Office, this money having been there approximately four or five days. The money was sent to him at his request from his father in Palmer, Texas. He noted he apparently left Springfield, Missouri prior to the money arriving there, and further recalled after he received the \$20, he stayed the night of April 3, 1968 at the State Hotel. To the best of his recollection, he stayed in Springfield, Missouri the next day and more than likely would have been in contact with RICHARD RUBLE, 1871 N. Broadway.

To the best of his recollection, he stayed the night of April 4, 1968 at the Hoff's Hotel. As to his whereabouts on March 29, 1968 and March 30, 1968, he could only state he was probably hitchhiking from Kingman, Arizona to Springfield, Missouri.

CLEVELAND's attention was called to the One-Hour Martinizing receipt in his possession which bore the notation "Promised Friday, 9:00 AM", and he was able to recall that he had some clothing at that establishment and he felt certain he would have placed the clothing there the day before, on a Thursday, April 4, 1968.

CLEVELAND was questioned as to the key in his possession when arrested and he stated, to the best of his knowledge, this possibly was a key to a locker at the Greyhound Bus Station, Springfield, Missouri, where he placed his clothing over a month ago. He noted he attempted to obtain the clothing from the locker, but the key no longer would fit the locker. He felt this was because the locker had been sealed due to the fact he had kept the key longer than the time allowed.

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Based upon above information, CLEVELAND stated he feels certain he would have been in Springfield, Missouri on April 4, 1968. He advised he would definitely state he was not in Memphis, Tennessee on that date, and that he had not been in Memphis, Tennessee or Birmingham, Alabama for at least one month. He observed that after his memory had been refreshed as to where he was, at a given time, that he was able to recall his actions immediately after leaving Baxter Springs, Kansas.

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Mr. and Mrs. GARLAND CLEVELAND, 701 Main Street, Palmer, Texas, arrived at the Joplin, Missouri Police Department to assume custody of their son, LYNN RAY CLEVELAND.

Mr. CLEVELAND, who stated he had been manager of the Barron Brick Company, Palmer, Texas, for the past 32 years, furnished the following information:

His son, LYNN RAY CLEVELAND, was born on August 5, 1934 at Palmer, Texas. His son is an ordained Baptist minister, having been ordained at Palmer, Texas. Approximately seven or eight years ago LYNN RAY CLEVELAND suffered a nervous breakdown and lacked only three months graduating from Baylor University. After suffering the nervous break-down, his son lost his church, and began a rather unstable existence with no permanent employment. He was placed in the Terrill State Hospital, Terrill, Texas, on three different occasions, during 1965 and 1966 due to his break-down and general mental condition. During the first part of 1967, his son walked away from the hospital and for the past year had been away from home, and apparently traveling over the country with no permanent residence or employment. He noted his son had not been in Palmer, Texas for the past year, and they in no way could verify his whereabouts on any given day during the past two weeks. He stated his son had never been known to carry a gun, and was considered completely harmless.

Mr. CLEVELAND noted the last word they had from their son was on or about March 26, 1968, when they received a Western Union Telegram from him requesting \$20 be sent to him at 1871 N. Broadway, Springfield, Missouri in care of RICHARD RUBLE. They sent this \$20 on March 29, 1968, from Ennis, Texas and had not seen or heard from LYNN RAY CLEVELAND since receiving the telegram. They advised this was not unusual as this was the only time they had contact with their son, that being when he needed money, and would either send them a telegram or telephone them, requesting same.

Mr. CLEVELAND stated their son had never been married, nor had he ever been in the Military Service.

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Mr. CLEVELAND advised he was extremely upset, due to the publicity the arrest of his son had received. He stated he had already contacted an attorney and planned on suing the responsible persons for the news releases which had indicated that his son had been arrested as a suspect in the slaying of the Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Mr. CLEVELAND was advised that his son was not in Federal custody, had not been arrested by the FBI, nor had any comment been made by the FBI at Joplin, Missouri, to any news media whatever.

Mr. CLEVELAND was interviewed in the presence of ADRIAN MEACHAM, Chief of Police, Joplin, Missouri.

On the evening of April 10, 1968, LYNN RAY CLEVELAND was released in custody of his father, GARLAND CLEVELAND for travel back to Palmer, Texas.

Mr. CLEVELAND advised that if it was necessary to contact his son in the future, contact could be made through him at Palmer, Texas.

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Officer D. A. MC AFEE, Joplin, Missouri Police Department, furnished the following information:

At 4:24 PM, on April 9, 1968, he was instructed by the Police Dispatcher to contact one VIRGINIA UHLER, Corral Motel, 3040 E. 7th Street, for information concerning a hitchhiker. He requested the description of the hitchhiker, and en route to the Corral Motel, observed a hitchhiker at 18th and Range Line. He checked this individual for information as to his identity and ascertained he was one LYNN R. CLEVELAND. He left the individual on the highway and proceeded to the Corral Motel, and contacted VIRGINIA UHLER, Manager of the motel.

Mrs. UHLER stated LYNN R. CLEVELAND had walked into the motel office and inquired as to directions to Tulsa, Oklahoma. While he was in the motel office, she had the television on, at which time a broadcast was being made of the MARTIN LUTHER KING funeral procession. CLEVELAND inquired as to whether or not it was the MARTIN LUTHER KING funeral, and according to UHLER, CLEVELAND appeared to be very interested in the television broadcast. After CLEVELAND departed, she telephonically contacted the Joplin, Missouri Police Department, as she felt CLEVELAND resembled an artist's conception of the individual who was being sought for the killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. She observed this artist's conception was recently published in the Joplin Globe Newspaper.

Due to the fact MC AFEE had not observed the artist's conception in the newspaper, he requested assistance to further check out the hitchhiker, and was assisted by officer B. W. FORNEY.

Officers FORNEY and MC AFEE arrested LYNN RAY CLEVELAND while he was hitchhiking at 31st and Range Line, and at the time of arrest, all that CLEVELAND had in his possession for identification was a library card on a Springfield, Missouri library. He also had a torn Social Security application card which was barely legible, showing Social Security Number 465-48-2060. CLEVELAND stated he was en route to Tulsa,

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Oklahoma from Springfield, Missouri, and had been traveling around in Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, and Tennessee. Found in his possession was one piece of religious material with the address, Memphis, Tennessee stamped on the back, which he stated he obtained from a bus station. At the time of arrest, CLEVELAND was carrying a top-coat, sports coat, and had a tie in his pocket.

It was observed CLEVELAND fit the description of the artist's conception which had appeared in the Joplin Globe, and he was therefore taken to the Joplin, Missouri Police Department, and booked on a charge of "Hold for Investigation - Homicide other cities".

At time of arrest, CLEVELAND had only five cents in his possession, and a billfold containing numerous cards from various churches.

When booked at the City Jail, CLEVELAND furnished the following information:

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| Name | LYNN RAY CLEVELAND |
| Race | White |
| Sex | Male |
| Age | 33 years |
| Date of birth | 8/9/34 |
| Place of birth | Palmer, Texas |
| Height | 5'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ " |
| Weight | 157 pounds |
| Hair | Brown |
| Eyes | Blue |
| Build | Slender |
| Complexion | Medium |
| Occupation | Musician |
| Father, | G. T. CLEVELAND Box 9263, Palmer, Texas |
| Marital status | Single |
| Address | 2387 Witmore Place, St. Louis, Missouri |

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CLEVELAND was booked in at the City Jail at 4:50 PM, to be questioned further by Detective Captain WALTER FLENNER.

Officer MC AFEE noted that neither he nor Officer FORNEY had any information whatever linking CLEVELAND with the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., other than the fact CLEVELAND resembled the artist's conception of KING's assassin as set forth above.

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Mrs. VIRGINIA E. UHLER, Owner and Manager, Corral Motel, 3040 East 7th Street, furnished the following information:

On the evening of April 9, 1968, an unknown individual, later identified as LYNN RAY CLEVELAND, walked in to her motel office and requested directions to the Tulsa, Oklahoma Turnpike. She furnished him the directions, and he then asked a question pertaining to the program that was on the television set in the motel office. She recalled at the time there was a program concerning the funeral procession of Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and CLEVELAND inquired if the program was about KING's funeral. She then recalled CLEVELAND making some sort of comment that not only KING, but BILLY GRAHAM, should devote more of their time toward other things than their own religious purposes. She stated she could not directly quote him, but felt he meant that no one should become wrapped up in their own thoughts to the exclusion of all other matters.

She stated CLEVELAND was alone, did not ask for any handouts, and she did not observe him carrying any luggage.

Mrs. UHLER advised he stayed in the motel office less than ten minutes and when he left the motel, she telephonically contacted the Joplin, Missouri Police Department, as she felt CLEVELAND resembled the artist's conception of KING's slayer which recently appeared in the local newspaper. She advised she had absolutely no reason at all to suspect CLEVELAND other than the fact he resembled the artist's conception, and he made no comment whatever indicating he had been in Memphis, Tennessee, or any comment even remotely indicating he was connected with the murder of Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Mrs. UHLER advised she did recall CLEVELAND mentioning he was hitchhiking. This was the only time she had ever observed this person who was later identified as LYNN RAY CLEVELAND.

On 4/16/68 at Joplin, Missouri File# KC 44-760

by SA ROBERT E. HICKAM - lw Date dictated 4/17/68

On April 23, 1968, FRANCIS MURPHY, Sheriff, Laclede County, Lebanon, Missouri, advised his records reflect DAVID L. WILSON was booked into the jail on August 5, 1967, by the Missouri State Highway Patrol, and released August 12, 1967. WILSON is described in the record as a white male, age 35 years, height 6'3", brown hair, blue eyes, medium complexion, residence - Dade City, Florida.

On April 23, 1968, records of the Magistrate Court, Laclede County, Lebanon, Missouri, revealed WILSON appeared there on August 7, 1967, and pled guilty to charge of driving intoxicated. He was fined \$100.00 and \$14.20 costs. His residence was listed as 1001 Lock St., Dade City, Florida, and he had Florida driver's license G172074 and was driving a Willis Shaw truck from Springdale, Arkansas.

On April 23, 1968, Sheriff FRANCIS MURPHY, Deputies VIRGIL DAVIS and RALPH WATKINS, along with Missouri State Highway Patrol Officers Sergeant CLAUDE ARNOLD, JIM MORELAND, GLENN WILSON, and S.I. DAVID were exhibited a photo of subject, but none could give any information concerning him or make any identification.

Sheriff MURPHY advised there are only two taverns in Lebanon, Missouri--City Tavern and Mary's Tavern.

On April 23, 1968, LOUISE MUSSELMAN, City Tavern, 120 $\frac{1}{2}$ W. Commercial, and MARY SPARKS, Mary's Tavern, 107 North Madison, both Lebanon, Missouri, observed photos of subject and stated they were unable to recall him as ever being a patron in their respective taverns. Both said he is not a regular or occasional customer and they were unable to give any additional information.

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Re St. Louis airtel to Bureau, dated 4/30/68, and
 Jackson teletype to Bureau, dated 4/24/68.

Re ROBERT BOSHERS, (Phonetic BOSSIER).

On 5/13/68 Mrs. MERCENE GAUT, Clerk, Office
 Services, State Prison of Southern Michigan, advised SA
 CHARLES G. FEHR that an extensive search of her files
 failed to indicate any record identifiable with ROBERT
 BOSHERS or BOSSIER as ever being incarcerated in the
 State Prison System. She was also unable to find any
 indication that BOSHERS was wanted by the Michigan Corrections
 Commission.

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| TITLE OF CASE JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE IO #4182 WF #442-A TOP TEN FUGITIVE; Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM | | REPORT MADE BY SA RENE J. DUMAINE | TYPED BY laj |
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REFERENCES: Bureau telephone call dated 4/5/68.
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LEADS

ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, JACKSON, KANSAS CITY, LOS ANGELES, MILWAUKEE, MOBILE, NEWARK, NEW ORLEANS, ST. LOUIS and SPRINGFIELD-(INFORMATION)

An information copy of this report has been designated for the above listed offices in view of investigation conducted by these divisions and in anticipation of subsequent investigation.

There are no leads set out in this report since all investigation requested to locate the subject is being set forth by telephone and teletype.

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| ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED None | | | | | | ACQUIT-TALS | CASE HAS BEEN: |
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ADMINISTRATIVE

In the interest of brevity and economy, the investigation surrounding the elimination of numerous individuals reported to the Chicago Division as being identical with the subject is not being set forth but is being maintained in the B) Section of this file. This report does contain elimination of individuals believed to be the subject wherein the investigation was not entirely within the Chicago Division. Also prior to the identification of JAMES EARL RAY as subject in captioned case, numerous suspects were investigated and eliminated by the Chicago Division through teletype communications with other offices and investigation within the Chicago Division. The identity of these individuals is also being maintained appropriately in the file and will not be listed in this report for the above reason.

Prior to the identification of the subject, all credit bureaus, major police departments, Immigration and Naturalization Service records, public sources, financial institutions, maritime unions, mail order houses, electronics firms, dancing schools, cooking schools, bakers' unions, and other sources were contacted in an effort to further identify GALT under all names known at that time. The results of these contacts are being maintained in the B) Section of the file.

Prior to the information being received from the Los Angeles Division as to the location of the laundry utilized by the subject in that area, extensive contact was had with the distributor of the marking machine and expeditious inquiry with laundry companies suggested by him was immediately instituted.

Interviews conducted of members of the GALT family and resulting investigation therefrom is not being set forth but being maintained appropriately. As requested in Bureau teletype of May 1, 1968, full coverage of the relatives of the subject residing in the Chicago territory has been affected. Mr. BARNEY EGGENBERGER, Chief Security Officer, Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Chicago, advises

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that the toll call records are only maintained for a six-month period. He also advised that due to the Illinois Bell Telephone strikes, difficulty will be encountered in obtaining the toll call records but will do so as soon as possible with full security and the Bureau's interest will be fully protected. He is attempting to obtain the toll calls from the phone of sister SUSAN DONIAN. It is noted that the possibility of the subject's knowing her whereabouts is extremely remote.

Concerning the coverage of the subject's brother JERRY RAY, it should be noted that prior to his leaving Chicago for St. Louis on May 3, 1968, JERRY was in telephonic contact with the case agent daily and was physically contacted at his employment by SA ROBERT F. PEVAHOUSE also on a daily basis. His employer and the Sportsman's Country Club manager completely cooperative and have promised to advise of any unusual activity on JERRY's part. In addition, the security guard service for the country club makes hourly checks during the evening to determine whether or not JERRY is at work.

The Bureau is requested to note that JERRY is employed as a maintenance man for the Sportsman's Country Club from 11:00 p.m. until he is finished the next morning, usually 8:00 a.m. He, therefore, has access to four private phones with numerous extensions and seven pay phones located on the country club premises. The pay phone in the cottage where JERRY resides is utilized by all other members of the cottage. Also note that in a letter JERRY wrote to MARJORIE FETTERS, Camden, New Jersey, JERRY indicates that a pay phone was used during contact with her. The feasibility of continuing checks on the toll calls from the above mentioned phone at the country club is being discussed with Mr. EGGENBERGER who is of the opinion that due to the extensive number of calls involved, Illinois Bell Telephone may not be able to honor this request.

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JERRY RAY, although friendly with the employees at the country club, has only two close associates, both employees. One is single residing in the same cottage with JERRY at the country club and the other is married residing in Mount Prospect, Illinois. The latter individual was requested by JERRY on the evening of May 2, 1968, to hide him out at his residence due to the extensive news media convergence at the country club. This individual refused to become involved. According to his ex-wife, JERRY did not develop any acquaintances or associates among her friends or relatives during their brief marriage.

The foregoing teletype also requested that associates and individuals making frequent contacts with the relatives be contacted. The information concerning JERRY is set forth immediately previous; however, SUSAN DONIAN cooperated with this office. Both she and her husband very apprehensive of connection with subject becoming known. Also due to information set forth in "Life" Magazine, her husband is very concerned over possible loss of business from resulting notoriety since his contacts are on a personal basis. Accordingly, no direct contact with DONIANs' associates, Chicago, will be made pending additional investigation which could develop any association or possibility subject aware of SUSAN's location.

All unsolved bank robbery violations, Chicago Division, which occurred after April 23, 1967, have been thoroughly reviewed and there is no indication that RAY could be considered a logical suspect in any of those violations. The Chicago Division Bank Robbery Squad is intimately aware of RAY's background and description. He will be considered a suspect in all future violations.

Continuing contact is being maintained with all of the various news media in the Chicago Division in an attempt to obtain the widest public display of the subject's photo and appropriate publicity in an effort to develop his present whereabouts.

A separate report will be submitted on the individuals who made threats against the life of KING as obtained from file review, Chicago Division.

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INFORMANTS

All informants of the Chicago Division were contacted in an effort to develop any information concerning the identity of the murderer of KING. When RAY was developed as the perpetrator, informants were again recontacted in an effort to develop any information in their possession concerning RAY or his present whereabouts. These contacts met with negative results.

On April 15, 1968, Mrs. LILLY SCHNEIDER, 7741 South Carpenter, long distance operator, Illinois Bell Telephone Company, telephonically advised SA HERMAN H. SCOTT that in her job capacity she had overheard a conversation of a Caucasian male, talking to a person in Memphis, asking for BILL. The caller stated that he was BILL's driver, but would not leave a name, and instructed the other party to advise BILL that he would be in Toledo, Ohio, and for BILL not to divulge his location should he be contacted by anyone looking for him.

The Memphis telephone number called was 683-0840, while no Chicago number was obtained.

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On April 21, 1968, Mrs. JAMES MC KEAN, aunt of JEROME CARPENTER, who requested that her identity be protected, advised that CARPENTER is a white male, born 1936, and is believed to be presently incarcerated in the Missouri State Prison, Jefferson City, Missouri, for the murder of an unknown male Negro in 1961 at St. Louis, Missouri. Mrs. MC KEAN advised that CARPENTER was a long-time friend and associate of the subject. She noted that CARPENTER may already be paroled.

On April 24, 1968, the Los Angeles Division advised that the records of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, Los Angeles, reveal one Chicago long-distance call placed from the telephone of Doctor THEODORE L. EVANS and wife DOLORES, also known as DODYE EVANS, during February, March and April, 1968. This call was made to Chicago number 312-363-8794.

B. EGGENBERGER, Director of Security, Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Chicago, advised on April 25, 1968, that the above mentioned telephone number listed to YVONNE P. JACKSON, 6436 South Park Avenue, Chicago. The indices of the Chicago Office does not contain any information identifiable with the aforementioned person.

On April 26, 1968, Commander HAROLD MILES, 7th District, Chicago Police Department, which covers the area where YVONNE P. JACKSON resides, advised that he does not possess any information relative to this individual as she is unknown to him. Commander MILES is regarded as a reliable and knowledgeable source of the activity in his district. He was not apprised as to the reason for the inquiry.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: RENE J. DUMAINE Office: Chicago, Illinois
Date: 5/10/68
Field Office File #: 44-1114 Bureau File #: 44-38861
Title: JAMES EARL RAY
IO NUMBER 4182
WF NUMBER 442-A
TOP TEN FUGITIVE;
DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM
Character: CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT - ROBBERY
Synopsis:

GINGER LEE NANCE stated she and ANITA KATZWINKEL resided in Apt. 6, 1535 Serrano Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif., during June, 1967. No recollection of writing her own and KATZWINKEL's name on a torn portion of a Kleenex boxtop. When shown photograph of same, stated handwriting thereon looks like hers but could not recall any surrounding circumstances. FBI Lab concludes NANCE was the writer. SUSAN HARRIS FLIKEID stated friendly with ANITA and GINGER. Verified stay in Los Angeles. GINGER NANCE, SUSAN and THOMAS FLIKEID advised ERIC STARVO GALT not known to them by name, description or photograph. SUSAN who admitted prostitution activities Los Angeles maintained a date book of all customers from January, 1967, to date which was exhaustively reviewed with her without developing any possible idents with subject. Records Superior Bulk Film Company, Chicago, revealed correspondence with ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, who purchased \$337.24 worth of camera equipment shipped 10/67. GALT returned substitute camera shipped and refund check mailed to GALT at his request to Hotel Rio, Jalisco, Mexico, 11/30/67. Records above firm's bank show GALT paid for above by money order purchased Exchange Security Bank, Birmingham, Alabama, and refund check not yet returned. Advertising media utilized by film company obtained, subscription lists checked negative. FBI Lab advises signatures on letters to film company were prepared by writer of signatures this name appearing on items previously

submitted, typewritten impressions appearing on film company correspondence were found to be the same style of type without sufficient identifying defects but no significant differences noted from other submissions, and that the Prinz air shutter release purchased is in all respects like air shutter cable found in abandoned Mustang, Atlanta, Georgia. No serial numbers maintained for projector purchased either at film company or distributor. Brother JERRY WILLIAM RAY, FBI #862 651 A, interviewed daily 4/19-5/2/68. States last saw subject outside prison 1951, last seen in prison 1964, has no info as to brother's present whereabouts, who aided him in escape and can offer no reason for subject's commission instant crime. Gave word to cooperate. Sister SUSAN DONIAN states last saw subject when she was in first grade and strongly believes subject has no idea of her present whereabouts. Background info obtained from review of Chicago PD, Cook County Jail, and Illinois State Penitentiary, Joliet, Illinois, records set out. Arrested 5/6/52 for armed robbery cab driver, shot in arm resisting arrest and sentenced to 1-2 years, served at Illinois State Penitentiary, Menard, Illinois. Neighborhood, previous employments investigation and other sources Chicago negative due to passage of time, since subject last known to be in Chicago 1952. Fellow inmates located and interviewed furnished no pertinent info. Background info re 3/23/55 arrest with WALTER TERRY RIFE for passing stolen postal money orders various southeastern states set out. Sentenced 7/1/55 to 3 3/4 years. Investigation conducted in "hippie" areas Chicago and extensive investigation concerning individuals with same name or aliases and other inquiries Chicago Division negative. All country clubs, Chicago Division, personally contacted and alerted to possibility subject might contact for employment. SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS:

INVESTIGATION BASED ON PIECE OF PAPER FOUND
IN RAY'S MUSTANG

Re: GINGER DAY, Also Known As
NANCE and SUSAN HARRIS FLIKEID

Found in a search of the 1966 white Mustang registered to ERIC STARVO GALT, located abandoned in Atlanta, Georgia, on April 9, 1968, was a torn portion of the top of a Kleenex box, which had the following information handwritten thereon:

"Ginger Day + Anita Katzwinkel
1535 Serrano Apartment 6"

Also on the same portion were written the words "Olkahombe" and "Broult". On the other side were written the words "At Pool".

It should also be noted that GALT occupied apartment 6, 1535 Serrano Blvd., Los Angeles, California, during November and until January 18, 1968.

On April 12, 1968, the Los Angeles Division advised that Mrs. NORMA C. COSS stated that SUE FLIKEID is her neice and that she and her husband were en route to Mendota, Illinois. She further advised that ANITA KATZWINKEL, SUE and a girl, possibly named GINGER CUNNINGHAM, all come from Mendota, Illinois, and were part of a rather wild crowd who used to work with migrant farm workers around Mendota during summer vacations.

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On April 12, 1968, the following investigation was conducted by SA RICHARD G. STILLING and SA JOSEPH M. BURKE at locations indicated:

Officer OSCAR CRAMER, Dixon Police Department, Dixon, Illinois, advised his records indicated GINGER L. NANCE, 314 South Galena, Dixon, Illinois, described as a white female, black hair, brown eyes, 5'7" tall, 185 pounds, stocky build, was arrested on November 18, 1965, for speeding, October 20, 1967, driving after license was suspended and improper mufflers.

On April 12, 1968, Chief Deputy Sheriff JOHN QUEST, Lee County Sheriff's Office, advised that GINGER CUNNINGHAM, also known as GINGER DAY and GINGER NANCE, described as a white female, born June 5, 1946, Kankakee, Illinois, 5'7" tall, 220 pounds, heavy build, fair complexion, dark brown hair, brown eyes, 405 5th Avenue, Mendota, Illinois, was arrested on June 26, 1967, for deceptive practice charge under warrant #67CR217 and that she did 30 days in the Lee County Jail.

He further advised that GINGER CUNNINGHAM's relatives resided at the Shady Rest Trailer Court, East Mendota, Illinois, and that their last name is probably either YOHN or YAHN.

He is further in possession of information that prior to NANCE's arrest in Illinois in June, 1967, she had just returned from California. QUEST stated that possibly around April 1, 1967, NANCE went to California in a 1961 tan four-door Rambler sedan bearing 1967 Illinois license MT 1999.

He further advised that ANITA KATZWYNKEL who is a friend of NANCE at one time resided at 1103 Illinois Avenue, Mendota, Illinois.

On April 12, 1968, W. J. MARNION, Owner, Kakusha Motel, Mendota, Illinois, advised his records reflect Mr. and Mrs. THOMAS FLIKEID, 1805 North Harvard, Hollywood, California, had registered at his motel on this date driving a Thunderbird bearing California registration WCT469 and that they had made plans to spend the week. The FLIKEIDS are presently residing at Cottage 10 and were visiting Mrs. FLIKEID's mother, PATRICIA HARRIS, 802 Main Street, Mendota, Illinois.

A review of the telephone directories from Mendota and telephone directories and police records of Dixon, Illinois, failed to reflect a listing for a ERIC S. GALT or KENNETH NANCE. CHARLES DAY reportedly residing at 326 Central Place, Dixon, Illinois, telephone 288-5377.

It was physically determined that the address of 314 South Galena was no longer in existence as a new gas station had been built at this address.

On April 12, 1968, the following 1968 Tennessee license tags were observed on a beige Mustang parked in the area of the employment for KENNETH C. NANCE, SR., and that this license was from Franklin County, Tennessee, IA 2273.

On April 13, 1968, it was determined that Mrs. JUANITA YOHN resided at 722 North Jefferson Street, Dixon, Illinois.

It was determined Tennessee License IA 2273 was issued to a DONALD BEITSCH, Cowan, Tennessee, on a 1966 Ford two-door. No stolen report.

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KENNETH C. NANCE, SR., 405 5th Avenue, advised he is married to GINGER CUNNINGHAM, that they have been married approximately three years and that he has two children by her, a girl 3 and a boy 18 months. According to NANCE, he last saw GINGER CUNNINGHAM on Saturday, April 6, 1968, when she and her mother came by his residence and obtained their daughter.

NANCE unable to furnish information as to present whereabouts of his wife other than she is employed by Raynor, Route 2, Dixon, Illinois, and that she is possibly living with her mother, JUANITA YOHN, exact address unknown, Dixon, Illinois. Mother is employed by the Illinois State School, Briton Avenue, Dixon, Illinois. NANCE stated that his wife frequents Walt's Tap, First Street, Dixon, Illinois, and owns no automobile but her mother has a 1962 blue Buick four-door, license unknown.

NANCE stated that to the best of his recollection, ANITA KATZWINKEL and his wife went to California possibly around March of 1967, and returned from California just prior to her arrest on check charges which were placed against her here in Illinois.

His wife has a father living in California, present whereabouts unknown, (First Name Unknown) CUNNINGHAM, who is originally from Kewanee, Illinois.

NANCE stated that the name of ERIC S. GALT is unknown to him.

On 4/12/68 at Mendota, Illinois File # Chicago 44-1114
 by SA RICHARD G. STILLING & SA JOSEPH M. BURKE/RGS:jap Date dictated 4/18/68

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SUSAN LEE FLIKEID, nee HARRIS, was interviewed at the Faber Hotel, Room 360, and she advised that they are presently moving from their former address of 1831 North Grammercy Place, Los Angeles, California, and have not settled in a permanent location; however, will settle possibly in the Los Angeles area. FLIKEID stated that she and her husband are presently on a vacation touring the Midwest.

FLIKEID stated that ANITA KATZWINKEL and GINGER CUNNINGHAM NANCE are known to her and that she last saw ANITA KATZWINKEL approximately three months ago when she was employed at a restaurant possibly known as "Mary Ann," exact location unknown, Sunset and Western, Los Angeles, California.

According to FLIKEID, GINGER CUNNINGHAM NANCE and ANITA KATZWINKEL arrived in California possibly around May 5th through the 10th, 1967, and stayed at the same hotel she was residing at at this time which was the Palm Apartments, 5435 Sunset Boulevard, Hollywood, California. FLIKEID advised that from information she received from KATZWINKEL and NANCE, they had driven from Illinois to an unknown location in Oklahoma when the car they were using broke down. They then hitched a ride with two individuals who drove them then to San Diego, California, where the girls were met by GINGER NANCE's father, BRIAR CUNNINGHAM (phonetic), exact address unknown either Bellflower or Bell Gardens, California. Mr. CUNNINGHAM then transported the girls to Los Angeles.

GINGER NANCE dated two unknown males while in California and that she does not recall the identity of these individuals at this time and cannot recall the types of automobiles these individuals operated.

FLIKEID further advised that to the best of her recollection at this time, ANITA KATZWINKEL also dated two different unknown individuals while in California; however,

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by SA RICHARD G. STILLING & SA JOSEPH M. BURKE/RGS:jap Date dictated 4/18/68

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she cannot recall their identities at this time and can furnish no background information.

FLIKEID further stated that NANCE and KATZWINKEL stayed at the Palm Apartments approximately two or three weeks then moved right around the corner from the Palm Apartments to an apartment complex on Serreno which is located between Hollywood and Sunset, east of Western, Hollywood, California.

GINGER NANCE, while in California, to the best of FLIKEID's recollection was not employed and that the only employment she knows for KATZWINKEL was the employment she has previously furnished.

FLIKEID stated that NANCE departed California two or three weeks after taking up residence in the apartment located on Serreno to return to Dixon, Illinois, and that when she left, she was hitchhiking to meet her boyfriend, name unknown, someplace in Wyoming. FLIKEID stated that when NANCE left, the only belonging she knows that NANCE took with her was her "record player."

FLIKEID stated that the name of ERIC S. GALT is unknown to her as any associate of KATZWINKEL or NANCE and that to the best of her recollection, she has never heard this name.

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GINGER LEE NANCE, nee CUNNINGHAM, 405 First Street, advised that she is presently employed by the Raynors Company, East River Road, Dixon, Illinois, telephone number 288-1431.

She further advised that she has been previously married to a CHARLES DAY whom she is presently divorced from.

NANCE stated that she and ANITA KATZWINKEL left Dixon, Illinois, possibly on the first Saturday or Sunday of May at approximately 3:00 a.m. in a 1961 Rambler, which was the property of her former husband, CHARLES DAY. NANCE further advised that she is not exactly positive of the date she left Illinois in the 1961 Rambler and stated it could have possibly been also sometime in March, 1967. NANCE and KATZWINKEL drove this car as far as Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, when the car broke down outside of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, at a tollgate. She believes that when this car broke down, it was on a Sunday night at approximately 10:30 or 11:00 p.m.; however, she cannot recall this date. NANCE stated that the car had radiator trouble and that they had been experiencing this difficulty for approximately 15 miles prior to the car's breaking down and that during this period of time, they had met two white males driving a 1957 or 1959 blue and white Ford station wagon bearing unknown California tags. NANCE stated that when the car subsequently experienced mechanical difficulty and it was apparent they could not drive it any farther, they left the car at this tollgate in Oklahoma and continued on to California with the two white males in the Ford station wagon.

NANCE stated that one of the two white males was known as MAX, last name unrecalled, and is described as approximately 35 years of age, 5'7" tall, 175 pounds, light colored hair possibly worn short, having unknown tattoos possibly on both arms.

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NANCE stated that the other individual traveling in this Ford station wagon was identified as the brother of MAX, who is described as approximately 5'10" tall, 30-35 years of age, younger than MAX, black hair, approximately 140 pounds, smaller in stature than his brother, hair worn straight back, cannot recall whether or not it was parted. NANCE stated that she believes the brother was from an unknown community in Wisconsin. NANCE stated that in her estimation, MAX's brother was rather good-looking and that it was her understanding that he had had domestic problems with his wife and this was possibly the reason they were going to California.

NANCE stated that she had very limited conversation with these two individuals and that generally the conversation was between MAX and his brother. NANCE stated that she does recall that MAX told her he was employed as "a patrol cop" in San Diego, California; however, she observed no guns or badges. However, she did see a hat which was blue in color which had a badge attached to it which was silver. The Federal Bureau of Investigation shield was displayed to NANCE and she advised that except for the color and the eagle appearing on the top of this badge, the shape of the shield appears similar to what she observed on this hat. NANCE stated that they traveled straight through to California only stopping for gas and that they generally stopped at gas stations which she believes to be known as White Rock. NANCE estimated that they arrived in California possibly around 11:00 p.m. Tuesday night, date unrecalled, and that after arriving in California, she called her father, BRIAR CUNNINGHAM, 8811 SK 64 Park Street, Bellflower, California, at possibly telephone number 633-1359. She does not feel that this number is presently operating. NANCE stated that her grandmother, MARY BLACKWELL, resides at 811-20 Park Street, Bellflower, California, telephone number 634-6970. NANCE's father then met NANCE and KATZWINKEL at an unknown bus station possibly the Greyhound Bus Station in San Diego, California. According to NANCE, this was the last time they saw MAX and his brother and that she does not know where they resided in San Diego and that she did not furnish them her name and address in either California or Illinois.

NANCE stated that her father then drove them to her residence where they spent the night and subsequently, transported them to Los Angeles, California, the next morning.

According to NANCE, they took up residence at the Palms Apartment, exact address unknown, Sunset Boulevard, Hollywood, Los Angeles, California. NANCE stated that the reason she went to this location was that she and KATZWINKEL knew that a friend of theirs from Illinois, SUE HARRIS, was residing at this address. NANCE and KATZWINKEL obtained their own room at this apartment the number of which she cannot recall at this time and she estimated that she stayed at this apartment approximately three weeks.

NANCE stated that she and KATZWINKEL then moved to 1535 Serrano; however, she cannot recall the apartment number at this time and that she estimates she resided at this apartment approximately 1½ months. NANCE stated that she believes she departed California in June of 1967, sometime around her birthday which is June 5 and that she left this apartment, possibly leaving behind some of her personal effects. She stated that she hitchhiked from Los Angeles to a truck stop known as "Little America, which is 75 miles outside of Cheyenne, Wyoming, where Routes 88 and 33 intersect." She stated that she met her boyfriend, JIM LEEHY, of Dixon, Illinois, at this truck stop and that they continued to hitchhike together from here to Dixon, Illinois. She estimated that they had eight separate rides, none over 300 miles, mostly with truck drivers in their vehicles. She cannot recall at this time riding in a Mustang. NANCE definitely stated she never wrote her name and address on any paper and furnished this to any individual she met while traveling to Dixon, Illinois.

NANCE stated that while she was in California, she dated a VINCE (Last Name Unknown), exact address unrecalled, Los Angeles, California, telephone 469-5811, Extension 125. She stated that this is possibly a hotel but she does not know for certain. She believes this individual was an IBM operator, employment unknown. According to NANCE, she met this individual at the Vagas Club during the period of time she lived at the Palms Apartment and that this Vagas Club was in the immediate area where she resided. NANCE described

this person as a white male, approximately 30 years of age, 5'5" tall, 130 pounds, dark hair and eyes, hair worn straight back and believed to be of Italian extraction. NANCE stated that she has never written her name and address and given it to this individual.

NANCE also advised that while in California, she also dated a second individual known only to her as "RED" whom she also met at the Vagas Club, Sunset Boulevard, Hollywood, California, and that she met this person at the time she was residing at the apartments on Serrano. She described this person as a white male, approximately 28 years of age, 6' tall, 170 pounds, red hair worn short, straight back but in a crewcut. She stated that he resided at an unknown apartment house in Los Angeles at telephone number 662-5226 and that he is possibly employed as an electrician at an unknown factory. NANCE stated that she also did not give her name and address to this individual.

NANCE stated that the only person she can recall at this time that KATZWINKEL dated is a TOMMY HUNTER, 1727 North Garfield (phonetic), Apartment 9, Hollywood, California, and that she did not date him.

NANCE stated that SUE HARRIS and ANITA KATZWINKEL



NANCE stated that the name of ERIC S. GALT is unknown to her.

NANCE stated that upon reflection, she believes that KATZWINKEL had one date at their apartment at Serrano and that this unknown individual owned a dry cleaning store on Sunset Boulevard in the "hippie" area. This individual is described as a white male, approximately 6' tall, 200 pounds, 35-40 years of age, black hair with grey, hair worn straight back and wore a small mustache. KATZWINKEL was believed to have had two dates with this individual and that this individual operated a white Ford van type truck.

NANCE stated that the word "Oklahombe" sounds familiar to her as a nickname for a Negro male who worked at the bar at the Vagas Club and that this individual played the guitar in this band. He is described as a Negro male, approximately 5'9" tall, 140 pounds, 25-27 years of age, and that he worked the 9:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. shift. NANCE stated that she believes she would recognize this individual if she ever saw him again.

She also advised that KATZWINKEL met a Negro male who owned a convertible Mustang, possibly white in color, and that the top of this Mustang was definitely white. She believes KATZWINKEL gave him their name and address and that she only saw him on two occasions. She believes they met this unknown individual at a bowling alley on Serrano and Sunset several weeks prior to her departure in June from California.

NANCE stated that to the best of her recollection, she does not recall writing her name and KATZWINKEL's name on a Kleenex box.

NANCE voluntarily furnished samples of her handwriting to interviewing Agents.

The following is a description of GINGER LEE CUNNINGHAM NANCE as obtained through observation and interview:

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| Race | White |
| Sex | Female |
| Nationality | American |
| Date of Birth | [REDACTED] |
| Place of Birth | Kewanee, Illinois |
| Eyes | Brown |
| Hair | Black |
| Height | 5'7" tall |
| Weight | 210 pounds |
| Build | Stocky |
| Complexion | Fair |
| Scars and Marks | Scar on left ring finger and on right little finger |
| Marital Status | Separated |
| Relatives | |
| Mother | JUANITA YOHN 722 North Jefferson Dixon, Illinois |
| Arrests Admitted | Latter part of June, 1967, charge of deceptive practice found guilty, 30 days, Lee County Jail |

GINGER LEE NANCE was furnished an Advice of Rights Form by SA STILLING which she read and upon questioning, she stated she understood and signed.

Later, on April 13, 1968, GINGER NANCE was re-interviewed and that she does now recall residing at Apartment 6, 1535 Serrano, Hollywood, Los Angeles, California. She advised that based on the description furnished to her by interviewing Agents for ERIC S. GALT, there was an unknown person who lived at a hotel, possibly the St. Francis which is also in the area where they resided, whom they met. She believes that they met this individual while they were residing at the Palms Apartment and possibly met him two weeks after arriving in California. She stated that she and KATZWINKEL moved into Apartment 6, Serrano, during the fourth week and that she recalls now arriving in California in the early part of May, 1967.

She stated that in reference to the unknown person whom she believed resided at the St. Francis Hotel, this

party dated ANITA and that he drove a light colored Volkswagen camper which appeared fairly new. She advised that to the best of her recollection, she was never in this automobile. NANCE stated that she believes this individual was interested in hunting and fishing as he made mention of the fact that he was going on camping trips and was planning to go to Mexico with an unknown person whom he never identified. NANCE stated that to the best of her recollection, she never gave him her name and address or KATZWINKEL's name on a Kleenex box.

NANCE stated in reference to the trip to Mexico this unknown individual mentioned, she does not know for a fact that he actually took this trip. NANCE stated that to the best of her recollection, she has never met any of his friends or associates and that she never went to his room in the motel and knows nothing concerning any camera equipment he may have been in possession of. NANCE stated that she believes she only saw him on three occasions and has no information as to where he came from. NANCE stated that she has no information of persons who would know of this individual's present whereabouts. NANCE met this person through KATZWINKEL and does not know the circumstances under which KATZWINKEL met this party. NANCE does not know of any information which would connect this person with anyone in the hippie area of Los Angeles.

This individual is described by NANCE as a white male, approximately 5'9" tall, 145-150 pounds, 30-32 years of age, hair dark brown with gray, hair cut short.

NANCE at this time furnished interviewing Agents with fingerprints and photographs of herself

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JAMES WAYNE LEEHY, 922 West 7th Street, Dixon, Illinois, telephone 284-3252, advised that he is the boyfriend of GINGER NANCE. LEEHY advised that in June of 1967, he hitchhiked from Illinois to Wyoming where he met NANCE at the "Little America" Truck Stop outside of Cheyenne, Wyoming. He stated that they then hitchhiked from Wyoming to Illinois and that the only Mustang he can recall traveling in was a red Mustang. He advised that while they were in Missouri possibly outside of St. Louis near an Army base, either Fort Leonard Wood or Fort Crowder, they obtained a ride from an unknown male driving a red Mustang bearing unrecalled Ohio tags. According to the conversation he had with this individual, he believes he had just purchased this automobile and that he was returning to Ohio after having been discharged from the military. LEEHY stated that this individual drove them to Sandodol, Illinois, where Routes 50 and 51 intersect.

This individual driving the red Mustang is described as a white male, approximately 5'8"-5'9" tall, 156-157 pounds, approximately 27 years of age, as this was the age furnished to him by this driver, hair auburn and parted on the side. LEEHY stated that this individual possibly worked at Carthage, Missouri, at an unknown job. LEEHY stated that he could probably recognize this individual if he were to see him again.

LEEHY advised that after meeting NANCE in Wyoming, they traveled to Oklahoma where he repaired the automobile left at Oklahoma City by NANCE; however, this automobile again subsequently experienced mechanical difficulty and they left the automobile.

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SUSAN LEE FLIKEID, nee HARRIS, was furnished an Advice of Rights Form by SA RICHARD G. STILLING which she read and upon questioning, stated she understood and signed. FLIKEID advised that she and THOMAS FLIKEID have not taken up permanent residency in California at this time; however, plan on taking up residence in the Hollywood, California, area and that they will rent an apartment. FLIKEID advised that their furniture is presently in storage, Brattners (phonetic), Hollywood, California, and that they are planning on spending three weeks this month touring the Midwest.

FLIKEID stated that she was last employed as a barmaid during November of 1966, at a lounge called "The Barn" that has subsequently changed its name to the "Blue Bongo," 5300 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, California.

FLIKEID advised that she has been in California since 1962, and that she returned to Illinois in March of 1963, subsequently returning to California in September of 1964 and that since 1964,

FLIKEID advised that in reference to TOMENY in April of 1967, on different dates, TOMENY, VICKIE (Last Name Unknown), RIA (Last Name Unknown), KELLY O'NEAL or O'NEIL, not her true name, and herself under the name of SUE HARRIS

She advised she was arrested on April 27, 1967, by Officers LARRY CORBETT and TERRY PIERCE. FLIKEID stated that the above individuals

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whom she was arrested with during April, are females and that one JOHN BONNELI was subsequently arrested also in connection

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FLIKEID stated that in September of 1967, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

FLIKEID advised that the name of ERIC S. GALT and his description are unknown to her as a customer. The word "Oklahombe" also means nothing to her except that she does know GINGER NANCE at one time was married to a CHARLES DAY. FLIKEID was unable to recall any of her customers who operated a white Mustang. FLIKEID advised that to the best of her recollection, she has never furnished anyone with the names and addresses of GINGER NANCE or ANITA KATZWINKEL on a Kleenex box.

FLIKEID stated that in November, 1967, to March 17, 1968, she did not reside at the St. Francis Hotel, Hollywood, California; however, she did reside at this hotel for one week during 1965, with a BARBARA DEGUZMA who has subsequently died and a SHERRY QUESSENBERRY [REDACTED] FLIKEID

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does not know the present whereabouts of **QUESSENBERRY**.

SUE FLIKEID also advised that the names **RAY**, **RICHARD GALT** and **RILEY** were unknown to her.

FLIKEID furnished to interviewing Agents the address book pertaining to her customers which was comprehensively, completely and thoroughly reviewed with her as to each individual, date and name. She could not recall any individual who would answer the description of **GALT**.

FLIKEID freely and voluntarily furnished samples of her handwriting, fingerprints and photograph.

FLIKEID advised that she is not legally married to **THOMAS FLIKEID** but is only in a common-law relationship with him.

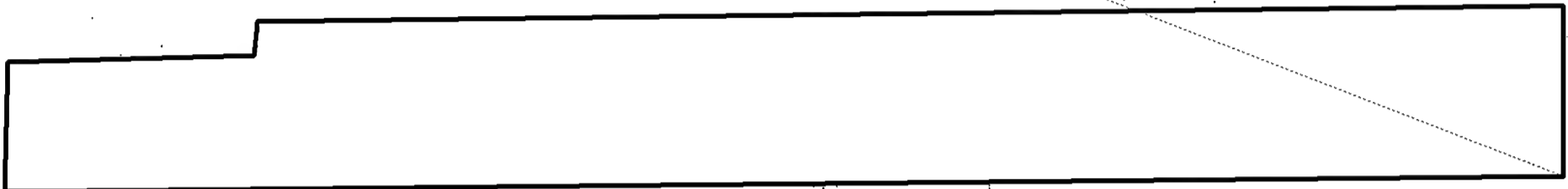
The following description of **SUE LEE HARRIS FLIKEID** was obtained through observation and interview:

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| Sex | Female |
| Race | White |
| Nationality | American |
| Date of Birth | [REDACTED] |
| Place of Birth | Mendota, Illinois |
| Hair | Black |
| Height | 5'6" tall |
| Weight | 140 pounds |
| Build | Medium |
| Complexion | Fair |
| Arrests Admitted | January, 1966, Hollywood, California, 30 days suspended sentence; March, 1966, suspicion of stolen automobile, Hollywood Police Department, dismissed; April 27, 1967, [REDACTED] Hollywood Police Department, dismissed. |

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THOMAS MARTIN FLIKEID advised that the name and description of ERIC S. GALT are unknown to him.



FLIKEID freely and voluntarily furnished fingerprints and handwriting samples.

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On April 19, 1968, Mr. MARION, Owner, Kakusha Motel, Mendota, Illinois, advised THOMAS FLIKEID checked out of the Kakusha Motel on Tuesday morning, April 16, 1968, destination unknown.

On April 19, 1968, Mrs. PATRICIA HARRIS advised her daughter, SUSAN HARRIS FLIKEID was not in Mendota, Illinois, and as far as she knew, was in Chicago staying at a motel formerly known as the Sahara Motel.

On April 19, 1968, Mr. H. T. BYER, Personnel Manager, Raynor Manufacturing Company, Dixon, Illinois, telephone number 288-1431, advised SAs JOSEPH M. BURKE and WILLIAM M. PARKER that GINGER NANCE is employed by his firm; however, she left at 12:30 that day indicating she had a toothache.

On April 19, 1968, the Identification Division, FBI Laboratory, advised that the latent prints previously reported on the Mustang recovered in Atlanta are not identical with the major case prints of SUSAN HARRIS FLIKEID, THOMAS MARTIN FLIKEID or GINGER NANCE.

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GINGER NANCE was interviewed at her residence, 405 First Street, Dixon, Illinois. GINGER NANCE was shown a group of photographs which included the following individuals:

ROBERT SIEGAL
Chicago Police Department IR # 27131

THOMAS FORNERELLI
Chicago Police Department IR # 134827

WILLIAM GEORGE PATTEN
Chicago Police Department IR # 63374

ERIC STARVO GALT

HAROLD DUBUQUE
Chicago Police Department IR # 37585

RICHARD EDWARD BLASSICK
FBI # 267452A

NANCE advised none of the individuals above looked familiar to her. However, she did state she recognized the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT as being identical to a photograph she had seen in one of the Chicago papers within the past couple of days. NANCE stated that although she recognizes the photograph as the same as the one in the paper, this person still did not look at all familiar to her.

GINGER NANCE was shown two color photographs of handwriting which appear on a portion of a Kleenex box. When she viewed the photograph of the handwriting which starts "Ginger Day", she immediately stated, "Gee, that looks like mine," however, she could not recall writing these words and specifically could not recall writing anything on a portion of a Kleenex box. NANCE stated the only reason she could say why the writing would be on a Kleenex box, is she probably could not find any paper. NANCE could

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not recall giving anyone a Kleenex box or a portion of a Kleenex box with or without writing at any time.

GINGER NANCE stated that she could not recall using the name of DAY while she was in California, however, it was possible that she did use this name since she was at one time married to CHARLIE DAY.

NANCE looked at the word "Olkahombe". She advised she could not recall writing this word. The word meant nothing to her and she was not sure that word was written by her.

Upon observing the photograph of the words "At Pool", she advised this did not mean anything to her and she was not sure if those words were in her writing.

GINGER NANCE stated that while she was in California, she never heard of SUSAN HARRIS making any type of obscene or risque movies.

GINGER NANCE advised she only had two boyfriends while she was in California. These individuals have been previously described to the FBI. One, VINCE, is definitely not ERIC STARVO GALT. VINCE did not drink at all and liked to attend movies. The other, "RED", is definitely not ERIC STARVO GALT. "RED" liked to play pool. He also liked to listen to country and Western records. She advised "RED" drank beer.

NANCE advised she is a beer drinker. She prefers Schlitz and Falstaff, and while in Los Angeles, she was drinking vodka and Squirt. She also stated she likes to listen to country and Western music. GINGER NANCE advised when she left the apartment on Serrano Boulevard, she took a suitcase with her. She took a radio and record player to a hock shop on Hollywood Boulevard and left phonograph records,

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a jacket, dresses and shoes in the apartment. She also left anything that was in the apartment's kitchen. She could not recall specifically leaving a Kleenex box behind.

The name JAMES EARL RAY did not mean anything to GINGER NANCE.

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SUSAN HARRIS FLIKEID was interviewed in Room 244, Southwest Inn Motel, 4501 South Cicero Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. FLIKEID was shown a group of photographs which included the following:

ROBERT SIEGAL
Chicago Police Department IR # 27131

THOMAS FORNERELLI
Chicago Police Department IR # 134827

WILLIAM GEORGE PATTEN
Chicago Police Department IR # 63374

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SUSAN FLIKEID stated none of these individuals looked familiar to her.

In regard to the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT, she stated she could not think of anyone who looked like this individual, however, after some thought, she advised this individual bore some resemblance to BILL (LNU) who is the husband of JUANITA (LNU) who is a waitress at the Rabbit's Foot Bar located at Hollywood and Gramercy, Hollywood, California. FLIKEID described BILL (LNU) as a white male, 38-45, 5'8", 185-200 pounds, well-built, hair brown, employed as a troubleshooter for a big oil company.

SUSAN FLIKEID advised in regard to LOU TOMENY she has not been particularly close to LOU TOMENY She advised

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she does see LOU TOMENY occasionally. She stated she has never made any type of movies with LOU TOMENY and the only photography work she has done with LOU TOMENY involved posing for some still pictures which were for magazines. These pictures were fully clothed and there was nothing obscene about them. FLIKEID advised LOU TOMENY's boyfriend's name is JOHNNY BONNELI.

SUSAN FLIKEID stated she did not know of ANITA KATZWINKEL or GINGER NANCE making any movies with LOU TOMENY or anyone else.

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THOMAS FLIKEID was interviewed at Room 244, Southwest Inn Motel, 4501 South Cicero, Chicago, Illinois. FLIKEID was shown a group of photographs which included the following individuals:

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Chicago Police Department IR # 134827

WILLIAM GEORGE PATTEN
Chicago Police Department IR # 63374

ERIC STARVO GALT

HAROLD DUBUQUE
Chicago Police Department IR # 37585

RICHARD EDWARD BLASSICK
FBI # 267452A

FLIKEID stated none of these individuals looked familiar to him. In regard to the photograph of ERIC GALT, he stated this person did not look at all familiar to him.

THOMAS FLIKEID stated SUSAN HARRIS FLIKEID has not participated in any obscene or risque-type movies and he does not know anyone who was engaged in making these movies. He did indicate movies of a risque-type are sold at a newsstand in Hollywood, California, across the street from the Vegas Club.

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SUSAN HARRIS FLIKEID, with her common-law husband THOMAS FLIKEID, was interviewed at the Chicago Office with regard to the possibility if any names in her datebook could be identical with the subject JAMES EARL RAY.

SUSAN FLIKEID had previously made available her address book for copying purposes. Each and every name and notation in the address book was thoroughly and exhaustively reviewed with both SUSAN and THOMAS FLIKEID. Based upon their information,

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[REDACTED] could be identical with JAMES EARL RAY. SUSAN advised that although she has never physically observed the persons whose names were furnished to her by LOU TOMENY, she strongly doubts that the names furnished by TOMENY could possibly be identical since she believes LOU met most of these individuals prior to April 27, 1967,

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In conclusion, SUSAN advised that all of the people listed in the address book were obtained from other contacts who were acquainted with the dates for approximately one year. She said that TOMENY also operated in the same manner and for this reason, SUSAN doubts if any of the individuals whose names were given to her by TOMENY would have been known to TOMENY subsequent to April 23, 1967.

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Date: April 19, 1968

Re: MURKIN

FBI File No. 44-38861

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Lab. No. D-560922 JK

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Specimens received 4/16/68

K60 Six handwriting sample forms bearing known handwriting of THOMAS MARTIN FLIKEID

K61 Eight handwriting sample forms bearing known handwriting of SUSAN L. HARRIS FLIKEID

ALSO SUBMITTED: Major case prints of SUSAN L. HARRIS FLIKEID, and THOMAS MARTIN FLIKEID, and GINGER NANCE

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the questioned writings appearing on Q118 (portion of "Kleenex box") were not prepared by either THOMAS MARTIN FLIKEID, K60, or SUSAN L. HARRIS FLIKEID, K61.

The submitted material has been retained.

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Re: MURKIN
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FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-560919 JK

D-560789 JK

Specimens received 4/16/68, from FBI, Newark

Q215 White envelope postmarked "Montreal, P.Q., VII, 1967," bearing return address "Eric S. Galt 2589 - Rue Notre Dame Est. Montreal, Canada, Quebec" and hand printed address "Locksmithing Institute Little Falls, New Jersey, U. S. A. 07424"

Specimen received 4/15/68, from FBI, Chicago

K35 Nine sheets of paper bearing known handwriting and hand printing of GINGER NANCE

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the hand printing appearing on the Q215 envelope was prepared by the individual responsible for the preparation of the hand printing on the Locksmithing Institute Enrollment Form and the Superior Bulk Film Company order blank which were previously submitted in this matter.

No significant indented impressions were noted on this envelope.

Except for the word "broult" it was concluded that the questioned writings on Q118 (torn "Kleenex box") were prepared by GINGER NANCE, K35. Similarities were also noted between the word "broult" and the known writings of NANCE but the lack of known writing precluded a definite opinion from being reached.

The submitted items have been retained. Photographs were made.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/23/68RE: SUPERIOR BULK FILM COMPANY

Inspector FRANK C. FREYER, United States Post Office, Chicago, Illinois, turned over to SAs LEONARD F. KACZMAREK and WILLIAM J. DOWNEY, Jr., the business file of the Superior Bulk Film Company (Superior) which he received this day from GUNNAR RING BURKE. This file contained the following correspondence:

Superior order blank from ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, listing camera equipment valued at \$337.24. On the reverse side several inquiries were made concerning camera equipment.

Superior invoice #179530, dated October 3, 1967.

Typewritten note dated October 5, 1967, signed ERIC S. GALT indicating a return of a camera to Superior.

Superior Invoice # 179530, dated October 18, 1967.

Typewritten letter dated October 22, 1967, signed ERIC S. GALT, showing address Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico, Hotel Rio, Apartado Postal #23.

Returned goods report dated November 2, listing E. S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama - credit and refund.

Memo from Superior indicating back order of Kodak Model M8 zoom camera.

Typewritten letter dated November 20, 1967, signed ERIC S. GALT, listing address 1535 North Serrano, Los Angeles, California.

Superior message to ERIC S. GALT dated November 30, 1967, indicating refund check #32338, re-mailed to GALT's Mexican address.

On 4/12/68 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 44-1114

by SAs WILLIAM J. DOWNEY, Jr.
LEONARD F. KACZMAREK: pas Date dictated 4/18/68

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Postal Department Form 3877A, listing sender as Superior, dated October 3, 1967, listing two articles, #6712968, and 6712969, sent to GALT, Birmingham, Alabama, in addition to numerous others.

Same type form dated October 18, 1967, bearing #6712586, addressee GALT, Birmingham, Alabama, among others.

Inspector FREYER advised he located this file by tracing back on the number of an insured package which number he received from the Birmingham, Alabama, Post Office. The block of numbers containing the number he received from Birmingham, had been issued to Superior. By going to the Superior Company he reviewed their records and located the above described file on GALT. He stated this is the only record maintained by the Post Office of insured parcels handled.

The foregoing file was received from SA WILLIAM J. DOWNEY, JR., by SA EDWARD F. JOHNSON, and personally hand delivered to the FBI Laboratory, Washington, D.C., where it was turned over to JAMES H. MORTIMER, Document Examiner.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/23/68

RE: SUPERIOR BULK FILM COMPANY

Mr. GUNNAR RING BURKE, 318 South Harvey Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois, Manager of the Superior Bulk Film Company (Superior), 442-450 North Wells, Chicago, advised that on April 12, 1968, he had given Postal Inspector FRANK C. FREYER, Chicago, Illinois, all original copies of the file concerning business transactions with ERIC STARVO GALT.

The file consisted of the following:

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These forms are records of insured packages handled by the Post Office with the Superior Company.

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Date 4/16/68

Mr. JOSEPH P. O'CONNOR, Auditor, Merchandise National Bank of Chicago, made available a photocopy of a draft which was deposited at the bank on October 2, 1967, to the account of Superior Bulk Film Company, #1-54310.

The draft is described as follows:

Exchange Security Bank check # 04012 EES., Birmingham, Alabama, date September 28, 1967, payable to Superior Bulk Film Company, amount \$337.24, drawn on the First National City Bank of New York, New York, signed BOB SELLERS.

Mr. O'CONNOR advised the draft was purchased at the Exchange Security Bank, Birmingham, Alabama, and added the Security Bank should have a Requisition or Purchase form signed by GALT. The original draft should be at the First National City Bank of New York, New York.

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RE: SUPERIOR BULK FILM COMPANY

Mr. GUNNAR RING BURKE, 318 South Harvey Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois, Manager, Superior Bulk Film Company, 442-450 North Wells, Chicago, furnished the following information concerning a mail order received from ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, for camera equipment on October 3, 1967:

Superior Bulk Film Company, advertises their products in the following magazines:

Popular Mechanics
 Popular Science
 Science and Mechanics
 U. S. Camera
 Popular Photography
 Modern Photography
 Field and Stream
 Hunting and Fishing
 Mechanix Illustrated

The Company does not record the name of anyone requesting a manual or catalogue until an order blank form is submitted by a customer.

On October 3, 1967, the Company received an official order blank which is included as an insert in the order manual from ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, in which one Kodak Dual Projector M95Z, one Kodak Super 8 Camera, Model M8, one HPI Combination Splicer and one 20 foot remote control cable, totaling \$337.24. A money order cashier's check or draft for \$337.24 was received with the order because records reflect the above equipment was sent out on October 3, 1967, via Parcel Post under invoice number 179530, which is the date the order blank was received. The Company does not, as a Company policy, mail merchandise on an order accompanied by a personal check, unless the person making the order is known to the Company.

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by SA LEONARD F. KACZMAREK: pas Date dictated 4/16/68

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The Company substituted, on a loan basis, a Crestline Super 8 Camera for the Kodak Model M8 because the latter was not in stock. The Crestline Camera was received by the Company on October 12, 1967, as a rejected item. GALT also sent a typewritten note dated October 5, 1967, signed ERIC S. GALT in which GALT acknowledged receipt of items ordered adding he was returning the camera sent to him because he ordered a four-speed camera while the substituted camera was a one-film speed camera. GALT also wrote he was to leave for Mexico on Saturday which would have been October 7, 1967, and he would send his Mexican address to the Company.

On October 18, 1967, the Company mailed, via Parcel Post, the Kodak Super 8 D38 camera, under invoice order number 179530, to the Birmingham, Alabama, address. By typewritten letter, signed ERIC S. GALT, the Company was advised GALT returned the substituted Crestline Camera adding he could not wait for the originally ordered Kodak camera. He requested his refund be mailed to Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico, Hotel Rio, Apartado Postal #23. The Kodak Camera was received by the Company on November 2, 1967.

By typewritten letter dated November 20, 1967, signed ERIC S. GALT, the company was requested to mail GALT's refund for the rejected camera to 1535 North Serrano, Los Angeles, California 90027, because GALT did not receive his refund while in Mexico. The letter indicated GALT would be at the Los Angeles address for five months.

The Company by letter dated November 30, 1967, mailed to the Los Angeles address, advised the refund check for \$142.89, #32338, was re-mailed to GALT's Mexican address. The canceled refund check has not, as of March 29, 1968, been received by the company.

The original check in the amount \$337.24 received in payment for the original order from ERIC S. GALT was deposited on October 2, 1967, at the Merchandise National Bank, Chicago, under Superior Bulk Film Account Number 1-54310. Mr. BURKE had no further information concerning the check.

Mr. BURKE advised the model M-8 camera ordered by GALT has a forty millimeter zoom lens included and added it is a very fine piece of equipment as is the other equipment ordered.

Mr. BURKE stated that the fact that inquiry was made concerning an automatic printer would indicate the person buying this equipment probably has raw stock-film and has means to process same. The fact that sound strip apparatus was also a point of inquiry on the reverse side of GALT's initial order indicates sound would also be employed.

The Crestline Camera for which the refund check was mailed to GALT is the only portion of the initial order which has been returned to the company.

Mr. BURKE asserted that he received a telephone call on October 4, 1967 or October 5, 1967, between the hours of 8:00a.m. and 9:00 a.m., from a man identifying himself as ERIC GALT. GALT advised he could not wait for the Kodak camera and that he is returning the one sent to him, referring to the Crestline Camera. GALT added he would purchase another camera locally. BURKE felt that GALT specifically wanted a Kodak Camera inasmuch as he returned a very fine camera, namely the Crestline. BURKE added he recalled the voice was from the South, meaning the person calling had a Southern accent.

Mr. BURKE made available a remote control PRINZ Air Shutter Release with a 20 foot cable, which is similar to the remote control cable sent to GALT. Mr. BURKE also made available a blank Superior Bulk Film Company check drawn on the Merchandise National Bank, Chicago, which is similar to the refund check sent to GALT. The check would be signed either ARTHUR FLANK or GUNNAR R. BURKE

REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Chicago (44-1114)

Re: MURKIN

Date: April 18, 1968
FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-560921 ET

Specimens received 4/16/68

K62 One Prinz Air Release in sealed carton

Result of examination:

Specimen K62 is, in all respects, like specimen Q119.

Specimen K62 is returned herewith. No photographs have been retained.



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537

REPORT

of the

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO. 44-1114
FBI FILE NO. 44-38861
LATENT CASE NO. 91075

April 16, 1968

TO: SAC, Chicago

RE: MURKIN

REFERENCE: Airtel 4/12/68
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Chicago
SPECIMENS: Three letters signed by Eric S. Galt, Q130 through Q132
Order blank, Q133
Six miscellaneous items of correspondence of the
Superior Bulk Film Company

This report confirms and supplements Butel of
4/13/68.

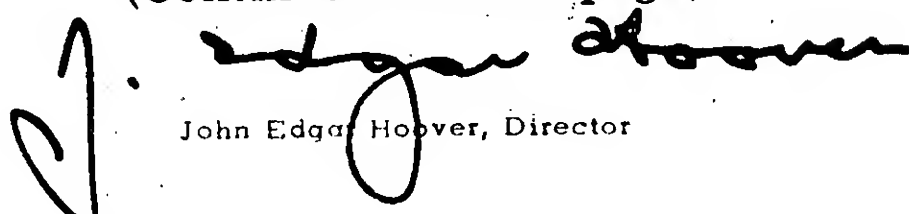
One latent fingerprint of value developed on letter
dated 10/5/67, signed by Eric S. Galt, Q130. No latent impressions
developed other items.

Latent fingerprint not identical with latent impressions
previously reported this case.

Submit appropriate elimination prints.

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John Edgar Hoover, Director

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SAC, Chicago

April 16, 1968

Results of laboratory examination and disposition of specimens subject of separate report.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 17, 1968

Re: MURKIN
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FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-560665 JK
D-560666 JK
D-560667 JK

Specimens received from Los Angeles, 4/12/68

- Q127 White envelope bearing typewritten address "MR DALE L. DYKEMA, Receiver 3325 Wilshire Boulevard Los Angeles, California. 90005." postmarked "Los Angeles California Annex JA 22 AM 1968"
- Q128 Typewritten letter dated 1/21/68, beginning "DEAR SIR, I AM WRITING..." and signed "Eric S. Galt"
- Q129 Letter dated 12/21/67, addressed to "Eric Galt 1535 North Serrano, Hollywood, California," beginning "Dear Mr. Galt: As you know..." and signed "Dale L. Dykema"

Specimens received from Chicago, 4/12/68

- Q130 Typewritten letter dated 10/5/67, beginning "Dear Sir: I received..." and signed "Eric S. Galt"
- Q131 Typewritten letter dated 10/22/67, beginning "Dear Sir, I ordered four..." and signed "Eric S. Galt"
- Q132 Typewritten letter dated 11/20/67, beginning "Dear Sir, While in Birmingham..." and signed "Eric S. Galt"
- Q133 Order Blank of the Superior Bulk Film Co., Chicago, Ill. for order in the amount of \$337.24, to be shipped to Eric S. Galt, 2608 Highland Ave., Birmingham, Alabama

ALSO SUBMITTED: Six miscellaneous items of correspondence of the Superior Bulk Film Co.

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Specimens received from Newark, 4/13/68

- Q134 Enrollment Form of the Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, N. J., dated 7/31/67, in the name "Eric S. Galt"
- Q135 "Confidential Information" form of the Locksmithing Institute, bearing the signature "Eric S. Galt"

Result of examination:

The "Eric S. Galt" signatures on Q128, Q130, Q131, Q132 and Q135 were prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on items previously submitted in this case.

The typewritten impressions appearing on Q127, Q128, Q130, Q131, Q132 and Q135 were found to be the same style of type but the lack of identifying defects precluded a determination as to whether the same typewriter prepared all of these items; however, no significant differences were noted between the impressions appearing on these items. The style of type appearing on these specimens conforms to a standard for Royal pica style of type spaced ten letters to the inch. This style of type also appears on a typewriter sold under the Singer name.

It was determined that the hand printing appearing the Q133 order blank and the Q134 enrollment form was prepared by the same individual. No questioned hand printing appears on the other items received.

Indented impressions were noted on the reverse side of the Q128 letter. The names "Ray" "Galt" and "Rily" and numerals "ET3623" were some of the notations interpreted on this item. A photograph of the indented writing is enclosed for the information of Los Angeles.

The submitted evidence has been retained.

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On April 30, 1968, Mr. GUNNAR BURKE, Superior Bulk Film Company, 442 North Wells, advised SA LEONARD F. KACZMAREK the company does not maintain serial numbers of cameras or projectors on incoming or outgoing shipments. BURKE added the company purchases its equipment from the Eastman Kodak Company, Oakbrook, Illinois.

On April 30, 1968, Miss COLLEEN DREW, Eastman Kodak Company, 1901 West 22nd, Oakbrook, Illinois, advised the company only maintains serial numbers of cameras and projectors on incoming shipments from the Kodak Company in Rochester, New York. The Oakbrook branch does not maintain serial numbers of outgoing shipments and, therefore, cannot establish the serial numbers sent to individual mail order houses or individual customers. Regarding warranties, Miss DREW advised all warranty slips received at the Oakbrook branch are mailed to the main office of Kodak in Rochester, New York, and the local branch does not maintain any records concerning warranties. The Rochester Office maintains records of warranties under names of individuals on which the serial number is entered by the customer. The warranties are of one year duration.

On April 29, 1968, the Identification Division, Latent Fingerprint Section, advised that the latent fingerprint previously reported on the letter Q130 has been determined to be of no value in instant matter.

On July 2, 1968, the Buffalo Division advised that inquiry at the Eastman Kodak Company, Rochester, New York, developed that no warranty given for any Kodak camera equipment and serial numbers was recorded when shipped by company. A warranty is furnished for Kodak Projector M952 and approximately 50 per cent of the slips are returned by purchasers. Checks presently being made to determine if warranty returned by the subject under his true name and known aliases in an effort to determine serial number of projector.

Investigation from the various subscription lists of the magazines utilized by Superior Bulk Film Company did not develop any subscriber identifiable with the subject.

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1.

Re: JERRY WILLIAM RAY, brother

Mr. RICHARD CHAMBERLAIN, Owner, Sportsman Country Club, Dundee Road, Northbrook, Illinois, advised SA HARRY A. WALKER as follows on April 23, 1968:

JERRY RAY started with the country club on September 16, 1964, as a dishwasher and was actually sent to the club from the Bell Employment Service, Chicago, Illinois. At the time that RAY started his employment, he entered on an application that he was previously employed for the Knodel Bakery Company, St. Louis, Missouri, on the ovens and as a waiter at the Sunset Sanitarium, St. Louis, Missouri. No dates of employment were listed for either of the above two employments. The last employment entered by RAY before he came to the Sportsman Country Club was listed as a dishwasher for Keeshen's (phonetic); however, no address or city was given for this employment. RAY's home address was listed as 712 Shennadough (phonetic), St. Louis, Missouri.

At the time that RAY started his employment as a dishwasher, the maintenance work was done at the club on a contract basis by the Marx Maintenance Service, Des Plaines, Illinois. At this time, an older couple was doing the maintenance work for the Marx Company and resided at the club. This arrangement was entirely for the convenience of the club which did not wish to hire maintenance people directly. Eventually, the older couple left and RAY took over the same duties and was employed again by the convenience of the club by the Marx Maintenance Service. Eventually, Mr. CHAMBERLAIN discontinued the Marx Maintenance Service and hired RAY on a direct basis and RAY is presently making approximately \$160 a week with a take-home pay averaging anywhere from \$113 to \$145 a week. RAY is very frugile and his only expense appears to be paying the upkeep of a child by a previous marriage.

Approximately two years ago, RAY married a waitress at the club, a GJIRDIS ANNA D. OLSEN, who was formerly married to a man with the last name of STRIET (phonetic) and after her divorce from STRIET, shortly thereafter married RAY.

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CHAMBERLAIN described GJIRDIS OLSEN as a woman still in her twenties, mentally retarded who he believes is presently residing with her parents, possibly a Mr. and Mrs. PAUL A. OLSEN, 1344 Hazel Avenue, Deerfield, Illinois. This address and the name of her parents was given to the club by OLSEN at the time she started her employment as a waitress.

A review of RAY's cancelled checks appears that he does his banking at the Wheeling Trust and Savings Bank, Wheeling, Illinois. All the checks observed were cashed at this bank.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN advised that he has no objection to the FBI using his parking lot to maintain a constant surveillance on RAY. He also stated that he will immediately contact RAY and talk to him concerning the necessity of RAY's complete cooperation with the FBI. The patrol service used by the Sportsman Country Club is the Glenbrook Patrol Service, Glenview, Illinois, a service operated by THOMAS BUCKLIN with telephone number Park 4-3434.

RAY, according to CHAMBERLAIN, had a brother whose first name was unknown to him who, according to RAY, was employed as a bartender approximately one year ago at the Indian Lake Country Club near Homingdale, Illinois. The club is owned by the Braninger Organization. This brother was also a bartender supposedly employed by the Green Bakers Country Club which is located a short distance east of the Sportsman Country Club.

As to RAY's divorced wife, GJIRDIS OLSEN, Mr. CHAMBERLAIN was of the impression that RAY had to marry GJIRDIS due to her being pregnant.

RAY has no close friends at the club, associates with no one and seldom leaves the club other than on a Tuesday which is his regular day off.

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1.

Mrs. MARGUERITE WELCH, who resides at 287 Crestwood Village, Northfield, Illinois, home phone HI 6-6087, who is in charge of personnel at the Sportsman Country Club located on Dundee Road, Wheeling, Illinois, advised SA HARRY A. WALKER as follows on April 24, 1968:

She has been acquainted with JERRY RAY, the maintenance man at the Sportsman Country Club, since approximately September, 1964, when he started employment as a dishwasher at the country club coming to the club from the Bell Employment Service, Chicago, Illinois. RAY left shortly after his employment started; however, returned within one or two months and continued his employment as a dishwasher. He eventually became night maintenance man at the club and has always in this capacity performed his work in a capable manner and was honest in every respect; however, she is of the opinion that RAY has a low mental capacity.

RAY at no time has ever visited her home at the above address and she has had no contact with RAY since he left the Sportsman Country Club on April 23, 1968, which is his day off, until the present time. RAY on his day off which falls on a Tuesday usually takes a bus to Chicago, visits a theater, sometimes staying in Chicago and returning the next day either for lunch or dinner.

RAY has spoken of a brother who she believes is from the St. Louis, Missouri area; however, he never provided any additional information concerning this brother other than the fact that he was a bartender. RAY also had a child during his marriage to GJIRDIS RAY, nee OLSEN, a former waitress at the country club; however,

RAY also has an ex-wife, possibly in Nashville, Tennessee, and had a son and a daughter by this marriage who should be in the vicinity of from eight to ten years old. Approximately three years ago at Christmas during his employ-

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ment at the club, RAY flew to Tennessee to visit these two children; however, she knows nothing further concerning these children or their mother or where the family is presently residing in Tennessee.

RAY has no close friends at the club; however, in the past has filled in for other employees of the club in addition to his own duties when the employees wanted time off and needed someone to work in their place. He at no time spoke of other members of his family other than to say that he had a brother that was a bartender in the St. Louis area and she had no idea that RAY was incarcerated in the past. Her records revealed that RAY worked steadily during the night at the Sportsman Country Club from Wednesday evening, April 3, 1968, through Monday, April 8, 1968, without having any time off.

She is of the opinion that RAY is not cooperating with the FBI in every respect, does not feel that some of the questions asked of him are important enough for him to give any thought in answering; however, it could be that due to his low mental condition that he is not capable of answering the questions asked of him. However, she is going to talk to RAY telling him that she "thinks" that this is an extremely important part of his life to cooperate with the FBI in every respect.

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1.

Mrs. MARGUERITE WELCH, immediate supervisor of JERRY RAY at the Sportsman Country Club, Dundee Road, Northbrook, Illinois, and Mr. RICHARD CHAMBERLAIN, owner of the club, were contacted by SA HARRY A. WALKER on the evening of April 24, 1968, and given the background of JERRY RAY's visit to "Life Magazine," Chicago, Illinois. Both people who expressed surprise of RAY's contact with "Life" were advised that "Life" did not learn the identity of JERRY RAY from the FBI.

The above people also advised that before JERRY RAY left Sportsman Country Club voluntarily on April 24, 1968, for the Chicago Office of the FBI, they talked to him attempting to impress upon RAY the necessity of RAY fully cooperating with the FBI at all times in this investigation.

Both of the above people advised that one or the other will know if JERRY RAY does not report for work and if he does not, they will immediately contact the Chicago Office of the FBI.

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Captain THOMAS S. BUCKLIN, Director, Glenbrook Patrol Service, Incorporated, 1132 Waukegan Road, Glenview, Illinois, telephone Park 4-3434, advised SA HARRY A. WALKER on April 26, 1968, that his company is the patrol service for the Sportsman's Country Club, Dundee Road, Northbrook, Illinois.

BUCKLIN stated that under an agreement with Mr. RICHARD CHAMBERLAIN, owner of the Sportsman's Country Club, his men have to personally contact JERRY RAY nightly at the club at 12:00 Midnight, 2:00 AM, and 4:30 AM, with the exception of Tuesday, RAY's day off, and if RAY is not working at the time of any of the contacts they are to immediately contact Mr. CHAMBERLAIN and advise him of this fact. BUCKLIN advised that these instructions were given to him by CHAMBERLAIN at the time his company took over the patrol service for the Sportsman's Country Club.

It was related by BUCKLIN that Lieutenant GLENN TIBBS and Sergeant THOMAS PODUCH are the patrolmen from his agency that personally contact JERRY RAY, each on alternate nights, and RAY almost immediately after the publicity broke concerning JAMES EARL RAY confided in both men that he was the brother of JAMES EARL RAY.

BUCKLIN stated that he will immediately advise both of his above patrolmen to also immediately contact the Chicago Office of the FBI if JERRY RAY disappears at any time during the midnight, 2:00 AM, and 4:30 AM contacts with RAY at Sportsman's Country Club.

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WMO:jap

1.

Re: JERRY'S EMPLOYMENT AT
NORTH SHORE COUNTRY CLUB

The following investigation was conducted by SAs WILLIAM M. O'BRIEN, LAURENCE SCHENCK, JR. and PHILIP R. TRACY, JR. at Glenview, Illinois, on May 3, 1968:

Mr. KARL HALLERBERG, Manager of the North Shore Country Club in Glenview, Illinois, telephone number 729-1200, advised that a check of their files was negative for JAMES EARL RAY but that these files contained the following information regarding JERRY WILLIAM RAY:

JERRY RAY was employed as a locker room man from May 15, 1962, until about February, 1964, when he left without giving any notice. RAY was engaged by Mr. VICTOR CHIGAS, who was general manager at the time and who would know JERRY RAY well. VICTOR CHIGAS is presently an investment broker for Walston and Company, Incorporated, 111 West Jackson, Chicago, Illinois, office telephone number 427-7101, home address 1326 Prairie Lawn, Glenview, Illinois, home telephone number 729-3826.

RAY listed the following information on an application form for employment, dated June 28, 1962:

| | |
|------------------------|--|
| Position | Locker room assistant |
| Social Security Number | [REDACTED] |
| Residence Address | North Shore Country Club Glenview, Illinois |
| Marital Status | Married |
| Place of Birth | Quincy, Illinois |
| Date of Birth | July 16, 1935 |
| Age | 26 |
| American Citizen | Yes |
| Nationality | Irish-French |
| Religion | Catholic |
| Height | 5'9" |
| Weight | 155 pounds |
| Color Eyes | Brown |

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|-------------------------------------|--|
| Color Hair | Brown |
| Dependents | Four, wife-children |
| Insurance Carried | None |
| Physical Defects | None |
| Work Time Lost Due To Illness | None |
| Have You Ever Been Bonded | No |
| Education | Grade School, Quincy, Illinois, Graduated 1952; Sheridan, Illinois, High School, did not graduate |
| Any Other Schooling | No |
| Military Service | No |
| References | Mr. ALBER PEPPER - Mechanic 174 Lafayette St. Louis Mr. FRED HAINES - Furniture Mover 1818 South 12th St. Louis |
| Previous Employment | Rolling Green Country Club Arlington Heights, Houseman, \$50 per week, laid off, worked for Mr. CHIGAS |
| Person To Notify In Case of Illness | Mr. FRANK RAY 2342 Park Avenue St. Louis |

Also contained in RAY's records is a memorandum dated February 15, 1964, with the notation, "Jerry Ray, 1713 Lafayette, St. Louis, Mo., ret. to work." Also written on the memorandum was the address 2342 Park Avenue, St. Louis.

Also contained in RAY's records was the following letter dated February 13, 1964:

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"Dear Mr. Chigas:

"I hope this letter finds you in much better shape than my last one did.

"I had a unfortunate accident while working at Medinah Country Club, I got run into by a car and was unconious for Five days plus for six weeks had to stay in bed.

"I didn't just write to you to tell you the troubles I've had, the main reason is to see if you have any openings, if not or you can't hire me for reasons we both know of then thanks for taking time to read this letter. Tell everybody hello for me and take care of yourself.

"As Ever
"Jerry Ray
"1602 Mississippi
"St. Louis, Mo."

Also contained in RAY's records is a memorandum, undated, with the following written thereon:

Mr. Jerry Ray
L.D. OPR. 30
Morristown, Tenn.
586-8351
Mrs. Carol Ray calling
Sickness in family
Call back after 4 o'clock
our time

Also contained in RAY's records was a letter dated February 17, 1964, from V. CHIGAS to JERRY RAY, 1602 Mississippi, St. Louis, Missouri, as follows:

"Dear Jerry:

"We have been trying to locate you, and this short note is to say we will hire you again.

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"Please let us know when you expect to be available for work.

"Yours very truly,"

Also contained in RAY's records was the following note:

"Mrs. C. Pepper, 1334 Lume St., St. Louis, Mo.
Carol Satain, 605 Hilltop Dr., Morristown, Tenn.

Jerry Ray, P.O. Box 269, Glenview, Ill.
was in this morning 6-3-64."

Mr. HALLERBERG advised that this note was probably written by GOERGE SIMCOX who was the steward at this country club at the time. SIMCOX is presently employed as a general manager for FRANCIS SHAW at the Arlington Racetrack, Western Concessions. SIMCOX had probably known JERRY RAY when they worked for this country club.

Also contained in RAY's records was the following letter which was postmarked at St. Louis, Missouri, on June 15, 1964, to the North Shore Country Club, Glenview, Illinois, from JERRY RAY, 1324 Lomi (illegible), St. Louis, Missouri:

"Thursday

"Dear Sir

"Enclosed you'll find my name and address to send my tax statements to

Jerry W. Ray
712 ^A Shenadaugh
St. Louis, Mo."

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Also contained in RAY's records was the following note dated February 10, 1965:

"Dear sir

"please send my income tax statements as your earliest convenience

"truly yours
Jerry Ray
712A Shenodaugh
St. Louis, Mo."

Mr. HALLERBERG was exhibited photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and a photograph of JERRY RAY and he advised that he was not familiar with any persons who might resemble these photographs. He stated that he would not know JERRY RAY, since he only started as manager for this country club on December 1, 1967. He stated that HERB HINZE, Locker Room Manager at this country club, would probably know JERRY RAY, since he was employed here at that time.

On May 3, 1968, Mr. HERB HINZE, home address 910 Revere Road, Glenview, Illinois, telephone number 724-4724, advised that he is the locker room manager at the North Shore Country Club in Glenview, Illinois. He stated that JERRY RAY was employed as a clean-up man in the locker room for about one or two years on an intermittent basis. A photograph of JERRY RAY was exhibited to HINZE and he stated that this was the same JERRY RAY who was employed here. Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were exhibited to HINZE and he stated that he had not seen this individual before. He stated, however, that he recalls that JERRY RAY had taken his brother, name unknown, to see Mr. CHIGAS in order to obtain employment. He stated that he does not remember when this occurred and that he had never observed JERRY RAY's brother and could provide no further information regarding RAY's background. He described JERRY RAY as a quiet, harmless sort of guy, who was not too bright. He stated that the question of RAY's racist attitudes never came up, and that he could never believe that JERRY RAY would ever be involved in shooting anyone. He stated that he never associated with RAY outside of the country club and would not be aware of his personal activities. HINZE stated that the country club provided room and board for RAY during his employment.

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JERRY WILLIAM RAY was interviewed at the Chicago FBI Office and furnished the following information:

He was shown a photograph of an individual identified as ERIC STARVO GALT and taken in Los Angeles, California, about March 1, 1968, and in which photograph GALT had his eyes closed. RAY stated that the photograph was above his brother JAMES EARL RAY. He was questioned as to whether he was certain that the photograph depicted his brother and he said "I'll put it this way. If I was a citizen and knew that you were looking for JAMES EARL RAY and saw the individual depicted in the photograph, I would immediately call the proper authorities and notify them that I had seen the individual that was wanted."

He was shown the same photograph in which eyes had been drawn by an FBI artist. He said that he did not like the eyes in the picture as they were drawn because they did not truly represent his brother's eyes.

RAY stated that he is employed as a maintenance man and handyman at the Sportsman Country Club located at Northbrook, Illinois, on Dundee Road. He said that he was steadily employed at the country club from late March, 1968, to the date of interview.

RAY stated that he has served prison sentences in the Illinois State Penitentiary at Menard, Illinois, and believed his inmate number was 2497J. He said that he had served time in Illinois State Penitentiary at Pontiac, Illinois, and believed that his inmate number was 20229. He said that he had also been confined in the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri; however, he was unable to recall his inmate number. He gave his Social Security Number as

He said that his brother, JAMES EARL RAY, has been in prison on several occasions serving sentences for ~~burglary but that these burglaries were for things like~~

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stealing gas from a gasoline station and that his brother was really not much of a "real burglar". He said that he last seen his brother in about 1964.

RAY related that the family has never been real close and that mostly the children had been born in the Quincy, Illinois area. He said that the only family member that he has really been close to is his sister, CAROL ANN PEPPER, who resides in Maplewood, Missouri. He advised that he frequently visits with CAROL because she is the only real family that he has.

He said that he knew of no reason why his brother would have killed MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr., because he had never known his brother to have any particular hate for members of the Negro race or of KING himself.

JERRY WILLIAM RAY was requested to furnish his family tree and furnished the following information:

He said that his father was JAMES GERALD RAY who died in 1951 at Hannibal, Missouri, just across the line from Quincy, Illinois.

He advised that his mother was LUCILLE MARY RAY, nee MAHER, who at one time changed her name to LUCILLE RYAN after separation from his father in 1948 or 1949, and he claimed that his mother had died in January, 1961, at St. Louis, Missouri.

There were seven children born of this marriage and he identified them as follows:

1. JAMES EARL RAY, age 39 or 40, who has never been married, whereabouts unknown.

2. JOHN LARRY RAY, age about 35, who has never married, address unknown, but whom JERRY last seen at the MacArthur Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri, about February 2, 1968.

3. JERRY WILLIAM RAY, born July 16, 1935, at Quincy, Illinois, residing at the Sportsman Country Club, Northbrook, Illinois, divorced from wife GJEREIS, nee OLSON.

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4. CAROL ANN PEPPER, age about 27, married to ALBERT PEPPER, and residing in Maplewood in suburb of St. Louis, Missouri.

5. FRANK DELANO RAY, age 22, who drowned in an accident in 1963 on the Missouri side of the river at Quincy, Illinois, at West Quincy, Missouri.

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He said that the only maternal relatives he has is his mother's brother, WILLARD MAHER, age about 60, whom he believes resides in San Francisco, California, and the only employment he could recall for WILLARD was in Guam after World War II in about 1946-1947.

He said that the only paternal relatives he has is his father's brother, EARL RAY, age about 70, who was released from the Illinois State Penitentiary in Menard, Illinois, in about May, 1958, and died possibly in the fall of 1958 at Syracuse, New York.

RAY said that he was unable to recall any other relatives on either his father or mother's side such as aunts, uncles, cousins, etc.

RAY advised that he normally receives his mail at Box 22, Wheeling, Illinois, but sometimes receives mail at the Sportsman Country Club, Northbrook, Illinois.

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JERRY WILLIAM RAY, who was present in the Chicago FBI Office, was requested to furnish his fingerprints, including sides and tips and palm prints. He was also requested to pose for photographs. He complied with both requests and also furnished handwriting samples.

Based on information furnished by the St. Louis Division, JERRY was questioned concerning the discrepancy as to the identity of his father and present whereabouts. He advised that JERRY RAYNES, Center, Missouri, was not his father and reiterated that his father was JAMES GERALD RAY, who died in 1951 at Hannibal, Missouri. He said that the information concerning his relatives and parents is correct to the best of his knowledge because it was told to him by his mother. He said that he is unaware of where CAROL PEPPER might have obtained her information since she left the mother's home in about 1956 when she was 15 years old. He then stated that prior to his father's death in 1951, he was employed by the railroad (identity unknown), and worked on a farm in the vicinity of Hannibal, Missouri.

He further related that all of the children left home upon reaching the age of 15 or 16 and there was very little family contact thereafter. When the parents separated in 1949, all of the younger children who were then at home went with the mother.

In response to a question as to the reason for his brother's commission of the murder of KING, JERRY advised that he was unable to furnish any reason. He went on to say that during the three or four time that he has talked with his brother in the last 15 or 16 years, JAMES never expressed any particular outward dislike for members of the Negro race. But JERRY did have the feeling that the subject was not particularly fond of Negroes.

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JERRY said that he is not aware of JAMES' present whereabouts and has no idea where JAMES has been since his escape from prison. He said that he has not been contacted by JAMES in any manner. He classifies JAMES as a "loner" and does not know of any member of the family that JAMES would likely contact. The only occupation for JAMES that he is aware of is that of a baker, which JAMES learned in prison.

JERRY informed that he has only seen his brother once outside of prison and that was sometime in 1951. All of his other contacts with his brother have been when either he, JERRY, has visited his brother in prison, or JAMES has visited him while he was in prison. JERRY said that he has no knowledge of his associates other than WALTER TERRY RIFE, who was arrested with his brother and served in prison with him. WALTER RIFE is also known personally to JERRY since they both served time together in the Illinois State Penitentiary, Menard, Illinois. JERRY has no information as to the present whereabouts of RIFE and has not seen him since JERRY's release from prison in 1960. He is of the opinion that RIFE could have returned to Quincy, Illinois. JERRY also knows LONNIE RIFE since he did time in Menard with him, also. He said that the name of ROBERT JOHNS was not known to him.

JERRY advised that to the best of his recollection, he never informed JAMES of his residence address; however, he has received mail from JAMES from prison addressed to Post Office Box 22, Wheeling, Illinois. JERRY said that he obtained this box so that his brother could write to him and that mail from the Penitentiary would not be going to JERRY's employment. He said that he has no reason to believe that JAMES would contact him. JERRY said that he feels that he would cooperate with the FBI in this matter but that it would take considerable thought on his part to turn his brother in. He said that he thought that if he was telephonically contacted by his brother, he would not talk to him but would hang up. JERRY was asked how his brother would know his phone number if he was not aware of his residence and employment. JERRY said that he has no reason to believe that his brother is aware of his phone number, that he never gave it to him and made the foregoing statement about a phone call merely as a matter of conjecture.

He said that he has no idea of the present whereabouts of his brother JOHN, stating that the last time he saw him was in February, 1968, at the McArthur Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri. He said that on this occasion, he and his brother went to their sister, Carol's house and stayed until three or four in the morning. They both returned to the hotel where they had several drinks in the bar and then JOHN left. JERRY assumed that JOHN was staying in the McArthur Hotel but could not furnish a room number nor was he ever in JOHN's room.

He said that he did not know his brother JOHN's present occupation but that he has worked in the past as a bartender, painter and laborer. JERRY noted that JOHN had attended bartender's school in Chicago, Illinois. He said that JOHN, to his knowledge, has never been married. JERRY further related that his brother JAMES also has never married and that he knows of no girl friends with whom his brother JAMES had associated. He said that JAMES would usually pick up a girl in the hotel, or go to a hotel and obtain a girl through the bellboy or patronize houses.

He said that he was not aware of his brother visiting any private doctors but did recall that one time when his brother was in prison, he was sent for psychiatric treatment to Fulton, Missouri. As JERRY recalls, this was for a nervous condition and his brother JAMES was there about a month.

JERRY said that the reason that he went to Kansas City in February, 1968, was to visit with his sister since "she is all the family I have." He denied that he had seen his brother JAMES while in St. Louis. He also advised that he makes the trip from Chicago, Illinois, to St. Louis, Missouri, about once every six or seven weeks.

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JERRY WILLIAM RAY stated that he and JOHN RAY were in St. Louis, Missouri, on February 2, 1968, and were at sister CAROL's residence to visit with her as he has previously stated. He stated that he is of the opinion that his brother JOHN was registered at the McArthur Hotel, but he did not register with him and he was not in his room. He said, to his knowledge, JOHN has never married and has no information concerning a Mrs. JOHN RAY. He did note that his brother JOHN was in the habit of using the McArthur Hotel for occasional dates with women. He assumes that the Mr. and Mrs. JOHN RAY registering at the McArthur Hotel on February 17, 1968, could be JOHN and a woman.

He again stated that the only individuals at his sister CAROL's residence were JOHN, JERRY, CAROL, her husband and their children. JERRY emphatically denied that the subject was present at this occasion or, in fact, any other occasion when he was in CAROL's residence. JERRY insisted that he has no information as to the present whereabouts of either JOHN or JAMES RAY.

JERRY stated that JERRY RAYNES is the step-father of the subject and definitely not the subject's father. He restated that the subject's father died in 1951.

JERRY advised that the last contact that he knew of between WALTER RIFE and the subject was in 1954 at Leavenworth.

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JERRY WILLIAM RAY was interviewed at the Sportsman's Country Club, Northbrook, Illinois. RAY advised he also uses the name of JERRY WILLIAM RYAN and that due to the fact he could never locate a birth certificate in the name of RAY and his mother had used the name RYAN, he registered for the draft under the name of RYAN and has used the name RYAN on all legal documents.

RAY advised since he last was interviewed by the FBI, he talked with his sister, CAROL, on the phone. He stated his conversation with CAROL did not produce any information as to the current whereabouts of his brother, JAMES EARL RAY.

JERRY RAY advised he did not think his brother, JAMES RAY, would contact any of the immediate members of his family, as he felt JAMES would not want to get any of his close relatives in trouble. JERRY RAY stated there was a possibility that if JAMES RAY contacted any relative, he would contact his uncle, WILLIAM MAHER, 118 East 7th Street, Alton, Illinois. MAHER is a painting contractor. JERRY advised both he and JAMES RAY have stayed with MAHER in the past. He stated the reason he thinks JAMES would contact MAHER is that he has stayed with him in the past, however, he is not particularly close to or fond of this uncle, and therefore, he would not be afraid of getting MAHER in trouble from such a contact.

JERRY RAY advised his father's sister, MELBA FULLER, who was married to FRANK FULLER, resides in Quincy, Illinois, and would be able to identify members of the family on his father's side that he, JERRY RAY, was not familiar with. He stated MELBA FULLER is not close to himself or any of his brothers and sisters.

In recalling his brother's habits, RAY stated he is not very familiar with his brother's habits as he has not seen his brother, JAMES RAY, outside of some prison visits since he, JERRY RAY, was age 13. He did recall of past

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conversations with JAMES RAY where he talked of the cheap living in Tijuana, Mexico. JERRY RAY advised as far as he knew, JAMES used to like to frequent "rough house" bars.

JERRY RAY was asked if his brother contacted him would he notify the FBI. RAY advised he did not know if he would call the FBI if he heard from JAMES. He stated he did not feel that he would have this problem because he did not think JAMES would contact him, however, if he did contact him, he felt he would probably immediately hang up the phone so as not to get involved.

JERRY RAY was advised by interviewing Agents of the Provisions of the Harboring Statute. He was told any assistance he gives his brother could possibly be a violation of that statute and interviewing Agents solicited the full cooperation of JERRY RAY in locating his brother to include the immediate contact of the FBI in the event he were contacted by his brother, JAMES RAY.

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At the outset of the interview, JERRY WILLIAM RAY was advised of the provisions of Section 1001, Title 18, United States Code. He was advised that he did not have to talk to the interviewing Agents but that they wished to stress to him the importance of his cooperation and truthfulness in the matter of the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.

It was pointed out to JERRY that he had lied to the Agents in the previous interviews in that the FBI had located his brother, JOHN, and that it would have been impossible for JERRY not to have known his whereabouts. He then stated that he had lied but only in an effort to protect his brother JOHN's investment in a bar in St. Louis. JOHN had put up \$2500 to purchase the bar and JERRY was of the opinion that if FBI Agents harassed JOHN, he would lock up the bar, take a loss and leave. The bar, known as "The Grapevine", is located in St. Louis, Missouri, and is licensed in the name of CAROL PEPPER, their sister. He said that he has no information nor does he believe that JAMES RAY has been in contact with JOHN since his escape from prison in April, 1967. JERRY went on to say that he doubted very much that JAMES RAY was aware of the present whereabouts of JOHN since JOHN was classified as a "drifter". It was pointed out to JERRY that JOHN had been a visitor to the Missouri Prison on the day before JAMES RAY's escape. In answer to a direct question, JERRY then admitted that it would be possible for JAMES RAY to know the location of his brother's tavern. He said that he doubted if JAMES RAY knew his, JERRY's, present employment at the Sportsman's Club, Northbrook, Illinois, but that he might be aware of it since he had written a letter to the Parole Board in which he might have mentioned his present employment saying that he possibly could obtain employment for his brother, JAMES RAY, either at the country club or in the immediate neighborhood. He denied that he had ever furnished JAMES RAY with his present employment. He said that to his positive knowledge, the only way that JAMES could get in touch with

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him was through P. O. Box 22, Wheeling, Illinois, since he, JERRY, had obtained this box for the specific use of his brother since he did not want mail from the penitentiary coming to the country club.

JERRY related that JOHN came to this area sometime around 1964 and stayed for about 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ years. To the best of JERRY's recollection, JOHN first worked at Murphy's Steakhouse, then went to the Rolling Green Country Club and from there to the White Pines Country Club where he was employed as a pot washer. JOHN then went to bartending school in Chicago and went to work for the Indian Hills Country Club in Itasca, Illinois. JERRY is of the opinion that his brother, JOHN, uses the name RYAN.

JERRY said that on April 20 or 21, 1968, he telephonically contacted his sister, CAROL PEPPER, and explained that the uncooperative attitude of both CAROL and JOHN arose from the harassment of the newspaper reporters in the neighborhood and that both were afraid of unfavorable publicity which would adversely effect the tavern business causing them to sell out and move. He said that his sister, CAROL, has told him that she feels that she now has to move from the particular neighborhood where she resides in St. Louis, Missouri. CAROL has commented to him that the picture in the newspaper of JAMES RAY does look something like him. JERRY said that he agrees with this but that felt it could not be his brother because he read in the newspapers that the person sought by the FBI for the KING murder had attended dancing school in New Orleans, Louisiana, in 1964 and 1965, but since his brother was imprisoned during these years, he knew it could not be him.

Concerning his trip to St. Louis, Missouri, in February, 1968, JERRY advised that he stayed at the MacArthur Hotel for one night; he believes the date to be February 2, 1968, and that his brother, JOHN, either stayed in an apartment over the tavern or nearby, but not at the hotel as he previously implied. He said that about every six or seven weeks he drives to St. Louis, Missouri, to visit with

CAROL and sometimes JOHN since they are the only family he has. He denied that his brother, JAMES RAY, had been at this family reunion at this last or any other time.

JERRY advised that he owns two automobiles, one a 1960 light green four-door De Soto which presently is parked in front of the cottage at the Sportsman's Country Club. The other, a 1961 two door white over red Plymouth. Both of these cars were purchased from a stepfather, JERRY RAYNES, who resides on a farm in Center, Missouri. He exhibited a receipt from the Dunhurst Currency Exchange showing that Missouri driver's license R250-6227-822-98-473MO, plus title and registration for 1960 De Soto had been turned in. The receipt was in the name of JERRY WILLIAM RYAN, 2897 Techny Road. JERRY said that he had turned over these items April 24, 1968, and expected to obtain his Illinois driver's license and license tags within the next several days.

JERRY further related that he paid \$200 for the 1961 Plymouth and has owned it for about six months. The car is presently at his stepfather's farm and is not registered. The reason it is not registered is that the title to this car was filed by his stepfather in St. Louis, Missouri, but was not returned. Both he and his stepfather made inquiry concerning the title, but it was evidently lost. JERRY said that he has driven the car to Chicago and in this area on one occasion utilizing license plates from a junk car. CAROL PEPPER has also driven the car on several occasions with the same plates. However, the plates have since been removed from the car and destroyed.

In response to questions concerning Post Office Box 22, Wheeling, Illinois, JERRY reiterated that the only person who has ever written to him was his brother JAMES RAY with the rare exception that he might receive some advertising literature of no consequence. He persisted in stating that that he had received no communications at this Post Office box within recent weeks. After further questioning, JERRY admitted that on April 23, 1968, he received a telegram addressed to him at P. O. Box 22. He then made available a copy of this telegram which read as follows:

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"JERRY RAY

"PO BOX 22 WHEELING ILL

"(RTE WATS CHGO)

"PLEASE CONTACT ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, COLLECT AT 217-224-1710
ROOM 230, OR MYSELF OR GERALD MOORE 312-467-9700. I HAVE A
MATTER OF IMPORTANCE TO DISCUSS AND SOME MONEY FOR YOU

"DICK WOODBURY LIFE MAGAZINE"

He then related that on April 23, 1968, he went to "Life" magazine offices where he was interviewed concerning his brother, other family members and family residences and background. He stated that it appeared to him that what "Life" magazine was interested in was the family history. He also advised that his picture was taken and that for his services he was paid \$150. According to JERRY, his sister, CAROL PEPPER, refused to talk with the "Time" and "Life" reporters but that his uncle, WILLIAM MAHER, cooperated freely. MAHER also told the reporters that SUE (SUSAN DONIAN) had a family album in which there were pictures of JAMES RAY, including a picture in uniform. Concerning SUE, JERRY related that he does not know SUE's present whereabouts and is certain that JAMES also is not aware of her present address. He requested to be informed of her whereabouts which was denied.

He related that his usual day off is Tuesday, and that on occasion, he will go to Northbrook, Illinois, where he gets a train to the Union Station and spends some time in Chicago, Illinois. The evening of April 23, 1968, he spent at the Victoria Hotel, Clark and Van Buren Streets.

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JERRY advised that sometime around September, 1960, shortly after his release from prison, he was unemployed in St. Louis and he was contacted by his brother, JOHN, who told him to come to the Chicago area which JERRY did. He commenced employment at the Rolling Greens Country Club, Arlington Heights, Illinois, from September, 1960, until January, 1962. He then returned to St. Louis, Missouri, and returned sometime in April, 1962, where he obtained employment at the North Shore Country Club, Glenview, Illinois. He also worked for the Olympia Fields Country Club for 13 days and then went to work for the Medinah Country Club until sometime in December, 1963, when he was hit by a car as he was walking along a highway. JERRY spent some time in the hospital as a result of these injuries and then went back to St. Louis, Missouri, with JOHN. He again returned to this area and was employed at the Flossmoor Country Club, from April until September, 1964. At that time, he commenced his present employment at Sportsman Country Club.

JERRY said that he had resided at the Sportsman Country Club except for a short period of time from March to September, 1967, when he resided at 2897 Techny Road, Northbrook, Illinois, with his wife GJERDIS STREET who presently resides on Wisconsin Avenue, Lake Forest, Illinois. He said that while they were married, she had a child, however, this child was by her previous husband. He went on to say that he and his wife separated in August of 1967 and the divorce was finalized on January 25, 1967. Later in the interview, JERRY advised that he was married in August, 1966, and that the divorce was final January 25, 1968.

When questioned as to whether or not he had been married previously, JERRY replied that he hadn't, but that he had lived common-law with CAROL SARTAIN who is presently residing in Morristown, Tennessee. He did know that CAROL is presently married but he did not know CAROL's married name. CAROL and JERRY had one child, MICHAEL, age 6, who is presently living with CAROL's parents, Mr. and Mrs. WILLARD SARTAIN, Route #2, Whitesburg, Tennessee.

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This town is located 24 miles outside of Knoxville, but JERRY does not know exactly where the SARTAINS live. He said that he doubted that the subject would be aware of the SARTAINS identity since JAMES was in prison before JERRY met his ex-wife.

JERRY related that his take-home pay is approximately \$113 per week and that he also receives room and board. He said that he has no money to speak of, at the present time, since all of his savings had been expended in his ill-fated marriage. He said that he sends money to his sister, CAROL, which she deposits in her account to keep for him. He estimated that he has approximately \$200 in that account. He denied that any of his money had been utilized by his brother JOHN in the purchase of the tavern in St. Louis.

JERRY sends money to the SARTAINS spasmodically, about \$50 at a time and estimates that since December, 1967, he has sent them approximately \$150. He also sends clothing and other items for MICHAEL's use. He also advised that he expends a great deal of money on automobiles and since he has been in this area has had at least 12 cars but never seems to be able to purchase a newer model than a 1962. He informed that his marriage "cost him a fortune" indicating that in the first two months he was married, his wife ran up \$300 in phone bills. He also paid \$135 to send her to driving school after which she had three automobile accidents and in one completely demolished one car so that he had to buy another. His ex-wife was also extravagant and spent money freely through charge accounts.

JERRY related that he has never heard of anyone named JAMES DAVID DAILEY, THOMAS BEECHUM CREWS or JUNIOR RAY CONWAY.

JERRY advised that he was not aware that JOHN registered at the Mac Arthur Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri, during the time that he, JERRY, was there. He said that he did know that JOHN used the Mac Arthur Hotel whenever he was able to "pick up a woman". He said that JOHN has never married and has no knowledge that JOHN is presently going with or residing with any particular woman.

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He related that he has no idea as to the present whereabouts of his brother, JAMES, and believes that he is either dead or out of the country. He could offer no reason for JAMES alleged murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr., but did say that JAMES would have to have been paid for this murder in view of the purchase of the car and the dance school payments which JAMES made which information he obtained from reading the newspapers. JERRY did speculate that if anyone did pay JAMES for this murder, it would have to be someone he met after his escape because he doubted that anyone in prison or anyone that he knew in JAMES' life prior to being in prison would have the money or the desire to kill KING. JERRY said that all of the other crimes committed by JAMES were small scores and that he knew he never realized much money from them.

JERRY further related that it is his opinion that JAMES would never get in touch with anyone in the family no matter how bad he needed help.

JERRY RAY was then interviewed by SAC MARLIN W. JOHNSON and ASAC KYLE G. CLARK in an effort to obtain his complete cooperation in this matter. After discussion, JERRY gave his word that he would not lie in the future and that if his brother did contact him, he would contact the FBI. He reiterated that he had no reason to believe that JAMES would contact him.

JERRY advised that he sends his money to his sister, CAROL, because he would spend it if it was available to him. He sometimes sends her his whole paycheck to put in the account. He wants the money to save to put as a downpayment on opening a bar.

Concerning his automobile accident, JERRY advised that he was walking along the highway when he was struck by a car and that he was taken to the hospital at Elmhurst, Illinois, where he was semi-conscious for three days. He

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stayed in the hospital for 13 or 17 days and his pelvis bone had been broken. He entered into a lawsuit in an effort to recover damages, however, he was only paid \$1,00 and believes he owes the hospital around \$400.

He again stated that he had absolutely no idea as to his brother's whereabouts and then advised that if there was anyone else involved in the crime with JAMES, it was JERRY's opinion that JAMES would never divulge this person's identity. He said that at the time his brother received the 20 years' sentence, from which he escaped, he had been offered eight years to turn state's evidence but did not do so. The other person involved with JAMES did turn state's evidence and received a six year sentence. JERRY opined that even if JAMES was offered a sentence, of five years, against death in the electric chair, he would not implicate a partner if in fact he had one.

The following description of JERRY WILLIAM RAY was obtained through interview and observation:

| | |
|-------------------|--|
| Race | White |
| Sex | Male |
| Date of Birth | July 16, 1935 |
| Place of Birth | Quincy, Illinois (No birth certificate, doctor died two days after birth) |
| Height | 5'9" tall |
| Weight | 178 pounds |
| Build | Medium, stocky |
| Hair | Brown, receding |
| Eyes | Brown |
| Scars and Marks | Circle scar $\frac{1}{4}$ " diameter above left eyebrow; |
| Tattoos | "J.R." left forearm outer; "J.R." in scroll right forearm outer |
| Other employments | Knodel Bakery Company St. Louis, Missouri, oven worker, one day, 1963-64; Sunset Sanitarium, St. Louis, Missouri 12 days, 1963-64; Keeshen's, cannot recall working there |
| Marital Status | Divorced |

JERRY then advised that he used the Bell Employment Service, Chicago, since his brother JOHN had used it because the fee was only \$15 or \$30 to locate a job. He then related that he came to Sportsman's Country Club from Flossmoor Country Club where he had been a bar waiter. He said he started out at Sportsman's as a dishwasher and then went to work for the Marx Maintenance Company as a maintenance man in the country club. Sometime thereafter, the country club dropped the maintenance service and hired JERRY. He also advised that his brother JOHN was employed at the Indian Hills Country Club, Elmhurst, Illinois, not at Indian Lake. He then recalled that his brother was also employed at Green Acres Country Club, about $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Sportsman's in Northbrook, Illinois.

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JERRY WILLIAM RAY advised that he had never discussed photography with his brother JAMES and had no knowledge that JAMES was in any way interested in or proficient in photography. He never knew of him to make any comments concerning the taking of pictures of nude women and in fact, never knew JAMES to be particularly interested in women. In this regard, he advised that JAMES never had any lasting attachment with a woman and that he would usually either pick them up in a bar or go to a hotel and contact the bellhop. He knew of no associate of his brother in Atlanta, Birmingham, New Orleans, or Los Angeles. He could offer no suggestions as to the person allegedly contacted by his brother via long-distance telephone calls while on a trip to New Orleans in December, 1967.

JERRY then advised that he had lied previously when he said that his father died in 1961 at Hannibal, Missouri. The true father for all of the children born to JERRY and LUCILLE RAY, RYAN, or RAYNES is JERRY RAYNES, Center, Missouri. He said that his father and other members of the family variously used the names set forth previously but that his father's birth certificate is in the name of RAY. He also advised that his sister, MELBA, now uses the surname of FULLER. JERRY also advised that his paternal grandfather's name is GEORGE RAY.

JERRY advised that he had never heard his brother JAMES mention the name ALFRED GEORGE SCHNEIDER or NEAL AEBY. He said that the only individuals with whom he knew JAMES was friendly with in prison were RALPH "RAT" DAVIS (deceased), WALTER TERRY and LONNIE RIFE. He said that he did not know if JOSEPH "BLACKIE" AUSTIN had done time with his brother but that he was arrested with the subject in Quincy, Illinois, on an armed robbery charge. JERRY said that he was acquainted with AUSTIN while they both were in the Illinois State Penitentiary, Menard, Illinois. He said he thought that AUSTIN is presently on parole but he does not know whether he is in St. Louis or Chicago. JERRY doubts that there is any close contact between AUSTIN and JAMES RAY now.

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by SA RENE J. DUMAINE/jap Date dictated 5/1/68

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Concerning his father, JERRY did not furnish a reason for the various names but said that for the last fourteen years his father has been using the name JERRY RAYNES. JERRY made the statement that "I was about 20 years old before I knew my name."

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Date 4/30/681

JERRY WILLIAM RAY advised that he has no information as to any available photographs of his brother and that the only one he can recall ever seeing was a photograph of his brother in Army uniform. JERRY thinks that the last time he saw that photograph was in 1953 but that he cannot recall who had it.

JERRY said that he considered the \$150 he received from "Life" Magazine as payment for the information for the article, as his brother's and when his brother is found he will give him this money to use for his defense.

He also advised that he gave the phone number of the cottage where he resides to the "Life" Magazine reporter and that the reporter has called him at that number.

He said that he has no information indicating that his sister SUSAN has any type of a family album and in fact, doubts that she does.

On 4/26/68 at Chicago, Illinois File# Chicago 44-1114

by SA RENE J. DUMAINE/jap Date dictated 4/29/68

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JERRY WILLIAM RAY advised that he had accidentally met with his ex-wife, DJERDIS, in Wheeling, Illinois, at which time she told him that she had moved to that area.

During conversation with her about his brother JAMES, DJERDIS asked him if she had ever met him. JERRY told her that she had not and then in further conversation, she pointed out that one of the brothers had been to Northbrook, Illinois, to visit with them when they were married. JERRY told her that this was his brother JOHN. JERRY advised that he thinks that JOHN came to the Northbrook residence sometime in March, 1967, and that he sold JOHN an older model Rambler and that JOHN took the Rambler back to Missouri with him. JERRY is of the opinion that this car is now at his father's farm in Missouri.

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by SA RENE J. DUMAINE/laj

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JERRY WILLIAM RAY advised that from 1948 to 1952 or 1953, he was residing in Quincy, Illinois, and that during 1950, he was sent to the reformatory at St. Charles, Illinois. He said that all of the addresses in Chicago where his brother JAMES resided meant nothing to him and he knew of no acquaintances or relatives of his brother JAMES in Chicago, Illinois. He said that the last time he saw his brother JAMES outside of prison was in 1951. The last time he saw him in prison was in 1964. He said that on several occasions, he had sent money to his brother JAMES while he was in prison and that JAMES had sent him out about \$40 or \$50. He said that this was a total accumulation of three or four amounts sent to him while JAMES was in prison. He did remember that JAMES came to the Illinois State Penitentiary, Menard, Illinois, to visit JERRY while he was in prison.

He said that the names of VERONICA WOODHOUSE and PHILLIP BAKER meant nothing to him.

He furnished CAROL PEPPER's phone number as 311-645-2948. He stated he did not have his brother JOHN's phone number either at his residence or tavern.

Concerning JAMES, he did not know of any country club employment for him in this area. The only schools that he recalls his brother attending were in Ewing, Missouri.

JERRY advised that he had received the 1968 Illinois license tags for his automobile and they are numbered KX 5820. He also stated that he had seen his wife yesterday afternoon which was the first time he had seen her since her divorce. She has never met JAMES but did meet JOHN.

JERRY related that he was leaving for St. Louis, Missouri, about 1:00 p.m. this date and would probably stay with either his brother JOHN or his sister, CAROL. His plans at the present time were to drive to St. Louis and return about 4:00 or 5:00 p.m. on May 1, 1968.

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by SA RENE J. DUMAINE/jap Date dictated 5/2/68

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JERRY WILLIAM RAY advised that he left Chicago, Illinois, at about 1:00 PM, April 29, 1968, driving his 1960 light green Desoto. He became sleepy while driving and stopped at a motel in Braidwood, Illinois, where he slept and stayed until about 4:00 AM, April 30, 1968. He arrived in St. Louis at 9:00 AM that day and went immediately to his brother JOHN's apartment on Lemp Street, where he stayed until noon.

Then JOHN and he went to his sister CAROL PEPPER's residence, where they stayed for approximately two hours. JERRY and JOHN then returned to JOHN's tavern and JERRY said he drank too much beer, became sleepy and feel asleep that evening. He said that he could not recall very much about the evening after he returned to the tavern and that he stayed with JOHN at the apartment until leaving St. Louis, Missouri, about 11:00 AM, May 1, 1968.

JERRY advised that he, his brother JOHN, and CAROL have read almost every article in the newspapers concerning their brother. He commented that while he was in St. Louis this last time, most of the conversation centered around the article in "Life" magazine and that there was no indication in the conversation with JOHN or CAROL that they were aware of the subject's whereabouts or his whereabouts since his escape until September 1, 1967. JERRY was advised that the FBI was very much interested in attempting to determine his brother's whereabouts from the period of time from his escape until he first appeared in Birmingham, Alabama, about September 1, 1967. JERRY advised that he had no information as to his brother's whereabouts either during the above time or his present whereabouts. JERRY explained that JOHN, CAROL's and his own information concerning the whereabouts of the subject came from their aforementioned following of the KING murder in the newspapers and that he noted in one article that his brother obviously, using the name ERIC STARVO GALT, first appeared in a rooming house in Birmingham, Alabama, around September 1, 1967.

On 5/1/68 at Northbrook, Illinois File # CG 44-1114

by SAs JOSEPH M. BURKE
and RENE J. DUMAINE/laj Date dictated 5/3/68

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JERRY denied having any information which would in the slightest way indicate that his brother or his sister aided the subject in his escape and have had any idea of the subject's whereabouts since his escape.

JERRY then stated that his brother JOHN had told him that the FBI had combed a two-block area looking for a JACK GAWRON, since it had been developed that GAWRON had been acquainted with JAMES. JERRY said that JOHN knows that GAWRON has been interviewed by the FBI but JOHN did not indicate to JERRY that GAWRON had ever stated what he had told the FBI.

JERRY said that in the past, he had driven GAWRON around looking at possible burglary scores at which time GAWRON would pay the expenses. To JERRY's knowledge, GAWRON never committed any burglary in any of the places in which they had "cased" and in JERRY's opinion, GAWRON is "living on past glories." JERRY then stated that GAWRON was a name that he probably should have given to the Agents before since he, JERRY, was aware that GAWRON had served time with his brother JAMES. JERRY expressed the opinion that JAMES would not contact GAWRON but believes that JAMES does know GAWRON well, considering him to be slightly "stir crazy." JERRY did not mention whether or not GAWRON and JAMES participated in burglaries together and made no comment as to the closeness of association between them.

JERRY advised that WALTER RIFE was JAME's rap partner in Leavenworth and that he, JERRY, has served time with both LONNIE and WALTER RIFE in Menard.

JERRY advised that he has given the matter of what he would do if his brother contacted him considerable thought. He is now of the very strong opinion that he would assist the FBI if it could be handled in such a manner so as not to compromise him and also if he could be assured that every effort would be made to apprehend his brother without hurting him.

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JERRY WILLIAM RAY advised that of all of the individuals that his brother JAMES committed crimes with, he was probably closer to "BLACKIE" AUSTIN than any other. JERRY said that he has no information as to any association between AUSTIN and his brother since AUSTIN was released from prison and in fact, did not know AUSTIN's present whereabouts. He said that JAMES was also close with WALTER RIFE but did not think JAMES would contact him because WALTER continually brags about everything he does. He said that for the same reason he would doubt that his brother would contact JACK GAWRON although he felt that GAWRON and his brother were also fairly close. He again stated that he did not know whether GAWRON and his brother committed jobs together and expressed the opinion that they did not. JERRY indicated that any information in his possession about the associations of his brother would be mostly speculation because of the lack of contact he has had with his brother outside of prison.

JERRY said that his closest associates at the Sportsman's Country Club were AL WRIGHT, who is married and lives in Mount Prospect, Illinois, and HUEY MALONE, who is single and resides in the same cottage with JERRY.

JERRY advised that he was calling from the pay phone in the cottage and that this is the phone he usually uses for his personal calls.

On 5/2/68 at Chicago, Illinois File # Chicago 44-1114

by SA RENE J. DUMAINE/jap Date dictated 5/3/68

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On April 22, 1968, SAs JOSEPH M. BURKE and ROBERT F. PEVAHOUSE observed a 1960 De Soto, white over green, bearing Missouri license plates CC7-363, parked in front of the employee's cottage at the Sportsman's Country Club, Northbrook, Illinois. This car is known to be operated by JERRY WILLIAM RAY.

On April 25, 1968, the Latent Fingerprint Section, Identification Division, FBI Laboratory, advised that the remaining unidentified latent prints in this case are not identical with finger or palm prints of JERRY WILLIAM RAY, FBI Number 862 651 A.

On May 1, 1968, JERRY RAY was advised by SA DUMAINE that information had come to the FBI's attention that a local newspaper reporter had been able to determine JERRY's employment based upon the information that JERRY had furnished to "Life" magazine. JERRY advised that he had no desire to furnish information to any newspaper and if contacted would not give them an interview. JERRY was informed that the FBI was under no circumstances instructing him not to cooperate with the news media and that any decision in that regard would be entirely his own.

On the evening of May 2, 1968, Mrs. MARGUERITE WELCH, Manager, Sportsman's Country Club, telephonically contacted SA DUMAINE, at which time she advised that there were numerous people from the various news media present at the club attempting to locate and interview JERRY RAY, which apparently was based upon the news stories which appeared in the Chicago "Sun-Times". Mrs. WELCH advised that she was going to see that JERRY was placed in a motel that evening and would release to the newspapers that he had quit his employment and present whereabouts unknown.

On the morning of May 3, 1968, JERRY RAY telephonically contacted SA DUMAINE and advised that he was leaving for St. Louis, Missouri, at about 1:15 PM, that date, driving his 1960 Desoto. He indicated that he would probably stay overnight with his brother JOHN and then stay with his father JERRY RAYNES on the farm at Center, Missouri. He expects to stay there three or four days and will call the country club on May 7, 1968, to see if the news media interest has abated. If so, he will return to Chicago and continue his employment in the club.

REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 25, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-561276 JK

Specimens received 4/22/68

K191 Six handwriting sample forms bearing known handwriting
and hand printing of JERRY WILLIAM RAY

ALSO SUBMITTED: Major case prints of JERRY WILLIAM RAY

Result of examination:

Differences were noted between the "Harvey Lowmyer" signature on Q72 when compared with the known handwriting of JERRY WILLIAM RAY, K191. Because of the limited questioned writing involved and the lack of comparable letters and letter combinations in the known material, a definite opinion was not reached.

It was concluded that the other questioned writings attributed to Eric S. Galt were not prepared by JERRY WILLIAM RAY, K191.

Specimen K191 and the ALSO SUBMITTED material are retained.

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RE: SUSAN JANE RYAN DONIAN
Subject's sister

The following investigation was conducted at Chicago, Illinois, by SAs ROBERT P. BRANNIGAN and THOMAS M. HENDERSON:

On April 20, 1968, Mrs. SUSAN JANE RYAN DONIAN, 3414 Bryn Mawr, home phone 588-1410, housewife, advised that she is subject's sister. She added that when she was in the first grade, she was turned over to an orphanage in Alton, Illinois, where she remained for approximately eight years. She stated she then was sent to a foster home and lived with her foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. ROMAN KLINNER, Rural Route 3, Quincy, Illinois, until she reached 18 years of age. She stated that she then came to Chicago, Illinois, where she was employed as a go-go dancer for approximately two years until she married MICHAEL DONIAN. She stated that she has had no contact with subject and does not believe she would even recognize him. She stated that she has no knowledge regarding whereabouts of her father, and added that her mother is deceased.

She stated to the best of her knowledge, there were nine children in the RAY family and she listed them as follows:

JAMES EARL RAY, about 40 years of age

JOHN or JACK RAY, 36 years of age

JERRY RAY (male), age not known

MELBA RYAN, age 30

CAROL PEPPER age 27



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BUZZY or FRANK RAY, age 24 - deceased (killed in car crash)

Mrs. DONIAN added that there was an oldest girl, name unrecalled, who was killed, details unknown, which girl she felt was the first born in the family.

She added the last time she actually saw subject was when she was in the first grade in Quincy, Illinois.

She stated that in her opinion, the family member closest to JAMES would no doubt be JOHN RAY.

At this time, she supplied the following known addresses of some of the family members:

CAROL PEPPER
St. Louis, Missouri

MELBA RYAN, believed to live in a hotel across from the public library in Quincy, Illinois

She added that her natural grandparents are dead.

She stated that she recalls an uncle, WILLIAM H. MAHER, a painter by trade, residing in Alton, Illinois, who in the past has kept in touch with her brother, JOHN RAY.

Mrs. DONIAN advised that she had no pictures of any of the members of her family.

She added that her natural father remarried sometime when she was in high school and she believes the woman he married is RUBY RAY CARPENTER, who is presently residing in Quincy, Illinois.

She stated that she has not seen her brother, JOHN, for many years and made available three postcards which were written by him, one postmarked 1960 Windsor Ontario, Canada, one marked July 27, 1972, Highwood, Illinois, and

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the other postmarked July 29, 1962, Washington, D. C. She said that this is the last contact she has had with JOHN and added that he is known to be a drifter.

She stated that her husband, MICHAEL DONIAN, is presently employed as the Assistant Manager at Jody's Drive-In, Devon and Kedzie, and his business phone is 743-0744.

Mrs. DONIAN was completely cooperative with the interviewing Agents and expressed a desire to be of assistance to the FBI in this case. She said that she doubts very much as to whether or not the subject knows of her present whereabouts but in the event that he contacts her or she develops any information concerning his present whereabouts, she will immediately contact the interviewing Agents.

She would request that any information furnished by her to the FBI would be on a confidential basis.

On April 22, 1968, Mrs. DONIAN telephonically advised SA RENE J. DUMAINE that she entered the Catholic Charities Home, 1400 State Street, Alton, Illinois, in 1952. She did not know whether or not her brother, MAX, had ever been adopted but that Mrs. HAZEL HAMILTON, Catholic Charities, Quincy, Illinois, would undoubtedly have that information. In discussion, Mrs. DONIAN was informed that one JERRY RAYNES had indicated to Agents that he was the natural father of JERRY and JAMES RAY. Mrs. DONIAN said that she was not aware of this but did recall that her mother supposedly remarried and that this man could be her stepfather. However, both JAMES and JERRY were born prior to this remarriage.

She had no information as to the present whereabouts of her uncle, WILLIAM MAHER other than the fact that she has resided for many years in Alton, Illinois, and has his own business in that town, namely, a painting contractor.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: April 25, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-561483 JK

Specimens received 4/23/68

K196 Three post cards, two addressed to "Miss Suzy Ryan" and the other addressed to "Miss Carol Ryan" bearing purported known handwriting of JOHN RAY, aka JACK RAY

Result of examination:

Differences were noted between the "Harvey Lowmyer" signature on Q72 when compared with the known handwriting of JOHN RAY, K196, but the limited questioned signature and the lack of comparable material precluded a definite opinion from being reached.

It was concluded that the other questioned writings submitted in this case were not prepared by JOHN RAY, K196.

K196 is returned to Chicago. Photographs are retained.

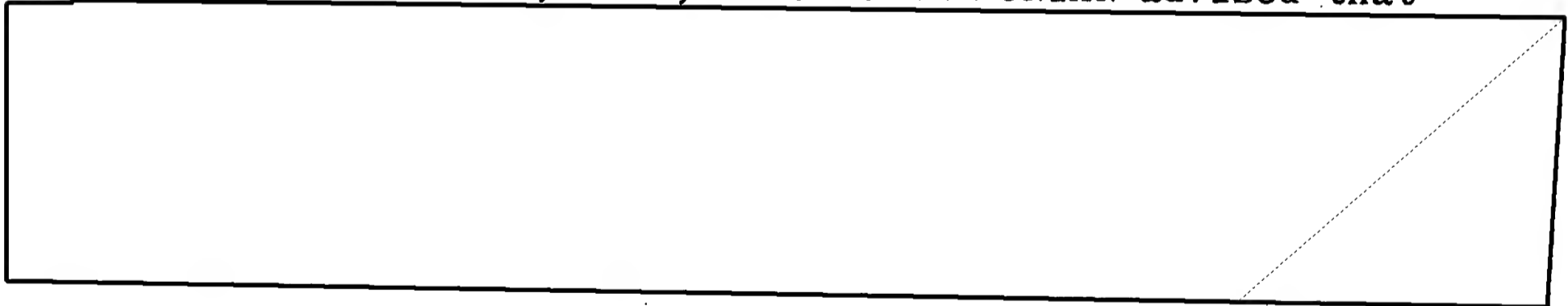
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Continuing contact has been maintained with SUSAN DONIAN by SA DUMAINE. She has expressed her desire to be of assistance to the Bureau but expresses her doubts that the subject has any idea as to her present whereabouts.

On April 25, 1968, Mrs. DONIAN advised that she had been contacted by a representative of "Life" magazine, requesting that she furnish family information and the pictures of the subject in his Army uniform from the family album, supposedly in her possession. Mrs. DONIAN advised the reporter that she did not have any pictures and that she did not desire to be interviewed. Mrs. DONIAN could not understand how the reporter received the impression that she would have pictures of the subject nor where he got the impression that there was a family album in existence. She said that she cannot ever recall seeing a photograph of the subject and knows of no family album.

On the same date, MICHAEL DONIAN advised that he also had been contacted by a "Life" reporter requesting similar type information as from his wife. He said that he also refused to discuss any matters with this reporter.

On April 30, 1968, Mrs. SUSAN DONIAN advised that



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CHICAGO BACKGROUND INFORMATION RE SUBJECT

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Re: CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT,
COOK COUNTY JAIL AND ILLINOIS
STATE PENITENTIARY, JOLIET,
ILLINOIS, RECORDS RE SUBJECT

On April 19, 1968, the records of the above listed police agencies were reviewed and the information concerning the subject which is set forth on the following pages was obtained.

The records of the Chicago Police Department, Bureau of Records and Communications, under card no. 334468 revealed the following information concerning JAMES RAY:

| | |
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| Date and Place of Birth | 3/10/28 Alton, Illinois |
| Height | 5'11" |
| Weight | 155 lbs. |
| Complexion | Light |
| Build | Slender |
| Eyes | Blue |
| Hair | Brown |
| Marital Status | Single |
| Occupation | Laborer |
| Place of Employment Address | 409 East Ohio 8535 Fullerton (9 months) Chicago, Illinois |
| Date and Place of Arrest | 2:55 PM, 5/6/52 19 West Delaware Street |
| Arresting Officers | MC DONOUGH, GREEN |
| Charge | Robbery (Indicted 5/9/52) |
| Complainants | LEWIS KNOX 6945 North Paulina (Cab driver); EARL DOCKER 1015 North Clark |
| Chicago Police Department No. | D90696 |

N. B. MAY 9 1952

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Reg. No. D 90696

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Date of Arrest 5-6-52 19

NAME JAMES RAY Alias

Residence 853 N. FUNKERTON AVE

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|-------------------|-----------|------------|-------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| FOREHEAD | Incln | Age | 24 | Height | 510 | |
| | Height | Nativity | Ind. | Outs. Arms | 96396 | |
| | Width | Occupation | HAB | Trunk | 96396 | |
| | Pecul | Weight | 150 | HEAD { Length Width | | |
| | | Chin | REG | | | |
| | | Ridge | Beard | NONE | Cheekbones | |
| | | Base | Hair | MEDEN | R. EAR { Ear Lgth. Pecul | |
| | | Root | Comp | FAIR | | |
| | NOSE | Length | Married | NO | L. Foot | |
| | | Project | Teeth | FULL | L. M. finger | |
| Breadth | | Build | MED | L. I. finger | | |
| Pecul | | Held | \$3000.00 | Forearm | | |
| COLOR OF LEFT EYE | | Judge | HARDIGAN | Remarks | | |
| | Circle | Officer | GREEN & McDONOUGH | | | |
| | Periph, z | District | 25 | | | |
| | Pecul | Remarks | | | | |

Crime ROBBERY (GUN) Measured by Nulton

| NO. | MARKS, SCARS, MOKS, ETC. |
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| I | GUN SHOT WOUND IN F.A. |
| II | NIL |

Name James Ray

Charge Robbery (Gun).

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May 9, 1952, Held over to Grand Jury, \$3,000.00 Bond.
Judge Hartigan.

Arr. Offs. Green & McDonough, 35th Dist.
WITNESSES

Complainant Louis Knox, 6945 N. Paulina St.,

Trial before Judge Browley 6-4-52 ⁶⁻¹³⁻⁵² Joint Pen #32419 Robb. 1-2 yrs Plea H. Robb.
TRANS. 7-7-52 to P.O. Pontiac, Ill. #1921
DISCH. 3-12-54 EXP. of SENT.
PREVIOUS RECORD

J.B.I. #306443-A

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Susp. 2 yrs Prob 1st 90 day Co J
4-18-50 S.D. Cedar Rapids Ia. Vag.
7-23-51 Alton Ill. No Oper. At Lic City Lic rel to pay later

WANTED

BY Alton, Ill. P.D.
DATE Aug. 26th 1959
CHARGE Robbery Armed
CANCELLED 19.....

DB file
#59-2589

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| WANTED | |
| BY <u>Missouri, St. Louis</u> | |
| <u>Jefferson City Mo.</u> | |
| DATE <u>JUN 25 1967</u> | |
| CHARGE <u>Escaped Convict</u> | |
| WARRANT REGISTER NO. | |

J.C. 64

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| BY <u>FBI</u> | |
| <u>PER FBI BUH. Nov. 67</u> | |
| UNIT | DATE |
| | <u>12 Dec 67</u> |
| CHARGE <u>Unlawful flt to avoid confinement (Robb)</u> | |
| WARRANT REGISTER NO. | |

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RECEIVED
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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
JUN 25 1967

INMATES RECORD - COOK COUNTY JAIL

| INDICTMENT NUMBER | HOW HELD | BAIL | COMMITTED BY | CHARGE |
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| 52 W. 5763 | FULLY COMMITTED | 1500 | HARTICAN | ROBBERY |
| 52 - 1155 | CAPIAS | 3000 | CAPIAS | ROBBERY |
| | | 10000 | | |

Cook County Jail Record

WARRANTS
SPECIAL ORDERS

ENTERED TO PENITENTIARY

SENTENCED TO 52-1155 (1) YR TO (2) YRS

RELEASED JUN 13 1952

JUDGE CROULER
HOW RELEASED SENT TO PENIT.

DATE JUN 4 1952
TIME

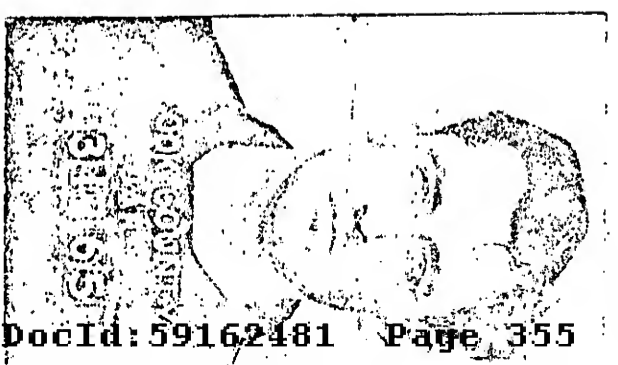
PREVIOUS ARRESTS 0

CONVICTIONS 0

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ADDRESS 853 W. FULLERTON 131163

NAME RAY JAMES
ALIAS
TIME 1 40 PM
CHARGE CODE



C.A.

Doc # 59162481
JAMES

ALIAS JUN 19 1952

ADDRESS 853 W FULLERTON 0-7-5

PERSONAL HISTORY

5-11-54

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IN U.S.A. 24

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4-1-55

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LUCILLE RAYD

214 SPRING ST

QUINCY IL

PHYSICIAN

PHYSICIAN

RECEIVED FRONT

RECEIVED BACK

PHYSICAL HISTORY

USE TOBACCO No

USE LIQUOR yes

USE DRUGS no

KIND OF DRUGS

TUBERCULOSIS

CONDITION OF HEART

CONDITION OF LUNGS

GEN'L PHYSICAL CONDITION

FITS

SCABIES

SYPHILLIS

GONORRHOEA

PHYSICAL CHART

Inertia - Shaker

Bull's Head - Entire

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APFIDAVIT

I, George E. Ray
IN THE COOK COUNTY JAIL, DO HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SAID JAIL, BY HIMSELF OR HIS AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE TO RECEIVE, OPEN AND EXAMINE ALL INCOMING AND OUTGOING LETTERS, PAPERS AND OTHER MAIL MATTER WHICH MAY BE DIRECTED TO ME AS LONG AS I AM AN INMATE IN SAID JAIL.

DATED MAY 9 1952

C. J.

SIGNATURE OF INMATE

SIGNATURE OF CLERK

A. Cassinelli

JAIL OFFICER

STATE OF ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF THE CRIMINOLOGIST
JULIUS DIAMOND FIVE UNIT

SENIOR CAPTAIN
JACKETS
DATE 7-1-52

CLASSIFICATION REPORT June 30, 1952

Name: RAY, James R.

Age: 24

Admitted: 6-13-52

Crime: Robbery

Sentence: 1-2 yrs.

CRIMINOLOGIST'S COPY

OFFENSE:

Inmate was admitted June 13, 1952, under a 1-2 year sentence for robbery, after he had held up a cab driver and then taken the vehicle. He was apprehended by the police who shot him during the capture. He admits his guilt, stating that he did not ordinarily drink but became intoxicated and then had the idea of the holdup and did it. He said he had used a pipe in lieu of a gun, placing it at the back of the driver's body.

PREVIOUS RECORD:

His previous record consists of a two years probation, with three months in the County Jail in Los Angeles in December, 1949 for burglary. Inmate admits he was caught by the manager of a restaurant attempting to enter the premises from a back stairway.

SOCIAL HISTORY:

Inmate was born March 10, 1928 in Alton, Illinois, the oldest of three children in a German-English family. He said the father worked regularly as a railroad brakeman and was a good provider until his death from heart trouble in 1947. He attended grade school at Quincy, Illinois and later returned to an "academy for adults under the G.I. Bill", where he said he had fifteen months intensive schooling in high school subjects. He was in the Army between February 19, 1946 and December 23, 1946 when he was honorably discharged. He was placed in the stockade once for missing a guard detail. He came to Chicago in order to attend school for a short time and said he had one or two jobs, generally at factories, working as an assembler and machine operator and stockroom clerk in order to maintain himself while going to school. Apparently he was somewhat of a solitary person, but said he had occasional dates. He denies any persistent drinking, although admitting occasional alcoholic excess.

PERSONALITY:

Inmate is a 24-year-old, rather small sized, young appearing man, who gives the impression of being sincere in his remarks, yet is actually fairly adept at evasion. He seemingly is a person who has some drive, but has not been able to settle down to just what he wants. He accepts his predicament and should go along uneventfully here. He has no systematic delinquent traits and his future adjustment will depend in part on the character of his institutional maturation.

CLASSIFICATION:

Group VII. Without psychosis or intellectual defect.

Unstable personality. Questionably improvable offender.

Problematic prognosis. Superior intelligence, Army Alpha III. Kahn negative.

RECOMMENDATION:

Pontiac Division.

Inmate has no definite vocational objectives, but has a background of some semi-skilled factory experience. He also shows an interest in high school subjects and seems to be the type who might be interested in trying for a G.E.D. diploma.

W.F. Neeko, Chairman
Classification Board

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF THE CRIMINOLOGIST

PONTIAC UNIT

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Inmate RAY, James E. No. 19121 Age 27 Date 7-19-55

This Professional Summary is being prepared at the request of the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, where this former inmate is serving a sentence of 3 years and 9 months for Forging Money Orders. This request was forwarded from the Joliet Diagnostic Depot. The material in this Summary is derived from the files of the Criminologist and should be regarded as confidential.

Inmate was received at the Joliet Diagnostic Depot 6-13-52, to serve a sentence of 1 to 2 years for Robbery. He had held up a taxicab driver in Chicago, taking his vehicle, and was apprehended shortly thereafter by the police, who shot him during the capture. He admitted his guilt, stating that he was heavily intoxicated and had used a pipe in place of a gun, placing it at the back of the driver's body. He had previously been on a 2-year probation in Los Angeles, California, for burglary, he being caught in the act of entering a restaurant from a back stairway.

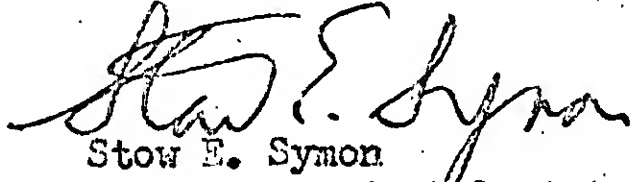
He was born at Alton, Illinois, 3-10-28, the oldest of three children, his father working regularly as a railroad brakeman until his death in 1917. He was raised primarily in Quincy, Illinois, where he graduated from eighth grade and later had some high school training under the G. I. Bill. He was in the Army between 2-18-46 and 12-23-48, when he was honorably discharged for lack of adaptability. He had been in Chicago for a short time prior to the offense, and had had several short term jobs as a factory hand or storeroom worker. He was unmarried, and seemed to be somewhat of a solitary person, with occasional alcoholic excesses.

On the Army Alpha examination, he scored 111, or superior. It was thought that he had no systematic delinquent traits, and segregation at Pontiac was recommended.

At Pontiac, he requested a farm assignment, and was so placed, after a short period in the inmates' kitchen. He worked as a cook in the farm dormitory, and a helper in the officers quarters, and was always considered an average worker. He had no punishment reports.

The latest medical report in our possession, dated 4-30-53, is essentially negative, and he was never referred to the Psychiatrist for any unusual or abnormal behavior. Our office had a couple of routine contacts with him, and it appeared that he had been behaving unstably ever since leaving the Army, and that he was subject to impulsive delinquent behavior in connection with drinking, which, in turn, was related to his tendency to become easily discouraged. Our last contact with him was on 2-19-54.

He was discharged by expiration of sentence on 3-12-54.


Stow E. Symon
Supervising Sociologist

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF THE CRIMINOLOGIST

PONTIAC UNIT

RELEASE PROGRESS REPORT

Name RAY, James E. No. 19121 Age 25 Color _____ Date 2-18-54

DISCHARGE DATE 3-12-54

CRIMINOLOGIST'S COPY

Inmate was admitted to the Joliet Diagnostic Depot on 6-13-52, under a sentence of 1 to 2 years for Robbery, and was transferred to Pontiac on 7-7-52. On 5-14-53, he was given the Max "X" effective 3-12-54.

Inmate makes no physical complaints. He has received no punishment reports.

Inmate received no visits, and corresponds with his mother and brother.

He is now assigned to the honor farm, where he has been almost continuously, except for a brief period in the inmates' kitchen. At present, he is considered a good worker in the officers' quarters, and has been considered a good cook in the past.

His future plans are indefinite, although he will go to Quincy, Illinois, first.

Inmate's delinquencies seem due to impulsive behavior, especially when drinking. There is a relationship to inmate's tendency to be easily discouraged, and this tendency still exists.

Inmate has always been considered to be without psychosis or mental defect and, while in the institution and during the present examination, has evidenced no behavior which might indicate the need for a special psychiatric examination at the present time, although one will be attempted, if possible.

The prognosis is doubtful.

Stow E. Symon
Supervising Sociologist

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PONTIAC UNIT

PAROLE PROGRESS REPORT

Name RAY, James E. No. 12121 Age 25 Color White Date 4-9-53

Hearing Minimum Case Docket May, 1953

CRIMINOLOGIST'S COPY

This report is based upon the usual material gathered at the Diagnostic Depot, our attendance at Staff meetings, the receipt of Work Progress Reports, and one short and one long interview with the inmate.

The etiology of inmate's difficulties is not completely known. He seems to have been highly unsettled after leaving the Army, and we would judge that some traumatic experience occurred which he does not care to tell, or cannot verbalize. He seems to be rather solitary and unhappy, and there have been at least two instances of poorly thought out delinquent behavior connected with drinking.

When admitted, inmate expressed an interest in a farm assignment, and was placed in the inmates' kitchen temporarily, until an opening developed on the farm. He has been assigned to the farm continuously since August, 1952, as helper in the farm dormitory kitchen. The report of 10-21-52 characterized him as average in his attitude and in his ability to get along with officers and inmates. The report of 1-30-53 stated that he was good, as far as attitude toward his work was concerned, and ability to get along with officers and other inmates, but that he was only fair as far as proficiency, initiative, progress and ability to work in the free community were concerned.

He has had no punishment reports.

Little is known as to the associational pattern or friends.

He has had no visits, and corresponds with his mother and brother. If released he will have to be assisted by the Parole Officer.

It is difficult for us to make an adequate prediction in this case. In view of the two known instances of impulsive delinquent behavior connected with drinking, the lack of any indication of change or progress here, and the age at which this pattern was continuing, we would judge that he would eventually repeat this behavior, especially if discouraged.

Much would depend upon his obtaining some sort of placement with which he would be satisfied, and which would place him with people who were taking an interest in him.

The prognosis seems to be problematic to doubtful.

Stow E. Symon
Supervising Sociologist

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/2/68

Captain GEORGE GREEN, who is Watch Commander of the 8th District, Chicago Police Department, 63rd Street and St. Louis Avenue, and who resides at 2942 South Emerald, Chicago, Illinois, furnished the following information:

Captain GREEN shot JAMES EARL RAY in the vicinity of 9 West Delaware Street, Chicago, in May, 1952, while apprehending RAY during hot pursuit following the robbery of a cab driver. Captain GREEN and his partner, Detective JOHN MC DONOUGH, ordered RAY to halt several times. RAY temporarily eluded the police officers by diving through a window through the basement of a residence. When RAY was ascending the basement steps ignoring orders to surrender, he was shot in the right arm by Captain GREEN. The bullet passed through the right arm approximately mid-way between the elbow and wrist. The bullet then grazed left arm. Only one shot was fired in effecting RAY's apprehension.

Captain GREEN further stated that when RAY dove through the window into the basement, he landed in an area where bathtubs were stored and either injured his face around the head area from glass or upon landing in the basement. Captain GREEN opined RAY's wounds in the head area and in the left arm were probably superficial and would leave no scars.

Captain GREEN was unable to suggest the identity of any associates of RAY in the Chicago area.

On 5/1/68 at Chicago, Illinois File# CG 44 1114

by SA ROBERT L. BUCKINGHAM: pas

5/2/68

by _____ Date dictated _____

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/2/68

JOHN MC DONOUGH, retired Chicago Police officer, and now inspector for the Chicago Civil Defense, City Hall, 140 South Dearborn Street, and who resides at 4427 North Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois, stated he could only vaguely recall the shooting and apprehension of JAMES EARL RAY in 1952. MC DONOUGH stated he was unable to recall in which arm RAY was shot by MC DONOUGH's former partner, Chicago Police Department Captain GEORGE GREEN, during the apprehension of RAY following a robbery.

On 5/1/68 at Chicago, Illinois File# CG 44-1114

by SA ROBERT L. BUCKINGHAM: pas

5/2/68

Date dictated _____

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RE: COOK COUNTY HOSPITAL RECORDS

On April 26, 1968, Mrs. GLORIA CARNEY, Clerk, Medical Records Library, Cook County Hospital, 1835 West Harrison, advised the admittance card for subject reveals admission on May 6, 1952, for gunshot wounds. The card lists the address as 853 Fullerton, discharge date not shown. Other records pertaining to RAY on film and there would be no way she could obtain them this date.

Mrs. CARNEY advised on April 29, 1968, that a review of the filmed records pertaining to RAY reveal subject was treated for gunshot wound in left forearm and lacerations of the skull. The record did not disclose specific points of injury. The two-page chart contained strictly medical information as to treatment administered.

RE: BRIDEWELL HOSPITAL

On April 26, 1968, Mrs. MARTY TROTTER, Medical Records Librarian, Bridewell Hospital, 2800 South California, advised that a check of the records immediately available did not indicate any information for the subject. She said that the records for 1952 are presently in storage and that it would take several days to review them due to the shortage of help.

On May 6, 1968, Mrs. TROTTER advised that she had conducted a search of all available records and could not locate any record identifiable with JAMES EARL RAY.

The foregoing investigation at the hospitals was conducted by SA LEONARD F. KACZMAREK.

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RE: VETERANS ADMINISTRATION RECORDS

On April 24, 1968, the Washington Field Office advised that the subject enlisted in the United States Army February 19, 1942, in Chicago, Illinois, and was discharged December 23, 1948. He was assigned Veterans Administration claim number 7661340. File located Veterans Administration Regional Office, Chicago. He also had insurance policy number N19868336. There was no record for the subject at the Veterans Administration Board of Veterans Appeals.

On the same date, Mr. MORT ROTHSTING, Attorney, Veterans Administration, advised SA JAMES W. SWINFORD that the file for the subject is located in the Veterans Administration records at the Federal Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri.

On April 25, 1968, the St. Louis Office advised that RAY had United States Army Serial Number 16163129 and a Veterans Administration claim for education number 7661340. The subject filed claim for education or training allowance on April 19, 1949, at Veterans Administration Regional Office, Chicago.

Additional details concerning that claim were not shown but it was indicated that the rehabilitation and education folder had been retired to the Federal Records Center, Chicago, March 15, 1955. The addresses in the St. Louis file show 5050 North Broadway, April, 1949, and 459 St. James Place, November, 1950, both Chicago, Illinois. No further information noted with exception of miscellaneous papers which verified RAY's military service.

On April 25, 1968, MORT ROTHSTING, Attorney, Veterans Administration, advised SA SWINFORD that the subject's Veterans Administration claim file was inactive since March 15, 1955, was retired to the Federal Records Center, Chicago, and then forwarded to the Veterans Administration Records Processing Center, St. Louis, Missouri.

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WILLIAM CIRONE, Administrative Division, advised same date that the inactive file rehabilitation and education folders, including the subject's, were destroyed approximately two years ago.

On April 29, 1968, Mr. MORT ROTHSTING, Attorney, Veterans Administration (VA), Chicago, Illinois, advised SA SWINFORD that although the rehabilitation and education folder for JAMES EARL RAY under Public Law 86-146 were destroyed, he located a microfilm record of payments received by RAY for training under the aforementioned law. He advised payments were received by RAY from May 2, 1949, to January 31, 1952, during which time VA checks were mailed to RAY at the following addresses:

61 East Cedar Street
Chicago, Illinois

2238 Dayton Street
Chicago, Illinois

2025 North Sedgwick Street
Chicago, Illinois

1429 Cherry
Quincy, Illinois

459 St. James Place
Chicago, Illinois

He advised the identities of the institutions where training was received by RAY were not recorded and the above is the only information on file for RAY with the VA office in Chicago.

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NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION

RE: 853 West Fullerton Avenue

On April 20, 1968, Mrs. ANN MC KAY, wife of President ARTHUR MC KAY, McCormick Theological Seminary, 834 West Chalmers, telephone 281-3540, was contacted by SAs RICHARD J. ZEDICK and JOSEPH DERTINGER, Jr. Mrs. MC KAY advised the residence at 853 West Fullerton is the property of McCormick Seminary and was so during 1952. Mrs. MC KAY stated during 1952 this house was privately rented and may have been sublet to roomers without knowledge of the seminary. During 1952, no students or faculty of the seminary occupied this residence. Mrs. MC KAY advised the present occupant of the house, a Mrs. SCHWARTZBERG(ph), has occupied it since 1966, and would have no information regarding subject.

Mrs. MC KAY advised all faculty members were in a conference and unavailable on this date. However, Mr. POTTS, Treasurer, McCormick Seminary, would review the school's records for the possibility of subject having been a student here and for any further information on the individual who rented the residence at 853 West Fullerton during 1952. Mr. POTTS will advise Chicago FBI of any positive information on April 22, 1968.

On April 22, 1968, Mr. GEORGE E. POTTS, Treasurer and Business Manager, McCormick Theological Seminary, advised SA RENE J. DUMAINE that he had made a complete and thorough search of all of the records of the seminary and had found no student, employee, or any person with any connection with the seminary, which could be considered identical with JAMES EARL RAY under his known aliases.

Mr. POTTS further advised that in the foregoing search of the records, he came up with the fact that the building in question, i.e., 853 West Fullerton Avenue, was leased from March, 1951, to March 14, 1953, by Mrs. BEATRICE

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FOULKS. At that time, she had the phone number of EA 7-2087. Mr. POTTS who was in the same capacity with the seminary at that time, advised that he has no other records or recollection of this woman and no idea as to her present whereabouts. He said that the records also reveal that Miss AIMEE SCHMITZ took over the rooming house in March of 1953 and had some business dealings with Mrs. FOULKS. Mr. POTTS also had no records or recollection of the present whereabouts of Miss SCHMITZ.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA WILLIAM M. O'BRIEN and MICHAEL A. GARRETT at Chicago, Illinois, on April 26, 1968:

Mr. NICHOLAS LANDIS, Owner of the Deming-Clark Radio and Television Shop at 2485 North Clark Street, advised that the building formerly at 459 St. James Place, Chicago, Illinois, had burned down sometime during the winter of 1963. He stated that there is an empty lot at that location at the present time. He stated that he was in this neighborhood during 1950, but cannot recall anyone resembling the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY. He stated that during 1950 there was an apartment house at 459 St. James Place and that the manager of the apartment house was MAX REMICK. He advised that Mr. REMICK is presently deceased but that his wife is presently residing at 910 West Ainsle, Chicago, Illinois.

Mrs. MAX REMICK, 910 West Ainsle, advised that she and her husband, presently deceased, were the managers of the apartment building at 459 St. James Place in 1950. She was exhibited a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that she does not remember whether or not this individual resided at that address. She stated that she did not keep any records regarding the residents at that address and that it would be impossible for her to recall any of the residents from that period of time.

Personal observation by the above Agents in the neighborhood of 459 St. James Place, revealed an empty lot at that location.

Personal observation by the above Agents in the neighborhood of 5050 North Broadway, revealed that the Combined Insurance Company of America occupies the building at that location.

A check of the Criss-Cross Directory for the City of Chicago during 1950 revealed that the address of 5050 North Broadway was occupied by American Television, Inc. The directory also revealed that the address of 459 St. James Place in 1950 was occupied by the following individuals:

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MAX REMICK
Telephone Number LI 9-9550

Premier Coil Cleaner
Telephone Number LI 9-9550

VERONICA WOODHOUSE
Telephone Number GR 2-8009

A check of the records of the Chicago Credit Bureau for VERONICA WOODHOUSE was negative.

BILL SUTTER, Owner of the Kailer-Youngquist Body Shop at 5041 North Broadway, was exhibited a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY. He advised that he has been in business for the past thirty years at this location and does not recognize the photograph of RAY as anyone that he has come in contact with. He stated that as far as he can recall, the Combined Insurance Company was at 5050 North Broadway in 1950.

EDWARD DONALD and MORRIS SCHWARTZ, Managers of the Argyle Liquor Store at 5021 North Broadway, advised that they were at this location in 1950, but cannot recall any person who may have resembled the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY.

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On April 30, 1968, Mr. RALPH NATHANSON, Owner of building at 2025 North Sedgwick, advised SA ROBERT P. BRANNIGAN that he has lived in this neighborhood for the past 25 years. He added that he purchased the building in 1962. NATHANSON stated that subject was unknown to him by name or photograph and added that he has never seen subject in the neighborhood. He stated that he is the only person in the neighborhood who has resided here for the past 25 years.

On April 30, 1968, Mr. EDWARD UNTERBERG, Second Floor Apartment, 2238 Dayton Street, advised SA BRANNIGAN that he has resided at this address for the past eight years. He stated that he did not recognize subject, JAMES EARL RAY, by either name or photograph. He stated that he was familiar with the neighborhood and stated that he has never seen subject in this area. He added that this is a changing neighborhood and that he probably was the only individual in the neighborhood who has resided here longer than five years.

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**RE: NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION
61 EAST CEDAR STREET
2725 NORTH PINE GROVE**

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN P. O'BRIEN on May 1, 1968, in the vicinity of 61 East Cedar Street, Chicago, Illinois, for information that JAMES EARL RAY was known at that location, it being noted that RAY reportedly resided here during the period between 9/13/51 and 5/28/52.

On 5/1/68, investigation at 59-65 East Cedar Street, Chicago, Illinois, determined that this was a large apartment house presently managed by Sudler and Company, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. HERBERT SELL, Janitor, advised he has only been janitor at this apartment since March, 1968. He stated he did not know anyone presently residing here who was here during 1951-1952 but stated he learned that possibly during 1951-1952 period this apartment consisted of approximately four individually owned homes rented as rooming houses. He suggested that possibly Mrs. MARGARETTA REHRMAN, Manager, 33 East Cedar Street, Chicago, Illinois, may have information on this matter as she has been in the neighborhood for years and her husband was the former janitor at 59-65 East Cedar Street, Chicago.

On 5/1/68, Mrs. MARGARETTA REHRMAN, Manager, 33 East Cedar Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised that 59-65 East Cedar Street, Chicago, has been managed by Sudler and Company of Chicago since about 1957. She stated that sometime prior to 1957 four brown stone building occupied the present residence of 59-65 East Cedar Street, and were reportedly owned by one Mr. WILLIS, who is now deceased. She stated during 1961-1966 her husband, JACK REHRMAN, was janitor at this location. She stated she did not know of anyone who was at 59-65 East Cedar Street during 1951-1952 period and noted this location was formerly a rooming house occupied mostly by transient individuals. She viewed a photograph of RAY and stated she had no information concerning RAY, and the photograph was not familiar to her.

On 5/1/68, JACK REHRMAN, Janitor for 33 East Cedar Street, Chicago, Illinois, was contacted at his place of employment and advised he was janitor of 59-65 East Cedar Street, Chicago, during 1961-1966. He advised that to the best of his knowledge the property at 61 East Cedar Street, Chicago, was one of four brown stone buildings that now make up 59-65 East Cedar Street, Chicago. He stated to the best of his knowledge these four brown stone buildings during 1951-1952 were rented out as rooming houses and were owned by one Mr. WILLIS now deceased. He stated he did not know if Mr. WILLIS actually lived in this vicinity and he did not know of anyone in the neighborhood who may recall RAY residing here. He noted that this neighborhood has completely changed and most of the homes have been converted to apartments. He stated a photograph of the subject was not familiar to him. He stated he heard from an unrecalled source that Mr. WILLIS, believed to be the former owner of this property at 59-65 East Cedar Street, Chicago, died approximately four years ago and he did not have any information regarding any relatives of Mr. WILLIS who may have resided here at the time RAY reportedly resided here.

The following investigation was conducted in the vicinity of 2725 North Pine Grove, Chicago, Illinois, it being noted that JAMES EARL RAY reportedly resided here during the period between 9/13/51 and 5/28/52:

On 5/1/68 investigation in the vicinity of 2725 North Pine Grove, Chicago, determined that this was a non-existent address now occupied by the Andora Apartments, 2727 North Pine Grove, Chicago.

On 5/1/68, Mrs. LEE VOJNOVIC, Manager, Andora Apartments, 2727 North Pine Grove, Chicago, advised that this apartment is now approximately three years old, and that two or three large homes, formerly rented as rooming houses, were torn down to make room for this apartment. She advised the subject's photograph was not familiar to her and she had no information concerning the subject, noting that she has only been manager here since the apartment was built. She stated this entire neighborhood has undergone complete change since 1951-1952 and that large apartments now occupy space formerly occupied by family dwellings. She stated she did not know who formerly owned 2725 North Pine Grove in Chicago but suggested that possibly Mr. DONALD COOPER, Cooper Brothers and Associates, 2640 West Touhy Road, Chicago, current managers of the Andora Apartments, could give this information.

On 5/1/68, Mr. DONALD COOPER, Cooper Brothers and Associates, 2640 West Touhy Road, Chicago, advised that his concern purchased property formerly at 2725 North Pine Grove, Chicago, and adjoining property in September, 1963 to make room to build the Andora Apartments. He stated the former owner of the property was Supera Property Management, 1226 North State Street, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. COOPER advised he had no information regarding

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RAY and that RAY's photograph was not familiar to him. He further advised he did not know of anyone residing in the vicinity of 2725 North Pine Grove in Chicago who resided in this area during 1951-1952.

On 5/1/68 unsuccessful efforts were made to contact LOUIS SUPERA, Owner, Supera Property Management, 1226 North State Street, Chicago, Illinois.

On 5/3/68, LOUIS SUPERA was contacted at his place of employment and advised he was the former owner of 2725 North Pine Grove in Chicago during 1951-1952 and recalls he rented this house out as a rooming house during this period. He stated individuals who resided at this location were mostly transients and did not reside here long. He was unable to recall the subject as residing at this location during the pertinent period. He stated he himself did not live at this location but merely rented it out and he had **no information** after viewing a photograph of the subject as to the subject's background or friends. He stated he did not know of anyone who would recall the subject as having resided at 2725 North Pine Grove during 1951-1952 and noted that all records, including rent receipts, have **been** destroyed by him since he sold the property several years ago.

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Re: Previous Employment

On April 22, 1968, Mr. THOMAS CASTRONOVO, Personnel Manager, Sheller-Globe Corporation, 1074 South Kildare, Chicago, Illinois, advised that the Sheller-Globe Corporation is actually the old Dryden Rubber Company. Mr. CASTRONOVO advised that he would be unable to review his personnel records for a period of July to September of 1949, inasmuch as personnel records of the Sheller-Globe Corporation are destroyed after a period of approximately seven years. Mr. CASTRONOVO further advised that there would be no record whatsoever of subject's employment at his company.

On April 24, 1968, Mr. SOL BURROWS, Owner, Neo Products Company, 5400 South Kilbourn, Chicago, Illinois, advised that a review of the personnel files for a period of April through July, 1950, is not possible since personnel records for that period of time have long since been destroyed. Mr. BURROWS furnished the interviewing Agent with an "Employer's Quarterly Federal Tax Return" for the quarter ending June 30, 1950. A review of this return reflects that one JAMES RAY, Social Security Number 334-22-6876 earned \$269.33 at the Neo Products Company during this period. Mr. BURROWS advised that a review of the "Employer's Quarterly Federal Tax Returns" for 1950 reflect that subject was employed from April to the latter part of June, 1950. Mr. BURROWS advised that there was no further information in his files concerning subject and he noted that while subject was employed by the Neo Products Company, it was during the period of time that the Neo Products Company occupied space at 2534 South Kedzie Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and not at its present location.

On April 24, 1968, Mr. WILLIAM JACKSON, Borg-Ericson Corporation, 1133 North Kilbourn, advised that he is unable to locate the employment application for subject. Mr. JACKSON furnished the interviewing Agent with a payroll card for subject. An examination of subject's payroll card indicates he was hired on September 13, 1951, and terminated his employment on May 28, 1952. At the time of subject's

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commencement of employment, he listed his address as 61 East Cedar Street, Chicago, Illinois, and Social Security Number 334-22-6876. It is noted that the address 61 East Cedar Street was subsequently crossed off and in its place was put the address of 2725 North Pine Grove, Chicago, Illinois. A further review of the payroll card indicated a separation notice dated May 28, 1952, indicating that subject's employment was terminated as he was "picked up on suspicion of armed robbery. Held to Grand Jury." Mr. JACKSON advised that there are no other records in his file concerning the subject.

An examination of the telephone directory of Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Chicago, Illinois, for 1968 and 1952 failed to reflect any corporation by the name of Arbey Corporation, Chicago, Illinois. On April 25, 1968, Mrs. ANN TUOHY, Corporation Section, Secretary of State's Office, 188 West Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised that a review of the certified list of foreign and domestic corporations for the State of Illinois for 1951, 1952, and 1968, failed to reflect any corporation by the name of Arbey Corporation.

On April 29, 1968, DAGNY STORVIK, Personnel Manager, Arvey Corporation, 3500 North Kimball Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised that personnel records are kept for approximately six years and at that time destroyed. Mrs. STORVIK advised that personnel records of the Arvey Corporation only go back to 1962. Mrs. STORVIK further advised that some personnel records of top executive employees are maintained to 1955. Mrs. STORVIK stated under no circumstances would she have records dating back to 1950 or 1951 for any employees whatsoever.

The foregoing investigation was conducted by
SA ANTHONY F. DE LORENZO.

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RE: AMERICAN TELEVISION, INC.

On April 25, 1968, the St. Louis Division advised that information has been received from the Springfield Division in a review of the Selective Service records for the subject indicating occupation student, American Television School, St. Louis, Missouri, in April, 1949.

KENNETH K. LANDESS, former District Manager, above school, advised that the St. Louis office was only an enrollment office and that the school was actually located in Chicago, Illinois. The St. Louis office, according to Mr. LANDESS, was closed in 1949 and all records forwarded to Chicago. The subject is not known to Mr. LANDESS.

LOUIS I. KESSLER, 100 West Monroe, Chicago, Illinois, advised SA THOMAS M. HENDERSON on April 29, 1968, that he was the attorney for FRANCIS J. CURTIS, 11 South La Salle, in 1959, for the bankruptcy affairs of American Television, Incorporated. KESSLER stated that CURTIS is now deceased, and he knows of no one to contact re his records. KESSLER stated that the records of American Television would have been in the possession of CURTIS and that upon judgment of the referee, they would have been destroyed in that they are never returned to the bankrupt.

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RE: JAMES DAVID DAILEY

On April 21, 1968, the St. Louis Division advised that DAILEY, FBI Number 4993150, is an alleged former friend and associate of the subject and also allegedly harbored the subject briefly following the Missouri Pen escape. DAILEY is an operator of a restaurant in Portageville, Missouri, and allegedly owns a farm near Portageville or Wardell, Missouri, in boot heel and to be type of individual who would harbor subject. DAILEY denied contact with subject on initial interview and is currently being re-interviewed in an effort to determine if he has a farm and its location.

DAILEY's sister, HAZEL TERRELL, Wardell, Missouri, advised on April 21, 1968, that among his sister is ADA GILES, 1812 North Washtenaw, Chicago.

On April 21, 1968, ADA HORN, formerly ADA GILES, 1517 West Erie, advised SA CHARLES E. BRUNNER and SA ROBERT A. GACCIONE that she and JAMES DAILEY grew up in the vicinity of Wardell, Missouri, and DAILEY very familiar with that area. Any ownership of farm or property in vicinity of Wardell by either DAILEY or the family is unknown to her. She said that JAMES operated the Half Way Cafe, 1514 South Jefferson, St. Louis, Missouri, until about six weeks ago when he moved to Portageville, Missouri, where he purchased a gas station and restaurant, the identity unknown to her. She furnished the following other relatives for DAILEY:

HAZEL TERRELL, General Delivery, Wardell;
LILLIAN JOHNSON, 2012 Sidney, St. Louis;
MAMIE HOOKER, Pascola, Missouri; and
VIDA NEWTON

VIDA NEWTON, who resides with ADA HORN, advised substantially the same information as set forth above. The subject is not known to either HORN or NEWTON by name, description, or photograph. Both claim no knowledge of the subject's association with DAILEY if, in fact, any such association exists.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/1/68RE: FELLOW INMATES

LEE MILLER, 6150 North Kenmore Avenue, Chicago, telephone 338-0153 (unlisted), advised SA LOUIS S. CRAIG on April 30, 1968, that he was an inmate at the Illinois State Penitentiary, Pontiac, Illinois, from about 1951 to 1953. He spent his last year on the honor farm and worked in the kitchen during that time. He stated JAMES EARL RAY was unknown to him by name; however, he recalls a fellow prisoner who worked in the kitchen at the same time he did who resembled RAY by physical description. This individual was older than he was, somewhat on the heavy side and walked with a waddle with his feet pointing out. This individual had foot trouble and when he came to the honor farm, he remembered the front portion of both shoes had been cut out. He continued that this individual was quiet, slow talking, somewhat sluggish and kept to himself. He did not come to know him well and has had no contact with him since he was discharged from Pontiac. He stated he knew nothing of this individual's background and has no idea where he could be located now.

On 4/30/68 at Chicago, Illinois File # Chicago 44-1114

by SA LOUIS S. CRAIG/jap Date dictated 5/1/68

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On May 1, 1968, GUS W. MARZAHN, 1616 West Nelson, Chicago, advised SA ROY W. RHODES, JR., he is the owner and operator of the Midwestern Drapery Service, with offices at his home address. He further stated the photo of JAMES EARL RAY was familiar to him, as someone he has seen before, probably while he was at the Honor Farm at Pontiac, Illinois. He said, however, he recalls nothing about RAY, and doesn't recall having ever had any conversations with him while at Pontiac, sometime around 1952-54, and had no idea of anyone who might have been friendly with RAY. And, of course, he has no contact with RAY since his stay at Pontiac.

On April 29, 1968, CLARENCE P. NILLES, Assistant Superintendent, State of Illinois, Division of Supervision of Parolees, 160 North La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised SA LOUIS S. CRAIG that his files contained the following information regarding EDWARD PAUL RIVERA, #19294, who was incarcerated in Illinois State Penitentiary, Pontiac, Illinois, from September 18, 1952, until he was paroled in June, 1955. His last known address as of May, 1956, was 1621 West Division Street, and his last known employer as of the same date was Savoy Chemical and Drug Company, 16 South Peoria, Chicago, Illinois. He was sentenced to one to five years for burglary on July 25, 1952, and his maximum sentence expired June 17, 1956. His previous criminal record was indicated as follows:

- One term, County Jail, San Antonio, Texas;
- One term, County Jail, San Diego, California;
- One term, Student Training School, St. Charles, Illinois;
- One term probation, Chicago, Illinois.

Record indicated that he was born December 13, 1932, at Chicago, Illinois, was a white male, and in 1952 was 5'6" tall and weighed 124 pounds. His FBI Number was listed as 257 710 A and his Chicago Police Department numbers were listed as D78382 and D91766. There was no indication that he had received any visitors while at the State Penitentiary at Pontiac and the only correspondents were listed as follows:

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JOHN WARD, Friend, 731 West 69th Street,
Chicago, Illinois

Mrs. MARION L. DAVIS, Mother, 6701 South
Halsted, Chicago, Illinois.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA JOSEPH S. REICHART and SA ROBERT KLEINSCHMIDT on May 1,
1968:

Investigation at 6701 South Halsted, in an effort
to locate RIVERA's mother, revealed that this site is presently
occupied by a Standard Oil Service Station. Investigation
to locate JOHN WARD, a friend of RIVERA, revealed that the
only two tenants of that building, Mrs. MARIE COVINGTON and
Mrs. RUBY MAE WILLIAMS, were not acquainted with him and they
further advised that there have been no white individuals
residing in the immediate neighborhood for over eight years.
They advised that the building is presently managed by
Boyd Realty Company, 917 West 69th Street. Investigation at
Boyd Realty Company revealed that that company did not own
the building in question in 1956.

On same date, JOHN J. CERMAK, Vice President,
Savoy Drug and Chemical Company, 16 South Peoria, Chicago,
Illinois, advised that employment records of terminated
employees are destroyed four years after termination of
employment. He advised that a search of records of present
employees and employees who have terminated employment within
the past four years failed to reveal an EDWARD PAUL RIVERA
among those records. He contacted various supervisors but
they were unable to recall from memory any information
concerning EDWARD PAUL RIVERA.

On Same date, investigation at 1621 West Division,
RIVERA's last known address, indicated that this was a YMCA
and their records indicated that RIVERA resided at that
address from approximately September, 1955, to June, 1956.

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They were unable to furnish any information which would be of value in locating RIVERA.

On May 2, 1968, IC RALPH MC CLAIN searched records of the Chicago Credit Bureau but could locate no credit information concerning EDWARD PAUL RIVERA or his mother, MARION L. DAVIS.

A search of the records of the Bureau of Records and Communications, Chicago Police Department, on same date failed to reveal any arrest subsequent to the arrest in 1952, for which RIVERA was incarcerated in the Illinois State Penitentiary at Pontiac, Illinois.

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On April 25, 1968, the Springfield Division advised that ROY WILLIS, Richfield, Minnesota, had stated that he recalled that in 1955, the subject was friendly with a police character by the name of BUDDY BATCHELDER or BATCHELOR who had numerous arrests both in Hannibal, Missouri, and Quincy, Illinois. Investigation at Springfield identified BATCHELDER as MILTON DEAN BATCHELDER, FBI Number 548312B, who is presently in the Illinois State Penitentiary, Joliet, Illinois.

On May 3, 1968, MILTON DEAN BATCHELDER, Inmate number 59756, Illinois State Penitentiary, Stateville Branch, Joliet, Illinois, advised SA GEORGE H. BENIGNI that he has seen repeated photographs of subject RAY since the MARTIN LUTHER KING murder and he is not sure whether or not he has ever had personal contact with him. He said that if he had contact with RAY, it would have been approximately fifteen years ago while he, BATCHELDER, operated a tavern in Quincy, Illinois. He said that he recalls having a patron in his tavern by the name of RAY or RYAN and believes that he was convicted of a criminal charge in Quincy, Illinois, with a RALPH DAVIS, JR., also known as MANNY DAVIS, who currently operates the Manny Davis Construction Company in Quincy.

BATCHELDER stated that he was unable to furnish any additional information on subject RAY due to the passage of time.

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Re: Burglary of United States Post Office
Kellerville, Illinois
March 7, 1955

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN L. HOGAN at Chicago, Illinois, on April 30, 1968:

Mr. E. F. WANDEL, Section Chief, Postal Inspector's Office, made available their file number 35437-MD which reflects the following information:

The Kellerville, Illinois, Post Office, Fourth Class, was forcibly entered between 1:00 and 2:00 a.m. on March 7, 1955. The loss consisted of 66 blank postal money orders numbers 742239535 through 600, a postmarking stamp and a money order stamp.

On March 8, 1955, a money order in the amount of \$45 was passed at Alton, Illinois. The payee was listed as JAMES WALTON and the purchaser was W. C. HERRIN. On March 21, 1955, two money orders in the amount of \$75 were passed at Kansas City, Missouri. The payee was WILLARD J. MC BRIDE and the purchaser was VERNON MC BRIDE. Investigation developed that the person passing these postal money orders drove a 1949 Lincoln two-door sedan, bearing 1955 Florida license 1W25183. The Motor Vehicle Bureau determined that this plate and car were sold on March 12, 1955, at Miami, Florida, to WALTER P. or T. BERRY, Shamrock Tavern, c/o EARL MILLER, Quincy, Illinois.

As a result of the alert on this automobile, WALTER T. RIFE and JAMES EARL RAY were arrested by the Missouri State Police at Hannibal, Missouri, on March 23, 1955. Thirty-four money orders were recovered in the 1949 Lincoln sedan. Both RIFE and RAY readily admitted cashing 32 postal money orders but denied involvement in the burglary of the United States Post Office. In a signed statement, RIFE stated that the name WILLARD J. MC BRIDE and VERNON MC BRIDE were the only names used with the exception of one money order which contained the name JAMES WALTON and W. C. HERRIN. He further stated that after passing a money order at Alton, Illinois, he and RAY drove to Miami, Florida, in his Nash automobile and under the alias WALTER T. BERRY, traded this automobile for a 1949 Lincoln.

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RAY talked freely to the postal inspectors concerning his association with RIFE, their travels together and the passing of instant money orders. He refused to furnish a written statement. At this time, he had known RIFE for a period of approximately one week.

On April 1, 1955, both subjects entered guilty pleas in the United States District Court, Kansas City, Missouri, concerning the forging and cashing of stolen postal money orders and possession of stolen money orders. On July 1, 1955, RIFE was sentenced to three years in prison and RAY was sentenced to 3 3/4 years.

A review of this file reflects that the 32 money orders cashed by RIFE and RAY were cashed at St. Louis, Missouri; Alton, Illinois; Hot Springs, Arkansas; Memphis, Tennessee; Hot Springs, Louisiana; Kansas City, Missouri; St. Petersburg, Miami, Miami Beach, Daytona Beach, Jacksonville, Tallahassee, and Tampa, Florida.

Instant burglary was never solved and the Post Office Department closed their case in this matter. Their file does not contain any background information or descriptive data concerning either RIFE or RAY.

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On April 22, 1968, SA JOSEPH M. BURKE contacted GEORGE PARKER, Deputy Chief Coroner, Cook County, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. PARKER advised that all unidentified bodies brought into the County morgue are fingerprinted by the Chicago Police Department. If the cause of death is from assault or means of violence, the fingerprinting is done by the Chicago Police Department Crime Lab. If the cause of death is for any other reason, the fingerprinting is done by the Missing Persons Bureau. All fingerprints are then sent to the Chicago Police Department, Identification Section.

Mr. PARKER was requested to be alert for the possibility that any unidentified body might be identical with JAMES EARL RAY whose fingerprints were on file with the Chicago Police Department. Mr. PARKER stated that if anyone was brought in who was suspected to be RAY, he would immediately contact the Chicago Office of the FBI.

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INVESTIGATION
RE "HIPPIES"

On April 25, 1968, Special Agents JAMES T. BURNETT and ROBERT CHARLES FAY made a spot check in Chicago's Old Town area as well as on its periphery for restaurants, clubs, rooming houses and other establishments frequently by the "Hippie" element. Photos of JAMES EARL RAY were displayed to individuals in the establishments listed below and they were advised that any information concerning RAY should be immediately furnished to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No positive investigative information was developed.

PETER GAST
John Barleycorn's Pub
2300 North Lincoln

AUDREY BLACK
549 West Beldon (Rooming House)

MAY YARMAN
601 West Beldon (Rooming House)

ROBERT HARLIN
Artful Dodgers Pub
2263 North Lincoln Avenue.

JOHN SMELTON
Golden Cup Restaurant
2351 North Clark

HELEN POURIER
1838 North Wells (Rooming House)

RAY PERSHING
Norwell Fountain
172 West North

JOSEPH PAPAS
Stagecoach Restaurant
1563 North Wells

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The following investigation was conducted by SA ROLLAND J. MC FARLAND and SA WILLIAM P. KINANE on April 25, 1968; at Chicago, Illinois:

Mr. WALLY JONAS, Program Coordinator, Hyde Park YMCA, 1400 West 53rd Street, Chicago, Illinois, was contacted and advised that very few "hippies" reside at the Hyde Park YMCA and he could not personally suggest any such individuals who might be cooperative.

JONAS stated as far as he knew, the "hippies" residing in the Hyde Park area of Chicago generally stayed with their friends and did not live in rooming houses or other commercial establishments.

JESSE TAYLOR, Negro male, 10148 South Eberhart, Chicago, Illinois, was contacted in the Harper's Court area. He advised that most of the "hippie-type" individuals residing in the Hyde Park area were either University of Chicago students or young Chicago people who may have gravitated to that area. When shown a photograph of RAY, he stated in his opinion, this individual would not frequent the Hyde Park area in view of the large number of Negroes who resided in this area. TAYLOR said he could furnish no information concerning RAY.

JOHN JOHN (LNU) and BILL (LNU) were contacted at the Medici Green Door Bookshop, 1450 East 57th Street, and upon viewing a photograph of RAY, stated that they could furnish no information regarding this individual.

RITA (LNU) was contacted at Ahmad's Coffee Shop, 1420 East 57th Street, Chicago, Illinois. She was shown a photograph of RAY and stated she could furnish no information concerning this individual.

A person who refused to give his identity was contacted at 6030 South Dorchester and advised that a number of "hippie-type" individuals had been known to reside at that address in the past but as far as he knew, none of these individuals were from California, Georgia, or Louisiana. This individual was shown a photograph of RAY which he was unable to identify.

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On April 25, 1968, SA ROBERT W. REINKENS and SA DALE D. CONROY contacted the following individuals known to associate with hippies regarding any knowledge they might have concerning JAMES EARL RAY with negative results:

JAMES LATO
"Headland"
1250 North Wells Street
Chicago, Illinois

BONNIE HILL
"The Molehole"
230 West North Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

BILL JAKE
La Piazza Restaurant
Piper's Alley
Chicago, Illinois

ELAINE BLISS
"Sanity"
Piper's Alley
Chicago, Illinois

MEG SMITH
"Garment Industry"
1404 North Wells Street
Chicago, Illinois

ROBERT SALETKA
"Weard Woom"
1450 North Wells Street
Chicago, Illinois

On April 26, 1968, copies of the Identification Order for the subject were given to the commander of the 18th District, Chicago Police Department, for all personnel assigned. This district encompasses the "hippie neighborhood."

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The following investigation was conducted by SA ROLLAND J. MC FARLAND and SA H. PHILIP HEIL, JR. on April 26, 1968, at Chicago, Illinois:

JOSEPH G. MOORE, Owner of the No-Exit Coffee Shop, 7001 North Glenwood, home address 909 Foster Street, Evanston, Illinois, was contacted at his place of employment. He stated that he did not know of any "hippies" living in Chicago who may have come to Chicago from California or Georgia, nor could he furnish any information concerning RAY.

CARLA (LNU) Owner of Retinal Circus, Psychedelic Shop, 7025 North Glenwood, was contacted at her place of employment. She was shown a photograph of RAY but advised she could furnish no information concerning this individual.

GLEN REYNOLDS was contacted at the Hello Psychedelic Shop, 7060 North Paulina, and upon viewing a photograph of RAY, was unable to furnish any information concerning this individual. However, REYNOLDS advised that he would inform all other "hippies" with whom he was acquainted as to the possibility RAY might appear in his neighborhood.

REYNOLDS advised that many "hippies" who arrive in Chicago would establish contacts through the Hello Shop in securing a place to live but he could not recall whether any such individual had arrived from California or Georgia in Chicago.

REYNOLDS stated that he did not know of any rooming houses or commercial establishments in the Rogers Park area of Chicago where "hippies" might reside. He stated many such persons do live in the area but generally with friends.

An individual who would not identify herself was contacted at the Four Heads Psychedelic Shop, 6744 North Sheridan Road. Upon viewing a photograph of RAY, she stated she could furnish no information concerning this individual.

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RE: ILLINOIS LICENSE PLATES ISSUED FOR
INDIVIDUALS WITH SUBJECT'S TRUE
NAME AND ALIASES

On April 19, 1968, ASAC DONALD T. SULLIVAN, Springfield Office, advised that the names and known aliases of the subject were checked through the Drivers License Records and the Motor Vehicle Bureau records, Springfield, Illinois, this date. The following listed information was obtained which is pertinent within the Chicago Division:

1967 Illinois license NG 7263, issued February 14, 1967, to JAMES E. RAY, 935 Sheridan Road, Apartment 3, Winthrop Harbor, Illinois, for 1963 Rambler 4-door, VIN Z113034, no drivers or chauffeurs license number given.

1967 Illinois license LX 4349, issued May 24, 1967, to JAMES EARL RAY, 615 North Water Street, South Elgin, Illinois, on 1958 Pontiac 4-door, VIN P858H7576. This application reflects Arkansas drivers license number 78643.

1967 Illinois license AD 9545, issued May 5, 1967, to JAMES O'CONNOR, 4219 North Mamora, Chicago, on 1967 Volkswagen sedan, VIN 1170436994, drivers or chauffeurs license number 0256-4433-9361.

1967 Illinois license LN-205, issued July 5, 1967, to JAMES C. O'CONNOR, 422 Larkdale Lane, Mount Prospect, Illinois, on 1965 Mercury Station Wagon, VIN 5Z72Y578002, no drivers or chauffeurs license number given.

1967 Illinois license PR 8185, issued May 22, 1967, to JAMES O'CONNOR, 145 West 115th Street, Chicago, on 1962 Oldsmobile 4-door, VIN 628M02939, no drivers or chauffeurs license number given.

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JAMES EARL RAY
1803 13th Street
Winthrop Harbor, Illinois

Records of the Illinois Secretary of State reflect that a drivers license, number R300-44-528064 was issued to JAMES EARL RAY, 1803 13th Street, Winthrop Harbor, Illinois, on February 24, 1967 and expires March 2, 1970. RAY was described as born March 2, 1928, 5'11", 180 pounds, brown hair and blue eyes.

On April 19, 1968, JAMES HARRIS, Manager, Credit Bureau of Waukegan, North Chicago, Waukegan, Illinois, advised Special Agent SHERROD LEE MC DANIEL their records reflect JAMES EARL RAY, and his wife MARGARET, 1803 13th Street, Winthrop Harbor, formerly of 935 Sheridan Road, Winthrop Harbor, were entered in the file in March, 1967, when he was recently retired from the army after 20 years service and was to begin work at Johnson Motors, Waukegan.

On April 19, 1968, RAY ARK, Personnel Office, Johnson Motors, advised JAMES EARL RAY born March 2, 1928, Social Security Number 320-20-1599, 935 Sheridan Road, Winthrop Harbor, with a discharge from the United States Army showing service from December 16, 1946 to February 1, 1967, Serial Number RA 16242515, wife MARGARET, was employed from March 13, 1967 to April 25, 1967 as a stock chaser and positively had to have been at work at Johnson Motors, Waukegan, during that period.

On April 19, 1968, JAMES EARL RAY, 1803 13th Street, Winthrop Harbor, advised Special Agent MC DANIEL and Special Agent JOSEPH B. GRAFF as follows:

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He displayed Armed Forces Identification Card identifying him as the person born March 2, 1928. He advised he was born in Zion, Illinois and resided there until he entered the Army in 1946 and retired in 1967 working six weeks at Johnson Motors and then at Johns-Manville, Corporation, Waukegan, since May, 1967.

The following description was obtained;

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| Born | March 22, 1968 |
| | Zion, Illinois |
| Height | 5'11" |
| Weight | 185 |
| Hair | Brown |
| Eyes | Blue |
| Fingerprints | Left and right index fingers are arches. |
| Relatives: | Mother - Mrs. CARRIE DRAUDT Prescott, Iowa |
| | Father - SYLVESTOR RAY Elyria, Ohio |
| | Brother - CHESTER RAY Milwaukee, Wisconsin |
| | Sister - Mrs. ROY (MARGARET) BROOKS 2912 Ezekiel, Zion, Illinois |
| | Sister - Mrs. PAUL (VIVIAN) EDWARDS 3217 Enoch, Zion, Illinois. |

He has no relatives of which he is aware who might possibly be related to fugitive JAMES EARL RAY . There are other RAY's in Zion who are related and others who are not, but he knows on no cousins who have lived elsewhere nor does he know of a JERRY RAY of Northbrook, Illinois. The only other JAMES EARL RAY he ever heard of was one who was in the army at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, 1950 to 1951, whose salary he sometimes received in error.

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Re: JAMES EARL RAY
South Elgin, Illinois

The following investigation was conducted by SAs LEROY D. FEDERLE and ROBERT C. ROBINSON in South Elgin, Illinois, on April 19, 1968, regarding one JAMES EARL RAY who registered with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Springfield, Illinois, on May 25, 1967, on a 1958 Pontiac four-door, VIN P858H7576. This registration reflects that RAY at that time resided at 615 North Water Street, South Elgin, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. RONALD SCHILLING were interviewed at their residence at 615 North Water Street, second floor apartment, South Elgin, Illinois, and SCHILLING stated he had lived at that address since February 1, 1968, and was employed by the Fox Valley Fence Company, Bluff City Boulevard, in Elgin, Illinois. The Illinois Driver's License reflected he was born March 13, 1939, in Decatur, Illinois, was 5'9" tall, 150 pounds, with blue eyes and brown hair. SCHILLING was honorably discharged from the United States Army, Serial Number RA 17512179. He viewed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, also known as ERIC STARVO GALT, and advised he had never seen RAY and had never heard of anyone named RAY in the area. He stated he rented the apartment from Mrs. ALICE MEYER of 673 North Water Street, South Elgin, Illinois. SCHILLING's wife, MARY SCHILLING, also viewed the photograph and advised she did not recognize the individual.

Mrs. ALICE MEYER, 673 North Water Street, South Elgin, telephone number SH 2-5038 (unlisted), exhibited rent receipt reflecting JAMES RAY rented the upstairs apartment at 615 North Water Street, from May 1, 1967 through the end of September, 1967. She advised that the RAY who rented the apartment did not resemble the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, also known as ERIC STARVO GALT, which was exhibited to her. She advised that her daughter, Mrs. LINDA BERGIN, generally collected the rent from RAY and she knows that during the time RAY resided in the apartment, he lived with his wife and one small child.

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She was unable to furnish a physical description of RAY.

Mrs. LINDA BERGIN, daughter of Mrs. ALICE MEYER, 673 North Water Street, South Elgin, advised she collected the rent from JAMES RAY when RAY resided in the upstairs apartment at 615 North Water Street. She stated the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, also known as ERIC STARVO GALT, was definitely not identical with the JAMES RAY who resided in the apartment. She described the RAY who resided in the apartment as a very very thin individual with a very thin face who must have been over 6 feet tall, had dark hair, a very slender build, and a heavy mustache. She said that he was about 28-30 years of age and supposedly worked at a landscaping or nursery somewhere in the area. She said RAY's wife was a very heavy woman and they had one child and another child was expected shortly before they moved in September, 1967.

Mr. and Mrs. RONALD RICHARDSON, 724 North Water Street, South Elgin, Illinois, telephone SH 1-0636, stated that the JAMES RAY who resided at 615 North Water Street, was definitely not identical with the photograph of the JAMES EARL RAY exhibited to them. RONALD RICHARDSON stated that he recalls that RAY had a 1958 Pontiac, white with blue on the sides, and at one time or other he worked at Illinois Iron and Bolt Company and on some construction jobs in the area. He said RAY was about 6'3" tall, and weighed 140 pounds, at the most and was very unkempt in his appearance and always appeared quite slovenly. He stated that he had little to do with RAY but that RAY would fool with motorcycles with GEORGE MC KUTCHEON who also lives on Water Street and who might know more concerning RAY. He said that the last he knew, RAY supposedly had moved back to California and he left the area near the end of the summer.

RICHARDSON said that he, RICHARDSON, was formerly employed as a police officer by the South Elgin Police Department and that RAY never got into any difficulty with the law in South Elgin while he was in the area.

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Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE MC KUTCHEON, 767 North Water Street, South Elgin, Illinois, stated that they saw JAMES RAY who lived at 615 North Water Street numerous times while he was living in the area with his wife and one child. GEORGE MC KUTCHEON stated that the last he heard RAY was in Texas but that he had not seen nor heard from him since he left in September, 1967. He stated that the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, also known as ERIC STARVO GALT, definitely was not identical with JAMES RAY who resided on North Water Street. He noted that the RAY on North Water Street was one of the thinnest people he had ever seen and was about 6'2" to 6'3" tall. He said that if he recalls correctly, RAY worked for one of the landscaping companies, possibly Mel's Landscaping in the Dundee or Elgin, Illinois.

RE: JAMES O'CONNOR
4219 North Mamora

On April 22, 1968, Mrs. PATRICK WALSH, 4219 North Marmora, advised SA THOMAS M. HENDERSON that she is JAMES O'CONNOR's sister. She said he has been residing at this address for 2½ years, is steadily employed at Union Station, and has never been in any type of police trouble to the best of her knowledge. She said that she knows that her brother was in Chicago on April 4, 1968.

RE: JAMES C. O'CONNOR
422 Larkdale Lane
Mount Prospect, Illinois

On April 20, 1968, Mr. and Mrs. FRANCIS L. MC CANANT, 422 Larkdale Lane, Mount Prospect, Illinois, advised SA GIRARD M. ANNINO that JAMES C. O'CONNOR previously resided at this address. They further advised that the O'CONNOR family approximately one year ago moved to California but have since returned to the State of Illinois and are now living in Arlington Heights. Both Mr. and Mrs. MC CANANT stated that O'CONNOR in no way resembled the subject. They also advised

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that they knew that Mr. O'CONNOR resided at the foregoing address prior to April 23, 1967.

RE: JAMES O'CONNOR
145 West 115th Street
Chicago, Illinois

On April 23, 1968, extensive neighborhood investigation conducted by SA CHARLES W. COUGHLIN developed that the O'CONNOR family had moved from the above address approximately one month ago but had left no forwarding address. They are still residing in the Chicago area someplace on the south side but their address is not known. Investigation further determined that one of the sons, JIMMY O'CONNOR, owned and operated a 1962 Oldsmobile. He is described as a white male, age 20 or 21 years old, and in no way resembles the subject.

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JAMES E. RAY
1229 Gages Lake Road
Wildwood, Illinois

The records of the Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois, reflect that 1967 auto license EN159 was issued January 24, 1967 to JAMES E. RAY, 1229 Gages Lake Road, Wildwood, for a 1966 Chrysler, two-door hardtop, VIN 6L23G63177997.

The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT K. MC QUEEN on April 19-20, 1968:

On April 19, 1968, JAMES HARRIS, Manager, Credit Bureau of Waukegan, North Chicago, Waukegan, Illinois, serving Wildwood, Rural Route Grayslake, Illinois, advised that JAMES E. RAY, born 1919, wife NORA, have been in file for more than ten years with limited credit and limited background information. He said there is no adverse.

On April 20, 1968, Mrs. JAMES EDGAR (NORA) RAY, 1229 Gages Lake Road, wildwood, Grayslake, Illinois, advised her husband was born Ocoober 3, 1919, Nashville, Arkansas, and that they have lived in Lake County, Illinois, for twenty years. They have no relatives in Illinois or elsewhere that she knows of who could possibly be identical with fugitive JAMES EARL RAY. The only relatives in Illinois are her husband's brother, DEWEL RAY, 523 Gages Lake Road, Wildwood, and he has a son whose name is JAMES MACK RAY, residing at 1003 Twin Lake Boulevard, Wildwood, Grayslake, Illinois.

They have never received any mail which might have been misdirected from the fugitive and have never met or heard of any other JAMES RAY who might be identical with the fugitive.

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Re: LOUIS LOMAX

On April 29, 1968, the Los Angeles Division advised that the California Bureau of Identification and Investigations furnished information that LOUIS LOMAX, FBI Number 329 480 A, was sentenced to the Illinois State Penitentiary (ISP), Joliet, Illinois, Joliet Number 29305, from February 10, 1950 to May 9, 1956. He served two sentences for larceny. It is noted that JAMES EARL RAY served at Joliet, Joliet ISP Number 32419, from June 13, 1952, to July 7, 1952, when transferred to ISP, Pontiac, Illinois.

On April 30, 1968, Mr. LOUIS O'SHEA, ISP, Joliet, Illinois, advised SA RENE J. DUMAINE that from a review of the records, there would be no possibility that the subject and LOUIS LOMAX met in the Joliet Penitentiary since RAY was in the Diagnostic Center during his 24-day stay there. LOMAX was in vocational school during 1952 until he was paroled on September 29, 1954. Further, LOMAX served all of his time at ISP, Joliet, and was never in ISP, Pontiac, Illinois.

According to O'SHEA, LOMAX, ISP Number 29305, was released from parole on May 9, 1956. He served time for two concurrent sentences of larceny. The ISP, Joliet, records described LOMAX as a Negro male, born August 16, 1922, Georgia (city not given), 5'9", 170 lbs., slender build, kinky hair, dark maroon eyes, marital status married, wife's name DOLORES. LOMAX has Chicago Police Department Number D72630. The indictment numbers for LOMAX, as shown on the record card, are 492439, 492440 and 492441.

Mr. O'SHEA advised that the foregoing information was obtained from the record card in the Chief Clerk's Office, but that the complete jacket for LOMAX was in storage.

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Re: Alleged Chauffeur for KING
(Identified as KELLY WILLIAMS)

On April 25, 1968, the Washington Field Office advised that ROBERT F. BENNETT, Public Relations, J. C. Penny, Inc., Washington, D.C., advised that he learned from his father Senator WALLACE BENNETT of Utah that on the day before the assassination of KING, a group of industrialists from the Chicago area who have business interests in Utah, gave a cocktail reception for Senator BENNETT. Afterwards, a group of six or seven had dinner at a restaurant with the Senator. One of these persons said a man who used to work for him was the personal chauffeur for MARTIN LUTHER KING and that this man contacted him for advice. The chauffeur stated KING required him to carry over \$200,000.00 in cash in a black bag at all times. The chauffeur was concerned about his job inasmuch as he recognized the possibility of being robbed or KING, himself, being killed for the money. The industrialist advised the chauffeur to quit but to furnish KING another reason for quitting.

ROBERT BENNETT said the host of the dinner, CHARLIE BARR of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, telephone 312-431-6314, Chicago, Illinois, was present and could furnish the name of the person who attended the dinner and formerly employed KING's chauffeur. This individual also related the information about the black bag containing \$200,000.00. ROBERT BENNETT contacted his father, Senator BENNETT, for the name of the individual, who related the above incident, but his father could not recall this person's name.

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Re: Alleged Chauffeur of KING

CHARLES BARR, Executive, Standard Oil of Indiana, Room 359, 910 South Michigan, telephone 431-6314, advised April 26, 1968, he had no recollection of any conversation regarding KING's chauffeur at a dinner party in honor of Senator BENNETT on April 3, 1968, in Chicago, at which party Mr. BARR was the host. Mr. BARR advised the following persons attended this party at the La Tour Restaurant, 400 East Randolph:

Senator WALLACE BENNETT of Utah.

CHARLES HOOD, Executive, Standard Oil of Indiana, Room 359, 910 South Michigan, 431-6314.

ALLEN and Mrs. VIRGINIA MC DONALD, home telephone CL 3-7480. Mrs. MC DONALD is Assistant Chairman, Cook County Republican Party, 235 East Wacker Drive, Chicago.

Mrs. PATRICIA HUTAR, President, Public Affairs Service Associates, Inc., Pure Oil Building, 35 East Wacker, 782-4122.

Miss MARA LATSON, Assistant to Mrs. HUTAR.

Miss BETH GUYER, Assistant to MARA LATSON.

Doctor FRANK WOOLLEY, Research Associate, American Medical Association, 535 North Dearborn, 527-1500, (long-time friend of Senator BENNETT).

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BRIAN DUFF, 618 Maple, Wilmette, home phone AL 1-3815; business 1701 Central Street, Evanston, Illinois, telephone 864-3322, or 869-5421. (DUFF ran for Illinois State Auditor on Republican ticket - not nominated.)

The following who attended Mr. BARR's party were contacted on April 26, 1968:

BRIAN DUFF stated he had no recollection of any conversation concerning a chauffeur of KING. DUFF gave the following seating arrangements for the persons at this party and this listing goes from left to right:

Senator BENNETT, Mrs. VIRGINIA MC DONALD, Mr. ALLEN MC DONALD, BETH GUYER, BRIAN DUFF, MARA LATSON, CHARLES HOOD, FRANK WOOLLEY, CHARLES BARR and PATRICIA HUTAR.

FRANK WOOLLEY stated he attended the dinner party April 3, 1968, for Senator BENNETT, sat with HOOD on his left and BARR on his right; however, he recalled no conversation concerning Doctor KING's chauffeur.

Mrs. VIRGINIA MC DONALD advised no person ever worked for her or her husband who subsequently worked for KING and she recalled no conversation at the dinner party for Senator BENNETT concerning KING's chauffeur.

Mrs. PATRICIA HUTAR stated she heard no conversation concerning KING's chauffeur at the dinner party for Senator BENNETT; however, at the reception preceding this dinner party she recalls hearing such a conversation as related by HAROLD RAINVILLE, Administrative Assistant to Senator EVERETT DIRKSEN. It was her recollection that this story was related by RAINVILLE concerning KING's driver and money maintained by the driver in a bag.

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HAROLD E. RAINVILLE, Administrative Assistant to Senator EVERETT DIRKSEN, 219 South Dearborn, Chicago, Illinois, advised as follows:

RALPH KUNSTADTER, Pediatrician, home 900 North Michigan, office 664 North Michigan, office telephone DE 7-4545, Chicago, Illinois, sometime in the past had advised that he at one time employed a man as a chauffeur who subsequently worked for KING as a chauffeur. This man had been required to carry large sums of money in a bag for KING and this man was scared that someone would rob him of this money. This man had been advised by Doctor KUNSTADTER to contact RAINVILLE but this man failed to so contact RAINVILLE.

Doctor RALPH KUNSTADTER, 664 North Michigan, Chicago, Illinois, advised that for several years his family had employed an elderly colored male, KELLY WILLIAMS, as a chauffeur. Approximately 18 months ago this man had been released from his service by KUNSTADTER because of his physical condition which Doctor KUNSTADTER recalled as being syphillis of the brain. Doctor KUNSTADTER stated this person was probably deceased by now as he was over 65 and on Social Security.

Doctor KUNSTADTER stated he later heard this man went to work for KING but he had no recollection of hearing anything to the effect that this man was required to carry over \$200,000 in cash in a black bag at all times for KING.

KUNSTADTER stated that approximately one year or so ago this man had contacted his family and allegedly had some knowledge of threats which had been made against Senator DIRKSEN. Doctor KUNSTADTER accordingly attempted to have WILLIAMS contact Senator DIRKSEN's office concerning this matter.

It is to be noted that in September, 1966, the Chicago Office conducted extensive investigation concerning a similar story concerning a person who allegedly worked for Doctor KING as a chauffeur and who formerly worked for Doctor RALPH KUNSTADTER. This investigation developed the identity of this individual as KELLY WILLIAMS, full details of which were furnished to the Bureau. No further investigation was conducted at that time due to the readily apparent mental problems of WILLIAMS, coupled with the serious doubts which were cast on his veracity.

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OTHER INVESTIGATION

Re: WILLIAM FERBER or
WILLIAM FARBERS (Look Alike)

On April 18, 1968, at 3:15 PM, CLARENCE PETERSON, Assistant Vice President, Amalgamated Bank, 111 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, telephonically advised that an unknown white male, strongly resembling the likeness of ERIC GALT, appearing in the April 18 issue of the "Chicago Tribune" appeared at this bank shortly before 12:30 PM and requested to purchase a \$10,000 certificate of deposit (savings) for cash. Mr. PETERSON inquired as to whether the unknown male had an account with Amalgamated and was informed that he did not. Mr. PETERSON then proceeded to make inquiry concerning this unknown male's background whereupon he became reluctant to furnish background information and inquired why it was necessary for him to identify himself. Mr. PETERSON informed the unknown male that it was the bank's policy to have some identifying information and background concerning its new customers whereupon the unknown male produced a driver's license issued by the State of Wisconsin containing the name WILLIAM FERBER or WILLIAM FARBERS. The unknown male explained that he presently resided in another state and that this license was the license issued to him when he resided in Wisconsin.

Mr. PETERSON advised he turned the driver's license over on its reverse side to observe the signature which he found was obscured from view by a card containing the words, "National Association of Ballroom Dancers." Mr. PETERSON advised that before he could examine the driver's license any further, the unknown male grabbed it out of his hands stating he could not see why he had to furnish any information about himself. Mr. PETERSON then stated that before he could obtain a certificate of deposit, he would be required to fill out the necessary savings account forms and furnish specimens of his signature which he, PETERSON furnished to the unknown male. The unknown male informed PETERSON that he would fill out the signature cards at the counter and left PETERSON's desk and proceeded to a counter in the lobby of the bank. PETERSON stated that he left his desk temporarily for only a few seconds to report this incident to his superiors and turned around to see if the

unknown male had finished executing the cards and returned to his desk whereupon he found that the unknown male had disappeared from the bank. Mr. PETERSON said that he immediately examined all the waste receptacles in the vicinity of the lobby counter where the unknown male was last observed and failed to find the blank savings account signature cards indicating that these blank cards were apparently not left in the bank by the unknown male.

PETERSON said during his lunch hour from 12:30 PM to about 1:30 PM, he was reading the "Chicago Tribune" and observed the photograph of subject GALT appearing therein and immediately felt that it was a strong likeness of the individual who had just attempted to obtain a certificate of deposit at Amalgamated.

PETERSON described this unknown male as follows:

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| Name | WILLIAM FERBER or WILLIAM FARBERS |
| Sex | Male |
| Race | White |
| Age | About 35-40 |
| Height | 5'8" or 5'9" |
| Weight | 160-170 |
| Complexion | Ruddy |
| Characteristics | Square jaw, clean shaven |
| Eyes | Dark |
| Hair | Brown |
| Wearing apparel | White shirt, three quarter length tan light weight coat. |

Review of Chicago classified and telephone directories failed to locate any listing identifiable with National Association of Ballroom Dancers, however, a copy of the March, 1968, issue of "Ballroom Dance Magazine", published monthly by Dance Magazines, Inc., 268 West 47th Street, New York, New York, discloses numerous advertisements for ballroom dancing throughout the United States, only one of which is possibly identical with National Association of Ballroom Dancers which is "Ballroom Dancers Association, Inc., " 756 7th Avenue, New York, New York.

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On April 23, 1968, the Milwaukee Division advised that the Motor Vehicle Division, Madison, Wisconsin, has three listings under the name of FERBER. WILLIAM A. FERBER and WILLIAM G. FERBER were eliminated on the basis of their dates of birth, which were, respectively, September 9, 1893 and May 16, 1949.

WILLIAM H. FERBER, date of birth December 11, 1918, was eliminated on the basis that Chief of Police HAROLD PHELAN, Hales Corners, Wisconsin, advised that FERBER was arrested February 27, 1965, for operating with an expired drivers license. FERBER has been self-employed in the above town since 1948.

On April 25, 1968, the New York Division advised that the National Association of Ballroom Dancers is unknown to the officials of Dance Magazine, Inc., and Ballroom Dancers Association. Also there is no organization known to these officials that issues orange membership cards. A review of the subscription list did not indicate any subscriber by the name of FERBER or subject.

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RE: LOOK-ALIKE DRIVING BLUE CHEVELLE
BEARING ALABAMA LICENSE 42-7866

On April 18, 1968, Sergeant SAUTZUS, 9th District, Chicago Police Department, telephonically advised the Chicago Office of the FBI that Mr. SOL LEVIN, 7337 South Shore Drive, Chicago, reported seeing an individual resembling the assassin of Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING driving a late model Chevelle bearing Alabama license 42-7866 in the vicinity of 31st Street and South Halsted Street, Chicago, Illinois. Upon interview by SA JOSEPH S. REICHART, Mr. LEVIN stated that a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY somewhat resembled the individual he had seen in the Chevelle; however, Mr. LEVIN was not able to describe that individual in any detail. He did say, however, that the individual was accompanied by a blonde woman.

On April 24, 1968, the Birmingham Division advised that 1968 Alabama license 42-7866 was issued to EDGAR F. BORDEN, Moulton, Alabama. Mrs. WALCIE JOHNSON, BORDEN's mother, advised that her son was last known to be residing at 2344 Sacramento, Chicago, but is in the process of moving to an unknown address at San Angelo, Texas.

On same date, the Dallas Division advised that EDGAR FLOYD BORDEN, San Angelo, Texas, was interviewed on same date and he advised that although instant vehicle is still registered in his name, he sold the vehicle to RUSSELL RALPH, 2344 South Sacramento, Chicago, Illinois. Interview with BORDEN determined him not to be identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

On April 25, 1968, an individual identifying himself as RUSSELL MILLER, 1811 South Ashland, Chicago, Illinois, telephonically contacted the Chicago Office of the FBI and said that he had heard from his friend, EDGAR FLOYD BORDEN, that the FBI was looking for the car that he was driving. He advised that he could be contacted at

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the above address on the following date.

On April 26, 1968, investigation to locate RUSSELL MILLER at the above address proved negative; however, individuals residing at that address stated that the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY did not resemble anyone residing at that address.

On April 29, 1968, RUSSELL RALPH, also known as RUSSELL MILLER, was interviewed at his residence, 2344 South Sacramento, first floor, Chicago, Illinois. He advised that he no longer had the car in question but that he was driving it on April 18, 1968, in the vicinity of 31st Street and South Halsted Street in the company of a blonde woman. Further inquiry revealed that RALPH, born July 22, 1944, at Ypsilanti, Michigan, is 6'1" tall, and weighs 210 pounds. A comparison of the scars and marks and fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY with those of RUSSELL RALPH determined that RALPH was not identical to RAY.

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Re: JOSEPH CLAYTON MONTAGNE

On April 19, 1968, the Springfield Division advised that information had been received from the Jackson Division that the Pascagoula, Mississippi, Police Department stopped an individual driving a white Corvair bearing 1968 Illinois license DG 3109. He identified himself as above. He was accompanied by another white male whose identity was not determined and MONTAGNE indicated he was a musician and the other person indicated he was a seaman, with both heading for New Orleans.

The officer who stopped the above individuals said that MONTAGNE resembled the photograph of the subject.

Indianapolis Division developed from auto registration records that the above license plate registers to RAYMOND HILLBURN, 6039 North Ridge, Chicago, for a 1956 Dodge. No other registration or drivers license information regarding MONTAGNE.

On April 20, 1968, MARIA HILLBURN, former wife of RAYMOND HILLBURN, 4700 Magnolia Street, Chicago, advised SA JAMES W. SWINFORD that HILLBURN purchased a white Corvair convertible, model unknown, approximately two weeks ago and departed the Chicago area for Alabama on April 5, 1968. She further advised that she had been contacted telephonically by her husband on April 19, 1968, at which time he advised her that he is now residing with LUCILLE HASSEY, 130 Patton Street, Montgomery, Alabama, telephone 265-4836. Mrs. HILLBURN advised that her husband in no way resembles the photograph of the subject, nor is she acquainted with any associate of his who could be identical with the subject. She said that the name of JOSEPH CLAYTON MONTAGNE is completely unknown to her.

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RE: DALE BAXTER
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GARY, INDIANA

On April 19, 1968, an anonymous male telephonically contacted SA ROBERT J. DOLAN and advised that he wished to furnish information concerning captioned matter. He declined to identify himself but stated the following individuals, all current residents of Gary, Indiana, are reportedly in possession of information concerning this matter:

DALE BAXTER
Resides 40th and Tyler

SHIRLEE MACKOWIAK
Resides 40th and Tennessee

JACK WEISSBUCH
Resides 4160 Broadway

Caller stated above had been bragging they have information concerning the killing of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING and know the whereabouts of the suspect presently being sought by the FBI. They also said the FBI does not in fact have the actual weapon utilized by the killer but the whereabouts of such weapon is known to the above trio. Caller declined to furnish additional information and terminated the call.

On April 23, 1968, the Indianapolis Division advised that all of the foregoing individuals had been contacted and denied having any knowledge concerning captioned case nor any knowledge concerning the weapon used in this murder.

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RE: TENNESSEE LICENSE BK 1897

On April 19, 1968, Mr. JOHN POWELL, 8655 South Elizabeth, Chicago, Illinois, employment Adolph Levin Company, Incorporated, 5 North Wabash, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed at the FBI Office, Chicago, Illinois, at which time he had furnished the following information:

At approximately 8:40 a.m. on April 18, 1968, Mr. POWELL was proceeding to the Chicago Loop area via the northbound lane of the Stevenson Expressway. Mr. POWELL stated that he exited on the Stevenson Expressway and immediately stopped for a red light at which time he noticed a 1962 or 1963 yellow Pontiac Catalina convertible bearing 1963 Shelby County, Tennessee, license BK 1897. He stated that this vehicle was occupied by a white male, believed to be identical with subject JAMES EARL RAY, and a white female. Mr. POWELL stated that the white female was driving the vehicle and when stopped at the red light, the white female got out from the passenger's side of the car and went around the front of the car to assume the driver's seat. POWELL advised that at this time, he was approximately ten feet away from this individual and he described him as follows: white male, height 6'3" (Mr. POWELL stated that subject could have been much taller than this as he was sitting in a car which is low to the ground and subject was on a pavement incline), early 40's, dark complexion, 190 pounds, brown hair, medium build, no outstanding characteristics or scars, wearing brown long-sleeved sweater with gray "V" down the front. Mr. POWELL was furnished two photographs of subject, one taken in 1952 by the Chicago Police Department and one taken in 1962. Mr. POWELL advised that he was positive that the individual in the photograph taken in 1962 was the person whom he saw in the 1962 or 1963 Catalina convertible.

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RE: LOOK-ALIKE IN CAR BEARING
1967 TENNESSEE LICENSE BW 2739

On April 20, 1968, BERNICE THOMAS, 6140 South Dorchester, telephonically advised SA DANIEL M. CRAWFORD that she had observed a man resembling the subject sitting in the back seat of a car bearing 1967 Tennessee license plates BW 2739. She advised that the car was going north on Milwaukee Avenue at Division Street and that she had a good look at this individual. A man and a woman were sitting in the front seat. She said she had observed this car on the afternoon of April 19, 1968, and did not call until this date because she thought that her friend had called yesterday; however, she found out on this date that no one had called.

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Re: E. M. RAY
Pascagoula, Mississippi

Mrs. DENORE STEWART, 3538 West Hirsch, Chicago, telephonically advised at 4:20 PM, April 20, 1968, that her son GERALD HULTGREN is living in Pascagoula, Mississippi, Box 195, with an individual named E. M. RAY. RAY is unknown to STEWART as to description or background.

GERALD HULTGREN is described as a white male,
6'3", 170 pounds in 1960,

STEWART last heard from her son and RAY telephonically about three weeks ago. These two men were to take a trip to an unknown location. The employment of RAY and HULTGREN was not known to STEWART.

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Investigation Pure Oil Company, Palatine, Illinois

The Atlanta Division advised on April 25, 1968, that Mr. RANDOLPH B. JONES, Pure Oil Company Dealer, Americus, Georgia, advised he sold gas to an individual on April 16, 1968, who closely resembled 1968 photo of JAMES EARL RAY. Mr. JONES described the car he believed the person to be driving as well as furnishing a physical description of this individual. He also stated that he believed the individual purchased gas on a temporary Pure Oil Credit Card, which he believes expires in August or September, 1968. He also advised that the credit card slips were purchases on April 16, 1968, and had already been forwarded to the Pure Oil Company Retail Department, Palatine, Illinois.

On April 26, 1968, Mr. CLYDE E. PHODES, Accounting Department, Pure Oil Company, Palatine, Illinois, was telephonically contacted by SA RENE J. DUMAINE, at which time he advised that the package of credit card slips mailed in by Mr. JONES on April 17, 1968, would already be in the Balance process, Accounting Department, and would take until at least April 30, 1968, to locate. He said it is possible that he would be able to locate the credit card slips mailed in on April 22, 1968. He requested that he be furnished with the Transmittal Slip number used by JONES in submitting the credit card transactions.

On the same date, Mr. RHODES was furnished with the following transmittal numbers:

4/18/68 - 7-0217999
7-0218000

4/22/68 - 7-0217997
7-0217998

The foregoing were obtained from the Atlanta Division in contact with Mr. R. B. JONES. Mr. RHODES advised that he had located all of the credit card slips submitted on April 22, 1968. A review of these slips did not reveal any

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credit card slips for any transaction on April 16, 1968.

In a continuing review of Pure Oil Company records, in conjunction with Mr. RHODES and THOMAS DAVINI by SA ROBERT F. PEVAHOUSE on April 29 and 30, 1968, located the list of credit card invoices submitted by Mr. JONES on April 18, 1968. Credit card purchase number 0882579109 was made by Lt. Col. WILKERSON, however, the invoice itself could not be located and the address was not yet in file. The charge for credit card number 603-855-3685 is another company credit card and the ticket was already been separated elsewhere. No further effort will be made to locate this card in view of the comments made by Mr. JONES. It should be noted that this review did not reveal any purchase made on a temporary Pure Oil Credit Card.

There were purchases made by the following companies:

Americus Utility
Aladdin Insulators
Georgia Highway Department
V. R. Bush Company
Southern Bell of Georgia
Simplex Nail
W. C. Page

The charge for H. O. JONES, JR. was not further checked out since it was in the amount of \$101.43, which could not have been a mere gas purchase.

A review of the credit card slips submitted reveals the following purchases for gasoline on April 16, 1968:

A. U. ARNOLD
RFD Americus, Georgia

JAMES F. TRAINOR
P.O. Box 265
Damascus, Georgia

J. ROY STUDSTILL
212 Daniel Street
Americus, Georgia

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Re: R. TAYLOR
OAK LAWN, ILLINOIS

Investigation regarding the above-named individual was initiated upon receipt of a typewritten postcard by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Headquarters in Washington, D.C. The card was postmarked April 22, 1968, and the Bureau instructed the Chicago Division of the FBI to attempt to locate R. TAYLOR and interview him regarding any information he might have pertinent to this case.

The contents of the postcard are quoted below:

"Dear Sirs,

A lot of us knew J. E. Ray from Fullerton Ave in Chicago. Maybe he did steal cars or armed robbery but he never killed anyone like the Niggers do in riots. We thank him for killing M. King. He was nothing but a trouble maker. If we do see him in Chicago--we will reward him with a couple of thousand dollars--not turn him in. He did us Chicagoans a good turn.

We have an ad in the paper which he will recognize, but you wouldn't the way it is typed out.

We all in Chicago are so happy King is dead (except the Nigger. The Liquor business is at an all time high. We hope he never gets caught so that if R. Abenathy (King's Succesor starts something he will do the same to him. We love J. E. Ray.

R. Taylor"

The following named individuals in the Oak Lawn, Illinois, area were located through credit and police department checks and through a review of appropriate telephone directories. The first four individuals were interviewed on April 26, 1968, and the fifth individual on April 29, 1968 by SA ROBERT F. SWIERCZ.

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- 1) ROBERT C. TAYLOR
8725 Stevens Drive
Oak Lawn, Illinois
- 2) ROBERT R. TAYLOR
6540 82nd Place
Oak Lawn, Illinois
- 3) RONALD P. TAYLOR
7721 Laramie
Oak Lawn, Illinois
- 4) RUSSELL C. TAYLOR
6810 Saratoga Drive
Oak Lawn, Illinois
- 5) ROY G. TAYLOR
5332 State Road
Oak Lawn, Illinois

All advised they had not written or mailed the postcard quoted above, nor could they think of anyone who might have done so.

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RE: TROY EARLS

Following investigation conducted by SA JEROME F. NOLAN on April 26, 1968, at Rockford, Illinois.

CATHY SHARP, Clerk, Rockford Police Department, advised records reflected TROY HERMAN EARLS was charged with speeding September 20, 1962, age 22, white, male, with residence 1063 West State, Rockford - nothing further reflected.

Mrs. VIOLET NORD, Rockford Credit Bureau, advised records reflected TROY EARLS, 4240 11th Street, Rockford, was placed in file July, 1959, at age 19. Employed Elco Tool Company since November of 1958 which was verified March, 1963. Wife, MARY, employed Barber-Colman Company, and as of March, 1963, had two children. Credit excellent.

The foregoing investigation was based on information furnished by the Omaha Division who advised that on April 23, 1968, GREG J. KIBBLE, Chief of Police, Valley, Nebraska, advised he works part time at the Two Rivers State Recreation Area, south of Venice, Nebraska, and that on April 22, 1968, the Superintendent, RICHARD WOLKOW, had advised as follows:

On April 17, 1968, TROY EARLS, 4240 11th Street, Rockford, Illinois, was registered as an overnight camper; he was driving a camper, make not recorded or recalled, Illinois license B 282390.

After viewing TV and newspaper photographs of him, WOLKOW concluded there was some resemblance between EARLS and JAMES EARL RAY, aka, Fugitive, and recalled that EARLS had inquired of him regarding gun laws in the State of Nebraska.

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RE: JOHN H. CARNAHAN (LOOK-ALIKE)

On April 28, 1968, the Milwaukee Division advised that TED WROBLEWSKI, Assistant Park Manager, Interstate State Park, St. Croix, Wisconsin, telephonically advised that he had read an article which set forth that the operator of the Modern Frontier Motel between Mandam and Bismarck, North Dakota, reported a man resembling RAY accompanied by a blonde female and driving a pickup truck registered that motel on April 25, 1968.

In view of this, WROBLEWSKI advised that on April 23, 1968, a white male who gave the name J. CARNAHAN, Skokie, Illinois, accompanied by a blonde female, driving a Ford pickup with camper, Illinois license B 291617, registered at his park.

On the same date, the Springfield Division advised that records, Motor Vehicle Bureau, reveal above license number registered to JAMES MC GOVERN, 10023 West Devon, Rosemont, Illinois, for a 1966 Chevrolet panel truck.

On the same date, Mr. JAMES J. MC GOVERN, above, advised SA ROBERT L. BAKER that he is the owner of a 1966 Chevrolet panel truck bearing 1968 Illinois license B 291617. This vehicle was observed and both license plates were attached. Mr. MC GOVERN could furnish no further information in this matter and was not identical with the subject.

JOHN H. CARNAHAN, 9138 Kilpatrick, Skokie, Illinois, was located and interviewed by SA BAKER. He advised that he and his wife were camping in Wisconsin this weekend and were driving a Ford pickup bearing 1968 Illinois license B 271617 and were hauling a rented camper. CARNAHAN is the owner of Skokie Auto Air Company and is not identical to subject RAY.

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Re: JAMES E. BODKER
14341 South Avalon
Dolton, Illinois

On May 1, 1968, the Atlanta Office advised that CHARLES V. TYSON, Manager, Hertz Rental, Albany, Georgia, stated that at 12:15 PM, April 19, 1968, a white male identifying himself as JAMES E. BODKER, rented a 1967 Ford Galaxie, 4-door, hard top, white over blue, Vehicle Identification Number 7A56C207625, bearing 1968 Georgia license 8J5039. This car was to be used in the vicinity of Albany and returned to Albany, Georgia, on April 22, 1968. BODKER gave home address as above and claimed to be manager of Suburban Motors, address not given. He furnished Illinois drivers license number. Vehicle not returned as of May 1, 1968. Description of BODKER fits general description of JAMES EARL RAY. One Hertz employee states BODKER bears close resemblance to 1968 photograph and believes BODKER could be identical to subject.

The following investigation was conducted by SA THOMAS W. PARRISH on May 1, 1968:

The records of the Dolton, Illinois Police Department were reviewed and contained no information identifiable with BODKER.

LARRY MILLAR, 14341 Avalon, Dolton, Illinois, advised that he is the brother-in-law of BODKER who uses the above address as a mailing address but does not reside at the location. He could furnish no information regarding BODKER's present whereabouts. DONNA MILLAR appeared at the above residence and furnished the same information as her husband. She further advised that on the day KING was shot, BODKER and the rest of the family were attending a birthday party for their mother, Mrs. ZELDA BALDUC, 12357 Ashland, Calumet Park, Illinois. Both stated they would have BODKER contact the FBI if they located him. Both were also advised that the auto rented by BODKER was overdue and that he should immediately advise Hertz.

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Mrs. BALDUC was contacted and verified information given by the MILLARS. She exhibited a photo of BODKER. Comparison of this photo with that of the subject did not appear to indicate any similarity.

On May 2, 1968, BODKER was contacted at the North Side Inn, 125th and Western, Blue Island, Illinois. He bears very little physical resemblance to subject RAY. BODKER exhibited numerous identification to establish his background. Handwriting samples were obtained and appear identical to other signatures going back ten years. He advised that on the evening of the KING murder he was at his mother's home with numerous other guests.

BODKER is presently on parole and has served 5 years, 10 months of a 14-year sentence for voluntary manslaughter; he has also served time for burglary and auto theft. His parole records are maintained with the Illinois State Probation Office. He advised that he returned the Hertz car to their Chicago Office.

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Re Look Alike, O'Hare Airport, Chicago, Delta Airlines, 4/9/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA DANIEL R. HUNTINGTON on May 1, 1968:

LOU MYERS, Field Ticket Office Manager, Delta Airlines, O'Hare International Airport, advised that from his records the two ticket agents working the express baggage check in counter where seat selection formerly was located were JOHN WINNICK and PAUL VANA. MYERS said that Delta handles from four to five thousand passengers a day from O'Hare and advised that the seat selection is now handled, and was at that time handled, at each gate. However, if H. ALVIN SHARPE is a frequent Delta Traveler, he would have recalled that this is where seat selection had been for a number of years.

WINNICK interviewed at length, however, he recalled nothing of incident described. He has seen many photographs of subject, and states he cannot recall any person resembling subject.

PAUL VANA recently married, on honeymoon at the Island of Aruba, off the coast of South America, and unavailable until May 8, 1968.

The foregoing investigation was based on information furnished by the New Orleans Division on April 29, 1968, indicating that H. ALVIN SHARP, Educoin Company, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised that about 2:00 p.m. he went to the Delta Airlines Ticket Office, O'Hare Airport, and while there, observed a man talking with one of the seat reservation agents. SHARP thought he knew this man and then his attention was further drawn to him by the fact that the passenger said he wanted to go to New Orleans but did not want the flight via Atlanta. SHARP spoke to this man, thinking he was his friend, apologized and then noted that this person remained at the counter and seemed to have a "hassle" with one of the two men at the counter. This conversation apparently continued for thirty minutes. SHARP did not see this person again, states he believes this man was the subject after observing a new picture of RAY. SHARP stated the 1968 photo of RAY does not resemble man at airport.

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Immediately upon identification of the murderer of KING as JAMES EARL RAY, contact was established with the various airlines at O'Hare International Airport, with United States Customs and with airlines having international operations. On April 25, 1968, all airlines at O'Hare Airport as well as the O'Hare Detachment of the Chicago Police Department, Immigration and Naturalization Service, and United States Public Health were contacted by SA JOHN W. MORAN and SA DANIEL R. HUNTINGTON at which time supervisory personnel were furnished with Identification Orders and wanted flyers of the subject which they agreed to place in a prominent spot and discuss instant matter with their employees. They also advised that they would insure that the FBI was immediately contacted in the event any employee observed a person that resembled the subject.

On April 24, 1968, Mr. CHARLES G. WARD, District Supervisor, Federal Narcotics Bureau, United States Department of Justice, Room 1836, Federal Building, was contacted by SA CLARK A. HULL at which time he was furnished 25 copies of the wanted flyer for JAMES EARL RAY. Mr. WARD advised that all sources of the Narcotics Bureau would be contacted concerning the subject and should any positive information be received about him or his whereabouts, he would immediately notify the FBI.

All ITSMV cases in the Chicago Division have been reviewed from March 23, 1968, to date where the car was stolen in or near Atlanta, Georgia. To date there has been no indication from this review that the subject was responsible for any theft that area based on Chicago information.

Lieutenant EMIL GIESE, Commanding Officer, Identification Division, Chicago Police Department, was contacted by SA RAMON W. STRATTON on April 22, 1968, with the request that the latent fingerprints presently outstanding in the Chicago Police Department unsolved criminal cases be checked against the known prints of JAMES EARL RAY. On April 26, 1968, Lieutenant GIESE advised that he is continuing the program consistent with the available personnel. He said that he had several thousand latents in file and to this time, he has

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eliminated an estimated 200 to 300. He advised that he is aware of the importance of this matter and is personally spending a considerable amount of time when possible eliminating these latents assisted by three latent examiners when available. On May 3, 1968, Lieutenant GIESE advised that he has eliminated about another 300 prints without developing any that could be identical with the subject.

On April 30, 1968, the Chicago Division instituted personal contacts with all of the country clubs within the territory. The contacting Agents reviewed the employment records of the various country clubs for any possibility that the subject could have been employed at the club at any time and if he had been employed since April 23, 1967. These contacts met with negative results; however, a copy of the Identification Order for the subject was left with appropriate personnel who advised that they would check all individuals who applied for employment in the future and would immediately notify the Chicago Division if there appeared to be any individual answering the physical description and photograph of the subject.

The records of the American Bartending School, 334 South Wabash, were reviewed by SA RICHARD G. STILLING and contact has been maintained with Mr. GERALD R. SANTORO, Director, on a continuing basis in the event that the subject might contact the school.

The records of the American Bartending School were reviewed in an effort to find the attendance of JOHN RAY, subject's brother; however, a search of these records going back to 1962 did not develop any information that JOHN RAY had attended.