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On April 1, 1968, Mr. WILLARD stated he was at his home resting due to inclement weather, but when the weather permitted around 10:00 a.m. he flew back to the Natchez-Adams Airport for the purpose of taking another flying lesson. He was at the airport for several hours, but due to inclement weather he did not rent the Cessna 150 plane and returned home by his Piper J-3 plane.

Mr. WILLARD stated that on April 2 and 3, 1968, he was at his home assisting his wife in the preparation of flower beds and sodding the lawn with St. Augustine grass. In addition he had some work painting his home and remained at home during the entire period of April 2 and 3, 1968.

WILLARD continued that on the morning of April 4, 1968, he again went turkey hunting in the Homochitta National Forest, but was very tired and came home around noontime. He ate, rested and he and his wife, EVA, sometime during the mid-afternoon fished in their pond on the farm. He stated that Mr. CLETUS SEALS, a neighbor, came by the farm pond and noted he and his wife fishing on the afternoon of April 4, 1968, and further that Mr. SEALS could verify that he was home most of the time between the period, March 29 through April 4, 1968.

Mr. WILLARD stated that he and his wife returned to their home between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m. on April 4, 1968, and he cleaned the fish while his wife cooked supper. He pointed out during the evening meal a special announcement came over his television stating that MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., had been shot in Memphis and a later announcement stated that KING was dead.

Mr. WILLARD stated that he has never been affiliated with any Klan or hate-type organization and in fact has a number of Negroes working under his supervision at the gravel pit.

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He stated he is opposed to violence in any form and this is the first vacation he has had in several years working 12 to 14 hours per day.

Mr. WILLARD stated that he has not been in Memphis in ten or more years, does not own a white Mustang and is not aware of who assassinated MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Mr. WILLARD was shown the artist's conceptions of the unknown individuals in this matter and he stated he was not aware of this individual's identity.

The following is a description of WILLARD as obtained from interview and observation:

Name	JOHN RAY WILLARD
Race	Caucasian
Sex	Male
Age	42
Date of birth	[REDACTED]
Place of birth	Natchez, Mississippi
Height	66"
Weight	174
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Ruddy
Marital status	Married; wife, EVA WILLARD
Son	KENNETH WILLARD, at home, age 17
Daughter	DIANNE HAVARD, age 23, married and lives in England
Facial features	Round face with small forehead

From observation and his facial features, WILLARD does not appear to be identical with the artist's conceptions of the unknown subject in this case.

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WILLARD added that he is not aware of the identity of any other JOHN WILLARD or anyone who might have used his name as JOHN WILLARD. He is not acquainted with ERIC STARVO GALT and knows no one by the name of HARVEY LOWMEYER or LOWMYER.

Mr. WILLARD stated he served in the U. S. Navy as a Ships Cook, Second Class, from September 30, 1942, to January 20, 1946, and was honorably discharged under Navy Serial Number [REDACTED]

Mr. WILLARD showed the interviewing agent his gun collection which is as follows:

- 1) .35 caliber Marlin Carbine
- 2) 410 pump shotgun
- 3) 12 guage Remington automatic shotgun
- 4) .22 caliber pistol revolver

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/19/68

Mr. JOHN RAY WILLARD, Route 1, Roxie, Mississippi, was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the inquiry at the outset of the interview.

He was shown a Waiver of Rights form by SA GEORGE P. GAMBLIN which he read, stated he understood and executed prior to conducting the interview.

Mr. WILLARD advised that he is the Field Superintendent and a Co-owner of the Natchez Gravel Company, Liberty Road, Natchez, Mississippi, and works at the gravel pit for the company near his home.

He stated he worked Thursday, March 28, 1968, and from March 29 through April 8, 1968, he was on vacation. WILLARD said on March 29 and 30, 1968, he hunted turkeys alone in the Homochitta National Forest which is directly behind his home.

On Sunday morning, March 31, 1968, he hunted turkeys in the forest with his son, KENNETH WILLARD, age 17. At noon he returned to his home and flew his Piper J-3 plane from the strip in front of his home to the Natchez Adams Airport. There he rented a Cessna 150 and flew solo for about an hour and twenty-four minutes, traveling from Natchez and Vicksburg, Mississippi, and returning. He stated after the flight he returned from the Natchez-Adams Airport to his home on Route 1, Roxie, in his Piper J-3 airplane.

Mr. WILLARD stated that he is taking flying lessons and pilot CHRIS CUMBAS of Natchez Flying Service, Inc., signed WILLARD out on his logbook.

On 4/15/68 at Roxie, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586-542-63  
by SA GEORGE P. GAMBLIN:pdh Date dictated 4/16/68

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/22/68

Located at the Southaven Minnow Shop, Highway 51, just south of the Tennessee State Line in Mississippi, were numerous six packs of Schlitz twelve-ounce beer in the pop-top can, held together in the six pack with a plastic ring, which beer was brewed by the date March 15, 1968. A can of this beer was obtained.

Also located in that minnow shop was a brown paper bag stamped "Homestead. Stubby. 20". One of the brown paper bags was obtained.

BILL and JANE MC LAUGHLIN and their son WILLIE MC LAUGHLIN, the proprietors of that minnow shop, were all interviewed in this matter, and composite photographs of GALT exhibited to them with negative results. Neither they nor LAWRENCE PARKER, a frequent customer to the minnow shop, could identify GALT by photograph, nor did they recall an individual driving a white Mustang with an Alabama license purchasing a six pack of twelve-ounce pop-top Schlitz beer from their minnow shop.

Mr. MC LAUGHLIN advised that GUS (last name unknown), a salesman for the Service Beverage Company of Clarksdale, Mississippi, delivers their beer to them, and that from his records, on April 1, 1968, he purchased 17 cases of twelve-ounce Schlitz pop-top beer; on April 10, eight cases; on April 11, six cases; and on April 15, 1968, two cases.

It was noted that the Southaven Minnow Shop is one-half mile south on Highway 51 from the Tennessee State Line in Mississippi and exactly three miles south of the Oliver Rexall Drug Store on Highway 51, Whitehaven, Memphis, Tennessee.

On 4/15/68 at Southaven, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586-572-64  
by SA JAMES W. SAMMON/bls Date dictated 4/19/68

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Date 4/22/68

LEW HOUSTON, Manager of Service Beverage, a Schlitz Beer Distributor, Clarksdale, Mississippi, advised that all their beer is brewed and sent to them from their Schlitz Brewery in Longview, Texas.

HOUSTON said that GUS THOMPSON is their truck salesman to the Southaven, Mississippi, area and does deliver Schlitz Beer to the Southaven Minnow Shop in Southaven, Mississippi.

HOUSTON said on March 15, 1968, his company received 2100 cases of the twelve-ounce pop-top Schlitz beer from their Longview, Texas, brewery and all of that beer has been distributed.

HOUSTON said that on March 20, 1968, his company was shipped 924 cases of that beer from Longview, Texas, and that he has 35 cases of that particular beer left, which was brewed at Longview on March 15, 1968, which date is recorded on the cans. HOUSTON said that this particular shipment was sent on March 15, 1968, from Longview to him.

HOUSTON said that therefore all Schlitz beer brewed at Longview, Texas, on March 15, 1968, was received by him on March 20, 1968, and that of the 924 cases received, he has 35 cases remaining. HOUSTON said that from his records, the Southaven Minnow Shop on March 21, 1968, received four cases of the twelve-ounce pop-top Schlitz beer; on March 28, 1968, five cases; and on March 30, 1968, twelve cases. HOUSTON said that that beer received at the Southaven Minnow Shop would have been a portion of the beer brewed in Longview, Texas, on March 15, 1968, and received by him in Clarksdale on March 20, 1968.

On 4/17/68 at Clarksdale, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586-572-65  
by SA JAMES W. SAMMON/bls Date dictated 4/19/68

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/22/68

GROVER KINNY, Stock Manager, Pettis Company, Oxford, Mississippi, was contacted concerning the distribution of a Number 20 brown paper bag with the name "Homestead Stubby" written on it, at which time KINNY furnished the following information:

KINNY advised that Pettis Cigar Company buys a Number 20 brown paper bag bearing the name "Homestead Stubby" from the Graham Paper Company in Memphis.

KINNY advised that distribution to stores in the extreme northern part of Mississippi is handled by Senatobia Tobacco Company, in Senatobia, Mississippi, which is a branch of Pettis Cigar Company, and that specific information concerning the sale of this bag would have to be obtained from Senatobia Tobacco.

On 4/18/68 at OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI File # Jackson 157-9586-542-67  
by SA WILLIAM P. LAWLER, JR. /jdh Date dictated 4/19/68

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/22/68

Mr. V. P. WAIT, Manager, Senatobia Tobacco Company, was interviewed concerning the distribution of a Number 20 brown paper bag with the name "Homestead Stubby" written on it, at which time WAIT furnished the following information:

WAIT advised that Senatobia Tobacco Company is a branch of Pettis Cigar Company and that they (Senatobia Tobacco) do handle a Number 20 brown paper bag with the name "Homestead Stubby" on it.

WAIT advised that the Southaven Minnow Shop, located on Route 51, adjacent to the Mississippi - Tennessee State Line, is the only store that is presently purchasing this bag. WAIT stated that the Southaven Minnow Shop has presently been purchasing about 250 of these bags every two weeks.

WAIT further advised that the Southaven Minnow Shop is the only store that is presently buying that particular bag in that area. WAIT stated that the "Market Place", located on Route 51, across from the Southaven Minnow Shop, had purchased this particular bag around Christmas of 1967, but this had only been a one time order.

WAIT advised that the closest store to the Southaven Minnow Shop that is presently using this particular bag is Treadways Grocery, which is in Cockrum, Mississippi, in the southern part of DeSoto County.

On 4/18/68 at SENATOBIA, MISSISSIPPI File # Jackson 157-9586-572-66  
by SA WILLIAM P. LAWLER, JR. /jdh Date dictated 4/19/68

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/22/68

DONALD DICKSON was located in Stray Horn, Mississippi, at the sight of the construction of a water tower. DICKSON said that he has been in the Senatobia, Mississippi, area for the past three weeks and that he is employed for R. D. Cole Manufacturing Company of Newnan, Georgia, which company constructs water towers. DICKSON said he has been so employed for the past nine years and is a foreman of that company.

DICKSON said that on April 4, 1968, he was in bed asleep at the Thrift Courts Motel in Senatobia, Mississippi, when one of his employees came into the room advising him that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING had been shot and killed in Memphis, Tennessee. DICKSON said that an employee, TOM CANNON, and DOUG IVEY can vouch for his presence at the motel when KING was assassinated. DICKSON said that his 1967 white Mustang automobile was parked at the motel at that time.

DICKSON said that he is not responsible for the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, nor can he furnish any information in that regard.

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

Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Age:	29
Date of Birth:	
Place of Birth:	Fayetteville, Georgia
Residence:	Route 1, Fayetteville, Georgia
Height:	6 feet
Weight:	160
Eyes:	Brown

On 4/10/68 at Stray Horn, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586-572-68  
by SA JAMES W. SAMMON/bls Date dictated 4/15/68

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Hair:	Light brown, short, curly, and parted
Complexion:	Ruddy
Build:	Slender
Education:	10th grade
Marital Status:	Single
Military Service:	U.S. Army, [REDACTED] from 1961 to 1963 - honorable
Employment:	Foreman for R.D. Cole Manufacturing Company, Newnan, Georgia, for past nine years
Automobile:	1967 white Mustang, 1968 Georgia license 112-D-484
Previous Arrests:	No admits

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 19, 1968

WILLIAM E. REYNOLDS, Route One, Burnsville, Mississippi, after being advised of the nature of the inquiry and the identity of the interviewing Agent, advised that on April 4, 1968, he visited Memphis, Tennessee, and stayed at the Linden Lodge Motel in Room 206 and checked out of the motel on April 5, 1968. Mr. REYNOLDS recalled that when he checked into the motel, he listed his license number as Mississippi N1126 inadvertently and stated that his correct license number is F/6 N1128. He described his vehicle as a 1965 black Ford pickup.

Mr. REYNOLDS stated that his reason for being in Memphis, Tennessee, was for an appointment he had at the Kennedy Veterans Administration Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee. He stated he is drawing 100 percent disability social security benefits plus 40 percent Veterans Administration benefits.

Concerning his whereabouts on April 4, 1968, he stated that at approximately 6:00 p.m., he was in his room watching television. Mr. REYNOLDS denied any knowledge of the individual(s) responsible for the shooting of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING and stated that he did not know anything about the shooting until he saw it on television at approximately 6:00 p.m.

The following description of REYNOLDS was obtained through interview and observation:

Name	WILLIAM E. REYNOLDS
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5 feet 11½ inches
Weight	185 pounds

On 4/12/68 at Burnsville, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586-572-69  
by SA FRANCIS G. HONAN /blw Date dictated 4/16/68

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Hair	Brown (brush cut)
Eyes	Blue
Date of Birth	[REDACTED]
Place of Birth	Springfield, Missouri
Residence	Route One Burnsville, Mississippi
Military Service	U. S. Marine Corps, Serial No. [REDACTED]
Father-in-law	ERNEST F. SMITH Route One Burnsville, Mississippi
Automobiles	1965 black Ford pickup truck; 1968 Mississippi License F/6 N1128.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/15/68

HENRY BOYETTE, after being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and the purpose of the interview, was interrogated at 819 Harrison Street, Tupelo, Mississippi.

Mr. BOYETTE advised that he normally just uses the name HENRY BOYETTE but his full name is HENRY JUNIOR BOYETTE and he currently resides at 1003 Van Buren Street, Tupelo, Mississippi.

Mr. BOYETTE advised that he is District Sales Manager in Tupelo, Mississippi, for the American and Efird Thread Mills, Incorporated, 819 Harrison Street, Tupelo, Mississippi, with their home office in Mount Holly, North Carolina. He stated that on April 3, 1968, he left his home with his wife and drove to Memphis, Tennessee, where he registered at the Holiday Inn on Lamar Avenue, since he had business with the Inn Keeper Supply Company, 3762 Lamar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee.

On this particular date, he also had a meeting with the Vice-President of the company from Mount Holly, North Carolina, EDWARD WOWELL. He said this meeting took place at the airport in Memphis, Tennessee, during the early evening hours.

BOYETTE advised that on April 4, 1968, he had business with ROY GILLIA, of Inn Keeper Supply and also with a representative of the Operman Manufacturing Company, 706 Royal Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee. He related that he believes it was somewhere between 9:00 and 9:30 P.M. when he and his wife checked out of the Holiday Inn and his wife traveled with him in the automobile around Memphis and he believed he made his last contact sometime prior to 3:00 P.M. on April 4, 1968, after which time he and his wife

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On 4/10/68 at Tupelo, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586-542-70  
by SA DONALD H. GREENE  
SA JOHN S. CASTLES JSC/wgj Date dictated 4/11/68

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departed Tupelo, Mississippi, in his 1967 Ford Galaxie 500, chartreuse in color, bearing 1968 Mississippi License M5297.

En route to Tupelo, he and his wife stopped at his mother-in-law's home, Mrs. VIRLIE TUNES, at Wallerville, Mississippi, near New Albany, to pick up their two year old child who was being kept by Mrs. TUNES while he and his wife were in Memphis. He said when they left Mrs. TUNES' house they drove directly to Tupelo, Mississippi, and went to their residence where they had sandwiches for the evening meal and then went to a gospel singing at the Community Center in Tupelo.

Mr. BOYETTE related that neither he nor his wife were aware of the murder of Doctor KING until after they returned home in Tupelo from the gospel singing sometimes after 9:00 P.M. in the evening.

The following description of BOYETTE was obtained through interview and observation:

Name	HENRY BOYETTE
Also Known As	HENRY JUNIOR BOYETTE
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of birth	
Place of birth	Meridian, Mississippi
Height	Six feet three inches
Weight	Two hundred fifteen pounds
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Brown-mostly bald
Education	High school
Marital status	Married
Wife	FAYE
Wife's occupation	Telephone operator Tupelo, Mississippi

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Employment

(Currently on maternity  
leave)

American and Efird Thread  
Mills, Incorporated, ten  
years.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/23/68

JOHN HUBEART WILLARD was interviewed at his place of employment, Day-Brite Lighting Company, Tupelo, Mississippi, and after being advised of the nature of the inquiry and the identity of the interviewing Agents was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Number 306 443 A, and photographs of RAY taken while using the name ERIC STARVO GALT. WILLARD stated that the photographs were unfamiliar to him.

WILLARD also stated the following names were unknown to him:

W. C. HERRON  
JAMES MC BRIDE  
JAMES O'CONNOR  
JAMES WALTON  
JAMES WALYON  
EARL JALES

WILLARD further stated that he is a married man with a family and does not hang around bars.

WILLARD commented that the only traveling he does is to visit relatives in Southaven, Mississippi, a suburb of Memphis, Tennessee, and further commented that he does not visit any bars in Memphis on these occasions, and does not hang around the City of Memphis on these visits.

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On 4/22/68 at Tupelo, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586-572-71  
by SA FRANCIS G. HONAN and  
SA JOHN S. CASTLES:FGH:bal Date dictated 4/22/68

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/9/68

ARTIS GEESTON advised he was the night bellhop at the Downtowner Motel, Jackson, Mississippi.

He stated that he recalled a man presently registered in Room 719 of the Downtowner coming to the motel in a white Tempest Pontiac with Tennessee license. GEESTON stated that he did not check this individual in, but from his observations believed him to be about 50 years of age, 5'9" tall, 140 pounds and had dark hair which was thin on top of the head.

GEESTON then stated that he could furnish no furnished information concerning this individual.

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On 4/7/68 at JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI File # Jackson 157-9586-572-72  
by SA EDGAR L. MARTIN *Sh* /jdh Date dictated 4/9/68

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/9/68

MAXINE DELBUOUNO advised she was the night desk clerk for the Downtowner Motel, Jackson, Mississippi. She stated that at about 6:50 PM she registered a man by the name of FRED P. THORNE who was driving a 1968 white Tempest Pontiac with Tennessee license KN 4264.

Mrs. DELBUOUNO stated that her files show that FRED P. THORNE furnished an address of 1580 Channel Street, Memphis, Tennessee and that he was employed by the Underwriters Salvage Company of Memphis, Tennessee. THORNE registered for two nights on April 7 and 8, 1968.

Mrs. DELBUOUNO furnished the following description of FRED P. THORNE:

Name	FRED P. THORNE
Residence	1580 Channel Street Memphis, Tennessee
Height	About 5'10"
Weight	140
Hair	Dark with a bald spot in back of head
Build	Slender
Age	48
Employment	Underwriters Salvage, Memphis, Tennessee

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On 4/7/68 at JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI File # Jackson 157-9586-572-73  
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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/9/68

CARSIE HALL, President, Jackson Branch, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), 121 North Farish Street, telephonically contacted the Jackson Office on April 7, 1968 and stated that on EVELYN ROBINS had informed him that she had seen a white male get out of a small white car bearing Shelby County, Tennessee license KN 4264 and go into the Downtowner Motel, Jackson, Mississippi.

According to Mr. HALL Miss ROBINS stated that individual driving this small car resembled the sketch of individual appearing in the newspaper as person who shot MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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On 4/7/68 at JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI File # Jackson 157-9586-572-74  
by SA BENJAMIN F. GRAVES /jdh Date dictated 4/9/68

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/9/68

FRED PHILLIP THORNE was contacted at the Downtowner Motel, Jackson, Mississippi, at which time he stated that he is presently employed by the Underwriters Salvage Company, an insurance company at Memphis, Tennessee. He stated the home address of this insurance company was 1580 Channel Street and that he resided at 514 Ross Street, West Memphis, Arkansas.

Mr. THORNE made available an Arkansas driver's license Number 288958 giving his name as FRED PHILLIP THORNE and resides at 514 Ross Street, West Memphis, Arkansas.

Mr. THORNE stated that he was at his home in West Memphis, Arkansas on the night that MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. was shot and that he heard the news over his radio in his car as he was going to a restaurant nearby.

Mr. THORNE stated that when he left Memphis on April 7, 1968 his wife jokingly stated that he should not take the company car as the officials of the law enforcement in Tennessee and Mississippi would be looking for a small white car and he would have to be stopped to be checked out.

Mr. THORNE stated he was leaving Jackson on early morning of April 9, 1968 to return to his company in Memphis, but that if he was not located at Memphis they would know his whereabouts at all times.

Mr. THORNE furnished the following description of himself:

Name	FRED PHILLIP THORNE
Date of Birth	[REDACTED]
Place of Birth	New York City, New York

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Age	45
Height	6'
Weight	135
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Dark brown with some greying (small bald spot in top of head with high protruding hair line)
Wife	MURIEL THORNE
Children	NANCY, Age 20 FRED, JR., age 18 SANDRA, age 9 BOBBY, age 7 JOHN, age 4
Employment	Representative, Underwriters Salvage Company

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 10, 1968

DEE ARANIAS telephonically contacted the Oxford Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation from Gulfport, Mississippi, at which time ARANIAS provided the following information:

ARANIAS stated that she and DELMA PIERCE were presently in Gulfport, Mississippi. ARANIAS stated that on Thursday night, April 4, 1968, she and PIERCE were at the Holiday Inn in Biloxi, Mississippi.

ARANIAS stated that prior to arriving in Biloxi on April 4, 1968, they had been at the Standard Walgreen Agency, in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, at about 5:00 p.m. on April 4, 1968.

ARANIAS further stated that DELMA was not with her, at the moment, but that DELMA had called her sister in Indiana twice on Friday, April 5, 1968. One call was made from Jackson and one from Memphis on Friday night. ARANIAS stated that DELMA had used the name LA BELLA when calling her sister, in order to avoid a family conflict due to a prior marriage.

ARANIAS stated that although she and PIERCE traveled a lot, they could always be contacted through the photo shop.

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On 4/8/68 at Oxford, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586-S 42-76  
by SA WILLIAM P. LAWLER:mah Date dictated 4/9/68

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/23/68

On April 22, 1968, EVERETT GAULT, Route 1, Meridian, Mississippi, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent. GAULT advised that he and his wife are presently separated, and that he has a family consisting of eleven children. He stated none of these children have the name ERIC STARVO GALT, and pointed out that his last name is spelled GAULT and not GALT. EVERETT GAULT observed photographs of ERIC STARVO GALT and advised that he had never seen this individual and that this person is definitely not a member of his family, or a relation thereof. He stated that he has a brother by the name of CURTIS HOPE GAULT, and his last known address was Pioneer, Louisiana. EVERETT GAULT stated that his brother, CURTIS GAULT, was employed by the Ford Bacon and Davis Construction Company, Monroe, Louisiana. He stated he has not been in contact with his brother for some period of time, and is not sure of his present whereabouts.

He also commented that MALCOLM A. GAULT and EZRA GAULT are both brothers of his. EVERETT GAULT stated he could furnish no information concerning any one who resembles the person in the photograph identified as ERIC STARVO GALT. EVERETT GAULT advised his brother, CURTIS HOPE GAULT, is not identical with ERIC STARVO GALT.

The following physical description was obtained from observation and interview:

Name: EVERETT GAULT

On 4/22/68 at Meridian, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586-542-77  
by SA JOHN H. PROCTOR, JR. bjg Date dictated 4/23/68

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Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Height:	5' 7"
Weight:	175 pounds
Eyes:	Dark (wears glasses)
Age:	58
Hair:	Brown, greying
Build:	Medium
Occupation:	Engineer, GM&O Railroad
Residence:	Route 1, Meridian, Mississippi
Marital status:	Married (wife and 11 children)
Brothers:	CURTIS HOPE GAULT, residence unknown;
	MALCOLM A. GAULT, residence unknown;
	EZRA GAULT, residence unknown



## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/11/68

Mrs. JUDY DIAL, 501 Birkshire Circle, Clinton, Mississippi, advised her husband is JOHN D. DIAL. Mrs. DIAL stated that her husband formerly had a light blue Ford with an Alabama license on it.

Mrs. DIAL stated her husband is a drug salesman for the Lam-Par Company, 277 Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, Texas.

Mrs. DIAL stated that on April 4, 1968, her husband checked out of a motel at Memphis, Tennessee, and came back to their home at Clinton, Mississippi. She stated she believed he stayed in the Holiday Inn on Third Street at Memphis while he was there. Mrs. DIAL stated that on the night of April 4, 1968 she and her husband were listening to their television at their home in Clinton when they heard about the shooting of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., at Memphis.

Mrs. DIAL then stated that her husband had recently turned this light blue Ford into the company at Dallas, and that he was at this time driving a Chrysler vehicle and that he was out of the state and would return either on April 11, 1968, or April 12, 1968.

Mrs. DIAL could furnish no further information concerning the light blue Ford her husband formerly drove, nor could she furnish any other information concerning the license plate other than the Ford had been originally purchased in Alabama.

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On 4/9/68 at Clinton, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586-572-78  
by SA EDGAR L. MARTIN:pdh Date dictated 4/11/68

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Date 4/10/68

ALBERT C. LOGAN, Constable, Houlka (Chickasaw County), Mississippi, advised that ROY RAY LOGAN is his brother who resides on Madison Avenue in Memphis, Tennessee. He stated that if there was information contained in the records of the Holiday Inn, Memphis, Tennessee, that ROY R. LOGAN was registered from April 5-6, 1968, whose employment was shown as Chickasaw County Sheriff's Office, this information had to be erroneous. He explained that his brother, ROY RAY LOGAN, is employed on either a full-time or a part-time basis with the Shelby County Sheriff's Office in Memphis, Tennessee, and he thought perhaps that the records of the Holiday Inn were misinterpreted.

LOGAN further advised that he had not been in Memphis, Tennessee, during the past month and he could not account for the activities of his brother, ROY RAY LOGAN, on April 5 or 6, 1968. He stated that his brother is a friend of another Mississippi resident, FRED BALLARD, from Tupelo, Mississippi, who is also employed by the Shelby County Sheriff's Office.

LOGAN described his brother as being approximately 30 years of age and weighing over 300 pounds. He characterized him as being a person who just "naturally hated Niggers", and it would not surprise him if his brother was involved in the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

On 4/10/68 at Houston, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586-542-79  
by SA LAWRENCE W. GORMAN:pdb Date dictated 4/10/68

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/9/68

On April 7, 1968, SA BENJAMIN O. KEUTZER of the Jackson Division, FBI, Jackson, Mississippi, received an anonymous telephone call by a person assumed by his speech to be a Negro male who stated he was calling for a friend who had overheard a telephone conversation on a party-line.

The telephone call was allegedly made from Jackson, Mississippi, to the State of Indiana, area code 317, number 282-3901.

The alleged telephone call was to the effect that the caller had left Memphis, Tennessee, April 4, 1968, and had traveled to Gulfport, Mississippi, where the caller had gotten rid of the vehicle he was traveling in and had rented lodging.

The word "KING" was mentioned several times during the conversation.

The anonymous caller said his friend would not identify herself to the FBI as she feared for her safety.

The telephone conversation was terminated by the anonymous caller at that time.

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by SA BENJAMIN O. KEUTZER:ccs Date dictated 4/9/68

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/10/68

Mr. ROY HARDY, Route 3, New Albany, Mississippi, was interviewed at his residence in the presence of Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol (MHSP) Investigator BURT DUNCAN.

HARDY was questioned concerning his activities on the afternoon of April 4, 1968, at which time he advised that he is employed by BILL PHILLIPS, a road contractor, doing road work near Highway 30, and stated on this date it was too wet to operate the heavy equipment, and therefore he was not working. He advised he took this occasion to take his pickup truck to Harris Body Shop in New Albany, and stated after his truck was repaired he stopped by to visit his first cousin, TOM NELSON DAVIS, who lives on South Acres Drive in New Albany. HARDY admitted that he was drinking prior to the time he decided to visit DAVIS, and stated after arriving at DAVIS' house he offered him a drink of whiskey. He recalled that TOM NELSON DAVIS suggested they drive out to the Barbecue Grill at the Beacon Hill community, located just east of New Albany, Mississippi. He recalls that DAVIS was driving his white Mustang, and stated that he followed DAVIS in his pickup truck.

He stated he could not be certain of the time, but stated it was still daylight and probably around 5:30 or 6:00 P.M. He stated that DAVIS sat in the pickup truck with him, and they both had one drink together. He stated DAVIS told him that he had an appointment to meet someone he believed to be at 7:00 P.M., and left.

He advised that DAVIS would not tell him where he planned to go, and stated but as far as he could determine this was the first drink DAVIS had taken on that

On 4/8/68 at Route 3, New Albany, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586-542-81  
by SA JOHN DENNIS MILLER and  
SA ROBIN O. COTTEN:ROC:bal Date dictated 4/9/68

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afternoon.

He stated he returned home and by the time he reached home was very intoxicated and went directly to bed. He advised he did not learn concerning the shooting of Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING until the following day.

He advised that at no time during his brief conversation with TOM NELSON DAVIS, did he ever mention the name of Doctor KING.

He volunteered that he knows DAVIS has an extensive criminal record, and has served time for armed robbery, but has no reason to believe that DAVIS would be the type of person who would kill anyone without provocation.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/8/68

Mrs. FLORA HITE, Registration Clerk, Downtowner Motor Inn, 306 East Second Street, Clarksdale, Mississippi, located registration card number 8887, dated April 4, 1968, which was time-stamped 10:14 P.M. It reflected the name, BILLY RAY KING, 102 Arlington Street, Lake Providence, Louisiana. He was charged \$7.50 plus tax, total \$7.84, for one person, room 225.

A statement of charges for the above registration was stamped 10:12 P.M., April 4, 1968, indicating a prepaid registration, and did not include any charges in addition to the above amount.

The above registration was handled by Registration Clerk MYRTLE CALDWELL, as indicated by the initials "M.C." on the above card.

There was no record of check-out time.

On 4/8/68 at Clarksdale, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586-572-82  
by SA HAROLD LEO FABRIZ:bal Date dictated 4/8/68

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/8/68

Mr. WALTER KOONCE, manager, Southern Greyhound Terminal, Clarksdale, Mississippi, furnished the following information:

He called the Downtowner Motor Inn in Clarksdale on the night of April 4, 1968, to determine if rooms were available, since buses bound for Memphis, Tennessee, were not being allowed to enter the city of Memphis due to the civil disorder there following the shooting of MARTIN LUTHER KING. He stated that a bus from Vicksburg, Mississippi, which came through Greenville, Mississippi, arrived at Clarksdale on time - 9:41 PM. The bus did not proceed to Memphis.

One passenger, a white male, 45 to 50 years old, about six feet tall, 175 pounds, dark hair, with receding hairline, slightly protruding front teeth, attired in sports shirt and slacks, was upset, because he was supposed to meet a boat in Memphis, Tennessee. This individual, name unknown, made a remark to the effect that MARTIN LUTHER KING "got what was coming to him," a remark which Mr. KOONCE stated he recalled because it was not appropriate for the time it was made.

Mr. KOONCE stated that the driver of the bus on which the above passenger arrived was Mr. HOOKER, who lives in Memphis, Tennessee.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 16, 1968

Mr. MARVIN WATSON, Clerk, Southern Airlines, Oxford, Mississippi, advised that after checking his records, only one passenger arrived in Oxford on Flight 781 on April 8, 1968, from Memphis, Tennessee, and stated the name is not available. He stated his records reflect this passenger listed two bags, not further identified.

Mr. WATSON advised that he does not recall seeing any particular person arriving at the Oxford Airport but stated he has since been contacted by ROBERT EARL DAVIS who questioned him concerning the identity of a passenger who arrived on the morning flight of April 8, 1968. Mr. WATSON advised that the identity of this passenger might be obtained through the Southern Airways ticket office in Memphis.

He advised that the particular flight in question, No. 781, would have departed Memphis at 10:10 a.m. and arrived in Oxford, Mississippi, at 10:33 a.m. on April 8, 1968.

Mr. WATSON also advised he had discussed this matter with other employees at the airport and none of them could recall this person mentioned by DAVIS.

On 4/14/68 at Oxford, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586-572-84  
by SA ROBIN O. COTTEN /blw Date dictated 4/15/68

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 18, 1968

HARVEY VEST, Manager of Vest's Department Store, and President of the Do-Si-Do Square Dance Club, was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent.

Mr. VEST noted that most of the individuals who attended square dancing in Mc Comb are known to him. He recalled that approximately two years ago, there was one individual who was single and a stranger to Mc Comb who attended square dancing for about three months. He said that this individual's name was RON (LNU) and was employed at Howell Motor Company, Mc Comb, Mississippi, as a salesman. VEST noted that RON always came to the dance alone, talked about having been in Mexico and appeared to be somewhat "odd." VEST noted that RON was considered a good dancer.

He advised that he has not seen RON in or around the Mc Comb area for about two years and could furnish no information concerning his present whereabouts. He described RON as a white male, 5' 10", 150-160 pounds, approximately 33 years old, brown hair, and fair complexion.

VEST stated that there are no other dancing clubs other than in Mc Comb, Mississippi, in the Counties of Amite, Lawrence, Lincoln, Pike and Walthall.

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by SA CYRUS V. HOAGLUND, JR. Date dictated 4/18/68

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 18, 1968

KRANDALL HOWELL, Manager, Howell Motor Company, Mc Comb, Mississippi, was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent.

HOWELL stated that an individual by the name of AARON I. LOFTON, also known as RON LOFTON, had been employed as a salesman by him from February, 1965, through May, 1965. He stated that LOFTON's folks originally were from Summit, Mississippi, but all of the family had allegedly moved to the Gulf Coast sometime in 1965 or 1966. He noted that AARON LOFTON had a brother by the name of BILLY JOE LOFTON who is supposedly a mathematics teacher at a junior college on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

HOWELL stated that AARON LOFTON had graduated from the Summit High School about 1954, had been in the service, was a hair stylist in Atlanta, Georgia, then went to California, where he lived for sometime and then returned to Mc Comb in 1965. HOWELL stated that it was necessary to fire LOFTON from his position as salesman because of his appearance and odd philosophy. He had professed to be an atheist and constantly was engaging customers in conversations concerning philosophy and politics. HOWELL noted that LOFTON's appearance and actions indicated that he might have homosexual tendencies.

HOWELL furnished the following description of LOFTON:

White male, 5' 11", 160 pounds, brown hair, fair complexion, age 32, last known address 708 Avenue B,

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Mc Comb, Mississippi, Social Security # [REDACTED]

HOWELL advised that he could furnish no information concerning LOFTON's present whereabouts other than he might possibly be on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 17, 1968

Mr. VERNON SILLS, Principal, Gibson High School, McComb, Mississippi, was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents by SA REESIE L. TIMMONS and the nature of the inquiry.

Mr. SILLS advised that he would furnish any information available from the records of the Gibson High School regarding individuals who attended the Summit High School prior to its closing.

Mr. SILLS obtained the record of BILLY JOE LOFTON and therefrom determined that BILLY JOE LOFTON had only one brother, no sisters, and that his father's name was AARON LOFTON, no address given.

Mr. SILLS advised there was no record of a RON LOFTON having attended the Summit High School at any time.

Thereafter, Mr. SILLS located the record of AARON ISAAC LOFTON who graduated third in a class of eighteen at the Summit High School in 1953.

This record listed his date of birth as [REDACTED] place of birth Brookhaven, Mississippi; father, AARON LOFTON, occupation mechanic. The record listed the father's former address as Natchez, Mississippi, and indicated AARON ISAAC LOFTON attended school at the "Institution" in the fourth grade.

Attached to the high school record of AARON ISAAC LOFTON is a "college entrance certificate for Mississippi" for AARON (IKE) ISAAC LOFTON born October 28, 1934, parent or guardian AARON LOFTON. This form indicated that AARON ISAAC LOFTON attended the Hazlehurst, Mississippi, High School from August, 1949, to May, 1950.

On 4/15/68 at Summit, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-9586-542-87  
by SA CYRUS V. HOAGLUND, JR. CCH  
SA REESIE L. TIMMONS/RLT/Bkh Date dictated 4/17/68

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This form contains notations indicating a transcript of AARON ISAAC LOFTON's high school record was sent to "S. W., August, 1954," and to "Memphis Academy of Arts, October 12, 1957."

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 17, 1968

Mr. C. R. BRELAND, Registrar, Southwest, Mississippi, Junior College, Summit, Mississippi, was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents by SA REESIE L. TIMMONS who also advised him of the nature of the inquiry.

Mr. BRELAND made available the record of AARON LOFTON, born [REDACTED], who was admitted to Southwest Junior College in September of 1954, and who dropped out in January of 1955, at the end of the first term.

A review of this record indicates that a transcript thereof was sent to "Memphis Academy of Arts, 690 Adams Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, on October 14, 1957.

A transcript was sent to "Dean, Balboa Junior College, Panama Canal Zone." Mr. BRELAND advised that this transcript was sent before 1963 when he became registrar. He advised that he could fix no date for that action.

Mr. BRELAND advised that he is positive that he has sent transcripts to at least two colleges in the State of California during the past two years for AARON LOFTON. He stated there is no notation of subject in his records but he personally recalls sending the transcripts.

Mr. BRELAND further advised he is positive that at sometime in August, 1967, he sent a copy of the transcript of AARON LOFTON to Ingalls Shipyard at Pascagoula, Mississippi.

Mr. BRELAND stated there is a notation in the record of AARON LOFTON indicating that LOFTON appeared at the registrar's office on August 22, 1967, and was given a copy of his transcript.

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by SA CYRUS V. HOAGLUND, JR.  
SA REESIE L. TIMMONS/RLT/bkh

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Mr. BRELAND advised that he knows AARON ISAAC LOFTON, has seen him in the McComb - Summit areas on three or four occasions during the past two to three years.

He advised that he has heard that AARON LOFTON has been employed as a hair stylist in Southern California and in Atlanta, Georgia, sometime during the past three to five years.

He stated that he knew LOFTON was employed by Howell Motor Company near Summit, Mississippi, approximately three years ago and thereafter eventually obtained some type of employment in the vicinity of Pascagoula, Mississippi.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/17/68

Mr. J. D. ASHLEY, Security Guard, Ingalls Shipbuilding Corporation, Pascagoula, Mississippi, advised the Security Office files contain an Active File Card for one AARON I. LOFTON, Social Security Number [REDACTED] who is presently assigned in Department 68. Mr. ASHLEY said the Active File Card bears LOFTON's signature and indicates the following employment history with that corporation:

First hired November 10, 1965, assigned  
Department Number 6, Clock Number 32504.

Transferred January 31, 1966, Department  
Number 9, Clock Number 32504.

Transferred March 15, 1968, Department  
Number 68, Clock Number 12724.

Mr. ASHLEY advised that Mr. WALTER L. POL, Chief Security Officer, would have additional background information on file on LOFTON. He said the payroll records which would include the time cards for LOFTON would be on file in the Paymasters Office.

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by SA LEON ROSS GRABEN  
SA DAVID P. HURLEY LRG/wgj Date dictated 4/16/68

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/19/68

Mr. WALTER POL, Security Officer, Ingall's Shipbuilding Corporation, Pascagoula, Mississippi, made available for review the Personnel Security Questionnaire pertaining to AARON ISAAC LOFTON dated January 11, 1966, which disclosed the following information:

Date of Birth	[REDACTED]
Place of Birth	Brookhaven, Mississippi
Sex	Male
Marital Status	Single
Height	6'
Weight	165 pounds
Eyes	Hazel
Hair	Blond
Social Security Number	[REDACTED]

He has a security clearance of Secret.

He indicated that he had attended the following schools:

September, 1940, to February, 1941, Arlington Grade School, Lincoln County, Mississippi, graduate-no.

February, 1941, to January, 1943, Gravel Hill Grade School, Pitkin, Louisiana, graduate-no.

March, 1944, to October, 1944, Summit Grammar, Summit, Mississippi, graduate-no.

October, 1944, to January, 1945, Wyndot Grammar, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, graduate-no.

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by SAs DAVID P. HURLEY and  
LEON ROSS GRABEN: DPH/ccs Date dictated 4/17/68

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January, 1945, to June, 1945, Natchez Grammar,  
Natchez, Mississippi, graduate-no.

September, 1945, to June, 1948, Summit Grammar  
School, Summit, Mississippi, graduate-no.

September, 1948, to June, 1949, Hazlehurst High,  
Hazlehurst, Mississippi, graduate-no.

September, 1949, to May, 1953, Summit High, Summit,  
Mississippi, graduate-yes.

May, 1953, to October, 1953, Draughon's Business  
College, Jackson, Mississippi, graduate-no.

September, 1954, to January, 1955, Southern  
Mississippi Junior College, Summit, Mississippi,  
graduate-no.

May, 1959, to November, 1959, American Hair Syling  
Academy, Jacksonville, Mississippi, graduate-yes.

July, 1965, to November, 1965, MDTA School,  
Pascagoula, Mississippi, graduate-yes.

He indicated that he had the following military  
service:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Branch of Service</u>	<u>Service Number</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
U.S.	Mississippi National Guard	NG [REDACTED]	February, 1954	January, 1955
U. S.	Army	RA [REDACTED]	January, 1955	November, 1957
U. S.	Army Reserve	AR [REDACTED]	November, 1957	March, 1962.

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LOFTON showed that he received an honorable discharge and that he was registered with Local Selective Service Board Number 62 at McComb, Mississippi, and had a 5-A classification

He showed the following residences:

Franklin County, Mississippi, from December, 1936, to February, 1941,

Pitkin, Louisiana, from February, 1941, to January, 1943,

McCall's Creek, Mississippi, from January, 1943, to March, 1944,

Summit, Mississippi, from March, 1944, to October, 1944,

Baton Rouge, Louisiana, from October, 1944, to January, 1945,

Natchez, Mississippi, from January, 1945, to September, 1945,

Summit, Mississippi, from September, 1945, to July, 1948,

Hazlehurst, Mississippi, from July, 1948, to June, 1949,

Box 64, Summit, Mississippi, June, 1949, to May, 1953,

Northwest Avenue, Jackson, Mississippi, May, 1953, to October, 1953,

Box 64, Summit, Mississippi, from October, 1953, to January, 1955,

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U. S. Army from January, 1955, to November, 1957,

Napoleon Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana, from November, 1957, to July, 1958,

Jacksonville Beach, Florida, from July, 1958, to November, 1959,

1164 Ogilvie Drive, Atlanta, Georgia, from November, 1959, to February, 1961,

343 8th Street, Atlanta, Georgia, February, 1961, to October, 1961,

1284 Piedmont Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia, from October, 1961, to January, 1962,

602 Ansley Forest Drive, Atlanta, Georgia, from January, 1962, to September, 1962,

8611 Truxton Avenue, Los Angeles, California, from September, 1962, to November, 1962,

103 Autumn Drive, Anaheim, California, from November, 1962, to July, 1963,

924 Hancock Avenue, from July, 1963, to October, 1964, (this address in Los Angeles, California),

1231 North Sweetzer Avenue, Los Angeles, California, from October, 1964, to February, 1965,

708 Avenue B, McComb, Mississippi, from February, 1965, to July, 1965,

Route 1, Box 8B, Gautier, Mississippi, July, 1965, to September, 1965,

1915 Perry Street, Pascagoula, Mississippi, from September, 1965, to present.

He listed the following employments:

\_\_\_\_\_ to May, 1953, student, high school  
and grammar school,

May, 1953, to October, 1953, student, Draughon's  
Business School, Jackson, Mississippi,

October, 1953, to September, 1954, accountant,  
McComb Manufacturing Company, DAVE MATTHEWS,  
McComb, Mississippi,

September, 1954, to January, 1955, student,  
Southwest Mississippi Junior College, Summit,  
Mississippi,

January, 1955, to November, 1957, U. S. Army,

November, 1957, to January, 1958, sales clerk,  
Holmes Department Store, Canal Street, New Orleans,  
Louisiana,

January, 1958, to July, 1958, instructor, Arthur  
Murray Studios, TONY KENT, 840 Gravier, New  
Orleans, Louisiana,

July, 1958, to November, 1959, instructor, Fred  
Astaire Studios, ARTHUR POWELL, Jacksonville,  
Florida,

December, 1959, to January, 1961, hair stylist,  
Richardo's Beauty Salon, RICHARDO COTTINGHAM,  
1938 Peachtree, Atlanta, Georgia,

January, 1961, to January, 1962, hair stylist,  
Rich's Lenox Square, MARGARET MOSRIE, Rich's  
Department Store, Lenox Square, Atlanta, Georgia,

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January, 1962, to March, 1962, hair stylist,  
The Chalet, SIDNEY JOHNSON, 2175 Cheshire  
Building Road, Atlanta, Georgia,

March, 1962, to October, 1962, hair stylist,  
Rich's Lenox Square, MARGARET MOSRIE, Rich's  
Department Store, Lenox Square, Atlanta,  
Georgia,

July, 1963, to August, 1963, unemployed,

January, 1963, to July, 1963, hair stylist,  
J. P. Allen Company, Atlanta, Georgia,

November, 1962, to January, 1963, manager,  
Curl N' Comb, Incorporated, JAMES VICTOR,  
633 North Euclid Street, Anaheim, California,

July, 1963, to January, 1964, hair stylist,  
James Victor Beauty Salon, Slauson Avenue,  
Los Angeles, California,

January, 1964, to January, 1965, hair stylist,  
May Company Wilshire, ROBERT WILLIAMS, Wilshire  
Boulevard, Los Angeles, California,

November, 1965, to present, shipfitter, helper  
apprentice, Ingall's Shipbuilding Corporation,

January, 1965, to February, 1965, unemployed,

July, 1965, to November, 1965, trainee M.D.T.A.  
School, Pascagoula, Mississippi,

February, 1965, to June, 1965, Howell Motor Company,  
McComb, Mississippi,

June, 1965, to July, 1965, unemployed.

Under relatives he listed the following:

Father, AARON LOFTON, 1915 Ferry Street,  
Pascagoula, Mississippi, born Franklin  
County, Mississippi, on [REDACTED]  
U. S. citizen,

Mother, AGNES NUNNERY LOFTON, same, born  
Franklin County, Mississippi, on [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] U. S. citizen,

Brother, BILLIE J. LOFTON, Star Route,  
Gautier, Mississippi, born Franklin County,  
Mississippi, dated [REDACTED]

LOFTON indicated he had visited the following  
foreign countries:

Niagara Falls, Canada, left U. S. July 2, 1955,  
and returned July 4, 1955, on holiday,

Fort Kobbe, Panama Canal Zone, left U. S.  
October, 1955, and returned October, 1957,  
with U. S. Army,

Northern Mexico, left U. S. April 15, 1962,  
and returned May 1, 1962, on vacation.

He listed the following references:

N. A. COPLEN, known 20 years, P. O. Box, Summit,  
Mississippi, insurance agent,

W. D. FLINN, known 5 years, 1806 Clavey Road,  
designer engineer, Lockheed, Atlanta, Georgia,

Captain A. B. BAXTER, known 10 years, 904 Carriage  
Hill Apartments, now working North Carolina for  
drug company,

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Miss SUE CANTER, known two years, 2856 Westbrook Avenue, administrative assistant to RED SKELTON, California,

MARY D. CAIN, known 20 years, Post Office Box, newspaper editor, Summit, Mississippi.

LOFTON indicated that he had never been arrested, had never acted as a representative of any foreign government, firm, or corporation, and had no relatives residing outside the United States.



## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/17/68

Mr. V. H. FEDERIC, Paymaster, Ingalls Shipbuilding Corporation, Pascagoula, Mississippi, furnished the following information from records of his office regarding AARON I. LOFTON, Social Security Number [REDACTED] Clock Number 12724, and who is currently assigned to Department Number 68, with that corporation:

For the pay week ending March 31, 1968, LOFTON worked 50.5 hours of regular work hours, and 7.3 hours of over time hours.

For the pay week ending April 7, 1968, LOFTON worked 40.0 hours of regular work hours and no over time.

The individual time cards for LOFTON for the period March 29, 1968, through April 4, 1968, disclosed the following:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Clock In</u>	<u>Clock Out</u>
March 29, 1968	6:47 A.M.	3:30 P.M.
April 1, 1968	6:51 A.M.	3:30 P.M.
April 2, 1968	6:47 A.M.	3:30 P.M.
April 3, 1968	6:48 A.M.	3:33 P.M.
April 4, 1968	6:48 A.M.	3:30 P.M.

Mr. FEDERIC stated that each of the above time cards bear the signature "AARON I. LOFTON" and after comparing these signatures with the LOFTON signature on the Security Office Active File Card, Mr. FEDERIC stated he was of the opinion that LOFTON had signed each of the time cards himself. He said that

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due to the security measures and internal controls in use at that facility, it would be nearly impossible for an employee to have someone clock in and out for him each day. He said the only way this could be done would be for another employee, who would have an identification card, to clock in and out for another employee, however, when an employee failed to report for work on his shift, a check was immediately made of the employees time card to determine if the employee had clocked in. He said LOFTON received full pay for the period in question which would indicate that he actually reported for work during the period.