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DETAILS:

PERSONS AT ROOMING HOUSE,
422½ SOUTH MAIN STREET,
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

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1Date April 25, 1968

Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY taken in 1955, 1960, and 1966, and of the bedspread recovered at Memphis on April 4, 1968, were shown to Mr. CHARLIE QUITMAN STEPHENS, Apartment 6B, 422½ South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee. STEPHENS said the 1955 and 1960 photographs of RAY were not familiar to him, but he advised the 1966 profile photograph of RAY appearing in Wanted Flyer 442-A, April 19, 1968, and Identification Order 4182 dated April 20, 1968, looked like the man he saw in Apartment 5B on April 4, 1968, talking to Mrs. BESSIE BREWER. STEPHENS said he only saw the man's profile in the boarding house and as a result could only say the profile photograph of RAY in 1966 looked very much like the above mentioned man in Room 5B.

STEPHENS said he had never seen the bedspread or any similar bedspread either at the rooming house or anywhere else.

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Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY taken in 1955, 1960, and 1966, and of the bedspread recovered at Memphis, Tennessee, April 4, 1968, were shown to Mr. WILLIAM CHARLES ANSCHUTZ, Apartment 4B, 422 1/2 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee. He advised none of the men in the photographs were familiar to him and that he would not be able to identify the man he saw running down the hall on April 4, 1968, in the late afternoon after hearing the noise which he thought was a shot, as the man was covering his face with his arm as he ran down the hall.

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Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY taken 1955, 1960, and 1966, and of the bedspread recovered at Memphis, April 4, 1968, were shown to Mrs. BESSIE RUTH BREWER, Room No. 2, 422½ South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee. She said she had looked at the bedspread on April 4, 1968, when it was displayed to her after being recovered by the Memphis Police. She said the bedspread did not come from her rooming house and in fact she had never seen one like it before in her life. Mrs. BREWER said none of the men in the photographs shown her were familiar to her. She further advised that she did not believe she would recognize the man using the name JOHN WILLARD if he were to "walk up and say hello to me right now." She said she did not look at the man called WILLARD "squarely in the face" and as a result, does not think she will be able to identify him.

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Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY taken in 1955, 1960, and 1966, and of the bedspread recovered at Memphis, Tennessee, April 4, 1968, were shown to Mr. BERTIE L. REEVES, Apartment 3, 422½ South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee. He advised none of the men in the photographs were familiar to him and that he had never seen the bedspread or any bedspread similar to it.

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Mr. FRANK BREWER, Room No. 2, 422¹/₂ South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee, advised he never saw the man registered as JOHN WILLARD at the boarding house.

Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY taken in 1955, 1960, and 1966, and of the bedspread recovered at Memphis on April 4, 1968, were shown to Mr. BREWER, and he advised none of the men in the photographs were familiar to him. He also stated he had never seen the bedspread or any bedspread similar to it.

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Mrs. CHARLIE STEPHENS, Apartment 6B, 422½ South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee, advised she never saw the man registered into Room 5B on April 4, 1968, as she was sick in bed that entire week.

Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY taken in 1955, 1960, and 1966, and of the bedspread recovered at Memphis on April 4, 1968, were shown to Mrs. STEPHENS, and she advised none of the men in the photographs were familiar to her. She also stated she had never seen the bedspread or any bedspread similar to it before.

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Various photographs of ERIC S. GALT were shown to the following individuals on April 18, 1968, by SA's JOHN W. BAUER and HARLEY E. GYLFE at Memphis, Tennessee:

BESSIE BREWER, 422 $\frac{1}{2}$ South Main Street;
FRANK BREWER, 422 $\frac{1}{2}$ South Main Street;
CHARLES STEPHENS, 422 $\frac{1}{2}$ South Main Street;
ANNA CHRISTINE KELLY, Manager, Rebel Motel,
3466 Lamar Avenue;
HENRIETTA HAGEMASTER, Desk Clerk, Rebel Motel,
3466 Lamar Avenue;
VICTOR DUPRET, owner, Rebel Motel, 3466 Lamar
Avenue;
SARA LOVING, maid, Rebel Motel, 3466 Lamar Avenue;
SADIE MC KAY, maid, Rebel Motel, 3466 Lamar Avenue.

The above individuals stated that the photographs shown to them of ERIC S. GALT do not in any way look familiar to them.

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**PERSONS AT REBEL MOTEL
3466 LAMAR AVENUE
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE**

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date April 23, 1968

Mrs. HENRIETTA HAGEMASTER, Desk Clerk, Rebel Motor Hotel, 3466 Lamar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, was shown various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that none of these photographs looked familiar to her. She added that she still felt that she would be unable to recognize the individual who registered at the motel as ERIC S. GALT even if she had a face-to-face confrontation with him.

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Various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were shown to the following individuals on April 19, 1968, by SA JOHN W. BAUER at the Rebel Restaurant, 3464 Lamar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee:

GEORGE D. BUNNELL, owner, Rebel Restaurant;

METHEL STACKS, waitress, Rebel Restaurant;

JOYCE B. FOLLIS, waitress, Rebel Restaurant;

JUANITA WILSON, cook, Rebel Restaurant;

L. V. CAMPBELL, cook, Rebel Restaurant.

The above individuals stated the photographs shown to them of JAMES EARL RAY are not in any way familiar to them.

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OLIVER REXALL DRUG STORE
WHITEHAVEN, TENNESSEE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 4/19/68

Mrs. PEGGY BROWN, 4810 Richland, was interviewed at her place of employment, Oliver Rexall Drugstore, Highway 51 South, White Haven, Tennessee, at which time she viewed the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT wherein GALT is depicted with his eyes closed and she furnished the following information:

She stated that this photograph generally depicts the individual who was in the drugstore on April 3, 1968. She advised that the individual in the store was generally of the same age as GALT, had the same color hair, and similar type complexion. Photograph of GALT appeared to resemble the individual in the manner of build in a general way. She advised that she is unable to say if this is the same person who was in the store. She could not say whether the facial characteristics depicted in the photograph are similar to the man who made the purchase. She advised she does not have a good recollection of the person and may be able to identify this individual if she were to see him in person. She could not comment regarding the eyes, nose, and other facial characteristics depicted in the photograph as she does not know if they are similar to the customer who purchased the Gillette razor kit.

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**YORK ARMS COMPANY
162 SOUTH MAIN STREET
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE**

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Mr. RALPH MEREDITH CARPENTER, 4844 Durbin Street, Memphis, Tennessee, a salesman at the York Arms Company, 162 South Main Street, Memphis, was shown a group of pictures taken on different dates of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI No. 405 942 G. Mr. CARPENTER said of the picture of RAY taken March 28, 1955, that he could not eliminate this as being a picture of the individual to whom he had sold a pair of Bushnell binoculars on April 4, 1968. He said that the purchaser of the binoculars did not have any beard or mustache but his facial features resembled those in the March 28, 1955, photograph of RAY. CARPENTER said the 1968 picture of JAMES EARL RAY, as shown on the current Wanted Flyer, Number 442-A, looks more like the binocular purchaser than any picture he has seen to date. CARPENTER mentioned that he does not recall a protruding left ear of the customer and did not note any scar on his face. He said he could not positively identify this 1968 picture of JAMES EARL RAY as being a picture of the binocular purchaser above mentioned, but he believes that it is.

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**INVESTIGATION AT OR NEAR
THE LORRAINE MOTEL,
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE**

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 16, 1968

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Mrs. NORMAN (GEORGIA M.) DAVIS, 733 Cecil Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky, was interviewed at her residence. She furnished the following information:

She is a Kentucky State Senator from the 33rd District of Louisville, Kentucky. She is also a Board member and Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Kentucky Christian Leadership Conference (KCLC) which is affiliated with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

Mrs. DAVIS in the company of Mrs. LUKIE WARD and Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING of Louisville, Kentucky, were in Memphis, Tennessee at the Lorraine Motel on April 4, 1968. Their purpose was to participate in a march scheduled in Memphis, Tennessee for April 5, 1968, to be led by the late Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. Mrs. DAVIS volunteered the following as background data concerning the activities of herself, Mrs. WARD and Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING immediately prior to their visit to Memphis, Tennessee.

On March 23, 1968, Mrs. DAVIS and Mrs. WARD left Louisville, Kentucky, traveling in Mrs. WARD's Cadillac automobile, to go to Florida for a vacation. On the night of March 23, 1968, they stayed at a Holiday Inn Motel near Birmingham, Alabama, possibly located on Highway 31. The next day they drove to Florida where they stayed at a Howard Johnson Motel in the vicinity of Fort Walton Beach. On March 25, 1968, they drove to Panama City, Florida, where they rented kitchenette #4 of the Treasures Island Motel which was operated by BUD HASTINGS and his wife FRANCES. These individuals also owned the nearby Sunglow Motel. When Mrs. DAVIS and Mrs. WARD occupied kitchenette #4 at the Treasures Island Motel, no other individuals were occupying the motel.

On April 1, 1968, Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING of Louisville flew to Panama City and was met at the airport by Mrs. WARD and Mrs. DAVIS, and on that date, he occupied the kitchenette

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next to #4 at the Treasures Island Motel believed to be #5.

About 9:30 a.m., April 3, 1968, Mrs. WARD, Mrs. DAVIS and Rev. KING left Treasures Island Motel in Mrs. WARD's automobile for the purpose of going to Memphis, Tennessee, to participate in the scheduled April 5, 1968, march. Mrs. WARD left some of her clothing in kitchenette #4 at the Treasures Island Motel as she planned to return to the motel after the march for further vacationing. Mrs. DAVIS does not believe that the owners of the motel, the HASTINGS, knew at the time Mrs. DAVIS and her companions left the motel that they were going to Memphis, but the HASTINGS did know that Mrs. WARD planned to return in a few days to the motel.

Mrs. DAVIS later learned that when Mrs. WARD, because of the death of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, decided not to further vacation in Florida and had flown to Panama City on April 6, 1968, to obtain the remainder of her clothing, that Mr. and Mrs. HASTINGS had expressed some displeasure to Mrs. WARD about having as guests Mrs. WARD, Mrs. DAVIS and Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING. Mrs. DAVIS believed the HASTINGS originally came from Birmingham and recalled that Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING used to pastor a church there.

Mrs. DAVIS and Mrs. WARD and Rev. KING arrived in Memphis, Tennessee from Panama City, Florida, and registered at the Lorraine Motel at about 1 a.m., April 4, 1968. Rev. KING and Mrs. DAVIS did the registering and Mrs. DAVIS occupied Room 201 and Mrs. WARD Room 207.

Immediately upon their arrival at the Lorraine Motel, Mrs. WARD, Mrs. DAVIS and Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING started making inquiry of other guests at the motel as to the whereabouts of Rev. KING's brother, Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. He could not be located at the motel and HOSEA WILLIAMS remarked that Dr. KING was at a strategy meeting at a church, the name of which Mrs. DAVIS recalls as the Church of the Minimal Salary (Phonetic). Mrs. WARD, Mrs. DAVIS and Rev. KING then went to the church but Dr. KING was not there. Rev. ANDREW YOUNG and some other people, identities not known to Mrs. DAVIS but appearing to be possibly local pastors and ministers, were holding a meeting at the church. A man called "CABBAGE" was speaking at the meeting when Mrs. DAVIS and her companions arrived,

but Mrs. DAVIS and her companions did not stay at the meeting upon learning Dr. KING was not there. Mrs. DAVIS and her companions went to a smaller room in the church where they met Rev. JESSE JACKSON from Chicago, Illinois and conversed with Rev. JACKSON for a few minutes.

Mrs. DAVIS and her companions thereafter returned to the Lorraine Motel arriving about 3 a.m., and the three of them went to Room 207. Here they conversed among themselves with the door to the motel room open for about an hour or an hour and a half at which point Mrs. DAVIS happened to observe a taxi cab, identity not recalled, arriving at the motel and to depart from the cab Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, Rev. RALPH ABERNATHY, and Rev. BERNARD LEE. Mrs. WARD immediately went out and invited the three individuals into Room 207. Doctor KING and his companions joined Mrs. DAVIS and her companions in Room 207. After approximately five minutes Revs. ABERNATHY and LEE left the room, presumably to go to their own rooms. Mrs. DAVIS, Mrs. WARD, Dr. KING and Rev. KING remained in Room 207 until about 5 a.m. when Dr. KING left, advising he was going to Room 306.

During the conversation by the above individuals in Room 207 no one made any mention of indication that they were fearful of any attempt being made that day on Dr. KING's life.

After Dr. KING left Room 207, Mrs. DAVIS also left the room and went to Room 201. About one-half hour later, Dr. KING came to Room 201 and visited with Mrs. DAVIS for about an hour, the talk consisting of general matters, Mrs. DAVIS remembering specifically that during this time she mentioned to Dr. KING that Miss KATHERINE PEDIN of Kentucky was running for U.S. Senator from Kentucky, and Dr. KING indicated he had met Miss PEDIN as she had interviewed him as a member of the President's Commission on Civil Disorders. Also during this visit Mrs. DAVIS told Dr. KING that in view of the march in Memphis, Tennessee having been rescheduled from April 5 to April 8, 1968, Mrs. DAVIS would probably not remain in Memphis over the weekend, but would return to Louisville. However, Dr. KING asked that before Mrs. DAVIS made a final decision he would like to talk to her further about this but that he had to leave as he had a strategy meeting planned in Room 306 at 8 a.m., April 4, 1968, and he anticipated he would re-contact

her about her decision about noon, April 4, 1968.

Shortly after Dr. KING left Room 201, Mrs. WARD joined Mrs. DAVIS in Room 201 where they had coffee and conversed until about noon when Mrs. WARD left. About 1 p.m. or 1:30 p.m. Dr. KING returned to Room 201 and advised Mrs. DAVIS that he needed to relax for a short while and left Room 306 so as not to be bothered unless important matters occurred. From Room 201 Dr. KING phoned Room 306 and spoke with Rev. LEE advising Rev. LEE as to his whereabouts and informed Rev. LEE he did not want to be disturbed unless it was an important matter. While in Room 201 on this occasion Dr. KING made several phone calls using a credit card. Mrs. DAVIS recalls that Dr. KING phoned his secretary, DORA McDONALD, in Atlanta, Georgia, and also made a call to New York, identity of person called not specifically remembered by Mrs. DAVIS, but possibly being a STAN LEVINSON (phonetic) or a (First Name Unknown) WACHTEL (phonetic) as Mrs. DAVIS had heard Dr. KING speak of these individuals.

Thereafter as Dr. KING was just dialing his mother in Atlanta, Georgia, Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING came into Room 201 and Dr. KING and Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING conversed with their mother telephonically for a few minutes. About 45 minutes later Revs. ABERNATHY and LEE came to Room 201 and Mrs. DAVIS then phoned Mrs. WARD and invited her to Room 201. Mrs. WARD did come to Room 201.

Shortly after Mrs. WARD's arrival in Room 201, Mrs. WARD left to pick up some cleaning for Mrs. DAVIS at a laundry and dry cleaning store, name not recalled, located at Beale and Third Streets in Memphis. Mrs. WARD had taken the cleaning to this location earlier on April 4, 1968, for Mrs. DAVIS, probably about 10 a.m. and as Mrs. DAVIS recalls, she had been accompanied on that occasion by Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING.

During the absence of Mrs. WARD from Room 201, CHAINCEY ESKRIDGE, the attorney from Chicago, and Rev. ANDREW YOUNG, came to Room 201. Mrs. WARD returned from her visit to the laundry very shortly thereafter, making a total of eight individuals in the room. The above eight individuals conversed generally until about 5:45 p.m., when Dr. KING announced that he was going to dinner at the home of Rev. BILLY KYLES in Memphis and he invited Mrs. DAVIS to join him for dinner at the Reverend's home. She advised him that she would need

about 15 minutes or so to freshen up and he stated he would go to his room and freshen up and wait for her. Mrs. DAVIS had just completed her preparation for leaving for dinner because she recalled that she was standing in front of a mirror with her raincoat on taking a last look as to her appearance when she heard a shot. She was stunned for just an instant but then immediately went outside the room and heard someone yell Dr. KING had just been shot. She looked up towards Room 306 and saw what she is convinced were Dr. KING's feet on the balcony protruding slightly over the edge. There was considerable confusion and panic and police arrived almost immediately. Mrs. DAVIS cannot be entirely certain of immediate events following, but as she recalls Rev. JACKSON was in the motel courtyard at the time she went out of Room 201 as was Mrs. WARD. Mrs. DAVIS immediately proceeded up to where Dr. KING was lying and remained in that vicinity until Dr. KING was taken away in an ambulance which Mrs. DAVIS estimates was approximately 10 minutes after she had heard the shot.

Mrs. DAVIS can recall no incident which she observed after coming out of Room 201 after the shot had been fired which she feels has any bearing on ascertaining the identity of the individual responsible for the shot.

After Dr. KING had been taken from the motel in an ambulance, Mrs. DAVIS recalls that Rev. JACKSON was in the courtyard and gave a press statement. Thereafter Mrs. DAVIS went to the motel office where she found Mrs. WARD who was ordering coffee. Then Mrs. DAVIS and a man Mrs. DAVIS recalls as a HAROLD MILLER, possibly a local minister from Memphis or Atlanta, went to Room 207 to advise Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING of the shooting of his brother. Rev. KING was asleep and they did not succeed in awakening him. Thereafter Mrs. WARD came to Room 207 and Mrs. DAVIS and the man she believes was named MILLER left the room.

Later on the night of April 4, 1968, possibly around 8:30 p.m. someone, Mrs. DAVIS did not know who, felt that Mrs. WARD, Mrs. DAVIS and Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING should not spend the remainder of that night at the Lorraine Motel and Mrs. DAVIS recalls packing her clothes and the three of them going out to the home of Rev. KYLES. After arrival at this home, it was decided again by someone not known to Mrs. DAVIS that Rev. KING would remain at Rev. KYLES that evening but that

Mrs. WARD and Mrs. DAVIS should spend the evening at a Howard Johnson Motel in Memphis. Mrs. WARD and Mrs. DAVIS together with individuals not now recalled went to the Howard Johnson Motel where Mrs. WARD registered for the two of them, but the plans again changed as Mrs. DAVIS recalls HOSEA WILLIAMS indicated that Mrs. DAVIS and her companions should return to the Lorraine Motel for the evening. Mrs. WARD and Mrs. DAVIS were then driven in Mrs. WARD's car by an unknown individual back to the Lorraine Motel where they entered Room 201. A short time later Rev. KYLES brought Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING back to the motel at which point Mrs. WARD left Room 201. Mrs. DAVIS spent the remainder of the night by herself in Room 201.

On Friday morning, April 5, 1968, Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING left the Lorraine Motel to go to the airport to meet the wife of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING who was arriving in Memphis on that morning.

Mrs. WARD and Mrs. DAVIS left Memphis, Tennessee, about 9 a.m., April 5, 1968, and drove to Atlanta, Georgia.

Mrs. DAVIS advised that during her stay in Memphis, on April 4 - 5, 1968, she personally had received no threats against her life nor does she have any knowledge of anyone at the Lorraine Motel being specifically threatened on that occasion.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 16, 1968

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Mrs. JASPER D. (LUCRETIA B.) WARD, also known as Lukie Ward, 2540 Ramsdell, Louisville, Kentucky, was interviewed in the office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Louisville, Kentucky, and furnished the following information:

For the past several years she has served as administrative assistant to Reverend A.D. WILLIAMS KING of Louisville, Kentucky, and as secretary of the Kentucky Christian Leadership Conference (KCLC) at Louisville, Kentucky, an affiliate of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

About midnight April 3, 1968, or shortly thereafter on April 4, 1968, Mrs. WARD in the company of Mrs. GEORGIA DAVIS of Louisville, Kentucky, a Board member of the KCLC and a Kentucky State Senator from Louisville, and the Reverend A.D. WILLIAMS KING of KCLC and pastor of the Zion Baptist Church in Louisville, arrived in Memphis, Tennessee, in Mrs. WARD's 1967 Cadillac, bearing 1968 Kentucky license X79-447. The purpose of their visit to Memphis, Tennessee was to participate in a scheduled march there on April 5, 1968 to be led by Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. Mrs. WARD and her companions registered in the Lorraine Motel occupying Rooms 201 and 207.

Mrs. WARD did not leave the Lorraine Motel from the time of her arrival until after the shooting of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING at the motel at about 6 p.m. on April 4, 1968, except for one occasion. This was in the afternoon of April 4, 1968, possibly around 3 p.m., when Mrs. WARD left the motel to go to a nearby laundry, exact location not recalled, but the name of the laundry believed to be One-Hour Martinizing. The purpose of her going to the laundry was to pick up some clothes that were there ready for delivery to Mrs. GEORGIA DAVIS. When Mrs. WARD returned from the laundry, she joined a group that was gathered in Room 201 of the Lorraine Motel. As she recalls the individuals in the room were Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., Rev. RALPH ABERNATHY, Rev. ANDREW YOUNG, Attorney CHAUNCEY ESKRIDGE, Rev. BERNARD LEE, Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING and Mrs. GEORGIA DAVIS.

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The above group remained together engaging in just general conversation until approximately 5:40 p.m., April 4, 1968, at which time the group decided that they would go to dinner, and the individuals left to go to their various rooms to freshen up for dinner. Mrs. WARD left Room 201 in the company of Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING and the two of them went to Room 207. Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING had partaken of some alcoholic beverages during the afternoon and had decided to rest rather than join the group for dinner. Approximately 15 - 20 minutes after arriving in Room 207 at which time Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING was sleeping, Mrs. WARD heard a shot. She immediately opened the door to the room and looked out and heard someone yell that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING had just been shot. The news stunned Mrs. WARD and while she cannot be exactly certain of her exact movements immediately thereafter, as she recalls upon hearing the news she briefly re-entered Room 207 and then immediately went out into the courtyard of the motel. There was much confusion and police were immediately in the area. Mrs. WARD observed nothing which gave her any indication as to the possible identity of the individual responsible for the shooting. Mrs. WARD recalls that she did not advise Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING of the shooting of his brother until about 20 minutes after the incident occurred. Rev. KING's reaction was one of extreme grief and he gave no indication that he had any idea as to the identity of the person responsible.

As Mrs. WARD recalls, someone, specific identity not now recalled, thought it best that Mrs. WARD, Mrs. DAVIS and Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING not remain the remainder of the night of April 4 - 5, 1968, at the Lorraine Motel. Accordingly, at about 10 p.m. they left the motel and went to the home of a Rev. WILLIAM KYLES whom Mrs. WARD believes is a minister in Memphis. Rev. KYLES or someone suggested that Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING remain at his home that evening and that Mrs. WARD and Mrs. DAVIS obtain motel accommodations at a nearby Howard Johnson's Motel. Mrs. DAVIS and Mrs. WARD did go to such a motel and Mrs. WARD registered in the motel, but just as she did so HOSEA WILLIAMS who was present at the time decided that Mrs. WARD, Mrs. DAVIS and Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING should go back to the Lorraine Motel and spend the rest of the night. They did this,

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Mrs. WARD and Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING being in Room 207 and Mrs. DAVIS occupying Room 201. En route Mrs. WARD had stopped at a drug store and purchased some sleeping pills which she administered to the Rev. KING and Mrs. DAVIS because of their extremely excited condition.

Mrs. WARD commented that she possesses no information which she feels might assist in identifying the individual responsible for the shooting of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 16, 1968

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Mrs. JASPER D. (LUCRETIA B.) WARD, also known as Lukie Ward, 2540 Ramsdell, Louisville, Kentucky, telephonically furnished the following information:

Since being interviewed on April 15, 1968, Mrs. WARD recalls that in addition to leaving the Lorraine Motel in the afternoon of April 4, 1968, she had left the motel on that date on one other occasion. This was during the morning, believed to be around 11 a.m., when she took some cleaning for Mrs. GEORGIA DAVIS to the nearby cleaners, the One-Hour Martinizing. On this occasion, she was accompanied by the Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING because she recalls that as she was taking the cleaning into the cleaners, Rev. KING purchased some beer from a store located diagonally across the corner from the cleaners.

Mrs. WARD also advised that she and Mrs. DAVIS and Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING, prior to their arrival in Memphis, Tennessee about midnight, April 3, 1968, had been vacationing in Panama City, Florida, at the Treasures Island Motel. They had driven to Memphis in Mrs. WARD's automobile from Florida. Prior to leaving the Florida motel, Mrs. WARD had notified Mrs. FRANCES HASTINGS who, together with her husband, owns the motel, that they were departing but that she, Mrs. WARD, would return shortly for about a week's stay. Mrs. WARD inadvertently told Mrs. HASTINGS that she and her companions were going to Birmingham. Mrs. WARD recalls that when she and her companions were nearly halfway to Memphis that she remembered that she had erroneously told Mrs. HASTINGS they were going to Birmingham. She feels that she made this mistake in that she had earlier talked to the HASTINGS who had told her they were originally from Birmingham, Alabama.

After Dr. KING's assassination, Mrs. WARD changed her plans about spending any further time in Florida and at 6:50 a.m., April 6, 1968, she flew from Memphis, Tennessee, to Panama City, Florida, to get the rest of her clothes. She rented a car at the airport and drove to the motel. When she arrived at the motel, she met Mrs. HASTINGS who immediately

On 4-16-68 at Louisville, Kentucky File # LS 44-947

by SA WARREN L. WALSH WLW/ds Date dictated 4-16-68

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advised Mrs. WARD that the motel was full and there was no room for Mrs. WARD. Mrs. WARD felt this statement to be untrue as there appeared to be room at the motel, and she spoke rather plainly to Mrs. HASTINGS about her feeling that Mrs. HASTINGS did not want her at the motel because she had been in the company of two Negroes, Rev. KING and Mrs. DAVIS. Mrs. HASTINGS made some comment about them, the HASTINGS, run a respectable motel, and Mrs. WARD replied that it was because the motel had that reputation that she and her companions had originally decided to vacation there.

Mrs. WARD stated that it appeared to her that the motel owners, the HASTINGS, did not object to herself and Mrs. DAVIS having occupied the motel, but apparently objected to the presence in the motel of Rev. A.D. WILLIAMS KING.

Mrs. WARD stated that at no time did either of the HASTINGS make any type of specific threat to Mrs. WARD, against Mrs. WARD or her companions, but it was clear to Mrs. WARD that she was no longer welcome at the HASTINGS' motel.

Mrs. WARD left Panama City by plane about 1:30 p.m. on April 6, 1968 and flew to Atlanta, Georgia, where she was met by Mrs. DAVIS.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC 170-112

DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SA GENE L. GARRETT

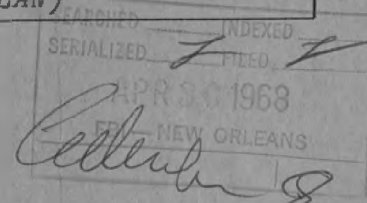
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Memorandum

TO : SAC 170-114

DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SA GENE L. GARRETT

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SUBJECT: NO 1300-R

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No personal weakness noted.		SEARCHED INDEXED SERIALIZED FILED APR 30 1968 FBI - NEW ORLEANS <i>Callender</i> <u>157-10673-785</u>

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If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent: Date Dictated <u>4/23/68</u> to <u>can</u> Transcribed <u>4/30/68</u> Authenticated by Informant _____		Date of Report 4/22/68 Date(s) of activity 4/17/68 and 4/22/68
Brief description of activity or material JAMES SCARBOROUGH and E. D. MORACE made plans for trip to Winneshore, La., to pay klan dues to MURRAY MARTIN. SCARBOROUGH agreed to obtain a .45 caliber machine gun for MORACE. KLAN at Jena, La. inactive. SCARBOROUGH has no info		File where original is located if not attached 170-136A
Remarks: OR JAMES EARL RAY.		

INFORMATION HEREIN SHOULD BE PROPERLY PARAPHRASED
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1-(157-3489) (E. D. MORACE)
1-(157-3611) (NORMAN HEAD)
1-(157-) (KLAN, JENA, LA.)
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SILVER DOLLAR GROUP -
KLAN, JENA, LOUISIANA,
AND OKKKK, LOUISIANA

JAMES SCAROBROUGH and E. D. MORACE met on 4/21/68 and discussed the Silver Dollar Group and the recent lack of activity of the SDG. SCAROBROUGH suggested that MORACE accompany him to Winnsboro, Louisiana in the near future so that dues could be paid to MURRAY MARTIN, the head of the OKKKK there. MORACE indicated to SCAROBROUGH that he had 15 men ready to become members of MARTIN'S OKKKK in Ferriday, Louisiana. SCAROBROUGH said he had some men at Ferriday, Louisiana, who were to become members of the OKKKK, and he would pay dues on them.

SCAROBROUGH said he had located the .45 caliber machine gun that MORACE wanted to buy and that a good man in south Louisiana, had one for \$95.00. This man would have four guns available in about June, 1968.

SCAROBROUGH was loading carbine ammunition on 4/21/68, and stated he had located a place in the hills where the klan could hide out when the Negroes revolt. SCAROBROUGH did not say just where this place was, and indicated it was in the area where his parents live or lived, which is in the Bastrop, Louisiana area.

NORMAN HEAD and E. D. MORACE met on 4/21/68, and HEAD stated he was still working out of the area most of the time. HEAD inquired about the progress in forming a unit of the OKA or OKKKK, under the leadership of KENEST GILBERT of Jackson, Mississippi. MORACE stated JAMES SCARBROUGH had decided against such a unit and instead had wanted to organize a unit under MURRAY MARTIN. HEAD was opposed to this move and said he would talk to SCARBROUGH.

There was an unidentified man from Jena, Louisiana, present during the conversation between MORACE and HEAD. This man said the klan at Jena, Louisiana was inactive.

MURKIN

During a conversation between JAMES SCARBROUGH and E. D. MORACE on 4/21/68, MORACE asked SCARBROUGH in a joking way what his minutemen had to do with the killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING. SCARBROUGH denied that he knew anything about the killing or about the minutemen. MORACE told SCARBROUGH he knew SCARBROUGH had some minutemen meeting and SCARBROUGH said it was only the rifle association.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

DATE: 5/1/68

FROM : SA TROY H. GIST

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER dated 4/25/68.

AT HAMMOND, LOUISIANA

HARRY JOYNTON, Chief Investigating Deputy, Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office, and BROOKS ROBINSON, Chief of Police, advised there are no "hippie" rooming houses or hangouts in Hammond or in the Hammond area. Deputy JOYNTON said this is true for all of Tangipahoa Parish and police officials do not allow them to stay around the parish in any area.



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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

FROM : ASAC SYLVESTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 5/2/68

Re: GERALD HARRELL

SA JOE HESTER, Memphis, telephonically advised at 2:30 p.m. that GERALD HARRELL of New Orleans, has been interviewed by the Memphis Office and there is no need to conduct an interview here.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10673)

DATE: 5/2/68

FROM : ASAC

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re BH tel to Bureau & New Orleans, 5/2/68.

Kansas City was telephonically contacted at
1:15 p.m.

SA RAY HOWE advised that JOHNNY VEDANTIE was paroled
on 3/28/67, was originally from Atlanta, Ga. and gave the
name of PETTY BURNETTE, 636 Lillian Ave., S. W. Atlanta,
Ga., as contact point.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

DATE 5/2/68

FROM : COY D. CHRISTOPHER

SUBJECT: MURKIN.

AT approximately 7:00 pm this date MAGGIE LA BARRE, RFD Napoleonville, La. and furnished the following information.

LA BARRE ADVISED that on 4/30/ 68 two men who identified themselves as HARRY MILLER, of 1726 N. Bolten, Jacksonville, Texas, and CHARLES VONES of same address, rented two cabins from ~~the~~ her.

She advised that the man who identified himself as HARRY MILLER paid for both cabins and appeared to her as looking the man who shot MARTIN LUTHER KING. She advised that ~~THE~~ MILLER fit the description of RAY AND GALT all except this man did not have a crew cut.

She advised that these two men were driving a blue panel or carry-all type truck. She advised that the men told her that it was new. The truck had texas license fub she did not get the license number.

SHERIFF'S
The Napoleonville, La., police department was contacted and a deputy from that department advised this office that their department would check ~~the~~ out the information which was furnished this office and advise this office of their findings. At approximately 10:30 pm this date the deputy telephonically contacted this office and advised that JAMES EARL RAY and ERIC STARVO GALT's picture were displayed to LA BARRE. The deputy advised that she told them that the man did not resemble either off the pictures very much. The deputy also advised that the Blue truck nor the two men were there at that time. They advised that any more information received by their office would be promptly passed on th this office.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC New Orleans (170-172) DATE:

FROM : SA William E. Doyle

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SUBJECT:

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (137-2557)

DATE: 5/2/68

FROM : SA ALBERT B. MILLER

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

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SUBJECT: NO 1398-C

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Purpose and results of contact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE <input type="checkbox"/> STATISTIC <p>CI looked at photos of JAMES EARL RAY, aka, without recognition.</p> <p>CI stated he is aware of the importance of this case, and that he has been on the alert for RAY. CI stated he would immediately advise should information of any possible significance be developed.</p>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Very Good	Coverage Fugitives, Gambling, Gen'l Intell.
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815PM URGENT 5-2-68 DJB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS, NEW ORLEANS, & ST. LOUIS
FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 2P

MURKIN.

RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE MAY ONE LAST.

BIRMINGHAM ADVISED FORMER MSP INMATE JAMES W. BROWN
INTERVIEWED AND ADVISED CLOSE ASSOCIATES OF RAY AT MSP,
JEFFERSON CITY, MO., WERE JOHNNY VELLANTI, JOHNNY JOHNSON
SERVING TWENTY YEARS FROM KANSAS CITY; NONEY EDEN SERVING
FIVE YEARS, RICHARD BEEMAN AND FRANK MAYBERRY FROM WEST
PLAINS, MISSOURI.

RICHARD BEEMAN LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED MAY TWO INSTANT
BUT COULD FURNISH NO INFORMATION AND DID NOT KNOW RAY WELL.
JOHNNY VELLANTI NUMBER ZERO ZERO TWO THREE THREE, PAROLED
MARCH TWENTY EIGHT, SIXTY SEVEN, AND LAST ADDRESS IS ONE SIX
THREE TWO SOUTH EIGHTEENTH STREET, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, WHERE
HE IS EMPLOYED BY WMARY FM RADIO. NONEY EDEN NOT IDENTIFIED.
JOHN EDWARD JOHNSON NUMBER ZERO ZERO EIGHT SEVEN SIX SERVING
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Andrew

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TWENTY FIVE YEARS FROM JACKSON COUNTY ASSIGNED MENS TRAINING SCHOOL AT MOBERLY JANUARY TWENTY THIRD, SIXTY SEVEN, AND FORMERLY WAS IN MOBERLY JUNE TWENTY FOUR, SIXTY FOUR, TO AUGUST TWENTY THREE, SIXTY SIX WHEN HE WAS PAROLED. RETURNED ON REVOCATION DECEMBER TWO SIXTY SIX. FRANK MAYBERRY NUMBER ONE THREE SEVEN SIX THREE ALSO ASSIGNED TO MOBERLY.

ST. LOUIS AT ST. LOUIS INTERVIEW JOHNNY VELLANTI CONCERNING BACKGROUND ASSOCIATES FOR WHEREABOUTS OF RAY.

AT MOBERLY, WILL SIMILARLY INTERVIEW JOHN EDWARD JOHNSON AND FRANK MAYBERRY. INQUIRY MSP DOES NOT REFLECT WALTER E. NOLAN DISCIPLINED FOR HAVING AMMUNITION IN HIS POCKET. MAJOR BERNARD POIRY RECALLS INCIDENT THREE OR FOUR YEARS AGO WHEN AMMUNITION FOUND IN WORK SHOP OF PENITENTIARY AND THIS TRACED TO JIMMY Z. BRAGLEY WHO HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AS "KING PEN" IN AMPHETAMINE BUSINESS IN MSP AND WHO IS A CLOSE FRIEND OF RAY. ST. LOUIS BEING FURNISHED SEPARATELY WITH BACKGROUND DATA ON NOLAN AND VELLANTI.

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9:44PM URGENT 5-2-68 DPK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS, NEW ORLEANS, BIRMINGHAM,
KANSAS CITY, AND ATLANTA
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

RE CHARLES STEIN

REINTERVIEW OF CHARLES JOSEPH STEIN, MAY TWO INSTANT.
PURPOSE OF INTERVIEW WAS TO REVIEW INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY
FURNISHED BY STEIN AND OBTAIN FROM HIM DETAILED INFORMATION
REGARDING HIS MEETING OF INDIVIDUAL KNOWN TO HIM AS ERIC
GALT (JAMES EARL RAY), THE DISCUSSIONS THEY HAD, THEIR
TRIP TO AND FROM NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, THEIR ACTIVITY
WHILE IN NEW ORLEANS, AND THEIR ACTIVITY IN LOS ANGELES
SUBSEQUENT TO NEW ORLEANS TRIP. AGENTS CONDUCTING
INTERVIEW, ONE OF WHOM IS FAMILIAR WITH NEW ORLEANS AREA,
HAD IN THEIR POSSESSION EXTENSIVE INFORMATION REGARDING
STEIN'S BACKGROUND.

STEIN FURNISHED SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME INFORMATION
AS IN PREVIOUS INTERVIEWS. STEIN ADVISED ONLY ACTUALLY
OBSERVED GALT (RAY) MAKING ONE PHONE CALL; HOWEVER, BELIEVES
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MAY HAVE MADE OTHER CALLS WHILE NOT IN STEIN'S PRESENCE. STEIN STATED ONE CALL HE OBSERVED MADE FROM PUBLIC COIN BOX PHONE BOOTH DURING NIGHT PRIOR TO ARRIVAL NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA. 11 STEIN ADVISED ARRIVED IN NEW ORLEANS ON DECEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST.

STEIN ADVISED HE AND ~~LOUIS LOMAX~~ DID NOT LOCATE PHONE BOOTH IN QUESTION, WHEN TRIP RETRACED BY THEM. FEELS THIS DUE TO FACT LOMAX TRACED TRAVEL IN REVERSE FROM WAY IT ACTUALLY OCCURRED. STEIN STRONGLY FEELS BY RETRACING TRIP ROUTE FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS HE WOULD BE ABLE TO LOCATE PHONE BOOTH IN WHICH CALL WAS MADE BY GALT (RAY).

STEIN DENIED GALT EVER VISITED HIM AT THREE THREE FOUR ZERO FLOYD TERRACE, HOLLYWOOD, NOR EVER HAVING MET GALT BEFORE THEIR MEETING IN SULTAN ROOM, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, HOLLYWOOD, NIGHT OF DECEMBER FOURTEEN LAST. DENIES EVER HAVING FURNISHED ANY TYPE DRUG TO GALT (RAY), OR EVER HAVING SEEN GALT(RAY) USE ANY. STEIN ADMITTED PAST ARRESTS FOR POSSESSION BARBITUATES AND STATED WOULD KNOW A "DOPEHEAD" IF HE SAW ONE. STATED GALT WAS NOT A "DOPEHEAD", BUT POSSIBLE HE MIGHT HAVE TAKEN "PILLS", ALTHOUGH NEVER IN PRESENCE OF STEIN.

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STEIN STATED HE WAS QUITE IRRITATED WITH LOUIS LOMAX, BECAUSE LOMAX USED HIM FOR PUBLICITY PURPOSES. STEIN EXPRESSED CONCERN FOR HIS LIFE FROM THE KILLER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., BECAUSE OF PRESS EXPOSURE GIVEN HIM BY LOMAX.

IT WOULD APPEAR THAT STEIN TELLING TRUTH AS BEST HE REMEMBERS OF HIS ASSOCIATION WITH GALT (RAY).

BUREAU MIGHT DESIRE TO CONSIDER RETRACING STEIN'S TRIP WITH GALT (RAY) TO NEW ORLEANS, WITH PURPOSE IN MIND OF LOCATING PHONE BOOTH IN WHICH STEIN PERSONALLY OBSERVED GALT (RAY) MAKING CALL. POSSIBLE SUCH RETRACING MIGHT BE PRODUCTIVE IF CONDUCTED IN LOGICAL MANNER AND MIGHT POSSIBLY BRING OTHER FACTS TO MEMORY OF STEIN.

STEIN ADVISED HE RECALLS THAT GALT (RAY), ON TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS, TOLD HIM NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON HE WAS GOING TO SEE. STEIN STATED NAME WAS ITALIAN SOUNDING, WAS A WELL-KNOWN NAME IN NEW ORLEANS, AND ADDRESS GAVE STEIN MENTAL PICTURE OF CHALMETTE-INDUSTRIAL CANAL AREA. STEIN ADVISED WHEN ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE PHONE BOOTH ON TRIP WITH LOUIS LOMAX, LOMAX ASKED HIM IF SAM RISCELLE (PHONETIC)

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WAS PERSON NAMED BY GALT (RAY). STEIN ADVISED TOLD LOMAX HE COULD NOT REMEMBER NAME, NOR COULD HE RECALL IT DURING INTERVIEW, THIS DATE.

REINTERVIEW WITH RITA STEIN

~~RITA STEIN, AKA RITA ROSAS; SISTER OF CHARLES JOSEPH STEIN~~
~~REINTERVIEWED TODAY SEPARATELY BUT SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH REINTERVIEW~~
~~OF HER BROTHER, PURPOSE WAS TO REVIEW IN DETAIL WITH HER FACTS~~
~~SURROUNDING ORIGINAL MEETING WITH ERIC GALT AND ATTEMPT TO FILL~~
~~OUT ANY FACTS SHE MIGHT HAVE OVERLOOKED DURING ORIGINAL INTERVIEWS.~~

INFORMATION FURNISHED WAS IN AGREEMENT WITH INFORMATION
ORIGINALLY FURNISHED. CLAIMS NEVER MET GALT PRIOR TO MEETING WITH
HIM IN SULTAN ROOM BAR, IN ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, HOLLYWOOD, IN MID-
DECEMBER SIXTY SEVEN, DAY BEFORE HE DROVE HER BROTHER TO NEW
ORLEANS TO BRING BACK HER DAUGHTERS [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. STATES
SHE WAS INTRODUCED TO HIM THAT EVENING BY HER COUSIN, MARIE
MARTIN, WAITRESS IN SULTAN ROOM BAR. SHE SAID SHE TRIED TO MAKE
HIM UNDERSTAND THAT IT WAS ESSENTIAL SHE GET HER KIDS BACK
FROM NEW ORLEANS, AND QUOTE THIS WAS NO PLAY CLOSE QUOTES.
HE CLAIMED HE UNDERSTOOD, AND STATED HE WOULD BE GALT TO TAKE HER
AS HE WAS ON VACATION AND NOT WORKING. SHE WENT HOME AND TOLD HER
BROTHER THERE WAS A GUY AT SULTAN ROOM BAR THAT WAS WILLING TO DRIVE
HER TO NEW ORLEANS. HAD CHARLIE GO TO SULTAN ROOM TO SIZE HIM UP
THAT EVENING.
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NEXT MORNING SHE CONVINCED CHARLIE HE SHOULD GO TO NEW ORLEANS IN HER PLACE, AS SHE WAS AFRAID TO RIDE ALONE TO NEW ORLEANS WITH MAN SHE HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY KNOWN. GALT SHOWED UP AT HER HOUSE EARLY THAT AM AND SAID THAT HE WAS DOING A FAVOR FOR HER, AND SHE COULD DO A FAVOR FOR HIM BY HAVING HER BROTHER, HER COUSIN MARIE, ACCOMPANY HIM TO REGISTER AT WALLACE HEADQUARTERS, AND FOR HER TO DO LIKEWISE. SHE AND BROTHER AND COUSIN AGREED, AND DROVE IN HIS WHITE MUSTANG TO WALLACE HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH HOLLYWOOD. SHE RODE IN BACK SEAT WITH HER TWO SONS. GALT, MARIE AND CHARLIE RODE IN FRONT SEAT.

FOLLOWING RETURN TO HER HOME ON FRANKLIN STREET, GALT AND CHARLIE LEFT FOR NEW ORLEANS.

NEXT SAW GALT EARLY AM ON THE MORNING HE AND CHARLIE RETURNED WITH HER TWO DAUGHTERS FROM NEW ORLEANS. HE HELPED UNLOAD CAR AND LEFT IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER. RETURNED BRIEFLY NEXT DAY TO DELIVER CHILD'S BLACKBOARD OVERLOOKED IN UNLOADING CAR - PREVIOUS MORNING. SHE INSISTS HE NEVER ENTERED HER HOME FARTHER THAN HALF WAY ACROSS FRONT ROOM. NEVER HAD FOOD OR DRINK OR USED BATHROOM IN HER HOME. SHE ALSO INSISTS SHE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE HE WAS OR MAY HAVE BEEN NARCOTICS USER OR PEDDLER.

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ADDED ON THIS INTERVIEW THAT HER SECOND HUSBAND, STANLEY LINO ROSAS, WHO DIED OF OVERDOSE OF MORPHINE IN HOLLYWOOD, WAS NOT KNOWN TO HER TO BE ADDICTED TO NARCOTICS; HOWEVER, SHE SAYS HE ADMITTED TO HER AFTER THEIR MARRIAGE THAT HE HAD BEEN ARRESTED ON NARCOTICS CHARGE IN LOUISIANA. SHE CLAIMS SHE DOES NOT KNOW DETAILS OF THAT ARREST; WHETHER HE WAS USER OR PUSHER. THINKS HE MAY HAVE SERVED TIME IN ANGOLA STATE PEN, BUT IS NOT SURE. SAYS THIS WAS ALL BEFORE SHE MET HIM.

PHOTO OF GALT (JAMES EARL RAY) TAKEN BETWEEN AUGUST SIXTY SEVEN AND FEBRUARY SIXTY EIGHT, FURNISHED BY U.S. POSTAL INSPECTORS, EXHIBITED TO RITA STEIN. SHE STATES THIS IS BEST LIKENESS OF GALT OF ANY PHOTOS SHE HAS SEEN. PHOTO OF GALT IN DARK GLASSES TAKEN DURING FALL SIXTY SEVEN PUERTO VALLARTA RESHOWN AND SHE STATES IT IS VERY POOR LIKENESS. STATES GALT'S WALK, POSTURE, AND STATURE WAS NEVER RELAXED, IMPRESSED HER AS ALWAYS BEING IN STATE OF MILITARY ATTENTION. CHARLES STEIN ALSO EXPRESSED OPINION THAT PHOTO FURNISHED BY USPO BEST LIKENESS OF INDIVIDUAL HE KNEW AS GALT. END PAGE SIX.

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RE GALT'S CORRESPONDENCE WITH "SWINGER" CLUB.

U.S. POSTAL INSPECTORS OFFICE FURNISHED PHOTOGRAPH OF GALT TAKEN DURING PERIOD AUGUST SIXTY SEVEN TO FEBRUARY SIXTY EIGHT AND LETTER WRITTEN BY GALT FEBRUARY SEVENTEEN LAST. THESE ITEMS FURNISHED U.S. POSTAL INSPECTORS BY PATRICIA K. ANDERSON TWO EIGHT ZERO ZERO GLENVIEW, LOS ANGELES WHO RECEIVED LETTER AND PHOTOGRAPH FROM GALT RESULTANT FROM HER NAME BEING INCLUDED ON LIST OF QUOTE THE LOCAL SWINGER END QUOTE A CORRESPONDENCE CLUB IN DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA.

JAMES E. O'DOWD AND ANN L. MEYERS, OWNERS OF QUOTE THE LOCAL SWINGER END QUOTE STATED THEY RECALLED INDIVIDUAL NAMED ERIC GALT HAD SENT IN FEE OF ONE DOLLAR FOR LIST OF SWINGERS. BOTH RECALLED GALT HAD SENT FIVE LETTERS TO CLUB FOR TRANSMITTAL TO INDIVIDUALS INCLUDED IN LIST OF SWINGERS BY SYMBOL NUMBER. NO RECORD OF INDIVIDUALS TO WHOM GALT SENT LETTER MAINTAINED. RECORDS THIS CLUB CONTAIN NAME OF PATRICIA SHUREST, TWO EIGHT ZERO ZERO GLENVIEW, LOS ANGELES.

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RE ADVERTISEMENT PLACED IN LOS ANGELES FREE PRESS BY GALT.

ON MAY TWO INSTANT, GENE TURNER, ACCOUNTANT, LOS ANGELES "FREE PRESS", L.A. AVANT GARDE NEWSPAPER, MADE AVAILABLE ADVERTISEMENT PLACED BY ERIC S. GALT ON JANUARY THIRTY LAST. ADVERTISEMENT PROBABLY RECEIVED AT "FREE PRESS" BY MAIL. ADVERTISEMENT READS: "SINGLE MALE CAUC. THIRTY SIX YEARS. FIVE ELEVEN ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY LB. DIGS FR. CULT. DESIRE'S DISCREET MEETING WITH PASSIONATE MARRIED FEMALE FOR MUTUAL ENJOYMENT, AND/OR FEMALE FOR SWING SESSIONS APT. FURN. WILL EX. PHOTO. WRITE ERIC S. FOUR ZERO SIX SO. SECOND ALHAMBRA, NINE ONE EIGHT ZERO TWO."

NOTATION BELOW ADVERTISEMENT READ "RETURN NAME AND ADDRESS, ERIC S. GALT. SAME AS ABOVE. INCLOSED IS M.O. FOR FOUR DOLLARS TWENTY FIVE CENTS, RUN ADD UNDER THIRTY ONE UNIT SYSTEM. THANKS"

EXAMINATION OF ABOVE REVEALED ENTIRE CONTENTS TYPEWRITTEN USING RED RIBBON. NO HANDWRITING INVOLVED.

TURNER STATED ADVERTISEMENT RAN IN FEBRUARY TWO DASH EIGHT LAST EDITION OF ABOVE PAPER, ALSO MADE AVAILABLE.

ABOVE ADDRESS IN ALHAMBRA IS THAT OF C. M. HEDGPETH INTERVIEWED BY BUREAU AGENTS ON APRIL FOURTEEN LAST. HE STATED GALT WAS PAYING CUSTOMER OF HIS MAIL FORWARDING SERVICE AT FOUR ZERO
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SIX SOUTH SECOND STREET FROM FEBRUARY ONE LAST TO MARCH ONE LAST. ALL MAIL WAS TO BE FORWARDED TO GALT AT ST. FRANCIS HOTEL IN HOLLYWOOD. HEDGPETH STATED HE WAS CERTAIN GALT NEVER RECEIVED ANY MAIL THROUGH HIS FORWARDING SERVICE.

PHOTOGRAPH OF GALT, LETTER AND ORIGINAL OF LA FREE PRESS ADVERTISEMENT FURNISHED BUREAU FOR LABORATORY EXAMINATION VIA AIR TODAY.

LOS ANGELES WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW PATRICIA K. ANDERSON FOR INTERVIEW.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUES AT LOS ANGELES.

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