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On April 15, 1968, information was received from the FBI, Washington, D.C., that an examination of the indented writing obtained on the paper from the Provincial Motel had developed the following names and phone numbers of possible significance: "524-1131," "288-3904," "482-0894," "899-3061." In addition were the words "Herbie" or possibly interpreted as "Shirley," with the last name possibly "Porich" or "Porick"; also the number "3619-Robert"; also a name interpreted as "Jane Penney" or "Fenney."

On April 17, 1968, information was received from the FBI Laboratory, Washington, D.C., that an examination of the Provincial Motel registration card dated December 17, 1967, at New Orleans, and signed "Eric S. Galt," had been conducted. It was determined that there were no latent impressions of value on this registration card, that the handwriting appearing on this registration card does not sufficiently augment previous writings of GALT to permit a satisfactory comparison of the "Harvey Lowmyer" signature with writings attributable to GALT.

The Laboratory further advised that no latent impressions of value were developed on the two sets of stationery which had previously been obtained from Room 126 of the Provincial Motel at New Orleans, Louisiana.

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Records, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, New Orleans, Louisiana, Central District Office, which are available only upon issuance of a subpoena duces tecum, directed to J. T. PFANNKUCHE, District Accounting Manager (Toll), reflect the following information:

Telephone number 524-1131 is subscribed to by the Chamber of Commerce, New Orleans area, located at the Medallion Towers, Suite 301, Camp Street. This number was connected ~~before~~ 1962.

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Records, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, New Orleans, Louisiana, Gentilly District Office, which are available only upon issuance of a subpoena duces tecum, directed to J. T. PFANNKUCHE, District Accounting Manager (Toll), reflect the following information:

Telephone number 288-3904 is subscribed to by EDWARD M. TSOI, 6246 Pratt, Apartment 620. This number was connected on August 7, 1967. Telephone records reflect that TSOI is self employed as an architect contractor.

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Subscriber to telephone number 482-0894 is S. R. TORTORICH, 3623 Joliet. This number was connected on September 24, 1965. Telephone records reflect that TORTORICH is employed as a private secretary to President of Landis Construction Company, telephone number 866-7437.

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Telephone number 899-3061 is subscribed to by Mrs. JANE FINNEY, 3619 Robert. This number was connected on December 11, 1957. Telephone records reflect that FINNEY is employed as a secretary at the Garig Transfer Company.

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EDWARD M. TSOI, also known as, Mang Yok Choy, 823 Julia Avenue, advised that he is the outgoing President of a nationwide social club known as "Parents without Partners". He advised that this organization holds a meeting once each month at the YMCA and also has numerous other social functions.

TSOI advised that S. H. TORTORICH is a Vice-President of this organization, JANE FINNEY is the Recording Secretary for the organization.

He stated that he can not recall receiving a telephone call from a motel in the French Quarter but added that if an individual called him, TORTORICH, or FINNEY it was more than likely about "Parents without Partners".

He advised he has never heard of an individual using the names ERIC S. GALT, JOHN WILLARD, or HARVEY LOWMEYER or any variations of these names.

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SHIRLEY TONTORICI was contacted by Special Agent JAMES D. HILL and PAUL C. HENSEL on April 16, 1968 at OLIVER MEYER Construction Company, 1333 Japonica Street relative to any telephone calls she received from the Provincial Motel in New Orleans. She advised that her home phone number is 482-0394 and that she recalls receiving a call from JOHN HICOK on March 26, 1968 while he was at a French Quarter Motel but that she does not know if it was the Provincial.

She advised that she is a member of Parents Without Partners, an international organization and that HICOK is also a member. She advised that this was the purpose of the call. She advised that they had a meeting and that JANE FINNEY and EDWARD TSOI, also members of the organization, were also present at the meeting. She advised that HICOK said he was from Pontiac, Michigan.

BRYAN DUPEPE, owner and manager, Provincial Motel 1024 Chartres Street, advised that FRANCIS HICOK stayed at the motel on March 26, 1968 and that he listed his address as Pontiac, Michigan.

A review of the New Orleans City Directory shows that TSOI's phone number is 522-5551 and FINNEY's number is 899-3061. TSOI's home phone is 288-3904 and this number was also called from the motel.

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Mrs. JANE FINNEY, Secretary, Central Truck Lines,
6128 Gentilly Road, New Orleans, advised as follows:

She is an officer in the local chapter of Parents Without Partners, a nationwide social organization. Approximately three weeks ago, an individual from some Northern State, name and location not known, was in New Orleans, and apparently called the Young Mens Christian Association from some local motel to obtain names and phone numbers of representatives of the club. She was made aware at a later time that he had called others of the officers, but she received no such call herself. She said it was her belief the finding of her phone number at the Provincial Motel was brought about by the described incident.

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Mr. BRIAN DUPEPE, owner and manager, Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, furnished the interviewing agent the motel records for the date of March 26, 1968:

These records reflect that Mr. FRANCIS HICOK, 8963 Tacklos Street, Pontiac, Michigan, registered at the motel on March 25, 1968 and left the motel on March 27, 1968. These records further reflect that HICOK had occupied room 126 and had made telephone calls to the following New Orleans numbers:

524-1131

288-3904

522-5551

899-3061

482-0894

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INTERVIEWS WITH RELATIVES
OF CHARLES J. STEIN AT
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

The Los Angeles Office of the FBI advised on April 14, 1968, that according to CHARLES J. STEIN, he and ERIC GALT arrived in New Orleans, Louisiana, on December 17, 1967, and STEIN stayed with his mother at 1907 1/2 Royal Street.

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Mrs. CLOVINA OLONZO, 1907½ Royal Street, advised that her son CHARLES J. STEIN came to New Orleans some time just before Christmas, 1967, and stayed at her residence 1907½ Royal Street but she was unable to recall the exact dates that STEIN was in New Orleans.

Mrs. OLONZO advised that STEIN informed her he had traveled to New Orleans by automobile from California with a man whose name he did not mention. STEIN also advised Mrs. OLONZO that MARIE "MINNIE" MARTIN, a cousin residing in California, had heard a man state that he was coming to New Orleans on business and MARIE approached this man to ask this man if he would take CHARLES STEIN to New Orleans with him. This unknown man agreed to transport STEIN to New Orleans.

STEIN also advised Mrs. OLONZO that he came to New Orleans to pick-up RITA STEIN's two children, who were residing with Mrs. OLONZO.

Mrs. OLONZO advised STEIN remained in New Orleans only one or two days. During his stay in New Orleans STEIN advised Mrs. OLONZO that the man who brought him to New Orleans, was staying at a hotel, name not stated. STEIN also advised Mrs. OLONZO that he did not work with this man and that he did not know him.

Mrs. OLONZO advised that she did not see the man, who brought STEIN to New Orleans in the automobile in which they were traveling. Mrs. OLONZO advised that no telephone calls were made by or received by STEIN while he was visiting at her residence as she did not have a telephone. She advised that after one or two days STEIN, RITA STEIN's two children, and the unknown man departed New Orleans for California.

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by SA's PIERRE D. FOURNIER and
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She stated she has not heard from STEIN since that time.

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Mr. WILLIE OLONZO, 1907 1/2 Royal Street, advised that CHARLES J. STEIN, the son of his wife, Mrs. CLOVINA OLONZO, came to their residence some time shortly before Christmas, 1967. He stated that he was bedridden during the period of time that STEIN was in New Orleans and he did not see STEIN except for one occasion and he did not converse with him about the trip. He stated that he had heard that STEIN was transported from California by an unknown man but he could furnish no details concerning this trip.

Mr. OLONZO advised that on one occasion while STEIN was in New Orleans he heard STEIN conversing with a male in the kitchen but since he was bedridden he did not see or hear any pertinent parts of this conversation.

Mr. OLONZO advised that since he was bedridden he did not see the vehicle in which STEIN had traveled from California.

Mr. OLONZO advised he suffers from extreme high blood pressure which causes fainting spells and to the best of his recollection he spent most of the time while STEIN was in New Orleans in Charity Hospital.

He advised he could furnish no additional information concerning STEIN's visit to New Orleans.

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RICKY TOMASO, 1907 1/2 Royal Street, advised his half-brother CHARLES J. STEIN came to New Orleans shortly before Christmas, 1967, but he was unable to recall the exact date. TOMASO advised that he only talked to STEIN on one occasion and STEIN informed him that he had traveled by car with the un-named male from California. TOMASO stated that he knew nothing more about STEIN's trip to New Orleans and while he did talk to STEIN he could furnish no further information. He advised that he did not see the vehicle in which STEIN and the unknown man were traveling.

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[redacted] was interviewed at his residence, 1907 1/2 Royal Street. [redacted] advised that he is currently on probation for [redacted] and that his probation officer from the Juvenile Court is C. J. WARE. He advised that he does not currently attend school as no school in the city of New Orleans will grant him admission.

[redacted] was advised that the FBI had received word from several sources that he ([redacted]) was claiming that he knew ERIC STARVO GALT and that he had ridden in GALT'S car and that while GALT was in New Orleans in December of 1967 GALT was afraid to use his own name and was registering in hotels in New Orleans under the name CHARLES STEIN.

[redacted] denied telling anyone that he knew GALT or had ridden in GALT'S car. He advised that he had never heard of ERIC STARVO GALT until he read the name in the newspaper and he had no idea that his brother, CHARLES STEIN, knew anyone named GALT until he was interviewed by the FBI on Easter Sunday and associated this interview with the newspaper accounts of GALT'S travel to New Orleans.

He stated that while CHARLES STEIN was in New Orleans in December, 1967, he did not see the man, who he assumed was GALT, that brought STEIN to New Orleans and he did not see the vehicle in which this man and STEIN had traveled.

He stated that he could not understand why anyone would be spreading the rumor that he knew GALT and had ridden in his car. He vehemently denied telling anyone that he knew anything about GALT.

The following description and background information was obtained from [redacted] through observation and interview:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Place of Birth	New Orleans, Louisiana

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Height
Weight
Hair
Eyes
Education
Mother

Step-father

Arrests

Telephone Number

5'3"
116 pounds
Brown
Brown
Sixth Grade
CLOVINA OLONZO,
1907 $\frac{1}{2}$ Royal Street
WILLIE OLONZO,
1907 $\frac{1}{2}$ Royal Street
[REDACTED]
date unrecalled
945-7312

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CONTACTS WITH ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES,
CHALMETTE, LOUISIANA AREA

On April 15, 1968, the Los Angeles Office of the FBI advised that according to CHARLES J. STEIN, ERIC GALT had mentioned contacting two men in New Orleans, associated with either an engineering or contracting firm probably in Chalmette (phonetic).

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA's THOMAS E. DUHADWAY and JOHN E. DECKER:

The following engineering and construction
companies in the Chalmette, Louisiana, area were contacted
on the possibility that suspect ERIC S. GALT may have
contacted one of these firms. All firms checked advised
they had never heard of ERIC S. GALT, JOHN WILLARD, or
HARVEY LOWMYER or an individual using a variation of one
of these names.

The following firms were contacted:

Ralph M. Parsons Construction Company, River Road

Eugene Estopiral and Associates, 7002 Paceham

Frank Fromherz Engineers, 1539 Jackson Avenue,
New Orleans, Louisiana

H. B. Fowler and Company, Inc., 1901 Destrahan
Avenue, Harvey, Louisiana

Frank J. Jackson and Associates, 7011 St. Claude
Avenue, Arabi, Louisiana

Legardeur and Associates, 1901 Destrahan Avenue,
Harvey, Louisiana

Earl P. Desselle and Associates, 413 E. Prosper

Welcker Corporation, 1334 St. Bernard Avenue,
New Orleans, Louisiana

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CONTACTS WITH FORD DEALERS,
NEW ORLEANS

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The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN DECKER on April 14, 1968, at New Orleans, Louisiana:

Mr. G. P. LABATU, Director of Finance, City of New Orleans, City Hall, advised that a check of the records of his agency revealed that there was no traffic ticket or parking ticket outstanding against a 1966 Mustang bearing Alabama license 1-38993.

The following investigation was conducted on April 17, 1968, by SA PATRICK J. DENTE at New Orleans, Louisiana.

The following individuals advised that a check of the worksheets of their respective companies during the period of December 17-19, 1967, determined that no work had been performed on a 1966 Mustang, white in color, bearing Alabama license 1-38993.

Mr. PHILIP BARBIN,
Service Manager,
Canal Ford Company
1801 Canal Street.

Mr. JOHN LEWIS
Service Manager
Bohn Ford Company
2700 Washington Ave.

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CONTACTS WITH STEAMSHIP AND AIRLINE COMPANIES

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On April 11, 1968, the identities of the fifty-three ships that had sailed from the Port of New Orleans, from April 4, 1968, through April 9, 1968, were determined.

An examination of the passenger and crew lists for these ships was conducted; however, the lists did not contain anyone by the name of ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER, or JOHN WILLARD or variations of these names.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent JAMES D. HILL on April 12, 1968, at New Orleans, Louisiana:

The manifests containing the names of passengers for Eastern Airlines as well as Pan American Airlines for the period of April 4 through April 12, 1968, were personally checked by Special Agent HILL. These manifests are contained with the respective airlines at the New Orleans International Airport and are in regard to flight of Eastern Airlines from New Orleans, Louisiana, to Mexico City, Mexico, and Pan American Airlines from New Orleans, Louisiana, to the Yucatan Peninsula, Mexico.

These names contained no record of any passengers by the name of ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMYER, or JOHN WILLARD or any variations in the spelling of these names.

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INTERVIEWS WITH RELATIVES OF FRANK LIBERTO,
PRESIDENT OF LL AND L PRODUCE COMPANY,
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

Date 4/23/68

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Mr. ANTHONY LIBERTO located and interviewed at his residence, 2211 Almonaster, New Orleans, Louisiana, and advised as follows:

He is currently retired and living alone at this address. He formerly worked for a 17 year period with Viking Truck Lines, but for medical reasons was forced to retire. He stated that he is a diabetic with a heart condition. For that reason he cannot do strenuous labor. He stated that he has not been in telephonic contact with his brother, FRANK in Memphis in several years and the only member of his immediate family residing in New Orleans who may have possibly been in touch with FRANK would have been his mother, Mrs. EMMA LIBERTO, who resides at 2219 Almonaster.

He viewed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY stating this individual looked familiar but he could not identify it.

He stated that his brother SALVATORE lives some where on the West Bank of the Mississippi River, exact address unknown; however, his telephone number is 367-3020. He stated that both his brother, SALVATORE and VINCENT are employed with trucking firms and have been so employed for many years. He stated no one in his immediate family is employed in the produce business in New Orleans. He knows that his brother FRANK occasionally makes trips to the Hammond, Louisiana, area to purchase particularly strawberries but has no knowledge of any other business contacts of his brother in New Orleans. He stated he would have no knowledge of any disparaging remarks made by his brother or any of his employees concerning KING or the Negro element.

The following is a description gained through observation and interview:

Name	ANTHONY LIBERTO
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'8"
Weight	300
Hair	Brown, bald on top

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Eyes
Birth data
Occupation

Blue

Memphis
Retired, formerly with Viking
Truck Lines

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Mrs. EMMA LIBERTO, 2219 Almonaster, was interviewed in the home of her son, ANTHONY LIBERTO, 2211 Almonaster and advised as follows:

She is the widow of VINCENT LIBERTO, and her maiden name was HARDIN. She was born and raised in Memphis, Tennessee, and is 71 years of age. She and her husband came to New Orleans about 39 years ago and she has seven living children, of which three sons and one daughter reside in New Orleans.

She stated she saw her son FRANK last Friday when he stopped in to see her after a trip to the Hammond, Louisiana, area for the purpose of purchasing strawberries for his produce business.

She occasionally contacts him by telephone and in fact called him a couple of days after the KING assassination purely out of concern for the family and to inquire as to the local situation.

She viewed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and stated that it looked familiar; however, she could not identify it specifically. She advised she has no knowledge of the KING assassination, other than what she has read in the newspapers and seen on television.

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Mr. VINCENT LIBERTO located in the vicinity of his employment, Viking Truck Lines, 6750 Gentilly Road, New Orleans, and interviewed. He voluntarily furnished the following information:

There is only one member of his immediate family that is in the produce business and that is his brother FRANK, in Memphis, Tennessee. He has not talked to FRANK by telephone in at least four years. He stated FRANK is the oldest of the brothers and there are two other brothers residing here in New Orleans, at present. One is ANTHONY who resides at 2211 Almonaster, who is a retired diabetic with a heart condition, having previously been employed by Viking for many years. The other brother is SALVATORE, who works for West Brothers Trucking Lines, and has for many years. SALVATORE lives in Terry Town, just across the Mississippi River Bridge, and he believes the address is on Matador Drive.

He stated he was born and raised in Memphis and his father was in the produce business for many years, but none of the brothers in New Orleans are in the produce business. He knows that FRANK occasionally travels to Hammond, Louisiana, to purchase strawberries but he knows of no other business contacts of FRANK in the produce line in New Orleans.

He examined a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, and advised he has seen this individual in the newspapers and television and has no knowledge of the KING assassination other than that gained from the news media.

He stated he resides at 705 North Upton and his mother, Mrs. EMMA LIBERTO, resides alone at 2219 Almonaster. He stated he would have no knowledge of any disparaging remarks made by his brother FRANK concerning KING or the Negro element.

The following is a description gained from observation and interview:

Name	VINCENT LIBERTO
Sex	Male
Race	White

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Height
Weight
Birth data

5'8"
185

Hair
Eyes
Occupation

[REDACTED] Memphis,
Tennessee
Black, graying
Blue
Truck driver-Viking Truck
Lines, 6750 Gentilly Road,
New Orleans
705 North Upton

Residence

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SALVADOR ALBERT LIBERTO, 856 Matador, Gretna, Louisiana, telephone number 367-3020, advised that he was born [redacted] in New Orleans, Louisiana. On January 22, 1954, at New Orleans, he married PATRICIA KRELLER and has one son and three daughters. For the past thirteen (13) years, LIBERTO has been employed as a checker at the West Trucking Company, New Orleans.

LIBERTO stated that sometime just before the MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., assassination, exact date unrecalled, he telephonically spoke to his brother, FRANK LIBERTO, in Memphis, Tennessee. LIBERTO made this telephone call from his mother's residence. The purpose of this call was to borrow \$200 from his brother. LIBERTO did not make this call from his own residence, as he did not want his spouse to know about the loan. His brother, FRANK LIBERTO, wired him \$200 in care of his mother's residence in New Orleans.

While on the telephone with his brother FRANK, FRANK invited him to visit him in Memphis, or to meet him at Hot Springs, Arkansas. LIBERTO advised that his brother, FRANK, follows the race horses and likes to go to a race track at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and bet horses. FRANK LIBERTO discussed his winnings and losses on the telephone with SALVADOR LIBERTO. SALVADOR LIBERTO does not recall the exact amounts of money he discussed.

LIBERTO viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and WALTER TERRY RIFE and advised that he did not know either of these individuals and he did not believe that he had ever seen either of these individuals.

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